## 8TH SITTING, 19TH MARCH, 1986.

## **PRESENT**

Dr H.Thansanga, Speaker at the Chair, seven Ministers and twenty two members were present,

## BUSINESS.

- 1. Questions entered in seperate list to be asked and answers given.

  GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE BUDGET
- 2. General discussion on the Annual Budget for 1986—87 to certain and to conclude.
- Speaker: The merciful men doeth good to his own soul, but he that is cruel troubleth his own flesh. The wicked earns deceptive wages but to him that so weth righteousness shall be a sure reward. (Proverbs 10: 17—18) Question no. 45—Pu Lalbming-thanga. In his absence he has authorised Pu Zafremthanga.
- Pu Zairemthanga: Will the Hon. Minister i/c Revenue Department be pleased to state:—
- (a) Is there any intention of allotting shop site on the area of old.

  Assam Rifles Canteen now the present Tennis Court of Lunglei facing the main Road.
- (b) If so, why?

Speaker: The Hon. Minister i/c Revenue may please reply.

Pu Vaivenga: Pu Speaker, there is no such intention.

Speaker: Question no 46. Pu J. Thanghuama.

- Pu J. Thanghuama: Will the Hon. Minister i/c Personnel and Administrative Reforms be pleased to state 1-
  - (a) Is it a fect that there are three claimants for the post of Chief Engineer, PWD?.
  - (b) If yes, what is the decision taken by the Government?.
- Speaker: The concerned Minister is not Present, Pu Sainghaka may answer on his behalf.
- Pu Sainghaka: Pu Speaker, there are no claimants for the post of Minister Chief Engineer. However, there could be three eligible persons to chose from. The Selection Board for group 'A' posts has been given a proposal to select the most eligible candidate.

Pu J. Thanghuama: Pu Speaker, a supplementary question. What will be the mode of selection? Will it be from the last pay scale or from the senior most Superintending Engineer?

Pu Sainghaka: Pu Speaker, the three SE are Pu Robula, Pu Dunglena and Pu Thangzuala. The selection will be done by the Board who will be sitting shortly. It cou'd be from their seniority and ACR records.

Brig. T.Sailo: Pu Speaker, who is the Chairman of the selection Board?

Pu Sainghaka: Pu Speaker, the Chairman of the Selection Board is the Secretary of NEC Mr, Trivedi.

Bri. T.Sailo: Pu Speaker, supplementary question. How is it possible that the Secretary NEC has become the Chairman of the Selection Board?

Pu Sainghaka: Pu Speaker, what the Leader of the opposition asked is a very reasonable question. However, this could be from the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Pu J. Thanghoama: Pu Speaker, it appears that the Government of Mizoram has already recommended one candidate. Is this a fact?.

Speaker: The answer is 'no'. Now Ouestion no. 47, Pu Lalhmingthanga authorished Pu Zairemthanga to ask his question.

Pu Zairemthanga: Will the Hon. Minister i/c PHE be pleased to state:-

- (a) Whether Government is aware that because of dry season Public Water supply through Truck carriage in Lunglei Town is extremely insufficient for the public.
- (b) If so, what is the measure being taken by the Government to improve the situation?
- (c) How many trucks are ergaged at present moment for the purpose-Speaker: Pu Sainghaka, Minister i/c PHE may reply.

Pu Sainghaka: Pu Speaker, I do not thank we could term (a) it as Minister

extremely sufficient. We are facing the same situation here in Aizawl. Yes, there is a scarcity but this cannot be considered as extremely in sufficient. (b) All possible measures by way of increasing the number of trucks for supplying of water and increasing the frequency of trips are being taken within the available funds to improve the situation. (c) The number of trucks engaged are? (seven).

Speaker: Question no 48, Pi K. Thansiami.

- Pi K.Thansiami: Pu Speaker, Will the Hon. Minister 1/c Education be pleased to state-
  - (1) Which constituency was declared champion in Men's Foodball in the last Mizoram State Games?
  - (2) Which constituency was daclared champion of the last Mizoram State Games?
- Pu Rokamlova: Pu Speaker, joint championship in Men's are Aizawl Minister West Constituency and Aizawl East Constituency.
  - (b) As per final record on Medalist Aizawl East Constituency was the Champion in the 2nd Mizoram State Games.
- Pu F.I alramliana: Will the Hon. Minister i/c Information Department be pleased to state-
  - (a) Why to firms are entrusted for making/printing Mizorm Calender of 1986?
  - (b) What is the total expenditure?
- Pu Liansusma: Pu Speaker, the answer to (a) is 'No'. It is, not a Minister fuct. Only one firm was entrusted with this work.
  - (b) The total expenditure is Rs 1,05,087.20.
- Pu F.Lalramliana: Pu Speaker, a supplementary question. According to information received two firms were entrusted for the printing of the Calenders. They were

Land Publishing Pt (Ltd) Calcutta (600 copies) and Government Printing and Press. However, the Minister said that only one firm was engaged. Which one is the truth?

Pu Speaker. when we speak of firms we do not mean Minister

Government Departments. Therefore, if we are to include that the Printing and Stationery Department it could means two firms.

Speaker: Pu Lairamliana.

- Pu F. Lairamliana: Pu Speaker, what is the reason for ordering the Calcutta firm to print the Calenders after ordering the Government Press for the same?
- Pu Liansuama: Pu Speaker, it was decided on September 23rd 1985 that the Government Press should take over the printing of the Calenders. However, when the first printed

copies were scrutinised on January 1986, the finishing was not exactly satisfactory for wide distribution. It was then decided that the printing of the rest of the copies would be given elsewhere.

Pu F.Lalramliana: Pu Speaker, does the Government have any intentions to give better training end facilities to the Press? I am not exactly satisfied with the answer of the Minister.

Speaker: Anything to say?

Pu J.Thanghuama: Pu Speaker, I'n like to ask a supplementary question. From the information I received, the figure of the printed copies do not tally with the

official report of printed copies. What is the exact number of copies printed?

Pu Liansuama: Pu Speaker, the clear printed copies fit for distribution were 8000 copies. However, there were many copies which were not clear and unfit for distribution.

Speaker: Question no 50, Pu R.I alawia.

Pu R.Lalawia: Will the Hop Minister i/c Revenue Department be pleased to state: Has any indivitual been allotted a plot of land adjacent to Public Health Engineering Department Ground Resevoir in front of Smt Rozami's building which has been applied for Church site by the Tuikhuahtlang resident?

Pu Vaivenga: Pu Speaker, Yes, it has been allotted to Pi Thansiami. Minister

Pu R.Lalawia: Pu Speaker, when it alloted and what is the area?

Pu Vanlainghaka: Pu Speaker, I do not know the identity of the allotted. It is written as Pi Thansiami and I cannot say if she is the hon ble member from Aizawi West.

Pu Zairemthanga: Pu Speaker, was the land allotted prior to the application of the Church?.

Pi K. Thansiami: Pu Speaker, it was not known that the Church applied for the plot at the time when it was allotted to Pi Thansiami (not me) Anyway, the said plot is now being cut for the extention of the road. Such a small plot would not be wide enough for a Church, so why are we making a fuss over such a small area?

Pu Vaivenga: Pu Speaker, there is no standing application from the Minister

Church. And anyway the area is now very small and not enough for a Church a site. I am not prepared to give the exact fingure of the area, Tae allotted is Pi Thansiami, wife of Brig T. Sailo.

Speaker: We have two more questions which we have to finish.

Pu R. Lalawia: Pu Speaker, the Hon. Minister said that it is a small area, but he cannot even say the figure of the area. How does he know it is too small for a house site?

Brig T. Sailo: Pu Speaker, if the people of Tuikhuahtlang thinks that it is big enough for a Church site, then the LSC may be cancelled. However, the people of Tuikhuahtlang should certify that before cancelling the pass.

Speaker: Question no 51 Pu Lalhmingthanga.

Pu Zairemthanga: Pu Speaker, Pu Lalhmingthanga's question is:Will the Hon, Minister i/c Finance Department be
rleused to state:-

- (9) Is it a fact that Government is introducing Mizoram state Lottery?
- (b) Is so, why ? and when.

Pu Sainghaka: Pu Speaker, the answer to (a) is Yes, the Government

Minister of Mizorim intends to introduce the Mizoram state

Lottery.

(b) Mizoram State Lottery is introduced with effect from 3rd March 1986 for mobilisation of additional resources.

Pu Zairemthanga: Pu Speaker, I'd like to ask a supplementary question. Is the lottery sold in Mizoram? Is it also a fact that the Director is not a Government of Mizoram official but someone from outside Mizoram?.

Pu Speaker, the Government of Mizoram has appointed the Secretary, Finance to be the Director of the Mizoram State Lottery. His signature is supposed to be on the lottery ticket. However, the organising agents in Delhi made a printing mistake on the ticket and the signature of the Director of Manipur was printed on the Mizoram Eottery Ticket. This wasnot detected for a long time but after the detection it was not possible to fall back, so the signature of the Director of Manipur was used up to the 4th Draw. From the 5th Draw, the Mizoram Lottery ticket started bearing the correct signature of Mizoram Director. The organizing agent has also tendered their regret on the mistake they had made.

Pu Zairemthanga: Pu Speaker, what profit has been reaped from the 1st to 5th Draw? I would also like to know the name of the organising agent. Is the Government aware of the fact that the Church is against lotteries? Is there any intention to continue this practice?

Pi K. Thanslami: Pu Speaker, another supplementary question. What is the reason forx choosing lottery agents from outside Mizoram? Was the question not notified in the local newspaper?.

Pu R.Lalawia: Pu Speaker, why was the drawing of the Lottery not stopped as soon as the mistake was detected?

Pu Sainghaka: Pu Speaker, the organising agent is Amrik and Co. Minister

New Delhi. Quatations were called and four firms answered the quatation. Amrik and Co Delhi, were selected by the Board after scrutinising the terms and conditions of the four firms. Rs 1 crore and 3 lakks will be the yearly revenue received from this firm. The quatation was published in two local newspapers in Mizoram,

Speaker: Now we shall coatinue our Budget discussion, who will be next?

Pu Speaker discussion of Budget 1986-87. I feel that we should be thankful for the preparation of the Budget. It is our responsibility to prepare the Budget as thoroughly as possible in order to implement the fund allocations in a meaningful way. Budget preparations need careful study and for-sightedness. A good beginning is the base we need. Proper utilisation of the Budget should be supported by a well-- made scheme. I shall not go into the Budget in detail, however, we should bear in mind that the success of our Budget lies within us.

Pu K.Biakchungnunga: Pu Speaker, I am glad to participate in the discussion of our Dudget. Our Budget has increased to some extent but for the people our expectation from the Congress Ministry is much higher than this.

Our policies like NLUP are not going to yield instant rewarding results. Propagations of such things are mere wasted of time.

The Ruling party are not up to our expectations, their interference in small matters such as their follow members. TA etc is degrading. We also need to have a realistic approach to achieve peace and tranquility in Mizoram. We are now on the verge of signing an accord for peace, it would be good to bear in mind what our predecessors have experienced in Purjab and Assam.

As we have said yesterday and the day before, the Government has still not been able to identify the body of the women found dead near Zemabawk. In this connection I wonder if the Government is awere of the incident at Kolasib where Lalrinliana S/O Thangliana was murdered on 25-2-1986 by one Dumks. No investigation has been made so far, and the only action saken is by the Kolasib youth who had voluntarily apprehended the murderer. What kind of Government is this? I would also like to say more on the New Land Use Policy. (Speaker, - That is enough, now Pu Lianchia.)

Pu K.L. Lianchia: Pu Speaker, just a few words. Our Budget which appears to be somewhat increased is in reality not anything much. Considering the Plan Budget, I am not impressed.

The Public works Department is the major money spinner in the Budget. But looking at the work schedule this year, there is no provision for the Roads. I do not find it in the Budget Book (Chhingchhip Lungpho Road) How can we rejoice?

The expenditure in the Department of Publih Works is outrageous. There are debts in Screhhip and Saiha Divisions which is a disgraceful thing. Giving work without floating Tonders is not worth practicing as we have experienced it.

In connection with this, I wish to point out the widening work on Bairabi Road, Kawrtethawveng to Tuilut Road has been tempered in such a way that it could turn into another Saitual controvers. If we are coelecting these as we are doing now, it could be our downfall. Such is the result of giving works without call of Tenders. Are we still going to favour this system?

Coming to the Lard Use Policy, I wish to say a few things. The policy is great and we have been singing praises. However, coming to the practical side, I consider it a failure. If the policy is to succeed there ought to be a substancial amonut of provision in the Budget. The meagre amount we have now is used up to pamper our relatives. We have been hearing a lot about the taxes we have levied on liquor sales. This is nothing to hoast about as liquor is the enemy of the Church.

Coming to the topic of Peace in our land, there is nothing that stands between us in signing an accord. The public are anxious to have peace, and the MNF are also very obliging in this matter. The only set back appears to be in the Congress I itself. Rumours of everykind has been heard regarding the resignation of the Chief Minister. Some say that he has submitted his resignation to the centre. Will if he is really wilting to resign, he shauld submit his resignation to the Lt Governor and not ta the Centre, not that I wish for his resignation. It is very sad that we have reached the Budget Session of 1986 without achieving peace in our land. I am deeply hurt and I find nothing to rejoice about in the Budget.

Speaker: I think that will be enough for the morning, we will have recess till 2 P.M.

2 PM Recess till 2 P.M.

Dy Speaker: Those of you who wish to take part in the discussion my do so.

Pu Lalhlira: Pu Dy Speaker, I would like to say a few things regarding the budget. Many of my fellow members have oxpounded their views but sadly, these members have left the Hall and will not be listening to what I have to say. We should be clear that our development schemes for the whole land in every spere of life cannot be fully implemented overnight. It will take many years to bear fruit.

The Government is also dedicated to implement the on - going schemes that have been started by the previous Ministry. We have to learn how to appreciate instead of criticising everything. The New Land-Use Policy is also going to be the most useful poverty removing system in the near future. It is always difficult to start such schemes and we need to educate the public in these fields. However, in carrying out these new policies we should not blindly introduce it altogather in the whole of Mizoram. Areas should be carefully divided and taken up one by one. For instance, Champhai has the highest number of WRC in Mizoram. The few families to be covered by the New Land Use Policy will not be much. They could be propped up by the Vety Department.

Regarding Public Work Department, there is very little physical achievement to be been inspite of accomplishments stated in paper. The Rural areas have not reaped any benefit from the whole budget

of Public Works in Mizoram. Of course in some areas their achievements are very commendable. I just wanted to mention that the Champhai Mimbung Road is never included in the Budget, which means that the people of that area will never see the sight of trucks entering their village. In the eastern areas of Mizor m, the Department of PHE have taken up vast areas of work and I think this needs to be mentioned. Thank you.

Pu Vanlainghaka: Pu Dy, Speaker, I think there are many things in which to rejoice regarding the Budget. It is understood that whatever the Budget may be, there will always be points of criticisms for the members of the opposition bench. I think it is great to be able to move around without MAP or CRP guards attending us. The negotiation and peace talks are also on the final stages although some of the members are trying to give us a twisted version or picture. Most of us are still in the dark regarding the New Land Use Policy We re all aware of the reed to change the system of e rning our daily food in the rural areas where the primitive method of journing is still in practice. In fact it has become the most vital question in our existence. I do not think that the members of the opposition are criticising the policy itself. What we are all concerned about is the approach and the implementation of the scheme. The Government will be ficing certain problems in this matter as it is going to be a totally new approach. It would therefore be wrong to criticize the Government before anything is really done.

Regarding supply of food grains, there has been and abundance of supply as never before, Most of our Godoons are full and the price of rice has fallen considerably. The Budget provision for purchase of vehicles and its maintenance is qu'te sufficient. Coming to Demand no 19, I think it is very neccessary to have. Cancer Ditection centre here in Mizor. m. We are very grateful to the Government for its decision to set up this Centre and I am sure that the people of Mizoram will benefit greatly from this. The Department of Education has been criticised from many angles, However, I find that their performance is remendous. They have upgraded more than one hundred middle schools and a good number of High Schools into Difficit Schools.

Coming to Demand no 24, we find that 38 MNF Returnees have been granted loans for re-settlement. However, as we are nearing the peace accord there is no need to make provision for them in the Budget. The Renabilitation programme will chalked out after the peace talks are accomplished. It is therefore rather early to provide such facilities.

Thank You.

Speaker: The Opposition and Independent banches are almost emty We should try to be more diligent in our sittings.

Pu Lalhuthanga.

Pu Lalbuthanga: Pu Dy. Speaker, yes it is evedent that the opposition banches are almost empty. I think we do not realise the importance of Budget sessions.

I want to express my thanks that there has been no heavy atmosphere following the incident at Lunglei. When I think back on the Long curfews imposed during the disturbances, I cannot help expressing my gratitude today, the peace and the freedom we have today is so valuable.

I would like to mention a few words regarding Police check Gates. I think it is neccessary to erect check gates class to Aizawl on the Sairang Road, Lunglei Road and Sihphir Roads. I am saying this because crimes have surged up in the recent years and incidents such as that's of Department Vehicles have multiplied. These check gates would be very useful in tracking down these crimes.

There are many rumours and speculations regarding the negotiation of peace talks with the Centre. However, I do not think we shoul be carried away by these rumours. The Government is doing its best to bring in lasting peace and tranquility in Mizoram. We should trust our Hon'ble Chief Minister in this matter and we should also strengthen his hand.

In the Budget we find that a provision of Rs 2 lakhs has been made for Voluntary Organisations. This is a very good gesture as we have very good voluntary organisations such as MHIP, YMA and YMCA.

Government vehicles have been the subject of discussion many times in this House. We find that a provision of Rs 7 lakhs has been made for maintenance of Government vehicles. In this connection, I would like to say that field staff who are posted in the interior places are allotted the old vehicles which can hardly take up the hilly roads. These vehicles are more of a nuisance than an asset. Fiele workers need better vehicles than those who are stationed in Aizawl town. Every Department should bear this in mind.

Coming to Medical Department, my constituency Sairang is the highest in statistics regarding prevalance of Malaria. I request the Department to take wider steps in preventing this disease.

In the Department of Agriculture there is sufficient provision in the Budget. However, the Line Road of Tut is still untouched inpite of the section of Rs 6 or 7 lakhs for the purpose

We are very grateful to the Government for installing solar energy electrification at Reick village in my constituency. We hope to have the same in Rawpuichhip and Tuahzawl villages soon. In this connection, I would like to mention the Generator at Lengpui which is in needy of repair woks will soon he carried out by the Department. Thank you

Pu Arun Bikash: Pu Speaker, the new Land Use Policy Instituted by the Congress 1 Ministy is very much appreciated.

During the PC Ministry not a single paise was spent for the development of the South Western side of Mizoram- Particularly Chawngte constituency would benefit from the New Land Use Policy and their Agriculturel products will greatly increase. This policy will also benefit our forests in times to come.

Dy Speaker: Most of the members have had their say, now we will call upon the Minister i/c Education to wind up the discussion.

Pu Rohamlova: Pu Speaker, our Budget discussion is very important Minister

as it is a view of the coming state expenditures. It is the making of the making of the backbone for the the Government. The percentage of increament in ratio to the population is very high. Although the members of the opposition are eager to criticies the budget it is no doubt clear that our increment is considerably high. Before coming to the Eudget in detail I wish to say a few words on the Education department. I do not think there are problems in this field, the present colleges are being upgraded by the Government. Hwever, the birth of new colleges is not very appreciated by the Government as we cannot promise to aid them all. Site for University has also been allotted and we are expecting to have subjects like Public Administration and Socialogy which are not to be found in other Universities of North East India. We also have a Centre of Education Technology, We hope to make Mizoram a Centre or learning very soon in the near future.

Regarding school teachers, the Government is facing problems. The transfer of Primary school teachers are causing a big problem as politics is deeply involved.

In the field of Agriculture, the Government is preparing to make more WRCs in the near future. This will be the economic beginning for Mizoram and it can be assured that this policy will be a thorough success.

Some of the members have tried to imply that this Government is not giving due attention to voluntary organisations. The Department of Social Welfare is processing schemes for the welfare of destitude women and children who are handicapped. It is a joy to know that Rs 192 crores is going to be our annual Budget for this year and I am glad that we have had a good discussion on it.

Thank You.

Pu Liansuama: Pu Dy Speaker, I would like to speak just a few Minister words and it is a regret that the members of the opposition are not present. Much has been said about Government vehicles to go to remote pieces where has services are not reliable. But if there are some officers of their share, I think it is very disgraceful. It would be wrong to accuse the officers in general regarding the use of vehicles.

Coming to the New Land Use Policy, it is not surprising that the members of the opposition are doing their best to criticise it. We are not blind to the fact that this New Land Use Policy is putting an end to the sources of their income

I do not know some of the members can say that this budget is going to be the beginning of proverty. We can all study the details of the Budget and see for curselves. Such people who criticise everything are enemies of the public. This NLUP scheme is our only hope of building up the economy of the state. Industries and Co-operative departments are also gaining headway. ZIDCO loans have also grown to a great extent and small industries have been able to crop up. Societies can also be given loans for their capitals.

Today it feels good to be able to move about without CRP gaurds attending us.

Thank You,

Dy. Speaker: Pu Hiphei, Minister i/c. Labour and Employment.

Pu Hiphei: Pu Dy. Speaker, today we have made a record as all the Minister members of the opposition have all left the Hall. There are many points to clarify from their speaches, but it appears that they do not really desire to know the facts.

In the Department of Vety and Animal Husbandry, work was devided distritucise. However, as there are only three Districts in the state it is felt that this is not enough. It has therefore been decided to change the District offices into Divisional offices. We are now contemplating to open tow more Divisions so that the coverage will be more thorough. Mizoram is yet to be self sufficient in poultry and cattle as most of the present poultry and meat comes from other states. We are to encourage piggery and cattle breeding as far as practicable, (Dy Speaker:

Just one moment please, our time is up, but we have to finish this discussion as tomorrow is another programme. So let us continue).

I will start with Printing and Stationery Department. This department has grown considerably and now we can say that we have the best machines in North East India. This is owing to the efforts made by the Government.

During the previous Ministry. there was a great deal of work records in the PWD regarding construction of roads. However, these so called roads were not even jeepable. Therefore the pending money had to be claored by us as landslides etc. There were too many of these to clear up and they were our major problem.

There has been criticism regarding the quality of Mizoram Calenders. We have tried to show the fact of Mizoram as presentable as possible outside our state. Therefore, the Calenders sent outside Mizoram are better in quality than the ones distributed here. I do not see any wrong in this matter. Low and order has been criticised and it is a regret to know about the incidents in Lunglei and Kolasib. However, these incidents did not occur due to the inadequacy of the Government but rather because of sudden upsurge of anger which was not controllable on their part. It was an unfortunate incident for everybody. If we cannot make better suggestions, let us stop criticising the Government. Lastly, Pu Dy Speaker, I would like to say that our Budget is not as meagre as the members have assailed it to be. Our portion is very substancial in comparision with our population. That is all.

Thank you.

Pu Sainghaka: Pu Dy Speaker, as we discuss the Budget, what we Minister: hear most from the members of the opposition is that we have too little money. However, I wish to point out that ever since Mivoram has existed, this year's Budget is the biggest we have had. I have proposed to shorten the time for the dis

cussion and we can see that the officers of all departments are busy with their works. They have many things to clear up in the financial year so we should try to be a little more considerate to them. There will be time to discuss the Demands departmentwies.

Pu Valvenga: Pu Dy Speaker, just a few points, as we have said before, our opposition friends have left the hall and it is useless to clarify the points they have spoken on.

In the Department of Health and Family Walfare, scarcity of doctors is our main problem in the Rural areas. The Government fully understands this problem but to engage non Mizo doctors now would mean less vacancy for our Young Mizo Medical students who are graduating every year. Therefore in order to preserve these seats we have to suffer for the present time.

Thank you.

Pu C.L. Runia: Pu Dy Speaker, our freinds, the members of the Op.

position seem to have something more important than the Budget to attend to therefore none of them are here now to listen to the charifications of the points which they have raised. More clarifications will be made after we have discussed the Budget department wise. The hon'ble member from Kawrthah said that the mode of distributing subsidies on Fisheries is not satisfactory. We will look into the matter and try to find out where the error lies. However, we should also educate the public to work hard. Some people only want money from the Government but do not take up the schemes they have put up. As we have made comparisions before, our Budget is not bad at all. We need to study the book and concentrate on the Demands. That is all, thank you.

Pu K. Sangchhum: We have now finished the general discussion of Dy Speaker the Budget 1986-87. Tomorrow we shall take up the vote on Demands. The BAC will see to the time table schedules as it deems necessary.

We shall adjourn our meeting for today.

Meeting adjourned at 5:06 P.M.

L.C. Thanga Secretary.