

PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRD SESSION OF THE
MIZORAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY HELD AT THE ASSEMBLY
HALL FROM 15TH MARCH, 1973 TO 30th MARCH, 1973.

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8TH SITTING ON 28TH MARCH, 1973 AT 10 A.M.

PRESENT:

Pu H.Thansanga, M.A., B.T. Speaker in the Chair. Chief
Minister and four Ministers and twenty seven Members.

BUSINESS:

1. Questions.
2. Voting on Demands for Grants for
1973-74. (Demands Nos.15,16,17,18,
19, 21, 22 & 23).

SPEAKER:

(He read out verses from the Bible)

Now, we will start from Question
No.30.

ORAL ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Hill University for the Eastern Region.

*30.PU C.LALRUITA:

Will the hon'ble Minister-in-
charge Education be pleased to
state -

- (a) Whether Government is aware that a Hill University
is proposed at Shillong for the Eastern Region in
India.
- (b) If no, the States going to join in the proposed
University.
- (c) Whether Government of Mizoram will take part in
the Management of this Hill University.

PU VAIVANGA:
MINISTER.

Mr.Speaker Sir, Yes. So far
Government of Mizoram have not
received any official information
about it. In the absence of any official information
either from Govt.of India or from the participating
States, this Govt. have not yet been able to formulate
any policy regarding this issue. I also urged Mizo Members
of Parliament to use their influence for giving the name
"Indira Hills University" to this new University and for
inclusion of Mizoram (Union Territory) in the Council.

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PU C.LALRUATA: Mr.Speaker Sir, I raised this question because question No.30(b) does not appear in my list of questions.

PU VAIVENGA: Mr.Speaker Sir, this could not be considered unless the matter is supported by two full-fledged States. As Mizoram is not a full-fledged State we may have to put pressures.
MINISTER.

PU C.LALRUATA: Mr.Speaker Sir, supplementary question: Manipur and Tripura are full-fledged States. Are they not included in the list of States which will take part in the Management of the Hills University ?

PU VAIVENGA: Mr.Speaker Sir, this University is meant for the hills people. As no official information has been received in this regard, I cannot give reply to that question.
MINISTER.

No. of Contracts given without calling Tender.

*31 PU C.LALRUATA: Will the Hon'ble Minister-in-charge P.W.D. be pleased to state -

- (a) Number of Contract given to Contractors without calling tender from 1.2.1972 to 28.2.1973.
- (b) If so, the circumstances under which the contracts were given.

PU CH.CHHUNGA: Mr.Speaker Sir, (a) 120.
CHIEF MINISTER. (b) Normally works are allotted only after call of tenders which involving a time schedule. In case of urgency, as ordered by Govt. Works allotted to capable contractors without call of tenders based on prevailing market rates, as revealed by tenders received in other similar cases. However, these were done only in exceptional cases (Crash Programme) and as per direction of Government.

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PU C.CHAWNGKUNGA: Mr.Speaker Sir, supplementary question : It has often been suggested that the Public Works Department should give Contract works on lumpsum system; but this system has not yet been introduced. Is the due to the year on the part of the staff that practice of corruption will not be possible anymore.

PU CH.CHIUNGA: Mr.Speaker Sir, that is outside chief minister. the subject we are now discussing. However, the system of lumpsum contract is under consideration.

Location of Kolasib P.W.D.Division:

*32PU C.LALRUATA: Will the Hon'ble Minister-in-charge P.W.D. be pleased to state -

(a) Whether the Office of the Executive Engineer, P.W.D. (R & B) Kolasib Division is located at Aizawl.

(b) If so, why ?

PU CH.CHIUNGA: Mr.Speaker Sir, (a) Yes. CHIEF MINISTER. (b) In view of the fact that at the closing stage of the Financial Year and it will be difficult for the new Division to function immediately at the New Headquarters effectively without all the records. Headquarters temporarily fixed at Aizawl with the approval of Government upto 10.4.1973.

PU SANGKHUMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, cannot all these records be brought down to Kolasib for sorting?

PU CH. CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir, they can be sorted out. Many of them have already been sorted out

PU C. LALRUATA: Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question: Has any difficulty arisen in establishing a Division at Kolasib?

PU CH. CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER: Mr. Speaker, we have received no official report in this regard.

SPEAKER: Now Question No. 33.

PU C. LALRUATA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Question No 33:(a)&(b)
(a) Whether the water pipes about 5 Truck Loads are lying idle at Chhiahtlang?
(b) If so, why?

PU CH. CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir, (a) Only about 1200 metres of Pipes were taken to Chhiahtlang for execution of Crash Programme Works.
(b) G.I. Pipes were taken to Chhiahtlang in advance action for use in crash programme work. The work is now sanctioned by Government as Accelerated Rural Water Supply Scheme.

PU C. LALRUATA: Mr. Speaker Sir, these water pipes, I suppose, are to be used for taking of water at Sailan. But I have learnt that plans are prepared for taking of water from Mat River. Why is this?

PU CH. CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir, we have received no information in this regard.

PU CH. SAPRAWNGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, many water pipes were lying idle at Hortoki. Is it a fact that some of these pipes were used for Construction of platforms (luhka) and shelves (thehlan) in many houses?

PU J. THANGHUMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, we are talking about Chhiahtlang, not about Hortoki.

PU CH. SAPRAWNGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, I asked a question on Water-Pipes at Hortoki.

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MINISTER:

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SPEAKER:

Now, Question No. 32.

PU C. LALRUATA:

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(a) Whether the Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD (R&B) Kolasib Division is located at Aizawl.

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CHIEF MINISTER:

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PU C.LALRUATA:

Mr. Speaker Sir, it is about water-pipes. Is not the question relevant ?

PU CH.CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER:

Mr. Speaker Sir, though the question is relevant, we have no reply at present to this question. I will try to give reply to this question, if the Hon'ble Speaker so desire me to do so.

PU NGURDAWLA:

Mr. Speaker Sir, does not the expression "lying idle" mean that the last hours were idle ?

PU LALSANGZUALA:

Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary Question: When will Water-Pipes be supplied for Thakthing Bazar area ?

PU CH.CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER:

Mr. Speaker Sir, as I have already pointed out, reply may be given to even irrelevant supplementary questions according to the urgency and importance of the question. We shall consider this matter.

PU CH.SAPRAWNGA:

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Public Health Engineer Department has already stock many water-pipes. Where are these pipes stocked ?

PU CH.CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER:

Mr. Speaker, I think it will be better if the Hon'ble Member asks this question on another convenient day.

PU HIPHEI

DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Mr. Speaker, I raised this question because the Hon'ble Minister said that the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Scheme will not cover villages other than Grouping Villages.

SPEAKER:

Now, we come to Question No. 34:

PU C.LALRUATA:

Mr. Speaker Sir, Question No. 34:
(a) Whether it is a fact that some money deposited on account of contractor Registration under D.C., PWD could not be traced out ?
(b) If so, why ?

PU CH.CHHUNGA

CHIEF MINISTER:

Mr. Speaker Sir, question No. 34 (a)
The position with regard to deposits of D.C., PWD is not known to the Executive Engineers of the PWD, However, no complaint of non refund of such

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deposits have been received so far by the Executive Engineers.

(b) Does not arise.

PU G.LALRUATA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Pu Lalthanga of Champhai, a 3rd Class Contractor under D.C (PWD), wanted to have his registration transferred to PWD (M) and I helped him in this matter. But we could not find out records of the money he had deposited. We were told to go to the Treasury and search still we could not find it out. We did not know whether or not they threw it into a waste-paper basket !! I request the Minister i/c to look into this matter.

PU CHAWNGKUNGA: Mr. Speaker, it is quite strange that the Ministry have no knowledge about moneys deposited for registration by Contractors. Once I was asked by a Contractor to help him in regard to loss of his registration and we contacted the Executive Engineer about it. The Executive Engineer simply told me that the registration letter might perhaps be thrown into a waste-paper basket. This is an unwelcome practice for we spent money for registration. I desire that no registration be lost in future.

PU G.LALRUATA: Mr. Speaker, can action be taken against the Executive Engineer if a genuine case is found in regard to loss of registration money ?

PU CH. CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir, I will make investigation into the case of Pu Lalthanga. However, I do not know why an Executive Engineer should be held responsible for the loss of a deposit-money of registered Contractor under D.C., P.W.D.

PU C.LALRUATA: Mr. Speaker, someone must be held responsible if the registration is actually lost. Will action be taken against a person who lost it ??

PU CH. CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER: Mr. Speaker, necessary action will be taken against a person who is responsible for the loss of registration.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question: We are now discussing loss of deposit money. I myself lost my earnest money!!! What shall I do if I want to file a case for this ?

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PU CH. CHHUNGA

CHIEF MINISTER:

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Hon'ble Member said that 'I myself lost my earnest money. If that is so, I do not know what to do about this !!

PU LALHMINGTHANGA:

Mr. Speaker Sir, I said that "I myself lost my earnest money" because they had lost it.

PU CH. CHHUNGA

CHIEF MINISTER:

Mr. Speaker Sir, I will try to make investigation if the money was lost if he himself had not lost it.

PU K.L. ROCHAMA:

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Hon'ble Member raised a question on a certain case for which he had done ample investigation and the Minister i/c said that no official report had been received in regard to loss of Registration and Earnest Money. What action will the Government take against such an officer who made such false report ?

PU CH. CHHUNGA

CHIEF MINISTER:

Mr. Speaker Sir, this will be a serious case if we find out that Registration and Earnest Money were actually lost. I will try my best to find out if they neglected such things.

PU ZALAWMA:

Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question: A contractor can deposit 2% for security deposit and it is mentioned I.P.C. in Assam Code Rule. The Government have been moved to accept I.P.C. Will this be granted ? Is it compulsory for Contractors to attach House Tax Payee Certificate when submitting tenders?

PU CH. CHHUNGA

CHIEF MINISTER:

Mr. Speaker Sir, let me give no reply to such irrelevant questions, otherwise many other irrelevant questions will follow.

SPEAKER:

Now, let us proceed to Question No. 35;

PU LALSANGZUALA:

Mr. Speaker Sir, Question No. 35
(a) Whether it is a fact that payment to certain P.W.D. Contractors have been delayed for months.

(b) If so, what measures are taken for speeding of payment of the Contractor Bills.

PU CH. CHHUNGA

CHIEF MINISTER:

Mr. Speaker Sir, (a) Yes, in some cases.
(b) The Executive Engineers concerned

who are responsible for making payment have been instructed to expedite all necessary formalities and ensures expeditious payments.

PU C.LALRUATA: Mr. Speaker Sir, in which Division do we find largest number of delayed payments to Contractors ?

PU CH. CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir, I cannot say the exact numbers now.

PU SANGKHUMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Why is it that Bills of Contractors who constructed buildings inside the Lieutenant Governor compound have been kept pending for so long ? Is it due to the corruption of the Overseer concerned or that he expects bribes from the Contractors ?

PU CH. CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir, I believe that is a relevant question and the answer has already been given in my replies to the foregoing questions.

PU ZALAWMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, ^{is it} a fact that many Bills under PWD are delayed as the Principal Engineer did not like to countersign the revised estimates ?

PU CH. CHHUNGA:
CHIEF MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir, no information has been received in this regard.

PU R. DOTINAIA: Mr. Speaker Sir, in 1965 and 1968 many Contractors had undertaken construction works on Serchhip - Thenzawl Road. But their Bills which have been so long kept pending have not yet been released till today. It is learnt that the delay is caused by the negligence of the P.W.D. Staff in these areas. What is the position to-day ? Will the Minister i/c be pleased to tell us the position ?

PU CH. CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir, I can say nothing beyond the fact that instructions have been given to the Executive Engineer concerned to dispose the cases early.

PU CH. SAPRAWNGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, how long had those cases been delayed and what are the main reasons ?

PU LALSANGZUALA: Mr. Speaker Sir, it appears that the main reason for the delay is due to Estimates which were not well prepared by the Public Works Department. As they were not well prepared, the amount often exceeded the amount in the original Estimates when the works were undertaken by the Contractors. And it is no easy task to prepare Revised Estimates !! Is there any way out so that it would not be necessary to prepare revised Estimates in future ?

PU CH. CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir, there are many reasons for the delay and I cannot tell you all of them now. The Overseers first took measurement of the works which was again checked by the Sub-Divisional Officers. This measurement was further to be checked by the Executive Engineer. If the amount of Bill after measurement is either less or more than the amount actually expected by the Contractors, re-measurement has to be taken. Many works of road construction which were already executed before the disturbance broke out in Mizoram also need be started afresh. Thus you will see that there are different reasons for the delay.

SPEAKER: Question No. 36.

PU LALSANGZUALA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Question No. 36
(a) Whether it is a fact that progress of P.W.D. Works is often delayed due to delay in issuing work orders by PWD Authority
(b) If so, what remedial measures are taken to speed up the works.

PU CH. CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir, Question No. 36
(a) No case has been reported so far.
(b) Does not arise.

PU LALSANGZUALA: Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question: Construction works of Lungdar - Khawzawl road could not be started as there was delay in issuing of work order by the P.W.D. authorities. Let me give one example:- In regard to I.T.I. Buildings, two Contractors offered different rates - one at Scheduled Rates and the other 10% above Schedule Rates. Why is it that the Principal Engineer refuse to issue work order to Contractor unless they agree to lower their offers 10% below Schedule of rates ?

PU K.L. ROCHAMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, the Hon'ble Minister has just pointed out that the reason for delay in Execution of works is not due to changing of soil into stones. An Enquiry Committee had already

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made a verification on delay of Contract Bills and report of the Committee is with the Estimates Committee now. According to their findings, measurement was taken from the office. This has given rise to too much inflation. As such the measurements cannot be accepted. The Enquiry Committee recommended re-measurements in many works and request the Government to look into this matter.

I want to raise one more point of information. Not to speak of issuing work order, the Department waited too long for selection of tenders. It is not known whether the officers put it under their pillows or not. It is very clear that works could not be executed expeditiously. I want to know whether the Government is going to set up a Committee or Commission to look into all these.

PU ZALAWMA: Mr. Speaker, supplementary question: The Principal Engineer called Tender for Contract Works. Some Contractors offered at the Schedule of rate and some below the Schedule of rate. He gave Contract works only to those who offered below the Schedule of rate !! While giving work order to these Contractors, he even asked whether they were willing to execute the works 5% or 10% below the Schedule of rates. Is this right? These Contractors could not but accept the proposal made by the Principal Engineer. This caused much delay in execution of Contract Works.

PU CH. CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir, let me give reply to the relevant portions of the supplementary question; a bargain was made between Contractors and Principal Engineers - was this the cause of delay in execution of Contract Works. The time they had taken for making bargain simply took one month.

PU C. LAIRUATA: Mr. Speaker Sir, if that is not the cause of delay in execution of contract works, then what will be the real cause?

PU SAILAWMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question; Who will decide the relevancy of supplementary questions - Speaker or the Minister?

SPEAKER: There are some Members who are good orators while raising questions, they pointed out many things as point of information. Actually the Chair has the power to disallow this. However, we often relax the rules for the purpose of information. The Minister has also the right not to give replies to questions. But we will certainly form own opinion about a Minister who often fails to give replies.

PU SAPLIANA: Mr. Speaker Sir, I want to raise a point of order - Does it mean that six supplementary questions on one question could be made or one Member can raise six supplementary questions?

SPEAKER: Different interpretations could be made. But when a member stands up, he may put as many as three supplementaries in the question, in which case six different members may have their chances. This may be better.

PU CH. SAPRAWNGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, it appears that the reason for delay in execution of Contract Works is that after opening of sealed tender, negotiation was made between the Principal Engineer and Contractors, and the Executive Engineer and the Contractors respectively. If this is so, what is the use of sealed tenders?

PU CH. CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir, the Hon'ble Members mentioned that the real cause of delay was that a bargain was made between the Contractors and the Principal Engineer and the Executive Engineers. I will look into this,

PU R. THANGLIANA
MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir, this may not concern the Public Works Department only. In regard to Sealed Tenders even those who offered the lowest rate may not be selected and in some cases, re-tender has to be made afresh. But I do not mean that what Principal Engineer did was right.

SPEAKER: Now, we will take up No. 37.

PU LALSANGZUALA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Question No. 37
(a) Whether it is a fact that the employees of the erstwhile Mizo District Council who are now serving in various Departments under the Govt. of Mizoram have been allowed seniority for the purpose of promotion, pension etc., under the Government of Mizoram although services in the Mizo District Council were not treated as Government services?

(b) If so, under what authority?

(c) Whether the employees of the District Council of Pawl, Laker and Chakma will be given the same facilities when they join the Mizoram Government service at any time?

PU CH. CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER:

Mr. Speaker Sir, Question No. 37

(a) For the purpose of promotion, employees of the erstwhile Mizo District Council have been equated with regular Government servants since their entire services under the Council have been treated as services rendered in connection with the administration of Union Territory of Mizoram. As for pension, their cases are regulated by Central Government Rules which is not applicable to Assam Government servants.

(b) Under authority of para 5 (ii) of the Dissolution of the Mizo District Council (Miscellaneous Provision) Order, 1972.

(c) This will be considered by Government at the appropriate time.

PU J. THANGHUAMA:

Mr. Speaker Sir, an employee under the District Council may be granted pension

after he/she attains the age of 58 years. But in Assam rules an employee is to retire at the age of 55 years. When common list of Government employees and the D/C was prepared, all were treated equal. Why is this ??

PU CH. CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER:

Mr. Speaker Sir, seniority and pension have some connection. But it is our

desire that no office should suffer due to transfer. As the employees of the District Council have come under the Central Rules, pension will be granted to them when they attain the age of 58 years.

PU J. THANGHUAMA:

Mr. Speaker Sir, if they are not permanent in their posts, does it mean

that those who are given promotion from the Common List are not permanent ?

PU CH. CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER:

Mr. Speaker Sir, all promotions given are now provisional.

PU MOURDAWLA:

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Hon'ble Member who raised Question No. 37 said

that the Staff of defunct District Council were given political appointments. This is wrong. Depending on whether one is efficient or not-

(Speaker: The Question hour is over now).

SPEAKER:

Now we will have general discussion on the Budget. Before we start discussion

I want to point out one thing. In its issue of 27.3.73 the daily newspaper, Hmar Arsi published "Yesterday, the Budget Session of Mizoram Legislative Assembly organized."

from 10:05 A.M. only as the Speaker was late by 5 minutes in the House". As you know, there was a bell and after it stopped ringing the Speaker entered the Hall. I was not late. Here, the paper continued: The Members could have discussion on the Budget only after 2:43 P.M. As the Speaker had no sufficient knowledge about Assembly Rules, he fixed time limit for speeches of Members only after eight minutes. This is a reflection on the Chair. So, When we consulted the rules and conventions, we compared the time allotted for you i.e. 15 minutes and 10 minutes. But the Under Secretary unaware of the extension of time by one hour had left out two hours this was the cause for our consultations. Nothing was delayed for ignorance of the rules. Even if we are late for unavoidable circumstances, the press should not make any reflections on the Chair, it will become a question of privilege and is a breach of Privilege! So, I believed that there may be a privilege motion later on. But as we are only beginners now, there will appear sooner or later the things which we have done for lack of knowledge. But we have to nip this thing in the bud and the Members and others should know this.

Well now, at the general discussions the Treasury Branch were given the time since some of you favour him. Pu J.Thanghuama will be allotted ten minutes to speak. He will say what he thought are more important. But remember that he was given only ten minutes, after that the Treasury Branch will speak.

PU J.THANGHUAMA: Hon'ble Speaker, I am very glad for giving me ten more minutes and I wish the ministry to note what I say.

(1) I want to know the position of those dismissed Policemen whom the High Court has granted Pardon.

(2) It is said that the town people are suffering due to the mischievous acts of some Retailers. In that case, are the Retailers to suffer only or the men looking after the Godowns also? We demand an enquiry in this case. Besides, we must verify the report that sixty Quintals of Rice reached Chawngtlai. In the case of Kawl-kulh Administrative Officer, he was suspended without any police case. Some are suffering and some are not suffering. In these cases, justice should be done to all and equally.

(3) Building advances and Loans are to be issued, but why, are the Council Staff given special considerations?

(4) Is Gram Sevika to be re-established or will they be given other appointments?

(5) There is scarcity of water in the ^{town} ~~town~~. In this matter we want steps taken to supply of water.

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(6) School Uniforms and Text Books are to be given to only one thousand students, can this be increased? What is the Model Text Book which the Minister had said 'We will do' !!

(7) It is heard that the Forest Department does not have any reservation of trees and Bamboos. They should be properly reserved otherwise this Department should be abolished.

(8) When I went to Delhi I had discussion about the North Eastern Council Secretariat Staff and I told them due consideration should be given to Mizoram, as is given to the others. But they told me that the Chief Minister of Mizoram did not say anything about it. So, I wish the Chief Minister see to this.

(9) It is a big matter to me that an Administrative Officer stole a bicycle, and that should be considered.

(10) I cannot see the reason that Rice taken as loan from the Government should be repaid so soon. Cannot this be repaid slowly say, within ten years like the other Cash Loans.

(11) According to the P.W.D. the wage of a Carpenter is Rupees fifteen a day while only Rupees twelve is given by the Principal Engineer. This seems to be wrong.

(12) The Agriculture Demonstration Farm seems to have no meaning to me. We, the Mizo People need no demonstration. We know it very well how to do cultivation. It is only a was-tage of money. Last year an amount of Rs. 35,000/- was spent for Demonstration and this year's estimated amount is Rs. 9,00,000/-. This seems to be unnecessary and only a was-tage of money. So, I want this be withdrawn.

(13) If I'm not mistaken, I heard that only the people shot dead by the M.N.F. were to be relieved with money and not those by the Security Forces of India during the time of disturbances. Since it is a very difficult problem to distinguish those men, whether they were shot dead by the MNF or the Security Forces of India, the family of both these cases should be relieved.

(14) An amount of Rs. 50,000/- sanctioned for the F.M.A is too small and seems to be inadequate. It should be increased.

(15) Last year, hundreds of Rice hullers and Sesame grinders were distributed. But there is nothing provided in this year's Budget, if there is a way, it should be included.

(16) Last year, Rs. 40,000,000/- was issued as a loan from the Budget provision of Rs. 75 Lakhs. But this year, the amount estimated for Loan is less than Rs. 1,00,000/- This should be increased.

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SPEAKER:

We will now call the Treasury Bench.

PU VAIVENGA:

MINISTER:

Mr. Speaker Sir, It is glad some that we reached this stage, and this is not an easy one to do. For this, I would like to praise our officers and the Departments and also the Finance Secretary. With the comparison to the Budget of other States, our Budget is high enough for our family populated state. Yesterday, Members gave pleasant speeches. Local Administration Department has not fully functioned now, and within this year, we like to put him for a Department Head. We have had an Under Secretary, and a Planning Engineer and a Town Administrator will also be posted.

The salaries of the V/Cs is not very significant, but they are the backbone of the Administration of Mizoram. The money which we gave them are rather a reward and not salaries.

We like to have Specialists in the fields of Medical and Health, but till now, we could not find such and we are looking for one. In the past, we had to buy Medicines from the shops some times, but now we are having enough stock. It is not true that the Medical students are not receiving stipends regularly, and it is considered three (3) doctors at least are necessary for the P.L.Region.

The case for the promotion of Nurses is now under consideration.

Regarding power, it will be better to consider better way of getting the 66 K.V.Power. We are trying to supply electricity to the whole of Aizawl town, but now, we could not get the posts. Local posts are also meant to be replaced later on.

PU CH.SAPRAWNGA:

Mr. Speaker Sir, our electric power is now under the authority of the Assam State Electricity Board. It is only that they are managing for us. Can not our Government form a Board of our own? I would also like to know if there is a scheme now which is known as Rural Electrification scheme, and has the Government taken steps to start such scheme?

PU VAIVENGA

MINISTER:

Mr. Speaker Sir, there is such a scheme and now we are considering to start a Division and Sub-Divisions for which two appointments have been made as a beginning.

It may be true to some extent that the grant for the Education School Building is in sufficient.

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We intend to distribute in less amount to more schools rather than giving large amount for the construction of fewer schools. We are giving to Primary Schools and M.E. Schools as grant-in-aid, and we are trying to look-after them as well. We are trying to take necessary steps for proper inspection. At present, we posted Sub-Inspectors in the villages and also made circles for each of them. When we are under the District Council? Uniforms were supplied by the Schools. But now, we are trying to supply uniforms to the poorer section which will benefit about 17 p.c. of the students.

In case of the Text Book, we are examining the books prepared by the N.C.R.T. whether we can use them or not, which will replace the Model Text Book, and we will try to print them on better papers.

SPEAKER: We will now call upon the Chief Minister, after that the Finance Minister will wind up the discussion.

PU CH. CHHUNGA

CHIEF MINISTER:

Mr. Speaker Sir, as the members said we are having more money than the year before from 18 Lakhs, we went up to 24 laks. A letter also arrived which conveyed additional allotment of 1 lakh by the planning board. They meant this money for the expenses of the Education Department, and the P.W.D. The Planning Board informed us that they are giving us 1 lakh and further told us to approach them as our work improved. They said that giving us more money will also be considered after three or four months. I think the Central Government has great sympathy for us.

We had a Budget Session in October of 1972 and we did have a very congested time for its implementation. There used to be much criticisms on the Budget. But the best is to try to consider matters with reality after careful studies. Last year, the other states had discussed their Budget for this year while we are discussing our Budget for 1972. Besides, we are forming Directorates and the Appointments were made carefully. But, due to the hard work of the staff we can only see the Budget now. I do hope that we will made progress if our staff continue to give their best in the future too. We have submitted our Budget late because we had many difficulties. The Central also tried her best to give us as early as possible.

We considered that having a plan scheme is an important one, but having plan scheme is difficult for the Government that has completed even one year. Besides, it is a difficult task for a backward state like us to decide what will be done first of all. Those schemes that can appear now are :-

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1: To improve our livelihood. Can our method of jhuming be changed, by reclaiming the lands for wet rice cultivation and by making hillside terraces. To make a bigger and greater scheme, we need experts. We proposed to the Central Government too, and they are expected to come next month. Plans will be made under the recommendation of expert. It will also be easier to make plan for the Central Government after the report of expert. Things also can go wrong due to hurry, and as the members wish, we require experts.

2: Secondly, it is very important to have better roads and communication system.

In case of uplifting the poorer section, some of us are considering giving them loans and of appointments or jobs. It can also be a dangerous thing that the poorer people may depend only on helps. This Budget also contained large amount of money for the poor. That means the officer could not spend all the amount from the non-plan schemes and those are to benefit the poor people as well.

Our consultants recommended making of a paper mill at Bairabi. If this can be done, it will give jobs to about 5,000 men. Anyhow, we should have a co-operation to achieve the goal. We are all considering such thing and there are not much criticisms and I hope that this may be our guide for us in the future.

We must have co-operation towards each other in regard to corruption. If not, even the workers can have certain troubles.

Those who are employed in the erstwhile District Council can get a Building Loan for they are under the Central authority now. Those who are working under the State cannot receive for they are still employees of the Assam State. We are so sorry for this reason and we are requesting the Central Government to relax the rules.

The dismissed Policemen, numbering 23 will be re-instated and the matter will be made clear soon.

Those who lost their lives due to the disturbances are now rehabilitated. In case that there is no uniformity, we are trying to make it uniform. (Pu Lalsangzuala M.L.A.:- Can it be done without taking a Police verification for those who are wellknown to us?) This thing is never practised in the other states, and some confusion may arise.

It will be impossible to do the same thing at one time for all the grouped villages, and they will rather be done step by step. And there are very few new schemes, they are mostly continuation of schemes under the Assam Government.

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For large numbers of our men are still living underground and if we make false steps, it can bring failure to our state. Therefore, we must study carefully and without forgetting our state, we must try to make progress.

PU KHAWTINKHUM
MINISTER:

Mr. Speaker Sir, I don't think it will be necessary to say much for our Chief Minister, Minister and Members had said enough and they explained things clearly. But in this Budget, we are not introducing any new tax nor a Bill to get money. If you look at the Budget you will see that the amount of money which Mizoram collect is 4.4 million. The balance that will be required will be provided by the Central Government as a loan and assistance.

In planning the Budget, you must know that it cannot be prepared easily. The Finance Department is taking the initiative. Different Departments will submit their plans for expenditure to the Finance Department will process them for the Budget. If the different Departments did not make their proposals properly, Budget could not be finalised and if the Finance Department make it for them, it may not be satisfactory. Therefore, the Finance Department will prepare the Budget from those proposals made by the other Departments. In our state Government there are few persons who can prepare a Budget for we are to depend on those staff who had only district level experiences. We can reach this stage now due to the hard labour of the Finance Department.

Then, our present Budget is delayed because, as one member had said, "The Finance Department could not present the budget, so it must resign," and this may be correct. Our first Budget was completed only on October of 1972. We knew that we could not do this because we had just completed the first one and I had informed the Central of this too. Then, the organisation of our State had to be done and for October - December were spent for this.

The proposals received from the different Departments were compiled. In spite of our lack of experience, these were prepared and sent to Delhi for their approval. As such we could not avoid being late.

But the Central Government with a kind understanding as our Chief Minister had said, "Though you are late, we will certainly consider it", and agree to increase our allotment. After explaining all the circumstances, they agree to see that our requirements are fulfilled at least in the supplementary stage.

The reason for which we could not present the Budget on the 20th March, is like this. The money which we are spending is divided into two parts: the Revenue Expenditure and the Capital Expenditure. Our last year Budget was prepared on the basis of 9 is to 6. This means our Budget was divided into 15 parts and 9 parts were spent in the Revenue Expenditure and the rest 6 are spent for the Capital Expenditure. The Planning Commission also prepared like this in their Sectoral Outlay. We received their Sectoral Outlay only on the 13.3.'73. We then prepared our Plan Budget as the Planning Commission prepared their Sectoral Outlay. But after we completed our plan Budget, the Home Ministry informed us that, "Since you were late, we have submitted the Mizoram Plan Budget as we the centre, used to do. We have already printed and handed over to be submitted to the Parliament". We received this information by W/T on the 15th of March., 1973.

We then have to change our Plan Budget on the basis of "7 is to 8" and not on "9 is to 6" because the Central prepared it as such. Therefore we'll have to change most of the Budget figures. Our printed book on the Budget has to be changed then and could not be submitted to the Assembly on 20th March., 1973. That is also possible only to the hard work of our staff and officers.

And there are many questions from our members, but I think our Ministers had replied them. Pu Lalruata pointed out that the Plan Scheme was prepared without the approval of the Cabinet. Plan Scheme is always to be approved by the Cabinet, but we did not have time to obtain approval for certain schemes because we were in a great hurry at that time. We are sorry for that and we will take the approval in the future.

Some of us said that putting a Fruit Reservation Scheme at Vairengte is not good. That Scheme at Vairengte is made on an experimental basis for our Mizo farmers are getting good pine apples. Besides, it will be easier to transport tins, bottles, etc., However, we meant this only for Experiment and if it is successful, we will make others in other places too.

Then some of the Members complained about making Paper and Pulp Mills at Bairabi. We propose this because, as our Chief Minister said, sufficient water is required for making Paper Mills and that place is situated at the confluence of Tlawng and Tut rivers. There is still doubt whether that water will be sufficient. Some of you said that we will not be able to make the Paper and Pulp Mills. But the Government of Mizoram is trying to do this. At present, it is under examination whether it can be done or not, and we are employing technical consultant, we are waiting for their final report. If

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it is reported that Paper Mills can be made, we shall try to make it. Now, we are doing a detailed survey about the availability of raw Materials. The Forest Department is examining the position of Bamboos. If there is enough Bamboos in the areas of Tlawng, Tut and Teirei, we will move the Government of India as well.

It may be true to say that the Land Revenue and Land Settlement are not making much progress. In the past, we were not careful enough in giving lands and there were even double allotment of lands. Therefore, our present policy is to study carefully and examine the plots or lands on the spot only after which we will give lands to public. We are trying to appoint Settlement Officers for more efficiency. As at present they cannot even collect the Taxes properly and the tax collection of Rs. 700/- which the Khawhai V/C collected was received only recently.

In case of Police, Pu Hrangaiia and Pu Zalawma said that Rs. 80 Lakhs was returned for we could not spent it. In the Budget, there was a provision for the recruitment of more Policemen. But since we could not get clearance, it is impossible to create Police Stations in different places to make the Police Establishment bigger, though there was a provision in the Budget.

In the Union Territory Governments, Delhi controlled the set up of Police and the controller of the Police Organisation at Home Ministry could not give us clearance, we could not use our money. Let the Members note that. But we are hiring C.R.P. from the Central Government and the bill for this will be received. For this purpose, we added some amount in the supplementary Budget.

It is also correct to say that our Union Territory Government has no Rules and we are following the rules laid down by the District Council. We are now preparing the rules which we will follow and the Land Settlement Act is also being drafted. We are issuing directions to make Act and Rules and some of them may be made within this year. The latest information which I received said that there is a proposal for strengthening of the Police set up. If I did not make a mistake, clearance also is expected.

What Pu Lalhmingthanga said about of giving tax by the residents of Mizawl and other big Towns is also an important one. As also suggested of registering our sale deeds so that we can get more money. The Revenue Department is paying attention to this matter. Therefore, what they said yesterday about "Freedom and liabilities" is quite correct. If we wish for freedom, we should know that there are liabilities too. We are also appointing staff to collect professional tax which had not been collected for a long time.

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I am thankful to what Pu Zoliana said and we should always remember that. It is "We are in different political parties, but we are caring for our Party only. It will be better to know that we are all Mizos and that we should pay less attention to our party-interests".

There is also a criticism that subsidized rate differ from one to another. If those things relates to agriculture implements and machines these subsidize rates may be approved by Finance Department of our Government. But when the materials relates to centrally sponsored items, the subsidies are fixed by the Central. As such there may be differences.

Some of the opposition Members said that when looking at the speeches made by the Lieutenant Governor and the Finance Minister, there is little hope for the development of Mizoram. I hope this will not be their real opinions, but rather a joke. When looking at our Budget provision, it is not so small for a standard of living we are maintaining now and when looking at the available hands who will implement them. If we give too much money to the children, we can spoil their careers too.

There is also a saying that the Govt. of Mizoram has no clear-out policy, but it do have a policy generally. For example, in the Education Department it has a policy that rather than having too much schools, it will be better to consider about the efficiency and the stability. It is also their policy to have better schools, better training, better teachers, and better buildings.

In case of construction of roads, we must consider first the important ones. In the field of agriculture, their policy is to increase the production of rice for rice is our main need for our livelihood.

In the Plan Scheme too, we are having Rs.6 crores and the Central Government told us that if we like to add to this in the supplementary Budget they will consider it. It seems that the fund for the plan scheme is not small. In the Plan Scheme of the Arunachal Pradesh, there is Rs. 4.75 crores. Our State is only about $\frac{1}{2}$ the size of Arunachal Pradesh and their population also is higher. This means that we are getting more money than the more backward state.

Our Forest is also almost destroyed and we may all know who is to be responsible for this. But we cannot blame any of us. We must work hard for the improvement of our forest because forest is one of the most important means for the development of a country, and I would like to request all the Members to do so. It is also said that they are studying the sites for the W.R.C. and there is no actual proposal to allot land or plots. We could not be fast enough for we are doing now mapping and

plotting of places with this matter in view when we finish this, we will give lands to every suitable places.

It was also said that our Finance Minister spoke about the shifting of the place of I.T. as soon as we could find suitable building last year. And this is correct. We did not find a building which is big enough. We could not also give a building to S.I.S.I. who are awaiting now at Gauhati.

For Rice-huller, there is provision for loans in this year's Budget. It may be less in the next year's Budget. But if we look at the last page of the Budget, there is 2 millions. We can sanction from that again. If that cannot cover, we can add in the supplementary demand.

In case of the centralisation of power, Pu Lalsangzuala said that you have "So centralised it". He pointed out the Revenue Department in particular. We are centralising in this Department because we did not have officers. Recently, we are appointing A.S.Os. and posted one at Lunglei. We are trying to do decentralisation as far as possible and in this case too, we will decentralise when we have more officers.

In case of Excise the Deputy Commissioner can give permits but only if Excise duty is paid. But since we are not having an Excise Act yet, duty can not be paid. Therefore, the Deputy Commissioner cannot give permits. Those which he issued also will be stopped by the 31 st March, And the Government is drafting the Excise Act and Rules, after which we may be able to start distilleries, etc.

SPEAKER:

Well, we will have a recess now and we will start again at 1:30 P.M.

Recess at 12:45.

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SPEAKER:

We finished the general discussion on Budget and now we will start the voting on demands for grants.

We will take Demand No. 1 and the Minister-in-charge will move it. After it is moved, we will give time for those who have given long speeches during the general discussion and it will not be necessary to say much now. Now, the Minister-in-charge will move the Demand No. 1.

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PU KHAWTINKHUMA
MINISTER:

Mr. Speaker Sir, on the recommendation of the Administration of Mizoram, and with your permission, Sir, I move the Demand No.1 for Rs. 12,00,000/- to meet the expenses during the year 1973-74 on Land Revenue in the Revenue Department.

SPEAKER: Demand No. 1 was moved and as I said before, is there any who would like to speak about the Revenue Department and Land Revenue ?

PU J. THANGHUAMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, some persons in the Village of Khawhai have applied for Jhuming lands without going through the V/C. To verify this, one Zathuama C.A. was sent and he was lodging at the residence of Mizo Union Party President. Since he is a Government servant and on duty he should lodge at the residence of a V/C President or some other Member's of the V/C. That particular area is under my constituency and if it is allotted without going to it. I would like to request you not to take action on the application to avoid troubles from the people.

PU KHAWTINKHUMA
MINISTER:

Mr. Speaker Sir, Though there is no connection to what our Member said with that of Demand No. 1, but I will add something to it. That we are respecting our V/C so much, and since there is no application made by the Unionist among the recommendations recommended by the Khawhai V/C. They submitted applications to us directly. But they were informed to apply through the V/C., but the V/C did not recommend them. When the V/C were asked whether they recommended these applications, they refused to reply. Therefore, when the field staffs were directed to examine the place and if suitable places are found, we would be obliged to give them.

PU LALHLIRA:

Mr. Speaker Sir, it appears to be quite satisfactory. I think that the Revenue Department is the most important one which is functioning so far in Mizoram. Since the Administration was created, all the Revenue Department and the authorities are remaining only at Aizawl, and their office here at Aizawl is too congested even for three offices. Therefore, the Department must be extended immediately before the people face difficulties. In Demand No. 1 it seems that more officers are to be appointed.

If the Revenue Department is not efficient enough, the Villages may get troubles. Therefore, appointments should be made as soon as possible and at the Settlement Officers be posted at the post of AOs, etc, so that things will be easier for the Villagers.

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During the election, the Congress candidates allotted many house-sites and this must be verified too. We need immediate settlement at Champhai area and so I would like to ask you not to forget this case when passing the Demand No. 1.

PU SAITLAWMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, let me say some few words on Demand No. 1. Though we are having one Asst. Settlement Officer at Lunglei, he has no staff with him till now and nothing could be done by him. We want the administration to appoint staff for Lunglei. And let these Settlement Officers be entitled a jeep so that they can do their jobs faster.

PU R. ZOLIANA: Mr. Speaker Sir, the Revenue Department is doing real jobs and I request the Government to give more staff. The Revenue Department is received applications through the V/C. But since there used to be favouritism on party considerations, I think it will be better to entrust to other agencies, the recommendation of applications.

When the Revenue Department and the V/Cs are trying to follow some system, it is often the public who press them and make them do something wrong. The fault is often with the public.

PU C. LALRUATA: Mr. Speaker Sir, in Demand No. 1 the Revenue Department is having an equal number of U.D.A. and L.D.A. and it is rather a strange thing. In case of collecting taxes, issue of Trade Licenses and NRT licenses the Government is not strict enough. Since disturbances; there are many people who did not pay taxes and the Government should follow these up. I would like to request our Ministers to note that in issuing Non-Tribal Trade Licenses, can one License-holder open two/three shops? I think it is quite necessary to check traders or businessmen coming into Mizoram from the other States.

PU CHAWNGKUNGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, let the Revenue Department be more careful in examining the holders of Non-Tribal Trade Licenses. There are some traders who do not possess Non-Tribal Trade License at Sairang, Rawpuichhip etc., One M.L.A even extended a License by six months while travelling and this kind of practise also should be stopped.

Care must be taken to see that outsiders are not given passes for land while the local people are not having anything. For cultivation also passes should not be issued till the cultivation is started. The passes should be for the areas actually under their cultivation.

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PU K.L.ROCHAM:

Mr. Speaker Sir, when looking at the provision of our Budget, it totalled Rs. 24.6 crores. But as our hon'ble Minister had said, the total amount which we can get from taxes in our state is only around Rs. 4 millions, which is shameful. It is rather a "Beggars' Budget". It is known well that we will not afford to live as parasites for ever. As the Hon'ble Member suggested we should study carefully how we can get more money, and making sale deeds is a good suggestion. The Land Acquisition Act will be used sooner or later. As the other States are doing, let the shops and different places be rented to the poorer section instead of giving to the richer to get more money. If we do not take step in such a way, we will not be able to build big projects and industries in the near future.

In our present situation, we do not have taxes to be collected, except few. Though employing the Asstt. Commissioner of Taxes will be beneficial, but there will not be much work for him. Therefore, I am suggesting that it will be better to carry on with a Superintendent for our present condition.

I would also speak on the Village Administration, too. We are so improper in this regard. Large numbers of plot for Jhums were sold in such places like Pangzawl and Haulawng. Under what rules are these selling done? At Pangzawl, when the V/C election was to be held a Congress Party encouraged their men to do this using as an excuse the delay in payment of pays to High School Teachers. Stay order was given but some Congress leaders had told some of their people to continue felling the trees for Jhuring. The Minister may please examine the whole matter.

There is a Congress V/C at Haulawng also and they asked for the extension of their Village. But we are not having even R.O. from the Government and while the matter was trashed out at Lungloi, they distributed various plots which will cover miles and miles and they sold out those to their favourites by thousands of rupees. Those practises also should be checked immediately before things turn worse. If the Government study carefully, our supply reserves and statish reserves will be quickly destroyed, if things continue this way.

The public will then suffer and if the public suffer, the Government will be disgraced. During the time of the District Council the Rice-Fields etc., were all distributed and passes were also issued at and around Demagiri and there is no more plot for houses etc. If we are trying to beautify and develop the country, we should not reserve the places from the distant. We should lay down rules and if they do not follow the rules, their passes also must be cancelled. It will be best to give

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those areas only to the skilled workers and cultivators. Lastly, in case of a delegation of financial power, we are having the Asst. Settlement Officers at Aizawl and Lunglei and their duty is a bit different and outside the D.C's Office. If the Asst. Settlement Officers at Aizawl, etc., are not given financial power, their works can be hampered. Therefore, let our Minister i/c see to the matter and if it is possible, it will be satisfactory to give them some financial powers.

PU SANGCHHUM:

Mr. Speaker Sir, the most developed and richest countries like America are taking taxes in huge amounts and the people willingly pay the taxes for they know well that it will bring benefits to all the country. We should not depend only on the helps of the Central Government and also we must stop teaching ourselves to expect exemption from taxes. We may be uplifted to the full-fledged State and for that time, we should be prepare ourselves from now on. I think for the betterment of the Revenue, the taxes should be imposed by the Government.

PU ZALAWMA:

Mr. Speaker Sir, in our State, the Administration is quite difficult with regard to the land Revenue. If all the WRC are settled and the taxes are also collected from there, the Government will get a large income. Let the collecting agency be improved and then the income from Revenue will be more. Jhuming also will be better and easier.

And so long as we give the passes through the V/C we will face many difficulties. Therefore, another agency should be created.

In case of Trade Licence, there are some Non-Tribals who married Mizo women to obtain the Licenses. The proper means should be found out for this practice too.

Then, are the M.L.As bound to pay the Professional Tax ?

SPEAKER:

If more than ten(10) members like to speak, there will be no time and they will not be able to speak more than five(5) minutes. As Pu Lalkunga said, it is true that the Officers concerned should be present while discussion on the Demand relating to their Department is held. Let them be present here if they are not too busy at their jobs or works.

Now, the Minister concerned will answer.

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PU KHAWTIINKHUMA
MINISTER:

Mr. Speaker Sir, in general, there are not much to be answered. The suggestion of posting more staff of Revenue Department at Champhai was considered when we have sufficient staff, we shall place staff at every Sub-Division. After the completions of plotting and mapping, we propose to issue, not only passes but Settlement pattas for the WACs. We will consider what one Member said about having another agency to verify sites for houses etc., In case of collecting taxes, we are now having field staff and these field are sent out to collect the taxes, we shall soon see public reaction. There are some difficulties regarding tax collection for there are some agencies who collect money through coercion. However, we wish to improve the system of tax collection. Economical independence is more important than the political independence. Regarding the question of a professional tax, it depends on the "income" of the MLA. According to the present map, the rice-fields of Phaisen is not within Mizoram, but we are claiming this area as under Mizoram.

SPEAKER:

Demand No. 1 is this (He read out)
"On the recommendation of the Administrator of Mizoram, and with your kind permission Sir, I move the Demand No. 1 for Rs. 12,00,000/- to meet the expenses during the year 1973-'74 on Land Revenue in the Revenue Department" Let any of you who agreed to the Demand No. 1 say "agree" (They all agreed). Is there any who do not agree (None). We have passed it.

Now, the Minister-in-charge will move the Demand No. 3.

PU R. THANGLIANA
MINISTER:

Mr. Speaker Sir, On the Administrator of Mizoram, and with your permission Sir, I move the Demand No. 3 for Rs. 99,000/- to meet the expenses during the year 1973-'74 on Taxation on Motor Vehicles in the Transport Department.

SPEAKER:

Demand No. 3 for Rs. 99,000/- on Taxation on Motor Vehicles was moved and now if there is any who would like to say on this will say now.

PU J. THANGHUAMA:

Mr. Speaker Sir, in case of Transport collection of taxes is very poor, particularly in regard to vehicles of non-tribals. BRTF are using MNS (Vehicles from Manipur State) they are not paying taxes here, this is unjust and something must be done immediately. It is also improper to put supply and Transport under one Directorate. It is said that there are

many corruptions in these Departments, some Motors which are in good condition were taken to workshop and it is supposed that they might make an arrangement with the workshop-owners. Therefore, it may be better to abolish the Transport Department. In the other States the Government's Vehicles are not used so much as we do, and let the private vehicles be used in Mizoram too if it is necessary. Many taxes are not taken from vehicles coming from Silchar in the absence of any check gate. Taxes should be collected from them.

PU R. THANGLIANA.

MINISTER:

Mr. Speaker Sir, we might make a mistake in some parts on what Pu J. Thanghuama said.

There is a rule and if a man pay a tax in his district or state, it is not necessary for him to pay in other state. (Pu J. Thanghuama:- Can you know whether they are paying taxes in their state or not?). We can learn that, but since we cannot punish them at once, it is being delayed. The followings are to be punished or fine:-

- 1: ASC - 3869 :- Legal action to be taken for evading taxes.
- 2: " - 4391 :- For using special permit more than one time which is issued for only once.
- 3: " - 3661 :- -do- -do-
- 4: WBJ - 3731 :- Due to the expiry of insurance.
- 5: ASC - 3821 :- Permit expired.
- 6: MNS - 886 :- Evaded Road Tax.
- 7: SKM - 921 :- Their permit was to be countersigned here, but not done.
- 8: APV - 5843 :- Evaded Tax.
- 9: ASC - 8092 :- -do-
- 10: MNS - 6517 :- Special permit was issued for only one journey, but used more.
- 11: ASC - 4441 :- -do- -do-
- 12: MNS - 5733 :- Did not passess Fitness Certificate.
- 13: " - 5782 :- -do- -do-
- 14: ASC - 3915 :- -do- -do-
- 15: " - 3576 :- Evaded Taxes.
- 16: " - 3258 :- Did not passess Road Permit.

In case of the check-gate, it is in the hands of the Police and we do not have much to say.

PU ZALAWMA:

Mr. Speaker Sir, I like some clarifications from the Minister. Inner

Line Pass is required to enter into Mizoram. The owners of Vehicles and drivers are from the other states and they enter Mizoram with their Vehciels without having such Passes. Can we not do anything to stop this? Is not it possible for a check-gate at Vairengte to check the passes and do needful?

PU R. THANGLIAN,
MINISTER:

Mr. Speaker Sir, It seems that this be included in the general discussion. In case of the Inner Line Passes, those who are responsible for checking the vehicles will look after and check only about the vehicles and it is necessary to note that they will not be responsible for checking the Inner Line Passes. Similarly, Trade Licence also is in the hands of the Revenue Department. Our Police are on duty at the gate of Vairengte and if there is dissatisfaction, let it be made known. Since yesterday, it is rather difficult to explain matters to our Hon'ble Member, Pu Zalawma. The rule which he quoted out yesterday about the Assam Motor Vehicles Act, No. 14 is the permit issued by the regional authority within Assam only.

Therefore, the intention is that for example, since the districts of Aizawl and Lunglei are within one state, we may issue permits for Lunglei if the longer portion of the road falls within Aizawl, but it will also be counter-signed there at Lunglei. If the longer portion of road is under Lunglei, they also may issue permits. Because permits which we issue here will also be countersigned at Silchar, even if it is a temporary permit. However, it is said that the DTO at Silchar was not quite strict in the past, but he appears to show signs that he is becoming more strict now.

SPEAKER: Demand No. 3 8s (He reads out) "On the recommendation of the Administrator of Mizoram, and with your permission Sir, I move the Demand No. 3 for Rs. 99,000/- to meet the expenses during the year 1973-74 on Taxation on Motor Vehicles in the Transport Department". Let those who agree to pass Rs. 99,000/- as in the Demand No. 3 say 'agree' - (They all agreed), and any of you who do not agree - (None). Then we have passed it. now, we will go to Demand No. 6 and let the Finance Minister move it.

PU KHAWTINKHUMA
MINISTER:

Mr. Speaker Sir, On the recommendation of the Administrator of Mizoram, and with your kind permission Sir, I move the Demand No. 6 for Rs. 25,000/- to meet the expenses during the year 1973-74 for purchase of Judicial and Non-Judicial stamps etc., in the Finance Department.

SPEAKER: Demand No. 6 is the case of Judicial and Non-Judicial and for this Rs. 25,000/- has been moved. Can we pass it ?

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PU LALSANGZUALA: Mr. Speaker Sir, can the Judicial and Non-Judicial stamps be exempted since we are tribals ?

PU KHAWTINKHUMA:
MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir, This is required in matters of Contract; and since we are not exempted we are including it here.

PU J. THANGHUAMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, let ^{the} be sufficient judicial stamps available to be bought. Formerly, Ranghuti was selling it and I think that Khawpuia & Sons is selling now. I like that the public be made known of the dealers.

PU ZALAWMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, can he (the Minister) tell me clearly why we cannot be exempted ?

PU KHAWTINKHUMA:
MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir, when we say 'tribals' the Nagas and Khasi etc., are also included and if the Parliament does not exempt them, we alone will not be exempted.

PU ZALAWMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Did they not give exemption in Nagaland ?

PU KHAWTINKHUMA:
MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir, In case of Judicial and Non-Judicial Stamps, I do not have any information about their (Nagaland) exemption.

PU R. ZOLIANA : Mr. Speaker, Sir in other countries stamp are sold at several places but here in our country only Pu Knawpuia sold it. Which it be good to have two or three settlers in order to

help public ?

PU K.T. KHUMA : Mr. Speaker, Sir we are simply following the usual practices. If it be good, we can easily increase the number of sellers and can even sell them at the D.C.'s office previous.

SPEAKER : Demand No.6 (reading out). Those who agree to pass this demand may say 'aye'. (Members say 'aye'). Is there any objection (no objection) so, we have passed it.

Nor, let the Chief Minister move Demand No.8.

PU .CH. CHHUNGA: On the recommendation of the Administrator of M. Mizoram, and with your permission Sir I move the Demand No.8 for Rs.10,16,000/- to meet the expenses during the year 1973-74 on Legislative Assembly and Election in the Election Department.

SPEAKER : Demand No.8, of Rs.10,16,000/- for Legislative Assembly and Election Department is being moved. Is there any body who like to speak on it.

PU ZALAWMA : Mr. Speaker, it is rather shameful to have speech as this is regarding salaries. Does the Government made any proposal about the salaries of Speaker, Deputy Speaker, and members ? If not, will it be good to lower it as we are public servants.

PU J. THANGHUAMA: Mr. Speaker, in our former budget session, there were some mistakes and omissions in taking down the proceedings, I think it will be better to employ stenographers for this purpose.

SPEAKER : If there is difficulty concerning this Assembly, it will be mentioned in the Secretariat, not in the House. We have no shorthand in Mizo language, it has to be taken down in longhand. But, it will be better now because, we have now taperecorders which records all the speeches of the members. Now, let the Minister -in-charge give reply if any.

PU CH. CHHUNGA : Mr. Speaker, Speaker has already answered one question. There is a proposal to increase the salary of Speaker, Deputy Speaker, and members like other U. Ts. The condition is that the Central Government like to study other states in order to have more uniformity.

PUNGURDAWLA : Mr. Speaker, I have something to say concerning the salary. As we know, salary is given in accordance with the cost of living. But the salary of M.L.A. is too small, if we go to rural areas it is rather shameful to tell our salaries, which they often ask. Corruption is likely committed if the salaries are not adequate.

If we do not get adequate salaries, it can result in the slow working of administration side so, I want suggest the increase of our salary.

PU CHAWNGKUNGA : Mr. Speaker, we all want to increase our pay though it is very difficult to do. I wondered why the authorities has not taken action to increase it. If it is raised it will be beneficial for us all.

SPEAKER : Demand No.8 (reading out). Those who like to pass this demand may say aye. (Members say 'aye'). Is there any objection (no objection) we have passed it.

Now, we are going to deal the Demands concerning many different departments. If you have any relevant question within it, you can do so. Therefore, let the Chief Minister move demand No.9.

PU CH. CHHUNGA : Mr. Speaker, On the recommendation of the Administrator of Mizoram, and with your permission Sir, I move the Demand No.9 for Rs.1,08,52,000/- to meet the expenses during the year 1973-74 on General Administration in the General Administration Department.

SPEAKER : Demand No.9 for General Administration Department of Rs.1,08,52,000/- is being moved. Is there any one who like to speak ?

PU K. L. ROCHAMA: Mr. Speaker, I would like to say something on demand No.9. The allotted sum is quite large in GAD, its subject being wide. It will also be necessary to have general discussion. Firstly, honourable Chief Minister has pointed out the need of not mentioning Mizo/ Vai etc., and it is quite true. We speak of national integration, but we often meet with some problems to live side by side peacefully. But since we cannot but live together, we must try to live together in harmony.

One thing I would like to say is that while we ourselves may have our little differences, one wonders if there could be some other thing working amongst us.

One thing I would like to mention is that will the files of Chief Secretary and his staff be able, to stand out checking in matters of appointments etc., If it is a matter concerning appointment of Mizos, are not matters dealt in most complicated ways, but when it relates to non-Mizos are not the notings all in his favour? I would request the minister's to be alive to this matter.

(It may not be known to the Ministry) Few days back, one of our able officer was about to be transferred. Did our ministers know about this case? It appears from newspapers that they know of it but did they really know?

That was a by-passing of the Ministry. Is it a proper way to transfer in such difficult time without the knowledge of the Cabinet? It would be better to verify if such kind of things are done in other U.Ts. If the Ministry is not consulted and was ignored, I don't think we shall never be able to run an efficient administration. It is very dangerous if we take the things on communal basis.

Secondly, I would like to say about posting which I have already pointed out. Puankhai A.O. and Kolasib A.O. received orders to return to their parent departments from the Chief Secretary directly. But on account of the financial year, it is necessary to finish their work. For not informing the D.C. the order was not fulfilled. Let me point out another such case. One clerk from P.W.D. office at Lunglei was promoted to U.D.A. in Agriculture Department. After one month she was again appointed as Head Assistant for PWD office at Kolasib. But she declined to accept the promotion because of family difficulties, and preferred to remain as UDA in the Agricultural Office. Since she no one can tell him now where she is to work. In this way lots of difficulties are faced due to too much centralisation of powers.

Thirdly, I would like to say about Disciplinary action. We have heard several times from our ministers in the House their intention to stop corruption. But action has not been taken to some whose faults were found out. For example :- The store-keeper of Chhipphir was directed to report the effects of cyclone. But he gave false report. It was the cyclone that occurred on 2nd April, 1972. He used me as witness, but as I actually see the damages at the spot I could easily know the report was completely false. He further recommended Govt. assistance for 34 houses of his kith and kin, and the govt. also gave sanction immediately some people complained, and even though he was caught and though this was

verified by an M.L.A. also some more grants had since been allotted to them again.

Recently, I went to Lungson with some officers but the A.O. did not want to meet us. He also refused to meet the Health Director and the D.C. and went away to Lunglei. Administration will never improve if action is not taken in such cases.

Lastly, let me point out about Security Forces. Last year more than 5,000 people took procession showing our objection to the behaviors of the 19th Punjab Regt. It was also ordered that the culprits should be punished. Besides these, Pi Kapbuangi of Kawmzawl was assaulted by them and in this case, Chief Secretary also issued a press note like this" _____ "

So, we now, do not appreciate their presence at all. I would like to request Hon'ble Minister i/c General Administration to send out the 19th Punjab Regt. from our country.

PU LALKUNGA: Mr. Speaker, Sir there are still many Ex-Emergency Commissioned Officers in GAD.

But troubles arise wherever they are, so, is there any proposal to let them go out of our state? Are the C.Is come under GAD? We are going to lose about Rs.5 lakh today due to the weakness of GAD. Their weakness can be seen from their failure to allot suitable works to Pu Sanghnuna who is an efficient officer.

We should not keep silent about the border dispute along Cachar border. If they burn 5 houses of our people we should burn 10 houses of theirs.

Unless we solve this problem many other things we may decide here will be meaningless. I am quite ready to go there personally.

PU R.ZOLIANA : Mr. Speaker, Sir I would like to say a few words on General Administration. It appears that the staff of our Secretariat and Directorates are from only district level officers. For them there is a lot to study but they have little scope to learn anything, so let them undergo some sort of training. District employees can be automatically promoted to Government of Mizoram services so, for those of Assam Govt. let allocation of services be made soon and let them be allowed to apply housing loans. Again, is there any big officer like IAS etc., who are transferred as promoted to other states without the consent of popular government? I heard that the Central Govt. also respected the Chief Minister of a popular government. In case of security also, I want that let them not alter policies without the Chief Minister's consent. So, I would like to say that General Administration is not functioning properly in these matters.

PU R.ZOLIANA : Mr. Speaker, Sir

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OU J. THANGHUAMA : Mr. Speaker, Sir I will right away hit on the points. It appears that the transfer of Pu Lalkhama (let me mention his name) is already a settled matter, and is it a fact that he is proposed to be transferred from Finance Department to other department? Is it also a fact that the Lt. Governor stopped the proposal of Chief Minister to give Pu C.L. Ruala an appointment to a high office. Again, had options been asked from our officers who were under the Assam Government?

Lastly, do our leaders admit that political transfers are fair?

PU SAITLAWMA : Mr. Speaker, Sir Firstly, on point of order, it is not right to mention personal names like C.L. Ruala. There will never be progress as we have no Director in LAD even today. Therefore, let the Director be appointed as soon as possible. It is meaningless to have only a C.O. at Aizawl. Again, where from can we be able to get good stenographers, are they to be appointed from outside? Now, speaker, Deputy Speaker and our Ministers were badly in need of them. It is really necessary to adopt every possible means.

Let an ex-emergency commissioned officer working as A.O. at Lungsan be sent out because he is a not fit for service. The people of his are greatly harassed as he has no respect for the V/C and is ready dangerous to the people. If there is any means to increase the discretionary fund of our Chief Minister it is necessary to increase it because the sum is too little.

PU LALSANGZUALA : Mr. Speaker, as we have discussed yesterday, I felt that centralisation of power is too much in general administration. If we examine LAD files, I think our Hon'ble Ministers interfere even in small matters. Therefore this administration may be decentralised, and powers given to District levels or even Sub-Divisional levels.

Again Pu Rochama has point out the case at Pangzawl the condition is this. LAD allowed selling some lands for jhums so as to meet High school fund. So, they did and the money is handed over to the teacher. In the meantime there is an order prohibiting the sale of land but as the money was already spent for the purpose we consulted LAD the authority and everything was done with its consent.

Again, Chhintupui District has peculiarity having three District Councils. Even though there is a Deputy Commissioner in one of the D.C headquarters in that district I think there will be at least S.D.O. in other headquarters. But, it appears there is no such proposal in the budget. I would like to say before this House because "Mizo Arsi" published that these District Councils are given by the Congress. But I asked about this from Mr. Pant, Minister for Home Affairs last year, who told me that he had asked Mr. Chhunga and party, as how to deal with minorities of the area, and that they allowed us to do anything we like.

for them. He further admitted that he sent Mr. Das to find out what the people want, and their desire being to have District Councils, they were given District Councils with the tacit consent of our District Council authorities.

(Pu C.L. Ruata : Was Pu Zalawma present during this talk ?)
During my absence due to my ill health, the hon'ble Minister had found faults with my statements, but I want to make a refounder now to see if he was not the one who is wrong. The press note issued on the incident near Tlanghnam was correct, and here I got the copy which I got from the Deputy Director, Information etc., issued from Political Department bearing office numbers etc. It is shown to have been signed by R.M. Agrawal and forwarded by the Deputy Director, Information etc. Therefore the document which I read out was not false. The real condition on this matter is that I and Mr. Pautu told the Administrator that we felt depressed since the Mizoram Govt. gives no concern for the common people. Because of this, he, however adopted other means and issued another press release which Pu Thangliana read out. Although the intention may be for the later one to supercede the first press release, the former one had already been issued. The Minister i/c. also said that ordinary man of understanding should know Rs. 2,000/- shown as special allowance of Mr. Sharma should be Rs. 200/- I may not then be an ordinary man. I had the idea that Mizoram Gazette should publish correct things, but if its contents are as unreliable as the matters published by "Mizo Arsi", then we should not give so much heed to matters published in Mizoram Gazette.

There is also a lot of necessity to hold election regarding V/C election. (Pu Saitlawma : Was it not against the rules to issue official papers to politicians ?)
Mr. Speaker Sir, It was issued for publicity.

Again, we have now a number of new A.Os, but in many places, charges were handed over to Chowkidars etc. It is a very bad practice. I want the authority to please look into this.

I have already suggested last year that the Chief Minister's Discretionary Fund be converted to Relief Fund. If this is done I think we ourselves should try to make the best use of it.

Thank you.

PU HRANGAIA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to say a few words on GAD Budget Demand No. 9 which covers widely. GAD covers LAD and SAD and I felt SAD is a "place of danger", because there is a lot of corruption. I want the Ministers to look into the matter. Again, there is always discussion regarding LAD and I would like to speak about my constituency in this connection. Seling is a big village and the Security Forces have their station there. A great deal of restrictions are made while the roads are necessary for use by the public. Prevention of the public from using the roads is very objectionable. The people want to use their Church again, but because

barrack lanes are located nearby, they are unable to use it. I want the government to solve this problem.

Again, there is often references to the Gram Sevak of Hnahlan who misappropriated Rs. 500/-. More talks are inadequate, action must be taken straightaway.

Regarding jhum cultivation also, systematic method should be followed. What the District Council had protected should continue to be protected. Things are in confusion now, and instructions should again be given in clear terms that all such matters should be done through the V/Cs concerned.

PU CHAWNGKUNGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, according to Demand No. 9, the provision for salary of V/Cs too little. We must favour V/C as we all know their labour.

As it is difficult to protect jhum from wild animals without guns, it will be better to return the guns collected by the Government.

Again, I felt that GAD is too corrupt, as there are many people attending officer under influence of drinks. It will be better to take action quickly on this matter.

It is necessary to look more carefully as a lot of grant is sanction to A.O's while there are many A.Os habituated to drinks. It is dangerous to have more corruption. Again, it will be better for the country to send out the ex-emergency commissioned officers as they are not fit for services here.

Again, steps must be taken to pay house-rents to private houses by security forces for their occupation during disturbances, though mention is not made in the budget.

PU C. LALRUATA: Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to say a few words on general administration, I want our administration to be firm. Our politics is also becoming worse. There is a lot of teaching like over throwing the sitting M. L.As and formation of parallel V/C that the Congress Assembly will take out a procession, and the overthrow of the Union party is not difficult. Regarding taxes and loans some M.L.As taught the people in a wrong way. These wrong teaching greatly hampered our administration. It is a bad habit to teach people in a wrong way first because one is not in the ruling party. Let those who refused to pay taxes be punished.

PU SANGCHHUM: Mr. Speaker, It seems that the authority marked rightly as the amount is quite large. But in the distribution expenditures for the urban and rural areas, I feel that it is not right. Taking the administration of the whole state, the South gets less attention, and the southern most areas are getting very little attention.

Now that new districts has been created, I want the govt. to show noticeable attention to Lunglei and Chhimtuipui districts, especially in development matters.

Again, we are alike with Aizawl district regarding appointments. Pu Lalhmaka, of P.W.D. was appointed as A.O. for Sangau but he refused to go. The reason is that nobody would like to work in such neglected parts. Since there are others quite capable in that area, why cannot such people appointed for that place? Just as the people of Aizawl are reluctant to go to those places, people of those places are reluctant to come to this area. So some adjustments could be made, and our leaders are requested to look in this way.

PU SAPLIANA :Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you for giving us a time. Just now, Pu Sangzuala clearly pointed out about the three D.C.'s of Chhimitipui district and sought explanation on some points from our Chief Minister. Where we are about to become U.T. we went to Delhi as P.L. Region Parliamentary delegates. We also met some U.M.F.P. leader, our Chief Whip Pu Saprawnga, Pu Chhunga and Pu Salawma at Delhi. So I think it will never be right to blame the Union or the Congress. And the Congress here has no power to form three D.C.'s but as the Central Govt. is ruled by the Congress, we may on the other hand that it is the doings of the Congress. The Mizo Union is a regional party, and has no power also because at that time there was a separate District Council and a Regional Council. I want that this subject may not be point out again by any member in our Assembly House. Pu Sangzuala also said that Pu Das and Pu Ray were involved. There may be some truths in that too, because I also know about this.

PU ZALAWMA :Mr. Speaker Sir, if there is no political appointments, there will be better discipline. Will it be good to open general amnesty? Cannot priority be given to MNF question as desired by the Central Govt.

It will also be better to call options from employees of Assam Govt. now in Mizoram, so that their problems may be solved early.

Let indiscriminate arrests be stopped. And let the Cabinet take actions for getting better discipline amongst the Heads of Departments.

One head of Department of PWD challenged one MLA saying, "They have freedom of speech in the House, also do I have the freedom of hearing". Such kind of people should be sent away within 24 hours.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA: Mr. Speaker, they have discussed about their own constituency but I would like to say a few words on Government Business.

Government Departments do not pay properly the costs of articles which they took from Merchants on credit. Though it appears there is money, the staff do not give sufficient attention on such matters. I would like to say these are to be examined and the bills cleared within 30 days.

PU HIPHEI: Mr. Speaker, every house
DY. SPEAKER: shared an Agricultural loan equally but it can not be refunded because the grant for EGS road in EGS is to be cut. Moreover, EGS works are given out on Contractors, and villagers will not have source of earning to repay the loans. We would like to know what the Govt. proposes to do so ?-

Another thing is, in constituency due to non-availability of Storekeeper, the rice sent there have to be brought back to Pulpang. Instead why cannot a Storekeeper be posted.

PU R. THANGLIANA Mr. Speaker, what Pu Lalsang-
MINISTER: zuala had said is wrong, and what was the reply is correct. The one referred to by Pu Lalsangzuala was meant for announcement through the Radio, it is regretted a copy may have been given by the Dy. Director. But this was cancelled.

PU CH. CHUNCA Mr. Speaker, there is a lot
CHIEF MINISTER: to reply only important questions. If there is no confidence on the Chief Minister and his cabinet, that sort of thing can happen. In the Secretariat more than half were appointed before the Cabinet is formed. After we have U.T. many of our fellow Mizo were appointed as Secretary or other.

In case of the transfer of Finance Secretary, we had no discussion. But we rather regret the action of the Central Govt. And we also requested Prime Minister and K.C. Pant, Minister of Home Affairs to cancel the order.

I also regret that many people refused to join their new postings, and anywhere, It will also be advisable to appoint persons who want to serve anywhere.

Again we shall look into the matter Agriculture. The case at Chhiphir is now being under enquiry and if there is anything wrong, it will surely be solved.

The case of Lungen A.O. is known to the Cabinet and is under its consideration. Again we have also informed the Central Govt. of the case of 19th. Punjab Regiment and the matter is under consideration.

Regarding ex-emergency Commissioned Officers, their will be considered more carefully and I think they will not be able to remain here if they are really inefficient.

I have only known the case of C.I. and C.A. from newspapers. According to my own opinion, there is nothing improperly to put C.Is into C.As.

If our fellow members are not pleased with the bad practices of an Officer at Hnahlan, the matter will be considered again. And as rightly pointed out by one Member, Pu Sanghnuna was promoted to EAC.

Regarding the Secretariat class,

I agree that this should be recognised at a later stage when we have more hands.

Will it be good to confirm those who were under Assam Govt? It will be quite good if the Central Govt. relax the rules for them regarding the Building Advances. We have also recommended this.

Again, the Lt. Governor would choose anyone for his Secretary and it is not the convention to discuss the establishment of his Secretariat.

Though it is not pleasant to mention personally, but Pu Lalkhama had often made known his desire to work in Departments other than Finance.

Again, there is no separate proposal for Pu C. L. Ruala. But as we have no people, we had to engaged experts, and there are two vacant posts of Gazetted Officers under the Information Deptt. and one post of Liason Officer. Another one is to be attached to the the Chief Minister. But nothing is said for him personally.

Mention is often made of political transfers. The best is to have respect of each other to achieve more discipline.

The post of Director for Local Administration Department is now created and 10 (ten) persons were deputed to stenographers' training and we will consider about the case of P.A. to Minister.

Though we feel power centralized from 26th. February. The case at Selang will be considered.

The speech of Pu Hrangala regarding cultivation is quite good and it will be considered. The condition regarding recovery of arms is that some could not recover them because so, arms are captured by Security Forces from MNF personels. Regarding house hiring, we have discussed this with the Brigade and it is under consideration. But I could not say how it will be done, As the harvest time is different among the people, it will

not be good to stop repayment of agriculture loan. So let us all try to convince our people to do this.

The distribution of money sanctioned for the Aizawl, Lunglei and Chhimituipui Districts may be different, but I know that we have done much for the southern areas too.

Regarding political appointment, we try to do the best thing, but we have done what we can, hardly made any improvements. I feel that we have not shown any partiality on political grounds.

Again, I will look into the matter the case of P.E. again. We will again consider about general amnesty. And as we have said, preference is to be given to MNF returns, but subject to their conduct and behaviour. It is impossible to give preference blindly.

SPEAKER:

We have spent about 2 hours on Demand No. 4 only. I tell you in advance, that we will

use the Administrator's Rule, in the end which is inevitable. Now, these who want to pass demand No. 9 for Rs. 108,52,00/- may say aye. (Members said "Aye"). Any one objecting it? (Members keep silent). So, it is passed and we will take up Demand No. 10 now.

**PU VAIVENGA
MINISTER:**

Mr. Speaker, "On the recommendation of the Administrator of Mizoram, and with your

permission Sir, I move the Demand No. 10 for Rs 4,77,000/- to meet the expenses during the year 1973-74 on Administration of Justice in the Law and Judicial Department".

SPEAKER :

Demand No. 10 for Rs. 4,77,000/- has been moved and anyone can speak on it.

PU ZALAWMA:

Mr. Speaker, in our administration, Justice, Law and Judicial department is very

important, and we have District Council Court with our own Customary Laws. So, it will be better to have our fellow Mizo to look after it, from Secretary to Director, so as we can have better understanding to some extent. Is there any suggestions on that time.

PU C.LALRUATA : Mr. Speaker, on page 105 in the Budget book, it wrote as standing Counsel, Gauhati, can you tell me the relation between this Counsel and this Department ?

PU CH.BAPRAWNGA : Mr. Speaker; after considering much whether to speak or not, I decided to speak on this subject.

Firstly, it is very improper to keep pending the cases in the court for a long time. Let say about my personal cases: In 1968, two persons of Thei-riat were shot dead by MNF but Security forces arrest one other than Kapruala whom they suspected and afterwards Kapruala himself was arrested. After knowing the circum- tances, I put up bail for two persons. They wasted many **days because they were directed to report themselves in the court very often and getting frustrated after a long time, they rejoined the underground again. We cannot say there will be no person like them again and I am also afraid that some people whom I have bailed out would go back to the MNF again. Therefore cannot the courts reach decisions quickly instead of putting them under trial for a long time?**

PU SAITLAWMA ; Mr Speaker, I would like to say a few words on Demand No. 10. There is still a lot of pending cases. Many of them could be cleared up soon if their witnesses are present. Rules allow payment of T.A. to the witnesses and if T.As are given, many witnesses will appear, and the ases disposed.

PU LALKUNGA : Mr Speaker, The prisoners of Aizawl jail are brought by a Van to the court and are crammed inside it throughout the whole day. In other countries, lock ups are built near the courts where they can wait for their turn. So, it will be better to build such here. I want the authorities to keep this in mind and do the same.

PU K.L.ROCHAMA : . Mr. Speaker, The Security force arrested whom they suspeant. It is also known that they used to keep them instead of handing them to civil custody For example :- One lunatic, Rammawia of Hauruang, was arrested by 19th. Punjab Regiment and was taken around asking him "Do you know such and such person." Being a Lunatic, he always answered in the affirmative. So, they used to keep him in their custody instead of

handing him over to the Civil authorities. Some were beaten also. So, I would like to know how long the Security forces can keep people in their custody ?

PU NGURDAWLA :

Mr. Speaker, It appears that those who deals with case in the Police Department are unable to work. Therefore, it is necessary to enlarge their strength.

SPEAKER :

Let the Minister reply.

PU VAIVENGA :

Mr. Speaker, our main object in making this demand is to preserve those courts which we made to apply our customary laws during District Council's term. Besides this, as we are under Gauhati High Court, it is necessary to have employee at Gauhati for better understanding. Mention is made of a judicial Officer for Lunglei but this is to be read as Additional Magistrate. We have three Additional Magistrates and we will continue these courts.

We will try our best to see about the pending cases in the Deputy Commissioner's Courts and other matters which the honourable members mentioned. And to the question of Pu Rochama, Security Forces could not keep persons in their custody for a long time but I don't exactly know the period.

Again, as I have said, the main object of this demand is to preserve those courts which we have where our customary laws are applied. So, I request honourable members to pass the demand.

SPEAKER :

Those who like to pass Demand No 10 may say aye. (Members said aye) It is now passed.

Here we have more demand. Now that it is 5 o'clock shall we continue? (Members agreed to continue) So, then, let the Minister i/c move demand No 11.

PU CH. CHHUNGA :

Mr. Speaker, On the recommendation of the Administrator of Mizoram and with your kind permission Sir, I move the demand No 11 for Rs. 678,000/-

on jail Administration in the Home Department.

SPEAKER : Demand No. 11, of Rs. 678,000/- for Jail Administration is being moved, is there anyone who like to speak on it.

PU ROCHAMA : Mr. Speaker, Last year, honourable members and I, myself also speak on the jail of Lunglei. It is built by C.I. sheets during the "Mautan" and these is no separate place for latrines since it is an open place. It is a great nuisance for the prisoners and the people alike because all the bad wastes flow from the main road above and could be 'dangerous' for their health also. A proposal had been made for a jail building in a proper place and I also felt that our Deputy Commissioner and Village Councils are busy look for a suitable place. But there is no provision in the budget for its construction. The present jail is unfit at all. So, I would like to request the Minister i/c to make provision for the jail building in the District headquarters like Lunglei.

PU CH. SAPRAWNGA : Mr. Speaker, let me support the speech of the hon'ble member. Though there is a great necessity to build jail, yet, there is no provision for it. Even though such places are not attractive, but there will be more and more necessity in Lunglei and Chhintuipui Districts. We also know that Aizawl jail is too small and the new one is not satisfactory. This problem had often been discussed and should not be neglected.

PU ZALAWMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, the ration supply of jail is very bad and poor. Can they not be supplied with eggs for health ? Besides, the Jail building itself is having very bad smell, could it not be shifted to the new Jail ? If there had been no sanction, let supplementary demand be made. I request and also want to remind our Ministers to improve the situation and keep it in order.

PU LALKUNGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, there are many workers in the Jail, and most of the prisoners are Mizos. But almost all the workers in the Jail are ignorant of Mizo language; it is probable, or even inevitable that misunderstanding and trouble easily break out among and between people of different languages.

Hence, it would be better possible to work there.

It can be learnt that trouble have broken out many times, because there is misunderstanding between people of different communities, due to lack of proper knowledge of each other's language. Medical facilities in Jail is always in-sufficient, the best possible Medical treatment should be given.

PU K. SANGCHHUM : Mr. Speaker Sir, I want to impress upon our Ministers that Jails are very badly required now.

SPEAKER : Has the Minister anything to say on the matter?

PU CH. CHHUNGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Lunglei Jail situation must be considered, it is regrettable that we have not made provisions in the Budget. I think the site for Jail has been chosen, examined. As it has been like that, we thought the matter had gone on smoothly. However, we shall see that steps are taken right away. The Department may have been facing some difficulties. If that be so, we shall see to their solution.

Aizawl Jail is small, stinking. The site for shifting it has been ordered to be searched. Though the New Jail is big, it is intended for temporary purpose, therefore the buildings and fencings are not good, and considered unfit for use. To make it fit for a jail would cost as much as a construction of a new one. I shall be thankful if you could accept and approve demand No 11.

SPEAKER : For Demand No 11, Jail Administration, Rs. 678,000/- is moved, let those who accept say 'Aye' (Members said 'Aye') Any member who objects? (Members silent) It is then passed.

Let Chief Minister move Demand No. 12.

PU CH. CHHUNGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, On the recommendation of the Administrator of Mizoram, and with your kind permission Sir, I move the Demand NO.12 for Rs 1,56,44,000/- to meet the expense during the year 1973-74 on Public Administration in the Home Department.

SPEAKER: Demand NO.12 is moved, Rs 1,56,44,000/- for Public Administration. Any member who want to speak in this regard?

PU ZALAWMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, has our Lt. Governor's speech been included here? Law and Order is very necessary for the people. If possible I wish that much more money be placed to create more out-posts. The people will be happier and more secured; besides have they confirmed the appointments of Police done some days ago? Where are they going to make Out-Posts? I wish I could know all these.

PU C. LALRUATA: Mr. Speaker Sir, I want to have a short speech regarding the Police. Police are too busy, as there are not many of them yet till today we cannot enlarge the strength. Since taking of money under duress have become rampant, there is saying that a Villager with more than Rs 5000/- in hand should not go alone without proper escort. Hence, the Department should implement all that has been provided as soon as possible.

What is the meaning in the Chief Minister going to Delhi twice without escorts? The Police Department have only few Motor Vehicles, for this reason they cannot move quickly in emergency. They should be given more vehicles for more expeditious work.

The Home Guards Department deserves prize; if they are given better deals with more salary than the present one, it would have been good.

PU R. ZOLIANA: Mr. Speaker, I want to make a short speech on Demand NO.12. There is provision for Home Guards Department. I have stated in Last Year Budget Session; whether it is because their pay is low that even children speak ill and short at them, their pay is Rs 4/- a day. Our Chief Minister gave us Assurance last year to take action

for increase and pay them more. The Wireless Organisation have not much work, even Provision is not much, let their duty period be extended.

V.D.P. too is necessary and important, but the supply of Uniforms is costly; let them be given better Uniforms, of different parts of Mizoram. Here in Aizawl, many Police Officers are posted, if they had been posted to other places too. The Police of Lunglei Sub-Division Headquarter are shifted to Chhimituipui District when some expect to come to Aizawl cannot the transfers made a bit uniformly.

PU SAITLAWMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, I think many things have to be said regarding Demand NO.12. First of all, I shall read out local newspaper "Mizo Aw" dated 23.3.73, Front Page: "He raped his arrested person, people hate the Demagiri O.C." In the beginning of this month, Demagiri O.C(Police Station) arrested 3 men, 4 womens, on some case; after releasing the others he detained 2 women. This O.C, Dutta by name, confined these 2 women the whole night, he committed rape and after satisfying his lust, he released them at 10 a.m. the next day. Whenever this O.C take up cases, he will call them to appear before him at nights.

It is said that he forced women to sleep with him. The Demagiri people are fed up of him, it is further reported that they reported his behaviour to S.P., Mizoram, Aizawl. The Editor's comment is "H-e who defy people and society being a Government Servants, should be severaly punished by Govt, as he committed crimes against the law. But if he is spared the people themselves should need to punish him".

Usually our Police are very good but they are behaving as stated above in some remote and distant villages. Lunglei Police O.C. enjoys the confidence of the people as he behaves well, while Demagiri O.C. is of the opposite. He creates trouble and harrassed the people, it is quite strange that dare commit rape on persons under custody. Now, let us see the case of appointment or Selection of Police personnels in Lunglei; they made them race, some people ran on behalf of other candidates, and the Selection there is very "unfair". I think it should never be repeated in future. Some who came are villagers leaving their Jhum work; it would be difficult for them to be tested in something which they never had the practice. As such it caused great disappointment to them.

Here in Aizawl too there were some unfair and improper things among the Police.

In Southern Districts there are no V.D.Ps., Home Guards etc., these Organisations are useful and important, I request our Ministers to create these organisations too, there.

In Chakma area, those people are bent on beating or even killing Police personnels and whenever found, and they even search them. I myself know this fact very clear. They hate the Mizo Police very much. In order that there be brother hood and unity there, I earnestly request our Ministers to try and work out some solution. A certain Police^{man} in Lunglei has not been promotion due to him only for the complaints made against him by some Policeman.

PU CH. SPARAWNGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, there are International Borders around us, in order to safeguard the Security of people and the land, it seems we shall need to make Out-Posts on these borders. Even the Cachar Police are posted at Saiphai village. For protection of our people, Mizoram must also open an Out-post here.

I also feel that we change Police Uniforms to decent designs. If necessary expert dress designers may even be consulted.

PU NGURDAWLA: Mr. Speaker Sir, I find the mention of Chief Wahi very relevant and important regarding the Cachar Out-Post. In my constituency, at Tingzawl and Rawpuichhip, there broke out on it by some certain groups resulting in fighting, beating etc., Troubles broke out three times not long ago. At present, 8 men are in the lock-up, some are hospitalised.

This trouble had been existing since the time of Macdonell. If a Police Out-post is opened, the troubles may subside, otherwise troubles flare up on small excesses.

As for the Police recruitment, some 8 young men of my constituency also appeared as candidates, but they dared not appear for interview because they feel that there were many people of better phisigues. In that way, selection may have been done fairly in some places, and some little unfair things may happen too. It is only necessary for the Govt. to fulfill its commitments and maintain its dignity.

PU F.HRANGVELA: Mr. Speaker Sir, I want to say some regarding this; my Constituency is on the Burma Border. I want to have Police Out-Post in Vaphai, as the nearest Police point is Champhai. People from Burma came or immigrated to our land after their last year Election, and they created troubles at Zokhua. Besides, this may solve the problems connected with smugglings

When I see the Budget Book, I wonder whether they have filled up the vacant posts of Police Department; I also want to ask our Ministers whether they simply bring to light what they have already done secretly.

PU K.L.ROCHAMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, it seems the Home Guards are to come soon to Chhin-tuipui and Lunglei District; I think they cannot come for lack of transport. But I feel that one Platoon of Home Guards will be insufficient for the whole Lunglei District.

Another thing I want to know is, whether a Police Officer needs to wear Uniform on journeys.?

Only a few days back hostiles took away some money from a person in the Lunglei Hospital Compound. The C.R.P.S have their camp close to the place and it secured they barely had the courage even to defend and safeguard themselves. Let Police Department be organised and replace the CRPs as quickly as possible.

SPEAKER: Let the Chief Minister speak now.

PU CH.CHHUNGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, I don't know whether CHIEF MINISTER. it would be possible to fully realised and include in the Police Organisation, at this period as the Lt. Governor said, the proposal to open new Police Station numbering 23 posts. The Central Govt. gave us directions and we may open only about 16 Stations now. It is not possible to tell whether we can or not fill up the vacancies with the Interviewed candidates.

I cannot say anything now except that I shall see to the List of Officers of Vaphai, Ralpuihlin and Farkawn Police Out-posts.

Regarding the border matters, it is better not to discuss this matter at this juncture.

The Home Guard's pay has been increased. I shall be thankful the members could pass Demand NO.12.

SPEAKER: Demand NO.12, for Police Administration Rs 1,56,44,000/- has been moved. Those who want to pass say 'Aye' (Members said 'Aye') Any member who objects (Members Silent) It is passed.

It is late now, shall we stop and rest or should we proceed on? (Members wanted to continue) If that's so, let the Minister-in-charge move Demand NO.13.

PU R.THANGLIANA: Mr.Speaker Sir, On the recommendation of the Administrator of Mizoram and with your kind permission Sir, I move the Demand NO.13 for Rs41,77,000/- to meet the expenses during the year 1973-74 on Supply-Transport Organisation in the Supply and Transport Department.

PU CH.SAPRAWNGA: Mr.Speaker Sir, I have many things to say regarding supply and Transport Department, I wonder if it will take a long time !?.

PU F.HRANGVELA: Mr.Speaker Sir, I want to give speak on Supply and Transport, particularly about the contracts For the contract supply work between Mizawl and Lunglei, the non-tribals quote low rates, with the idea of making profits through corrupt practices. Through this they will start trading in our State and so the authorities must be very alert here.

The stoppage of airdropping and carriage by headload was expected to be very beneficial. But due to failure of the contractor, there are no rice to be carried and some new problems have cropped up. If airdropping is to stop, the authorities must work out scheme so that stocks are available for carriage by headloads.

PU VANLALHRUALA: Mr. Speaker Sir, since Demand NO. 13 is the source of our life, it is very important. The paddy harvest was very poor last year, and the sudden stoppage of airdropping that resulted in empty godowns in 5 out of 6 grouping centres in my constituency. Supply reaches only Hnahlan, where the godown space is nearly exhausted now. Cannot airdropping be resumed? cannot salt be included? cannot more grant given for construction of more godown space at Hnahlan?

For nearly two years now there had not been any A.O. at Ngopa. Qualified A.O. must be posted immediately.

The authorities must take steps to send rice to all the centres wherethere in the state where there where there are no stock now. and must

PU CH. SAPRAWNGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, though it is late now the subject matter is important and one may be inclined to be rather critical.

I support members speaking before me. Somehow we passed through last year without much troubles. But looking at the way supplies are so slowly despatched this year, I have great apprehension. The trouble appears to be our unwillingness to spend money. I am afraid this may lead to starvation death in some places.

Carriage by headload is resorted to, but do we not place too much stress on headloads? For example, the government wanted to give carriage rate at 40p. per Kg. for N. Va-nlaiphai to Thingsi against the tender quoted rate of 50p. No contractor agrees to take up at this rate, and only few persons having no more good hacc lifted the rice. Under such circumstances, the future is very dark.

The rate for headload is fixed at Rs 7/- for a day's journey. But a day's journey could be anything from 8 to 20 miles. Why not make it, Rs 5 for a day with load and Rs 2/- for the journey to fetch the load per, lay, 15 miles of road. Moreover 25Kg as a load is rather too heavy. The best solution would be to fix a flat rate of 4p. per mile. I want the authorities to examine this suggestion and adopt it, otherwise supply carriage will fail.

I also support another member who suggested abolition of Transport Wing. Vehicles require care and constant maintenance. But the system now appears to open too much scope for corruptions and at excessive expenditure to the government.

Supplies may be despatched through privately-owned vehicles, which will be a source of income for them while there are less chances of failures due to vehicular defects. I suggest that the Transport Wing be abolished.

PU SAPLIANA:

Mr. Speaker Sir, supply of headload carriage along the main roads may be a bit better as compared to areas in the southern sector. The nearest godown for those people to carry rise is at Longtlai. This will cause great hardship to the people.

The contractors entrusted with headload carriage also try to make large profits by unfair means.

Headload system may appear to be good in theory, but there are too many practical difficulties. How could people of Farva carry rise from Longtlai which is a week's journey? What will they eat during their journeys?

Therefore, I would request the Minister to resume air-dropping where headload carriage is not practicable.

PU SAITLAWMA :

Mr. Speaker Sir, as compared to the rates of private vehicles it is strange that the introduction of State Transport has raised the fares ?.

There were instances where too much centralization of powers is noticed in the Supply & Transport Department. There are frequent cases where orders of the Director have to be awaited. De-centralization of powers will go a long way to solve many problems.

PU C. LALRUATA :

Mr. Speaker Sir, let buffer stock be made and administration officers be made responsible for their safe-keeping.

Lunglei must have at least an Assistant Director of Supply. There is a Dy. Director at Calcutta, but only an Inspector at Silchar. There is a Joint-Director at Aizawl, who combines with other duties of other Department. This need to be re-arranged.

Supplies are sent mostly from Silchar, but despatches to different centres vary very greatly. This must also be done uniformly.

Bungno people were not allowed to carry any supply in March. If they cannot lift their quota fully in the subsequent months, will it not be possible to allow them to draw theirs from Chhingchip godown?

PU LAHLIRA :

Mr. Speaker Sir, I want to speak on two points.

Firstly, some condemned rice sold in auction had again been delivered to the government godowns, and some local rice were purchased and brought back to Mizawl. The Supply Department cannot check these properly and these could happen only for the headload system.

The areas on the way to Champhai and to Changzawl are thickly populated. The government may see to the feasibility of introducing bus services here.

PU DOTINAIA :

Mr. Speaker Sir, there is only 5 quintals of rice at Khaw-lailung godown, probably

despatch from Keitum is slow. But according to the Director, the despatch appear to be satisfactory. This should be looked into.

The Minister told that special permits for rice could be given in certain cases, but the Assistant Director refused to let purchase 1 (one) quintal. Why is this?

The Storekeeper at N-Vanlailai is said to be selling sugar at black market rates. This should be looked into.

One retailer at Mizawl (N.C. Bhattacharjee) is said to mix "suji" with sugar. This should also be enquired into.

Sugar and other controlled commodities cannot be delivered by the retailers quickly. This should also be looked into.

PU VANLALHRUAIA :

Mr. Speaker Sir, cannot a Mizo Officers be appointed to be Director of Supplies?

PU J. THANGHUAMA : Mr. Speaker, let me say point by point -

(1) Supply Department and Transport Department should be placed under separate Officers for improvement.

(2) Bus fares are too high and must be reduced.

(3) To check corruption, how many vehicles are sent to workshop on a monthly-wise basis? To whose workshops are vehicles sent?

(4) If State Transport is not paying, is it not better to have Transport Corporation?

(5) Punishment should be given to those who know more rice than allotted by tampering with the orders, and those who issue the rice on such false orders.

(6) Is it a fact that the CBI is enquiring into matters connected with the unserviceable vehicles kept at Chaitlang?

(7) Instead of disallowing drivers to take passengers, orders should be given to allow giving lift to passengers but they should not take fares.

(8) Vehicular numbers starting with ZRM is wrong. It should be MZA for Aizawl, MRL for Lunglei, MRG for government vehicles. MR will indicate Mizoram, ZRM has no meaning.

PU NGURDAWLA : Mr. Speaker, with the abolition of airdropping, cannot the expenditure incurred for airdropping be used for enhancement of the rates of head-load carriage?

Recently sale of controlled commodities were stopped for sometime because accounts of Retailers were checked. Instead of concentrating of the Retailers, should not the govt. punish those who were responsible for release of the commodities on tampered orders.

The Express Bus between Silchar and Aizawl is driven too fast, there is too chance of accidents.

There are many roads which could be made motorable with EGS fund, such as the road to Reiek. These may be examined.

SPEAKER : Let the Minister reply.

PU R. THANGLIANA :
MINISTER:

Mr. Speaker Sir, let me try to reply to the important points. Regarding contract, when the Mizos quoted Rs 18, the non-tribals quoted Rs 10.29 and on enquiry, the Mizos do not agree to take up work at such rates. But they carry non-tribals goods at Rs 9/-. This shows that we are not matured yet in business tactics.

The rate of Rs 5/- is for a 12 mile distant, and adjustments are made if the distance exceed or less than this. Some consideration for the nature of the routes are also made. Since the commodities carried are government properties, we cannot make changes on our own without Finance's approval. Since these are for the subsistence of the people themselves we must also try to influence the public to cooperate with the government.

Deposits of those contractors who fail to fulfill their contracts are also forfeited.

Since Supply and Transport are very closely related, separation of the two Departments will be difficult.

It is true, to some extent that abolition of Transport Wing may be better. But when there are certain difficulties in procuring vehicles, the presence of government-owned fleet of vehicles can be very effective in dealing with unreasonable demand made by private vehicle-owners. Moreover, abolition of this Wing will result in retrenchment of a large number of drivers and handymen. And considering all these, abolition of this Wing is rather difficult.

There are some matters where centralization of power is still essential. And a DDS has been posted at Lunglei.

Reduction of bus fares may appear reasonable, but sudden reduction cannot be done, as this will also affect the privately-run buses too.

The matter about N. C. Bhatnagar, (retailer) is very serious and should be looked into.

We have Mizo youngmen for supply matters at Calcutta and at Silchar. The Darzo-kai ferry also has to be looked into.

The off-road vehicles cannot be disposed yet because the CB1 is examining the related matters.

The main reason for slow despatch of rice is the delay caused by F.C.I. in releasing the rice.

Selection of abbreviation of vehicular numbers is not at our own discretion. It needs approval of Central Government, and if considered necessary the matter may be re-examined. But I feel that the present one is quite good.

For a Director of Supply and Transport, an IAS Officer is required but there are no Mizo IAS Officer available just now. The difficulty is that we have no senior Mizo IAS Officers, As for Mr. Gupta, his initial appointment is Dy. Secretary in the Development Department.

SPEAKER : Those who agree to pass Ps. 41,77,000/- for Demand No 13 "Supply & Transport" may say "Aye" (Members said Aye)
Anyone opposing it (Silence) Then we have passed it.
Let us proceed to Demand No 14, which Education Minister may move.

**FU VAIVENGA
MINISTER**

Mr. Speaker Sir, on the recommendation of the Administrator of Mizoram, and with your permission, Sir, I move the Demand, No 14 for Rs. 2,09,54,000/= to meet the expenses during the year 1973-74 on Education in the Education Department.

SPEAKER : Anyone to speak ?

FU R. ZOLIANI :

Mr. Speaker, I am concerned about the teaching method, text books and facilities within Mizoram and sending of our students outside the state. They must be attended to immediately.

Some High Schools and M.E. Schools are provincialised and cannot we make Scout Organisation etc. compulsory.

There was Rs. 50,000/= or so meant for adult literacy, last year, but why nothing is provided this year ?

Of the many non-official organisations, I want that the YMA be given favour. For Hindi Training, our graduates must be preferred since they know our habits. It must also be seen if scholarships for our students could be enhanced.

PU C. LALRUATA : Mr. Speaker, there are many things to say.

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Firstly, the Department should know full particulars about the Schools before grants for buildings are given to them, because sometimes less needy schools are assisted.

The opinions given by the M.E.As should be given more attention too, as many problems can arise.

I also want that the private L.P. Schools should be taken over. There are two pre-Primary Schools in my Constituency, we feel that they are very good, and more such schools may be opened.

Why is there no provision for College Buses this year. They badly required buses.

There are six Cinema Operators under Social Education, and one Driver, but without any Machine or Vehicles, how are these people to be used ?

For Voluntary Organisations, the Y.M.A.s should get assistance. We do not seem to give adequate attention to N.C.C. too Provision for Museum is also too little.

PU K.L.ROCHAMA : Mr. Speaker, many things have to be said, and looking at our Education System, the Department has not done much.

High Schools are opened more or less on commercial basis, giving inflated figures to get more grants. Corruption has infiltrated our educational organisation.

The Headmasters spend most of their times to get their Schools provincialised, and they give little attention to teaching in their schools. Not daring to detain their students after examination, this has subsequently resulted in the youths becoming idle. Spot verification and inspection must be given importance

It must also seen if the schools really exist and function the proposed provincialisation of M.E. School at Pharva last year was an example of such strange thing. Outright falsehood will destroy us.

What is to be done about Govt. Teachers not being promoted to Headmaster in newly provincialised High School ? Perhaps they may go to law courts.

Pre-Primary Schools are something that should be encouraged. They are really very good, and the provision earmarked here is rather meagre.

One Inspector is using M.E. School Teachers in his office on the plea that he has no staff. Saiba must have another Inspector because the area is too far away.

The grant given to Lunglei College, where a Science Department has also been started, is a bit small cannot this be enhanced?

PU LALKUNGA: Mr. Speaker, the Education Department is not very fair in regard to appointment.

In the advertisement of the Joint Director, knowledge of Mizo was prescribed, but how could persons not knowing Mizos apply. I want to say this to caution the authorities.

For Phuldungsei Govt. M.E. School, they required one who passed training in Grade "A", though there is such a candidate they appointed a Grade "B" candidate.

In giving deficit grants to M.E. Schools and High Schools, grants are given unfairly, probably due to lack of knowledge about the actual positions. Therefore, inspections must be given importance.

It is often heard about the difficulties faced by Mizo students at Shillong in respect to the Scholarships. It is a disgrace for our state if our students face difficulties which others do not face.

It would be good if matters be sorted out quickly so that we may send out more people to foreign countries for higher studies.

PU SAITLAWMA : Mr. Speaker, many things need be said, but other members had pointed out many things.

Due to false reports made by some schools, grant-in-aid are not given fairly, because then, the schools giving correct reports suffer. This is because there is no inspection done adequately.

Moreover, teaching staff in deficit schools are often too much involved in party politics. The Govt. should look into this.

Changphai Colleges appears to be getting more grant than Lunglei College, but for the length of its

existence alone, Lunlei College deserves more.

Text Books are obsolete, we have used metric system, but the old system are still taught according to the text books.

L.P.School No.4 at Vanlaiphai is badly in need of building grants because the building cannot be completed, but School No.3 is strangely given the grant.

Public criticisms are widespread in regard to appointment of Sub-Inspectors was it not fairly done ?

PU SAPLIANA : Mr.Speaker, I think the Inspectors are not doing their works. The Saiha High School had never been inspected after it was provincialised. High Schools down to L.P.Schools must be inspected regularly. Unless the Departmental Officers take due care, education will go worse.

Steps must be taken up to fill up posts of Hindi Teachers with qualified persons without delay. Since medium of instruction is Mizo, 10 posts of L.P. Teachers in Lakher District, 12 in Pawi District and 8 in Chakma District are still lying vacant. If we go according to Community-wise, there may be problems, and so the posting of teachers must be re-examined.

For lack of teachers, one school in my Constituency was closed. Teachers from Pawi area face great difficulties during training at Aizawl for lack of accommodation.

If there are suitable candidates, persons of Chhimiupui District should be given preference to work in that area, as was already instructed by the Chief Secretary. I wonder if the cabinet approved this instruction, and if this instruction is heeded.

PU NGURDAWLA : Mr.Speaker, the text book must be revised immediately. It must relate to the way we are living. We need to give importance to Mathematics and Algebra is taught too late. It must be taught from a lower stage.

Our Geography is also wrong, we still teach that we are in a district of Assam. Some nursery rhymes we used to sing have very deep meanings, they should be collected and research done to study their meanings more thoroughly.

PU HIPHEI : Mr. Speaker, I think I'll need only three
DY. SPEAKER minutes.

I don't agree that we should insist on graduates for Headmasters of M.E. Schools. It is wrong to prefer B.As. to normal trained Teachers. Fresh graduate are not very useful. Trained people are much better.

Question of stipends is also pending somewhere. It must be found out and sorted out.

Pu Sapliana said 10 L.P. Teachers posts in Lakher area, but it is actually 6 posts. These must be filled up soon. Even if there may not be Class VI passed candidates, those who had experiences may be considered.

PU J. THANGHUAMA: Mr. Speaker, the Education Minister can do a lot for Mizoram. One Mizo boy went to the Southern area for inoculation duties, and he did a lot to spread Mizo Language in the area. In this way Mizo should be medium of instruction to make it more popular in this area.

Some M.L.As were complaining about the little weights given to their recommendations. But the recommendations of School Inspectors and the A.Os are just unreliable. The M.L.As. may be more reliable.

Nursery Schools are purely run on voluntary basis, and their usefulness is admitted by all. More should be opened and Government should help them to enable payment of better remuneration to the Teachers.

The case of Pu Lianzuala of the Basic Training School need proper examination.

Also Primary Schools in the temporary villages (Thlawnbawk) must also be recognised, because villagers cannot avoid living in temporary villages.

The Head teacher of Bulpui L.P. School received the grant for the school and used it for business purposes. What is the Government to do about him?

The High School Headmaster of Hnahlan has a false B.Sc. certificate, which has been brought to the notice of the Director. Action should be taken on this, since there are also many false certificates of Class VI with which people got admitted into Class VII.

Teachers are something like Pastors, and their character should be above reproach. But one teacher in Pu Dotinaia's Constituency has had 6 illegitimate children. The matter had been reported to the Director a long time ago. Such character should not be retained.

Text books are obsolete and need revision. The Director should note this. He is very active in his works, and we must appreciate this too.

PU VANLALHRUAIA: Mr. Speaker, the Education Department has made good impression because the Director has been a good choice. But the drawback is the absence of Joint Director or Deputy Director.

The grants given last year for school buildings were inadequate and small, we need to give additional 2 or 3 thousand to them again, particularly to schools in the interior.

Three teachers at Mimbung Govt. M.E. School was far from sufficient, and one has since left for Hindi training, another one is a bit abnormal. More teachers must be posted immediately.

The Headmaster of Hnahlan High School was reported as a Citizen of Burma but, when the charge failed, complaint against his B.Sc. Certificate were made. But this has been verified and his certificate is said to be alright.

Again, about appointment of L.P. Teachers we need many more of them, but only six more had been given to my Constituency. I request the authorities to give special consideration for this area.

PU VAIVENGA
MINISTER : Mr. Speaker, let me give only short replies. Mizos have fascination for education and just as the Jews erect Sinagogues wherever they live, we also tend to open schools everywhere. we live. But it is good to get very good advices and suggestions from the Members.

Our Budget is divided into plan and non-plan portions. A great cut was made on plan schemes, but now that our Chief Minister could get more fund from Central Government, we shall try to increase the allotments where they are necessary.

As for the High School, are we after the number or the quality. I feel that we should improve the existing ones first.

Improvement of Primary Schools is being processed. Some Members proposed that a Science Department be introduced in Pachhunga Memorial College, Aizawl. I would also like to point out that the Security Forces have now vacated Basic Training Centre and its hostel. The Building will need some sort of repair so as to make it suitable for training of teachers.

I agree with the Members that different schemes prepared for improvement of Education in Mizoram are far below our cherished expectation. But I would like to tell the Members that we are only making a start in this direction.

Lastly, I would like to say that provisions for Voluntary organisations and Cultural Organisations are quite insufficient. However, I request the Hon'ble Members to share with me the difficult situation which this Department is facing now and pass the Demand unanimously.

SPEAKER: It is now almost 9 P.M. Vehicles are arranged for the Members for their going-home. We will meet here again at 10 A.M. tomorrow. Now, the meeting is adjourned.

Meeting Adjourned at 8.45 P.M.

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