

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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9TH SITTING ON 29TH MARCH, 1973, AT 10 A.M.

PRESENT :

Pu H. Thansanga, M.A., B.T., Speaker in the Chair. One 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 : Let Pu Lalsangzuala ask his Question, No.40.

STARRED QUESTIONS TO WHICH ORAL ANSWERS WERE GIVEN.

* 40 PU LALSANGZUALA Mr. Speaker Sir, Will the Minister i/c Appointment be pleased to state—
(a) Whether it is a fact that all the Ministerial staff under the Govt. of Mizoram have been brought under a common seniority list taking the dates of entry into the Govt. District Council as the dates of seniority irrespective of whether the staff are UDA, LDA or Ty ist.
(b) If so, have promotions and appointments been made strictly according to the said list.

PU CH. CHUNGA Mr. Speaker Sir, Yes for the promotion of ministerial staff, the common seniority list had been made, according to their entry into the Govt. services. And, the promotion is made according to it.

PU LALSANGZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplementary Question : Yesterday, he said that they regarded these staff

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from D/C as Central employees and these from Assam employees, So, do the staffs of Assam get deputation allowances.

PU CH. CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir, I son't know whether they get deputation allowances at all. They are appointed for three years from the new govt. and will be settled later on.

PU LALSANGZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplementary Question: If however, UDA, KDA and Typist are put together in one seniority list, does the Govt. did the same in every offices.

PU CH. CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir, It is made officialdy taking seniority list from each offices.

SPEAKER : Question No. 41. Pu Lalsangzuala zawhna.

PU LALSANGZUALA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Will the Minister i/c Home Department be pleased to state-

(a) Whether it is a fact that ex-gratia grant as provided in the budget for 1972-73 is being given to only those persons who were killed by the M.N.F.

(b) Whether the Govt. propose to give financial assistance (ex-gratia grant) to these innocent people who last their lives during the make of the political d sturbances in Mizoram, other than those killed by the M.N.F?

PU CH. CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir,
(a) No
(b) The matter is under active consideration of the Government.

PU C. LALRUATA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplementary Question: Is there any proposal for it during the current financial year ?

PU CH. CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, Before, Assam Government gave from Rs 200 upto Rs 3,000, without any strict conditions. So, the rules for it is under consideration and it will unable to enforce during the current year.

PU K. SANGCHHUM : Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplementary Question : And so, is there any proposal during next year's budget?

PU CH. CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, If the rules are finished, the proposals will be considered.

PU J. THANGKHUMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplementary Question : If those who had already received from Assam apply for it will they be given again by Mizoram Government? If so, in what condition they will be given? Is there any proposal to give uniformly?

PU CH. CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, The list, in which the recipients and non-recipients is mentioned can be had and so the recipients will not be given again. It will not be done uniformly.

PU SANGCHHUM : Mr. Speaker Sir, Mention has not been made for ex-gratia grant in 1973-74 budget, so, how will it be given for the last year ?

PU CH.CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER: Mr.Speaker Sir, If this ex-gratia grant is approved by the Central Government, it will be done after the amount is chalked out.

PU C.CHAWNGKUNGA : Mr.Speaker Sir, Is the rule a long one and difficult to prepare? as it is too late now.

PU CH.CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER: Mr.Speaker Sir, We have sent to Government of India as it is necessary to have its approval.

PU R. DOTINAIA : Mr.Speaker Sir, Supplementary Question: How will it be done, if it is not given during the curent financial year ?

PU CH.CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER: Mr.Speaker Sir, The member may understand as it seemed it^{is} out of question.

PU C. LALRUATA : : Mr.Speaker Sir, When did they prepare and send the rule?

PU CH.CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER : Mr.Speaker Sir, I can not say the exact date.

SPEAKER : Question No.42. Pu Sangkhuma.

PU SANGKHUMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Will the Minister i/c Relief and Rehabilitation be pleased to state-

(a) Whether the Govt. of Mizoram is proposing to give relief to the people whose crops had been destroyed by Cyclone & hailstorms.

(b) If so, why, not?

PU CH. CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir,
(a) The matter is under consideration of the Government.
(b) Does not arise.

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DY. SPEAKER : Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplementary Question :
Whether the Govt. proposed to give relief to the people ^{whose} crops had been destroyed by cyclone, hailstorms and drought?

PU CH. CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, It will include all those of drought.

PU SANGCHHUM : Mr. Speaker Sir, How much money will be given to each family?

PU CH. CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, It has not been fixed yet, it will be given as much as possible like before.

PU HRANGAIA : Mr. Speaker Sir, It is a great pleasure that relief has been given to the victims of cyclone and hailstorms, but will it not be possible to give according to the reports given by village officials?

PU C.CHAWNGKUNGA : Mr.Speaker Sir, Though it mentioned as crops, will it also cover the houses destroyed?

PU CH.CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER : Mr.Speake/r Sir, It is also paid through A.O., but we will consider those who do not receive accordingly.

PU SANGKHUMA : Mr.Speaker Sir, The people of my constituency like Darlawn, Ratu Verøek etc. suffered much due to drought, but do not receive any relief, when will you able to give such relief ?

PU CH.CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER : Mr.Speaker Sir, I can not say exactly.

PU HIPHEI
DY.SPEAKER : Mr.Speaker Sir, Supplementary Question: We have often came across fire nowadays, so, will it be possible to include those wictims together with these?

PU CH.CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER : Mr.Speaker Sir, The case of burnt village will be considered separately.

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SPEAKER : Question No.43.Pu Sapliana.

PU SAFLIANA: Mr.Speaker Sir, Will the Minister i/c LAD be pleased to state-

(a) Whether it is a fact that Govt. has sanctioned Funds to the three District Council's in Mizoram as Grant in Aid, after Mizoram U.T. came into being.

(b) If so, whether Government is satisfied that these funds are properly utilised by the Councils ?

(c) Whether the Govt purposed to create a separate Department to look after the Administration of the three District Councils, ~~now~~ under LAD the live of Assam.

PU VAIVENGA
MINISTER :

Mr. Speaker Sir,

(a) Yes

(b) Yes

(c) There is no such proposal for consideration of the Government.

PU C.LALRUATA:

Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplementary Question : Can you let us know the amount sanctioned to each

District Councils?

PU VAIVENGA:
MINISTER :

Mr. Speaker Sir, The total is Rs 14,50000/-. We can show if the members demand.

PU SAITLAWMA :

Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplementary Question: Is there any Accounts Auditor for these three District

Councils? If I am not mistaken, The Accountant General can not audit District Councils, and it was practice during the term of District Council also, so, is it done likewise, to these District Councils?

PU VAIVENGA
MINISTER :

Mr. Speaker Sir, Let the hon'ble member pardon me for there is no such question.

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PU NGURDAWLA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplementary Question : How was the grant-in-aid has been given, for funds of the three District Councils or for establishment as a whole?

PU VAIVENGA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, It is given for their own keep up, and plan is given separately.

PU SAPLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplementary Question : There is a lot of ru our like the Govt of Mizoram does not given grant in aid, and has it been released? The Chief Executive Member of Chakma District Council purchased an old Jeep by Rs 25,000/- so is there any aim to audit this? Being the three District Councils are under LAD, is there any proposal to create posts.

PU VAIVENGA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, Funds are prepared to release all.

It is hope for their own benefit and entrusted to give report properly. We do not regard the three District Councils as Village Council, but *for convenience they are placed under* local administration.

PU CH. SAPRAWNGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to know how far it is true that account of the P.L. Council can not be audited due to improper means. So, whether the Government is proposing to give assistance in accounts works to them? I would like to know how the Government consider it.

PU VAIVENGA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, It seemed that they do agree to our discussion to interfere in case of expenditure and staff.

PU HIPHEI
DY.SPEAKER: Mr.Speaker Sir, According to Lt.Governor's speech the amount sanctioned for the three D/C is Rs 375 lakhs so, if they do not spend all, can the Mizoram Government use it? Or will it be given all to them ?

As they are under one local administration difficulties arose due to lots of works for the heads of Department and due to long distance for those secretaries of the District Councils. So there is a lot of difficulties from each side. Therefore, does the Government proposes to put them under a separate secretary for Department?

PU VAIVENGA
MINISTER : Mr.Speaker Sir, They are put under one secretary and it is the aim of the Government also to put Under Secretary to assist him. The Government also hoped to use the sanctions properly.

PU SANGCHEUM : Mr.Speaker Sir, Supplementary Question : The improper expense of the P.L.Region before Mizoram U.T. came into being had been pointed out by Accountant General. Does the Mizoram U.T. know about it ?

PU VAIVENGA
MINISTER : Mr.Speaker Sir, The case will be considered and also that of the arrears.

SPEAKER : All right, we have finished the questions and we'll take up another item of budget discussion. Let the Health Minister move Demand No 15.

GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET FOR 1973-74 (contd.)

PU VALVENGA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, On the recommendation of the Administrator of Mizoram, and with your permission Sir, I move the Demand No.15 for Rs. 1,64,78,000/- to meet the expenses during the year 1973-74 on Medical, Public Health & Family Planning in the Health and Family Planning Department. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Demand for medical Department is Rs 1,64,78,000/-. Is there anyone to speak on it.

PU K.L.ROCHAMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, As Demand No.15 includes not only medical but also Public Health and Family Planning, there is a lot to say. But I will point out only those which I consider to be important. From the time, which we are under Assam Government the administration of medical department is one of the most corrupted. It is also true to some extent that those staff, doctors and nurses, who have received transfer orders can remain at the stations of their choice. So, I am aware of such practices in our Mizoram.

Firstly, I would like to say about their discipline. These officers need to be real humanitarians physically and mentally. Some days passed, I went to a Civil Hospital to pay visit to my friend, but as I don't know where he was, I asked some nurses. But, they replied me to search myself. Though they were doing nothing, some of them were even dressing. So, I said to myself, "I wish those nurses of hospitals in other countries are here even though they may not be Christians". But I don't disclose who am I. Hospital is meant for those who are sick, who need healing. So, I want the Mizoram Government to urge these staff to look after the patients with care and zeal.

Next, I would like to say again about their discipline. We were short of medicine due to small supply, but even than, the use of it is improper.

I had already pointed out in the last year's budget session that even a single tablet of A F C cannot be had from Lunglei Civil Hospital and many other dispensaries. There may have been some truth in the jokes that medicines shall be more in the houses of unhealthy families than hospitals. It is not doubtful that medicines are leaked out from the staff. It is also clear that the supply of medicines by the Government are misused in this way. Medicines can be purchased from compounders, pharmacists, & nurses while there are no medicines in the hospitals. So, it is necessary to be strict because all this rumours are true to some extent and I would like to take action to those who are well caught.

In case of administration, it is not satisfactory in our dealing with hospital compound. Especially, site for tea shop was allotted near medical hospital at Lunglei and was finished and occupied already. But though it is ordered to break it down, even today, it stand with more customers. If those who does not obey orders would share benefit, our administration will soon fail.

And I would like to add in case of posting. In the last year's budget, there is a sanction for C.S. in the Civil Hospital at Lunglei and 11 (eleven) specialists' posts in Mizoram. It seemed the appointment of C.S. had been done already, I would like to urge the appointment of ~~one~~ and 1 specialist in the C. Hospital before the end of April. and I beg to request assurance from the Minister i/c for Lunglei & Saiha.

PU R. ZOLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I won't be able to say all the Departments under Demand No 15 but taking generally, that Rs 20,000/- had been sanctioned for stipend for medical student in the last year's budget but it is 'nil' in this years' budget.

Here in Mizoram, we are wanting of doctors, even non-Mizos because of insufficient stipend. There is allotment for about Rs 90,000/- under Plan for medical trainees which is top necessary to undergo several trainings. And I want the Government to give even nurse in rural areas and Group Centres if dispensaries are impossible.

We have often said a lot regarding water supply of the Public Health Department. It will be very good to complete those schemes which are prepared under the Assam Government.

Specially, about Rs 10,000/- has been allotted for Aizawl Lunglei and Saiha under maintenance and repair. I beg to ask the Minister whether there is allotment under maintenance and repair, which are neither plan nor non-plan.

PU C. LALRUATA : Mr. Speaker Sir, As the honourable member who spoke before me, it can be regarded as of three Departments. And I would like to have more time for it. However, according to Pu Rochama, Medical Department is a corrupted one, and I would like to point out the corruptions of Civil Hospital. Though the Mizo Director seemed to be very strict it is dangerous to misguide. I used to be with the staff nurses, doctors, and sweepers as I often visit the place due to illness. So, from it, I came to know that the one who keeps administration fails to exercise powers. The one is S D M & H O before but now it appeared that C.S. have administrative power, and there is no co-operation at all. It will be very good if there is an efficient doctor and 4/5 efficient nurses. Therefore, it is necessary to change those staff if we want the Civil Hospital to be good. It is so necessary for the favour of the poor and the rural people because it is pleasant for the popular men and not for the poor. The responsibilities lay not on the nurses but on the authority who keeps its administration. If we want the Civil Hospital to be good, I would like them to have staff meeting often, instructing how to behave or so by the authority. So, I would like the Health Minister to make note of it.

Again, according to Pu Zoliana, there is no allotment of stipend of medical training. There will never be an improvement for the country if there is no stipend sanction for medical students. There is also rumour that C.S. have takes charge of Dy. Director in addition to his work. If this is true I think it will be very improper, that one acts for

for two post. It is necessary to reshuffle. let C.S. be promoted to Dy. Director ^{and another C.S. be appointed in his place.} These are all the cause of weakness for the Department.

It is also necessary to shuffle Public Health as it is under P.E. as we have talk ill about PE very much. Being M.L.A. and Party Secretary, once I went to his office. But he did not allow my follower and me to get in together, arguing not to say anything of personal interest. But I replies him that it was inevitable to say personal interest which is of public. Therefore, I don't think such kind of persons, who failed to respect the representative of the people be loyal for our country.

PU HRANGAIA : Mr. Speaker Sir, We had a brief general discussion on Medical & P.W.D. before. But, it is pleasant before in case of medical, specially the Civil Hospital of Aizawl regarding building, supply of medicine, etc. Truly speaking, it improved much than before and hope for its further improvements. But I would like to say some for the consideration of this Department, its Minister and its staff. During the period of the British, which the Superintendent was the legislator and executive, Medical Department independent.

Therefore, though it is a hospital, it sometimes seems to be a house of arguing. So in this new government of U.T., I want the authority, Minister etc. not only to mind for themselves but for the good of the people. As Yu-Lochana had said, I feel that the nurses of Aizawl C. Hospital are more shrewd than those of Delhi, Madras etc. and strongly think that the administration fails. So, I want the Minister to give lecture that the Department is under the new government of U.T. not like that of an independent department under the British rule.

We had one efficient C.S. before who used to told the visitors to visit patient which is a great medicine for them. .be

of that kind. Likewise, I want the staffs, doctors and nurses to be honest, like those of Mission Hospitals. If not, it will be better to change all our hospitals into Mission Hospital.

Regarding rural areas, we carried many dispensaries without medicines and administration like in a big Group Centre of Tlungvel. Thought I am a member ~~from~~ Tlungvel, even now, I don't know where the dispensary is situated. Therefore, I want to look after those place where ~~hundreds~~ of people inhabited. In Thingsulthlah and Baktawng it is tolerable but not in Tlungvel. Therefore, I think that it will be good for patient also to develop more in those areas.

PU C.CHAWNGKUNGA : Mr.Speaker Sir, It is a great pleasure to have discussion on ~~the~~ Demand No 15. The government could not be able to function now regarding medical Department. There are signboards without medicine and staffs. The staffs used to visit dispensary at intervals without looking after. I want the Minister i/c to put this in mind that the work of medical department is tolerable in an 'engine areas' but not 'in a Yoke areas' who communications are very difficult.

It will also be more beneficial that porters must be sent to carry medicines in ~~an~~ interior parts without working in some personal work. Same days passed, one person from the constituency of Pu Ngurdawla returned from ^{and visited with his family} and as we enquired the matter he said that the nurses ~~only~~ used to scald him and hopes ~~to~~ be improved in his ~~own~~ family. So, let a mere scalding be stopped in the hospital.

And, I don't think family planning to be practicable. Many get operated causing madness and ill health. Many women took bad advantages from it also. I feel it will only be good for ~~the workers~~ ~~to earn income.~~

PU CH.SAPRAWNGA : Mr.Speaker Sir, I felt more importance in building for the improvement of the hospitals. Good accomodation is neccessary for patient and I would like to build by cement conerete so as to accomodate patient loosely. The poor accomodation might be the reason of nurse's scolding.

Again, I want the authority to make note of things that fly-proof arrangement is not difficult as a lot of flies swarm around the patients. The latrines and urinals in the hospitals are very bad that smell can be leaked out. Therefore, it is necessary to improve much, spending more money as it should be like hospitals in the new Government.

I also want to build a better hospitals at Lunglei, Saiha, and Champhai, posting more doctors and giving more stipends to trainees.

Besides these, a common thing nowadays putting of leop can be dangerous and need further treatment of doctors. I knew that it is not practicable in a place where there is no doctors to look after and can be dangerous for health even.

It is also necessary to take more steps and the sanction of grant is made according to population basis. Thank you.

PU ZALAWMA :

Mr. Speaker Sir, I am planning to speak put after Pu Ch. Saprawnga. It is inevitable for me to stand, that I consider that we inherit negligence of work from the former government, Assam government, which is impossible to abandon in an overnight time. Nextly, we are in short of the staff here, as we look into other states, even in Dibrui there are 10 doctors for 200 beds. So, in other places they are not in lack of the staff who are essential for the keep up of Civil hospitals. But here one works administration operation and examination at a time, Therefore it is necessary to take whatever step for its development. The present scheme for its building was of below standard. And on this point I would like to blame the Ministry for not making the scheme with more standard and not considering the imports of experts from outside for it. Truly speaking the enlargement for that hospital is not difficult and will be good for the staff as well as the Public if the Ministry make scheme for huge building.

Again, supply management is poor and bad quality of rice is supplied which to some extent can affect the patient. So, I want the case of supply to be considered.

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While we were in Assam, a special pay was given for doctors to work in Mizoram and can earn about Rs 700/- while they earn Rs 400/500/- outside. So, I would like to know whether the Ministry propose any kind of special pay in the scale or allowances for them. If not, we will still be in want of the staff.

Let the Ministry also consider to have more vans for transporting medicine in order avoid non-availability of medicines in many rural dispensaries.

It is also very bad that Public Health is under PE who is ~~not like a doctor~~, grimacing at the Ministry by pending hundreds of bill of 1971-72.

~~He is a~~ ^{featherless} ~~pecker~~. It only means corrupt, or to be ~~pecked~~. Whatever it may be, I won't suffer in this House, for he can not arrest me and it is a mere Mizo term being Zoram Assembly. Therefore, I want the authority to transfer him, or ~~be~~ kick him out whom I consider as immature, ~~and~~ unable for work. So, let it be enough here, though I will speak a lot on FWD.

PU K. SANGCHHUM: Mr. Speaker Sir, Though blancing much of Medical Department, it also faced various difficulties. If the Government provide more vehicles for the transportation of medicine, lots of parcel bearing the name of Saiha and many rural areas should have been supplied smoothly.

I will keep on saying that two doctors are allotted for Saiha but taking district wise, it is nil for Pawi and Chakma district. So, I want the Government to past more doctors quickly and also to be more careful in distributing medicines that in some places medicines are laying without any pharmacist nor nurses to look after them. Like in Sangau there was no medical staff from last year and so, where would all the medicines go.

And, I would like the Government to execute the new rule on medical re-imbursment. The rules stated in the Medical Attendance Rule 2(b) (1) - stating the counter sign of the Head of offices. If not, there can arise many difficulties. Even the Civil Surgeon can doubt his staff on this matter.

PU SAITLAWMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I have one thing in mind while discussing G.A.D.

Yesterday, regarding Demand 15. I don't know the reason why all the P As' to Minister could not have financial benefit while there is P A to D H S as stated.

I wondered why many hospitals like that of Zobawk could not have medicines though the staff are said to have indented very often. It should be beneficial for rural areas if the transport function properly.

The government must develop Lunglei Civil hospital by posting C.S. and Laboratory technician for the smooth working of X-Ray.

Aizawl Civil Hospital needs more vehicle. At Lunglei there is only one had vehicle which hampered the doctor's performances. So, It want the Government to put vehicle and telephone in the first importance.

Let the Government also manage to consider financial help and re-imbursment on such Mission hospital which will be greatly benefit the public.

Regarding P.H.E., it would be very good to put one more Assistant Unit Officer, of Malaria wept at Lunglei be also, not only at Aizawl. There is also only one laboratory in Mizoram which it is necessary to be increased. And will it be possible to include Zobawk in the P.L.Council Water Supply on page 288 of Budget Vol II ?

PU NGURDAWLA : Mr. Speaker Sir, In some big cities, some mischevious persons used to poison water causing many deaths to the public. So, it is necessary to put womeone in charge of our water supply for such preventions.

I also appreciate those members who are against the Family Planning. As India is a democratic country, family planning is not yet necessary for us- as we are low in population. Let it be used for special cases only, but I want, the Department not to propagate family planning much now.

One more thing, I would like to say that though Malaria Department is under Medical Department due to some improper means, there is always faikures. For example, one vaccinator at Sairang ^{refused} to report himself ^{to} Dispensary, regarding himself from a different department. And it also seemed that attendance is not recorded in various rural areas.

I have not come to know that as P E is such kind of person to public. But according to me, he seemed to be not interested in our development regarding communication. So, it is very important to transfer such kind of man.

PU HRANGVELA : Mr. Speaker Sir, It appeared that the sanctioned money mention in the book and page is not same. It is Rs 190000/- in the book which it is written as Rs 160,000/- in the page, so where will the remarry Rs 30000/- should go? Was it not a mistake?

I am afraid to be true ^{that lots of} of parcels lying in the hospital compound are due to non-availability of transport. It will be good for the Government to consider these quickly.

As I have said in the last year 's budget session, in many rural areas there are only signboard in the dispensary with cut any medicines. If our new Government alloted 2/3 IV Grade staff in an interior places, medicines can be transported smoothly.

I think that we might fail to get more doctors according to the reply of the hon'ble Minister. As we are in need of more doctors, it will be good to increase their pay also. Let those doctors from outside Mizoram be given special allowances, if not in such interior places.

could never get doctors. So, I beg to request the Government to put this in mind.

Though PHE works smoothly, but it is complaint in many places. During the former preparation of budget, I submitted prayer for water supply in many constituency. But they replied me in a negative due to unmotorable roads. After this, I submitted again mentioning the people are willing to do the work in self help scheme. But, as we look into the budget look Rs 400,000/- is allotted for Serchhip and given again Rs 400,000/- below. In some place, though we asked very often Sanction is not given. So, I want the Government to give sanction on same equal basis.

FU VANLALHRUAIA : Mr. Speaker Sir, One thing which I hear in mind is that, same honorable members want the swift development of Medical Department. In companision with the days while we are under Assam Government. We have achieved lot of development in Aizawl as well as in rural areas. I would like to say that if the same doctor refused to sign his prescription, it is his own fault regarding medical re-imbursment.

In the former budget, I, myself also spoke a lot for more purchase of vehicle for smooth transport, but even then, mention has not been made in the budget. And I would like to take load of medicine by Civil Supply rate.

Further, I would like to build staff quarters in rural areas by puca building not a mere huts as well as dispensary and hospital.

This year, my constituency has been included in the budget regarding PHE but I would like to know whether they really function.

Water Supply in Aizawl is not proper. The mohurrir used to supply water while drunk, used to sell one Gallon by Rs 5/- and leave at half day. Therefore, for such water supply, ~~an~~ efficient staffs are required.

The present Civil hospital is unable to lodge more patients. So, it will be very good to open on in the southern area which is said to be done. As Aizawl is now a big town, only one hospital could not hold. Therefore it is very important to put this in mind.

Again, I would like to know whether the Government could manage medical reimbursement from Durtlang and Serkawn hospital. Thank You.

PU J. THANGHUAMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, It seemed that the Ruling Party moved no confidence motion, even though we need not their help. As we are discussing budget today, I am not like, the Ruling Party Chief Whip who said to speak few but spoke for a long time, but I, would like to say as long as you can spare time for me. I had been for about one week at Civil hospital. Though I find the staffs are good but it seemed that there is one thing improper in its administration, regarding the transfer of many nurses, and the promotion of many nurses. It might be the reason, as many members are a afraid of misguiding the Minister. But I don't know who can misguide him but it is important to know that one. I think to be good, that promotion should be made to those senior staffs as the charge of Civil Surgeon S D M O and even Dy. Director is under one person.

It is very bad that warm water can not be had in the hospital. Only those who are in private ward and those known to kitchen personnels can have it.

And it is very bad that mention had not been made for blood transfusion. Somedays back, one patient is taken to Zemabawk and again to Durtlang due to non-availability of blood transfusion.

It is also very necessary to improve X-Ray and electricity supply.

The non-availability of medicine in the dispensary is sometimes due to the changing into liquor. The distribution of medicine by pharmacists need to be listed daily. So, I want the daily expenditure be recorded.

I also want the meaning of grant in aid to non governmental institution amounting Rs 2,50,000/- and Rs 90,000/- If the appointment of Surveillance Worker in the Malaria Department appeared in various newspapers are true, it is necessary to re-examine.

The patients in the Mizawl Civil Hospitals are given prescription and need to purchase it. For the Government servants it is not difficult as it can be re-imbursed from Government. But for the poorer classes, there is no way for re-imburement. Therefore, I want it to be refunded for the poorer people.

And it very had that there is often no sugar supply in the hospital while there is a lot in various tea stalls. If it is not supplied by the contractor, let another contractor be called for it. If there is no stock, it should be considered specially. Thus though I have a lot to say more, there is no more time, so, let me end up here.

SPEAKER : Now, we have reached the noon-time though we have done only one. It seemed that we will be too late again. However, we will now call upon the Minister-in-charge and let him say now.

PU VAIVENGA MINISTER: Mr.Speaker Sir, In case of this demand No.15. I am grateful to the hon'ble members for they gave me good understanding for our difficulties.

In the Medical department we are just beginning in this new administration and it seems that we are making a progress. We are now having a Mizo Director and we have a great expectation or hope upon him. You have also pointed out about the corruption of

the administration and ~~that~~ *that* was true to a large extent. In this regard of improving the administration. I hope we will all try our best to work.

I have noted down what you, the members said and we don't have time now to give you all the answers. But we will see the matters continually.

Then, in this department, there are other departments included in it like Medical, Family Planning and Public Health. We are not having enough building, particularly for the Medicals. If we look at our work ~~Scheduled~~, pages 11 & 12, it shows about the Medical. The Aizawl Hospital is proposed to be extended to accommodate more beds. We are facing various difficulties in the villages, but with the help of public, we are trying to construct a temporary houses for the Doctor & Nurse Quarters.

In case of the Medical supply, we did not have a firm from where to be bought, but now, we are having such and we also ~~made~~ *made* rules so that it can be purchased also from our local dealers. A central store is proposed to be made.

It is rather difficult to send medical goods to the villages and we sometimes sent with the help of Transport Department. But now we are having our own Medical Vehicles and besides we use civil vehicles ~~as well~~ *as well*. Grade IV is also added and they will do by a head load system where vehicles cannot be used.

Food supply in the Hospital has greatly improved now. Formerly, the rate was fixed at Rs.2.25p for once, but it goes up now to a rate of Rs.4.00p per meal.

In the case of posting, there arise a question whether the doctors from outside would like to come here and if we fill up all the vacant posts now, our mizo medical students will be unemployed. We are now having 16 doctors.

It is also proposed to put more dispensaries on different places. The reason for the insufficiency of Vehicles is due to the company who are very slow.

As the hon'ble members said, stipend is not included in a non-plan. Let all these be what we could say about the medical department.

And, P H E is under our Medical Department. We are greatly in need of Water for our villages stood at hill tops. At Aizawl, we are using water which is piped out and when the power in disorder, we will face much difficulties. We are also trying to supply all the P.P.V. centres wherever possible.

What our hon'ble opposition member said about Grant in aid to non Government we gave grants to the Mission Hospital at Serkawn and Durtlang Synod Hospital.

SPEAKER : We have discussed about the demand No.15 on Medical and P.H.E. and Rs.1,64,78,000/- in it and now let the members who agreed may say aye (Members said aye), Is there any who has objection (Members were quiet). We have passed it.

Now, we will go to Demand No.16 and let the Minister-in-charge move that.

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.16 for Rs 1,19,38,000/- to meet the expenses during the year 1973-74 on Agriculture, Forest/Soil Conservation and Veterinary in the Agriculture and Forest Department. Thank You.

SPEAKER : Now, the Demand No.16 on Agriculture, Forest/Soil conservation and Veterinary 1973-74 for Rs. 1,19,38,000/- had been moved and let the members say about it now.

PU J.THANGHAMA : Mr.Speaker Sir, I said about the agriculture Yesterday, too and as our hon'ble members said, I have to say a very important matter regarding ~~the~~ Paddy fields in such places like Phaisen and Chempai without going space to the poorer section. For wants of certain grants, they were preparing small Bighas. Therefore, we will have to make a Land

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Ceiling is our land. I would like to request our Minister + i/c to give time for the villagers.

As a report that reached me, there was a great corruption in the department of **Soil** conservation. It is rather a miracle about a Range Officer at Lunglei who has lakhs of rupees. I want the authority to take action. If the administration dare not take the action upon those what our hon'ble members suggested, the administration must be wiped away.

Our hon'ble member, Pu Chawngkunga said something about the Forest Department. Our Forest in and around Aizawl is almost destroyed and to preserve the few remainings, we are taking hundreds of Foresters. Therefore, we must take great care upon our forest and we also must try to find out some other way in case of taking the fire-woods too. When we ask about the numbers of Forest Guard at Aizawl, the Minister-in-charge can give us the answer. But if we ask how many trees were cut down, the answer will be none. Therefore, I am thinking whether the Forest Guards are not doing their duties, and I want them be checked carefully.

Last January, the Agriculture Officer there at Bilkhawthlir ordered some people to prepare for rice fields. In case of an Estimate, "I am the estimate!" said he. The wage was fixed at Rs. 5/- per day. The wage was received uptill the 15th. January, but those who received were very few of them. I want to know by whose authority this was ordered and by what rule it was done. And also why the wages were not given fully if it was ordered ?

Last year, there was a notification regarding the issue of seeds. Here, instead of supplying the seeds of bannanas, the plantain seeds were issued and I wish that this thing will not be repeated this year. And as such, the seeds of rice also should be checked carefully.

I think the Agriculture Deconstruction Farm is an unnecessary thing. It may solve the employment problem in some case, but as we said in the last budger session, it seemed that we are purchasing one maize at Rs.20/- or 30/-.

We are also discussing about making a Paper Mill while we are destroying our forests. Let the Forest Guards do their real job from now on so that the destruction of our forests may become less.

PU CH.SAPRAWNGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, The case of agriculture in our budget is unsatisfactory. Now we are having round about one crore for it. But if we use the same old method in the agriculture we can not make any improvement. We had a discussion on agriculture two by us, the planning Board and we gave even a top priority there. We also passed in the Mizo Union Assembly, too and gave top priority there. It seems that if we do not mechanise our agriculture, we will not be able to make an improvement. As I have already said, I rather feel sorry for we did not provide with about ten (1) (10) bulldozers. In the plan, the central sanctioned 5 crores and our chief Minister added by one more crore. I thought we will buy some numbers of bulldozers out of this money. But now that money of one crore was said to have gone to P.W.D. and Education Department. If things are going as such, we will not improve our agriculture and there will not be a time for the improvement of our economy. Therefore, we are greatly in need of 4 or 5 or 10 bulldozers.

Our opposition leader had criticized the Thinglawl Farm and we know that it was not making much progress. But making a Dry Terrace with the help of fertiliser, while sowing early variety of paddies can be successful and it was successful last year too. Such places like Phaison or Chemphai and Bunchang can not be reclaimed without bulldozers. With the help of bulldozers, we can flatten these block places and we can also do reclamation.

Then, we spent lots of money for weedicide, but we did not use it too much. Some people used it (weedicide) for catching fishes and by this, we spoilt the rivers. Therefore, I would like to say that the aims of the agriculture is not satisfactory.

PU NGURDAWLA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to point out that we were spending large amount of money on agriculture and there were various experiments. It was practised in many places, but as I have said in the other places

SPEAKER : We will now have a recess and we will start again at 1:30 P.M. Let the Rules Committee gather now.

Recess til 1:30 P.M.

SPEAKER : Before we go to our business, the Rules Committee had gone through the Rules draft and as we have announced some days back, it is said as Rules No.31 that rather than saying Mizo in case of the official language, it will thus be called official language. In any speech, any language can be used though it will be translated into English. Instead of saying "which is not Mizo", it will rather be said as:- "Which is not the official language". Is there anyone who has an objection? If we don't have an objection, let the members say 'aye' (The members said 'aye'). Well, we agreed and it will be adopted.

16. ~~Three members have said~~ We have not yet finish our demand No. 16. Three members have said and those who did not say will be called now.

PU C.LALRUATA : Mr.Speaker Sir, I have to say some wards on regard to our present demand. It will not be a criticism, but it will rather be some sort of an advice. We all said that our method of shifting cultivation, but this method cannot be changed at once. I used to think ow we can make an improvement in our Jhuming.

I think we can give an encouragement to the farmers by giving rewards or prices or cups while doing the same practice of this shifting cultivation. As we already said, we can improve our agriculture with regard to rice cultivation, etc. with the help of buldozer which means that we are mechanising our cultivation. Then=we will be able to make a great progress. But it will be difficult to purchase large numbers of buldozers at a time for even one buldozers costs about two lakhs of rupees.

Anyhow for the improvement and advancement of our agricultures, we are in need of as many bulldozers as possible. In some of the places where they are doing terrace cultivation, there is a great insufficiency of water supply.

Recently we visited Nagaland and there we saw the practice of hill terrace. But due to lack of water supply, especially during the autumn, it may almost be impracticable in our hilly regions. I like the Agriculture Department to think about making drains or taking by pipes in such places.

There are tractors and power tiller besides bulldozers. But the power tiller seems to be advantageous for the reclaimed paddy fields. However, there are many fields which are already reclaimed in our country and for those who can not purchase power tiller will still be beneficial if we can give them for hire.

Lastly, in our Budget book of page 327, there appears the case regarding the Demonstrator. It says that they numbered 35 altogether. There is a rumour about amalgamating some Gramsevaks in the Agriculture Department. There are various Gramsevaks and the sevikas as well. We all knew that the sevikas are facing much difficulties in particular. For they (Gramsevaks) were working in the Blocks, too, they are said to be having troubles in case of their services. I therefore like our ministry to pay attention when they are taken in the Agriculture Department about their services.

PU R.ZOLIANA : Mr.Speaker Sir, I have to say few words on demand No.16. There are three different department in the agriculture though we did not yet give much notice. Our Finance Minister said in his speech that this budget is prepared for the improvement of our economy.

Agriculture is quite important for the development of our country, but there is not sufficient money when we look at it. The time had already

come to mechanise our agriculture. If it is possible. I think it will be for better to buy rice out of the money we get from such agricultural crops like cauliflower, etc.

I think there were officers' posts in the budget of last year and more posts were created again in our new budget. I want our ministry to go through it once again.

Then, the Forest and Soil conservation are almost similar. I was thinking what the Soil Department is doing, maybe they are doing very little ~~more~~ works

There is an important thing in our budget which can effect our policy. There is an Inner Line Reserve mentioned in the department of Soil Conservation. I want the administration to examine its Soil in the Road and to make progress. Our opposition Leader has pointed out about the fields (paddy) at Chhimluang and said that they were in receipt of thin development; and I therefore want it be seen thouroughly.

In the Soil Department, Rehabilitation Forest, is mentioned and this seemed to be of a grant of aid. If it appears to be only about Rs 10,000/- it is very little. For the Inner Line Reserve and Soil Conservation can effect our political matters. I want it to be scrutinized once again. Thank You.

PU HRANGAIA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I used to speak on the theme of the Agriculture even in the time of District council, but they were in vain. I made a request in the Planning committee, too about buying a bulldozer. Even after our Chief Minister increased the budget from the Planning Board, we did not still have a money to buy one thing and I was so upset. I am also suggesting to open a training centre in our country so that we can clearly study our soil.

It is rather a surprise to me that even after spending large amount of money it was not successful in the agriculture. We can be successful to make paddy fields in such places like Champhai, Vanlaphai and the region of Mat river near Bawngchawm.

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There is not any constituency that has no passes for paddy fields, but there is none to be seen preparing paddy fields. Therefore, rather than writing on the table only, we must do the real work. Our people know well which soil or which region will be suitable for the paddies or rice, and so we can make the agriculture success by looking those families and by examining them from time to time who will work hardly. I think we can make a progress by doing as such.

PU R.DOTINAIA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I am not going to criticize the budget itself, but I am going to say as our chief Whip has already said. We are declining year after year in our agriculture and this reason may be due to the practice we are carrying on and it may also be due to the wrong instructions given by this Agriculture Department.

It may also be due to the lack of ~~an~~ instruments. Now, we are in a better position and it is also a time to change our way of practice. To change our practice, we should use machines so that our condition can be improved.

Pu Vawmphunga could be mentioned for a good example. He pleased the Assam Chief Minister and the Chief Minister gave him a bulldozer. Then Pu Vawmphunga prepared his paddy field at Chomphai with the help of this bulldozer. Then large amount of rice came from there, his Chomphai paddy field. There are lands which are to be reclaimed in such places like Champhai, N. Vanlaiphai and Mat area. But it will be difficult to do so only with the help of spades or other materials while we can do easily with the help of bulldozer. Therefore, we will be able to do much reclamation in these regions.

I would also like to say some on the Director of Agriculture. I am not criticizing him personally, but I think we made a mistake in choosing him for this post. If we do not have an experienced and able one among the Mizos, we can find others from outside who will be better and has an interest upon the Agriculture. Animal Husbandry and Veterinary are under the Agriculture Department and I want them to be made into a separate Dir:

Directorate for they are very important and source of our income.

PU LALKUNGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to say some on Demand No.16. After I listened attentively, I think that this did not deserve to be passed. The ruling Party themselves are also not satisfied.

The other thing which I would like to point out is that though the Veterinary Department is making a progress. But, they could not cure the diseases spread upon the animals (domesticated). Not only in the grouping villages, but also in the Aizawl town itself, this disease killed numbers of the animals. For this reason, if they can not prevent the animals from the attacks of the diseases; our ministry can be blamed.

As the Hon'ble member Pu Dotinaia said four important Departments are under the head of one Department. I learnt that the Director does not entrust his Deputies and they did not make much progress.

Besides cultivating rice, let the yam and the sweet potatoes be grown whenever it is possible so that we can make a better and rapid development in our country.

PU SANGCHHUM : Mr. Speaker Sir, I strongly opposed what our member just before me said about the Agriculture.

Our present practice in case of our jhuming method means only the destruction of our forest for we were burning up everything.

Since the time of the Assam Government we were doing only an experiment, and not the real work. We should practise the system of terracing or Dry terrace, if not a rice field. We should also have a good road for the promotion of the Agriculture. Thank You.

PU C.CHAWNGKUNGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, In Demand No.16, its Budget is satisfactory and I am not going to criticize it. But we are still practicing the same method in case of our Agriculture as our fore-fathers used to practise which they were settling on the regions of Rûn and Tiay. Therefore, we must change our way of cultivation. We should consider the exact time when the seeds will be sown and so also the places which will be suitable for such seeds.

Certain experts had come out from Gauhati or Delhi and they advised of making a terrace. But that was failed.

I am sorry for we did not pay enough attention upon the Agriculture. We were under the Assam Government. for many years and what did we get in the Agricultural development till now? It is next to non. The Agricultural Department must be careful in contributing grants. It must be given to those who are doing the real work. Let the Agriculture Department teach the village farmers the right way of sowing seeds and let good plants or seeds be distributed among the cultivators and so also the usage of fertilizer, etc.

PU ZALAWMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, When looking at the Budget Demand, I am afraid there may not be an improvement in the Agriculture. It is also difficult for three departments are under one Directorate. There is not even a sufficient money to buy required machines etc.

We used to discuss during the time of D/C too about building an Agriculture of Research Institute. But there is not even a proposal and scheme upto now. I think we can be successful as the other countries are doing by sending out trainees etc. to foreign countries.

If we test our soils very carefully, we can locate the suitable places for certain plants. There are many flat lands to be explored like those places of Saikhawthlir and some parts of the western area, and also the area of Teirei. If tractors and bulldozers are put into service, there can be a land of around 1,000 acres to be utilised, which will benefit us to a great extent.

I would also like to suggest of posting an officer or Inspector at those stations of Agriculture Project Area, and if we can provide them with quarters, it will be more beneficial. I also think that Terrace cultivation can be useful in the Hill Slope.

Let quarters be constructed in every places where there is a Beat so that our forest can be better safe-guarded from stealing fire woods or trees.

SPEAKER : Now, let us call upon the Minister, For our next item, let only six members speak, other-wise we will be having more difficulties,

**PU R. THANGLIANA
MINISTER :** Mr. Speaker Sir, When I learnt that our members are having an interest upon the Agriculture and I am glad for it. When I listened attentively some of the members said that rather than the experienced or educated persons, the local people have a better knowledge while some of us have a suggestion of sending out trainees to other countries.

You have said that since that period while we were under the Assam Government., we had reclaimed many parts and spent lots of money for that, but there was not much to reap and it is unsatisfactory. But what is to be certain is that as our members said we will not be going in time to come in our agriculture as we are now. Our present method of jhuming is cutting down trees and burning up later on. We only spoil our soils in this way. In the future, as our population is increasing gradually it seems that we will surely use the method of terracing, and we will also be mechanising our method.

In the case of Land reclamation we are in receipt of Rs.5 lakhs last year, but they said land reclamation will not be suitable on Agriculture side and it will rather be done on the side of soil. In the case of labour mechanisation, we are going

to buy 2 (two) bulldozers and we are in receipt of 8 (eight) power tillers as well which brought to more than 20 power tillers totally with those which we had already.

There is one thing which must be considered carefully. We placed our power tillers in those places like at Bilkhawthlir and Vairen etc. But even for ploughing 1 Bigha, there is much consumption of petrol and the Driver can earn Rs.21/- for ploughing 1 Bigha. There are some people who preferred to draw in cash than using the tiller. For such cases, we have various difficulties. It appears that terracing could be successful since it was done with success at Kolasib and Sihphir. Therefore, we made a suggestion to spend more money for the land reclamation. We are now having many flat lands that are not yet ploughed or tilled. If there is not a flat land, we suggest that it will be terracing hill side. For this purpose, we are spending large amount of money in many parts.

Anyway, as our member Pu Chawngkunga said, the public must try to step forward in the Development. There are some people who would like just to draw out money but without showing any good result. If we are not trying to step forward, we will surely face various difficulties whether it is in the Agriculture or Development. The people should not think only about the grants or aids from the Government, but they should do the real job without expecting only grants from us. The public will work, only after which the Government will give them grants and certain aids.

There might be some mistakes in the supply of Agricultural seeds as you have already pointed out, it will be done this year more carefully. The question has arisen on the usefulnesses of the Demonstration Farm. For instance, the Dry Terrace had been done at Thingdawl to know whether it could be done without taking water, and this may be used as an example for the aim of the Demonstration Farm.

When you asked about placing four department departments under one Directorate, you may misunderstood the fact. It is only that such departments are looked after by one officer (Director) and takes all the charges for we could not find an officer for each of those departments. Forest and Soil are treated as one Directorate while Agriculture and the Animal Husbandry are having

the same Directorate. There are some of you who criticized the Director that he is not fit enough for his post; but we did not find his unfitnesses so far.

When you have pointed out about pending to locate certain officers in the Department, the fact is that the character roll is very important regarding officers. Now we've got that roll and it will not be too long to locate them.

If we have a confidence for the successes of terracing, we will be expecting some amount of money from the North Eastern Council which has 50 crores. We will then make a schema for it.

I will reply to what Pu J. Thanghuama said on miscellaneous parts that such orders should be given and they can order any person to do the work. But as our Finance Minister said, Rs 25 lakhs had been drawn and for that, they might not be able to repay their commitments very soon.

We will place the officers at Lunglei and Aizawl sooner or later. We are not having large numbers of Forest Guard here at Aizawl for we sent many of them to do counting work of bamboos and we are employing many persons as a daily labour.

SPEAKER :

Well, on the Demand No.16 of Rs 1,19,38,000/- for Agriculture, Forest, Soil Conservation and

Veterinary; let the members say 'aye' if they agreed (Members said 'aye'), and we passed it.

We will go to Demand No.17 and let the Minister i/c move so.

**PU R. THANGLIANA
MINISTER :**

Mr. Speaker Sir, On the recommendation of the Administrator of Mizoram, and with your permission, sir, I move the Demand No.17 for Rs.62,37,000/- to meet the expenses during the year 1973-74 in Rural Development, co-operation and Community Development in the Development Department.

SPEAKER : Demand No.17 for Rs 62,37,000/- on Rural Development, co-operation and community Development in the Development Department had been moved and now the Members may say on this matter.

PU SAILAWMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, In this Demand No.17, different Departments have been included and I would like to say some with regard to Co-operation. This is very important in the case of Socialistic Pattern of Society and is on useful purpose for the suppression of Capitalists. It is also very important for the upliftment of the villagers.

But I would like to point out the reason for its failure in our country. Our country is facing various difficulties due to disturbances and during those 7 years of troubles, many co-operative Societies had to be liquidated and our Minister i/c also informed the House last time that "they are liquidated". The man who made a suggestion to liquidate without having any understanding for the disturbances is P.C. Deb, the Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies, who is quite corrupted person.

Those who are having an interest in the co-operative Society knew very well. If we spare him too long, he will, surely spoil the co-operative and we must try to chase him out, and I would like to suggest that.

I would further like to say that large members of Grant-in-aid for different co-operative Societies had been blocked by him (P.C. Deb) for the year 1972-73 and I knew this very well. It is clear that he was trying to make the condition of Mizos as bad as possible. I want the Government to consider his case and take the matter seriously.

I had also found that he despises the Mizos very much. One of my friends who was registered at Co-operative Society and also recommended even by the A.O. went to his residence. But the Assistant Registrar asked him whether he is trying to use unfair means. Therefore, I want him not to be at a key point for a longer period. I also like the Authorities to

see the matter for the reason why he did not release those Grants-in-aid.

PU LALKUNGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, For Point of order, In page 337, it reads 'charged' and said 'voted' in the Rural Development. But there is not a Total and how can we pass such thing? Can it be voted ?

SPEAKER : It would not be vol. II it would be in Book III. Now, let Pu Lal-hmingthanga say.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, It appears that we were having Director and Deputy Director last year in the Development. If we could create such posts, I want our Government to fill up such posts as soon as possible so that we can do the works factly.

It is now expected that they will be functioning properly. And I would like to say that I like this scheme .

PU C. LALRUATA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to say on the Community Development and also regarding the Co-operative if there can be a time. In page 411, it reads about Reclamation and it says that it will be, so I supposed it will be land reclamation. But, I have found that the money which was sanctioned for 1973-74 for the reclamation is less than the amount spent between May, 1972 and March, 73. We are depending upon those money of about 20,000/- or so which we used to receive for the community Development.

I want to suggest for the Health and Rural Sanitation to take higher step for the prevention of such diseases like dysentary, etc. Which used to spread in the villagers and even at Aizawl.

When I visited the villages, the public requested me, and I think it to be quite important that for the better health of the public, those materials like D D T or Phynel etc. are required very much to be sprayed at public laboratories or any other places. I want those to be sent out to the villages as much as possible.

I further would like to say on the money for the communication in the community Development. The provision for this year is less than that of last year and it is only Rs 2,00,000/- while it was Rs.2,86,000/- last year. Therefore, I would like to request that can this be made into a bigger provision. Though there are large amount of money in this community Development, but large numbers of them will be spent for the salaries of the staffs, so the remaining few will be spent for the real work.

In Crash Programme much money is involved, about 12 lakhs of Rupees it is also utilised for construction of Play-ground in this regard what I find ^{and to see for an even ministry} I feel we need to construct Community Hall in Grouping Centres, in important places. We all know that our land is a land of Politics, we want to visit our respective Constituencies, even during the interval period of election, our Government high officials, other important Officers and leaders of our Government are travelling every now and then, but we don't have a good and suitable place to held public meeting. Hence I believe we need to have and construct suitable community Hall in Villages, Grouping Centres if we cannot afford such, in important places.

I would like to inform our Ministry and Workers/Government servants regarding the development and corruption involved in the Development programme; what we take as obstruction in the progress, and the cause of the difficulties of Block functioning is that the Block Committee which had been established previously is now defunct, I feel we urgently need re-establishment of this committee.

Let Block Development Committee be made in each Block, with the membership of the constituency M.L.A., if possible, and giving special consideration to the V/C and the Members; I think that will surely verify and clear all disagreements between the

public and Government Servants with the eradication of doubts, disbelief and mistrust, without proper reason thereof, between the two opponent groups.

Hence, I think it would be favourable to re-make Block Development Committee as soon as possible.

SPEAKER : The meaning of Pu Lalkunga's statement is that only last years' matters appears here, without matters of present years; as the actual matter of last year needs to appear, it is included, hence all shall be included in Book III.

PU LALKUNGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, it is very unproper, it is not included in Public Health concern, not even in the present one, besides Page 290 should rather be Page 291; does it not mean they don't respect this House? Is it fitting proper to pass? Is it not that our Ministry is incapable, not powerful ?

PU NGURDAWLA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to make Statement regarding Demand N o.17, I wonder whether our Member who spoke before me is not so clear about it; I have once been in Co-operative Society, like in Saitual, Kolasib etc. which was profitable, so also in Thing-suthliah. We have made profit, and the time of success was the period of hardship in foodstuff and essential commodities.

But in Co-operative Society there are certain rules to be followed, like giving report each and every month, but if communication is not good, it may be difficult to follow every rules, hence it may be necessary to liquidate to some extent.

In Co-operative Society manager's position is very important, as the Department is in his own hands. But, if, as our Hon'ble Member said Grant was not sanctioned during 1972-73, verification will be necessary.

Now, we can make the purchase in whole Sale, what has been in Michar is now here in Aizawl, anyhow, we cannot say this Society is a failure, but if they had made unfair profit by corruption, it can make one a rich person. However, the Society needs examination and verification, there arise unfair, improper things because we cannot make preparation of Audit very smartly, if we are to concentrate on it we shall have to deal with it in state Level. Besides, this Society is not of Government property, it is quite useful if it is active, our land and Government needs to make this thing.

PU R. MOTINAIA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Hon'ble member Pu C. Lalruata proposed the re-establishment of Block Development, I support his proposal to re-make it as was done previously, as it is probable that it may be good for many people.

Besides, the condition and position of Gramsevikas does not appear, as their conditions of previous time, they requested me to state it here, and I personally feel necessary to state it. I shall be thankful if the Minister i/c could inform me the condition. I think each and every Block is of the All India Pattern, with Gramsevikas in such Block, previously, even here in our land, however, since the outbreak of disturbance the Staffs of Development Department are transferred to do different works in P.P.V. Centres; likewise, Gramsevikas are posted as Clerks, which are not their concern with the disappearance of their activities. With our coming to new Standard with many new Officers and leaders, I wonder whether such officers and leaders, who don't know the detail condition and situation of Mizoram, think the activities and duties of such people are no longer necessary for Mizoram, since the activities of Gramsevikas disappeared; I take this to appear as abolished. Besides giving employment to Employment Department Staffs, there are our Mizos who are under-taking or

going Gram Sevika training, some who have finished training and working, if they are to be discharged what and how will be their position and condition? Suppose, individually they are to be given another work, if we are trying to let new 20 Blocks function, who will perform the duties of the Gram Sevikas ?

We still have Women and children programme, who will perform such duties? It seems we are not going to employ qualified trainee person, I am sorry about this matter. Wherever there is Development Block, people progressed in moral standard and other standards. In this regard, Lady S.E.O., Gram Sevikas are very useful, I shall be very thankful if our Hon'ble Minister if could tell me the details of it.

PU SAPLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, on Demand No.17 first of all I would like to make statement regarding Co-operation Society. Hon'ble member Pu Saitlawma stated before me, according to what I have seen and learnt, I wonder what is the position and condition of Aizawl Co-operative Society Officers and staffs, and I have investigated about it to some extent. Pu Ngurdawla stated that he does not know non-release of money besides the period between 1972-73; I have learnt something which I shall say.

In the period between 1970-71, the Saiha service Co-operative society was established, electing Members to it, but after the outbreak of disturbance it could function no longer. The Saiha S.D.O., Rajkhowa, helped in the establishment, the old members were active in the new Society; after that the sanctioned money, Rs 1,000/- is still not released till today, as I have learnt. To receive the sanctioned money Pu Darthankima, D.I.S. was selected, he came many times to Aizawl to receive the money, but till today I don't know the release of the money.

I have enquired about it some days back, they told me that the money is not yet within their power and catch, hence I support Pu Saitlawma's statement and point. I am not sure whether I am not clear about the Co-operation, I feel the strength is insufficient. Mizoram is now proceeding as under three District Administrations, I think in each District there should be at least something. In Aizawl District, Lunglei District and Chhimituipui District, there are many and sufficient service Co-Operative Society and different kinds of Society, I feel these deserve encouragement. Though one Hon'ble member said that Society did not come out successful in Villages, I think it is quite successful according to what I learnt and witnessed. They are quite interested even by head-load they would carry something from Lunglei and other places, and sell, in villages as there is hardships service Co-operative society is quite successful. But instead, if in Aizawl, Lunglei and Chhimituipui Consumer stock had been opened, supplying articles to the village, making the strength a strong one, I think it is worth encouraging.

As our Hon'ble Ministers have told us, 20 Community Development Block ~~are~~ to be opened, in this regard Development ~~have~~ not functioned for a long time as they have had no proper function since the outbreak of disturbance, hence our Ministry should make appointment and other things as soon as possible and post staffs in their destinations. In villages, in Developmental work Industries should be opened and Craft should be given interest, in some places there are sufficient and available materials where such kind of small scale Industries could be carried out. For example, villagers export much quantity of handicraft works and other of such small scale products, like lattice works and baskets; by taking interest in these small scale Industries with encouragement much employment can be given to people in earning livelihood.

Previously, in Villages project concern was quite useful in Sanitation, hence I feel our Block Officers, staffs etc. should pay attention and help in guiding the people to be careful about treatment of Latrines, whether Public or private,

forbidding or prohibiting people to pass waste-products near around springs and water-places, and tender care of cemetery etc. In villages, road and other means of communication are the main hardships, they have previously received grants, Funds etc. From Community Development side, attention must be paid to Inter-Village Path where communication by Motor Vehicles cannot reach, constructing Motor-able road between one village and another, or P.W.D. road for communication between villages. That is all I want to say regarding this Demand.

PU P.D. NIKHUMA
DY. MINISTER :

Mr. Speaker Sir, on Demand No. 17 members said very interesting and important matters, especially regarding Co-Operative concern, I feel quite informative and pleased to hear. Hon'ble member Pu Saltlawma stated his ~~point~~, which is a probable truth. In U.T. Government there are new, strange things, and it is quite difficult to work and function to the satisfaction of people.

Regarding Grant-in-aid, the question of no-release of money during 1972-73 has been put to starred Question some days back, I think we have replied to it in this very House. As I have said, there is intention to give Grant-in-aid to 16 Society, besides, giving capital contribution to 20 societies; there is something to say regarding the non-release of the grant till today.

This Co-Operative Society staff faced much trouble and difficulties as a result of disturbances, Inspectors and most of the staffs are appointed as A.O., this could make delay of works, regarding giving of grant money, it has been drawn, and shall be given after examination by the officers concerned.

In Society also, there is a rule, By-Law, if the Society to be assisted By-Law did not meet the requirement there could be difficulty and hardship, hence the grants should be given only after careful consideration and examination.

We have also stated the difficulties met by this society in the last year Budget session, this Society met much difficulties even in Villages because of the outbreak of disturbances; besides our people still lack Co-Operative Society idea, hence, it is necessary to consider and improve the quality instead of Registration of all the Societies, so it is impossible to register all the applicants. After careful, and gradually considering them, they shall be registered. The question of whole Sale-Co-Operative whether established in a state level or not is, it is established in a state level.

Pu Scpliana's question regarding whether there is intention to establish such society in the three Districts Councils is that, after careful consideration such society shall be established gradually, considering the standard and situation of the places. Anyhow, as we have said, our previous 19 Inspectors are appointed as A.Cs, so it is not easy to consider and examine the condition right away, however, these grant money shall not lapse, and shall be gradually released.

PU R.THANGLIANA
MINISTER : Mr.Speaker Sir, in general discussion, we have stated that is not merely opening new Blocks, and the probable difficulties which can arise. First of all let us take it point by point. Gram Sevikas shall lose nothing and need not fear the disappearance of Gram Sevikas from the Budget. As Hon'ble member Pu C.Lalruata stated, they shall have to be paid from Block Fund; (the women and children Programme Fund is so little, insufficient).

Because of this, thinking this may be the means by which people may acquire money, there is intention to appoint Gram Sevikas as L.D.As and Typists, they shall lose no money, their pays. However, if they say, being a Gram Sevika, they want ^{no} ~~as~~ job other than Gram Sevikas' jobs, it is their own responsibility and concern. In case of training, trained

persons acquired skill and knowledge, it is good to hear it, however, if Government could employ them, as well and good, even if Government cannot employ them, they cannot simply claim by right; the condition and process is that it is well and good if there is employment of them.

They have stated the matters of Gram Sevikas, I did not reply then because now is the right moment to make statement regarding the subject matter, Gram Sevaks have good Training in Agriculture also, of 2 years Training period, there is no promotion channel for them. In one Block there used to be one senior Gram Sevak, therefore, having same Training course and period with Agriculture Demonstrators, putting them in one and same cadre, if they had been posted as Extension Officer in Block just as Agriculture Inspectors of Agriculture Department are posted as Extension Officer in a Block, there is better chance for them, there is such consideration; otherwise, the possible inconvenience is that, Agriculture Demonstrator who have had the same training period and course can become Agriculture Inspector after 10 years of service, while senior Gram Sevaks shall have to be under the authority and command of Agriculture Inspector Junior class, there is mistrust between the two and control of one over another is quite difficult. Though this is not yet fixed and approved, there is intention to do so, in fact there is intention to put them in one and the same cadre;

As I have previously said, Gram Sevikas shall have no trouble and hardships, if they had already rendered service, as there are not many in member, some are posted as L.D.As and Typists in some offices.

There is mention of insufficient sanction money for Land Reclamation, which is quite true, let us examine and review our present year process, we decided to sanction some money for road construction, as it is difficult to progress and function in Development like transportation of rice supply we sanctioned about Rs 11 lakhs for construction of road for Chhintuipui District, besides these,

thinking that there is provision for Land Reclamation and to increase Agriculture Product we have prepared much sanction for it. As we have said, if present year's spending and utilization of money is successful, it is probable that we may sanction more from Block Fund for Land Reclamation, of centrally sponsored scheme. Such is to be the procedure, however, if you say that, you should open Block earlier, if we say other things are not difficult, there is truth to some extent; we have stated it some days that there is connection with Administration, this needs careful consideration. Block Development Committee can be made as soon as 20 Blocks are opened, there is no difficulty and trouble involved; previously, so to say, even till today, Block functions in name, but to take caution there is no staffs to name, we have to go on like that, it simply means that we cannot yet follow the general procedure, to be followed, it is not that there is no intention to carry out.

PU HIPHEI
DY.SPEAKER :

Mr.Speaker Sir, to whom did you give the money sanctioned for Chhaintuipui District?

PU R.THANGLIANA
MINISTER :

Mr.Speaker Sir, it was given to the Dy.Commissioner of the District.

SPEAKER :

Those who agree to pass Demand No.17 for Rs 62,37,600/- to be spent say 'aye'. (Members say 'Aye')

All right, we deem it passed. Now we shall take up Demand No.18, let the Minister i/c move it.

PU KHAWTINKHUMA
MINISTER :

Mr.Speaker Sir, on the recommendation of the Administrators of Mizoram and with your permission

Sir, I move the Demand No.18 for Rs 25,54,000/- to meet the expenses during the year 1973-74 on Industries and employment and Labour in the Industries & Employment and Labour Department.

SPEAKER : Rs 25,54,000/- (for) on Industries and Employment & Labour is moved, those who have to make statement in this connection, make it.

PU R. ZOLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, as Hon'ble Finance Minister stated, the sanctioned money for the period 1973-74 is sufficient, but I have one point which is doubtful, I would like to point out the matter of Grant-in-aid; in this Budget it is made to concern each Head of Department, Grant-in-aid in kind, any Cash to Mahila Samiti Industrial Institution is found, I find the procedure of giving Grant-in-aid to villagers improper, I think we paid to the wrong ones, not to the right ones. I think I would mention machinery concerns, like saw Mill, Mechanic Carpentry, and the requirements of tools for carpenters (Mistiri). There is Grant for Sugar manufacturing machine, saw mill and the timbers, of good quality, manufacture of Kapsari Sugar etc. I think Sugar is worth labouring and planting, in large quantity.

In Sialsuk village, there are good quality Sugar cane, which are not manufactured into Sugar, we don't have the manufacturing machine, even only in my constituency I think I shall need at least 100 manufacturing machines, I think we can buy that much. We all know that we cannot be successful in our rice cultivation, and in the method, if we had increased and paid attention to Agricultural crops, like Potato, Sugar-Cane it would be worth the trouble and labour.

To plant Sugar-cane but to have no manufacturing machine, to plant turmeric but to have no manufacturing machine is not a good condition, because we still import them from other states, instead, if machines had been installed for Mizoram, as it is not proper to send it to outside Mizoram. I want our Government to pay attention to this thing.

Now, let us mention about labour. while we were under Assam Government in Employment Exchange, two posts of Asstt. Employment Officer

was vacant, I think Assam Public ^{Service} Commission had selected some few persons, but, I think the posts are still lying vacant. Are such posts intended to be filled up? In the present Budget, it seems one Employment Officer and two Asstt. Employment Officer are to be appointed, are such to be posted in Chhimitupui, Saiha and Lunglei District? I know the case, in Statistics, where some person is officially approved, drawing pays and allowances, but which is not to be found in the Budget. How and what is our Government going to do, to take action? I wanted to ask our Minister i/c for information. Thank You.

PU CH. SARRAWNGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to make short statement but important and relevant on matters of Industrial grant, I would request our Minister and the Department concerned to see to it. If we look to our Budget, the previous procedure is repeated, it is good to some extent, as it is difficult to find out new method; only recently much machines have been distributed, like Rice Huller machine, sewing machine and other machines, along with loans, grants, I feel painful of it, as I think it does not concern and point development of our land, however, we all know that to think of such thing is not easy. However, it is clear that we still don't stand in a position to do big, great things, we need to start from small scale scheme. We need to consider the suitability of the machines with our lands condition. What I think to be suitable and what should be good for our land is that any Industry should be started on Forest or Agricultural base, for example: if we are to start on Forest base, we should think what can be useful, of forest materials, we can utilise, what appears in my mind is fibre, the most easily available thing in our land. The material, roselle, rose-mallow, Indian or red-sorrel which can grow everywhere abundantly, and the fibre is good and long lasting, much more long lasting than Ziza of the plains, I think it is high time we started to consider the development. We started sericulture long ago, I really

don't know who introduced sericulture to our land, some say it is good but I don't object if he continues to labour for it so long as he finds it good, however, we need to consider what is suitable for our lands' climatic conditions; therefore I want our Industry Department to make roselle plantation just as it has introduced sericulture farm. From that plantation farm, experiment could be carried out on the best method of how to take the fibre, from the fibre-materials, ropes carpet and other materials can be made from roselle-fibre, I believe such could be made from the fibre, we just have to put colour to make it attractive; we imported such materials from the plains at high costs. Likewise, we neglected other plants which may be quite useful, but these plants can be grown or planted abundantly in any place. If we had cultivated, and thought of the improvement, I believe it can be useful for some purposes as the fibre is a bit thinner and smaller than roselle-fibre. Let our Industry Department spend much money for it, if we can utilise our local materials and make successful result, that will be what the people have long waited for, and profitable for the people. I believe ~~if~~ we could carry out this experiment successfully, and installed the machines here in Aizawl it would be quite successful and profitable. If the Demand increased, roselle can be taken from Vaphai, Saiha without much difficulty, it is long lasting, people shall collect and stock them, he may send to the manufacturing centre after stocking the quantity of some Quintals, it shall not decay or rot. Likewise, we need to consider other useful plants as it is going to be Forest base, we shall need to consider and think of the way to utilise our local materials for useful purposes. I don't know whether there are Sago-Palm-trees original of our land, in other states. We all know Sago-Palm-trees of our land, these are worth cultivating and make Plantation; the fibre is long lasting, it cannot decay. If we had extracted the fibre, we could have made Hand Bag, womens' shoes like slippers, and we can make many other things from the fibre Sago-Palm-trees of our land original is valuable, but when the Forest catching fire they almost died out, but it can grow in abundance easily and can be planted easily. Hence, if we don't try to utilise it as local material

instead of sending and supplying the materials to other factories and Industries, like sewing machines and other machines, I think it is not the man for development of Industries for our land. Therefore, I want the concerned Department to take interest and pay attention to this, I believe we still have to find out other things useful for development of Mizoram, besides what I have stated above, and I want to propose such development.

PU C.LALRUATA : Mr. Speaker Sir, it is difficult to make progress in Industry, and also difficult to do things faster, hence I have nothing to criticise on the Budget, however, I would like to make statement of the past thing for the easy preparation of plans for the Department concerned. The first point is the distribution of Rice Huller as Loan to public, if I remember it right, the machines of this Rice Huller Company, who supply us the machines have lower quality there is better quality machines with not much higher cost. Our Minister i/c sated yesterday that we are going to repeat the process, if that is true, we need to contact better Company to give us good machines.

The present supply machines are not satisfactory, with the demand of Rs 900/- as deposit, while the real cost of machines is about Rs 6,000/- and the company cannot make or supply the complete parts; it seems those who are allotted the machines have to purchase the main belt, the husk winnowing parts at their own expenses. About Rs 2,000/- is needed for the deposit and actual price, it seems not so profitable and worth the trouble to try to get the Loan of Rs 6,000/-

It seems the Machines Agent should have provided machines to put the parts together, as there is provision that mechanic shall assemble the parts when the owner brings the machine to his chosen place to let it function. Therefore, it is one year guarantee, if it breaks before the expiry of the guarantee the company shall be the loser, it will be like free service of the machine. One Ratu village was allotted

the machine and took it to his home town yesterday, but he was not provided a mechanic, yet he was not allowed to hire another mechanic other than the Company mechanic, if such is the condition it is quite a problem to think how long the company shall not be able to provide a mechanic? If one year, the guarantee period had expired, it shall become trouble-some if the company could not yet provide a mechanic, if the company could allow the owners of machine to live mechanically other than the company mechanics, as they have long waited for this impatiently. As it seems thin machines, long waited for shall have to lie unable to function, I want to point out this matter.

The seven (7) weaving employees of Industries Department could not get pays since April, last year, they are still employed till today without getting the pays of seven or eight full months; they brought the difficulties they faced to the notice of Industries Minister the Asstt. Director, Cottage Industries stated that 'We are going to consider your matter', but there is no result yet to be found. Again, they went to the Finance Minister to inform him of their hardships, on hearing that talk, their Officer, warned them like, 'Why have you informed the Minister of this, the Min Minister is going to pay you your salaries, why do you bring this matter to me? In such manner, the few women employees and workers are made in such a critical condition, some days ago after they approached the Industries Minister, they were paid their (8) eight months salaries. These employees are employed at the rate of Rs 5/- per day, but their daily products are worth Rs 10/-, if so, if they cannot be paid salaries worth their products, at least Rs 8/- is to be their rate per day. I feel it is unfair and improper to pay and employ adult people, who have the skill and experiences.

Our Chief Whip has stated about sericulture, I feel that Sericulture is useless, as it seems simply wastage of money; one housewife of Ramhlun Veng was entrusted by Sericulture Department to care and look after the (Caterpillars), silk-worm, but she declared that she 'don't know how to lie, it is quite un-profitable, but the staffs and officers of Sericulture Department entrusted and requested her to care and feed the silk-worms, may be the Demonstrator'. The entrusted housewife don't know how to tell a lie cheat, she declared it to be useless. When we look to the Budget, it seems we are going to pass much money for the expenditure on this Department I feel we need to find a way to utilise the money, for useful purposes.

PU K.SANGCHHUM : Mr.Speaker Sir, according to news-
paper reportk this Department received
the prize in the Assam Fare, it
is a happy, good news.

In our land, Cane Industry seems
a suitable and practicable one, I find it worth deve-
loping to make it successful. Due to scarcity of sugar,
and with the absence of good road Communication, Sugar
is not available for villagers, hence I believe if we
had paid much attention to manufacture of Sugar Cane
into Sugar, it shall be the mean to be successful to
cover the scarcity of sugar in villages.

Thirdly, only rice is no longer
profitable and worth the trouble, so we must cultivate
corn is abundance, making it fit to eat as food stuff;
corn can grow abundantly wherever grown, in any village,
and we can make it as the main food stuff. I think it
shall be satisfactory if you could supply the grinding
machine to Chhintuipui District, in my constituency
corn is plenty, hence I think it is worth the trouble
and make it a successful one.

PU HIPHEI
DY.SPEAKER : Mr.Speaker Sir, I believe, if the
Hon'ble Members' statement could come
true, it will be very good and
useful, as the reason is that corn is the main staple
food of those regional people; corn is much more there
and (easily) available in plenty, if such could be
successful it shall be a good provision. In Industry
Department Blacksmiths help each other, but I have
never learn of it, only last year I knew that they
could be supported, but villagers depended mainly on
Jhum cultivation. Hoes (Kodali), axes etc.have to be
made a new every year, such instruments need to be
made anew many times within one year; however, since the
blacksmiths have no fine quality instruments, they cannot
be successful as they are supposed to be, I feel-such
blacksmiths deserve co-operation and support. I con-
tacted Industry Department, Officer, I am ignorant of
other constituencies' cases, in any constituency there
are expert blacksmiths who can make even the trigger and i
lock of a gun. If I ask whether Government could relief

and support such expert blacksmiths, we have an officer to deal with such matter, he said he cannot believe if he does not give report of the matter, I don't know what the Politicians may or have said, I shall do only what my (superior) officer tell me to do. I said suppose your superior Officer don't know the names I mentioned? He said Advertisement shall be made. I further questioned suppose the villagers know nothing of your Advertisement how and what shall then it be? He said spot Verification shall be made by the superior Officer, but the officer concerned has not made an on the spot-verification, I know he has not made the spot verification, how shall be able to go round and visit villages, when roads are not motor-able, the officer may not be ready to visit villages.

I replied that the officer mentioned never go out to visit villages under his authority, I however left a note with the names I have mentioned to be dispatched, but they have not received the answer whatsoever. I thought that the villagers will never enjoy the relief and support from Industry Department through they need such help badly. Suppose the Government is not to believe and pay attention to the Politicians, whose power is to control them, how shall they know of good thing and advice, it can be learnt; whether they are going to obey those who know of the truth, if they are not going to obey those who knew of the good, and instead be able to learn information from here, the Centre, it is not necessary to interfere for us. *Deliberate it shall be an error* for them to learn things of other place, from here; when we make statement of what we clearly knew, I request our Hon'ble Ministers not to think of us as telling lies and of showing favouritism to some few persons. May be it is not Government policy, even then, in order to know the fact they have not made an on the spot verification, otherwise I believe the ignorant, poor-illiterate villagers know only of the method of yearly Jhuming cultivation; they don't know what is Advertisement and what is being Advertised they even don't know that such grant, relief, loan etc. could be taken from the government as a means of support. Hence, I believed that they shall be deprived of these things for longer time, I therefore, want our Hon'ble Ministers to know and understand the condition and situation of the people.

PU SAFLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to make a short statement on Demand No. 18, I support Hon'ble member Pu Ch. Saprawnga's point of view, not only the fibre of roselle, if we make and treat the fruits also, with some chemicals, we can utilise it for useful purpose. The fruit of roselle is quite sour, in villages, the villagers boil the fruit mixed with sugar and keep it in a bottle, it seems quite practicable.

In order that Industry may be successful, like Pu K. Sangchhum has stated, the location and site or site for Cottage Industry of Agriculture should be made clear and favourable. I also would like to mention Chamdur situated on the southern side of Mizoram, of my constituency area, on the Tuichang Valley, where there is plenty of cane. Suppose, we are to employ it on Agriculture side, many things shall come out of it; there are Palms of Mizoram origin, in large quantity, which were sent or exported to Pakistan previously. This material is a useful one, I request our Hon'ble Ministers to make something out of this matter for development.

The Industry Superintendent of Saiha is transferred to Lunglei, what is the reason thereof? What is Government Policy? This particular Department is still under Assam Government, if so, how is Industry Department going to start work and function there? This particular Officer was posted there while under Assam Government undertaking, and lived in Saiha, Bora by name; he left for his native home because of poor-health.

I request our Hon'ble Ministers to consider and develop our regional area, to visit and see the ways to look at her problems; I request them to come and see for themselves how to develop the area. It is not easy to verify and consider any matter if we do not witness the situation of a particular place. I request them to consider and pay visit and attention to us.

SPEAKER : Let the Minister concern^{ed} makes statement for clarification.

PU CH. CHHUNGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I shall reply only
 CHIEF MINISTER : one question on Employment Exchange,
 generally, this Department regard-
 ing Employment, is a Compulsory notification of vacancy,
 such Act is introduced in Assam Government. But since
 we are independent from Assam, we believe the enforce-
 ment of Assam Rules shall cease to be enforced, after
 such Act is extended from Central Government this
 Department shall be considered.

At present we need 3 Assistant
 Employment Officer, in the three Districts, we required
 how many of our Mizo applicants appeared the examina-
 tion of the advertised vacancies under Assam Govern-
 ment, 12 applicants of Mizo appeared, out of which only
 4 appeared the Interview; 2 out of the 4 (appeared)
 came out, we wondered whether we should bring them (the
 2) home to employ or not, but long time has passed
 since then, about one whole year, we proposed to re-
 advertise the vacancies here. Anyhow, this matter is
 left to be considered and cleared and is intended to
 peruse the matter.

PU KHAWTINKHUMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, We are discussing
 MINISTER : Demand No. 18 on Industry, Labour
 and Employment. I shall classify
 the statements of Hon'ble Members. It is a probable
 question to ask the decision of Government to give
 Grant-in-aid in cash and grant to the needy people,
 the staffs of the concerned Department are going around
 to enquire the conditions of the would
 be receiving people from the Village Councils, whether
 the people recommended by the Village Councils, and
 Village head-men to receive the grant are fit to be
 given the grant, and they are generally given the
 grants. If the recommending authority like village
 Councils and head-men made mistake, it is other case;
 we considered those recommended people, on the bases
 of fair and best method our M.L.As and other high
 authorities thought fit and proper, for the method of
 distbursement of the grants. The Industry Department
 did not distribute sugar cane manufacturing machines,
 rather Agriculture Department is the one who distri-
 buted such machines.

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The complaints raised on the not good quality and no regular function for Rice Hullers, Maize Crusher, Oil Expeller etc. may be because the Company, who supplied these, is not a big one, it may also be because we have not yet practiced and let them function for experiment, we shall see the results after seeing the results. (Pu Ch. Saprawnga: What and where is the Rice Hullers supplying company situated?). These Rice Hullers are taken from Max Steel Industry, Agency & Branch, Gauhati.

(Pu Ch. Saprawnga: Is there any proof that the machines are good? This Kirlosker Co product is good, but there is a rumour that the present new-type is not good, if the rumour is true, it shall be a regrettable thing.). The method of selection is; Tender was called, which many people ~~had~~ ^{had} for, therefore, the applicants with the lowest rate are given the Rice Hullers, Oil Expeller, Maize Crushers contract work. Though Tender is called, the applicant with the lowest rate is accepted and allotted the contract work prior to knowing the quality. Since it is the first practice there may be mistakes.

If we happen to be the one who bought the bad quality Rice Hullers, it might be necessary to change the supplying company.

(Pu C. Lalruata: It seems that the machines receiver have to repay the actual price and the profit, the machines Agent, from the Company should get; is this a true fact?) We have no such knowledge of the question.

The Tender was called to make delivery here at Aizawl, if I remember it Correct, the lowest rate was accepted for Delivery. (Pu R. Dotinaia : For Point of Information, Lalliana s/o Darzika of Lungdar (E) who applied for Rice Hullers machine, enquired from Enquiry Officer, Pu Chawra of Bara Bazar, Aizawl, the Enquiry Officer recommended him, which the Board passed and accepted; but when we made enquiry, Pu Lalliana, s/o Darzika is found to be of Ngopa village, as we have come to learn from Pu Chawra's relatives. Pu Lalliana s/o Lalthangvunga Lungdar (E) did not apply at all for the machines, there were two applicants from Lungdar, Pu Dengliana, V.C.P and Ramhluna, the one who made verification of the two applicants did not make an on the spot

However, there are machines, in other plain-states also, by which they manufactured sugar, which is fit for eating but not as white as the one we get from the supply, of the company product, it is fit for making tea; we decided to import such mill or machine for experiment.

As we believed that we can manufacture sugar from the sugar-cane and because of insufficiency of sugar in Mizoram, we decided to install this one for Mizoram to conduct experiment on manufacture of sugar from sugar-cane to supply Hospitals and for treatment of children.

On the question of posting of Employment Officer in Lunglei, there are 3 vacant posts of Assistant Employment Officer, which are meant for Lunglei and Chhimitpui District. Our previous Assistant Employment Officer was ~~upgraded to~~ lifted to Employment Officer, hence Assistant Employment Officer are to be posted to fill up the vacancies.

It is high time to consider Forest Base Industry, decision is made to make Paper Pulp Mill successful, though we cannot say and predict the future, what shall become of it ?

The proposed to utilise and conduct experiment on roselle and Sago-Palm fibres, of Mizoram origin, for Industrial purposes is quite a good proposal; it shall be good to send these fibres to the plain-states to conduct experiment, whether these are useful for Industrial purposes, after the results are out the Industry Department shall find a way to implement in Industries.

To conduct experiment on Sago-Palm, fibres, (Thangtung), first we should collect abundant Sago-Palm fibres and send it to experts for examination, if it comes out worth utilising and serve any good purpose, we should consider its implementation on our level and install machines to manufacture anything which can come out profitable from the Sago-Palm fibres. As our Industry Department Officers are present here, they better note the points and consequently consider the matter.

verification, though the Hon'ble Minister concerned stated that verification was made through and from Village Councils, which is not true. Hence, I believed that as Lalliana s/o Darzika is not a Lungdar Villager and because he lied to our Officers, he should not be allotted such what he applied for. Further I believe that Pu Dengliana, V.C.P or Ramhluna should be given if we decide to give machines to Lungdar East Village).
 (Pu Chawngkungs : There is a rumour that a Kawrthah (West) villager, who did not apply at all for the machines, was given such machine; they say the Board recommended and fixed one Kawrthah (West) villager to be given the machines, but after such arrangement the one whose name did not appear and who did not apply at all was given the machine).

In such case arise, the Department concerned Officers shall have to see whether the Board made mistake in recommendation or the verifying officer made mistake, we have no such information now yet. If cases arise in this matter, re-verification should be made as the allottees have not yet taken the machines.

Mechanics:
 machines, If the company alone is to provide machines, there may be insufficiency, the machine allottees can and should hire mechanics other than company mechanics; considering the condition and availability of mechanics, the case should be taken under consideration.

There is no proof and information regarding the daily pay of Handloom weavers as Rs 5/- per day, and their daily product worth about Rs 10/- per day, if it is true that their daily product is worth Rs 10/- per day, we shall verify from the officers concerned, it is probable that they may earn more than the present daily rate.

(Pu C. Lalruata : Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c be pleased to inform me whether it is a fact that the machine allottees have to purchase the main fanbelt and chaffers of grain of Rice Hullers at their own expenses?) I have learnt that our Director, who is present here, stated that, 'the machine allottees should be provided all necessary spare parts, if not possible presently, they should be provided later on; if on the other hand, I have no such information and

knowledge'. As our Director stated that the machine allotees need not purchase such necessary spare parts, the question needs re-examination and verification.

There are Sericulture Farms in Rangvamaal and Chite Lui (river) Valley, respectively, for experimental purposes, meant for preservation of seeds distributed. If we think this to be unfit not profitable for Mizoram, we shall make decision to drop it. But considering the whole India, silk export is our main means of Foreign exchange; this Department is proposed to be made profitable in India.

Industry Department should pay attention and be active in Cane Industry. However, the condition of soil is not favourable for cane in the northern part of our land, there is no good forest for cane cultivation; there may be plenty of ~~american~~ southern region, but as the major consumers shall be of northern region, it is a probable question whether it shall be profitable. It may not be profitable if we use the cane of Chamdur area, We shall have to consider this matter together, with all interested persons.

Chhimituipui District badly needs Maize Crushers, which shall be considered later on. Generally, Industry Department is investigating whether we could have 2/3 mill. I request you to kindly pass this Demand.

PU SAPLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, They have not given me classification on the information. I received. Will they please give me classification? Is the Industry Department of Saiha abolished? Is there intention to re-post Superintendent?

PU KHAWTINKHUMA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, As there are much work in Lunglei, the Superintendent of Industry Department was transferred to Lunglei from Saiha, the post of Industry Officer, previously held by Pu Bora, is not abolished; there is intention to appoint some more, we made this sudden change to arrange the 2 Gazetted Officers and post them in Lunglei and Saiha.

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SPEAKER : Members who agree to pass the Demand No 18 for Rs 25,54,000/- to meet the expenses on Industries and Employment and Labour say 'Aye'. (Members say 'Aye'). Any member who objects to it? (Members are silent). Then, it shall be deemed as passed.

Now, we shall take up Demand No. 21, let the Minister i/c move it.

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. 21 for Rs 1,29,65,000/- to meet the expenses during the year 1973-74 on Public works in the Public Works Department.

SPEAKER : Demand No. 21 for Rs 1,29,65,000/- to meet the expenses during the year 1973-74 is moved, now, let any member who want to make statement in this regard do so.

PU CH. SAPRAWNGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, It is unpleasant to mention particular Officers and actions name in this House, however, these is inevitable circumstance to mention some important Officers names; as it is of Public interest though it is unpleasant to mention I feel I should do it. We have heard of our Principal Engineer's cases, Yet I have some points to raise, as these are some unfair actions of our P.E. The first point is when the P.W.D. calls Tender, after opening the Tender, he made private negotiation, he negotiated with the contractors. He enquired and examined the contractors' conditions whether one certain contractor could take the work or not, he would auction the work, but this seems the improper, unfair channel.

If such is the channel, why does he have Sealed Tender? Contractors spend money for

Seal Tender, but he should have auctioned the work in open competitive, but he would not do so; he called some certain contractors privately, and allot the works to them. To suspect a man from the very beginning is not good, but I dare - Frankly say 'I suspect him'. The P.W.D. has been suspected from many years pass, we know there are good Officers, but the wrong doings of 2/3 Officers defame the whole, as such is the position of the P.W.D., being suspected and mistrusted, the P.Es' auction of works and private negotiations with contractors are too much, I suspect and mistrust him.

I shall mention his tactic of auction of works; Tender was called for Aizawl-Thenzawl Road, which when opened brought (3) three-would be contractors into light, but I shall not mention their names, if necessary to mention I am ready to do so. One contractor applied at 5% schedule rate, while the other applied at 10% below schedule rate. The contractor with 10% below schedule rate was not a Registered one hence the P.E decided to favour the 2 Registered contractors; one applied at 5% schedule rate, and promised to allot him the work, but inspite of such promises, may be the contractor did not do well, the P.E. allotted the work to the other one. The P.E. negotiated by 10% below schedule rate, we wonder and believe how much unfair, easy-money have been involved, it is quite regrettable.

In other case, Tender was called, the P.E. invited one contractor to come to his house and promised to allot him the work at the Tendered schedule rate; the invited contractor visited him and talked about the matter, which made the one satisfied, but the P.E., allotted the work to another contractor. Such are the actions of the P.E., it is inevitable to suspect him, it is very regretful that a high officer should act like that; some of our Hon'ble Members said the P.E should go home, I, in my opinion, also support their point and he should go home.

An Engineer, when to construct a building should see from the bottom to the top, finishing point, but our P.E. though an engineer, seems blind to these things. He changed his orders very easily, whenever he visit he would alter his order, and make the workers mindless and they don't know what to do. Hence, he seems a man without an idea.

Besides, he would go by himself, without calling Quotation, and purchase C.I. Sheet, Cement etc. by his authority. Have our Ministers acknowledged such matters? We may understand if he did such things because of emergency; he should have called Quotation for Cement, C.I. Sheet etc, as there are some who can handle such things here, and he should leave such things to their hands, which shall make employment for the local people. Whether he laboured himself and get the profit, and that he purchased such mentioned materials, of the cost of about Rs 4/5 lakhs by his own authority? Such are quite a problem and a topic debatable.

Another thing is that we have gone 15 per cent below schedule rate previously, however, since he held this post as P.E, the general rate; I wonder how ~~far~~ he shall be responsible in all these actions, as he is the head of this particular Department. I feel he should hold responsibility of it. This practice is an unfair, unhealthy race, because the contractor with the lowest rate is not allotted the work, but somewhere around, there rumoured that the lowest rate is accepted and allotted the work. Therefore, corruption margin increases in size gradually; when measurement is made, the contractor make the rate as 10 per cent below schedule rate and the measurement too, but we know there are many pending Bills at present. Why the pending? When they take measurement, in some far off place, so to say, some contractors with below schedule rate, after taking measurement, made the rate as above schedule rate, which effects the estimate, and results in grievances. May be not only because the Estimate is not correct, anyhow, corruption is increasing. We open a door for corruption for our Officers which is regrettable, however, I feel we better not employ our P.E. any longer.

PU LALKUNGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, P.W.D. is not proper in general sense. As it is getting late, it seems even our Ruling Party Chief Whip shall turn into the Opposition Member, I feel safe and further hope we shall be able to overthrow our Ministry by 8:00 P.M. or round about.

According to Lt. Governor's Speech, B R T F constructed 483 miles in All Weather Road, with 240 miles under construction. With the introduction of EGS, during this year in Fair Weather Road, 399 miles is completed, with 511 miles under construction. Though PWD have functioned long time ago, however, there is too little 'Presently work is in progress on seven roads, heavy controlling of 355 KM' there is no work done yet, considering the amount of money consumed by the Department, I feel it is quite shameful; I feel it deserves abolition. I feel it is worthless, though much money has been consumed without profit for the people. If we are going to let it service any longer we need and better check the Department!

What is wrong with our Government, though presenting the Budget, Mr. Speaker, through we have repeatedly expressed, here a leaflet or pamphlet is distributed, which had been placed for correction? It is difficult to make comparison, our Budget is disgraced and our Ministry is disgraced.

Previously, they have placed or laid a leaflet pamphlet, which even the Chief Minister said not the proper channel, but done because of emergency, at the same time the Members did not object to it, and was done improperly. As the same kind is repeated here, shall we do in the previous manner? No, it should not be, I say it is too shameful and disgraceful for them. I say our Budget after studying the full contents, is null and void. I feel shameful to be the Ministry who is responsible, even the House is disgraced; I want no similar kind to happen again.

While the P.W.D. is in general bogus, we criticise only the P.E., one particular E.E. appointed or employed a certain person in work charge, on 1.6.72, and posted him under Aizawl Sub-division, let our Ministry mark this, The E.E. employed him Private Car Driver. He then transferred this Workcharge man on 3.8.72 to Aizawl East Sub-division. While as long as Workcharge men drive Private Car, I believe there shall be no progress in P.W.D., hence just as the P.E. is bad his subordinates copied him.

I have said many times, the area between Marpara and Phaileng was surveyed in 1971, but there is no intention to carry out works; with 3 years' lapse since the survey, the surveyed area shall become just like un-surveyed area, as bamboos and trees

shall have grown there. Though it is ineffective after many repetitions, yet circumstances compel us to repeat once more, hoping all along there might be a little hope left; I want them to mark this point once again.

Besides, they contravene standing Rules, many times. To become a E.E., at least 7 year's service is necessary, for Graduates, at least they must serve as S.D.O. for three years. However, for Diploma Holders, after serving as S.D.O for 7 years they can become E.E., provided they passed Accounts and Engineering subjects. But, I feel it is quite shameful to see that they made appointment contradicting this standing Rules, making appointment contradicting ones' framed Rule is unfair.

In the preparation of Quotas, for B.E. Graduates, 75% is fixed, for Diploma Holders 25%, but when they create posts, for Graduates 50%, Diploma Holders 50% therefore, they contradict their own framed Rules.

Maybe the P.E. and E.Es did not know what to do and say because the Ministry itself practice unfair means; I don't expect any Department under their commands to be efficient, maybe the P.E. is discouraged. I feel our Ministry owe to set good examples here, for others to copy, and come to follow its own Rule, so that, I feel their respective Departments shall feel shameful and show respect to them.

PU ZALAWMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, P.W.D. is a very important Department for land and the people; at present we still follow the old Assam procedure or Rule, I would like to mention some points before our Government prepare our own Code. Registered Contractors and Trade Licence Holders face many difficulties in regard to Security Deposit; it is necessary to deposit 2p.c. as it is contract work, it should be made 1 p.c. because 2 p.c. is heavy. Non-Tribals without Trade Licence should not be registered as Contractors.

Next, The House Tax payee's certificate does not seem necessary anymore for the Non-Tribals if they are registered Contractors and I wish our Government followed this policy. The estimated amount for the Thenzawl Road was only about Rs 40000/- while the new estimate amounted to almost to one lakh. Besides, The A.T. Road Allotment of 1971-1972 was done by fifteen contractors without countersignature.

There are about ten posts of S.D.Os which were not yet filled up and the matter of which was not mentioned in the Budget. I want to fill these up under an emergency case if they are badly needed. The Principal Engineering combined the work of P.H.E. which makes him very busy. Besides, the contractors and his staff could not even come to term nor deal with him for his harshness and stern behaviour towards them. As Mr. Saprawnga has mentioned before, The only works which can be done under him are Scheduled rates and Workable rates. He only ruins the economical condition of Mizoram. It is clear that the government of Mizoram does not need his services for Mizoram anymore since he is only after POWER without any feeling for the betterment of Mizoram. Mr. Thangthuama once repaired his residence, but he could neither bear the sound of hammer nor did he like to see the workers. This clearly proves that he despises the Mizos. The two Executive Engineers could not co-operate with him for his harshness and unfeeling towards them, for these they could not show their respects to him but only lost their interests for the promotion of Public Interests. He treats his subordinates as if they were dogs. The way he looks after the Department of P.H.E. is too poor. He appoints the plains people to many important posts instead of the Mizos saying that the plains are better than the Mizos. All these are reasons enough to drive him away from Mizoram. So for these matters I request our ministry to consider his case and take actions where ever necessary.

PU K.L.ROCHAMA : Hon'ble Speaker, many Hon'ble members have spoken about Demand No.21 and the activities of an individual person. I want to lay down some points regarding Demand No.21. The first is that we have a

small staffs in this Department whereas the works are of different kinds. Though there is a large amount of money suctioned to meet the expenses there is little time left for them to start moving due to the occurrence of the Budget Session. And after the Budget Session and with that little time left, only the outstanding works can be done and now we are here. So, it seems we blame them (P.W.D) more than is needed. Besides, the ministry should be praised instead for their efforts.

The Second is that while the P.W.D staffs are being promoted to Executive Engineers or Sub-divisional Officers. The untrained Mohurrirs and the non-matriculate Mohurrirs are left behind without promoting them to any higher posts. Only the trained matriculates are promoted to Overseer Grade II. We can see with our own eyes that even a mohurrir can do the works of an Overseer. But unless and until they are trained and given them diplomas they remain the same. It is natural that Patriotism can be had only if there is some hope for the future in the mind of man. So, I earnestly request our honourable Minister to verify this case and help them remove then wretched conditions. Thirdly, due to the inadequacy of staffs and officers, there is not enough supervision of works and ever where the supervisors are sufficient in numbers, the works are still unsatisfactory. In the case of Road construction too, the gravels attached with ~~and~~ soil are mixed up with tar which could not stick up together for long. After a short time this turns out to be a heap of dust and the work is then undone again. Again, there must be good relations and Understandings between the officers and his staffs like Overseers and Mohurrirs in supervising the Labourers and their works. Further, there is something which occurs in my mind and the matter of which had been spoken last year in this very House. I have come across some women picking up the already laid gravels from the road between Babu Tlang and Zarkawt. When I asked them of what they were doing. I was told that these gravels were sold to the contractors for .75 paise a tin. That makes it clear that we have to pay again for these gravels which we have already paid for them. I wish we could stop this double payment.

The last but not the least is about our P.E. When the Chief Secretary came to Lunglei, he scolded the executive engineering blaming him for Public grievances over the P.W.D works. But the E.E said to him "Sit, The eighty Schemes I have submitted for the administrative approval did not come back yet from the P.E is office, So I could find no way for work order". Such is the way the P.E is dealing with his officers. So, it is not a surprise to us when our hon'ble members have spoken about their dislikes for him. I think then that it is better for our state and the P.W.D. if he is removed from Mizoram.

SPEAKER : The Statement given by the members against our P.E suited me very well and I do hope that it is carried out, but we should not forget that time is very short now.

PU C.LALRUATA : Honourable Speaker, Regarding Demand No.21, I would like to put forth some points to show the weakness of our P.E though we have just spoken about it. When we (Estimate Committee) requested the P.W.D to give us the general information before fifteen February, giving them one month preparation,. But they could only give us a vague information on the first week of March. For this vague information we had to sum up ourselves to make it clear and that troubled us very much. That clearly shows the weakness of P.E., being the Head of Department.

For the construction fo Roads and buildings too there are only few lump-sum-provisions . so most of the works had to be done without lumpsum provisions and that creates difficulty. Since I am in favour of Lump-sum-provisions I with our ministry would bear this case in mind.

Again, It is said that the 103 capital outlay is the capital (Money) we received from the Central Government as a loan and if this is really so, I wish we did not follow this policy any more, thats all.

PU LALRINLIANA : Honourable Speaker, I would like to lay down a few points in regard to the Demand No. 21 and of which I have spoken about last year. When we speak of the weakness of the Principal Engineer we did not know the mistake we have committed first. For instance, we have a Joint Director to assist the Director as and when needed in the Educational Department. But in the case of the Principal Engineer ~~we~~ we do not have the Superintending Engineer to assist him. Again, in the case of promotion too, how could the Executive Engineer hold the post of the Principal Engineer if he has not served the post of Superintending Engineer. I am very sorry to see that we have not created the post of Superintending Engineer which is very important to supervise the works of the Executive Engineers and those other staff who are subordinate to him. There must be at least one who could take the charge of Principal Engineer in case of his absence.

SPEAKER: Now we shall call upon the Minister-in-charge and from now on each member will be given five minutes and that they should try to finish speaking within that time.

PU CH.CHHUNGA

CHIEF MINISTER : Honourable Speaker, many of our honourable members have spoken about Demand No. 21 and the suggestion and recommendations made by them on this subject are all achievable and that we should make an effort to carry them out. In this Budget session, it appears that almost all the members have sounded the case of Principal Engineer while only one of us stands for him (P.E.). (Pu Hrangaiia mentioned that even in the Education Department also there is insufficiency of staff). But now, with the enlargement of this Department we can have the post of Superintending Engineer. Any how what the honourable members suggested and recommended will be given an effort to achieve it.

It has also been mentioned that the work of the P.W.D. is very unprogressive and this can be

true to some extent. We are now under the Union Territory, beginning its life and activities. Many important posts are now being filled up and New Divisions are being opened up in different places. When all these arrangements are completed, I hope then that we can face our problems and achieve more improvements better than the previous year. The Policy of Abolition of House Tax payee certificate suits me very well in the case that if they have security deposit. But the problem of how to abolish this have now sprang up. Non-Tribals have to submit their tenders on payment of Rs 7.50p while we are allowed to submit them with our House tax payee certificates. Anyway, we can make some change here by the introduction of Stamp instead of House Tax Payee certificates. (Pu Ch. Saprangna :- It is not the house tax payee certificate that matters here if it is a sealed Tender, but the way they are dealt with.) (Pu Zalawma :- There is no fixed rule as to what I have done with that House Tax Payee certificate, we realised it from the local Fund since we were short of cash. But now Under the New Government we can take up that Tribal Facility for we have more money. But as we have attached them when registering ourselves it seems to me that it does not necessary any more to increase the fee. It is just like Tax payment and this.) (Pu Lalhmingthanga :- There are professional Traders and calling Traders who have much more money and these men should attach their professional Tax Certificates)

Hon'ble Speaker, The important points mentioned by Pu Ch. Saprangna in this regard should be realised - (Pu Vanlalhruaia :- only one Question please ? These had never been any selection of Tenderers for any Tender) so will these have any chance for the interested persons if they could deposit earnest money even if they are not registered?

SPEAKER : That will be considered and if there is no difference between the registered contractors and non-registered contractors that means there is no necessity for being registered contractors.

Well, the request of our hon'ble members will be put for consideration.

PU ZALANMA : Honourable Speaker, There is Fund allotment for the Kollasib Division ~~which~~ amounted to eleven Laks. Of which 5 lakhs were released and the E.E is now working with that money giving tenders to the Contractors. But now there is nothing the E.E can do since the P.E has not released the other 6 Lakhs rupees and the contractors had to stop working for this. So, I was requested to plead for the other 6 Lakhs in this House. Besides, the P.E said that the post of P.E here is not by his choice but asked for it by the Government of Mizoram. So I do not like the mean words he had spoken in this matter.

PU CH.CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER : Honourable Speaker, May I answer that Question. The P.E is asked by the Government of Mizoram but not by the Popular Government. This Government is established on the 3rd. May Last year and at that time Mr. Das asked the Central Government to send for one P.E. for Mizoram. But he was told that there was no one for Mizoram and so Mr. Robula was the acting P.E. Meanwhile, this P.E we have now came up and hold this post till now.

PU SANGCHHUM : Honourable Speaker, I have to mention the difficulties we face in the District of Chhingtui-pui. Regarding its location and condition we have more difficulties to face than any other Districts and so I request our ministry to bear these difficulties in mind. There is the P.W.D. road between Lunglei and Hai Halkha and these had also been I.E. which is poorly maintained. But now the Burmes constructed the road from Halkha almost up to Saisih where there are Burmese security forces. Besides, the prices of commodities rose very high in these parts and to meet these difficulties and for the public employment, I request our Government to construct better roads.

PU HI PHEI
DY. SPEAKER : Honourable Speaker, Demand No. 21
Those who want to pass Rs 129,65,000/-
for P.W.D. to meet the expenses during
the year 1973-74 say you do. (Members agreed). And
those who oppose the passing of this ? (Members silent)
Alright we passed it.

Now it is 5:30 P.M. and ~~we~~ we still
discuss (Members agreed to go on) Well. Each member
will be given 5 minutes and there must be six members
for one Demand. Now our Minister will move the Demand
No 19.

PU CH. CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER : Honourable Speaker, On the recom-
mendation of the Administrator of
of Mizoram, and with your permis-
sion sir, I move the Demand No 19. for Rs 22,57,000/-
to meet the expenses during 1973-74 on Miscellaneous
Social Developmental Organisation in the General
Administration Department.

PU HI PHEI
DY. SPEAKER : Those who want to speak in this
connection may speak now!

PU R. ZOLIANA : Honourable Speaker, I am very glad
for having District Publicity
officer there in the District of
Chhimituipui. Under the Head of Miscellaneous Depart-
ment we have Tourism wing and from this we get more
income from the foreigners besides having cultural
exchanges. In this case I shall be very glad if the
function to meet the expenses for this is increased
a little more.

In the Grant-in-aid, Under the
Miscellaneous Department and if it is not already
mentioned in the other places, it seems that we have
no provision for the House for Motherless Babies and
I am very sorry for this absence, This might be pro-
vided if there can be any way for it. Again,

there can be any provision for the upkeep of aged and infirm - (for old men who can work no more) so in this regard, can we have the S.S.S.A Board by changing the D S S A Board to S S S A Board ?

Further more, there are many things to say about the miscellaneous social Development. According to our state social welfare officers it seems likely that we have no state social welfare Board and I can not help saying that our social welfare does not help us in our social activities. What appeared to be the activities of social welfare Board are the keeping up of those old institutions which we have had in our own Mizo life like ~~the~~ beings, good manners, fellow feelings and all kinds of activities towards civilization, so, to make up these I request our government to take necessary actions in this matter.

PU C. LALRUATA : Honourable Speaker, The honourable minister (Finance) said that the work of the Public Relation is to project an image of Mizoram. Even though the Department of Public Relations are satisfied with their activities, I thought that they have not worked enough as they are expected to. For instance, we have a new government and the Budget session also is now in full swing. When our neighbouring states like Nagaland, Meghalaya and Manipur have their Budget session, their Assembly Reviews are announced through the programmes of A.I.R. Since the announcement of our Assembly Review is a part of Projection of the image of Mizoram, I wish them (Department of Directorate of Public Relations) to take prompt actions on this matter. We should try to make Mizoram known to All India through the News-papers and Radio.

There is an amount of Rs 71000/- sanctioned for the Bharat Dharsan Tour and here the members of Legislative Assembly are likely to join this. This tour is very important for the members as it help to increase their knowledge about the life, culture and activities of people in different parts of India. Farther-
more. I would like to remind you once again that there

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must be some buildings here at Aizawl for the important officers who come to Aizawl for some important matter. That's all.

PU NGURDAWLA : Honourable Speaker, I am very glad for having the Department of Public Relations here more perfectly though it is difficult to understand their activities. Again, the ~~The~~ Cultural Team they have organised there at Delhi added to my gratitudes towards them. As Pu C. Lalruata has just mentioned before, the speeches of our Ministers and the opposition Leaders should be announced more widely in the A.I.R. for the widespread of our Assembly Review. It seems likely that as the security force are occupying the area of Rangvaml, if this is to be so, who would give compensations to the people of Rangvaml for their Lands and properties that could not be transported? For my part, they must be given compensations by the would-be-occupants or by the Government of Mizoram. I would like to request our P.W.D. to maintain the road to Reiek and Reiek to Rawpuichhip ~~and~~ to build a bridge across the river Tlawng. And the last thing I want to mention is about our A.I.R. programmes. I request the authority of our A.I.R. Mizo programmes to start an announcement of our Assembly Reviews from this evening.

PU R. DOTINAILA : Honourable Speaker, I would like to add a few words to what Mr. Ruata has mentioned about the Bharat Dharsan Tour. Most of the people in Mizoram are the villagers, but instead of sending them for this Bharat Dharsan Tour, the townsmen are mostly selected. So, I thought it better to send the villagers for this tour to see about the culture and life in different parts of India which could encourage them for their future activities. We are aware of the importance of The Publicity Department for our country, but the monthly pay of our Director in this Department is only Rs 750/- while the other Directors in different Departments get over Rs 1000/- per month. I request, in this matter that our government to treats him on equal terms with the others Directors in regard to his pay.

PU K.L.ROCHAMA : Honourable Speaker, I want to mention two important points for information while we are now dealing with the Minister incharge of G.A.D.

The first is that our secretariat can not keep any secret from outsiders. For instance,, Our chief minister consulted our Lt.Governor over an important post for someone. But the secret of their conversation leaked out and that secret was soon known to many persons. To check this kind of leakage, something must be done quickly .

The Second is that we heard from the Hmar Arsi Newspaper that a group of men headed by Subedar Zakuala got drunk inside the Aizawl District Jail and they even broke their drum. If that is true, I request our minister to verify this case and take necessary action where over necessary.

PU HIPHEI
DY SPEAKER : Now we will give an opportunity to Mr.J.Thanghuama opposition leader to say what he likes and that will be the last.

PU J.THANGHUAMA : Honourable Speaker, I am not going to move no-confidende myself, but I am making suggestions. I do appreciate the Bamboo Dance our boys and girls displayed at Delhi on Republic day. This kind of Cultural show should certainly be done again in the years to come as it is a key to honour Mizoram. But I don't like the way our Development Commissioner selected those people for that Assian Fair. That Assian Fair was not for a beauty Contest. Last time we sent Mrs.Siampuii, our singer, for that Fair but there was nothing that she had bought home with for the benefits of Mizoram and that Assian Fair was not for the pleasure. A group of our V.C.Presidents should be sent there when the time comes instead of those hopeless people.

The announcement of the Assembly reviews should be more precise and in detail. While we have our session in full swing, the programmes of musics and singing should also be dropped and let the announcement of Assembly Review take its place.

SPEAKER : Well, now we shall call upon our Minister Incharge.

PU VAIVENGA MINISTER : Honourable Speaker, In our Demand there is Social Welfare attached to it and to which we could attach only a few things. The hon^{ble} members have just spoken about the Grants-in-aid and there I want to add some ways for their heads. That Demand No 35 will be Grant-in-aid to voluntary welfare and that Demand no 15 will be Grant-in-aid to Home for parentless. Again, that Demand no 15-50 will be Grant-in-aid to aged and deformed.

PU CH. CHHUNGA CHIEF MINISTER : Honourable Speaker, I will try to make my speech as short as possible. Well, this Department is a new one and so it could neither get the necessary instruments nor make its propaganda to work for the Public interests since Mizoram is far away from the central government to send its essential things easily. But all the essential instruments are now being sent to Mizoram and I hope that will make the difference. This Publicity Department is meant to uplift the interests of its people, culture and life of Mizos and to arrange something for the attraction of foreigners. But as I have mention before and as it is a new one beginning to function it is very difficult to arrange those things fully right from the start. (Pu C. Lalruata-Seven members of us were selected last time to join the Republic Day celebration there at Delhi but we were given

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only Rs 1000/-, so we could only board the train and not the ~~Train~~ ^{Plane}. Are we (M.L.A) not entitled to the Plane?).

If you were for this Bharat Dharsan Tour you would not be entitled to Plane. (PuZalawma. The Shillong Station Director informed us that if we send the Programmes to them they would announce it through the Mizo. Programmes directly, and it will be a good thing if our Director could send the Programmes). (Pu C. Lalruata - How did our boys and girls fly by Plane and why could not we?)

Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, Those boys and girls flew only from Silchar to Calcutta, but I did not know if our M.L.A were treated the same. As an hon'ble member has spoken about the selections for the Bharat Dharsan Tour, I too like to follow the policy of selecting men from different parts of Mizoram for this tour expecting better results. As for A.I.R, we will try to contact them better than before.

We will verify the thing that happened in the jail too and trace those other things which the Members have mentioned above.

PU HIPHEI
DY. SPEAKER : Demand No 19. Those who want to pass Rs 22,57,000/- to meet the expenses during the year of 1973-74 say you do? (Members agreed). Those who do not want to pass? (Members silent). Alright, we passed it. Now we will go to the Demand No.22 and the minister incharge will start to move.

PU CH. CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, On the recommendation of the administrator of Mizoram and with your permission sir, I move the Demand no.22 for Rs 17,75,000/- to meet the expenses during the year 1973-74 on Inland water Transport Organisation and Public works Department.

PU HIPHEI
DY.SPEAKER : This concerns the two ministers
and both of them will answer the
Questions. Now we shall call
upon the Minister incharge to move The Demand No.22.

PU R.THANGLIANA
MINISTER : Mr.Speaker Sir, On the recommen-
dation of the Administrator of
Mizoram and with your permission
sir, I move the Demand No.22 for Rs 17,75,000/- to
meet the expenses during the year 1973-74 on Road
Transport Organisation and Supply Transport Department.

PU C.CHAWNGKUNGA : Honourable Speaker, That is very
good and I want to pass it right
now.

PU C.LALRUATA : Honourable Speaker, Only one
Question. Have you got any enga-
gement for Inland Water Transport?

PU CH.SAPRAWNGA : Honourable Speaker, We have The
Department of State Transport
here and this is very important.
for Public. But it serves only between the road of
Aizawl to Silchar and Aizawl to Lunglei. The Black
Topping of the roads is likely to be undertaken soon
and for these roads- Aizawl to Champhai, Lunglei to
Lawngtlai and Lunglei to Demagiri, I want to know if
this Department have made any arrangement for these.

PU ZALAWMA : Honourable Speaker, The I W T
Organisation is very important
for the western Mizoram, we
have some rivers there in the west and the clearings
of those river banks are also important. This I W

Organisation has one relation in regards to the Sunken
Timbers. The Trees on these river banks are cut
down and Sunken in the rivers which create difficul-
culties in navigation. If this Sinking-Timber is stopped
it would be a great help for the organisation of the
I W T. If we have more Pool cars in the state Trans-
port Department, The State income would also be
increased a little. There is no place for boxes and
Luggage in the Minibus, so Beddings and suit-cases
had to be kept inside the Bus and these make the
passengers very uncomfortable. Again the mentioning
of these Pool Cars reminds me of the needs of Members
of L.A for Pool Cars to roam about in the streets and
to making concession to the fare.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Honourable Speaker, I want to
point out the importance of site
for the state Transport Depart-
ment there at Silchar and I want to request our minis-
try to take necessary steps for this as soon as possible.

PU SAPLIANA : Honourable Speaker, I would like
to point out two things regarding
this Demand No 22. The first one
is about The Inland Water Transport, and for this,
there is only an estimated amount of Rs 58,000/-.
There are many rivers which are navigable and if these
rivers are carefully surveyed, I am sure that they
would be more important for the transportation of
goods in different places. We have the river of Tlawng
Tuirial river, Chhintuipui river, Khawthbangtuipui
and many others which are all navigable. But the esti-
mated amount of money does not seem likely to include
the expenses that would be incurred when surveying
these rivers. So, I request our minister to explain
this matter more precisely.

The next thing is about the
Department of State Transport. As our hon'ble Member
Pu Ch.Saprawnga has mentioned before I want to request
our ministry to provide the means of transport for
Tlabung and the Southern parts. Again, I want to remind
you of the difficulties we(M.L.A) always met due to the
unavailability of Pool Cars when going for the Budget
Session and some important Committees.

PU SAITLAWMAS : Honourable Speaker, I would like to point out a few things regarding this Demand No.22. In regard to the Road Transport (State Transport) from Aizawl to Silchar and Aizawl to Lunglei I want to know just how much our ministry pay attention to the selling of Tickets and the arrangements made by the staff there at the station and whether our Government is gaining or loosing in this transaction.

In the rivers of Phairuang and Tuichang there are places where the water is shallow and big stones to be found. But, with the expenditure of a small amount of money we can turn these rivers into navigable rivers.

PU HIPHEI : Well now we shall call upon the
DY.SPEAKER : Ministers concernd

PU R.THANGLIANA : Honourable Speaker, May I point
MINISTER : out two things regarding the Demand No.22. The first one is that the office of the S.D.O at Silchar is now transferred to Aizawl. As we are only the beginners we have a small amount of money for this and for the establishment of the officers' and the staffs' pay there is Rs 58,000/-. Again, for their travelling expenses there is an amount of Rs 5000/- which is already sanctioned. So, altogether it comes up to an amount Rs 90000/-. In answer to the Question about the engagement for the I W T there are rivers like Tut, Tuirial, Tlawng and many other rivers which are all navigable, now the establishment for this I W T also likely to be enlarged. Now we have six Buses at present and another fifteen Buses are being sand for. To own these Buses it is very difficult for the government for there are many things to be tackled up. If we can get those Buses we will run them from Aizawl to Champhai and Demagiri. Besides, there will be some reservations for Buses for the Private owners. It seems that to many of us the fares for these Buses are a little high and I hope an arrangement will be made soon to lower the fares.

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PU HIPHEI : Demand No.22. Those who want to
DY.SPEAKER : pass to Rs 1775000/- to meet the
expenses during the years 1973-74
say you do, (Members agreed) and those who oppose this?
(Members silent) alright we pass it.
Now, the Minister incharge will
move the Demand No 23.

PU CHHUNG : Mr.Speaker Sir, on the recommen-
CHIEF MINISTER : dation of the administrator of
Mizoram and with your permission
Sir, I move Demand No.23 for Rs 83,20,000/- to meet
the expenses during the year 1973-74 on Finance Relief
operation and Pension and other retirement benefit
in General Administration Department.

PU HIPHEI : This Demand No.23 also is the two
DY.SPEAKER : ministers concerns and the Minister
Incharge will move now.

PU KHAWTINKHUM : Mr.Speaker Sir, on the recommen-
MINISTER : dation of the administrator of
Mizoram and with you permission
Sir, I move the Demand No.23 for Rs 83,20,000/- to
meet the expenses during the year 1973-74 on Finance
Department.

PU C.LALRUITH : Honourable Speaker, The E G S/ER/GK
appeared here in the Demand No.
23. There is an amount of
Rs 5000000/- for the E G S and Rs 1500000/- for the
G R. We should teach each other to earn for our live-
lihood and this G R should be given to only those who
could not earn for their livelihood.
Regarding the E G S, the road must be
surveyed first by the P W D or Technical persons before

the work is started and then the P W D should maintain it henceforth. Many persons are working under this E G S, but the rate of payments for the workers are too low and the result of which is the low gradation of the road. For instance, there are big rocks in the road between Chhiahtlang and Lungpho and only Rs 5000/- could not cover the expenses for the removal of these rocks. Again, I want to increase the proposed amount of money to meet the expenses for Natural Calamities.

PU ZALAWMA : Honourable Speaker, The policy of This E G S suits me very well, but the amount of money Sanctioned for this is too little. It is only about Rs 8000000/-. We should not forget that there is famine in Mizoram almost all the time. Secondly, I would like to request our ministry to takeover the charge of the roads to Bairabi, Zamuang and Rengdil. The last and the most important thing for me is that these roads should not be handed over to the contractors.

PU SAPLIANA : Honourable Speaker, I want to mention a few points regarding. This Demand No.23. As Mr. Ruata has just mentioned before, there is too much ingratitute relief in this case and the work undertaken under the TR also is not progressive as it should be. Again, the amount of money sanctioned to meet the natural Calamities should be increased.

PU C. CHAWNGKUNGA : Honourable Speaker, As it is mentioned before, the sanction of a large amount of money for G R is not a good policy, besides this the proposed roads should be surveyed first by the P W D and after that they should be constructed under the E G S.

PU NGURDAMLA : Honourable Speaker, The Subject of this discussion is very good, In Britain, the head clerk pensioners are employed as teachers in different institutions and I thought that we should, likewise employ the pensioners to instruct the junior staffs the ways of dealing ' official works.

PU HIPHEI
DY.SPEAKER : Well now, we shall call upon the Minister Incharge.

PU KHANTINKHUM
MINISTER : Honourable Speaker, We can increase the amount of money for the E G S and reduce the amount of money for the G R if need be. It is always difficult to organise the works of the E G S in villages and so the works are always handed over to the contractors which is not the exact way of handling the works of the E G S. (Pu Chawngkunga - The overseers should survey the way for the road)- well then, we will inform the office of the P W D and I hope they could help them.

(Pu C.Lalruata - Its not that only; it is always difficult if that is not Government Policy) - If it is Government policy, then we cannot operate our Schemes in the absence of the overseers. In regards to the employment of the pensioners for the teachers in different *offices*, it sounds very well and we will have a try for it if needed.

Well now, I request you all to accept this Demand No.23.

PU HIPHEI
DY.SPEAKER : If you have anything to say?
(addressing the Chief Minister and the Chief minister said 'No')
Now, we have finished our discussion on the Demand No.23 and those who want to pass this Demand No.23

say you do. (Members agreed) and those who oppose
this! (Members silent) So, we passed it. We have
finished our programmes for today and we will conti-
nue again tomorrow at 10:00A.M.

Meeting adjourned at 6 : 00 P.M.

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