

7TH SITTING ON 27.3.1974 at 10:00 A.M.

P R E S E N T:

Pu H.Thansanga in the Chair, Chief Minister, three ministers
one Deputy Minister and 26 Members.

BUSINESS:

1. Questions
2. Completion of General discussion on Budget.
3. Voting on Demands.

SPEAKER: " Deceit is in the heart of them that imagine
evil, but to the counsellors of peace is joy.
There shall no evil happen to the just; but
the wicked shall be filled with mischief. Tying lips are
abomination to the ~~Lord~~ Lord; but they deal truly are his
delight".

STARRED QUESTIONS TO WHICH ORAL ANSWERS WERE

SPEAKER: Now question No.29, Pu Lalkunga's question.

HEALTH & FAMILY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Action taken in connection with robbery of the office of D.H.S.

Pu LALKUNGA: Mr.Speaker, will the Hon'ble Minister i/c
of the Medical Department be pleased to state -

(a) Asstt. Director of Health Services was allowed to handle cash
as per order of D.H.S. out, he was not to keep govt. money overnight
in his Almirah?

(b) A case has been registered under section 457/380 ITC by the
Police?

(c) No.

(b) Yes, steps are being taken for taking appropriate departmented
action against the officer?

Pu C.LAKUIT

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Mr.Speaker, Supplementary questions: the case
asked in (b) was registered against whom?
Has the govt. taken action on prior end

Chowkider

chowkidar other than the said officer?.

PU VAIVENGA: Mr. Speaker, the case was filed against
MINISTER. the accuser, Vanlalhluna.

PU C. LALRUATA: Mr. Speaker, the Hon'ble Minister had
said clearly that the officer was not
authorised to handle cash but to disburse
money. Why action is not taken against the officer who
handle cash with no authorisation?.

PU VAIVENGA: Mr. Speaker, Departmental proceeding is
MINISTER. ~~the offender~~ being taken against the
offender. But, according to rule, per-
mission from the Central Vigilance Commission is required
for taking action against any class I officer, which is
being asked for.

PU LALKUNGA: Mr. Speaker, Supplementary question:
It is learnt that the chokidar, Zoluta
was arrested for being negligent in
keeping cash and was severely beaten which caused him
mental calamity now. By the way, how much amount of money
was recovered from the robber, the peon and for what purpose
was this money kept by the concerned officer in his Almirah.
Was it the pay of the staff or money drawn from contingency
fund?.

PU VAIVENGA: Mr. Speaker, some amount of money, both for
MINISTER. staff's pay and contingency fund, was
drawn on that very day and out of which disbursement was also
made on the same day. As per order, they are required to
put their cash balance under the custody of the Treasury.
But, they could not do so on that day for the Treasury was
already closed. As a result, cash balance was thus kept in
the office. The amount of cash recovered from the chowkidar
was Rs 6583. Moreover, some amount has been already spent by
him. The remaining cash which was recovered in kind seemed to
be of little quantity.

PU SAPLIANA: Mr. Speaker, supplementary question:
as told by the Hon'ble Minister, the quan-
tity (e) does not arise. If so, has
any of the office staff, as peon or Head Assistant, knew
that there was undisbursed money in the Almirah?.

PU VAIVENGA: Mr. Speaker, there was none. The Officer
MINISTER. kept the money where he behaved as safe
for the purpose without informing any
other person.

PU C. LALRUATA: Mr. Speaker, did the officer disburse money
without employing Cashier or clerk?

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PU K.SANGCHUM: Mr.Speaker, the incident took place in November last. Did the Government inform the Central Vigilance Committee lately? When was the matter reported to them?

PU VAIVENGA: Mr.Speaker, Officers are responsible and it is their duty to make proper disbursement in the Office. As we all know, we were of the opinion that the matter should be taken up by us. But so lately, we came to know that it should first be referred to the central Vigilance Committee for which reason, as a fact, one complete year has rolled off.

PU C.CHAWNGKUNGA: Mr.Speaker, Have they suspend the unauthorised Cashier?.

PU SAIILAWMA: Mr.Speaker, it would be easy to mention that the matter was lately referred to the Central Vigilance Committee but, actually what we want to know is the exact date on which the matter was reported.

PU VAIVENGA: Mr.Speaker, it was not our pleasure to make late report of the matter. As pointed out earlier, it was just because of the procedure of the rule, that it should first be reported to the Central Vigilance Committee. Information was, accordingly made only on 18 March, 1974.

The question asked earlier into the suspension, it may be finalised when the action is taken up.

PU C.LALUATA: Mr.Speaker, It seems that the matter was presently taken up after connected questions have been raised for the proceeding date of this Session was 18 March. Does it not mean that the matter was so long neglected?.

SPEAKER: Question No.30 Pu Lalkunga's question.

SUPPLY & TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

Free lift of the brother of Chief Secretary from Silchar to Azawl in the Car of Transport Department.

PU LALKUNGA: Mr.Speaker, the Chief Secretary's brother was coming from Sribherland and was given a free lift by the Liaison Officer, Silchar at his own will. Did not the Ministry know about this?

PU R.THANGLIANA: Mr.Speaker, this was not known as a result it would be a false report as given by Pu Lalkunga. I, myself enquired the matter from the Liaison Officer who replied that he perhaps was given a seat in another vehicle since he came only once, stated the Liaison Officer.

SPEAKER: Question No.31 Pu Lalkunga's question

Entitlement to the use of Cars of Government of Mizoram stationed outside Mizoram by Ministers and Secretaries alone.

PU LALEUNGA: Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Supply & Transport Department be pleased to state -

(a) Is it a fact that Cars belonging to Government of Mizoram and Stationed outside Mizoram, like Silchar, Calcutta and Delhi are to be used by the Ministers and Secretaries alone?

(b) If so, why?

PU L. THANGLIANA: Mr. Speaker, (a) No, (b) Does not arise.
MINISTER.

PU SAITLAWA: Mr. Speaker, when did the government of Mizoram station such vehicles in Silchar and Delhi? At what duration of time will the rules be ready? There are some instances when the Government is adopting unformulated set and sometimes, so as to disregard the interest of the public it says no rules have been adopted, as I could see.

PU R. THANGLIANA: Mr. Speaker, the office of the Liaison Officer Calcutta was opened early in the year 1972 and one Car was stationed the same year. On the other hand, as Silchar was one of our Supply offices since long time back and in fact, one Jeep was allotted to them, at present two jeeps have been stationed but no car has been given to them for the allotted Car is with the Finance Minister ~~xxx~~ who used it. As regards rules, it has been almost completed and I suppose, the same procedure is likely to be followed in Delhi and Calcutta.

PU C. CHANGLUNGA: Mr. Speaker, another supplementary question: will the Ministers and Secretaries be permitted to use freely those vehicles stationed in Silchar, Calcutta and Delhi for their unofficial duties?.

PU R. THANGLIANA: Mr. Speaker, If you look into the rules, you will find that all Ministers are regarded as on duty even on Sunday. But, no vehicle is given to secretaries who are on leave.

SPEAKER: Question No.32, Pu Botinaia's question.

VETERINARY DEPARTMENT.

Non-joining of duties by a Veterinary field Assistant posted in N. Vanlai hai.

PU R. BOTINAIA: Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Veterinary Department be pleased to state -

(a) Whether it is a fact that sometime in the month of December, 1973 a VFA was posted at N. Vanlai hai and that the same VFA has not yet joined his duties at N. Vanlai hai till today?.

(b) If so, how and what action is taken against him?.

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PU R. THANGLIANA: Mr. Speaker, (a) yes, the VFA posted at N. Vanlaiphei joined on 5.1.1974. He then availed Earned Leave for 30 days with effect from 11.2.1974 to 12.3.1974, He has now applied now extension of his leave for another 30 days.

(b) Since the V.F.A. under question joined his duties, no action needs to be taken?

PU SATHLIANA: Mr. Speaker, has any proposal been made to fill the leave vacant V.F.A. posts? will it not be possible, if no proposal is made, that one complete year will go by?

PU R. THANGLIANA: Mr. Speaker, no leave could be granted for one year. He is to go to his post where he was posted after the expiry of his leave. No other person is posted in his place since no suitable person is available.

PU HRANGAIA: Mr. Speaker, Is there any rule which permits availing of Earned Leave for the incumbent who was appointed in December?

PU R. DOTINIAIA: Mr. Speaker, Supplementary question: one VFA was posted at N. Vanlaiphei previous to the said VFA, but, no one knew that he actually joined. After that another VFA under question was again posted in December but he did not join his duty till this date. As we were told, the VFA did not go to his place even on 5th January, as a consequence, almost all their chickens got disease and died off in the area.

Anyway, when did the VFA get appointed or was he posted temporarily? What is his name? And how could he manage to leave his posting place in between December and January without availing any leave? Why no action is taken against him?

PU R. THANGLIANA: Mr. Speaker, the VFA under question is Shri Thanmawia whose date of appointment is not known to me. Pu Hrangia's question in connection with the appointment date might be of course, due to some mistake since the VFA was posted there. His transfer order was issued in December, and joined on 5th January during the gap period there might be difficulty on his part. A few days after his joining, he as a rule. Moreover, claiming that he could not complete his house, he again applied for extension of his leave which may also be granted. Anyway the date of his appointment is not known to me.

PU R. DOTINIAIA: Mr. Speaker, Supplementary question: if I am mistaken, the name mentioned by the Hon'ble Minister seems to be Lalnunmawia instead of Lalthanmawia (Pu R. Thangliana, yes, his name is Lalnunmawia, I mean)

Besides, he availed earned leave when his help was badly needed by the people. I don't see why he should hold the post if he is not interested and in fact, I can not contend with such a negligent worker. No person/Govt. employee could take leave

could take leave if any special consideration is not given; Did they give him?

PU R. THANGLIANA: Mr. Speaker, he availed E.L. and stayed away. minister. However, leave vacancies should, as a rule, be filled in and appropriate person should be posted. But, this could not be practiced in every case, e.g. we can not have so at every village. Sometimes, L.O. posts were vacant due to leave and it remained for sometime. When a government servant wants to avail leave due to him, we can not force him not to apply such is the case in practice.

PU R. SANGARUM: Mr. Speaker, supplementary question: suppose, a person posted and transferred somewhere, how many days will be given to him as for transfer leave, before joining his new posting place?

PU R. THANGLIANA: Mr. Speaker, I cannot exactly say what is MINISTER. Being followed by the govt. but it depends on the authority who is competent to grant, for sometimes one week duration from the date of issue of order is allowed, and sometimes order should be effective with immediate effect.

PU SAITLAWMA: Mr. Speaker, I do not think that it is a proper and satisfactory answer the way the Ministers used to reply in this House. I want him to clarify all these questions tomorrow during question hour. This question in connection with the Veterinary Field Assistant appears to be of little importance, but, the matter involved seems to be unnegligible. We all know that he is not entitled to avail earned leave if his appointment was made either in November or December last. If possible, let us know the exact date of availing earned leave, that is from when to when and when did he resubmitted his application for extension, will be granted?

PU R. THANGLIANA: Mr. Speaker, I hope the members are still more MINISTER. interested in if the earned leave granted to him is entitled, but as connected with the question, it will concern more of the leave rather than the date of appointment, it seems. According to the D.V.O. in his statement, he has not yet applied any leave before this says he in the interview given by me, "he is sure to get it and entitled as a rule as a result, he has been granted," I believed it is correct.

PU CHAWNGKUNGA: Mr. Speaker, it appears that he came back at once immediately after joining, his duty on 5.1.74 and availed leave for 30 days. But, now, 3 full months have been evolved though he was granted another 30 days.

Furthermore, it can be noticed that he spent more days than what was actually granted to him. How is the matter, and how could he do so?

PU C. LALLUATA: Mr. Speaker, supposing he did join his duty on 5.1.74 and came back again. Can the Govt. servant leave his station without prior permission?

ssion from the authority? Has he got such permission before leaving his station?

PU K. THANGLIANA: Mr. Speaker, there is no knowledge of non-obtained of out-station permission. He applied for leave and left his duties with effect from 11th February upto 12th March this year. He again applied for another 30 days leave after the expiry of his leave granted earlier. He may be granted another 30 days leave which he applied for thereafter.

SPEAKER: Question 33, Pu Lalkunga's question.

HEALTH & FAMILY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Occupation of the Quarters S.D.M.O by a ~~Senior~~ Senior Officer.

PU LALKUNGA: Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Health Department be pleased to state -

(a) Whether it is a fact that the S.D.M.O. Quarter is occupied by a Senior Officer?.

(b) If so, why?

PU VAIVENGA: Mr. Speaker, (a) Yes, (b) For want of quarters the S.D.M.O & H.O. quarter has been occupied by Assistant Director of Health Services but the Quarter is being vacated by the officer as directed by the Department.

PU C. CHAWNGKUNGA: Mr. Speaker, Supplementary question: where the said S.D.M.O. Quarter situated? Is it in Aizawl, or Lunglei or in Chhintuipui.

PU LALKUNGA: Mr. Speaker, it is in Aizawl?.

PU VAIVENGA: Mr. Speaker, as replied by the member, it is in Aizawl.

PU C. LALEDATA: Mr. Speaker, Has the S.D.M.O. quarter been occupied by the Officer till today?

PU VAIVENGA: Mr. Speaker, the Quarter is being vacated as stated earlier. It will be quite difficult to mention the exact date from which the House was occupied because the occupant, the present Assistant Director of Health Services was formerly a S.D.M.O. promoted to Civil Surgeon, and again to his present designation. During all the period he occupied the Quarter. But, in view of the betterment of our administration, it has been recommended that the Quarter should be occupied by the S.D.M.O.

PU SAPLIANA: Mr. Speaker, the question hour is now almost over for we have only few questions today. Will you please allow me to ask those questions circulated yesterday and which were left untouched on 25.3.1974?

SPEAKER: As we have another business with us here, those supplementary questions may be asked and get ready for another days as we are having more time during the present session. Our programme has been unconditionally changed ~~proposed~~ for we did not follow the proposed programme yesterday. I would request you all the members to get more tough and be patient in doing our business as we are having here more of it.

READING OUT OF THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Let me read out the acknowledgement from the Lt. Governor addressed to the Speaker in connection with his Motion of Thanks passed by this House.

'Kindly refer to your D.O. No.2 dated 21.3.74 I am grateful to Pu J.Thanghuama and the other Hon'ble Members of the House for being so good to adopt motion of thanks for my address which you so kindly read out to the House. I also thank you and through you the House for wishing me speedy recovery (and covering hard) and there is no cause for anxiety I thank you and through you the Hon'ble Members of the House once again".

Yours Sincerely,
Sd/- S.K.Mukherjee.

This for our general information for which I thank.

GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET FOR 1974-75 (Contd)

Our next item will be a general discussion on budget. No time is yet reserved for the government side and we will take up now. One evening I would like it be difficult to follow if the sitting starts, from 10 are in the morning but we may not finish voting on demand excluding Saturday which is a recess and 31st of this month fall on Sunday?

The year is ending and unless and until we pass the budget, department of various concerned will not be able spend the money. So let's try to practice from tomorrow if no technical difficulties arise.

PU R. THANGLIANA: Mr. Speaker, I hope we can finish before the end of this financial year.
MINISTER.

SPEAKER: It is only because of mutual agreement of the House that the proposal can be adopted. If not so, the B.A.C. meeting as a rule, will be held in my Chamber during the recess period to decide and make out a new programme.

PU J. THANGHUAMA: Mr. Speaker, if possible we, the members, would like to have more time for taking a discussion on Zanlawn.

SPEAKER: Now first of all let me call upon the Hon'ble Chief Minister to please give his explanation on our past discussions. Similarly, all other ministers will be given a chance of explanation. Then, the Finance Minister will conclude the discussion.

PU CH. CHHUNGA: Mr. Speaker, I am very grateful for giving **CHIEF MINISTER.** me an opportunity in this Budget discussion. It would be too short for me had this chance been given to me yesterday after 4 P.M. I am really happy to have this opportunity at this hour of the day.

Our Budget discussion is, to a great extent, an interesting and enjoyable, to me. I also confirmed that all the numbers are considered and will be informed with the subject. I am also grateful to the Finance Minister who could successfully bring the Budget in this House. It covers to my amazement more wider purpose than what I could well imagine for we only could get the sanction from the Central Government. I am, therefore, really about this. We all knew that our present position is much weaker than that of full state and regarding financial matter it is the Central Government from which we first obtained authority. However, we can well imagine that we will not be able to collect enough revenue for maintenance of country in our present though we are given a full fledged state. Therefore, it is clear that we, supposing as a State, are not capable of controlling budget and raising enough revenue for us. I hope and ~~believe~~ believe that major industry like Paper Mill, will give and earn more revenue for the govt and the Central Govt. will surely pay keen interest for the success of it. But, we can not foresee what will come in the future.

Anyway, let me try to explain in general the major subject on which our Hon'ble Members put their views.

There is a proposal for creation of a new P.H.E. Division. But it has been delayed due non-availability of suitable persons. Moreover, we were told by the Central Government not to fill up vacant posts and directed us that money spending should be carefully executed, for which the proposal can not be fully filled at once.

As stated by the Hon'ble Member, Pu Lalsangzuala yesterday, it is an indispensable task to offer a chance of employment for technicians even for those of outsiders. If we try, to employ such persons from other state on contract basis, they lack willingness for their term is definite and short lasting. For this reason, we could hardly attract suitable persons for the task. The Central Government also always failed to supply no, In fact, the government is ready that no officer dare to come here and work here. In that case also the government can not force them to comply with our request. In this connection, I think, it is necessitated that we are to be more generous in offering chances for the technicians. It was also pointed out by the honourable members that the construction of Jeep roads adjoining no main roads at the end. This seems to be unpracticable. But, I believe those funds were borned either from T.R or B.C. Scheme. Otherwise it is not the practice of P.W.D. It may also occurred that some villages are hardly hit by famine etc, in that case villagers rushed to the authority and begged for relief of their hardship. In solving this type of problem, as experienced in 1960, authority grant such aid by constructing at least a jeepable road around the villages which will soon be connected by road. This type of non-connected road are constructed mainly for the purpose of solving such type of problems. The road connecting between Sairang - Mamit - Damchorra also, as pointed out by the Hon'ble member yesterday, was under reconstruction. Some of the bridges are being constructed. This is due to the intention of diversion of road connected Aizawl-Silchar through Sairang. There is also an urgent need for wooden planks etc though they have some iron rod material at their disposal. If wooden materials are available at hand bridges can be mended easily for motoring. It is not correct to say that the ministers have cancelled and abandoned roads which were constructed with an expense of large amount of money.

It is only because of the order issued by me that roads have to be reconstructed. Road has been constructed by the B.R.T.F through Phaileng upto Tut river where a bridge suspending over the river will be compulsorily constructed after finishing. This road crossing Dampui will connect Mamit road. This will ~~surely~~ surely shortly and make bridge construction dispensable for us. As a matter of fact, the construction of bridge over Tut will block the expansion of operation and to reach Tur river, vast distance have to be covered for this reason I prefer to discontinue. The construction since it has no proper line except Lengpui Village. In case of misunderstanding I hope the members are patient enough to forgive me. As a result, this road which is under consideration is totally abandoned. The N.E.C. intends to construct and taken up road construction of the same, it is reliable also.

(Pu Lalkunga: Mr. Speaker Sir, if possible, I would like to point out some more point will the Hon'ble Chief Minister be pleased to reply that whether it is a fact that a road i.e. Phaileng - Dampui was surveyed through Vachhe gorge which was, thinking that P.W.D. will fail to

construct the road, abandoned by them? How the report was entertained I rather point our recommending the continuation of the cancelled road).

I heard him saying that the road be constructed through Phaileng. In fact, we are not going to connect Phaileng but it will rather follow different direction from the place not further than 2/3 furlong.

(Pu Lalkunga: It is ~~not~~ so, we will only cover in a day a distance from Tut to Daochhuak ferryside)

Mr. Speaker, according to report received by, it is sure to success. Accordingly, we have sent a survey party who believed to be more acceptable. (Pu Saprawnga: He is ~~sure~~ wrong, it should be Phaileng-Tut ferrysite from where a road is seems to be constructed upto Mamit)

Mr. Speaker, to the north side, it will go along the BRTF's road crossing Tut river. It is more convenient and will shorten the road to Mamit. We, the Ministers are not misguided of the officers but assist and guide us in framing policies since they are senior and experienced in general. It is always unjust to do away with their advices we should not bear this in mind.

In short, as we have discussed about T.R. and E.G.S transactions regarding these matters were carried on only in English. Sometimes, illiterate V/C President still used to contract A/O, enquiring how much money were sanctioned. In that point, some of us still hold their views that this is the turning points of jealousy and corruption. This view, somewhat, contains publication of sanction has been issued in Mizo language which will be circulated to the Board manners,

We have also discussed and pointed out that the maintenance of towns is getting too much importance in the sphere of our public expenditure. As a matter fact, we can not under estimate the development of towns list it will suspended by other areas. If the cities where larger number of Government employees liked as such priority should be given. Presently we are facing difficulty arising out of fracture in establishing different Block Headquarters. Similarly, there come up another problem of maintaining towns where Headquarters are situated. We must take more action for this purpose than before, as it is the face from which the appearance of our country is clearly seen. Expenditure can not be completely divided for Towns as well as for rural upliftment. Actually less amount will be available from Education, forest, and Soil, and Agriculture Department, as more of their activities are ~~not~~ circled around the rural areas. The P.W.D. divides its expenditure between Urban and rural areas not on a definite condition. Rs 20,000 000/- was spent for construction of spent for construction of roads in Mizoram as a whole out of Rs 20,00,000/- Rs 10,00,000/- was mainly urban for maintenance of urban roads which constitute half of the amount under non-plan we budgetted Rs 40,00,000/- out of which 3/4 have

been utilised in Aizawl, Lunglei, Saiha, Champhai and Kolasib. It is, therefore, wrong to say that most governmental activity is concentrated in urban areas. But, I hope it will compels us to incur more expenditure for urban areas so also in rural area.

Regarding Mission veng road, though it was time and gain referred to us, I still could not understand fully. The maintenance was already included in the schedule 1973-74, and at present action is being taken by the government in viewing the betterment of the road. The construction of retaining wall along the road will make easier to construct the road 'pucca' and adorning the town itself. The expenditure is really large. There is at present a constituted body of Town Planning Committee which will survey and submit its report to Government thereby large amount of expenditure may be incurred for Aizawl after the recommend is finished. I would like to inform the members prior to the affectiveness of this recommend to co-operate and to have wider knowledge on this. It is not possible to tackle with all the problems which confronted us within these two years after Mizoram had become Union Territory. It is only now after this year budget that we could make effort in a more systematic manner. We will thus find our budget for construction of roads from now on.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to refer the Zanlawn case. Some of the members, as I could read are distressed that Villages are regrouped by the government. In fact, this matter has been undigestible issue since a long time back, and it is really undesirable for us to hear of it once more. It was my believed and I had already disclosed it to the villagers that time may come when villages will be regrouped under the circumstances arising out of shorting incident between the Security force and M.N.F. The unfavourable circumstance now came in the case of Zanlawn which struck my heart very hard indeed.

The present position faced and took place in the Zanlawn Village has made myself and my dear colleagues very much dispassed. They have to face once again what they have experienced in between 1967 and 1968, reconstructing their houses again which really effects me more uneasy for I know the inhabitants will be much frightened and discouraged once again. At the same time, I hope we, all are clear enough that evil experience which caused the people of Zanlawn is the result of the outbreak of disturbance in our country. There is, another idle from our hon'ble Member that peace talk should taken place between the leader of our country and the MNF and the government needs to regard our country as a disturbed area. It is truly correct that the government and the hostiles are coming forward to disass and make peaceful agreement between them for the good of the country. It is our strong desire that the situation is mutually settled and I hope the govt. will surely wish us. And we can not deny that our country is a disturbed area.

Do your think that the government will keep watching on us as a really disturbed area?. The atmosphere was a little bit lighter in 1972 and a Committee was formed to organisation plan a new site for newly established villages which spring out of grouping centres. Some members asked

that why the committee take steps inactively. This shows that we all are eager, to get rid of the present grouping centre. Why no active measure is taken? It is only because of the fact that the hostiles retreated their misdeeds, killing our officers, incidents, ~~killings~~ took place, kidnapping innocent persons, setting fire and private houses and even our Lt. Governor was injured in shooting through the Car, on the 10th March, we are now bound to perform our own duties, and not to meddle with other business. This is what our country is facing. We, the people, want to see no more of cruelties and it is the misery of the people, when there is utter chaos exactly of this type in their country. It is also, on the part of the government difficult to control people, as such various types of measures have been put into operations. It is, therefore, a sad news that Zanlawn has to be regrouped.

Some of the members had pointed out that the proposed regroup of Zanlawn village will yield no successful result as regards to measurement taken for curb of hostility. Yes, it is to some extent true, but, this is one among the numerous measure taken up by the Government. Anuhow, with a combined effort rendered by the leaders of the country and the people, tried to find out a salution which will bring down the acts of anti-governments, proved useless. At the east resort, we are to follow whatever action is taken by the government. As stated, no one expect that any single measure will curb down the hostility as a result, by any means, we may be required to take up strong action against them. It is an urgent need of the country that, as requested by the Lt. Governor, to write ourselves so that strong measure could be avoided and peace and tranquillity will be attained in our country. I, also want to request the underground host les not to foster violence but to come to the peaceful term. Under the protection of government If more of anti-government activities seen again, it will naturally, as stated by Pu Saprawnga yesterday, cause hardship and misery upon the people as well as on us, villages, "Thlawhbawks" have to be regrouped. It is, therefore, my wish and hope that MNF will make up their minds and cooperate with us to stop all these undesirable hardships.

The Government, has been struggling for the supply of food to Zanlawn people. Incidentally, it is our government who, as soon in English Newspaper, established a ParaMilitary Force since our formed police are trained by the BSF. But there is no intention to equip villagers with arms in order to establish a Para Military Force.

Thank you.

SPEAKER: Should we call upon the Finance Minister?

PU J.THANGHUAMA: Mr.Speaker, though it is not practicable to have all questions answered, could we have more answers more detally?.

SPEAKER: We have to spend our time economically for the discussion is to be finished before noon. As a matter of fact, points can not be fully and detally explained for it will take most of our time.

PU J.THANGHUAMA: Mr.Speaker Sir, those points which concened the whole country like compensation given by BRTF, centrally occupied by CNP at Zemabawk, non-receipt of compensation by Luangmual which is considered as rural area, regarding Home Guard, the question whether the D.D.S. Silchar is competent to give an entry permit - all these are big issues of the country as a whole

PU CH.CHHUNGA: Mr.Speaker, the Government tries to extend the town area at Luangmual side where several training Schools, are owned by the po ice not far from Sakawrtuichhun, and if possible, as training centre for Home Guard will be established in the area between Sakawrtuichhun and Tanhril. Assam Rifles will be shifted there. Government quarters and buildings a e to be constructed to the east and western side of the area. Therefore, a good approach road is required and several good terms and conditions were made between the government and the local people.

PU J.THANGHUAMA: Mr.Speaker, Luangmual is not preclains as an urban a ea yet. So why should we not vie compensation to other villages where large area of private gardens are occupied by the Security forces? Why compensation is specially paid to Luangmual?

PU CH.CHHUNGA: Mr.Speaker, Damages were caused by the BRTF in constructing road etc., Some of the damages are being ~~REMPENSATED~~ compensated, if not all, and as pointed out by Pu J.Thanghuama, this compensation is floated to the people of Zemabawk and it is being processed. I myself bought one house which was destroyed and the verification was done by the Security Forces and recommended a compensation for the same. But, it is very much delayed more than we expected. The matter had been referred and submitted to the Home Ministry (Central) by the then Deputy Commissioner and was again enquired from them by me. However, with regrard to Luangmual mutual - agreement was made by both the parties, the owners and the government side, out of no fixed condition was practically laid down for the compensation of

houses, gardens, etc.;. This is of different condition for the agreement was unanimously made between the parties.

SPEAKER: Let's call upon the Hon. Education Minister.

PU VAIVENGA: MINISTER. Mr. Speaker Sir, Today as we can continue our discussion on Budget, seems to be more important than are usual Session We, therefore, look into the pros and cons of the matter more carefully. We have a frankly and friendly discussion which was a great help for us. Now, I would rather explain in general how we ~~been~~ run our department while also explaining your points. Delegation of power is the most important part especially in Education Department. We always advocated not only in Education ~~Department~~ Department but even in other Department that it is more favourable to decentralised powers with the Department itself. On that very point, what we intended to cultivate is, a strong and able government. Thus, it is, as I suppose, necessary to reconsider the problems of delegation of powers at large.

We have enough discussion on book grant. At present, we provided books for lending ~~book~~ and borrowing purposed to the students but it is not a correct form of book grant you may say. But, due to non-availability of books and its utilization certificate for which reason, with the help of D.I. and Inspecting Staff, we tried to provide with helpful ~~Book~~ to the students. Anyhow, the amount sanctioned to different schools and buying records for last year were not talk. Some of the Schools, therefore at first refused to received the books. Hence, a clear inspection was given saying that due to non-availability of adequate number of books, the balance or credit amount will be distributed latter on. Actually it is, also for that reason teachers are ungrateful to them. So, it is our responsibility to give and supply books to them with what they were entitled.

With regard to inspection, since we are in a disturbed area, some schools could not be properly inspected for sometime. Now we are having sufficient inspecting staff ~~from~~ from the top officer to the lowest level. Division is made in rural areas in which 13 Sub-Inspectors were posted. 562 schools were inspected during the last year. But there might be some remoted schools like Lungpho as was mentioned yesterday which are not inspected, whereas some of the schools were inspected not only once but twice. Besides these, we have been surveying which is almost finish to chalk out an increasing rate of students and teachers required for them. We also directed all the inspectors to visit their respective area not only once but twice during the current year.

With regard to basic training centre, as we all know, we are intending to combine it into two: one at Aizawl and another at Lunglei. The main intention of the proposal is to cultivate better means of Education in our country. The fundamental foundation would be to give teachers a new spirit of teaching. In the past, persons who passed class VI were appointed for the post of teachers in primary schools. At present, we ~~almost~~ have numbers of High Schools almost in every villages, that is why those teachers who only passed Class VI are dishonoured and to them a new root of inferiority

complex has been spring up. It is, therefore, necessary to encourage by providing training facility to them. By giving this training for two years, we hope it will be a successful effort. Thereby, we started practicing a combined training system.

Text books are really important and the members regarded as one of the most important factors. The text books are, as supported by the Pu Ngurdawla, to be thoroughly checked and examined we formed a Text Book Committee and sat for twill, and the third sitting will be held recently.

They expected to finish it soon. When it is finished, books will be distributed to different Schools. Arrangement will be made in such a way that publication and printing as well as syllabus could be done as early as possible.

We have to be careful enough in regard to printing of books. Printing of Text Books for Primary Schools, Nursery, and Middle English School is subjected to prescription which is not yet followed by us. Papers used for printing of Text Books are also unsatisfactory we are, therefore, searching for better quality. As such, we asked for and consulted the representative of UNICEF who come here recently for their help. They doubted whether stock of foreign papers is available to them, was the answer we could get from them. They did, however, assure us to help in every possible way. That is how we felt for better quality of papers used for text books which can attract students in their studies.

Building grants which was one of our discussions once, is purposefully given out with the help and coordination of the MLAs who rendered their utmost efforts for the good of their respective constituencies. As we all know, we are under disturbed condition. Before, the inauguration of U.T. in our country, Schools were placed under the control and management of the then District Council for one year. What we received under Building grant from the govt. of Assam was Rs 20,000/- only for every year. From this amount, largest of grants we could give to a school was Rs 500/- only. We could not, however, cover wide area. We neither had a good building nor adequate furniture for the Schools, once I experienced and saw myself there lying a cow-dung was cleaned just before my arrival. I was not in a position to give complain for, poor as we were, the position as it seemed not better than that of ones own cabin

Such was the condition of our schools. But when we became Union Territory there was a proposal of floating grants to school at ~~the~~ the rate of Rs 10,000/- which might perhaps cover all the required expenditure for a school. Another idea was ceiling system of grants which will carry Rs 2,500/- to Rs 5,000/- for ~~one~~ primary schools and Rs 4,000/- to Rs 10,000/- for M.E-School, by knowing the expectation of the people similarly, grants were given to High Schools under the ceiling system. This was meant for the first

step we had to take. The grant was again floated the next year. In some of the villages, school building could be finished off with Rs 5,000/- only with the co-operation of the general mass, whereas the amount could hardly cover the construction in full in some other villages. However, all villages are not on an equal footing as a result the government tries to understand the difficulties. We further hope that cemented floor may be provided to each of the schools in the coming year. I am really happy on the efforts made by the general people. I know it is because of the encouragement given by the MLAs to their respective constituencies that the government and the country are ours and utmost should be rendered to it. I have heard of a very promising news that the construction of Primary and M.E. Schools at Ramhlun veng was entrusted to Pu Rozama who paid more attention to his work by visiting even at night time. On the other day, the Development minister and myself went to Zembawk and paid a visit to the School where we once again saw the unrepayable service of the local people.

We are now indebted to the people of Sialsuk, Kawnpui, Vairongte, Thingsulthlaih for their services for the schools and the govt. and I found their efforts were praise worthy indeed.

Moreover, it is true that there are other villages where creditable services could be seen even though we could not visit them yet. In general, 3 or 4 buildings have been contracted with the cooperation of local men and people were busy at work.

(Pu Lalrinliana: Mr. Speaker, will the Hon'ble Minister be pleased to state whether the government has any proposal for posting of Dy. Director for Lunglei and Chhimitupui District in view of the present Asstt. Inspector who have neither power nor duty to perform?)

Mr. Speaker, proposal for posting of Inspector at Lunglei is being processed till today.

In regard to medical Department, we could hardly get enough supply of medicine demand for Rs 5,70,000/- had been placed to the central government which in turn sanctioned Rs 3,20,000/- only. With this amount we could cover the expenditure for purchase of instruments and as it appears it is due to rise in prices that the amount received could not be utilized as to cover all the present needs. In spite of this difficulty, more demand was floated and included in the Revised estimates for the approval of finance Department which promptly refinanced to us and gave us an opportunity to start with newly. It was, previously with the funds from T.R. and E.G.S. that buildings of Para Medical Centres were constructed. But none, T.R. and E.G.S. fund are utilized for construction of road in Mizoram which result in deficiency in the source of our means. And, we have to manage from within the Department

itself we have an expected amount of Rs 1,70,000/- this is in view that contribution will meet 25% of the total provision for practicable expenditure. Posting of nurses is of great difficulty in this situation because their main intention goes to the town where they might be posted. We sometimes rebuked them and encourage them stating that posting could not be done only in Aizawl town. Therefore, selection for training of Nurses was made on area-wise basis from this year with a view to avoid unnecessary kindrances for posting of Nurse in the future. We also hope to have more of doctors. To those of 33 Doctors trainees stipend have to be granted from the government of Mizoram, besides our own deputed 19 trainee. Applications for posting in Mizoram from Assam and Mizo doctors were received all hope to be self-sufficient, in regard to demand for Doctors, in the near future. It is not easy to have adequate doctors since demand for them has been adoptly rising. But, I hope we would be able to sent students for specialized training when we have enough of them.

Thus we will be in a position to send out our girls and boys to pursue higher degree. The above mentioned statement shows how steps were taken up in line of medicaly the government. Thank you.

SPEAKER: It is now almost 1 p.m. How do you think? Let's the Development minister speak first. I hope that the finance minister will grasp in a shorter period since he is known to be expert in doing so.

PU R.THANGLIANA: Mr.Speaker, I am also trying to finish it as short as possible. But I doubt it if we are to answer all the members questions in this House. Anyway, I will try finish saying within or before 1 p.m. which indicates our recess period. In case of failing, I would like to rejust you all to be kind and patient enough for me.

To me, the present budget session seems to be much enjoyable and interesting. Although we are beginning, werryone of us know how to select questions and important points. It is information for the government that is, the ministers.

First of all, I would rather point out the Agriculture Department. But what I most desire of the members is that, being interested, Agriculture should be the control point of our discussion. No former have been pointed out which is a distressing one. Two of our members, have should a sign of attention to it. It may symbolized in agriculture. (Pu Sapliana: Mr.Speaker, It is only because of the fact that sanction has been granted for chamdur valley for which we can't ascertain ourself whether it is meant for negligency or not) Mr.Speaker, that is also a clear point of debate.

Agriculture proves to be a failure since the time of Assam till today, In fact, we see no improvement in it inspite of the efforts made by the experts who are

equally fit in comparison with other States. However, some reports of success attained with the finance granted to the people from various corner of the country were heard. Thus we can, however, claim that a little progress is made in agriculture.

But, what struck me so hard is, as stated by Pu Lalsangauala yesterday, that our people are more incline to induce in langurious things with their handful posseses other than to earn more. As stated by Pu Lalsangzuala, our Officers are spinding their time in the service of Church and as well, the general mass followed the same way in the way of spending their life. A church is not in any way subjected to questionable. In sports, and in other activities like MZP, YMA etc. the time consumed measured a very rate. There is no sign of entrusiasm for hard working which was accustomed to our forefathers has been vanished from our society. We can clearly see that the yeild will decrease year after year. I would, therefore, request you all member to have keen interest in order to set an example on peple, instructing that there can be no real development in a situation whee yielding capacity is too low.

In our present Budget, I felt the mechanisation as most purposeful, provisions have been made for purchase of Bulldozers and Tractors. But, even if we try to mechanize or use more machines for terracing ... etc. the majority of our population will perhaps dsire to get employment in that field instead of machines. This is a result of our poverty. In aiming the agricultural improvement, we must at the same time get the balance of these positions. Therefore, manual employment opportunity is being opened in agriculture. Better provision have to be made not only in agriculture but also in Soil conservation and Block Development. It is, therefore, believed that development is sure to be made to a great extent from the present Budget.

With regard to settled cultivation, there is a link with the Revenue Deptt. in the Govt. It is also feared that setteld cultivation might bring about social disadvantage in the long run. It is also correct to some extent that, as pointed out by the Members, lands or gardens are owned by the wealthy class of Mizawl who seldom maintain their plots of land. Supposing we adopt settled cultivation in our country there might be some possibilities due to peoples' poverty. That lands owned by the villagers goes to the hands of the wealthy class. Despite this possibilities the system is still voted for adoption. As we have heard our finance Minister's statement, settled cultivation is streongly recommended by the Revenue Department as a menas for cultivating people's incontineu to work. Fundamental difficulty less in mapping the process is being done since independence but no successful result is yet known till today. That is the main difficulty.

It is a fact that, as pointed out the members, seeds of potatoes and other vegetables are not available of potatoes which were distributed available today. We cannot ~~get~~ get supply from Hssam nor from Meghlaya and seed cultivation. That is the difficulty. We have asked for

We have asked for seeds purchasing Board to the Planning which disapproved the proposal. But, now, circumstances compell us to have a spearate means of Seeds purchasing and also I believed that this difficult could be used as a point of reason.

Questions arising out of Block financing have been noticed oftenly by the members. In this Connection, the Union Government felt it haviars to carry on due to c crisis which slowed down to working of Block Developmental programme. Under Block All India Pattern, sanction was to accorded Rs 12 lakhs each Block for stage I for a period of five years.

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Being under the All India Pattern, we are given half of the amount only. The actual amount entitled to us being Rs 200/- lakhs which is cut down to half of it for 20 blocks of Mizoram. The amount, however, can be increased or decreased within a period of 5 years according to financial position of the country. That is the general condition of Block. Futhermore, we can not have adequate number of Block officers till this date. A scheme was purely drawn east year under which some Administrative Officer performed the duties of Block Officers. This is still followed during this year because of the fact that new r2cruitment is not desirable for future promotion from the officers point of view. For example, you may have heard of such statment of our country. Instead of recruiting, We are intending to d depute from our Civil Service the result of which is awaited. Such as the problem we faced and the measures taken against it.

The importance and the preservation of forest have become the interest of the public. Somehow, we are facing problems in preserving forest from over exploitation. Once I have heard of the statement given by the Ex-Chief Executive member, Pu Bawichhuaka who states thus: 'the general public do not aware of the reservation of natural vegetation which is not privately owned thus creating less incentive of caring for2st to the public'. This is ture to a great extent. We know that preservation of the natural forest, is, undoubtedly one of the most difficult takks for those of Forest guards and Forest as well. Public pays more homage to the plantation done by the Department themselves.

Inspite of the difficulties arising out of forest if it could be overcome by greater effort. I can also appreciate the particularly of Hon'ble Member, Pu Changkungu who takes immense interest on the wild Life sanctuary. For the establishment of the Wild Life Sanctuary, the present bamboos have to be cleared up first. At present, the preliminary survey is being done. After the survey is finished, notification should be issued. In this present budget Rs 1,00,000/- have been included for creation of Wild Life sanctuary so far I know.

Members of suggestions are laid down for the betterment of our Transport system. But, we are now having vehicles maintained by the Civil Transport Department and of these these a few number of vehicles could be run efficiently. In the mean time, it is not practicable to officer those vehicles for another in order to dispose of. Some of them are under the supply Department and some of the unserviceable vehicles were disposed already.

The remaining State Transport Buses are run by the Government with driver, abolishing driver posts which were under civil transport. That means that government is trying to intensify the working and service of the state transport Department by lessening of the operation of civil transport Department. New Booking offices are to be opened at any suitable places. In our present situation, tickets booking etc. have been carried on even in a running Bus due to the increasing demand from the public side for it is the first and foremost duty of the government to serve the people as a whole

With regard to position of our supply stock, enough supply stock is kept in hand at present. It might be due to the season that enough supply could be stocked. But, we are in the eastern corner, of the main land, having a godown at Silchar. If there is railway strike or flood, the road thus prevents us from importing foods etc. As was experienced last year, we were almost put to defamiation.

(Pu Sapliana: Mr. Speaker, it is incomprehensible as to what system is being followed for drawing of ration; eg. Ration is usually drawn from Silchar by those of Kolasib, from Aizawl by Saitual, Lunglei for Chhimitipui. Why is it so difficult to have a solid principle of drawing ration I am sure of the negligence of the government towards peoples hardship. What is the reason? Why Chhimitipui District is required to draw their ration from Lunglei? Let me have a clear explanation, otherwise, peoples misery has been increasing rapidly these days.)

The system followed seemed to be as old as Mautam of 1959 and is to be revised if hardship is felt by the people. But, the government is of the opinion that expenses can be lessened if arrangement is properly ruled out for drawing of ration from the godown situated at Silchar, Aizawl and Lunglei for those of Vairengte, Kolasib, Chhimitipui Lawn tlai etc. where buses could reached daily. This arrangement was made due to loss of supply found in an areas where good means of supervision is rarely received. This is a great wastage from the government side. Moreover, they cannot maintain proper account of their own. Instead of maintainin, such records and handling cash by themselves all these responsibilities have been put on the shoulders of begger officers in Aizawl or Treasury. Thus workers and the people are benefitted most, and avoidance of wastage, In this connection one example could be mentioned. In Thingsulthliah alone, waste and damage of rice could be as

much as 900 quintals. If the retailers are entrusted with the responsibilities of drawing rice etc., from Aizawl or other places, such wastage is sure to be deleted or unseen in future. If such task is entrusted to the retailers, the rate of commission has to be increased by abolishing some of storekeepers. So, there will be no loss out of it, If any hardship is resulted to the people of various areas, then, the procedure is to be raised again. In general, places north from Kawnpui village have to draw their ration from Aizawl, and the rest which are situated beyond Kawnpui Village are drawing their ration, from Silchar. This is considered to be inexpensive if this system is in operation. Moreover, supply of ration is issued first to the remote villages where no good means of communication from Aizawl is not available. In fact, we are less inative for the supply of Trackable road-side villages.

N.w, It is 1 O'clock, So I stop here. Thank you.

SPEAKER: The finance Minister could not have time to speak now. So he will have it in the afternoon before we do the voting on demands.

Business Advisory Committee meeting will be held during the recess, so, we will have now a recess period till 2 P.M.

Recess Till 2 P.M.

2.P.M. AFTERNOON:

SPEAKER: We have to finish and pass the budget within this current session. We are to pass the Budget on or before 29th of this month because after passing the Appropriation Bill, the Bill should be sent for assent and thereafter it can be sanctioned. Besides, we are to do the supplementary Budget, first and pass the same before taking up the main budget. In view of this urgency, the B.A.C. recommended that the time and duration of sitting should be changed. Let the Parliamentary Affairs Minister move the recommendations of the Business Advisory Committee.

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

CHANGING OF SITTING HOURS.

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PU R.THANGLIANA: Mr.Speaker, in accordance with the B...C. recommendation which copy is with us all, the sitting hour from 11 may please be changed to 10 Hebeg to move this for favour of approval of this House.

SPEAKER: This recommended that business hours which starts from 11 A.M. will be changed to 10 A.M. for the remaining two days so as to enable us to finish our business in time. Is there anybody was disapproves of this? (Member kept silence) Yes, well. We should go on like that. Now let the finance Minister speak of the Budget.

GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET FOR 1974-75
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PU KHAWTINKHUMA: Mr.Speaker, It is a great opportunity for us that we could have a good time for the discussion on our budget. The Minister and the Member have broadly spoken of the progress and development of our government which was information as well as enjoyable. Though there are some points which required a detail verification we could not do in that manner due to lack of time. Firstly, in the Budget speech, the so-called 'Megagiri' may please be read as 'Tlabung' which was referred by our Hon'ble member. At the same time I do request the House to pardon me. The frequent emptiness of our official gallery, pointed out by some of our Hon'ble Members, seemed to be available. Especially during the Budget Session, officials are expected to attend and witness the discussion, at least during their concerned. They are informed and requested but no proper attention is yet seen till now. This is a sad occasion for everyone of us. So it is again my wish that every minister informs his concerned. Departmental official to come and witness the general discussion on budget tomorrow.

One of our member claimed that the budget figure for 1972-73, 1973-74 and 1974-75 are very much the same which indicate that no progressive measure and developmental programme is likely to be achieved. To some extent. This is correct. But, if you carefully look into it, you will find great difference in them, Sudden increase in yearly budget is not possible to achieve due to lack of efficient workers and expert staff in our governmental organisation so as to rule out a more complicate scheme. Therefore, it appears that the central government does not try to give us large amount sanctions which could not be properly utilised by us.

Moreover, the tendency of financial stringency and price rise in every economic sphere are the most apperant problem throughout India. It is the opinion ~~of~~ and aim of the government to check such trends by issuing a ban not to indulge in unnecessary activities but to pending for a time being.

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As a result, our budget could not be increased at will. Some of us also complained about the imbalance in budget provision for town and rural areas in which urbanisation plan carries 5/6 and rural 1/6 of the budget. Though the honble Chief Minister, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ had spoken of the matter, let me add some more points for clarification.

More amount of our expenditure is likely to be incurred on urbanisation and welfare the people for where most of the Departmental Head offices are situated being the sole capital of the State. Moreover, a large part of public expenditure in the Budget is always spent for the maintenance of Town in which more government employes reside and hence their needs naturally higher than other areas. So, the budget provision naturally higher for Towns, But, if we scrutinize the Budget, we will find that government activity in rural or as is comparatively higher for Land Development, Land Reclamation, Education etc.

We are also thinking that the Plan outlay and the additional increments thereof under the fifth five years Plan seems to be inadequate actually what we originally plan for the next Five year Plan is 110 crores of rupees, and what we received a grant from the government of India was Rs 45.59 only, tentatively. This was, to some of us, too small for the government of Mizoram. In fact, the Govt. of Mizoram also felt it too little. But, it is not so little in comparison with the fund of other states Budget. Less than half of the plan outlay for the next Five Year Plan was given to the States of Assam and Tripura. That means our grant is not too small in proportion.

Moreover, the grant is not a final but a tentative one. The government of India has assured not to give more and increase the sanction if we can make a more convincing scheme for developmental works. As such, it is reliable that the sanctioned amount might be enhanced if we could at least properly utilize what we have at our disposal.

Although questions raised by the members were partially answered and explained by other ministers, it is my pleasure to give some sort of explanations to your points on my department.

Our Hon'ble Member, Pu Sangchum pointed out that there is no Treasury or Sub-treasury at Saiha for which more and more complicated problems have cropped up in the ~~area~~ circle. This is a disheartening to know that we could not still establish a Treasury or Sub Treasury there at Saiha, causing hardships to the workers of Saiha area. It is because of the fact that no private building which can be used for storing cash etc. is not available at Saiha for the purpose. There is also no good means of fire-proof arrangement and for safeguarding from robbery for which reason the new branch of Treasury at Saiha is not yet opened. But, building construction is in progress and will be completed soon we hope to open or Treasury at Saiha when the building is completed.

Our Hon'ble Chief Whip, Pu Saprawnga had recommended that the government should have a well-laid principle in pursuance of policy matter. I also felt it necessary to have such a rigid type of policy, but policy making is in the hands of the Party High Command in consultation with the cabinet Ministers. The policy is not formulated so far as my knowledge is concerned. If so, it would highly be appreciated if attention is given by the Party High Command and the Cabinet to formulate such policy.

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PU SAPRAWNGA: Mr. Speaker, actually a policy giving priority to Agriculture etc. was laid down by the Party. But what I meant was that why no budget provision in that regard was made and what is the reason).

If it was so, the matter seems to be conceivable. In fact, the government is taking a keen interest particularly in agriculture field for which a budget provision has been made in larger quantity than that of Education. Accordingly, the Agriculture Minister in his statement says that the purchase of Bulldozer which is urgently needed for terracing is being made. In pursuance of the policy for permanent cultivation, we are to practice terracing since the supply of plan in our land is very limited. At any rate we are to start with terracing though not profitable at the initial stage, manuring the said and application of fertilizer and green manuring should be put in to practice in the later stage in order to increase our production. By then, we will be able to reafforest our reproductive land. Land policy - this is very important but a complicated one. The government also felt it necessary to have a Land policy. As a result we have been searching for an expert person who could draw a draft policy on contract basis. We have informing other states but no suitable person is yet found for our territory. Seems to be unsaved for outsiders. But, recently a Board to formulate land Tenure system in Mizoram was constructed.

Notification of which might be lying unpublished. The Board will thus formulate a draft land policy and immediately after finalising the draft copy which required scrutiny may be brought by the officers to the expert from outside.

If I am not mistaken, I heard of the report from Hon'ble Member Pu Sangchhum who claimed that there is no Industry Department in Chhimituipui District. As a matter of fact, an office of the Industry department was opened at Saiha, placing Ngunchhunge, Chinzah as Industry Officer (Pu Sapliana: Mr. Speaker, the craft centre, which was to be opened, is still in existence.) Pu Sangchhum: Not the Department but the Industrial materials are not available).

Perhaps I misunderstand the point. Proposal for establishment of Craft Centre was made but due to issue of ban from the Central Government, creation of post was not possible for us. As a consequence, we cannot practically open a Centre early (Pu Sapliana: The post of Inspector was already created during 1972-73, but the order of 'BAN' was issued only in 1973-74). The Member's statement seems to be correct. In order to establish a centre there, we are to have buildings etc., in addition to Staff; as such we could not implement the proposal. So far as my knowledge is concerned, the connected file is still lying somewhere, perhaps, with the Lt. Governor, I do hope we could begin with shortly.

I would be grateful if the members could pardon for late implementation of this. Mention was also made in connection

with one Jeep. The said Jeep was purchased and allotted to the Deputy Commissioner was needed the vehicle so badly. As such, another Jeep will be purchased from the provision made.

It was also stated that Rice Huller/ Maize Crusher were not supplied so far. In fact, Rice Huller-Cum-Maize Crusher 3 in number, were allotted one each to Saiha, Lawngltai, and Bualpui. The allottees are: Hinto Elychho for Saiha, Mr. Lalmuana for Lawngltai and Mr. Ngurkhara for Bualpui. They have taken their machines and already functioning. Besides, 7 machines of the kind will be installed for Southern Districts but no applicant except one so far.

(Pu Sapliana: Mr. Speaker, Did the government allot 7 machines for Lunglei alone?). I do not really know the machines were meant for Lunglei and Chhintuipui District. But only one application was received from Chhintuipui District. Thus there was no other applicant from the District. That is the reason.

Let me restate more about Craft Centre - Our Hon'ble Members, Pi Saptawni and Pu Sapliana suggested that Craft Centre should be opened at various places. This is quite desirable. I am myself desirous, I requested several times but the matter cannot be taken up immediately. I know that there is more budget provision for this. If not enough is available, it can be increased the advised estimate for we are intending to open a new Craft Centre as many as possible. I also thought of opening more of it if no problem arises.

Paper pulp & Paper project is being carried on. We are having a new firm consultant and hope his in the effort. The Central government has helped us in processing this. The reserve for raw-materials is available in large quantity. Some of the numbers opined that the plantation of Rubber might destroy the forest of southern part of Mizora. (Pu Ngurdawla: If the public destroys the planted bamboos). Mr. Speaker, I do not expect the potential bamboos will be destroyed again.

The I.T.I. at Silchar, pointed out by the Hon'ble Member Pu J. Thanghuama, which is to be shifted here assured me in our Session, could not be shifted yet due to non-availability of building in Aizawl. We are taking up a new step for the construction of a separate building it is not possible to hire private building for the Establishment of I.T.I. at Aizawl.

(Pu Ch. Saprawnga: When did the construction of I.T.I. building started? What is the reason? Why the construction could not be completed till today? Pu Chawngkun a: He stated that the construction is just beginning).

The site required to be prepared for construction first, which was ~~started~~ started going since last year.

(Pu Saitlawma; will it be possible to start construction by October, this year?). I could not give the required answer for it is under the Directorate of Education. It was in the early part of last year that the management was handed over to D.E. which will, I hope, start the construction of the Building very soon.

Mr. Speaker, the cancellation of House Pass by the Minister noticed by Pu J. Thanghuama was made due to complaints from various circles. As a matter of fact, the government is the only competent authority to issue passes for Houses in town area as practiced in Assam.

Passes are in practice, issued by the government for roadside and Highway Houses. This I am pointing out for your general information.

There is also a complaint as to why the Housing Loan for rural areas is comparatively less. As stated already, this is only because of the fact that no Land Settlement Office is established in rural areas; on the one hand, it is due to non-establishment of permanent village site. Efforts are being made for the setting up of settlement office thereby loan will be floated in a larger amount.

Delegation of power as explained by the Education Minister is done according to rules under which amendment has been made twice. The Delegation has been made under Delegation of financial Powers? Rules. In case of shortage of powers delegated the officers and departments were notified to come before, the Chief Secretary or Finance Department for making additional powers and necessary correction if found necessary.

The question relating to Luangmual, as already explained by the Chief Minister, could not be entertained. For, the constructions of Assam Rifles' Quarters and other Government Offices should be done there within a few days. Mapping and survey of boundary for Town Area are being processed. The connected file is also being put-up to Lt. Governor. Declaration is to be made soon. Since it is regarded as Town area, compensation for the people is under consideration. Moreover, compensation is to be given in respect of vegetables, Houses etc.

Thank you.

PU J. THANGUAMA: Mr. Speaker, Can I have the information in connection with compensation? Suppose, a person obtained a pass for one bigha of land at Luangmual issued from the local V/C. Will he be given a compensation for his land if construction of road crosses the land?

PU K.T. KHUMA: Mr. Speaker, It appears that compensation is not admissible for that, land, except when damage is caused to either fencing, or crops.

PU NGURDAWLA: Mr. Speaker, Luangmual and Tanhril villages are deserving a special compensation because they are totally deprived of their Jhuming facility, for construction of government buildings etc. They are all depending on Jhum cultivation which could not be carried on due to construction of government buildings. So, I think, they really deserve a special attention in giving compensation.

SPEAKER: Well, We will stop our discussin now. what we have take up is Demand for grants Supplementary Demands for east year should be taken up first. You will find that there are explanations below each pages and a conclusion in the last page where there is a total amount required. At the same time there is a correction made on Demand No.21 that can be made your copies. Thus, after necessary corrections have been made, the amount will be Rs 5,76,44,950/-

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only, then making the net total of Rs 8,25,42,500/- you are all requested to insert necessary correction yourself in the total of charged and voted grants. So, we will take up supplementary Demand with its content. Let the minister in-charge, the finance Minister, move the Demand for which Administrator's recommendation has already been obtained.

VOTING ON DEMANDS: SUPPLEMENTARY DEMANDS FOR 1973-74.

PU K.T. ARUMA: Mr. Speaker, the supplementary Demands being
MINISTER. sub-divided into several categories, such
it is, as I pre-supposed, likely to be moved
by the respective Ministers. Being unprepared to move it, I
beg your pardon. I would, therefore, move all the category-wise
demands for 1973-74 at a time.

On the recommendation of the Lt. Governor of Mizoram, I beg sir, to move that an additional amount of rupees 8,17,85,400/- to be granted to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31.3.1973 for the administration under Heads 8.9.12,12,14,15,15,17,18,20,21,22, 30 and 35.

In, the supplementary, the Demands No, India has been provided with head-wise for which it might be a bit difficult to differentiate each demands. The total amount being Rs 8,17,85,400/- may please be found out by the members themselves.

SPEAKER: Well, the different demands have been consolidated, otherwise it will take more time for moving it in the House. Have you got anything to say, on it other than the original grant?

PU SAITLAWMA: Mr. Speaker, one point for clarification please. That I found no demand in our Budget nor in the supplementary for the establishment of Local Administration at District Level. How do the government interested to carry on Local Administration at District Level?

PU VAIVENGA: Mr. Speaker, If we look into the Budget for
MINISTER. even last year, we will find that no separate budget provision for maintenance of Local Administration is included. Staff for Lunglei and Aizawl should be arranged very soon. So, we will try to propose a separate budget provision in our next Budget. Therefore, no separate provision for District level is made in our ~~budget~~ present budget.

PU SAITLAWMA: Mr. Speaker, can we know which of the departments is providing fund for the purpose? Providing fund for the purpose? If we lost our note unknown ingly, the result will be unfavourable for the people.

PU J. THANGHUAMA: Mr. Speaker, It seems that we are going to vote for money what we have already had last year. I should also pointed out that there is no possibility of local purchase from Veterinary Department, and also no insecticide from Agriculture Department. Though the Chief Minister did not give me a reply to my question this morning in connection discharge of 200 Home Guards. Will he be

pleased to clarify as to how the government is intending to reconsider the case of 200 discharged Home Guard? Moreover it appears that there is sufficient fund this year.

PU CH. CHUNGA: Mr. Speaker, though I have already clarified
CHIEF MINISTER: the other day during the absence of our
Hon'ble Member, Pu Thanghuama, let me try
to explain the point. As a matter of fact, Home Guards are
not recruited on permanent basis but in view emergent outbreak
that might happen in a country and to guide public to prepare
themselves to meet such situation., The duration of each term
is fixed for six months. In fact, they retained a little bit
longer, for they are supposed to change after every six months.

As a result, they may perhaps think that they are to be permanent staff. When we became U.T. the daily wage for Home Guard was Rs 4/- only which was also irregularly paid. Thereafter, a proposal for increase of their wages was approved. After passing this, we cannot thin of discharging those Guards who faced all that trouble receiveing a low rate of daily wage inspite of the expiry of their terms. We cannot, however, regard them as permanent. It is a voluntary enrollment. However, most of the brilliant, and good persons are always absorbed in various depart-ments. Thus, such persons are retained even for a longer time. But, they can have no claim even if they are given 3 years employment. Whether they work for a long period or short period, the wage is based on daily rate which has been increased to Rs 7/- from Rs 4/- That is the main feature.

SPEAKER: When did he ask about the Home Guard?.

PU CH. CHUNGA: Mr. Speaker, it is because the question was
CHIEF MINISTER: not answered yet) I have been instructed
not to speak of any matter not relating
to the original grant. Otherwise, we may again start with the
past topics. If you have anything to say on the original Grant, you
may say now.

PU SAITLAWMA: Mr. Speaker, will he be pleased to explain
my point of doubt; from which source of
finance is the Local Administration been kept-up.
Furthermore, at page so 12 our Supplementary Demands, grant for Hor-
ticulture is Rs 35,000/- for regetable Development scheme Rs 3,500/-
and Potato Development Scheme Rs 5,000/- sugar cane development
is Rs 28,000/- and also Rs 1,02,000/- as for soiltesting and
another demand for Half-a-Million job scheme. How all these money
utiliszed?. Another demand at page No 4, for Rs 4,36,000/- in conn-
ection with purchase of land why all these demand been supplemented
and how the money was spent?.

PU R. THANGLIANA: Mr. Speaker, I will try to explain the point
MINISTER: relating to Agriculture. As it was mentioned
during last years session, I hope you all are
clear about this. This is not difficult in the Revenue and
Capital Budget the Agriculture Budget was cut down to 25 lakhs.
As such, a suppkementary Demand has been felt necessary, we cannot
however, under estimate the commitment made earlier.

PU VAIVENGA: Mr. Speaker, As I do not see fund demanded
MINISTER. in the supplementary, towards Local Administration Department, I therefore, feel
no necessity of clarifying.

PU SAPLIANA: Mr. Speaker, what land is purchased by
the government of Mizoram under "purchase
of Land".

PU J. THANGHUAMA: Mr. Speaker, under supplementary Demand No.
12, we find an explanatory note - "to
assist the civil Administration by two CRP
battalions" Are they under the control of Mizoram govern-
ment, or under Brigade authority?. As it appeared from
here, the necessary expenses should be borned by the govern-
ment of Mizoram. If so, how many ballations are under
Mizoram government and how many battalions under control
of Bridage?.

PU R. THANGLIANA: Mr. Speaker, purchase of land approved under
MINISTER. Demand No. 13, was incurred by the supply
Department for purchasing a plot of land in
Calcutta. Moreover, the supplementary Demand for purchase
of land in Silchar was paid from Contingency and it should
be supplemented now.

PU SAITLAWMA: Mr. Speaker, what is the area of land purchase?
And what is its valuation?.

PU R. THANGLIANA: Mr. Speaker, As it appears from here, the
MINISTER. valuation of land purchased in Calcutta is
extremely high. The valuation of site
purchased at Silchar is fixed in ters of
bigha.

PU H. THANGHUAMA: Mr. Speaker, Please demand No. 12.

PU CH. CHHUNGA: Mr. Speaker, the govern-ment of India have
CHIEF MINISTER. CRP and SAP, which are under the control
of this government. Besides, the RSP
battalion came out in Mizoram in the last part of last year.
So, the requirement has been increased so much.

PU J. THANGHUAMA: Mr. Speaker, for favour of clarification,
e.g. there was an outbreak of violence between
between people of Hnahthial and the CRP
If they are under the government of Mizoram, we can settle
the matter, if not, we are in no way to take up the case.
How many of them are under this government.

PU CH. CHHUNGA:
CHIEF MINISTER.

Mr. Speaker, two battalions of RSP of CRP and one control of Mizoram are under the government. CRP at Hnahthial is not ours.

SPEAKER:

Well, it will be good not to go in detail since its original grant has an explanatory notes. If we want to know, we can study the explanatory notes attached therein. So, let's try to conclude.

PU SATTILAWMA:

Mr. Speaker, In an explanatory note under Demand No. 14 of page no. 7, we find that - the non-government secondary schools are required to be paid grant-in-aid at higher rates for fulfillment of the terms and conditions as provided in the rules. Hence increased demand" what rules, terms and conditions are fulfilled?

PU VAIVENGA:
MINISTER.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot, however, clearly mention all the terms of Rules now. But, the demand is for the employment of more persons in Mizoram

PU SATTILAWMA:

Mr. Speaker, Although we cannot have detailed clarification of rules, what rules do they mean here?

PU VAIVENGA:
MINISTER.

Mr. Speaker, the rules mentioned here are the Deficit rules which were adopted from Assam.

PU SATTILAWMA:

Mr. Speaker, will he please clarify whether the rules mentioned were according to latest publication of Assam Education rules and orders. We should, be curious enough, otherwise, we might be misled.

PU VAIVENGA:
MINISTER.

Mr. Speaker, yes, it was adopted from the latest. Publication of Assam rules.

PU K.L. ROCHAMA:

Mr. Speaker, In an explanatory note No. 21 at page 2, we find that a demand for Rs 1,40,000/- in connection with ~~expenditure~~ expenditure for the purchase of Transport vehicles and for construction of 'Bus Stop' etc., The other day, one of our Hon'ble Member brought to our notice that there is no officer, as well as Bus stop at Lunglei. Moreover, much improvement is not yet achieved even in Aizawl. Have they spent the money and will they utilize before the end of this year? Where is the project centre situated?

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PU R.THANGLIANA:
MINISTER.

Mr.Speaker, the demand is explained at No. 1 above. In fact, the plan was estimated only as a token on the recommendation of Planning Commission thus resulting an expenditure for which reason a provision for purchase of Buses has been included. This demand comprises all probable expenditure for Bus stop by acquiring a site ~~owned~~, by Pu Thanglianchnunga near Theater Hall which has to be finalised. The maintenance of Bus stops at Serchhip Holasib and Champhai has to be covered. This requirement has to be drawn within this financial year.

PU R.DOTINATA:

Mr.Speaker, I would like to know more about the present demands. It appears that the demand is required for purchase of Buses, How many Buses do we have at present? How many buses do we propose ~~mix~~ to purchase? If I am not mistaken, as pointed out by Pu Rochama, that there is a balance amount of Rs 1,00,000/- in the hands of State Transport Department. If so, what is the necessity of demanding so much amount for the same purpose?

PU C.LALRUATA:

Mr.Speaker, what is the area of Pu Thanglianchnunga? Whose site proposed to be acquired? What would be the amount so required?

PU J.THANGHUAMA:

Mr.Speaker, It seems that there are undisclosed transactions in connection with purchasing Buses. It is also learnt that some old and unserviceable parts of vehicles are accepted, thereby resulting off-road vehicles. What is the price of one bus?. The demand being Rs 1,120000/- how many vehicles will be purchased and how many buses do we have at present?.

PU R.THANGLIANA:
MINISTER.

Mr.Speaker, at present we have 18 buses and 7 mini buses including old buses. Mini buses are purchased because we felt it necessary for the country. I do not remember the exact figure, one mini bus between cost Rs 9,00,000/- and Rs 8,000,0/- whereas one medium bus costs between Rs 1,00,000/- and Rs 90,000/- As was pointed out by Hon'ble Member, Pu Thanghuama, I do not see any misappropriation or acts of corruption so far. Buses were purchase at D.G.S.&D rate and the engine being TATA seems to be reliable. In case of defect during a period of guarantee, the engine should be replaced by the Company. We are now having 18 buses. Moreover, 4 Luggage Vans and buses are likely to reach Mizoram by March of this year.

As assessment of valuation and area is done by the PWD, the assessed amount will be given to Pu Thanglianchnunga by the Transport Department of Mizoram. According to the previous assessment, the valuation was more than Rs 70,000/- which is likely to enhance later.

PU J.THANGHUAMA: Mr.Speaker, where do Pu Thanglianchhunga site, located?.

PU R.THANGLIANA: Mr.Speaker, it is in the background
MINISTER. of Theatre Hall.

PU J.THANGHUAMA: Mr.Speaker, Has the site been settled?.

PU R.THANGLIANA: Mr.Speaker, the settlement of the
MINISTER. House site is done. Morevoer, work
also has been started?.

PU J.THANGHUAMA: Mr.Speaker, will the settlement be
given to them?.

PU R.THANGLIANA: Mr.Speaker, the settlement will be
MINISTER. given if so desired. If no necessity
is felt, it will not be given.

PU LALKUNGA: Mr.Speaker, A notice is served that
SEO - 40 in all, under Education
Department, have no budget provision
for drawing of pay etc; for the month of March. Do they
include their pay in the supplementary Demand?.

PU VAIVENGA: Mr.Speaker, I do not really know
MINISTER. whether their pay is included or not.

PU LALKUNGA: Mr.Speaker, A letter was sent to D.C.
on 8.11.1973 to allocate their posts
under New Block, and a second letter
remaining the subject matter was again sent on 26.9.73, but
with no progress so far no pay and allowances were given to
them why does not the government give pay to them? What
is the reason?.

SPEAKER: It is clearly mentioned under Demand
No. 14 "Pr mary Education". It is,
therefore, good not to spend much of
our time for that.

PU K.L.ROCHAMA: Mr.Speaker, se see "Accelarated Water
supply scheme" under Demand No.15.
More and more of public expenditure
is incurred on water carrying charges in urban areas, Viz:
Lunglei. This has increased people's discontent and grievaces
as to the system of distribution which is unevenly distribu-
ted in the town. Mention can be made that in Lunglei alone,
Zotlang are a is missed. Though the matter has been referred
to Principal Engineer, I would like to know the reasons
underlying this even distribution of water for which purpose
supplementary Demand is being moved.

In an explanatory note at page 19
under Demand No 22, we have here a supplementary Demand for
Rs 80,000/- for making rivers nevigable. If the name of the

is mentioned here, we would be clear of the purpose. It is, however, likely to be under the Inland water Transport.

PU SAPLIANA: Mr. Speaker, for favour of clarification, a demand for Rs 7,76,000/- is being proposed under Demand No.30, Communication Plan for which road the amount is additionally required?.

PU CH. CHHUNGA: Mr. Speaker, the amount so required is to be spent for Tlawng river which is under the maintenance of the Department. Though the amount is less than what we actually required, this amount has been approved by the central govt.

PU SAPLIANA: Mr. Speaker, for which road?.

PU CH. CHHUNGA: Mr. Speaker, there are some incomplete roads e.g. - Aizawl - Thenzawl road, SMD road and Sairang, Mamit road. Moreover, the fund is to be used for construction of approach road for carrying water to Kawnpui. Besides, huge amount of money will be required for reconstruction of town-roads. These are the main purposes demanded here.

SPEAKER: Now, as demands are consolidated and moved by the finance Minister, the supplementary Demands No. 1,8,9, 12,13,14,15, 16,17,18, 19,21,22,30,35, amounting to Rs 8,17,85,400/- should be voted. Members who agree to pass may say 'aye' (Members: Yes) Anyone who disagrees with it? (Members kept silent) It has been passed now.

Supplementary Demands for grants is hereby passed by the House. Now, let the finance Minister move the Appropriation Bill.

APPROPRIATION (NO. I) BILL, 1974.

PU K.T. KHUMA: Mr. Speaker, with your permission, I beg to introduce the Appropriation (NO. I) Bill, 1974 in the House.

SPEAKER: Well, the finance Minister introduced the Appropriation (NO. I) Bill, 1974 to provide for the withdrawal of certain further sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of Mizoram to the Service for a period from 1.4.73 to 31.3.74"

Those who agree to pass may say (YES) (Members: YES) Anyone who disagrees? (Members Kept silent) The bill is passed now.

As already announced, we will now take up voting on the Budget for 1974-75. Since it is not practicable to take up one by one, we will take up the consolidated from of numbers. The Minister-in-charge of various demands will move it. Now we will be taking up Demand No. 2,3 and 12. Let the minister-in-charge move the said demands.

PU CH. CHHUNGL: Mr. Speaker, on the recommendation of the
CHIEF MINISTER. Administrator of Mizoram and with your permission, Sir, I move the Demand Nos 2,3 and 12 for Rs 41,78,500/- to meet the expenses during the year 1974-75 in respect of the following Departments.

Thank you.

SPEAKER: Well, if any of you have to speak about Demand No, 2,3,& 12 you may say not.

PU K. SANGCHHUM: Mr. Speaker, with your permission, I beg to ask for clarifications on some points, As it appears under the head "Travelling Expenses" the amount seems to be inadequate. As a matter of fact, ministers are expected to render their services for 24 hours a day, this is a heavy duty amidst the atmosphere of insurgency. Thus, we, the people expected of them warm embracement, good guidance, to loose into the matter of internal problems and so on. To perform their functions, they cannot remain idle in the capital, Aizawl. In fact, they have to travel abroad in supervising, sodering those problems that confronted our territory as a whole. An official visit to Chhimituipui District was performed only once by the Dy. Minister during the east 23 months) It is apperent that the ministers may not be able to travel abroad if there is no sufficient fund for this. For the , it is not practicable to travel by foot, in view of the undesirable atmosphere within the country. To solve this problem, the government may, at any rate, arrange flight to remoted areas of Mizoram. If these areas are left untroddent/unvisited for a long time by the government officials their progress is sured to slow down to a great extent. In viewang the needs of the people, fund may, however, be increase or arrange several helicopter flight. If it is not possible to enhance the amount, I hope it could be additionally demanded. Thanking you.

PU SAPLIANA: Mr. Speaker, I wan to say something on Demand No.3. As it appears from here, the Discretionary fund is only entittled to the Chief Minister. At it was pointed out in our last year budget session, the amount of Rs 50,000/- allotted to him is surpringly less. When he is on tour in Villages, the

the people are always expecting grants etc. from him. In such a situation, the amount shown here is very little. Though we have been protesting against the amount for enhancement the same amount is again shown. Is it too difficult to increase it? This I would like to know the reason for the Discretionary Grant proves to be a useful tool, under the Demand No 12 at 'C', we have here 'Transportation of Dead-bodies'. In what way and for what purpose the money is to be spent?.

SPEAKER: The Demand No.12 is at Page No.35.

PU K.T.KHUMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, the 'transportation of dead-bodies' here means 'corpse'. When an officer dies in disconnection villages, the deadbody has to be transported by Helicopter or Jeep, for which purpose the amount is required. With regard to Discretionary Grant, so far as my knowledge is concerned, except Chief Minister of U.T. other Minister, are not entitled to spent from it.

PU NGURDAWLA Mr. Speaker, the travelling expenses, as already pointed out by some of our Hon'ble Members, appear to be insufficient and are equally shown with Ministers expenses and other officials. It is indispensable for the Ministers to visit various parts of the country. But, too many inducements in attending social functions will hamper our development. In Meghalaya, the total amount to be for ministers for a period of one year was fixed by the House in last year. This practice is ~~not~~ applicable in our case. I also want to know how many litres of Petrol are ministers and government officials entitled to in performing journeys one month/one year. It is learnt from news papers and rumours that government vehicles are misused by the ministers and officials which shows the high handedness of our officials, and lowers the dignity of the government. I, therefore, their vehicles in a more proper way.

Please unvisited by the ministers should be necessarily visited, especially those Districts which are not visited till now. But, frequent attendance in public functions whether small or great, have no good result to the government.

Thank you.

PU K.L.ROCHLMA: Mr. Speaker, If we look at the Head 36 Minor, Secretariat Sub Head 16; Law & Judicial Department under Demand No.12, we can see that very little progress is achieved. The basis strength rests upon the Law. Some of the members have expressed the inefficiency in law, making. If we examine carefully, it is clear that preservation of nations freedom needs something more than strict enforcement. Till today we have no law of our

own though we have been sitting together for more than two years, nor we received Bill from the Government. If this goes on, we will not proceed any further. For example, our Lt. Governor in his address mentioned about the land policy which is a grateful news. In order to safeguard and protect our own traditions and customs, at least, we need a person who know as very well. The set-up is, at any rate, unfavourable sincether are only two posts, Secretary at the top and the lowest is under Secretary, between them there is a wide gap of functioning as we all know.

I do not know when our people will come up well formed, but a hope and believe that authority should lo look into the matter carefully in setting up the organisa-tion. In so for as the governmental set up is concerned, the staffing pattern must be in order of merit. So, I would request the authority to review the matter and reestablish the pattern.

PU VAIVENGA: Mr. Speaker, as we are aware of the necessity MINISTER. of laws and rules, it is felt that the post of Deputy Secretary, is likely to be created in the Law Department, Although we needed the post very badly as stated by the H'n'ble Member, we could not offord to create the posts, due to financial difficulty on the part of the government.

SPEAKER: Well now demand No, 2, 3 and 12, have been discussed. On the recommendation of the Administrator of Mizoram and with your permission, Sir, I move the demand No 2, 3 and 12 for the ~~demands Nos 2, 3 and 12~~ for Rs 41,78,500/- to meet the expenses during the year 1974-75 in respect of the following Depart-ments:

- 2: Administrator of U.T.
- 3: Council of Ministers
- Sectt. General Services
- 12. | Sectt. Social and Community Services
- | Secretariat Economic Services

Those who agree to pass these demand may say 'Yes' (Members: Yes) Anyone disagreed? (Members kept silent) Yes the Memands are passed by this House.

Now, we will take up Demand Nos 15, 16 and 20 in respect of Police, Jails and Fire protection, Let the Ministers-in-charge pass the demands.

DEMAND NOS 15, 16 and 20

PU CH. CHUNGA: Mr. Speaker on the recommendation of the CHIEF MINISTER. Administrator of Mizoram and with your permission Sir, I move the Demand No. 15, 16 and 20 for Rs 2,24,89,000/- to meet the expenses during

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the year 1974-75 in respect of the following Departments.
Thank you.

SPEAKER: Well, the demands are in respect of Police, Jails and Fire protection and other Administrative Service. If you have anything to say on these, you may speak now.

PU F. HRANGVELA: Mr. Speaker, I got something to say on the Demand No. 15 and 16. After Mizoram became Union Territory, the organisation of Police has been encarged on viewing of its importance. This territory, our land is, as we know, a disturbed area and troops are seatured in different areas. Civilians disregard and look the Security Forces as something frightful.

Since Police forces are stationed in various parts of the country, I strongly desire that the government should rule out proper means of posting. Though there are beats newly opened by the Government in the western side, the old and same stations are still in use. It is apparently known that though small our country is on the border line with other governments. It is also sometimes a shameful thing to speak of constituency of my own, however, I would mention problems of my constituency in this House for it concerned and known to me. I have been thought of the weakness of Burma, but they could, however, place a strong police force on the border line. In the meantime, I could see that our government does not arrange such stations till today. The government of Burma stationed a strong body of on the bank of river Tiau, whereas we have no post there. Once I have requested the Chief Minister when we obtained a new status. The practice in that area is that when a thief is apprehended by the people there is no possibility of disposal to the Police, as such we cannot conceive of their behaviour towards the thief.

As such, wherever convenient police out post should be there. I, would, therefore, request the government to establish such posts for convenience's sake.

Under Demand No. 16, I would point out the condition of our Jails/Prisons. We after ly heard of other state's Jails in which facilities like Education etc., are provided. But, here what we have is a grave condition, the prisons are ever crowded and prisoners are put into the most undesirable condition. With underfed. It would be highly appreciated if this condition is improved.

In our present budge, we have Rs 1,48,000/- under Rations for Prisons under which the same amount was sanctioned during 1973-74 financial year. No increase even a little ~~paise~~ paise is made this year. It is, stating from the bottom of truth, likely to continue the agreement made between the contractor and the authority following the same rate of supply. Amongst those prisoners there are some persons who suffer from malnutritious food and underfed. Their healths condition becomes bad to worse. The amount budgetted is for expenses in connection with Ration and clothing. Though we may not compare with other states.

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What is the difficulty in improving the condition? We are to pace with developmental activities in all spheres. So, I should again request the government to increase the amount in either the supplementary Demand or Budget Estimate for this purpose. This is all, I have to speak of Demand No.15 and 16.

PU SAPLIANA:

Mr. Speaker, we are taking up 4 demands at a time, so we are having a limited time, only to point out some important points

As usual, under 15, we are again having police this year. As it appears from here, one Superintendent in Chhimituipui District provided no difficulty arises. Moreover, I am of the opinion that at least one Superintendent of Police should be posted there for the post is having no technicality so far as over knowledge is concerned. But we have no Superintendent under Chhimituipui District. We are now having one Dy. Supdt. of Police who is also under the control of superintendent. Of Police, Lunlei, it is always underrable to be neglected. I should say that it would be more acceptable not to have a separate district, it will be more convenient for the affective administration.

Under demand No.16, we find expenditure for Jails. One fail is being constructed which strength is less than others. We also find different items under Demand No.20. Though we have been discussing matters relating to Home Guard this gives a great opportunity for temporary employment and physical discipline to poorer section of the people. If this opportunity is given to some persons, the same should be opened to Chhimituipui District. What is the difficulty in giving them same opportunity.

The Autonomous District Council grant in-aid appearing under Demand No.20 seems to be greatly improved now than when we were under Assam. At present, every district of Mizoram is to have building of their own, but no such building is yet constructed.

A Town Hall which is almost work out. is still used by the Chhimituipui District. We now need a new building very badly. I request the ministers to visit the place but if not possible, our statements should be accepted.

At the bottom, we find a scheme of Water supply. It seems that we are not to receive water under this scheme during this year. For other Schemes, the amount of Rs. 4,00,000/- is planned. I do not see for what purpose this amount should be used. These District councils are autonomous in nature and are sometimes given a free hand by the government. I should point out one thing which seems to be inconceivable to me. There was a sanction of Rs 3,00,00 during last year. But no money was handed over to District Council. For this reason, this rural water supply is, to be taken by the Mizoram government. But, of late, the money was given to the District Council which have no technician to work out the plan due to which great hardship was faced by the said District Council, I, therefore think that the responsibility must be in the hands of the Mizoram government.

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In the same manner, the money under E.G.S. was entrusted to the District Council which executed according to their will. It is not true to entrust such money matters to a smaller body of incompetent persons. They may use in the wrong way in order to seek political advantage. The money has been partially distributed among the people. This matter has been referred to the government already, but no action is taken to direct into more correct so far. I would, therefore, like to remind the government to be more careful and to distribute systematically with furnishing headwise grant to the District Council.

PU HRANGAIA: Mr. Speaker, I am afraid that we are spending, more of our time if you do not fix the time limit. I also want to say something about the Demand No. 20. We have not yet discussed even in our general discussion. We see that the name of C. A. included under Demand No. 20, on the other hand, the similar post C. I. is omitted or disappeared in this demand. I do not know whether the name of the post has been changed or not. Previously, C. I. played on good role in the administration under the then District Council. They are now allocated to the Deputy Commissioner, attached as Peon. In fact, under Demand No. 20, the posts of peon are as many as 112. Whereas C. I. posts occupied only a small numbers, under the Superintendent, Circle Interpreter worked very efficiently. But, now under the government of Union Territory as has been felt unnecessary, the C. I. and C. A. works are almost the same performing lesser duties. Under the Demand No. 20 we find no C. I. post within this, what is the reason? Where have the posts been included? The previous total number of posts was 60. Where are these sixty posts of C. I.? As a consequence I feel most urgent that we should allocate the posts wherever possible. It is not a legal practice to convert and employ them as peon for their position in the Society as well as in the government in the past was more or less indispensable. As a matter of fact the C. A. post came into being only after 1952 and the post of C. A. has now been located to nowhere. I, therefore, earnestly request the government and appeal to the authority to look into the matter and to settle the matter as soon as possible.

PU LALKUNGA: Mr. Speaker, the way they consolidated the funds under Demands No. 16: JAIL; as has been pointed out by Pu Hrangvaia appears to be illplanned. Other charges for the expenses of Rations, clothing, bedding and transport charges for prisoners have been grouped under one head for Aizawl, Lunglei and Chhimituipui District Jail. The amount is Rs 1,42,000/- only to meet the above expenses. It will be a complex task for the officer who is entrusted with spending the money. Moreover, there is a wide loop-hole for such acts of corruption. It will, therefore, be convenient to have them with specified allotments. I think it will be good if they can review the matter. As was experienced last year, there had been a great discontentment among the prisoners. As there is no Superintendent at Lunglei and Chhimituipui Jails, the charge is handed over to the ADC who is over burdened with other tasks. I, therefore, fervently request the government to post at least one Superintendent at the said Jails.

Another one point under Demand No.15, we fire service Organisation under which a total number of firemen and Drivers is 35 only, on the other we find 12 posts of L.D.A. what is the use of appointing so many LDA in Fire Service Organisation I think it will be more profitable to have less of LDA who are not suppose to extinguish fire.

Under Home Guard, we have Commandant General and Deputy Commandant General. But the post of Commandant General is occupied by the IGP?. from what source, the special allowances is given? Moreover, we have more officers than ordinary Guards. Is there any proposal to recruit Home Guard? All these points may please be explained.

PU SANGCHHUM: Mr.Speaker, as we were informed by the Ministers, the basic principle on which grants-in-aids have been distributed is the size of the population. As it appears now the amounts of grants are equally paid. It cannot, however, be distributed in the same manner with building grants discussed this morning. First of all, I would appeal to the government to come to the use of population as a basic solution.

Secondly, if we look into Demand No.15, we find that some posts are still lying vacant under Wireless Organisation, for the year 1973-74 and for 1974-75 respectively let's take an example, that there are number of posts unfilled like DSP etc. This matter was also pointed out by Pu Sapliana Some of the posts of various categories under SP,SB &CID at page No.60 under Demand No.15, are lying vacant. The main hindrances for the governmental activities lie with this type of problem. At the same time, we must also be careful and thoughtful enough in selecting persons for the posts. If we follow a wrong detection public will suffer as it blocked the the developmental of the government. As had been often spoken of, the acts of Corruption and mal practices are mostly found in Police Department. But, if we see the condition in England, Police are respected and look up to for they are the true protectors of public. In the meantime, Police activities and behaviours in our country are not worth mentioning. Though Police are bound with more responsibilities in the Society, their activities seem to be very unsatisfactory. When a person involved a case, though his reason and case are genuine, the Police reaction is in the negative. This thus proves the real attitude of the Police personnel. As such, let me suggest one thing. As we have seen anticorruption Branch under Demand No. 15 at page 59, the Department as is urgently needed, seems to be great importance especially for our country. Generally speaking, we have experienced that a number of cases though genuine, after having verified, came out unsuccessful on the part of the individual persons.

This is, due to corruption among the workers. If we actually try to wipe out the corruption, we must, therefore, enlarge and strengthen the Anti-corruption Department which are speak of corruption, we are here got a few number of workers in the Anti-corruption Branch- one

Inspector, two Sub-Inspectors, three constables and one UDA with one IV Grade staff, to cover the whole of Mizoram. It is undeniable that this few staff will not ~~accomplish~~ accomplish the work required. If we really try to wipe out corruption prevailing in our country, we have to do our best so as to strengthen the Branch. Thankyou.

SPEAKER: Pu N unrlawla will speak now. But, ~~let's~~ let's talk as short time as possible

PU NGURDAWLA: Mr. Speaker, let me try to suggest something which may be suspended till next year. I will take as short time as possible.

On the other day, one abnormal person came to Aizawl for necessary treatment. But, after having admitted in the Jail, I found that there were large crowds of such persons who need the same treatment. When asked whether the medical authorities have moved for seats in mental hospital as practiced in other states, they replied that a proposal for (six) seats was moved only a few days back. In this connection, the recommendation from a Medical Officer is necessary. We know that there are comparatively large numbers of abnormal and mentally retarded persons in our Community. Though we are in such a situation, we have no such Medical facility in our land. If we can have some reserved seats for our State, it will be a great extent, beneficial for us all. Furthermore, supposing we are allotted some seats in Tezpur, it will be far from satisfactory since it can absorb only few members than what we actually required. We must, therefore, try to establish such mental hospital somewhere in the jail premises. Moreover, we can be benefitted by employing surplus officers of Home Guard as Jail Superintendent which are closely interrelated with each other. The present Deputy Commandant General who is expert in jail supervision, may be entrusted with the task of jail Superintendent. He is, of course, supposed to be willing for it will be a service for the people as a whole. By doing this, we save money from the government's expenditure. He is also said to be very efficient in his previous assignment at Jorhat Jail, according to the report received from ex-convict from Jorhat Jail.

I would like to suggest another thing which I do not exactly know if it is practice in other States. In our Police organisation there is no slightest chance of promotion to Asstt. Sub-Inspector from the post of constable irrespective of their efficiency. In this respect if chance is given for the promotion in such a way that selecting a person who performs excellent service, to a post of ASI there will be incentive to work harder. But at present there is no such way out for those constables. If the government chalks out opportunity for the above cause, there will be incentive among the constables.

In regard to jail, as was pointed out by me earlier, the condition in jail may be converted into a reformatory with wider compound for gardens, enough space for play ground, the result we get out of it will be immense.

If we see the conditions in Borada, Nowgong, and Jaipur Jails we can find that treatment for all sorts is an exemplary one. A person who came on release from there will be brighter than the person who spends his detention at Aizawl Jail.

At the same time, we must also introduce a reformatory class among the prisoners. This does not mean that we should embrace them with tender care. We should utilize their abilities in a more profitable way. It also means that we should try to make abnormal persons into normal persons. I, therefore, request the government to prepare budget for the said purpose in the next Session. For which I will be very grateful.

PU SAITLAWMA:

Mr Speaker, If I can have opportunity to speak, I would be very thankful to you.

(Speaker: who will extent our discussion upto 5(five) minutes only) I have a strong belief, though appears to be a minor thing, in regard to Home Guard Organisation as has already been mentioned by our Deputy Congress Legislature Party in his speech, that there is a possibility of reorganising the pattern of ~~of~~ over Home Guard. Their term was, as informed, expired on 18th of this month. Information was then sent to Lunglei and the Commander received the letter as late as 28th. That means after 10 days, without special messenger from the Headquarter, Aizawl. But, they have continued their duties for the whole month, on the other hand, their pay upto 18th was paid to them. If the government can look into it and arrange a more systematic method in this regard, it will be highly appreciated.

Let us turn to local Administration Department, under which a post of Director is lying vacant till today. Though I was already told that there is no budget provision for the post, I see here, it is included in the supplementary Demand. We cannot have Director in Local Administration Department, after four years of administration. If we go on like this, combining village councils and Ministry under one administration, the true-self of our government will be underiably unconditional. Moreover, we have here a provision for 2 Circle officers with no establishment or budget provision. This is also a very strange thing.

If we do not follow systematic way of organising, the effort and labour we rendered will bear no good result. It appears that we, some of us, have limited knowledge about budget. For this reason the government tries to go beyond the budget provision by using vast and unauthorised financial power. I, therefore, would appeal to the government to take more careful steps in that regard. In regard to CA there are more than the real budget provision at present under the government of Mizoram. So, the structure and the setup of Local Administration Department should be thoroughly reorganised.

SPEAKER:

Let's now call upon the Minister-in-charge to speak of his concern.

PU R.DOT INAIA: Mr.Speaker, the staffing pattern for Circuit House under Demand No.20 is not uniform as we found 2 Chowkidar, 2 Paniwalla, 1 Khansama Sweeper for Aizawl; 1 khansama, 1 Chowkidar for Lunglei 1 Khansama, 1 chowkidar and 1 Sweeper for Chhinctuipui. Is it not practicable to have equal and uniform numbers of staff for Aizawl, Lunglei and Chhinctuipui district?.

PU CH.CHHUNGA: Mr.Speaker, I cannot exactly say why
CHIEF MINISTER. the staffing pattern has been proposed differently. It may be due to difference in numbers of quest received in each circuit.

There may be lot of points to clarify under Home Guard organisation. But I will take out only those points which will be informative and beneficial. Home Guards who were terminated came to us seeing reemployment or some other employment. They did not ask for pay which they got less. To me they seem to misunderstand their services regarding its terms and conditions. If their pay were given for only 18 days, that can be reconsidered.

It is also illegal to retain them beyond the termination of their term and service. But we should not go in that way. Anyhow, they are in a position to claim the balance amount for upto 28th days.

The post of Director, under Local Administration Department is also still lying unfilled on account of technical and financial difficulties. So much efforts were made to fill up with a appropriate person but no successful result so far. At present, we have got the approval from Central government and the approval of Government for the same is being asked for. I hope we can fill up the post very soon.

Previously I was quite ignorant about the organisation of Jail. The only Jail we have was at Aizawl where the Jailer took charge of the whole responsibility. There are separate Jailer for Saiha and Lunglei. In fact, what we really intend is to keep as few prisoners as possible at Saiha and Lunglei. If a new building is constructed, as said by the Hon'ble Member, the form of administration itself should be reorganised. As you have mentioned, it is truly correct that we cannot have Superintendent for each Jail. It also depends on the strength as well as its area.

It is also true that there is a wide loop-hole in allotting and combining the required expenditure for clothing, Ration, bedding and transport charges. Yet there can be any possibility of malpractices for such persons who want to do so in one way or the other. Anyhow, I do not think that we, the members are not in a position to disbelieve our Officers. Any how, it is more good to have

confidence on them than having disbelief in the first instance. As I have said we cannot prevent them from practising corruption and other social will if any person tries to go into that way of misdeeds. General speaking, with the help of our workers, the condition of administration in our country is getting better.

There had been a proposal for establishing Home Guard unit at an area around Saiha. The matter was discussed by me with the authority some days back. According to their statement, we are having an organised unit of Home guard soon. Since the possibility had been mentioned by these authority, I am sure of having such Home Guard base these.

Regarding District Council building grants as asked by you, I am of the opinion that if there is a system of uniformity in granting such money, each District Council, whether big or small, may strive for their development as well. As a matter of fact, some of the District Councils could only have their building. Whereas Chakma District has no office building of their own till today. In that position we must be of a common opinion that bigger one should have bigger and more demands.

As you have pointed out as to whether grants and sanctions for E.G.S. and other social services are justifiable. According to your statements, it can be regarded as unjustifiable for there are wide and opened loop-holes for corruption. If things are going on as you have said, some kinds of solution in consultation with some political party leaders will have to be implemented if not stopped practicing. To some extent we believe that complete abandonment is not, however, favourable for them. Any kinds grants in the time of Assam were also handed over and entrusted to the then District Council, So, to us this can still be followed.

We also thought that it will be impracticable for us to fix pay of 2 Officers under Home Guard Organisation. Actually I am not sure whether the Commandant General i.e. I.G.P. is given a special pay for discharging his new assignment.

However, the Dy. Commandant, has drawn his pay at the rate of pay which was drawn after his pension. Therefore, neither total fixation nor increase of pay is not desirable.

The Circle Interpreters, as was rightly pointed out by some of our members, are engaged in some other petty works other than their duties. They are very much annoyed. At last, the government has made a decision to combine the C.I and CA into one class after the name Circle Assistant which suits the growing needs of the government.

SPEAKER:

Let me read the present demands " on the recommendation of the Administrator of Mizoram, I move the Demand No.15,16 and 20 for Rs 22,48,900/- to meet the expenses during the year of 1974-75 in respect of these Departments: Police, Jail, Fire Protection, other Administrative Services"

If the demands are agreed to pass, you may say "AYE" (Members: AYE) anyone who disapproved? (Member kept silent).

We will stop here for today. We cannot, however, finish more than two demands in a day. I, therefore, suggest that we, the members should study the budget thoroughly so that we may be sure of its different pages and contents

PU LAIRINLIANA:

Mr.Speaker, some of us put questions on different matters but we rarely give enough attention when replies are given

This means we need to be taught in a proper manner.

SPEAKER:

As we are all grown up persons, I do not think it is required to give a new lesson in this regard.

Well, Well, stop for today and the meeting is adjourned till tomorrow 10:00 A.M in stead of 11:00 A.?.

Adjourned at 4:40 P.M.

Sd/- N.C.Handique,
Secretary,
Mizoram Legislative Assembly.

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