

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE FOURTH
MIZORAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
6th SITTING ON 17th MARCH 1986.

PRESENT

Dr. H.Thansanga, Speaker at the Chair, Chief Minister, 7 Ministers and 21 Members were present.

BUSINESS

1. QUESTIONS entered in separate list to be asked and answers given.

DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND

2. Pu Sainghaka, Minister-in-charge Finance, etc. to submit to the Vote of the House various supplementary demand for grants for the year 1985—86 relating to the different departments under the Government of Mizoram.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Bill to be introduced, considered and passed.

3. PU SAINGHAKA, Minister-in-charge Finance, etc. Department to beg leave of the House—

(a) to introduce the Mizoram Appropriation Bill, 1986

ALSO to introduce the Bill

(b) to move that the Bill be taken into consideration.

(c) to move that the Bill be passed

GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET

4. General discussion on the annual budget of the Government of Mizoram Union Territory for the year 1986—87 to commence.

Speaker : The fear of the Lord is to hate evil ; pride, and arrogance, and the evil way, and prevented speech do I hate,
(Prov. 8:13)

We shall first take up Question No 30 which is Pu Lalhmngthanga's question. In his absence the authorised member Pu Zairemthanga may ask it.

Pu Zairemthanga : Pu Speaker, Question No. 30. Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Home Department be pleased to state -

- (a) How many refugees from Bangladesh have been repatriated ?
 (b) Is Government aware that those refugees who have been sent back to Bangladesh after crossing the border and staying two or three days inside Bangladesh have all come back to Mizoram not as refugees but as relatives of the Chakmas living in Mizoram ?

Speaker : The Chief Minister may reply.

Pu Lal Thanhawla : Pu Speaker, the answer is as follows -
Chief Minister

- (a) The number of refugees repatriated are 3985.
 (b) Government is not in receipt of any such report of the refugees returning as relatives of Chakmas and staying within Mizoram.

Pu F.Lalramliana : Pu Speaker, a supplementary question. What is the number of refugees repatriated during the time of the P.C. Ministry ?

Pu Lal Thanhawla : Pu Speaker, we do not know the exact figures of
Chief Minister the repatriated refugees during the P.C. Ministry.

Pu F.Lalramliana : Pu Speaker, were there any repatriates ?

Pu Zairemthanga : Pu Speaker, was the total amount of refugees numbering 3985 ?

Pu Lal Thanhawla : Pu Speaker, the original number was 4020. These
Chief Minister were kept at Tablabagh and Diblabagh camps. They were repatriated five times and out of these 29 were deserters.

Speaker : Question No. 31, Pu Lalmingthanga.

Lalmingthanga : Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Public Works Department be pleased to state--

- (a) What is the progress of construction of Baily Bridge on Tlawng river between Haulawng and Bukpu ?
 (b) When is the bridge going to be completed ?

Pu Sainghaka Minister : Pu Speaker, the answers are as follows--

- (a) All works excepting certain minor items have been completed.
 (b) Expected to be completed during March, 1986.

Pu J.Thanghuama : Pu Speaker, according to our information the estimate for Baily Bridge was Rs. 60,000/-. However, the payment made was Rs. 13,00,000/- I like to know the name of the supplier.

Pu Sainghaka : Pu Speaker, yes, the original estimate was Rs. 68.60.00/-
Minister However, the need to construct approach roads and culverts and black toppings made it necessary to revise the estimate which came up to Rs. 49,00,000. The expenditure upto date amounts to Rs. 22,00,000. The suppliers of the material are Garden Reach and Ship Builders Private Limited. These are undertakings of Government of India and therefore can offer us their law rate.

Pu Lalmingthanga : My Question No. 32. Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Supply and Transport Department be pleased to state :

- (a) What is the total number of Tourists Taxi permits issued by the Government during the period from 1st April, 1984 to 1st March, 1986 ?
- (b) Who are the allottees ?

Speaker : The Minister in-charge Supply and Transport Department may reply.

Pu R.Thangliana : Pu Speaker, the answer is as follows -
Minister

- (a) Allotment of 100 Tourist Taxi permits was done during the period from 1st April, 1984 to 1st March, 1986.
- (b) The name of the allottees are at Annexure 'A'

ANNEXURE 'A'

Sl. No.	Name	Father's name	Address
1.	Laltanpuia	Hrangkhuaia (L)	Republic Veng
2.	V.Z.Biaka & Sons	Thangzika (L)	Kulikavn
3.	Rengpuil Sailo	Lalchhuanga	PWD veng Tlang
4.	Lalliankima	Chawnglungmuana	Mission Veng
5.	Chuanzikpuii	Biaksanga (L)	K. hatla
6.	Biakchhuanga	Vawmbranga	Upper Khatla
7.	Vanlalzuatlina Renthlei	Thansiana (L)	Dinduar Veng
8.	Lalbiaktluanga	Hauchhawna	Bara Bazar
9.	Chawngchamlina	Chhuanlana	Bethlehem

10.	Ngurthansangi	Ch.Chhunga	Saron Veng
11.	Rokamlova	Pathiauva (L)	Thakthing
12.	Lalzamlova	Kaptea (L)	Chaltlang
13.	Lalrintluangi	Pakunga	Lunglei
14.	Zohmingthanga	Kailusia	Tlangnuam
15.	Thangpara	Sangliana	Zarkawt
16.	R.Lalrinawma	Rothanga	Siphir
17.	Lalkamliani	Neuva	Saron Veng
18.	R.Vanlalrothanga	Saitudaia	Mission Veng Thlang
19.	Zohmingliana	Chalbranga (L)	Dawrpui
20.	H.K.Bawichhuaka	H.Dohnuna (L)	Chandmary
21.	Rosiamhnuna	Belliana (L)	Dinthar
22.	Chumansingh	P.S.Pradhan	Khatla
23.	H.Thalawma	Kaithanga	Vairengte
24.	J.Zosangliana	Lalliangura	W. Bungkawn
25.	Lalbuanga	G.Gurung	Bara Bazar
26.	H.Deoghira	R.Tawna (L)	Republic Veng
27.	Hmingthanzami	Dara	Chaltlang
28.	Thanghlopua Khangte	Lalchhuma	Venghluf
29.	Malsawmtluanga	Chalthianga (L)	Tuikual 'B'
30.	R.Zadawla	Thanbleia (L)	Khatla
31.	V.Lalounmawia	Laldochhunga	Lunglei
32.	Hmingthani	Chalhnuna	Mission Veng
33.	K.Zawla	Lalchbinga (L)	Mission Veng
34.	Laltanpuia Kawlni	Lalthangsanga	Bara Bazar
35.	K.Lalhungliana	Liaobrawka	Mamit
36.	R.Zoliana	Rev. F.D.Sena (L)	Tuikhuahtlang
37.	Zaikima	Liansanga	Chhingaveng
38.	C.Lalmalsawma	V.L.Hmuaka	Chandmary
39.	K.Biakduhawma	Lalrongenga	Mission Veng
40.	F.Sapbawia	Kawla	Khatla
41.	V.L.Fakawma	Zaivela	Chhinga Veng
42.	Sapa	Kaithiauva	Lunglei
43.	Ngurbiaktanga	Sailo Thanchhuma	Chhinga Veng
44.	K.Darhmingthanga	Vailuta	Chhinga Veng
45.	Ialsangkima	Laldailova	Zarkawt
46.	Vanneihchhunga	V.Rosiana	Kulikawn

47.	Lalnuntluanga	Lianzinga	Kulikawn
48.	P.C.Roliana	Robnuna (L)	Lunglei
49.	Zosangpuii	J.Lalsangzuala	Mission Veng
50.	Lalsawmliana Sailo	Rosema (L)	Mission Veng
51.	R.L.Rina	Thanseia (L)	Tuikual 'A'
52.	Laldingliani Sailo	Lallianzuala Sailo	Republic
53.	Aichbinga	Chhunzika	Electric Veng
54.	Sangpuii	Raltawna	Kulikawn
55.	S.T.Rualyapa	Chhiablinga	Khatla
56.	Lebia	Chhahhna	Durtlang
57.	Zakhuma	Zova (L)	Venghlui
58.	Lalhmingthanga	Lunghnema	Khatla
59.	V.L.Ruata	Sapzinga	Hospital Road
60.	C.Lalremkima	C.Doliana	Electric Veng
61.	Lalerema	N.Lungmuana	Electric Veng
62.	Thangmawla	Zoramsiama	W.Bungkawn
63.	J.Lalthangliana	President MJA	
64.	Robert L.Ralte	Lianzuala	Khatla
65.	Ramngbioglova	Chalchbunga	Kbatla
66.	R.Lalnunmawia	R.Lallura	Khatla
67.	Judy Vanlalruati	Paphira (L)	Mission Veng
68.	Roliana	Zathuama (L)	College Veng
69.	David Vanlalhruaia	Thantluanga	Treasury Square
70.	Engmawii	Zotawna	Zorkawt
71.	Z.M.Ropuia	Z.Rosaaga	Lunglaw n, Lunglei
72.	Zarzokima	V.Thanga (L)	Dawrpui
73.	L.T.Zama	Saitthangpuii	Bungkawn
74.	Lalrobiaka	Sawng (L)	Dinthar
75.	Zamlia	Laltiakhuma (L)	7th Day Tlang
76.	Vanlalruata Ralte	Pataia	Tuikual 'A'
77.	Hrangmawii	D.C.Mamipa	Hospital Road
78.	Lalrindika	Lalsawta	Venghlui
79.	Lalchhuagi	Ranga	Mission Veng
80.	David Danmawia	La'denga	Mission Veng
81.	R.Vanlalrova	Hrangchhuaka	Zemabawk
82.	R.Lalchana	Tawitea	Khatla
83.	Lalthankima Pachuau	Lalthangliana	Bungkawa
84.	C.Rothanga	Chawngkunga (L)	Toikhuhtlang
85.	Lallawnzuala	Rosima	Vaivakawn
86.	Rosaline Lalhmingthangi	Tluangchhawna	Bungkawn

87.	K.Lianzama	Selluaia	Bungkawn
88.	Vanlalhruala	Thangliana	Zarkawt
89.	Charlie Zosangliana	L.V.Malsawma	Chandmari
90.	Rochhunga Ralte	Vanlalliana	Electric Veng
91.	V.L.Rawna	Mawra	Chbinga Veng
92.	Lalrinpuia	P.C.Sapnela	D.Vengthar
93.	S.Vadya	Zali (L)	Saiha
94.	Thangkungi	Chbingkawnga	Serkawn Lunglei
95.	Z.D.Lalthangliana	Z,D.Saitawna	Zobawk
96.	Dohrangi	Lalduha	Bawngkawn
97.	Hugh Sapthangliana	Sapte (L)	Chaltlaang
98.	Maj. K.Thangkima	Chhawnzinga	Zarkawt
99.	Mrs Inderjit Chhapra	—	—
100.	Lallawmzuali	Dr. Silvara	Tuikhuahtlang

Speaker : Question No. 33 Pu Lalhmingthanga

Pu Lalhmingthanga : Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Education Department be pleased to state—

[a] Is it a fact that there is un-authorized expenditure incurred by the Principal, Aizawl College ?

[b] If so, what action has been taken by the Government towards such mal practice ?

Speaker : The Minister, in-charge Education may reply.

Pu Rokamlova : Pu Speaker, this is not known to the Government.

:Minister The subject is within the perview of the governing of the college, and if any such problem arises the governing body is supposed to bring the case to the notice of the Government. The answer to (b) does not arise. However, suitable action will be taken as and when such mal-practices are brought to the notice of the Government.

Speaker : Question No. 34 will be slippet as there is no one authorised to ask it. Question No. 35.

Pu Zairemthanga : Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Parsonel & Administrative Reforms be plersed to state - Whether payment is made on the Bill for Water Supply by

Secretariat Administration Department to the Minister residing in private House.

Speaker : The Chief Minister has authorised Pu Liansuama to answer in his absence.

Pu Liansuama : Pu Speaker, the answer is 'No.

Pu Zairemthanga : Pu Speaker, it appears that the Department of PHE sends the water Bill to the SAD. However, it seems payment is not done by the SAD.

Pu R.Lalawia : Pu Speaker, the answer from the member is quite different from what the Hon'ble Minister stated. Can we not get the correct answer ?

Speaker : Question No. 36 Pu Lianchia

Pu K.L.Lianchia : Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Education Department be pleased to state—

What kind of benefits and facilities have been provided to the aided Schools and aided College teachers in Mizoram ?

Speaker : The Hon'ble Minister in-charge Education may reply—

Pu Rokamlova : Pu Speaker, the benefits and facilities have been provided to the aided Schools and aided college teachers in Mizoram as applicable under the Deficit Grants-in-aid Rules and Adhoc grant-in-aid Rule.

Pu K.L.Lianchia : Pu Speaker, what about Medical Re-imbursements, maternity and other leaves ?

Pu Rokamlova : Pu Speaker, we still do not have an Act and it is being processed. It is therefore difficult to say exactly how maternity and other leaves are granted.

Speaker : Question No. 37. Pi Thansiami.

Pi K.Thansiami : Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Public Works Department, etc. be pleased to state - Amount of expenditure incurred for construction of Aizawl Town Road No. 12, between Pu Laichhuma's house and Driver Thangkhuma's house ?

Speaker : The Minister in-charge Public Works Department may reply—

Pu Sainghaka Minister : Pu Speaker, the answer is Rs. 8,05,279 00.

Pi K.Thansiami : Pu Speaker, a supplementary question. This road is only 260 metres long and has been made truckable. I would like to know why the expenditure on such a short span of road is so high.

Pu Sainghaka Minister : Pu Speaker, the expenditure for the construction of this road was Rs. 5,21,394, this is in accordance to the schedule of Rate 1977. However, the black topping

bad to be estimated according to the schedule of Rate 1982. Sanction for this was received in 1983 and Rs. 2,83,885.00 was spent on the black topping.

Speaker : As we have ample time, Pu K.L.Lianchia may ask his question No. 34.

Pu K.L.Lianchia : Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Printing & Stationery Department be pleased to state -

(a) Is it correct that Mizoram calendar prepared by the Controller of Printing and Stationery Department were cancelled due to bad printing ?

(b) If yes, how many copies were condemned ?

Speaker : Minister in-charge Printing & Stationery may reply.

Pu Hiphei : Pu Speaker, the answer is 'No' to (a) and 'Does not Minister arise' to (B).

Pi K.Thansiemi : Pu Speaker, when I inquired at the office regarding the late delivery of the calendar, I was informed that the printed ones were not fit for distribution and were condemned. Is it possible that the Hon'ble is not aware of the fact ?

Pu Hiphei : Pu Speaker, the calendars printed in Mizoram were Minister not very clear. It was therefore decided that these would be distributed in Mizoram only.

Pu K.Biakchungunga : Pu Speake, how odd it would be to keep the poorer quality for ourselves and distribute the better ones outside Mizoram.

Pu K.L.Lianchia : Pu Speaker, I would like to know the financial involvement of the printed calendars.

Pu Zairemthanga : Pu Speaker, I thought the 1985 calenders printed here were quite satisfactory. How is it that they have suddenly lost their expertise ?

Pu Hiphei : Pu Speaker, the first number of printed calenders were Minister 8000 copies amounting to Rs. 70,000/- in expenditure. Regarding the expertise of the employees, we should know that their short term of training was not sufficient to make them experts. This was their first venture.

Speaker : That will be enough, you have asked enough supplementary questions. We have received here a 'Calling Attention' motion regarding an incident in Lunglei. If the Chief Minister is ready, he may speak on the motion, and if he says that he has not yet finished collecting information it is entirely up to him.

Pu Lalthanhawla : Pu Speaker, I shall report what little information Chief Minister

I have gathered. The story is like this. One Raja Ram Babitas was killed on the night of 16.3.86 and his body is still kept in the Civil Hospital, Lunglei. It appears that this Raja Ram was flirting with the wife of one M.P. Ray reported the matter to the police but in the meantime Raja Ram had already been murdered. The police then rounded up several people but soon there was a protest from the public that innocent people had been held up. The mob in anger surrounded the police station and became a little violent. When the ADM found that the situation was getting out of control, he gave firing orders to the CRP and police forces who were on duty. Unfortunately two persons were killed in the firing. It was a regret that the DC and SP Lunglei were out of Lunglei at the time of this incident. The DC and SP who were at Aizawl hurried back to Lunglei and a helicopter was arranged to fly the Home Secretary and DIG to Lunglei. The Government immediately did whatever it could do ease the tension. As the detailed report has not been received, that is about all I can say. The Government has also ordered a Magisterial Enquiry. It is the usual practice of the Government to offer Rs. 5000/- each to the families of the dead persons and Rs. 2000/- to those who were hurt in the incident. Senior officers will take on-the-spot verifications and necessary a measures.

Pu Zosiama : Pu Speaker, is there no intension on the part of the Pachuau Ministers to visit Lunglei ?

Pu J.Thanghuama : Pu Speaker, who are the dead persons ? Did they fire warning shots before giving firing orders ?

Speaker : It would not be wise to discuss the matter without collecting the facts. The Chief Minister has already stated the information received by him and if necessary the Ministers will go to Lunglei. Now we shall move on to our next business which is Discussion and Voting on Supplementary Demand This has to be discussed before we start discussion on the Budget. Estimate 1986—87. The Finance Minister may read out the Supplementary Demand.

Pu Sainghaka : Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of the Lt. Governor and with your permission, sir, I beg to submit the following supplementary demands 1985—86 to the vote of the House. The Total amounting to Rs. 29.97'09,000.00

Demand No.	Purposes	Amount
1.	Legislative Assembly	10,32,000.00
2.	Council of Ministers	5,00,000.00
3.	Administration of Justice	4,70,000.00
6.	Revenue	14,00,000.00
7.	Excise & Taxation	75,000.00
8.	Treasury & Accounts Administration	11,16,000.00
9.	Secretariat	24,27,000.00
10.	District Administration	64,30,000.00
11.	Police	1,08,45,000.00
13.	Supplies & Disposals	26,40,000.00
14.	Stationery & Printing	2,50,000.00
15.	Fire Protection & Control	2,00,000.00
16.	Other Administrative Services	44,24,000.00
17.	Retirement Benefits	30,86,000.00
18.	Education	2,45,57,000.00
19.	Medical	1,67,67,000.00
21.	Urban Development	20,46,000.00
22.	Information & Publicity	10,20,000.00
23.	Labour & Employment	3,97,000.00
24.	Social Security & Welfare	1,10,90,000.00
25.	District Councils	30,37,000.00
26.	Relief on Account of Natural Calamities	60,34,000.00
27.	Co-operation	1,68,000.00
28.	Special & Backward Areas	2,45,000.00
29.	Miscellaneous Economic Services	19,50,000.00
30.	Agriculture	1,14,51,000.00
31.	Soil & Water Conservation	46,00,000.00
32.	Animal Husbandry	41,94,000.00
33.	Forests	1,41,98,000.00
34.	Community Development	47,93,000.00
35.	Industries	32,43,000.00
36.	Electricity	1,80,05,000.00
37.	Road & Water Transport	42,05,000.00

38.	Public Health Sanitation & Water Supply	2,80,57,000.00
39.	Sericulture	84,000.00
40.	Public Works	10,45,55,000.00
41.	Loans to Govt.Servants	1,18,000.00
	TOTAL :	29 97,09,000.00

Explanatory notes have been attached at the end of each Demand, I therefore request this House to pass the Demand which I have just submitted.

Pu Lalhlira : Pu Speaker, the sum total does not tally with the total fund in the Budget Book.

Speaker : The total on the first page should read as Rs. 29,97,09,000.00 and not as the written one.

Pu Sainghaka : Pu Speaker, yes it is a little different from the Budget Book you have with you.

Speaker : If there are any who wish to say something you may do so.

Pu J.Thanghuama : Pu Speaker, our expenditures on repair of vehicles is very high each year. The way we utilise our vehicles is also according to our whims. If at all we are to purchase more vehicles it would be best to purchase Buses.

Speaker : There are 41 different Demands and we have to put the total sum of Rs. 29,97,09,000.00 to the Vote of the House.

(It was all agreed and members raised their hands). Now this supplementary demand for 1985-86 is declared passed by this House. The Minister may now ask to introduce the Appropriation Bill 1986 and if there is no objection he may ask to discuss the same.

Pu Sainghaka : Pu Speaker, I beg to introduce the Appropriation Bill 1986. And if there is no objection I beg the House to pass the same.

Speaker : Now we shall take the votes for passing the Appropriation Bill 1986. (All members raised their heads). We have now unanimously passed the Appropriation Bill 1986. The copies may be distributed. We may now start our discussion on the new Budget 1986—87. We have three days for the discussion. Each member may take 20 minutes.

Brig. T.Sallo : Pu Speaker, 20 minutes will be too short, let us not fix the exact minutes. What I wish to say is regarding, Water supply, food supply hydel power and roads.

If we care to think about the food and water supply in Mizoram we can clearly see that nearly all our suppliers come from outside Mizoram. Our main source of drinking water is pumped by use of diesel oil. If we do not have diesel oil, we cannot pump drinking water for our own consumption. This supply of diesel oil comes from outside Mizoram.

As for food grains, we have not been able to produce the amount of food grains to meet our needs. If we were depend on our own resources, we would have been starving since the year 1977. The Department of Supply procures food grains from outside Mizoram through MVI. Any self respecting nation aims to meet its own basic needs. Therefore, the supplies of food we procure can be obstructed by many minor problems like strikes, bandhs and other such agitations.

In order to meet our basic needs we have to have our own agriculture developed. We have good plains to develop but it will take time. We need Link roads to easily reach these areas, However, it is possible for us to overcome these problems if we have the patience to labour for the next 10 or 15 years. The New Use Policy is very good but the practical side is not so easy. This fact has already been propounded by the opposition party in the House.

Deputy Speaker : Pu R.Lalawia.

Fu R.Lalawia : Pu Deputy Speaker, I am glad that every member is given his due importance. If we glance at the Control Budget this year the increment is 20.50 percent, 21 percent increment in the State Budget and 35 percent increment in the Union Territory Budget. The 20 point programme has been emphasized and the the Central Government has made an increment of 65 percent in the Anti poverty programme for rural areas. However, it is a regret that the increment percentage for the rural areas in Mizoram is only about 20 percent compared to the 65 p.c. in other Union Territories. I hope this will be clarified by the Minister Finance. Firstly, I would like to go into the budget allocation for the Department of Education. The heads are not very clear such as Maintenance of Vehicles and other charges which amount to Rs. 90 lakhs. These other charges are not specifically clarified and it can leave the reader in ignorance.

The distribution of IRDP is also improperly supervised and partially given out.

Regarding the Ginger Dehydration Plant at Sairang, we had launched the allocation last year. However the Oil Pump is still not installed if we are to wait for the slow government action it would take years before we can start the dehydration works. I am of the opinion that private enterprise should be allowed to install these oil pumps through MSIDC loans and install them in various places.

Another point I wish to mention is the Assembly Secretariat. The maintenance for vehicles has mounted to Rs. 7 lakhs which is very very high. It is also disgraceful that we should throw away so much in vehicle maintenance.

Regarding Agriculture, the western area of Mizoram have been given much assistance in their cultivation. However, their labour and work does not equal to those of eastern parts of Mizoram. Most WRC owners do not look after their cultivation. Instead they engage non-Mizos to look after their cultivation providing them with seed supplies and dividing their harvest among themselves. This is the reason why less paddy is yielded for our consumption. If the product is 100 tons, 60 tons goes to the non-Mizo caretaker. This is very bad practice. In this way we will never be self-sufficient in good grains. Therefore in the New Land Use Policy, it would be very good if the Wet-ricc Cultivation can be given priority.

Regarding PHE, fund allocation is not equally distributed. The rural areas have been grossly neglected. This has been the case in the previous ministries also. It is a sad thing to know that the money for rural water schemes does not even amount to the vehicle maintenance and other minor uses for urban areas. Coming to Medical Department, we had hoped to have a hospital in the constituency of Khawhai according to the announcements in the radio. However, I do not find anything in this Budget, but we still hope that this will be implemented in the near future.

Pu K.Sangchhum : Each member will have about 20 minutes. We will
Deputy Speaker continue to our discussion.

Pi K. Phansiami : Pu Deputy Speaker, our Budget is not satisfactory at all. We had anticipated a better budget from our Congress Ministry but we have been sadly disappointed. Considering the high rise in prices our budget is below that of the previous year.

The gross misappropriation of funds in the PWD and other departments will again be the stumbling block in our economy. Whether our Budget is big or small, the most important thing is now we utilise our money. If action is not taken over misappropriations of funds, our future is not bright at all.

In page 33 we find that a new MAP Battalion is to be raised. I would like to know if this new battalion can be stationed at Chawngte.

Coming to the Department of Education, I would like to say a few things regard the proposed Nehu Campus at Tanhril. The public are very keen on the proposal and are willing to sacrifice their lands if a pucca road is to pass through their town.

Regard the public playground at Vaivakawn, the central allocation of Rs. 5 lakhs is not yet fully utilised. Rs. 2 lakhs is still left, yet the work has been suspended owing to lack of fund. What is the matter with the remaining Rs. 2 lakhs? The level of the ground is not completed and there no side-drains leaving the rain water to gather in the middle of the playground. Such misuse of funds is very disheartening to know. Let us therefore be very careful on how we use our Budget.

Chairman : It is discussion time and we have some more days you will all have time to participate.

Pu Liansuama : Pu Chairman, Sunday will fall between the Budget discussion. And as you suggested that the Hon'ble Ministers will not wind up yet, would it not be better to adjourn for today?

Chairman : We will take the discussion of the members. The 20 minutes given for each member is already finished so we will adjourn for today. As the majority of the members do not wish to prolong the discussion we will resume our sitting again tomorrow at 10 : 30 A.M.

Meeting adjourned at 3 : 35 P.M.

L.C.Thanga
Secretary