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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY HELD AT THE ASSEMBLY CHAMBER
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P R E S E N T.

Mr. H. Thansanga, Speaker in the Chair. Chief Minister, four
Ministers and twenty six Members.

B U S I N E S S.

1. Questions (from Question No. 14 included along with the
list of business for 25.3.1974.)
2. General discussion on the Budget.

SPEAKER : "Where no counsellis, the people fall:
but in the multitude of counsellors
there is safety. He that deligitly
seeketh good procureth favour; but he that seeketh mischief,
it slight come unto him".

STARRED QUESTIONS:

Now, Question No. 18, Pu Thanghuama's
question.

PU J. THANGHUAMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, what are we going to
do with yesterday's questions which had
not yet been answered ?

SPEAKER : According to our Constitution, questions
which has not yet been answered are to
be circulated within three days. But,
if our Members wanted to continue from where we stopped yes-
terday, I am not against it.

PU R. DOTINAIA: Mr. Speaker Sir, If it is then, could
not we continue from Question No. 14 ?

SPEAKER : Let us first see our rule.

PU SAPLIANA: Mr. Speaker Sir, It appears that we can
continue it as we see in rule 27 of
Rules of Procedure and Conduct of
Business. So, I request you to let us continue.

SPEAKER : You said rule 27 ?

PU SAPLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, rule 27 of the Procedure
goes like this that "All business
appointed for any day and not disposed
of on that day shall stand over until the next day of the
Session available for business of the Class to which it
belongs".

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SPEAKER : But, questions are not included there. Anyway, let me read out rule 27(5), which states as "If any question placed on the list of question for oral answer on any day is not called for answer within the time available for answering question on that day, the Secretary shall circulate the replies within 3 days and such replies shall form part of the proceedings of the day on which the questions were listed". So, un-answered questions would be taken-up later on, that is if we could spare time for them.

PU C.LALRUATA : Mr.Speaker Sir, Here, Rule 29(3) states as "no business included in the list of business for the day shall be transacted at any meeting without the leave of the Speaker". So, have our today's list of business been approved by the Speaker ? If it is so, I would be glad if we could continue again from Question No. 14.

SPEAKER : As I was not informed by the Secretariat, I do not know about this. However, we shall continue it after sometimes. Now, let us first take Question No. 18, Pu Thanghuama's-

*18.PU J.THANGHUAMA: Mr.Speaker Sir, my question No. 18-
Will the Hon'ble Chief Minister i/c of the Home Department be pleased to state

Whether the Government have any proposal for giving Rehabilitation Loan/Grant to the victims of disturbance in rural areas in Mizoram.

PU CH.CHHUNGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, No, there had not been
CHIEF MINISTER. proposal for giving such Grants/Loan to the victims of disturbance in rural areas

PU J.THANGHUAMA: Mr.Speaker Sir, supplementary question-
If I am not mistaken, just now I heard that Rs. 75,00,000/- lakhs were given out for Aizawl because of which I asked the above question.

PU CH.CHHUNGA : Mr.Speaker Sir, Yes, we regarded this money
CHIEF MINISTER. for reconstruction Loan. However, there is no intention to give the rural areas.

PU SAITLAWMA: Mr.Speaker Sir, why had they written as
Reconstruction instead of Rehabilitation Loan, which one to accept ? For, it appeared as Rehabilitation in our Budget.

PU CH.CHHUNGA: Mr.Speaker Sir, Yes, Rehabilitation Loan
CHIEF MINISTER. would be the correct word. But, when we move this resolution, what we had in our mind was to reconstruct Houses and Shops of Aizawl Town that had been damaged or destroyed during the disturbances.

PU C.LALRUATA: Mr.Speaker Sir, Does that mean Government is not intending to rehabilitate villagers who had met the same fate like Aizawl ?

PU CH. CHHUNGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, There is no intention
CHIEF MINISTER. to differentiate between Aizawl and
Rural areas. However, Rehabilitation
will be done after Village-Grouping is demolished.

PU CHAWNGKUNGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question-
If Aizawl Bara Bazar could be rehabi-
litated, why can not we rehabilitate
villages too ?

PU CH. CHHUNGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, As it is going to be
CHIEF MINISTER. difficult to rehabilitate the villages
one by one, our intention is to rehabi-
litate them at one time, for which Central Government is also
persuaded.

PU CHAWNGKUNGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, There are some who have
not receive the rehabilitation Grant that
had been distributed, so are they going
to be given ?

PU CH. CHHUNGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I wonder if this question
CHIEF MINISTER. would cover the time when Rehabilitation
Grants were distributed. However, it is
this that Government gives to those whom they think fit and
do not give to those whom they think unfit.

PU C. LALRUATA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Do not the villagers
deserve such Grants for they too are
the victims ?

PU CH. CHHUNGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, My answer to the
CHIEF MINISTER. question of our honourable Member
Pu C. Lalruata would be same as to
Pu Chawngkung's question.

PU CHAWNGKUNGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, when Rehabilitation
Grants were distributed in one grouped
village, 4/5 houses were left out
perhaps by mistake. So, do the Govt. intend to give them
again ?

PU CHAWNGKUNGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, We have not yet heard
CHIEF MINISTER. such cases.

SPEAKER : Question No. 19- Pu Sapliana's question.

* 19. PU SAPLIANA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Will the Hon'ble
Chief Minister i/c of PWD Depart-
ment be pleased to state -

(a) Whether it is a fact that diversion of Funds has been
made for the works which are not in the work schedule ?

(b) If so, why ?

PU CH. CHHUNGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Answers to question
CHIEF MINISTER. No. 19.

(a) Yes, it is true.

(b) There are times when money has to be diverted due to some
difficulty to do the work as in the schedule of works.

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PU CHAWNGKUNGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, It so happened that when we were under Assam money sanction for Mizoram was so often diverted and delayed which really hurt our very sentiments. So, diversion of Funds which has been practised now-a-days also won't be fair either. Therefore, do the Government intend to use Fund for its true purposes ?

PU CH. CHHUNGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Altho' the Government
CHIEF MINISTER. tries its best, this thing has to happen sometimes due to some difficulties like shortage of material or unfavourable circumstances and so on. However, what we should know is that human beings could not at all times live according to his/her will.

PU C. LALRUATA : Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question-
Are Champhai-Khawbung Road, the road near Pu Lalbuai's residence and the Retaining Wall of Mission Veng Thlang also been included in the diversion ?

PU CH. CHHUNGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Yes, they are included
CHIEF MINISTER. before Revised Estimate was made, and Mission Veng Road also, I believe would be included after its completion. But, Khawbung, Champhai, Vanlaiphai and Saiha Roads are not included, for they had been included in the list of B.R.T.F. So, I believe the B.R.T.F. will take-over.

PU LALKUNGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, supposing the Mission Veng Road is continued will it have to break the Graveyards ? And what is the amount of un-used money in the 1973-74 Fund ?

PU CH. CHHUNGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Tho' I could not figure-
CHIEF MINISTER. up the exact amount I think it is about 30 lakhs. Two uncompleted roads are there in Mission Veng-one starting from Teacher Nghaka's residence which is supposed to end-up at Kulikawn Dam water point. But, studying the situation of this road and the complications that involved mainly because of Houses being built on the roadside we then made a decision to work-out the upper-road, for we could also see the possibility of an outlet in Thakthing Veng. Besides this, the road is prepared for the road of Graveyard which had been started in the previous years.

SPEAKER : Question No. 20- Pu Sapliana's question.

*20. PU SAPLIANA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Will the Hon'ble Chief Minister i/c of P.W.D. be pleased to state -

(a) Whether priority has been given to some works by the Public Works Department.

(b) If so, what is the basis for giving priority ?

PU CH. CHHUNGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Answers to question No. 20
CHIEF MINISTER. (a) No. (b) There is no such thing.

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PU LALKUNGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, We know that the road leading to the Graveyard of Mission Veng and the entrance road of Khatla L.P. School are worked-out under Crash Scheme, so what is the meaning of Crash Scheme in P.W.D. ?

PU CH. CHHUNGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, It means that the works are to be finished within a short space of time. And, the calling of tender which we usually done, is also could be avoided by this scheme.

PU C. LALRUATA : Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question- It appears that priority and Crash Scheme go side by side making a clash there. So, what is the urgency and importance of the Retaining Wall that had been constructed near Pu A. Rohmuna's residence situated between Electric and Chandmari Veng ?

PU CH. CHHUNGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, The Retaining Wall was constructed to make it easier for vehicles to pass thro' the road in times of landslide which often occurred near Pu Lalnghinga's residence.

PU LALKUNGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, According to our knowledge Crash Scheme is practised when air immediate solution is needed for certain difficulties that arose in Public Life. Is it for this reason that the Khatla L.P. School and Mission Veng Thlang Road are worked-out ? And are they to be called Public importance ?

PU CH. CHHUNGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I do not definitely know whether they have Public importance. Generally, things that had been planned out during the time of District Council are continued and developed in our time, and Mission Veng Thlang Road is also one of them.

PU LAIHMINGTHANGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question- The importance of having a Servicing Bus in the College Road is often mentioned in our Local Papers, or else by the student themselves, while such an urgency is there, could not it be taken under Crash Scheme ? Or are we to accept it as it is just because the P.W.D. could not certify it as serviceable Road ?

PU CH. CHHUNGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, It might not be as much as our wishes, but in the College Road, certain works are being done now and then.

PU F. HRANGVELA: Mr. Speaker Sir, It has been said as if priority was to be given to Mission Veng Thlang Road neglecting the upper road for which a large sum had already been used. Hence, I would like to know the reason for this. And also, do the Govt still intend to use-up large amount for the construction of a short road, which few people could use in rugged cliff of Thakthing Veng ?

PU CH. CHHUNGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, To penetrate the main Road, an outlet for that road was already investigated. And, so far I don't know there is any intention to neglect the other one.

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PU SAPLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, We have been told that about the diversion of Fund even for a work which has not been included in our Schedule of work. So, I would like to know the public importance of Mission Veng Thlang Road which is not also included in the Schedule of work. And will it be an advancement for Mizoram to go on without giving Priority to certain thing ?

PU CH. CHHUNGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Works that has been included in our Schedule of works are all equally important that we do not know which one to give Priority.
CHIEF MINISTER.

SPEAKER : Question No. 21.

*21 PU SAPLIANA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Will the Hon'ble Chief Minister i/c of P.W.D. be pleased to state -

What are the major works proposed to be taken up by the P.W.D. on priority basis during 1973-74 ?

PU CH. CHHUNGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, There is no such thing works that had been started up will be continued and new works also would be started up as well.
CHIEF MINISTER.

SPEAKER : The question is almost same with the previous one. So, is there anymore question from the questioner ?

PU SAPLIANA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Since nothing is given in priority basis, I am afraid we don't have any.

REHABILITATION OF M.N.F. RETURNEES.

SPEAKER : Question No. 22.

*22. PU J. THANGHUAMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Will the Hon'ble Chief Minister i/c of Political/Home Department be pleased to state -

What steps have been taken by the Government for the rehabilitation of M.N.F. returnees as desired by the Central Government ?

PU CH. CHHUNGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, The followings are the steps that had been taken -
CHIEF MINISTER.

- 1) For Relief-Fund Rs. 178,800/- had been given to the Returnees.
- 2) In Mizoram Shramik Bahany had been registered by P.W.D.
- 3) Rs. 20,000/- had been lent to the Co-operative Society that was established by the Returnees.
- 4) Special arrangement was made for them to enter into B.S.F. and C.R.P.F.
- 5) Two Road Permit for Mini Bus and Three Road Permit for Taxi were also given to them.
- 6) A door was opened for them to enter into the Government Service on certain condition.

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to make terraces. 7) Rs. 412,600/- been given for them
given to the Returnees Organization. 8) 20 Kgs. of Rubber Seed was also
Scheme Rs. 13,00,00/- had been lent to them. 9) From Middle Income Group Housing

SPEAKER : Question No. 23.

*23 PU J.THANGHUAMA: Mr.Speaker Sir, Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c of Education Department be pleased to state-

Whether the Government have taken any steps for recognition of L.P.Schools known as "Thlawhbawk School" by Providing them with teachers.

PU VAIVENGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, No, nothing is done.
MINISTER. But, without recognizing Thlawhbawk L.P.School, an arrangement was made to send some of the Teachers from its Centre, so that Thlawhbawk children could study in local.

SPEAKER : Question No. 24.

*24.PU J.THANGHUAMA: Mr.Speaker Sir, Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c of the Education Department be pleased to state-

What is the total number of L.P.Teachers recruited after Mizoram became Union Territory and the number proposed to be recruited in 1974-75 ?

PU VAIVENGA : Mr.Speaker Sir, After Union Territory
MINISTER. 220 L.P.Teachers are recruited in regular vacant post. And for the year 1974-75, posts of 200 more Teachers are proposed.

PU J.THANGHUAMA: Mr.Speaker Sir, supplementary question- Among 200 Teachers, are 60 substitutes who were appointed just recently included ? I would also like to know whether preference could be given to those teachers, who had been appointed in the time of District Council, particularly when Congress was a ruling party.

PU VAIVENGA : Mr.Speaker Sir, Sixty are not included
MINISTER. here, as they were appointed in substitute of the trainees. But, those whom the Congress appointed were discussed-about with Party leaders. However, as an examination was held for the appointments of L.P.Teachers, everything would depend on their examination.

PU R.DOTINAIA : Mr.Speaker Sir, supplementary question- Last year in the first appointment letters of 200 teachers nothing about their condition-whether they are to be in leave vacancy or trainee was not written. But, In February of this year, the Dy.Inspector of Schools gave an order telling them of their conditions that they were for the leave vacancy of Basic Trainees.

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PU VAIVENGA : Mr.Speaker Sir, right from the time of
MINISTER. District Council, officiating Teachers
are first regarded. So, when new appoint-
ments are made, they are given consideration. And the new ones
are then officiating among whom these teachers also would be
included. The only thing is that an information was given out
lately. The officiating ones and those which we have now men-
tioned are also placed among the new appointed ones, for,
preference are given to them because of one year service they
had already rendered.

PU C.LALRUATA : Mr.Speaker Sir, supplementary question-
Is there any proposal being made at the
time of the appointment to place them
in vacant post of trainees ? Or this proposal was made lately?

PU VAIVENGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, It was to be done so,
MINISTER. but as I have said, it was a mistake
when the whole lot were given.

PU HRANGAIA : Mr.Speaker Sir, supplementary question-
Had they placed in Leave vacancy at any
time they like without proper informa-
tion before ? And how are they differentiate ?

PU R.DOTINAIA : Mr.Speaker Sir, even when placed in
substitute of a trainee, the latter,
for example- he is from Lungkawlh
L.P.School III, when he returned had then been placed in
L.P.School I which seems to be very irregular. And will
preference be given to those who had one year's service when
an appointment of 200 Teachers is made for 1974-75 ?

PU VAIVENGA : Mr.Speaker Sir, As I have said, Yes,
MINISTER. preference is always given to those
who already had one year's service.
But, they are placed by the Department at any conveniency,
not by according to our sweet will.

PU C.LALRUATA : Mr.Speaker Sir, It has been known to us
that the appointments of these teachers
were made on the basis of the marks
obtained by them in the examination. Hence, could it occur
that some of them who had been placed in substitute of train-
ees are the ones who obtained lower marks ?

PU VAIVENGA : Mr.Speaker Sir, Tho' I could not say
MINISTER. about the marks, the principle for
selection was of course their examina-
tion. For officiating, that will depend on the conveniency
suggested by the Department.

PU CHAWNGKUNGA : Mr.Speaker Sir, Two Mizo Teachers who
could not read Bengali were placed at
Tuipuibari Primary School. But, as there
was no student studying in Mizo language, the two Teachers
without working get their pay regularly from last year onwards.
So, could these two be posted at Thlawhbawk ?

PU VAIVENGA : Mr.Speaker Sir, Yes, we will see about
MINISTER. it.

PU CH. CHHUNGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, I have met 3/4 persons
CHIEF MINIS-TER. complaining that they were discharged
from their post without letting them know
that their appointment was temporary. And, when I study their
appointment letter, it was written 'Officiating' which could
perhaps means they do not understand.

PU C. LALRUATA : Mr. Speaker Sir, while it was all written
'Officiating' some of them who got good
marks are now told as if they are only
for the substitute of trainees. If, they are lower mark scoreres,
it might be understand. Preference also must be there.

PU P. B. NIKHUMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, This thing could be that
DY. MINISTER. which we dislike. But, in practical side,
they seem to be all similar.

SPEAKER : Question No. 25-Pu J. Thanghuama's question.

*25. PU J. THANGHUAMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Will the Hon'ble Minister
i/c of Education Department be pleased to
state-

(a) Whether the Government have taken steps to take over
printing of School Text Books by inviting tenders.

(b) If not, why ?

PU VAIVENGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, answers to question No. 25
MINISTER. (a) & (b).

(a) No.

(b) Mizoram Text Book Committee prescribed
suitable books for use as Text Books in Schools. Uptil now the
authors have those books published by publishers selected by them.
Until and unless the Text-Books are nationalised and the books
are published by the Department itself it is not possible on the
part of Government to call tenders.

PU J. THANGHUAMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question-
What is the difficulty in calling tenders
for Text-Book Publishers ? While there is
great demand for Text-Books we have only two Publishers who
could not meet the requirements of the country. Prices are also
charged as much as they like, so acquiring enormous wealth for
themselves.

PU CHAWNGKUNGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question-
Who are Mizoram Text-Book suppliers at
present ?

PU VAIVENGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, What had been said by
MINISTER. pu J. Thanghuama was true. The best thing
to do in this connection would be done
by the Government. That is when we are certain the quantities
of book needed and the books that would be needed.

Text-Books are mostly purchased from Zill
Press, Bookroom, Zoram Printing Press and some, from Lungla.

PU CHAWNGKUNGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Who are the royalty holders?

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PU VAIVENGA :
MINISTER.

Mr. Speaker Sir, Right now I can not say the Publishers.

(Pu J. Thanghuama: When we look to the authors of Primary and Middle School Text Books, they seemed to be Governments. So, is it possible for Government Servant to take royalty ?) Mr. Speaker Sir, as I have said, the best thing for us would be considered. Those Text-Books mentioned are what had been accepted by Text Book Committee in the previous years which we too follow.

SPEAKER : Now question No. 26.

*26. PU R. DOTINAIA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c of Supply & Transport Department be pleased to state -

- (a) What is the number of Vehicles Jeeps or Car put under the disposal of Liaison Officer, Calcutta ?
- (b) For whom and what purpose these vehicles are meant.
- (c) On what terms and conditions can the vehicles be used by touring Officers.

PU R. THANGLIANA:
MINISTER.

Mr. Speaker Sir, Answers to this question are-

(a) - 2(two)

(b) Vehicles are meant for use by V.I.Ps and Gazetted Officers of the Government of Mizoram on Official duty.

(c) The Vehicles are meant for use by the V.I.Ps and by touring Officers upto the rank of Joint Secretary to the Government of Mizoram including Heads of Departments and Deputy Commissioners for journey to and from Dum Dum. Airport or any other place of embarking in the course of their travel on duty and also for any official duty within the greater Calcutta including Howrah. All other Gazetted Officers are entitled to use the Vehicles only for official duties within the city of Calcutta and that also during office hours only. No non-officials are authorised to use the Government Vehicles. Officers will share the Car whenever it is necessary. Vehicles will not be allowed to be used by Officers on leave. The Cars will not be detailed for duty outside the Corporation area in any circumstances even if any Officer is to stay outside Calcutta Corporation area. The use of the Car is to be only for a short period and for specific duties proposed. No Officer will be given the Car for use round the clock. The use of Vehicle is not permissible under any circumstances for journeys to place of entertainment, public amusements party pleasure strips and marriage ceremony. In emergent cases only the vehicle may be used for non-duty journey to a limited extent by Officers not below the rank of Secretary to the Govt. of Mizoram provided official requirement are not interferred in any way. Duty journey shall have preference over non-duty journey. A charge of 50 paise per K.M. will have to be paid for private use of the Car from the time it leaves the Mizoram House and till it return to Garrage. When more than one Officer use the Car in course of the same non-duty journey charges in the prescribed rate are to be recovered from each officer separately.

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PU R. DOTINAIA: Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question-
(1) When we say V.I.Ps, are the M.L.As. on official duty included?
(2) Of the two Cars, one is said to be in Workshop for almost a year. So, how much money had been given for its repair and in which workshop?

PU R. THANGLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, To all appearances, it might seemingly right to provide Vehicles for M.L.As who are on duty. But, nothing about this was mentioned in our rules. Anyway, we will see about it.

Regarding the damaged-Car, I think I better explain it later, for, if I am not mistaken, a question in this connection was raised somewhere.

What I wanted to answer is Pu Lalkunga's yesterday question- that concerns the royalty taken by Mizoram Government from B.R.T.F. Under District Council, the Saam Govt. used to take Rs. 93,24,00/- from Aizawl-Vairengte and Aizawl-Lunglei Roads, amongst which 60% goes to District-Council and the rest 40% goes to themselves. At present the B.R.T.F. undertakes Aizawl-Tuipuibari via Sairang and Aizawl-Tipaimukh Roads. And Lunglei-Tuipang road is also undertaken by them. So, after all these are completed royalty would be taken.

SPEAKER : Question hour is over. Yesterday, about ten Members had a chance of speaking. So, now, we shall first of all call upon Pu Saitlawma as he requested.

GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET FOR 1974-75.

PU SAITLAWMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, It is a privilege to have an opportunity for discussion on 1974-75 Budget. But, if we look to the practical side of development, there's nothing to be glad for. However, it is my ardent desire that we, the Members too understand the difficulties that confronted our Government and the Ministry. And we should be also glad for the new changes and new developments brought about by an U.T. Government.

As we all know, that the Education plays an important part among the Mizos, because of which it is important to think a way out for what we have failed before. Yes, experienced workers are much needed in Science, Medical and Public Works Departments, and Science Teachers particularly for rural High Schools are rare which sometimes makes us think as though our young learners are not fully interested in higher and harder studies. But, in our ever-contesting world, one must not content only with B.A. degree, if it is for country's development.

For further developments, proper land policy must also be immediately introduced, and it might ~~be~~ as well be a good thing to shuffle our land tenure system by which only three towns are entitled to do land ~~xx~~ settlement, whereas others had to face certain difficulties in borrowing loans for which immovable property is always needed. Owing to this misunderstanding between towns and villages are liable to occur. So, before it happens this thing must be settled.

We can also look forward to the developments that would be achieved with a huge money sanctioned for Veterinary, Animal Husbandry and Co-operation Departments, that is if we could spend them for their true purposes.

It has been two years since the existence of popular Government of our own, but it is a surprise that till now no proper Legislations from the erstwhile District Council, but it is not definitely known which ones are adopted and which ones are not. Sometimes, certain rules like 'Animal Control Rule' or other come up on the table which we have never discussed in the House. And it also appears that 'Rules governing grant-in-aid' was published in the Mizoram Gazette without the fore-knowledge of Assembly. And it was also not mentioned on which Act it is based. If we are not active in framing proper rules and regularisations for the guidance of the country; it is going to be a disgrace when public challenge us in regard to the rules, Acts and with the validity of them all.

It has also been said that rules for Deficit System were already framed. But, I want to know what particular rules they were, and are we still using the Education Rules and Orders of Assam?

As we have said yesterday, the administration of Education Department is not at all satisfactory. There are five high ranking officers in the Directorate but only one Inspector for the whole of Mizoram! Was this done by mistake?

In Chhimituipui and Lunglei District, not even a single Inspector is posted and the Asst. Inspector are without power. There is too much centralisation of power in Education Department. It is wrong to endow the power of Secretary and Director into one man's hand. Grant-in-aid are also given without supervision, except utilization certificate obtained from Head Teacher which are then easily accepted here. Yes, there are some, who on voluntary, work harder with enthusiasm, more than the expectation of the Govt. And there is also a rumour regarding the utilization of Rs. 10,00,00/- for business purposes by some Head Masters, altho' this was meant for the poorer students. Had there been any inspection regarding this? If our Education Department goes on like this our social life would be easily degraded. There are three Circles in the circle of Sub-Inspector of School Lunglei with only one Inspector. So, very often we mentioned about it to the Director, but, nothing done upto this moment! They might said that we the people of Chhimituipui and Lunglei Districts are full of complaints and dis appointments. Yes, it is true we have a lot. The vacancy of three teachers in Government High School of Lunglei also could not be filled up.

In Lunglei, the Dy. Director of Supply and Transport was placed with no L.D.As. or U.D.As altho' they were there in the Budget provision. Such was how the supply and transport of Chhimituipui and Lunglei Districts were run. Also there is a Bus Service in Aizawl, Lunglei and Lawngtlai, and one Assistant Superintendent of Transport is there with no office. So, the Booking of Tickets had to be done in a tea-stall. Such were the fate of Lunglei and Chhimituipui Districts. After U.T., the Govt started building of 60-bedded Hospital for Champhai whereas not even one bedded Hospital could not be proposed for Chhimituipui District upto this day! Are all the benefits and advantages of U.T. should be accumulated here in Aizawl? If it is so, let us their change the map of Union Territory. We feel it hard to be well content.

From smallest to biggest matters, there is so much discrimination between the South and the North that it can be seen from different aspects. One of which was in P.W.D. In 1971-72 scheduled of rates, the wage of unskilled labour was Rs. 5/- per day for Aizawl and Rs. 6/- for Lunglei. But, as for Lunglei it was not permitted to use scheduled of rates. Why can't they too be allowed to give at Scheduled of rates like in Aizawl? I was so raged-up to hear this that I even mentioned it to the Secretary, Ministers and Engineer. But, it hurts more especially for a socialist sentiment like me, to hear what Secretary said. He said, "Don't bother about these people, for, there are others who are willing to work at this rate. So, let the willing ones do". How can he said this, when we know that even one Rupee is precious to the poor. Not only that, there might be a time when I too have to work for Re.1/- per day. So, it is my strong request that Government consider what Secretary said- "Don't bother".

When we were under Assam, one Doctor used to be there in Tuipang Dispensary. But, after U.T., no improvement could be seen till now and the one and only Doctor was also called-away. No Scheduled of works being proposed for Lakher Autonomous District ! A proposal, for the establishment of T.B.Hospital, Industrial Training Institution, Normal Training School, Science College, Agriculture Demonstration Farm, Police Training Centre, and Teacher Training Institution was made, but these are all for Aizawl, such facilities are not made for other Districts to enjoy ! Frankly speaking, the people of Aizawl District are likely to have tussle with one another. While some of you propose transference of town, others would break it. If we go on like this, what will be the consequences ?- Likely, Disintegration, regionalism and separation, for the Villages are not blind to see what is going on.

Lastly, I want the Government to note this that within the Financial Year of 1974-75, they must build Hospital and Treasury for Chhintuipui District.

PU SANGCHEM : Mr.Speaker Sir, We have now carefully studied the 1974-75 Budget and what I dislike most is its in balancy, that can be proved from this example- We know that the 30 Constituencies of M.L.As are divided on the basis of Mizoram population; of which 6 constituencies represent Aizawl-Lunglei whereas the remaining 24 represent Villages, in which case 1/6 of Budget Provisions should go to towns and 5/6 to the Villages. But in our Budget it appears that the arrangement was just the opposite.

It can also appears as if no proper consideration was given for the development of the whole territory. Let me give an example- concerning P.W.D. we consulted Secretary and his reply was "how could we do, all the things said by the M.L.As". So that's how things are. I thought they would at least pay head for what we, the M.L.As, see with our own eyes and heard with our own ears. And in the 1972-73 and 1973-74 Budgets Provisions were made for the construction of Deputy Commissioner, Information, Police Officers, Jail House and other Government Buildings, but till now nothing is done. The appointed B.D.Os are also without post upto this day. It is meaningless to lay-out plans and proposals if we could not fulfil them. In fact, it is our failure to fulfil plans and schemes that always cause more difficulties. It is also going to be a great-help I think, if we could right away release and use the money/Fund as soon as the Government makes decision and approved. Regarding the release and the utilisation of money sanctioned, the Govt. must not be content only when money is drawn, they must also see to its utilization. Their failure to see to this always cause

disappointment. For example- The Deputy Inspector of Schools gave Rs. 5,000/- each to Sangau and Cheural Villages on account of Building Grant. In Cheural the Building was roffed with corrugated-iron and floored with plank whereas in Sangau a contract of construction was given to the Village Council President who purchased so 4 posts and 8 window frames. Then all the money-Rs 5,000/- was finished-up ! see the difference both the villages received same amount from Deputy Inspector of Schools!

Now, it has been 23 months since the Mizoram Government functions, but none of the Ministers except Dy.Minister pay a visit to Chhimituipui District, altho' other big Villages like Champhai, Kawnpui etc. are visited more than twenty times ! We will expect other Ministers too to do what Dy.Minister had done for, it had been a great relief of burdens to have such visitor.

Indecision from Government side is another source of difficulty. In Education Department the Government had an intention of farming Deficit System from a pretty long time. But, upto this day, none of such thing could be seen or heard because of which all the teachers flocked together here in Aizawl to draw their salaries, not being able to attend to the needs of their students. Here, the school children really suffer. The same case is in the implementation of Housing Loan.. If Government could make immediate decision as to whom this loan would be given, and to whom not to be given, I think there will be less grumbling from the public.

Also, Pu Saitlawma had mentioned the importance of having more Overseers which I strongly supported. If there are not enough Overseers to be employed, Executive Engineer also would be useless. Therefore, it is necessary that the Govt. do something to be able to have more Overseers. And regarding the construction of roads undertaken by P.W.D., particularly of the road between Kolasib and Bairabi, I think it will be much better if they make the road Jeepable whatever length they may c-over at a time instead of covering a great length working here and there without making any portion of the road jeepable.

I would also like to say few things concerning Contractors. The other day I listened to the talks of various contractors. There, one contractor said, " I have approached Public Health Engineering Department 19 times and at last I got this assignment". So that is how different contractors are dealt with while some of them could easily get assignment, some have to try real hard even just to get a single assignment. I hope the Government will see to the matter, for, both the lucky and unlucky ones earn their livelihood in this way.

Regarding the want of School Inspector, I don't think we are now in a position to say 'We are in short of staff', since we already have now a Director. What I wanted to mention is an example- to show the unsatisfactory work of Education Department. Eversince 1958 till March 26, 1974, none of these places- Saiha, Hnahthial, Pang, S.Vanlaiphai not to mention others have been inspected !, altho' it was said by the Director and Inspector that they would inspect them at their first opportunity. When will their first opportunity comes ? Before it comes, I'm afraid worse things happen.

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One thing that has to be given a second thought is the differentiation of stipends given to the students who were sent by the Government to Diphu, for, some received T.A. whereas others did not.

I would also like to name things that we do not have in Chhintuipui District, so I request the Government to note them down. There is no Jail House, Treasury Department, Fire Brigade, Co-operative Society Department, and also Industry, altho' a promise of establishing all these was made last year. Another promise, of implementing a machine for crushing corn was also made, but none came till now.

As for Electricity it is nil. And an Employment Department is also not there. Tho' Post and Telegraph Department is not the concern of our Government. I request our Ministers to look-out for a way of having it.

It is my appeal to the Minister concerned to deeply consider what I intend to say in regard to Medical Department. As we all know that Aizawl, being the Capital is a place where most of an invalid and sick persons from all over the Territory flock together for treatment and medicine. But, at night, no Doctor to be found, in case of emergency also, which cause certain difficulties for the public. So, couldn't it be better that we place Doctors and Nurses on duty for 24 hours or 12 hours. In this way, it will be much easier for the people. In turn, the Government must also build more Quaters for the Nurses, in order to get better treatment from them as well as for their conveniency in time of emergencies.. Trainees who had been appointed in the month of December are also not yet given any stipend. If I am not mistaken it is also learnt that Medical Supply is said to be quite regular, whereas in Village-Dispensaries, always a time when there is no medicine, for which case I request the Govt. to have a thorough check.

In Chhintuipui District, the Malria Department which functions under one Surveillance Inspector and Worker also does not have proper building for permanent settlement. So, it is my appeal that this Department be placed in Sub-Unit under Senior Malaria Inspector.

Lastly, let me mention Public Health Engineering Department, for, w-hat I heard is true. In Chhint-uirui District, there is only one Overseer with one Chowkidar who could not at all function. Why can't we implement what had been included in our Budget ? There must be at least one Sub-Divisional Officer in this District. If we could do that, I believe there would be better development in those areas.

Thank you.

PU J. THANGHUAMA:

Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to point out some of the things and make an addition to the Budget proposals.

First of all, there is a beautiful book called 'Mizoram' which staes as "Visitors will need an entry permit for travel into Mizoram. Permits can be obtained from the Office of the Deputy Director of Supply & Transport, Silchar". As I was the statement, I wanted to know whether the Deputy Director of Supply, Silchar was authorised to issue an Entry Permit. If so, since when ?

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Secondly, why have not Directories been changed uptill now ? For I still notice the writing of 'Aijal'.

Thirdly, why are those 200 Homeguards discharged and C.R.P. or shall we call them P.A.C. are placed in their place ? Was it because of money-problem ? I want an explanation from the Government. If they can't re-instated, they must at least be given some other jobs-that is what I wish.

We have also heard what our Minister said in regard to the shifting of Assam Rifles to Luangmual-where compensation is said to be given to those land owners, whose houses and lands had been damaged by the shifting. I think we know this that Luangmual is under the Village Council and is not rural area, but, compensation is said to be given. As such I want to know the reason why we could not as well give to others whose houses and lands had ever since been occupied by Security Forces.

I would also like to know this, who would borne the expenses for the construction of Retaining Wall that had been constructed below the residence of one Executive Engineer for which about Rs. 100,000/- would be needd ? Is it himself or the Govt. ? If it is Government, I too would like to have another Retaining Wall below my House and I think others would also like to have. There is another Retaining Wall at Thakthing Veng. With whose permission Aizawl retaining walls are constructed ? I think our P.W.D. functions without proper calculation, for, so much money are going to be used up for the construction of Retaining Walls.

Regarding the implementation of School Building grant, I think it is wrong to give each and every School an equal amount. It must rather be given according as they required.

The other day, I came across an English Newspaper which stated the murder that took place at Keitum as "Four Mizo youngsters enacted a dirty act of Cannibalism under the influence of liquor last week at Keitum, 130 K.M. from Aizawl, according to an Official Report" The above statement was published in various Newspaper like Times of India on 13th October, 1974. The words 'Cannibal' and 'Official report' were used here. So, I would like to have an explanation of it from our Minister.

Let us first turn back to the 1972 Budget. Here, the proposal of shifting I.T.I. from Silchar to Aizawl was there. And it was also said that even if there is no building, private house was to be hired for them. We have now come to the year of 1974, but nothing seems to be done. So, I want to know whether the I.T.I. is still at Silchar and which private house is hired for them?

Primary School Text Book is one of the other problems. The ones we have now are too stalc and the Text Book Committee are just like the gathering of White Elephant, All the Officers flocked together as if only for sitting allowances ! The three Select Committee must also be present. If we go on as we are now, it is doubtful to achieve better progress. Supposing Text Books are re-organized, how would we distribute ? Some few would do the printing and the writing, not giving chance to any other Press and the benefits all go to them. Here, the suffers are we the people, for, adequate Text Books to meet the requirement of the public are never printed. For one text book, they would charge as much as they like, since they are the only ones who could monopolise them. Next time, tender must be called for Primary School Text Book Printer and monopoliser.

I believe everyone of our Press here in Aizawl could do the printing, for Primary Text Books are not like Hymn Book or Bible, for which printing, good press is needed. If we intend to follow the Socialistic pattern of Society and our Congress Policy, - of driving away Poverty, we must start right away even in the above matter.

If we study our Budget Book, there are many schedule of works for the contractors. Among the many Aizawl Contractors there are many who could not at all get a contract even after applying for 20, 40 times. Whereas some could get more than they could handle, which they again give in sub-contract. If this un-equality of our Contractors does not come to the knowledge of our Government. I would still understand. But, what action is taken to those wrong-doers who covertly sold-away motor parts ? So what is done, for, there was fact and figures to be seen ? Let the poor Contractors too have a chance, why can't we give equal share ? If unfortunate ones ever remains unfortunate, there would surely be some kind of Resolution as some Members had previously said. So, when there is still time; let us try our best to avoid this likely inevitance.

Now, Zanlawn Incidence. Among the 32 Members I think at least 27 of us would not accept this proposal, of shifting Zanlawn Village. If the proposal is from Security Forces, we must resist it. Of course if the shifting could produce peace and goodwill within the Territory I think we can at least understand. But, what guarantee would be given to them? Just recently, one Superintendent of Police, Pu Roya was shot at Sarawn Veng, but Sarawn Veng is not shifted because of the evidence. Now, a proposal has come for the transference of Zanlawn Village, and what is the reaction of Mizoram Government? Does it intend to give them free lodging ? It so happened in U.K. that, the Coal miners, demanding higher wages were on strike and the Prime Minister, saying that he wants new election, just resigned. But, could the Government prove that the culprits really belong to Zanlawn Village itself ? As we are in d-isturbed area, there might happen again another incidence tomorrow, perhaps near Reiek of Hnahthial and so on. No one can definitely tells when and where such thing would happen. If each and every nearby Villages, where an incidence takes place, are to be transferred, then why don't we also transfer Kawnpui Village, for, the incidence took place in between the two Villages ? Not that we are unmindful, of what happened to our Lt .Governor, I don't think he too would agree to the fate of Zanlawn. Therefore, let us fight and resist the proposal before its too late.

The administration runs along and it looks like that some of the powers are also to be transferred. And A.D.M. is also seems to be going, for his substitute I would like to suggest some of our Mizo A.C.S. I Officer. like Pu Dengchhuana. Since A.D.M. is the one who handles all those cases and files of prisoners, it is necessary to have one who knows the Mizo language. Also, a report cause which reveals certain difficulties faced by the people of Zemabawk Locality. Zemabawk as we know is all surrounded by C.R.P. and at night the pedesticans who troad in the Public Road are always disturbed by C.R.P. Duty. If they are suspected persons I would understand But each and every wayfarers are interestad it would not be right, the road is Public road, not belongs to C.R.P. Since then how could they challenge the people who troad on the Public Road, making them uneasy ? So, it will be right to have a Compact area for these C.R.Ps. as soon as possible.

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Generally speaking, who is the Commander of P.A.C., C.R.P and other Police Forces, is it Brigade or our Government ? Except Military, the rest must be under the Mizoram Government and if this is not done yet, we must do it as soon as possible. If we cannot place them under the command of our Govt. the, let them not stay. Army interferes only in operation. But, just recently, the whole lot of one section wearing certain kind of uniform came at night, searching the house, and all that, which can be very horrifying especially at night. House searching and checking of people could be done also by Civil Police. They can definitely do. The peace and tranquility of private life must be protected, for which end, our leaders must approach Central Govt.

Regarding B.R.T.F. Compensation- Some days back a group of people belonging to Bungtlang and Zemabawk Villages came complaining their failure to obtain Compensation. Yes, many of them have not received Compensation upto this day. When we approached B.R.T.F. I was told to move the matter in the Ministry and invited us to have a Revision. I therefore, request the Ministry to note this that, till today, there are still many who has not received any rent from the B.R.T.F. who occupied private houses and compound ever since the disturbances. If no compensation is given those landholders of Zemabawk, why should we then give to the settlers of Luangmual, for, this place also is not included in Town Area. If we cannot give compensation, then let the B.R.T.F. shift somewhere else. Why have we fitted in each and every corner?

Regarding the cancellation of house-sites, I am sorry to see that house-sites granted by Land Settlement Director were totally cancelled by our Finance Minister. If our Officers exercise beyond their powers that would be different. But, to totally cancell the activities of a Director is too much a cumulative. If house-sites are cancelled, alternative-sites must be given. There is what we called 'a Refugee Colony' but the settlers would not move-out even after giving them another house pass. Therefore, persons whose house-sites had been cancelled must be compensated.

It is also my appeal that Tuirial Airfield that had been placed under the care of Defence be now handed over to I.A.C., for the conveniency of passengers who might sometimes need rest and refreshment while hanging around in the field. Since the Field belongs to Security no such facility like canteen, is available. So, I request the Government to consider this, immediately.

Regarding Rehabilitation Loan- It is lamenting that no Rehabilitation Loan for Villagers is mentioned. If we neglect them, more of them would flow-in into Aizawl searching for job. But, to provide each and every refugee with job would be impossible. Their terms and conditions must be attended to. Actually, they are the ones who suffer most, much more than the townsmen. Without their Co-operation we would never become what we are now, with fact Car, big sum and all those luxuries. Since they have done so much for us, in turn we must do what we can for them.

Back to the same old problem. Aizawl Electricity is still as worst as ever. Those electric wires placed at Bawngkawn are stolen now and the, but till now nothing is done, altho' the matter was reported to the Government I request the Government to see about it and see rehow my appeal to look for a better and bigger Electricity for Mizoram.

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Lastly, Aizawl Roads are all too narrow that its expansion is impossible. I do pray that our Fin. Minister does not mind my saying this that his house post is too close to the main road, which would surely block future extension of roads. If our leaders and heads do like that I too would like to do it the same way. It is too small a matter for the Minister to do that way. It does not look nice in Public's eyes also. Ministers are the ones who guide the public, so if they set bad examples, surely the people would follow immediately. As was the case, they must be particular with their actions. So, this much I will say.

Thank you.

SPEAKER: We will have a break now and resume in the afternoon at 2 P.M.

Recess till 2:00 P.M.

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AFTERNOON 2:00 P.M.

SPEAKER : If the Members wish to say more, our affixed period of two hours would have to be extended I believe, probably three hours. But, the Members must know how to utilise it since the opinion of Government is also not yet called.

PU_NGURDAWLA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Thank you. Studying our Current Budget, what had been cited by our Members 'as undelightful' could be true. Perhaps there is something wrong somewhere or rather our schemes are not convincing enough to get Central's approval. In view of the developments of our Country, I think our targets are too small and low.

As our Members had previously said Education Department right from the start is where we made a mistake. Only its big head is endowed with much money perhaps due to which we have only one Inspector. To have only one Inspector even an efficient one is not right. Therefore, next time each District must be provided with one Inspector. As far as post-creation is concerned the Agriculture Department also seems progressive. But, it looks as if we are still in haze as to how we would go practically. Mizoram Government like Assam and Meghalaya created the post of Potato Asst. Officer. In Assam and Meghalaya Potato Plantation is at large, but for Mizoram I think Ginger Officer would be much more hopeful that it is in view of Mizoram's condition. To adopt each and every ways and conduct of other states would not be right. As for Ginger, I think one Officer could do the dealings.

A provision of Rs. 50,000/- for the establishment of State-Co-operative Union was laid down, for which I am thankful. Not only that, we know what kind of policy had been laid down for Villages. But, the thing is we have not had any Big Industry.

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Bairabi was already earmarked for installation of Paper Mill Industry. Department of Forest completed counting of the number of Bamboos for the Industry whose number were kept with them. It was further learnt that the Central Government was under consideration of taking necessary action on the strength of the Forest Department Report. But, as the Rubber Plantation was being done by some interested persons it was very likely that huge number of Bamboos had been reduced into ashes. I considered that the Works done by the Forest Department would avail of no effect. It would be better to shift the Rubber Plantation area so as to enable Paper Mill Industry instituted.

Also, if there is no concrete policy to stop the acquirement of immense wealth by the rich, the policy of Socialism would be far from our grasp. One lamenting thing is that last year Hindi Special Officer was placed for faster propagation of Hindi Language within the range of Indian Government. But, this year there is no such plan as to how this language would be propagated. Just recently, a Commission from Central came and was given a recommendation, by which Hindi Special Officer, Sub-Asst. Hindi Education Officer are to be placed under the Directorate. But, I think there is no intention from our Government to install such thing at present. In my opinion, now is the time to have those Officers, for it is the beginning for the people of Mizoram to learn Hindi language. After we master the language it might not be necessary to have them. So, please our Education Minister note this.

Regarding beautification of Capital I think we need to have a wider outlook. This thing cannot be simply ignored, for every state and city did this. As for our Capital, to some extent, it might be true that too much money had been imposed. In any case, we must know how to plan things in proportion-basing on Circumstances, situation and condition of a place. Supposing, we try competing the city of Delhi with all its beauty and splendour, our plan of beautifying our capital would end in fiasco and to install a duplicate of Mizawl in Demagiri would also be impossible. So, it is important that we suggest and plan things in proportion.

And when Budget is taken to Central Govt. for approval, it might be right to first of all do the favours of an influencing men who could have voice when Budget is passed and discussed, so as to acquire more and sufficient money. Other state leaders did too I guess. Otherwise, we would never prosper.

There had also been a talk of increment of salaries in different Establishment. Here too, concrete programme or rather policy must be laid, lest there would be again problems like in Education Department. One of the big problems in Education is the absence of Rules for deficit. Without proper rules, money-sanctioned also could not be utilized. But, on the other hand, unnecessary details of rules could be harmful. I feel our Government is also too detail in this matter. Simple rules would be much easier to follow. Tripura Pattern is too detail that it might not be adoptable here in Mizoram- that is if we intent to follow it.

An urgent thing, which is said to be under process and which have not been done is the edification of Class VII, Geography Book. The publication of the book is to

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state that Shillong is still known to the Children as the capital of Assam. It is our duty to stop giving School children wrong informations before they are cultivated in their young minds. Knowledge are the text Books, Geography and Gen.Knowledge are the ones that change fastest. Therefore, to impart the knowledge of current affairs text Books must be edified occasionally.

(Speaker went out and Dy.Speaker took the Chair.)

DY.SPEAKER : Your time is up. Now, we shall call first Pu Lalhmingthanga.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA: Mr.Dy.Speaker Sir, Thank you for giving me an opportunity of speaking-up. Since some points are already pointed out by our friends I would only mention the outline of certain things which I regarded as important.

First of all, I will start with Education twisting the highest Institution of Mizoram which is P.M. College. From 1st July, 1965, the College is recognised by the Government, since then we now come to this state of being. Looking back the past years and the current year, not much improvements to be seen, If you have visited the College Compus, you will know that the Buildings are not so very good, much more important is its road. The day-scholars who are about 500 in numbers always expressed their wishes -of having a College Bus in various Local Papers. But, it appears that their wishes are not fulfilled due to the un-sacrifice altitude of P.W.D. to make it a notorable road. If so much money could be used for other things why cannot we also use for our students who are to be our leaders in future. I do hope that the Government fulfills their wishes as soon as possible.

Secondly, It is Prof. Quarters. Prof.Quarters are built in the College Compus, but it appears as if just for its name's sake, for, none of the Buildings are occupied due to which I believe, the Buildings look old and shabby. But, I could not think either, as to why they are not occupied! and still could not ascertain whether it is a rumour, that there is a talk of the said Quarters to be given to other Officers, not Professors for occupation. In order to keep-up better discipline among the staffs as well as the students something must be done for our Professors to be able to occupy those already completed Buildings, and I do hope that our Government considers the matter.

Thirdly, It is an Evening Shift. Night Calsses are mostly held at Dawrpui M.E.School where about 550 students attend the Classes. Here, Professors are given a special pay of Rs. 100/-, Head Clerk Rs.25/- and Clerk Rs.20/- that is besides their monthly salaries. I believe this pay system was based on Assam Pay Rules, 1964. But, in view of our present conditions, it is not so reasonable. Considering their double work and the present problems of Price rises, it is necessary to re-fix their Pay Rules. The importance of their roles for the upbringing of the society should also be remembered. So, their Pay Rules must be revised as soon as possible.

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In Supply Cement allotment occupies one of the most important places among the commodities, particularly in our present days. So, I want to mention what the House should know regarding this. There are two kinds of Cement allotment- (1) Reserve Stock and (2) Free Sale Quota. Of the two kinds, the former could be purchased in D.G.S & D. Quota, Government of India Rate whereas the latter is purchased thro' the Stockist. The Quota is 250 Metric Tonne or 5000 Bags per month. But we have never seen such thing. till now what is the reason? As I do not have much time, let me straight-away put up a suggestion. I request our Govt. to do this way- that there be a despatch Order directive from our Government to send 50 % of both the Quota in Wagon Allotment, otherwise only the S.P.W.D. would get the Quota and the Civilians would get nothing. The same case must also be with Iron-rod.

In Transport, our Government have done much for the improvement of the territory, for which we should be thankful. But, these things must be considered-

Firstly, Driver- For the safety of Passengers whose lives depend upon the steering-wheel of the Driver, State Transport Motor Drivers must abstain themselves from any intoxicating Drinks, and must run the Vehicles, having Special allowance. State Transport Offices must also immediately be opened in Silchar, Aizawl, Lunglei, Serchhip and Champhai. As it is not also possible for only one Motor Vehicle Inspector to look-after all the Transport Vehicles specially to have a thorough checking of all the Vehicles at 6 months intervals, one more M.V.I. must be placed as soon as possible. The District Transport Officer which have not been functioned properly since 1973, must also be tackled-up. Regarding Inter-State Permit, we must soon try for Assam, Meghalaya and Gauhati, for, to go to Gauhati, special permit of 10 days valid is not enough.

I do hope our Government notes what I have said. I could have given some explanations regarding what I have said, but time is also limited that I better say 'thanks' that is if action is taken.

DY.SPEAKER : Pu C.Lalruata.

PU C.LALRUATA : Mr.Speaker Sir, I have so long been waiting for this chance of speaking-up but only 15 minutes is allotted to me as well as to every other Members, so I do not know whether to accept it with pleasure or with disgust. We, the Members are all eager to have Sessions as it is a time and place where we reveal what we had in our minds and is also where we put up suggestions to our different heads, for the advancement of our Territory. As it is, really wish to have enough time.

When I go through our Budget, I thought I would find nothing to impress me, but after close-r look, there are of course things that could be accepted here and there. In Demand No.19, the word 'Housing' was mentioned, for which I am thankful. But, when I calculated the whole figure of the Budget, it appears that only 1/3 of the total amount goes to the Villages whereas the bigger amount 2/3 goes to the Towns. In my opinion, more Housing Scheme must be given to the Villages, much more than the Townsmen, for, they are the ones who suffer most.

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Secondly, it is in regard to Land Policy that our Government takes slower steps than I expect. I think we all remembered what had been discussed in Parliamentary Meeting during the last year's Budget Session. There, the Government proposed to introduce Land Settlement in certain important villages, but as the rate for settlement was not yet fixed, it was put off for re-consideration. Now, a year lapsed since then, but nothing is done except a small areas which are under investigation in Champhai Zawl. People wished for progress on various grounds like in Agriculture, Animal Husbandry etc. and Housing Loan, Industrial Loans are needed to start with. But, in most cases, it is not possible to get loans without mortgage due to which the people could not get so as they do not have permanent land to put up for Mortgage. Considering all these, I could not help regarding Land Policy as one of the foremost importances. The good works done by the Government must be an advantage to the majority of the people. So, Land Settlement which was now been under process must be widely carried-out as soon as possible not only in Champhai but also in other parts of Mizoram.

Secondly, it is in Health Department where I found the partiality of our Government particularly in regard to Medicine. If we study Work-Schedule, we found some proposals being made for the allotment of Dispensaries in certain places like Saiha and Kolasib. Besides, being S.Divisional Head quarter in Administration, Kolasib has Beded Dispensary and now Primary Health Centre is again proposed which means things that concern the welfare of the people are doubly placed in some particular places. Actually, it is not very pleasant to say 'my Constituency' every now and then, but, if the Budget is prepared in such away, who would not have zeal for his own Constituency? Last year, when Budget Discussion was held, I had mentioned the importance of Budget preparation so as to offer equal opportunity to each and every places, but, till today, I have not found any alteration. The yonder side of our eastern Rivers has thick population like Khawbung Village. But, no improvement is found, not only that even Police Station is not there. Being a border areas of Burma and Mizoram, those villages must be improved and strengthened. Why can't we at least allot 10 Beded Dispensary even if Public Health Centre is not possible? And why can't we do something good, so that they may know that we have now a government of our own? Mr. Speaker Sir, it is hurting to see the negligence of those backward areas by this popular Government of ours. While Kolasib is endowed with all sorts of facilities, the people of interior and more scheduled places do not have clothings. I do not agreed to this partiality. Mr. Speaker Sir, Frankly speaking, I am not at all pleased with Budget preparation. Not only in my Constituency, but the people of other's Constituency too look forward to the new improvements and developments that would be achieved within their own world, having high hopes on us and on this Mizoram Government, but it is lamenting that only popular areas that had come-up into the knowledge of Officers are given first and foremost importance. If it is how we intent to go on, Mr. Speaker Sir, the people of Mizoram would be too disappointed. I have gone-away too far from my subject, so let me go back to Medical Department. The way Director Office was shaped, many people seems to have 'guess' that it was based on partiality. I would not hide anything. If I am

mistaken, it is so happened that when the new Chief Secretary took over the charge, the former could not hand-over him to the exact amount which had been placed in his hand, for Rs 21,500/- was missing. And some few I obtained lot of medicine from him, That was last year, in the month of September. The Asst. Director of Health Services also lost certain amount, which were kept inside the Iron Safe ! Mr. Speaker Sir, for how long the Drawing & Disbursing Authority Officer could keep big amount in his hands ? Why did that Officer keep, in such a place for a long time ? And what action is taken by the Government ?, Till today, he can live freely as any one does!

The same person would be transferred here and there, and when there is a talk of transfer, the same old name would come-up and suggested, but the prosperous and stable one would be as firm as the 'Pillar-of-Sallo'. I have every now and then criticized this, but I don't think there would be any use to mention again today. The Government would note the opinions of the people, that's all they would do, nothing more. Altho' that was the case, I could not either help being concerned with the voices of the people.

I think everyone of us is interested in Powers which is, undeniable, for almost all the new developments depend on it. In page 12, Demand No.55, seventeen Villages to be electrified were mentioned for which quite a big sum was proposed. But, in Demand No. 19 and from our Finance Minister's speech, this thing is not mentioned.

In page No.11 of his speech, bigger Powers Project and 66 K.V. Line were mentioned, but what we have at present is only those that are under the maintenance of Assam Government. We have so often discussed the importance and the necessity of having Power Project, Electricity and Dam of our own, but a result is that not even at least Rs.5000/- has been yet sanctioned. As was the case, I wonder when will we have important Powers for Mizoram ! Without it, Mr. Speaker Sir, all the big talks of establishing Industry and other developments would not be successful. The Government of India sponsored a bill for the construction of Dams in Manipur and Himachal Pradesh. The construction is not easy, it is possible to carry out here in Mizoram more easily. However, we must first of all prepare ourselves to start such a project, right from now on. We must not only content to depend on other states, regarding Powers rather we must try to be self-sufficient in all respects.

I have so much to say in Education that I really wish to have enough time to disclose all that I have in my mind. Like Pu Ngurdawla had previously said, I too have a daughter, reading in Class I. One night I went thro' the text Books they are using in School and found that the total population of Aizawl was still written as 215000. Could you believe it Mr. Speaker Sir ? My daughter would have in her mind what had been written there ! whereas the whole population of Aizawl is only about 30000 ! One of the things that prompt my mind in education is Inspection. Schools are very seldom inspected. I put-up a question as to when Lungpho School was inspected, the answer is that noy even once this school is inspected. What excuses they gave ? It is so surprising that the excuse they gave was 'flood' ! just like an army personnel who was interrogated as to why he returned late, from his leave and gave 'flood' for the excuse, even during a dry season ! Likewise, perhaps it is with our Inspector too. There are two small rivers between Lungpho and

Chhingchhip, but the people of Lungpho, all the year round cross these rivers to get their Ration from Chhingchhip. Anyway, who is this Inspector? If he is incapable of crossing these small brooks by foot, I'll carry him, I am ready to do that. It is most surprising that Lungpho is not yet inspected!

That' all for now.

Thank you.

DY. SPEAKER :

Remeber that you have 15 minutes each. Now, Pu Chawngkunga.

PU CHAWNGKUNGA:

Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you for giving me a chance of speaking -up here today, When we study

our Current Budget, it appears that the amount of money contained in the current one is much bigger than the previous one. However, what I wanted to say is that we must not be glad just because of its quantity, for, our way of spending is much important. Remember, last year's Budget also could not be utilized. If we do not know how to spent them, all these big sums would be useless. Altho' I should be glad for the Budget itself, my apprehension of useless consumption forbids me from being thankful.

In the year 1972, the allotment of 'Dampa Wild Life Sanctuary' was passed, for which certain amount of money was sanctioned. But, nothing has been done since then. Everything remains as previous condition. Few elephants that had been found in Mizoram are also shot and caught by the people from Bangladesh. Had we filled our Budget proposal these pe-ople would never do what they are doing now. Besides shooting and chasing elephants many people from the neighbouring areas came to settle down at the very spot where Wild life Sanctuary was proposed. No action is taken by the Forest Department except two Forest Guards sent-out by the Divisional Forest Officer to evict these settlers. But it is obvious that only these Forest Guards would not be able to do so. In fact, unless and until we sent Police Forces or Security Forces, I don't think it will be possible to drive them out. If we are in-capable of fulfilling things that had already been passed in this very House, I don't think we are in a position to lay-out New schemes and Programmes.

Next, it is our way of possessing lands that has to be re-settled. I do really hope that the Government takes action regarding the cancellation of gardens that has never been tended, which is supposed to be carried out on 31st March. To reveal our true-selves let me mention one story, picked-up from Aesop's Fables, Chapter 42, It tells about a dog who constantly occupies Manger. When cows and Bulls came for their Fodder, he would bark at them, not that he himself wants to eat those hays. In disgust the animals retreat. That is how our old well-to-do families possessed hundred and hundred acres of lands more than they could look after. Many of these possessors are those who worked in the Revenue Department in back years. If others came forward, they would bark at them. Like so, many of them have permits but some of them

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did not even know where their gardens and Terraces are situated. That was how we possessed Passes. I request the Government not to retreat from their intentions of cancelling all these untended-gardens. Being a new-set-up Government we can now enjoy certain rights and liberties and the Ministers as well as the M.L.As try their best to up-lift this small territory of ours. But if we ask ourselves as to why we cannot make faster progress, may be we did some mistakes somewhere or perhaps something is missing. We now have Village Council President who look-after the affairs of certain Localities and I believe they have done their duties efficiently. Next, we have Ministers who are responsible in various Departments. But, in between the two levels- state level and village level, something is missing which is of having a Council in Block-wise to look-after their respective areas. I think, this would greatly helps the administration. So, like Village Council jurisdiction, every block, which are now 20 in numbers must have a Council, and the Councils must also look-after carefully their own jurisdictions.

Next, as there are three Districts in Mizoram, each of them must have a separate District Council, otherwise it is a problem to straight-away approach Ministers from Village level. So, we must have Block and District Councils. Things that cannot be settled in Village level would be given to Block Council, if Block Council could not do, then it will be taken to District Council, and if it fails, the matter would then lastly be referred to the Ministers. Only in that way we can march-forward steadily. Due to the absence of the above two Councils, so much difficulties are faced. For example, supposing I want to see a Minister, I would be told that the Minister was engaged with Village Council President or with someone else, there, I have failed in my mission. There is no advancement to. Fill-up our days with visitors. Not only that, even if lots of money is sanctioned if we do not have the above Councils, I don't think we would know where to spent. The missing of these Councils that handicaped our progress. What I have said was my resolution which I intent to move on the coming Friday. So, I request our honourable Members to help me up.

Thank you.

DY.SPEAKER : Pu Saprawnga.

PU SAPRAWNGA: Mr.Speaker Sir, Being with the Members who are young in age, it is not very easy for us the old ones to have a chance of standing-up. Anyhow, at last I could have now a chance to speak-out what I had in my mind. Being the Chief-Whip and an older Member I intent to ask for some more minutes than we are alloted.

DY.SPEAKER : Since you are the Chief Whip of the House, 20 minutes would be alloted to you.

PU CH.SAPRAWNGA: Mr.Speaker Sir, That is good. I would say only the important points, for, there would not be enough time to say all that I want.

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First of all, it is our Budget. Here, I found new s-schemes and plans proposed on various grounds, for which I am thankful. But when I contemplate all these, I could not ascertain as to how our Government intent to go-on. During the erstwhile District Council, our Planners and Policy Formers were not fully equipped with the knowledge of us. So, almost Twenty five years passed in experiment, not definitely knowing how and where to place our footsteps. Such being the case, it is now necessary to have well-planned schemes and policies for our forward march. Of all the things, the foremost importance is how to attain self-sufficiency in food-stuffs. The matter had also been discussed in Last Years' Budget Session, Party Meetings and it even stood first in the Manifesto when election was held. But in the speeches of Lt. Governor and our Finance Minister this thing does not seem to occupy an important place, for the subject occupied only few lines whereas things that concerned Co-operative occupied pages and pages. Of course, we cannot deny the importance of Co-operative System, but frankly speaking, many of us do not yet know its importance to totally neglect Agriculture. To the Agriculture Minister, we have had suggested the necessity of introducing Dry Terrace System to substitute Shifting Cultivation, for which end, I was sent to Lucknow Conference where people paid much attention to what I said.

But, nothing about this was mentioned here in our Budget. It is now obvious how successfully Dry-Terrace could be run in Mizoram. More Centres must be initiated, particularly in places where potentiality is available. It seems that Government too have asked for the allotment of Bull-Dozer. But Central Government stated the difficulties involved in allotting Bull-Dozer giving many excuses which they are sure to do. Whatever excuses they might have, we must try with all our efforts. If we still fails, and if pass cannot be obtained, some other ways must be sought. First and foremost importance must be given to self-sufficiency in Food-stuffs.

As we have known, there must be something wrong in Medical Department. To make it right, well established administration is needed. Public does not complain much about the Doctors, rather it is in administration where there is so much complaints. I think administration was better when Pu Thantluanga was appointed as Director. But, his term ended and we could not re-appoint him. It is very regretting indeed to reject such an efficient Director just because of his unqualified qualification that has not been approved by Central Government. A healer is not needed for a Director, rather it is an experienced and efficient administrator that had been needed for a Director. We need a Director who could efficiently run administration. So, I am thinking whether it is possible to place him again without Central's approval. And why do Central Government interfere so much in our affairs, we must frankly let them know the impossibility of running administration without efficient Director. If both the works of Doctor and Director is placed in one's hand, administration would never run successfully.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I would also like to say few things regarding Education. As we have heard and

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seen in Local papers as well as from the Public it might be a good thing to have investigation regarding the much talked-Centralization of Powers in Education Department. Perhaps it is due to this that Education cannot make good progress. In my Constituency of South Hlinen, there is a school in which there are 180 children with 4 Teachers. Of the four, the two Teachers went away to have training, so the remaining two look-after the school for the whole year i.e. last year. Such being the case, allotments of two teachers were asked for in substitute of the trainees. But, till now, no arrangement is made, altho' it was a small matter. So, I think, perhaps, powers are too centralised as we have heard.

It is also lamenting that Hindi, being an important language cannot be properly propagated as it should be, till now. If our young boys and girls master this language, everything would be much easier for them, like when they travel outside Mizoram. So, this thing must be regarded as important. It also appears that the importance of Science is more realized now. It is necessary to have technicians much more than just an ordinary B.A., and it is not the best thing to have many Colleges with just an ordinary art line. Quality must be considered first rather than quantity. It is also necessary to equip the one and only College we have with Science Laboratory and scopes for Science students must immediately be opened.

Regarding Games and Sports- I think we the Mizos are not too bad in it. The participants of Junior Cup at Delhi came back with good reputation. To encourage our sportmen/girls, it might be a good thing to start Sports Council or some other Organizations related to Games and Sports. So, the young boys and girls who are services in Games and Sports must be offered good facilities to train themselves.

Next, I think it is in Legislation where our weakness lies. Non-Tribal Trade Licence also have been misused. There are non-Mizo traders who trade under the name of others which we blindly accepted. Perhaps it is also necessary to amend our Inner Line Regulation. And what we called 'Land Transfer' must not be over-estimated for it is one way of our Land Preservation which cannot be neglected. In all these, it is immediate important to have proper Legislation. I hope our leaders too consider this.

Altho' much about Zanlawn had been discussed by our Members. I might as well start again. We know that Zanlawn was to be shifted and were also given a limited time to clear-away, which is really a pity. If the shifting could be cancelled, that is the better, but if it is inevitable at least more time must be given, for it is not easy to shift the whole lot at once. It could be a mistake too, if the Village is shifted just because of the incidence, that took place near their Village. In view of our present atmosphere that has been started since 8 years back, it is unpredicable whether or not another incidence would take place in future. It might happen again somewhere else not in the same spot. Altho' we cannot predicate the time, and where this thing would happen, I am always haunted by the thought that something of this sort would happen. So, it could be wrong to let the innocents suffer because of the wrong done by unidentified culprits, and the transference of Zanlawn Village would not be right. But, when I consider what would be the right thing to ambush our Lt. Governor would not be right either. Just before I came-in, I went thro' a Local Paper 'Enna' which as "we are very sorry to hear that our Lt. Governor had been shot and we believed the act

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unnecessary, but, we do not think it right either to shift Zanlawn Village". I think the statement is quite true as far as I'm concerned. Our Lt. Governor himself did not know the reason why he had been shot. Frankly, as far as I can see, he is a man of sense with understanding altitude, and even seems to care for humanity as a whole, which can be seen from the way he handles our young underground children. I don't think he has any bad feelings against them. Hence, it is very difficult to reason as to why our underground friends shot him. I don't think they too have any personal hatred against him, for I could see no reason. But, constantly fighting with India Government and our Lt. Governor being the representative of this Government, perhaps our underground children carried-out that brutal etc. That must be the main reason for the ambush. But still, it is wrong to badly hurt such a good man just because he represents India. And it is also wrong to put the blame on Zanlawn just because the incidence took place near their Village. So, that is how the wrong things bound and re-bound each other, and that is what we have been thro' ever since 8 years back. In Hnahthial one person was shot, and some people beat-up some-one, like that goes on our life till the present day. If we all opposed to these lawless activities and brutality, what are we going to do? Can't we do something? We, the people could surely do something to attain Peace and Goodwill within the Country. To some extent, we are responsible for this. But who would like to do even if we could? None would do. As such, Peace and Goodwill is far from our grasp. When things go wrong, we blame each other. We, the people of Mizoram do not yet take much trouble to clear this troubled atmosphere. How many of us kneeled-down in prayers to ask our God for His guidance? And how fervently we have prayed for this troubled land of ours? I knew few true believers did it. Perhaps, it is only because of their fervent prayers that we survive and are protected. Now, Government, and underground friends are constantly at dagger's drawn.

When 'Peace Treaty' is proposed, the other side would not agree unless the other side give-up their arms & weapons. So, we the people could not do anything to negotiate peace between them. But, being the believers of Living God, the never changing God who could change the hard-hearted King Pharoah and who delivered the Israels from their bondage, now also He would surely do something for us and the country if we truly committed ourselves to Him. He might perhaps change the minds of the Indians to have Peace with our Underground friends. What we must remember is to know our own faults and mistakes not blaming each other.

PU VANLALHRUAIA:

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, I am glad to have a chance of discussing our 1974-75 Budget. The time is almost-up that I do not even know where to begin.

As we all know, in our Budget, there is not much disappointments as far as money is concerned. But, due to the in-equal distribution of it in different Constituencies, there seems to be some disappointments. The Mizoram Government demands 110 crores in the 5th Five Year Plan, in which only 40 crores were sanctioned. As it is, various developments are sure to be outside its bounds, which is

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understood. I remember what had been said by the Prime Minister regarding the resolution laid out by the Central Government when Mizoram Union Territory was inaugurated. But, studying our Budget it could appear as if they failed in their resolutions. Only 6.90 Crores are sanctioned even for the Current Budget. Anyway, as I do not have much time, I'll jump to the other subject which most of us seemed to forget. It is this that, I sometimes wondered whether we remember the Geographical condition of our Territory. Being in rugged, hilly region, supply is one of the main problems, partly due to a bad communication. In Hnahlan there are about 180 families who have nothing to eat while there is almost 600 quintals in the Godown. I have tried and approached many to help me in relieving these distressed families, but in vain. So, I would once again renew my appeal that the Government do something before the people die of hunger. Since sometimes back an E.G.S. (Employment Generation Scheme) came much into focus especially in Villages. By this, the people are employed to work-out jeepable road in places where there had never been any jeep road, and are given only Rs. 5,000/- per mile. In our previous Budget Session, I made a demand for the allotment of at least Rs. 10,000/- per mile, for, I know the people are over-burdened by this. So, we must definitely do this especially from this Session. It is also a wonder that Mile is still used for measurement altho' K.M. replaced it since some years back. It is really a problem especially as we have not much money in E.G.S. Regarding E.G.S I have one thing to share with you all. It is this that on 23th June, 1973, the Deputy Commissioner put-up an work-order. So, the people of my Constituency took-up the work and was completed on September. The work was done exactly as it was ordered. An Asst. Deputy Commissioner who was sent to inspect the work on December, took all the measurement again, and as there were shortages somewhere, certain amount were cut-down after all works were done. The people were really bewildered by this action, and the remaining amount also could not be drawn till today ! If this is how we intended to go on it might be better to discontinue an E.G.S. Fund. Just imagine, to construct jeepable road in such a low rate ! On what schedule of rate it is given ? The scheme is so strickly carried-on that contractors would be criticized if they are the one who handled the money. The people also do not know how to do the work. If Government intents to continue the scheme, better rules must be laid-out before its execution. I would also like to make a suggestion- to use the scheme, not only for the construction of roads, but also for Community Halls and Play Grounds in various Grouping Centres where these things are badly needed. I think we would be much benefited too, if we utilize it this way.

In last year's Budget Session, Education Department was highly appreciated. But, this Year it is just the opposite. It has now become the most criticized Department. The main reason that caused so much criticism would be, I think, the investment of Secretariat Power and Directorship into the hand of a single person. So, this thing must be considered immediately.

Sometimes back, a selection of L.P. Teachers was made and an examination was also conducted. But, till now, no appointments are made for them. The way a selection is made, I think we are now fed-up with it, for it has so often been mentioned in various Meetings at different times. If I'm not mistaken I think we have suggested not to conduct examinations anymore, instead of which recommendations from Churches and

Public were suggested. But, the Education Department might have thought us to be bias that our recommendations and opinions seemed to be regarded as of little importance. I, therefore, want to remind the Department to remember this that in time of Selection, only their qualification must not be considered, instead their conduct and behaviour in the society must be regarded as foremost important.

Next, it is a Medical Department I myself do not know much about the criticism of this Department, but many members have mentioned it today, so I'll only say things that I have heard and seen for myself. Not only in my Constituency, I think almost in every Constituency certain kinds of Dispensaries were allotted. But, the Buildings, especially in my Constituency is so bad that there is no place to store Medicine also. There is no Furniture, no storage, nothing. Even when good Medicines are supplied, they have to keep it at Private House. If we really intent to run Dispensary, these things must be put right immediately.

Next, it is in Agriculture where we have failed. I thought we would regard it as one of the most important developments. Without Agriculture and P.W.D. other developments would be meaningless and unattainable. As our climate favoured the growth of Apple, I have emphasized much its Plantation especially in my Constituency and have even asked the Minister for his help. As he promised to supply the seeds the people of my Constituency started preparing the ground, about 5+ acres for the plantation. But when they came to get apple seeds, Government could not give them, as they did not have the seeds. So, for an otherwise, Potato seeds were asked, that also they did not have. Anyway, a reason for Apple planting has passed, but from next year we must really start, and the Department also must prepare themselves for its execution.

Next, regarding P.W.D. I think, P.W.D. has been most criticized. But, as for myself I would like to praise them, for the works they have done altho' I don't mean that all the things they did were right. Their progress might have been slower than we expect, but if they proceed according to the rules, they are sure to make it slow with Planning Estimates, Calling Tenders and all that. So, in my opinion utilization of Cash Scheme must be continued, for, due to this Scheme many developments had been achieved that can be seen even within the Aizawl Town itself. As I don't have much time I'll proceed to the next to pic which is regarding the allotment of Building Grants to various Schools. Distant Schools and nearby Schools that is from Aizawl other big towns are treated all alike with respect to Building Grant. While nearby schools could easily obtain materials & equipments, distant schools could not do so, but they are all given an equal amount, If we are not careful in the allotment, Building Grant also would not be too beneficial as it should be. The amount needed by all the schools might not be same studying their conditions, it might not be necessary to give them all an equal amount. Whatever it be, adequate amount must be given to them.

Thank you.

PU SAPLIANA :

Mr.Dy.Speaker Sir, I am glad for having a chance of discussing our Budget and also for the New things that had emerged since we get an U.T.

I hope I would have 25 minutes since Pu Hari gave me 10 minutes from his. As I want to mention Department by Department, I'll first of all start with Legislative Department. Here, Assembly M.L.As are placed in various Committees, but no Grant is sanctioned for the Committees till the present day. As we do not have any staff L.D.A. or Secretary, it is really troublesome. So, even if there is no Post sanction, some arrangement must be made.

In Industry Department- I think we know how backward we are in Industry, but there is one thing in which we are skillful that is in Cane work. We talked all sort of things to encourage this, but what is the result? A proposal, for the installation of Paper Mill Industry was made and the numbers of Bamboos were also already counted. But, on the same areas Rubber Plantation was being suggested. As it is, huge numbers of Bamboos and forests would be reduced into ashes. Therefore, it is my appeal that Rubber Plantation be shifted somewhere else to enable Paper Mill Industry installed. It is also a surprise that the installation of Half-Training Centre in Chhimitupui District. Head Quarter that had been passed two three times in our Budget are still undone upto the moment. From last year, an Industry Officer kept on telling me that he would go on such and such day to open the Centre, but till now, nothing is done. There is also another difficulty in Chhimitupui District. To some extent our Officers also must enjoy certain facilities. Just to get equipments & materials from Aizawl we don't have vehicle. Our Industry Department too needs a vehicle. If more backward areas are neglected and if Half-Training Centre could not be initiated, then let the whole thing to be cancelled.

If we study Medical-side, certain difficulties could be found here and there, but as we cannot attend to all the difficulties at least Doctor, Medical Officer must be placed in Villages and Interior places where many poor and people lost their lives due to the absence of Doctor and Medical Staff.

Next, regarding Health & Sanitation- Renovation and beautification of towns and Capital have been carried on. But, if cleanliness could not be maintained, all these beauties and splendours would be useless. Towns and capitals must be well-maintained. Aizawl is also not very clean I should say. If we go out on Sunday or on any other holidays we would find all sorts of dirt and refused, therefore, I would like to urge the authorities concerned to keep under surveillance.

So, much had been said concerning Education Department. But, I too still have to say, for my question in Last Year's Budget Session was still unanswered. It was regarding an Inspectorate Quarter whether to be opened in district-wise. The answer I received was "The matter is still under examination of Government!" The main difficulty almost in everything used to be due to the answer "still under examination". I wonder when will they finalized! When I study our Budget, there seems to be nothing new., if we look at it in a District-wise, it becomes smaller and smaller that when it reaches Chhimitupui District no tmuch to see. For instance- We have passed three sittings of Budget Sessions but till the present day none of our honourable Ministers pay us a visit except once by Deputy Minister. We are not unmindful

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of the pains and cares taken by the Government, for the development of our District, but our gratitudes and joys would not be completed unless we see them personally. Some of our problems and difficulties were mentioned by Pu Saitlawma which were all so true. It was uttered not because we hate our leaders or Ministers but if they themselves have not pay us a visit how would we possibly blame our Officers who refused to go to our District even when they are transferred.

Last year, there were many difficulties, one of which was regarding Transport. As there was no Bus Service between Lunglei and Lawngtlai, Rs. 45/50 were charged in other Vehicles. When the Minister was asked for Bus, we were told that it was under consideration. And an Executive Engineer who functioned at Lunglei was also could not be shifted. But when Lt. Governor came he ordered Bus to function from the next day and Executive Engineer also was ordered to shift right away. So, what is the meaning of this? If our Ministry wants Chhintuipui and Lunglei Districts, which they declared as a Tribal area, to go directly to the Administrator, we would surely go. But, as we do not want communal regionalism, we said all sort of things to bring about Co-ordination and close Co-operation between the three Districts. In view of this that intent transfer was also proposed. But, till today nothing is done. If Chhintuipui District or any other interior places are lacked far behind in developments I am afraid less there emerges some thing. A time may come when there is certain revolution or something of that sort. How could we say that it won't happen. If such thing really happen, Mizoram Government would meet a disaster. So, Government must really consider what I've said. Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, what about 10 minutes that had been given to me by Pu Hari?

DY. SPEAKER : Time is so limited that others might have something to say. The House is almost empty now, if Members do not listen to the speeches of Ministers, time may not be allotted to the Members for now. Anyway, you have stoop-up for 15 mins., so let Pu Rochama say, for, he had been looking for the chance from long before.

PU K.L.ROCHAMA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, I am here to back-up our Finance Minister in his speeches regarding 1974-75 Budget, but different demands would be mentioned in detail later on. As a whole, we have 28.86 crores in our Budget, excluding Central Sponsor Scheme, which would be known later on when the Ministry submitted the report. I hope they would be able to do so within the Session.

I would mention things which I regarded as important. First of all, it is due to the prolong centralization of Financial and other powers that our progress in various administration had been retarded. Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, I could not help mentioning our administrator here. It appears as if nothing can be done without him even just to install servicing Buses in different parts of Mizoram, or is it rather there are too many things to do that he had to interfere in each and every affairs? Where had our Government and Ministry gone to today? Things that can be done by Asst. Director/ Director also had to go a long ways. If they cannot do, at least why can't our Minister do, or give them permission?

Just for a trifle thing also, there would always be a blockade somewhere that it is really troublesome especially for the people who live in interior places. Unless and until we immediately decentralise powers, administration would never run smoothly. Who would not be disappointed if Class I and Class II Officers have an equal power ! We talk of Law Department, and Legislation, as we know, is the foundation of Legislature in Popular Government. To safeguard our rights and privileges we talked all sorts of policies for instance regarding Inner Line Permit, Power of Journey, Land Settlement, non-tribal Trade License so on and so forth, but it looks as though we are not to have even a Dy. Secretary in Law Department. If the Department is neglected and if we do not care much for the framing of laws, when will we have proper laws to stand by when we have cases in High Court/Supreme Court ? The matter must immediately be considered.

Next, it is Chakma Settlement I want to mention here, for I believe many of you have not seen it with your own eyes. Till the present day majority of them lead a nomadic life, moving from place to place clearing and cultivating the good lands and Forests. In a scattered-areas like theirs, no Census record could be kept and education or other knowledges also could not be imparted. If they are not looked after with strict order, many good Forests would be wasted, not only that, their continuous nomadic life would also be a source of obstruction in their developments.

Next, it is regarding weapons that had been submitted to the Government when disturbance was started. Not to mention the whole territory only the people of North Vanlaiphai deposited 37 guns at Champhai. Later on, when they came to re-claim them, they were told by the O.C. that the record were not kept. Such thing happened in different parts of Mizoram. As villages do not have any weapons to resist wild animals that come to destroy their fields and crops in addition to drought and too heavy rainfall, there would not be again harvest. So, before facing another years of failure, something must be done for them to reclaim the deposited weapons.

Next, points is the existence of regionalism which we detest and which we could not either help. For instance, in the month of November, youth from different places like Saiha, Lunglei, Borapansuri etc. were called to attend Merger Convention. The selected Youth arrived Aizawl on 12th November, but, imagine what happened there ! These Youth who came from far-a-way places to attend the Meeting were left behind. For, the rest left for Delhi on 13th November morning. Hence their coming only meant just to bid farewell to their friends at Zarkawt Station. Such being the case, who can say that they would not have any hard feelings. Their very sentiments might have been hurt too in addition to their hard feelings and inferiority complex. So, in future, we must be very careful in dealing with such a situation so as to avoid the possible existence of racialism or regionalism.

As I have few minutes more, let me say one thing which I regarded as foremost important. Our Chief Whip had mentioned the importance of food-stuffs and self-sufficiency in food-stuffs for our daily existence which is undeniable. But, besides our basic needs there is one thing which we all needed especially in a place like ours-that is Peace.

I think all the members too look forward to the attainment of it. But, studying our Budget I still couldn't ascertain as to how our Government intends to guide us on. At present we have a standing Government, and self-style Government, from both of which come different orders. As we do not know which one to obey the people get panicky. In view of all these, it is high time Government makes a decision as to how we are to go. If we could not still lay out a definite policy to follow, the attainment of Peace is far from within our grasp. Due to our uncertainty regarding rules and policies what had been said by our Lt. Governor that "underground friends are even welcome" could not be put into practice. What amnesty is there to welcome them? Does amnesty mean to wait for their return to put them back into prison? And what are we to do supposing our relative who is an underground army writes letter asking for our opinions, and are we ready to accept them as convention surrendered? All these must be considered and well-laid rules must be put forward as soon as possible. Regarding their Rehabilitation and re-instatement real attention must be paid to it. They might have been the ones who killed our relatives and destroyed our houses, but being human beings like us, they must be treated like ones, forgetting the past and their misdeeds—that is if they have no Criminal Cases. So, it is my appeal that definite policy be put forward in order to have unity and co-ordination. That's all I wanted say.

Thank you.

DY. SPEAKER : Time for discussion is almost up, if we wanted to continue, our time for discussion must be extended, but only for the Ministers since none of them have stood up.

PU CH. CHHUNGA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, I thought you were going to give us chance when afternoon sitting was resumed. But even if we extended, time will still be too limited to say out all that we want. So I think it is better that the Members continue their speeches and you give us enough time tomorrow. Otherwise four of us would not be able to furnish all, now at this late hour.

DY. SPEAKER : What is the opinion of our Members? If you agreed to the proposal of Pu Chhunga, time will be given to them tomorrow. So, Member may continue you speeches. Now, Pu Hrangzika will be called upon.

PU L. P. THANGZIKA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Thank you for giving me a chance of speaking-out at this late hour. Before I begin with general discussion, let me remind our different Department Heads and Officers that criticism on various activities of different Departments are made in order to have better developments on all sides, not because of our hating them.

As we have known, the preparation of 1974-75 Budget has been finished and discussion has been held on it too. And the amount is also quite a big sum for which I am thankful. But, as Pu Hrangzika had said, it is on its utilization where we have to be careful and it is where I cannot fully satisfied. Let me mention one particular

Department which is P.W.D., for, if the Department functions as they have functioned before, I'm afraid there be a failure ahead. For instance- The construction of Kutkawk-Tuipui road which is of only 5 Kms. was started from the year 1962. But, till today, often 10 years of construction, even a Truck can not run. The same case is with Lunglei-Thenzawl road undertaken from Aizawl side. In Lunglei District, large amount was sanctioned for the widening of roads. But, according to some informants and Contractors, half of the double Bill of the works seemed to linger in the air. If such was how P.W.D. takes-up the job, I don't think it will be possible to run a vehicle between Lunglei-Thenzawl even if they take 10 years for its construction. Many of such things have I to say, but as I don't have much time I better jump to another topic-which is in regard to Revenue Department.

Here, I would like to remind the Revenue Department of the necessity of dealing with those persons whose compounds had been cancelled for the welfare of the Public and who still continue the construction of houses or some other things on the restricted premises or who still goes against the Government's Order, for I believe, Public Welfare is to be regarded as foremost important.

Altho' some members have mentioned various difficulties that we now facing in Medical Department I would like to repeat some of the things that had been said. I think the main difficulty lies in Administration particularly in regard to the transference of Medical Staffs. When transfer Order is drafted it generally goes to another Head for further verification. It is here where an alteration is usually made. Some of the staffs even seemed to boast of the partial boon bestowed on them by their Head saying, ' I won't be transferred as long as our head is here'- like that goes on the administration in Medical Department. Those nurses who had been posted in Thingsai, Serchhip, Sialhawk, Changzawl, Farkawn etc. also have not joined their respective post till the present day. If they do not want to go to the places where they are posted, our problems in Medical Line would never be solved. Not only in Towns but also in Villages people suffer and many different kinds of diseases pervades the land. Interior and backward villages must not be neglected as they too like townsmen have sufferings and diseases. Just recently I visited the Dispensary of Tlabung. There, the Doctor was absent and the Dispensary was so bad that it looks more like a Cow-shed. Pharmacist was also absent even to take-over the charge. So, two nurses who were left behind did not either dare to open a box that contains Medicine. The one and only patient was an old Gurkha Chowkida who almost pass-out in since no one to give him treatment except his old wife who cooks food for him. No Medicine, no Nurses, no treatment. Such was how Dispensary functions in many villages. Therefore, Government must pay real attention to Medical Line and actions also must be taken to those who disobey Government's Orders.

As there is not more time to continue my speech, I will end up here.

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PU LAISANGZUALA :
MINISTER.

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, as we do not have much time. I will say point by point. Studying our Current Budget,

I think we have done better than the previous ones. But, there is uncertain feeling regarding its execution, for there are many plans left undone in our previous Budgets. The fulfilment and success of developments greatly depend upon our Executive Officers. Right from now, we have to make a choice- whether to wait for a time when we the Mizos could work-out the developments or to employ skilled and experienced workers from other states, for successful developments from the start. As we know, we have made promotion in various Departments especially in P.W.D, and have even reached the end as far as promotion is concerned. But, the consequences are not very satisfactory.

Our morality too has sank down very low that if we go on as we do now I think there is nothing to look forward to in future. We are so careless in our works that we do not even bother its quality. Our friend of mine with whom I had a talk just recently blames the Mizo Contractors, but I don't believe it. In my opinion, it is our Department Heads and Executive Officers who do not regard the quality of a work because of which our Contractors become careless. If our Department Heads and Executive Officers are mindful of the quality of the works I am sure our Contractors too would be able to do better. For instance- when Lt. Governor Bungalow was extended, the Contractor was a Mizo. But, he did the work well as the Lt. Governor himself was quite particular about the quality.

Not only in P.W.D. but also in other departments like in P.H.E. and Vety. For example- Veterinary Farm was constructed in Kolasib. But, the quality of a building was too bad that Contractor talked about the bargain made by them. When P.W.D. gives out work-order, Contractors always made it for the extension of the road not for its completion. Altho' it was always meant for its completion. For example- the construction of Sialsuk-Thenzawl Road was started from December 1969 but till now not a jeep could pass through altho' it was said as 'to be completed within six months' when work-order was given out. Such things happened in different places of Mizoram. We cannot possibly blame our Contractors, it is our Department Officers who did not their duties.

It has been only two, three years since we become an U.T. Govt., but within a short period favouritism, corruption and bribery pervade the whole territory so we the Mizos are the ones who are responsible. We talk of Crash Scheme Crash Programme and all that but no justice is done. When work-orders are given out, only the favourites ones who could win the favour of Head Department Officers or some high ranking officers are given. There are some contractors who constantly and continuously get work-order whereas some of them could not get even a single assignment. Now also, I have the list of five, six contractors who were enlisted in Crash Scheme Programme. They were the same contractors who could get assignment in other places. There is so much partiality and favouritism particularly of their relatives that I hope there would not be anymore distinction in future.

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Regarding the utilization of Government properties, -actions used to be taken to the Drivers who mis-used Government Vehicle, But, here, I expect our Officers to set an example.

Next, Centralization of power had been discussed by some of the members but I too would like to make some addition to it. Due to too much Centralization of power administration could not be run smoothly, especially in Revenue, Education, Local Administration Department and Supply & Transport Departments. Smooth and good administration is unattainable if we are used to interfering beyond the limit of our powers which is of a fact not only in case of Civil Administration but also in Military or Security Forces. If authority who gives the direction interferes in Director level, there would never be good administration in that Department, whatever Department it may be.

We also know that 10% of the whole Mizoram population have now settled in Aizawl, and still, more of them especially from Villages are coming to settle down. The main reason seems to be the localization of all the important offices and Institutions here at Aizawl. If we look at other States, I think we can understand the necessity of locating important Institutions and Offices in villages in order to make it a bigger dwelling place. For example - I.T.I., Basic Training Centre, Normal Training School, D.B. Secretariat and all the other important offices and Institutions are located here in Aizawl which attract more settlers from other places. Had there been some of the above Institutions in Lunglei, Champhai and Thenzawl I don't think such a lot of people would flow in into Aizawl, in fact much of them would be attracted by these places and in away much of our disappointment regarding the negligence of such and such constituencies would disappear.

Regarding the enrollment of Police Forces, I think we are a bit careless. When we were under Assam Government we looked down upon the Assam Police but now we have our own Zoram Police, so, we must be more careful in discipline and quality. Recently, we tried to prevent the widespread of intoxicating drinks, for which the co-operation of our Police Forces was asked. But, as the Police themselves were the ones who leaked out the secrets to those wine sellers, our plan has never been fulfilled. If we wanted to keep up good discipline and good reputation, strong measures must be taken against the Officers (particularly) who practise anti-social activities like gambling through whole day and night in an out-post, for if they do not abstain themselves from this activity there would not be none to command their subordinates. So, our conducts and behaviour must be well-guarded in the eyes of public.

Some members have already spoken of certain things that concerned Medical, so I will only say about Aizawl Civil Hospital which is of the biggest in Mizoram, Though biggest in Mizoram, the patients always have to purchase medicine from their own pockets. So, there must be something wrong here, there, I would like to suggest that Medical Store, be placed right under the control of Directorate.

We now have our own Mizo Officers whom we can be proud of not only within the Territory but also in the whole of India. In spite of such a position we have one weakness which is regarding the maintenance of discipline. Our Officers and Head of Departments would be responsible for the welfare and discipline of their subordinates which they should remember. Till the present day, there are some office staffs who come to office with high spirit under the influence of liquor and some of them particularly of ladies did knitting and something of that sort not caring where and when. So, such an indiscipline activities must be stopped.

As some of the members have said, there is always difficulty regarding the transference of Government workers. When I was in Military Forces we made a vow to be ready to serve in any part of the world. So, something of that sort like "Service in any part of Mizoram" must be our binding except in a Compassionate case, otherwise, strict action must be taken. If we are lenient to a person, we will have to lenient to others as well. So, strict discipline must be observed in this case.

Regarding religion- being a Christian Country we might have a great zeal for its further success, but in my point of view, religion seems to enter too deep into our office works. There are many office staffs and officers who constantly go to this and that Synod Conference, Presbyterian Meetings, and so forth, leaving their office works behind, pending their files for many days. Here, people are the ones who suffer, especially villagers who come from far away places to do many important things. If our office staffs are zealous enough in religion, they must resign and join the ministerial duties. Otherwise, religion must never distract our daily administration. And the use of Office type-written or duplicator for publication of religious things must also be restricted. Also, there are some officials who deeply involved in politics, which we must forbid. If they are interested in politics, they must enter into it leaving their offices. Loyalty must be paid only to the Government not to any party. We, politician, on the other hand, must not either take undue-advantage.

I also have submitted private resolution in our previous budget in which I made a proposal of having land ceiling. The reason why I wanted to have this was mentioned by some of our members. At present, there are many high ranking officers of Aizawl who acquired many acres of land in villages. Just recently, I visited Vanlaiphai. There I was shown many vast lands owned by some of our big officers. Such being the case, Land reformation must soon be introduced, for it is wrong for us the townmen to snatch-away lands from poor villagers. It won't be right either if our big officers possessed all the important lands.

Let me also say few things regarding Minority which we once felt when we were under Assam Government and due to which a new Government is formed. As such was our one time feeling, it is necessary for us to tactfully deal with other minority who reside in this territory and we must as well try to prevent the possible existence of minority feelings in their minds.

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Our honourable Member, Pu Rochama had mentioned some of the things that concerned our underground friends. It is undoubtedly a matter of great importance that it will be necessary to have a firm policy here, mainly because of the upper hand possessed by them in our administration. If we look at yesterday's paper we can see an order put-up by M.N.F., which forbids a calling of tender under schedule rate. Tho' Newspapers are all registered by the Government it is still possible for them to have upper hand. How can they be given upper hand here? It is really an unacceptable fact. Unless and until the administration of our Government collapse, rules and regulations must be fostered-up.

Lastly, one thing that has to be mentioned is my gratitude towards the suggestion of finding a way within 25 years for the settlement of people who do not have dwelling places in this territory. For the fulfilment of the above suggestion I would like to make certain proposals. Firstly, each family must be entitled a plot of land for them to settle down.

And each Towns and Villages must be provided with Electric power and sufficient drinking water. Like so, we must at the same time try to have self-sufficiency in food-stuffs. All these must be our target within 25 years. Let us try our best to fulfill them. If we could do these next-generation who come after us would be able to say of us "Our forefathers and the generation before us have really done their best for us and the country".

Thank you.

PU S.P.DEWAN:

Mr.Dy.Speaker Sir, see page 218 of 6th Sitting of 5th Session.

PU KAPOOR CHAND THAKURI: Mr.Dy.Speaker Sir, being the last one who stood-up I will only say point by point. As for our Budget, I could find nothing much to dislike it. In fact, I think it is quite acceptable.

However, what I wanted to say today is about our Education. I have often said the importance of Primary school before. The success of all higher Institutions depend upon it. If we are not careful in this first stage, we would not be able to gain success in higher Institutions. I have also moved for the allotment of at least two teachers in one School, for I knew there are some schools where children always had to go back home due to the absence of their teacher or when their one and only teacher go for training. But, till the present day, no action, is taken and there is no order either. When I go to office to enquire about it, no progress, as they themselves do not know anything about this. Had my suggestions been done, this thing would not happen.

Regarding School Grants, it would not be right if our School Inspector readily accepts the report on the utilization of school grant submitted to him without proper inspection. While there are some who utilize it for its true purposes might be some who mis-used them. So, inspection must be had before accepting their reports.

Next, it is Public Health that has to be encouraged. I think we know what kind of water has been supplied to the public here in Aizawl. Water supply especially in the present days, is so turbid and dirty that who would dare to have bath with it, not to mention drinking? I have never seen such a turbid water supplied in any part of the country. As dirty water always used to be the main cause of many illness, we must think a way for better water supply, for which, I suggest Filter. We must have it as soon as possible.

Another point here is not my criticism but what public felt. While Ministers and other high ranking officers could have water-pipe in their houses, it is not possible for the public to have such house connection and the M.L.As also could not have. So, what is the reason? When we approach our officers regarding this they would put the blame on each other. Why can't our officers, who are the limbs and legs of our Ministers could not do this? As some of the members had said of Education Department there might be something wrong here in Public Health Department too. So, it is my appeal that house connection be made for anyone who wish.

Also, we have many difficulties regarding Land allotment, not only in Aizawl, but also in Villages. Perhaps we were a bit careless in this matter that there are many cases that cannot be settled. Sometimes, double allotment is made on the same ground and area, and sometimes School areas are allotted to a private body. Not only that, private compound is sometimes extracted and allotted to other. One thing I dislike in the allotment of land is temporary allotment made to some persons to be taken away after two, three or five years and give it again to other persons. I know some of our officers too possessed lands in such way. If the ground is to be given-away and if it's not for Government purposes then let the first one have it. Priority must be given to the first one, the case of second one could be considered by allotting other area, or by finding some other way. Such cases could be found in many places, especially in Aizawl Bazar areas. Had there been strong Order before from the Government, many of our present problems regarding land allotment would be avoided. Therefore, from now on-wards we must be very careful in this matter.

It has also been quite a long time since we utilized T.R. and G.R. Funds for the construction of roads. We have also spent big amount for this Fund. When the construction of road is completed, we usually asked our big officers and leaders to open them in the hope of getting their co-operation in maintaining these new roads. But, thing goes just the opposite. Once they opened, never again they go there. Since no one to look-after them besides heavy rain and landslides, these new roads then easily become useless even soon after its completion. Hence, I think it is better that P.W.D. takes-up the construction with its maintenance.

I also have much to say regarding Medical. But, since most of the things that I have in my mind were already discussed about by our Members I would only say one that has not yet mentioned. It is this that when medicine could be had in free-cost from Civil Hospital, certain amount used to be charged in case of an X-Ray. So, what is the reason? and why had they take money from poor and suffering people? If they take, where had those money gone to? I have seen with my own eyes, two persons giving away Rs.12/- each after they were being X-Rayed. I was really surprised to see that certain amount had to be paid just to have an X-Ray, even in Government Hospital. If medicine could be had in free cost why can't an X-Ray also be freed? Considering poorer people especially Villagers who came from far-away places, X-Ray also must be free of cost.

Mr.Dy.Speaker, Sir, excuse me for extending my speech. I won't take long. Being from minority group, I could not help saying this. It has been more than a century since Gurkha Community dwell in this territory. But, till now we could have even one High School. There is only one M.E.School, which is all we have in Education. It is true that Gurkha Community is classified into Ordinary back-ward class, and our back-wardness could not be denied either. But, what is the reason? The main reason would be due to the negligence of the Government which is also fact.

If we are neglected and if there is no facilities offered, we would become more back-ward than before. Had there been better facilities and scopes in Education, I am sure we will have more graduates than we have now. Therefore, it is my earnest appeal that the Government gives Educative Order or other facilities order for us to march forward. So, I do hope our Ministers and leaders consider what I have said.

Thank you.

DY.SPEAKER:

We shall now end-up here for today, and the meeting will be resumed tomorrow at 11:00 A.M.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 P.M.

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