

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 1ST & BUDGET SESSION OF THE 2ND MIZO AM  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY HELD AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL FROM 21ST  
JUNE TO 4TH JULY, 1978.

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4th Sitting on 26th June, 1978 at 10:30 A.M.

P R E S E N T

Pu Thenphunga, Chief Minister and 4 Minister and 23 Members.

B U S I N E S S .

1. Announcement regarding recognition of Mizoram Congress Legislature Group.
2. Presentation of Budget.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore will not we fear,  
though the earth be removed, and though the mountains  
be carried into the midst of the sea.

Now, we will take up ~~our~~ business No.1 which is Announcement regarding recognition of Mizoram Congress Legislature Group. Let me read it out. Hon'ble members are aware that in the General Election held in May, 1978 the following persons belonging to Mizoram Congress Party were elected as member of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly:-

- (1) Pu Lal Thanhawla
- (2) Pu C.L.Ruala
- (3) Pu H.K.Chakma
- (4) Pu Sainghaka

(5) Pu Kisto Mohan who contested the election as an Independent candidate has intimated that he has joined the Mizoram Congress Legislature Group. I have also received intimation that Pu Kisto Mohan has been admitted to the Mizoram Congress Legislature Group. The Mizoram Congress Legislature group thus consists of five members. I have been informed that Pu Lal Thanhawla has been elected by the group as its leader and Pu Sainghaka as its Secretary.

According to the principles laid down for recognition of a Legislature group in this House, a group should have a strength of at least 2 (two) members in the House.

The Mizoram Congress Legislature group fulfils this condition as well as other conditions prescribed for recognition of a group in the House.

I, have, therefore, much pleasure in giving recognition to the Mizoram Congress Legislature group as the main opposition group in the House.

I have every hope that this group will play a useful role in the deliberations of this House and will receive full co-operation from all sections of the House.

What I have just read are direction of the Speaker. The Mizoram Congress Legislature group has just been recognized.

Now, we will call upon our hon'ble Chief Minister to lay on the table of the House documents listed at No. 1 to No. 3 received from LAD (re: Chakma District Council).

PU THENPHUNGA, SAILO  
CHIEF MINISTER.

Mr. Dy. Speaker, with your permission  
I hereby lay the three documents on  
the table of the House -

1) Government of Mizoram (LAD) Order NO. LAD/t-9/76/136  
Dated 12.4.77 regarding Chakma District Council.

2) Government of Mizoram Order NO. LAD/A-9/76/179-180  
Dated 23.9.77 regarding Chakma District Council.

3) Explanatory Memorandum giving reasons for action  
taken under the proviso to paragraph 16(2) of the  
Sixth Schedule to the Constitution of India in relation  
to Chakma District Council as required by paragraph 16(3)  
of the said schedule.

Thank you.

PU C. CHAWAGKUNGA:  
DEPUTY SPEAKER:

The copy of the Orders which have  
just been laid by our Chief Minister  
may now be distributed to the members.

We will now proceed to our item NO.2 which is presentation of Budget. Pu Lalhmingthanga, Finance Minister may present 1978-79 Budget to the House now.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA:  
FINANCE MINISTER

Mr. Speaker sir, I rise to place before the Budget Estimates of the Union Territory of Mizoram for the financial year, 1978-79.

2. As the Honourable Members are aware a Vote-on-Account for the first five months of the current year was approved by Parliament during President's Rule. Honourable Members are being supplied separately with copies of the Annual Financial Statement, Demands for Grants, Explanatory Memorandum and Statement in Lokh Sabha by the Minister of Finance, Government of India on the 10th March, 1978. Explanatory Memorandum indicates the broad features of the variation between the Budget Estimates 1977-78 and the Revised Estimates 1977-78 on the one hand and the Budget Estimate 1977-78 and the Budget Estimates 1978-79 on the other. The Detailed Demand for Grants in Vol. I, II, III and the Schedule of Public Works are also being supplied separately. We are now seeking the approval of the Legislature for the annual appropriation. Within the short time available to the new Government, detailed review of the Budgetary Provisions and readjustment of provisions in the line with our basic priorities are not possible. However, I would like to assure the House that the detailed review of the Budgetary Provision for the current financial year will be made during the course of the year and suitable adjustment to

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the extent possible will be made for implement the projects and programmes to which a higher priority may be accorded by this Government.

3. The present Ministry assumed Office early this month bringing to close the President's rule which had lasted for a little over one year. The popular mandate given to the Ministry by the people is essentially for pursuing the path of peace and bringing about rapid economic development so as to solve the problems faced by the common people and improve their standard of living. We propose to take up this challenging task in a spirit of dedication and good will and would seek the co-operation of all sections of people in achieving this paramount objective.

4. Currently, Mizoram is passing through a difficult period due to Thngtam Famine. The Administration were aware of the impending famine and suitable preventive measures were taken. Currently, necessary Relief Measures are being given to affected people by providing alternate source of income through Employment Generation Scheme, construction of rural Link road, Agriculture Roads and even Public Works Department Roads. Consumption loan as well as seed loan are given to the distressed families. Gratuitous relief grants are given to the handicapped old and infirm individuals. Expert teams from the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, the Ministry of Agriculture and Universities have visited Mizoram and recommended certain control measures. A Central team led by the Additional Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, visited Mizoram in February, 1978 and submitted recommendation for various relief measures to Govt. of India. On the recommendation of the team Govt. of India augmented the original provision of Rs 28.20 lakhs for Agriculture Relief Loan by Rs 25.00 lakhs. Similarly the provision of Rs 73.00 lakhs for E.G.S. and other relief was augmented by Rs.68.04 lakhs in the Supplementary Demand for 1977-78. Short term loan ~~taxing~~ of Rs 30.00 lakhs was given to the Apex Marketing Society for procurement of Ginger from cultivators and to supply ~~to~~ NAFED at Silchar. I would also like to mention that Government of India has allowed withdrawal of Addl. Emolument (Compulsory Deposit) by Employees of Govt. of Mizoram on account of distress caused by Thngtam.

#### 5. ACCOUNTS 1976-77

For the year 1976-77, the total Budget Estimates both under Revenue and Capital Account was for Rs 4648.83 lakhs. The Budget envisaged a balanced position of the

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same closed with

Consolidated Fund at the close of the year 1976-77 but the same closed with a minus balance of Rs 288.32 lakhs. The main reason for such a heavy minus closing balance is attributed to passing of an outstanding debit of Rs 545.39 lakhs on account of expenditure on Border Roads in excess of the corresponding grant-in-aid sanctioned for the year by the Government of India. Thus, but for this excess debit there would have been a plus balance to the tune of Rs 257.70 lakhs at the end of the year 1976-77. However, the Revised Estimates for 1977-78 provided for wiping off this minus balance by sanction of additional grants-in-aid of Rs 545.39 lakhs by the Govt. of India.

6. I shall explain in brief the summary of the Budget Estimates for 1978-79 as compared to the Revised Estimates of 1977-78.

	( In lakhs of Rupees )	
	<u>RS. 77-78</u>	<u>RS. 78-79</u>
<b><u>A. Revenue Account</u></b>		
(1) Gross Expenditure		
(a) Non-Plan	2141.25	2189.13
(b) U.T. Plan	747.31	1013.15
(c) N.E.C. Plan	120.87	161.20
(d) Central/Centrally sponsored Plan Scheme	170.18	129.44
(e) Central Road Scheme/ construction of Road by BRTF	<u>601.51</u>	<u>508.93</u>
TOTAL	<u>3,781.12</u>	<u>4,001.85</u>
(ii) Revenue Receipts	128.77	158.91
(iii) Recoveries of Expenditure	71.69	56.08
(iv) Grants-in-aid from Central Government	<u>3,868.98</u>	<u>3,786.86</u>
TOTAL	<u>6,009.44</u>	<u>4,001.85</u>
<b><u>B. Capital Account</u></b>		
(i) Gross expenditure:		
(a) Non-Plan	804.26	936.39
(b) U.T. Plan	389.59	651.66
(c) N.E.C. Plan	13.37	17.91
(d) Central/Centrally sponsored scheme	<u>15.50</u>	<u>15.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>1,222.72</u>	<u>1,620.96</u>

(ii) Recoveries of Expenditure	575.69	639.88
(iii) Capital Receipts	55.49	95.30
(iv) Loans from the Govt. of India	<u>591.54</u>	<u>885.78</u>
	TOTAL 1,222.72	1,620.96
Gross Total of Revenue and Capital Expenditure	5,003.84	5,622.81

7. The approved plan outlay for 1978-79 is Rs 16.65 crores as against Rs 11.37 crores for 1977-78. The Sectorwise distribution of the Plan outlay for 1978-79 has been shown in Annexure to the Explanatory Memorandum on the Budget for the current year. The total outlay for N.E.C. Plan Schemes for 1978-79 is Rs 1.79 crores as against the final allocation of Rs 1.34 crores for 1977-78. The departmentwise detailed break up of total outlay for N.E.C. schemes for 1978-79 is shown in Annexure 'A'. The estimates for 1978-79 also includes an outlay of Rs 1.44 crores for central and centrally sponsored schemes as against the last years allocation of Rs 1.86 crores. In addition to above we have a provision of Rs 5.09 crores for 1978-79 under Central for construction and maintenance of Border Roads by the BRTF as against the final provision of Rs 6.02 crores. I shall now mention briefly the activities and achievements of various Departments.

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FINANCE DEPARTMENT

(1) The revised scales of pay for the employees of Mizoram have been notified in most of the cases and few cases of anomalies in the revised Pay Scales are pending with the Govt. of India. These are being pursued vigorously.

(2) Sub-Treasury at Saiha has been upgraded to District Treasury from 1.5.1978. During the current year it is proposed to open Sub-Treasury at Champhai, Tlabung, Chawngte and Lawngtlai. It is also proposed to set up a training cell in the directorate of Accounts to train the staff in various departments in account matters.

(3) A scheme for Government employees Insurance on the pattern of Central Govt. has been introduced with effect from 1.5.1978.

(4) The State Bank of India propose to open branches of the S.B.I. at Champhai, Tlabung (Demagiri) Saiha, Saitual Serchhip, Darlawn, Lokicherra, Hnahthial, Lawngtlai and Aibawk during the current year.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT

(1) Collection of revenue on account of land revenue and other taxes has been maintaining an upward trend.

(2) During the year 1977-78 the department settled 960 House sites at Aizawl and Champhai. 9.70 hectares of Agriculture land were brought under settlement by issuing land settlement certificate to 4 pass holders and 96-29 hectares were surveyed and demarcated for regular settlement. During the current year it is proposed that 2,000 hectares of cultivable areas of land will be surveyed and demarcated for regular settlement for W.R.C. and gardens.

(3) A Committee had been set up under the Chairmanship of Shri J. Lalsangzuala to formulate and prepare a new Land and Revenue Law. The Committee has now produced a draft of Mizoram Land and Revenue Bill, 1978, which will be examined and further action will be taken for its finalisation.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

(1) The re-organisation of the Department by increasing number of Divisions and Sub-Divisions is under consideration in view of the increasing work load.

(2) Till the end of last year Public Works Deptt. constructed 50 Kms of black-topped roads, 87Kms unsurfaced Jeepable roads exclusive of roads constructed by BRTF. Programme for 1978-79 includes metalling and gravelling of 100Kms of existing unsurfaced roads, 27 Kms of black-topped roads and 172 Kms of new unsurfaced roads. Tuichang bridge is expected to be completed during the year.

(3) Besides completion of a large number of Assam type buildings, certain multi-stored R.C.C. buildings have also been constructed by the Department including Circuit House at Aizawl, Hostel for P.M.G. College, Basic Training Centre at Aizawl Camp Jail at Tuirial, Extension of Civil Hospital at Aizawl, Hospital at Champhai, Primary Health Centre at Hnahthial, D.I.P.R & T. building at Aizawl and a block of Secretariat building at Aizawl. Buildings to be taken up during 1978-79 include Tourist Lodge at Chaltlang, Aizawl Theatre Hall, Extension of Aizawl Civil Hospital. New Secretariat complex at Aizawl, Residential complex in Luangmual, Mizoram Houses in New Delhi and Calcutta, Mizoram House complex at Silchar and M.L.A. Hostel at Aizawl.

(4) In spite of lack of technical personnel, some progress has been made in conducting hydrographic survey and clearance of obstruction for navigation in Sonai, Dhaleswari (Tlawng) and Tuivai rivers.

## 11. PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

A scheme for augmentation of Water Supply for Aizawl Town at an estimated cost of over Rs 150.00 lakhs will be started during the current year. This scheme is expected to be completed by 1980 and is expected to meet the requirement of the growing population of this capital town.

Programme for 1978-79 also includes completion of Water Supply Schemes at Kolasib and Sialsuk, further progress of on-going schemes at Lunglei, Saiha, Serchhip, Thingdawl, Hnahthial, Lawngtlai, Thingfal and Reiek. The total number of Schemes under execution is 51.

## 12. POWER DEVELOPMENT

(i) The construction of 66 KV Line upto Aizawl was completed and energized in 1977. As against installed capacity (Generation) of 550 K.W. in 1972 the ~~KW~~ installed capacity has increased to 2816 KW in 1978 in addition 700 KW of grid power is being received through 66 K.V Line. 10 Villages and 2 towns covering a population of 69,500 have been electrified and the number of consumers of electricity has increased from 750 in 1972 to 3115 in 1977.

(ii) Programme for 1978-79 includes Commissioning of Tlabung (Damagiri) Power House with capacity of 225 K.W. electrification through diesel Power of ten villages, electrification through grid power of 16 villages and work on constructions of 33 K.V. Line from Aizawl to Lunglei will be continued.

(iii) Investigation of medium Hydrel Projects in the river Dhaleswari and Mat will start in the current year.

## 13. CO-OPERATION

(1) During 1977-78, 61 new co-operative Societies were organised and financial assistance has been given to 162 societies. A state level Apex Weavers Co-operative Society has been organised. During the year it is proposed to establish a State co-operative Bank for providing credits to the people in rural areas.



(2) The Apex Marketing Co-operative Society has rendered a very useful service to the growers of Ginger the difficult period of Thingtam by maintaining the price of Ginger at the rate of Rs 90/- per quintal. The Society has already procured more than 80,000 Qtls. of ginger from the cultivators and arranged marketing in collaboration with NAFED.

#### 14. SUPPLY DEPARTMENT

(1) The main job of the department is to bring foodstuffs, essential commodities and consumer goods into Mizoram and distribute these items to public at reasonable prices. During 1978-79 we expect to procure about 50,000 M.T. of rice, 2173 M.T. of Sugar and 720 M.T. of wheat. The scale of ration of rice in the rural areas was increased to 3 Kgs from 2 Kgs. per adult per week, in view of 'Thingtam' in Feb 1978. This has been further revised to 4 Kgs per a dult per week in the worst affected areas. Mention may be made that air dropping of foodstuff has been resorted to at six places due to non-availability of surface communications.

(2) The department promulgated during 1977 the Mizoram (Price Fixation of Essential Commodities) control order 1977 and the Mizoram (Display of prices and stock position of Essential Commodities) order 1977 with a view ~~to~~ to keep a check on price.

(3) Govt. of India have accorded administrative approval for construction of pucca godowns with capacity of 400 M.T. at (1) Champhai (2) Saiha (3) Lawngtlai (4) Hnahthial (5) Kawzawl (6) Lokicherra (7) Tlabung and (8) Cnawngte. Construction of godown at Kolasib has already been started and construction at otherplaces will be started during the year.

#### 15. TRANSPORT

(1) Under the General Transport Service there is a Fleet of 61 serviceable trucks and Jeeps. These vehicles are used mainly for transportation of foodgrain to interior places in Mizoram and occassionally from Silchar to Aizawl. Besides, these vehicles are utilised by other departments for meeting their departmental needs on hire basis.

(2) Under Mizoram State Transport there are 46 Buses, 4 Luggage Vans and 6 Taxies. The revenue earning of the State Transport Service has increased from Rs 10.02 lakhs in 1976-77 to Rs 17.30 lakhs in 1977-78.

During the year 1978-79 it is proposed to purchase 7 buses to enable the department to open new routes and also to increase frequencies of bus services in the existing major routes. Purchase of the Breakdown recovery vehicle, creation of one Central Pool for engine and gear box assemblies, purchase of some machineries and equipment, for Central Workshop are included in the Programme of this year.

#### 16. EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE

(1) The Directorate of Education and Social Welfare has been re-organised with a view to functioning more effectively. Necessary field staff have also been provided for inspection, supervision and pedagogic guidance of educational institutions. The total provision proposed in 1978-79 for education and Social Welfare comes to Rs 5.46 crores.

(2) Priority has been given for qualitative improvement of teaching of Science and Mathematics in Middle and High Schools under U.T. Plan for 1978-79. Under this Scheme it is proposed to set up Science laboratories in Middle and High Schools and in addition setting up of two Model Science Laboratories at Central places is proposed. Cash awards are being given to students for proficiency in science and mathematics.

(3) A large number of Primary Middle and High School are covered by the Scouts and Guides movements. Sports and Games as part of physical Education have been adequately encouraged by holding inter High School Sports at District and State Level. Financial assistance is given, for participation in various training and Coaching Camps at interstate and National level.

(4) Social Education wing has organised a literacy Campaign with great success converting a large number of illiterates into literates. 100 Adult Literacy Centres are proposed to be run during 1978-79 under the Plan Programme with the aim of producing 4000 neo-literates.

(5) The Mizoram Polytechnic Institute will be opened at Lunglei during the year and 30 students for Civil and 15 students each for Electric and Mechanical Engineering will be admitted in the first year classes.

(6) Stipend and assistance are given to physically handicapped students and also to insane, handicapped and old persons. Grants-in-aid are also given to various voluntary organisations for help of handicapped, poor and destitute persons and motherless babies.

(7) The Tribal Research Institute has reprinted 13 rare books. These rare books were out of print for many years and have been now made available for research work and to Schools/Colleges. The institute has a good collection of books and other source materials regarding past history and culture of Mizo people.

(8) The Mizoram Board of School Education which was established on 23.2.1976 conducted its first High School Leaving Certificate Examination for the year 1978 smoothly and successfully.

#### 17. HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

(i) Construction of P.H.C/dispensary buildings at Hnahthial, Saitual, Biate, Lokicherra, Bukpui and Lawngtlai were completed during 1977-78. Kolsaib Dispensary is being upgraded to a 30 bedded Rural Hospital and the entire building complex is expected to be completed in 1978. The existing Aizawl Civil Hospital will be expanded and made into 300 bedded Hospital for which there is a provision of Rs 16.50 lakhs in the Plan Scheme inclusive of construction of staff quarters. Construction of Hospital/PHC/Dispensary buildings at Demagiri, Saiha, Bua pui, Darlawn and Chawngte are in progress.

(ii) Measures for control of communicable diseases have been continued under Centrally Sponsored Schemes. The department executed National Programmes like National Small Pox Eradication, National Leprosy Control, National Trachoma and National Malaria Eradication Programme.

(iii) Under the Multipurpose Workers Scheme 206 Health Workers, 65 Health Supervisors have received training in Mizoram. Similarly under Community Workers Scheme 127 persons have received training. A new Health Education Bureau and Drug Control Branch has been functioning at Aizawl.

#### 18. AGRICULTURE

(1) Agriculture the occupation of about 90% of the population plays a vital and key role in building up the economy of Mizoram. The traditional and unscientific methods of cultivation are being given up and a well-thought plan for settling Jhumias on permanent cultivation is being implemented. The strategy of Agriculture development is to identify areas and people for growing of specific crops of economic importance.

(ii) During the year 1977-78, 1906 hectares of valley land had been reclaimed. About 10,000 Qtls of paddy seeds have been distributed to the affected cultivators through Agricultural Loan Relief Scheme. About 2 lakhs numbers of horticultural planting materials and 1.4 Qtls of vegetable seeds were distributed on subsidy-cum-loan basis. Orchard Development programme covered an area of 200 hectares. This scheme envisages covering 2 hectares of land for each family under horticulture with liberal help of inputs and assistance. During the current year 5.30 lakhs numbers of horticultural planting materials are being distributed which will cover about 1,325 hectares of land.

(iii) There was reduction of area under paddy during the year 1977-78 due to fear of damage of paddy by rats. However, different programmes were taken up to grow alternate crops for which seeds like ginger of 25,000 Qtls, potato 15,000, Maize 2,125 Qtls, arhar 250 Quintals were distributed to the cultivators for growing as alternate crops.

(iv) Under the N.E.C. Plan one Potato Foundation Seed farm, one Ginger multiplication farm and one Progency Nursery have been established. In 1977-78 one Centrally Sponsored scheme has been started to settle 100 Jhumias families in Bualpui area.

## 19. FISHERIES

So far 800 acres have been brought under 'Culture Fisheries'. People interested in Fishery development are given liberal help in the shape of the grant-in-aid and inputs at 50% subsidised rate. During the year 1977-78 about 11 lakhs fish seeds were distributed.

## 20. ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND VETERINARY

(i) Regional Pig Breeding Farm first of its kind in the North Eastern Region has been established in Mizoram. The farm is having at present 100 breeding Sows supplying the exotic breeds of large white Yorkshire pigs to Mizoram and to the neighbouring states.

(ii) The Developmental Feed Mill at Selesih is proposed to be run with revolving fund of Rs 5 lakhs and its aim is to supply feed at concessional rate. The Central Hatchery-cum-Poultry Farm at Selesih farm will be able to supply the requirement of Aizawl during the next year.

## 21. INDUSTRY

(i) The Small Industrial Development Corporation the first of its kind in Mizoram has been set up with authorised capital of Rs 50,00,000/-. The main object of the Corporation inter alia is to aid, counsel, assist, finance, protect and promote the interest of Small Industries in the Union Territory of Mizoram.

(ii) Intensive development of Handloom Industry, Sericulture, Fruit Preservation and food based industries and creation of a chain of Mini-Industrial Estates for Housing Small and Village Industries are included in the Estimates for 78-79. An Entrepreneur Development and Training programme has been prepared to support the above programme. In the Medium and large scale Sector 3 Schemes have been included during the year 1978-79 which relate to carrying out Mineral Survey, preparing feasibility report for Large scale utilisation of the Ginger grown in the territory as well as a report for establishment of a Mini-Cement plant based on the Low grade Lime-Stone deposits.

(iii) Government of India have recently approved establishment of two District Industries Centres in Mizoram.

## 22. LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT

Under the Scheme of Apprenticeship training it is proposed to train up 30 boys and girls for Motor Mechanic and Clerkship. One Labour Camp at Aizawl has been established for providing shelter to labourers coming to Aizawl for jobs.

## 23. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

(i) During 1977-78 the department constructed 24 nos of staff quarter in Ilock Areas, 53 Nos of Community Halls, 101 nos of play grounds, 145 nos of water tanks, 30 K.M.s of Jeepable roads, 181 K.Ms of Inter village path. 5770 metres of wire rope were purchased for construction of suspension bridges in different places in Mizoram.

(ii) Mention may be made that during 1977-78 Govt. of India sanctioned Rs 40.00 lakhs for construction of 40Kms of Rural Link Road in Mizoram.

## 24. ECONOMICS AND STATISTICS

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The Department is engaged in regular collection, tabulation, evolution, compilation and submission of basic and important statistical data to Govt. of India. During 1977-78 the department conducted Survey on Manpower Planning Data for Railway in Mizoram and also brought out publication on (1) Quarterly Progress Report (2) Wholesale and Retail Price Bulletin (3) Census of Government Employees and Family Living Survey.

25. POLICE

Reorganisation of Mizoram Police has been taken up since 1975-76 and several improvement including strengthening of the forces have since been carried out with the approval of Govt. of India. Wireless communication has been improved by installing 29 H.F. Stations and 50 M.H.F. Stations. Arrangements are being made for the opening of more wireless station including Mobile Wireless Stations. These wireless stations have been great assistance in dealing with the present Thingtam situation.

26. JAILS

During 1977-78 District Jails at Lunglei and Saiha were constructed and commissioned. The construction of Central Jail at Bungtlang with a capacity of 200 prisoners and construction of Sub-Jails at Champhai, Kolasib and Tlabung are in progress. The future programme of Jail Department will include improvement of living conditions and facilities for prisoners.

27. LOCAL ADMINISTRATION TOWN PLANNING AND HOUSING

The Local Administration Department was reorganised in 1977. The Department completed urban development work of different nature at an expenditure of Rs 11.00 lakhs in 1977-78. During 1978-79 under the Village Housing Project it is proposed to provide roofing of 1110 Houses in rural areas. During the year 1978-79 a total provision of Rs 48.00 lakhs has been kept for Middle and Low Income Group. These loans are sanctioned on the recommendation of the District Housing Loan Board and during the year approximately 200 families will be covered.

28. INFORMATION PUBLIC RELATIONS AND TOURISM

(i) The small Govt. printing press which was started in 1966 with one treadle Machine has been greatly improved and equipped to meet ever increasing Govt. requirement. The first phase of the construction of office building-cum-Govt. Press has been completed.

(ii) Apart from the booklets and Pamphlets on different subjects brought out from time to time by the Department, weekly papers such as Tunlai Chanchin, Khawvel and Kaladan are being published.

29-. FOREST

The Department is mainly responsible for Development of Forest and preservation of Wild life in the Union Territory. During the year 1977-78 the department created about 990 hectares of plantation of different varieties. Plantation of quick growing species, Oak Tassar Plantation and Rubber Plantation have been importance in 1978-79. The performance of the department has considerably improved and the revenue collection of the department has been increased to Rs 8.48 lakhs during 77-78 from Rs 3.84 lakhs collected in 1975-76.

30. SOIL CONSERVATION

Soil Conservation which was a part of the Forest Department has started functioning as a separate wing under the Directorate of Agriculture since 3.12.77. During 1977-78 hill-side terracing was done in 2835 hect. against the target of 2500 hectares. Development of Horticulture Plantation have been given priority and 842 families have been selected for horticulture plantation.

31. REHABILITATION OF MNF RETURNEES

(i) The basic objective of rehabilitation of the returnees is to rehabilitate them so that they may permanently settle down as useful and loyal citizens and to prevent them from falling back to undesirable ways. Before formulating a consolidated scheme about 535 persons were given assistance/jobs for their rehabilitation. Under the consolidated scheme for Rehabilitation there is a provision for settling returnees on Agriculture, Dairy Farming, Small Industries, and also for Cash Rehabilitation grants. Uptil now about 420 returnees have been given benefits of different grants under the new Scheme.

### 32. DISTRICT COUNCIL AFFAIRS

The Administrative, Constitutional and Financial Affairs of the three district councils viz. Pawi, Laker and Chakma are supervised by Law, Judicial and District Council Affairs Department. The district councils are required to be given grant-in-aid to cover the deficit of their normal administrative expenditure, as well as for developmental expenditure. The primary education in the District Council areas is the responsibility of the District Council and for that purpose earmarked funds are given to the district councils as grant-in-aid. During the year 1977-78, it was possible to hold elections to all the 3 District Councils.

Sir, what I have stated is a brief review of the many-sided activities of various Departments of Government. Naturally, this cannot be an exhaustive review. It, however, aims to give broad idea of what we are trying to achieve in various fields of governmental activity. Government of India has been fairly generous in providing funds for the growing needs of Mizoram. The crucial task is to utilize these funds in a fruitful manner. We propose to identify and deal effectively with the problem of wasteful expenditure in Administration. I am confident that we can achieve a major rise in the tempo of developmental activities if available funds are utilized in a judicious manner also as to ensure that the maximum benefits of development reach the common people. This will require sincere and dedicated efforts on the part of Administration and whole-hearted co-operation on the part of people. I would seek the assistance of the Honible Members of this House who are elected representatives of people in achieving this noble objective.

With these words Sir, I seek the approval of the House to Estimate for 1978-79 placed before it.



APPENDIX - A

Statement of Approved outlay for N.E.C.Schemes in  
Mizoram for 1978-79.

Head of Development/Scheme	Approved outlay (In lakhs of Rupees)
<b>I. Agriculture &amp; Allied Programme:</b>	
1. Foundation Potato Seed Farm	5.21
2. Agricultural Education and Training	1.81
3. Progency Orchard	2.71
4. Regional Ginger Station in Mizoram	10.65
5. Soil and Water Conservation	
(a) Jhum Control in Dhalshwari Catchment	22.00
(b) Chamdur Tuichawng and Palak Pilot Project. Chhaintuipui District	15.02
6. Regional Pig Breeding Farm	5.34
7. 7. Other miscellaneous Agricultural Scheme	10.00
<b>II. Water and Power Development</b>	
1. Collection of Hydrological Data	10.00
<b>III. Industries and Mining:</b>	
1. Oak Tannin Survey Test Rearing in Mizoram	4.00
2. Integrated Development Programme	3.00
3. Other Miscellaneous Programmes	0.41
<b>IV. Transport and Communication:</b>	
1. Survey and preparation of Estimates	3.96
2. Road and Bridges	85.00
Total	179.11

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Copy of the Budget may now be distributed to the members.

I think you all have received copy of the Budget. Here is an announcement. Hon'ble members are aware that biennial election to fill a seat in the Council of States from Mizoram is in progress. The Returning Officer for this election expects to declare the result of election today at 3:00 P.M. in the Committee Room of the Assembly House.

Those members who wish to be present at the time of declaration of result of election are welcome to be present at the appointed time.

According to the Provisional Calendar of business tomorrow i.e 27th June, 1978 was allotted for Private member's business. Some resolutions have been received from members. But as the prescribed notice of 10 days was not given, those resolutions cannot be discussed tomorrow. However, some resolutions are likely to come up on the next day allotted for Private members business i.e. 30th June, 1978. Therefore, there will be no sitting of the House tomorrow.

According to the Provisional Calendar of Business, day after tomorrow i.e. 28th June, 1978 was allotted for Government business. Information was called from the various Departments whether any Government Bill or other business was ready to be brought before the House. It seems that no such business is ready to be brought before the House. Therefore, I propose that no sitting of the House may be held day after tomorrow, i.e. on 28th June, 1978.

Hon'ble Members have received Budget papers. Under the rules, a minimum period of 2 days should be given between the date of presentation of the Budget and the date of general discussion on the budget. Therefore, we will commence general discussion on budget on Wednesday, the 29th June, 1978. I expect that members will utilize this two days gap to study the budget papers so that we may have a useful discussion at our next sitting.

I think we know that we have two days gap.

The House now stands adjourned till 10:30 A.M. on Wednesday, the 29th June, 1978.

D.C. PANDE,  
SECRETARY.

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