

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 2ND MIZORAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY HELD AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL FROM 21ST JUNE, 1978 TO 4th JULY, 1978.

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6th sitting on 30th June, 1978 (Friday) at 10.30 A.M.

At the Chair : Pu Chawngkunga, Deputy Speaker.

Members present: Chief Minister, four Ministers & 21 members.

Members absent : 3 members.

B U S I N E S S

- 1) Communication of message from Lt. Governor (Administrator)
- 2) Announcement regarding nominations to Assembly Committees.
- 3) Pu Lalhmingthanga, Minister i/c Revenue, Excise and Taxation Department to lay on the Table.

Notification NO.TDL/101/74-77/116 dated the 7th May, 1977 regarding Mizoram Trading by Non-Tribals (Regulation) Rules, 1977.

- 4) Private Resolutions.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

Ps. Psalm 37: 3-5

Let us now begin our today's business. First of all, we received a message from the Lt. Governor (Administrator) which is the expression of his thanks on our discussion of his address on the 22nd June, 1978. Let me read it out.

"Dear Speaker,

I Thank you and the Hon'ble members of the House for having adopted the motion of thanks on my Address delivered on the 22nd June, 1978. With personal Regards

Yours Sincerely,
N.P. Mathur
Lt. Governor"

That is a message received from the Lt. Governor (Administrator).- Here is an announcement regarding nominations to Assembly Committees. Let me read it out. The list cannot be distributed now. You will all get in the evening. Under the Rules of Procedure the Speaker has nominated 8 (eight) Committees for period of one year with effect from 1st July, 1978 as follows :-

1. Business Advisory Committee (Rule 216)

Chairman - Speaker

1. Pu J. Kapthianga
2. Pu Zairethanga
3. Pu K. Chawngliana
5. Pu Lalthanzauva
6. Pu Sainghaka.

Those are the members of Business Advisory Committee, the

2. Committee on Petitions (Rule 227)

1. Pu Hari Kristo Chakma - Chairman
2. Pu Tlangchhunga
3. Pu K. M. Biaksailova
4. Pu Vanlalhruaia
5. Pi Thanmawii

3. Committee of Privileges (Rule 234)

1. Pu J. H. Rothuama - Chairman
2. Pu K. M. Biaksailova
3. Pu R. Romawia
4. Pu J. Thankunga
5. Pu Lalthanzauva
6. Pu K. Biakchungmunga
7. Pu Kisto Mohan Chakma.

4. Committee on Subordinate Legislation (Rule 239)

1. Pu R. T. Zachono - Chairman
2. Pu Vanlalhruaia
3. Pu Tlangchhunga
4. Pu P. Lalupa
5. Pu K. Lalsanga
6. Pu C. Vulluaia
7. Pu Sainghaka

5. Committee on Government Assurance (Rule 245)

1. Pu J. Kapthianga - Chairman
2. Pu J. H. Rothuama
3. Pu R. Romawia
4. Pu H. Kiautuma
5. Pu C. Vulluaia
6. Pu Lal Thanhawla

6. Rules Committee (Rule 246)

1. Speaker - Chairman
2. Pu K. Chawngliana
3. Pu J. Thankunga
4. Pu Tlangchhunga
5. Pu Lalthanzauva
6. Pu K. Lalsanga
7. Pu L lupa
8. Pu Hipei
9. Pu C. L. Kuala.

7. House Committee (Rule 249)

1. Pu H. Kiautuma - Chairman
2. Pu R. Romawia
3. Pu R. T. Zachono
4. Pu J. Thankunga
5. Pu Hari Kristo Chakma
6. Pu K. Sangchhum

8. Library Committee (Rule 250)

1. Pu Thanmawii - Chairman
2. Pu K. Biakchungnunga
3. Pu C. Vulluaia
4. Pu K. Chawngliana
5. Pu H. Kapthianga
5. Pu C. L. Kuala.

Those are the different Committees. You can get the list in the evening. One important thing is Group Photo it is to be taken on 4.7.78. We shall announce again on the 3.7.78 evening. Let us read the Handbook for the members very diligently,

Now, we shall come to item No. 3. I shall call upon Pu Lalhmingthanga Minister incharge Revenue, Excise and Taxation Department to lay a Notification on the Table.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA:
MINISTER.

Mr. Deputy Speaker sir, I lay the
Notification NO.TDL/101/74-77/16
Dated the 7th May, 1977 regarding

Mizoram Trading by Non-Tribal(Regulation) Rules, 1977 on
the Table.

DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Now, the Minister incharge has laid
the Notification on the Table. Let
the copy be distributed. We shall
come to item No. 4. Now, we will take up private members'
resolutions. The first resolution is in the name of
Pu Kilalsanga. He may move his resolution. Thereafter
members who want to speak on the resolution may do so. The
Minister concerned will reply to the points raised during
the discussion. The mover of the resolution can again speak
at the end. I also suggest that no member may speak for
more than 15 minutes. Pu Lalsanga may now move his resolu-
tion. Has he come?. If he has not yet come has he autho-
rised anyone?. If he has not, we shall drop his resolution
for today and come over to item NO. 5. Now I shall call
upon Pu Lalthanzauva to move his resolution.

PU LALTHANZAUVA:

Mr. Deputy Speaker sir, I am very
glad to move my resolution. I'll
read it first - "This Assembly
recommends that the Aizawl-Thenzawl-Lunglei road which is
under the Mizoram P.W.D. should be taken over by the Border
Road Task Force with immediate effect and made into a Truckable
Road."

The importance of this Aizawl-Thenzawl
Lunglei road is very great. It is the only shortest road
between the north and south Mizoram. It is shorter than
the existing road via Serchhip by about 60 Km at least. As
such petrol consumption may be reduced for vehicles. Besides,
time will be very much saved. The cost of travelling will
thus be reduced. The whole of Lunglei and Chhimituipui
Districts may use it for supply line.

Besides, it will be useful for
selling agricultural products of about 30 villages
through which it runs. If communication is good, the number
of travellers will be increased and hotel industry may
also be set up. The people had suffered due to bad commu-
nication for a long time.

As it is the most important road
connecting the north and south of Mizoram, it is our first
duty to make it good to develop our whole country. The
existing road is not enough from different point of view.

In rainy season, if the bridges are damaged or the road is blocked by landslide, our only communication is blocked and we have no alternative.

Good communication is also very important for defence of a country. As we all know, Mizoram is surrounded by International boundary. It is a mountainous country. The Central Government in its policy is intending to develop the villages as far as possible. They expressed their intention to connect every village with a jeepable road. Accordingly, this road should also not be neglected. It is not enough to develop one road to develop the whole country let us take an example - supposing we are going to develop Mizoram in Education, it is not enough to set up only one High School for the whole country. We must make good communications throughout the country.

Let me talk about the importance of handing over this road to B.R.T.F. As we all know, this Aizawl-Thenzawl-Lunglei road to BRTF. It has been constructed by P.W.D. for 16 years from 1962. But it cannot be used till today.

The Mizoram P.W.D. did very few works regarding construction of Aizawl-Thenzawl-Lunglei road in 6 years. Their work is also very bad. We, the Mizos are the eye-witness of the works of B.R.T.F. in road construction. It is wide enough even for heavy vehicles. The Mizoram P.W.D. has no good facilities as the B.R.T.F. has. They could not make good progress. In order to make a good road between the north and South of Mizoram, and to conceal the failure of Mizoram P.W.D. it is best to handover to B.R.T.F. The local people of the villages also wish that their work be given to B.R.T.F. The Congress leaders of the then District Council in 1970 had agreed to this but this was not carried out by the former Ministry.

The P.C. Party in its Central Executive Committee meeting at Hnahthial and Central Working Committee resolved that this road is to be handed over to B.R.T.F. It is really important to make this road truckable as soon as possible. So I request this Assembly that my resolution be adopted.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: I shall call upon other members. But let us not say more than fifteen minutes otherwise it will be too long.

PU VANLALHRUAIA: Mr. Deputy Speaker sir, I want to say a few things on this resolution. I may not take even 15 minutes. Those people who are growing ginger could not see their products due to bad road and damaged hundreds of quintals of ginger. They, really need good roads. Besides, Thenzawl is a very important place, but we cannot use the fertility of the soil of the area due to bad communication. I would like to second the hon'ble member's resolution.

PU LALTHANHAWLA: Mr. Deputy Speaker sir, I have nothing to say regarding the handing over of the Aizawl-Thenzawl-Lunglei road to B.R.T.F. The Congress Ministry in District Council when we were under Assam had passed to hand over it to B.R.T.F. Now we think it necessary to conceal the failure of P.W.D. It occurs to me that, can't we make our P.W.D. more well equipped like B.R.T.F.

The construction of roads by the B.R.T.F. in different parts of Mizoram has helped the poorer section of people to some extent by giving employment as daily labourer. But in some ways, we may say that they encroach our Mizo life. This weakens our social life, religious life etc., Besides these, they could get their wages even if they sleep under a tree all day long. This gradually weakens our life. I think it would be better for us all if we utilise our funds, facilities for purchasing air-compressor and bull dozers etc and try our best to have our P.W.D. well equipped as B.R.T.F. in facilities and efficiency. I hope this will help us to make progress in our social and religious life and for the development of our whole country.

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PU R.T. ENCHONO: Pu Deputy Speaker Sir, though it is not very pleasant to discuss about the handing over of Aizawl-Thenzawl-Lunglei road to BRTF, I think we must give because it is necessary. As a matter of fact, due to inadequacy of skilled workers, small no. of divisions the PWD cannot work as it could have worked. That's why a large sum of money lapsed every year in P.W.D. The construction of Aizawl-Thenzawl-Lunglei Road by Mizoram P.W.D. has retarded the progress of Mizoram. As Pu Thanzauva and other members have said, the agricultural products of this range can be sold if communication is good. It is better to have good communication even if we have to spend a large sum of money than returning it at the

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end of the financial year. So let the Aizawl-Thenzawl-Lunglei road be handed over to the B.R.T.F. as soon as possible in the order to have better development in our country so that the development grants can be distributed equally in different parts of our country.

PU HIPHEI:

Mr. Deputy Speaker sir, you know better than I the importance of this road. What I want to say is that the Mizoram P.W.D. is not strong enough and large sum of money lapses every year. So let the B.R.T.F. take the construction of Aizawl-Thenzawl-Lunglei road. We would like to hand over all the roads under P.W.D. to the B.R.T.F. As a matter of fact, there can be no development without good communication. One thing we must consider when we give the roads to the BRTF is the weakness of Mizoram PWD is due to insufficiency of facilities, skilled and unskilled labourers. If we could give them sufficient facilities they may be as good as the BRTF. If the Government is not able to give these to the Department, we should hand over to the BRTF as the honourable member had stated in his resolution. But we would like to suggest to hand over other roads also to the BRTF as there are many roads to be constructed and we want good roads. I want to request the ruling party in advance before this resolution is passed to adopt the private resolution regarding the handing over of roads to the B.R.T.F.

Thank you.

PU J.THANKUNGA:

Mr. Deputy Speaker sir, the resolution of the honourable member is appreciated but it is necessary to give a proper thought to it. If we give to the B.R.T.F, the poorer section who would like to work as daily labourer would have get nothing. These kinds of works are the only way in which they could get money from the Government. It is necessary to think if it would be the best way for us all. In fact, the B.R.T.F. had constructed many roads such as Aizawl to Champhai, and Aizawl to Tipaimukh road is also under their construction. We must realize if our people have any profit from them. Whenever a road is constructed, we must know who are going to use the road and what profit do we have from it. Suppose a hundred metres is constructed, hundreds of families may get fortune from it. If we give all these to B.R.T.F. our daily labourers would not get work.

We must think of the different in amount involved to complete our kilometre between the BRTF used to spend about 10 lakhs of rupees. The P.W.D. spends half of it. If we are going to hand over this road

to B.R.T.F, we are sure that it is to be financed from the Mizoram State fund. Do we have enough money to do so?. I donot think it is a good thing to say about our most hard working department in a wrong way in the House.

We must also think very carefully if the expenditure for construction of the road is worth the things we are to take in from it. I would like to suggest that this work be carried on by Public Works Department so that most people can make a profit out of it. Now we have a new Ministry and I do hope they can do very successfully.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER:

The press-men complain that sound is not loud enough from the press gallery. Let us try to speak a bit nearer to the mouth piece.

PU SAINGHAKA:

Pu Deputy Speaker, I want to say a few words to support the member from Ratu Constituency.

As he has said, it is learnt that to complete one kilometre, the P.W.D. generally spends about eight lakhs while the B.R.T.F. spends about 11 lakhs. We all want good roads and their early completion. Especially for the Southern area of Aizawl Town it would be very useful. Now we have a new Government which I hope would be for better than the previous one to execute the works. When the P.W.D. is preparing some works to be executed and calculated the estimates and other things properly, the administrative approval is difficult in the Secretariat. This delays their works.

If money is sanctioned, and the department calls tenders and alots to contractors, there is no much difficulty in the speed of its execution. On the other hand, as a member from Champhai Constituency has said, we should compare what we get by giving to B.R.T.F. and lost in our Social life. So we must be very careful about this Aizawl-Tenzawl-Lunglei road. We can see from the budget that 8 kilometres from Aizawl is to be black-topped this year as well as 15 Kms from Lunglei widening and formation cutting have also been arranged to be done. As we have said it is to be financed from Mizoram State fund. If this road is handed over to the B.R.T.F, they have to do some technical works

before beginning the work. The transaction will take some time during which our P.W.D. could have worked much of the work. I would rather like to suggest that we should try to make a fresh start in our difficulties in machineries, explosives, sanction accord.etc. I expect the P.W.D could do better than the B.R.T.F., if they really make a fresh start.

Thank you.

PU K.SANGCHHUM:

Pu Deputy Speaker, I want to say just two points.

Firstly, we can see from the budget that the government is intending to execute the work as it is very important. But the ruling party has no confidence in the Ministry in spite of their good intentions. I am very sorry for this. Though it is not open no confidence motion, it is no confidence morally. We have Public Works Department to construct our roads. I am very sorry because our honourable members, in our first resolution of the first of the first session, have no confidence in our government. We, the members from opposition group also want to co-operate with you upto our utmost ability.

The expenditure for construction of ~~Aizawl-Thanzawl~~-Lunglei road should be paid by the Mizoram Government. We may allot more fund for this project so that the speed of work will be as fast as the B.R.T.F. We must try to make our government powerful as far as possible.

Secondly, if we are going to make resolutions constituency wise, there may be some smaller ones. We don't think there would be hardship in its passage as it is moved by an opposition member. Suppose if a member from Hnahthial constituency moves a resolution for the construction of road from Hnahthial and South Vanlaiphai be taken by B.R.T.F. Though it is not my constituency, I will support him willingly. Kikewise, other roads like between Champhai and Khawbung etc. there may be others. We must think very carefully if it would be good for our government. I would like to suggest that the Government give these to the P.W.D. and the P.W.D. execute them with a proper programme.

If we move our resolutions like this, other members would also like to move their resolution for construction of roads in their constituencies to be handed over to the B.R.T.F. because we all want good roads and its rapid completion? ~~It would~~ Would it be

best for this House?. We should compare two ways - whether our government do smaller works or big ones which people would use more useful than the smaller ones. I wish these works be done having confidence in our government than giving the harder works to the B.R.T.F. and have no confidence in our government so that the name of our government shall be good to other states also.

PU T.SAILO
CHIEF MINISTER.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I have no intention to say this, but now it is necessary to say.

We all know the need of having good roads throughout Mizoram. As Pu K.Sangchhum, honourable member has just said, how shall we execute these works?. There can be two agencies - the P.W.D. and the B.R.T.F. It is necessary to think very carefully as to whom should we entrust this work.

The B.R.T.F. has two systems in executing their works. Firstly, there is a National Board in Delhi. Generally they select strategic road in Border areas from the whole country. We have no control over them to that extent. We can only make suggestions. Secondly, if the government of Mizoram is going to handover the work to B.R.T.F., the expenditure will be paid by the Govt. of Mizoram. Then the B.R.T.F. take some time to make decision whether they would take the work or not. Usually they used to give a positive reply after careful observation. Even after this, there are some formalities be gone through in its procedure.

We all know the importance of Aizawl-Thenzawl-Lunglei road. We need not repeat its importance. The only important thing is how shall we construct it and complete it rapidly.

Regarding Public Works Department, not only here in Mizoram, the department is said to be a weak department in other states also. We, the P.C. Party have formed a new Ministry. It would be our first step as to how we could make the Public Works Department strong which has been a weak department. The whole organisation needs to be organised.

The present problem is : at what speed can we construct Aizawl-Thenzawl-Lunglei road as its importance is so great. Now it is under Public Works Department. They have made contracts, fund is also already sanctioned. The contractors started their

works in different places. Had this resolution been passed, let us see its implications. If it is passed, the P.W.D. should have to stop their works at once and the works will be stayed. Many contractors to whom the works have been allotted would be necessary to wind up. Alright, this might not be so-difficult. But the works should be stopped at once. The next step will be to contact the B.R.T.F. The B.R.T.F. is not in our hands and it is not under our control. We should ask the Border Road Organisation in Delhi but we do not know whether they would take it or not. They have many commitments in strategic roads in different parts of India. They may or may not take the whole. It is not our authority. Even in Mizoram, they are having commitment some of which have not yet been started and executed. So it will be necessary to think very carefully. The National Board will consider it. It may be very long before they really consider the matter. They may finalise with a negative decision or positive decision. Suppose their decision is positive, there are many formalities to be gone through to take up the work. They have to produce their own estimate. Even if they produce, we have no budget provision for it and we must pursue to Central Government. This will also take a long time.

Even after all this procedure is done, there may be some delay and formalities to be completed. Now our main problem is : how can we construct the road rapidly. The P.W.D. has its target to complete this road before March, 1979. They may not complete it as soon as that, but I expect they finish soon. As the B.R.T.F. is not under our control. We could not walk over their formalities in order to have a good road. We must consider different Rules and Regulations, different formalities, different procedures.

As some members have said, if the P.W. D. continues their construction of this road, they can get many ~~lots~~ local daily labourers. This is also one of the important factors. Had this road been given to the B.R.T.F., I am afraid we regret after sometime because we want good roads in a short time, and the procedure is long.

PU K.SANGCHHUM:

Pu Deputy Speaker, I agree with the Hon.Chief Minister. The Government is working seriously. Can't the mover of the resolution withdraw his resolution? I suggest that because it is better for this House.

PU LAL THANHAWLA: Pu Deputy Speaker, as the honourable member Pu K.Sangchhum has said, regarding this handing over of construction of road to the B.R.T.F., our new government has prepared budget more than the previous ones to cover the expenditures of this road construction. The mover has moved his no-confidence of our new government which is moral in character. Our honourable Chief Minister has also said about the road to be completed before March, 1979 which can be seen in P.W.D's programme. But he himself does not believe in that programme. He has expressed so. It appears that he has no confidence in himself also. What does this mean? Has he no confidence in his colleagues or what?.

PU THENPHUNGA SAILO
CHIEF MINISTER.

It seems we should not speak in the House regarding the completion of road before March, 1979. It is only because of our unfamiliarity in the House. The P.W.D. according to their estimate, said they could complete before March, 1979. I do not like to commit myself as far as that. We all know how they worked in the past. We are trying our best to meet our target. I expect they complete soon even if they could not complete it by March, 1979.

PU HIPHEI:

Point of order - our Chief Minister did not address the Speaker, can his speech be accepted?.

PU THENPHUNGA SAILO
CHIEF MINISTER.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I am very sorry, as I have said it is because of our unfamiliarity and hurry. Please forgive me.

PU K.BIAKCHUNGUNGA: Pu Deputy Speaker, I think the honourable members take our discussion in a wrong way. The mover of the resolution means for the rapid completion of this Aizawl-Thenzawl-Lunglei road. He also said the usual weakness of the Public Works Department in the past. He did not say that the P.W.D. continues to be a weak, department. There is not a single word of no confidence in the new government from what he said. If there was

any no-confidence in the government, it was on the former government. Let us think what is the best way to complete this road soon. We must also think very carefully what the Chief Minister has said about the procedure of handing over to the B.R.T.F.

Thank you.

PU LAL THANHAWLA: Pu Deputy Speaker, has he no confidence in the new Government because he has no confidence in the former government.

PU F. MAISAWMA:
MINISTER.

The honourable members who have said before me took our subject in wrong way. If our way of supporting the Government is in a wrong way, I do not think it is the best say.

We are here like a family, discussing what would be the best way for solving our problems. The father should make arrangements and when a member of the family makes suggestions, it does not mean that the father outcasts him and drives him out from the family. Likewise, when a member suggests some way for executing the works with the expectation, that it might be better and guidier than the existing intention of the Government, in the House, it does not mean that he has no confidence in the Government or the Ministry.

Thank you.

PU LAL THANHAWLA: Pu Deputy Speaker, let them have a detailed discussion in their legislature party.

PU LALHMINTHANGA:
MINISTER.

Pu Deputy Speaker, we are having a good discussion. The Opposition members and the mover of the resolution have expressed their views. It shows that we are living in a democratic country. We discussed this resolution in Parliamentary meeting. All the members have wide freedom to move resolutions, we all know the necessity of completing Aizawl-Thenzawl-Lunglei road rapidly.

Our problem is how shall we construct this road rapidly. The whole length of the road is about 182 Kms. The Aizawl Circle P.W.D. includes upto Thenzawl which is 86 Kms long from Aizawl.

The Lunglei Circle P.W.D. includes upto Thenzawl which is 91 Kms long from Lunglei. About 60 Km from Aizawl which covers upto Sialsuk has been completed truckable. About 20 Km upto Tlawng lui from Lunglei is also completed truckable. The remaining portion is yet to be done. About 30 Km from Aizawl is to be black-topped as well as 20 Kms from Lunglei. The Contractors are working there.

Their target is to complete the road before March 1979 at least without black topping. The work is continued between Sialsuk and Tlawng where it is rocky. When I learnt that P.W.D. is to be one of my portfolios, the Secretary, the Chief Engineer, the Superintending Engineer and I had a discussion about this road. As you all know, our biggest problem is explosives. It is believed that even the rocky portion can be completed within a short time had the explosives been available (Pu K.Sangchhum: Is it possible to know the reason of our difficulty in explosives?). I am going to say that, can the honourable member be a bit patient? There is one company who supplies explosives to the Civil departments they could not supply us as required due to their workers' strike. It is expected to have in the near future.

Regarding the handing over of the Road to the B.R.T.F. firstly, as our honourable Chief Minister has said, many contractors are working there. Some of them are not yet paid their bills, they have to stop their works.

Secondly, the B.R.T.F. in Delhi makes their programmes. We do not know if they are going to take our work willingly or not. Generally the B.R.T.F. has two methods in accepting the offer of roads. Firstly, they used to make roads in any part of India if they think necessary for the whole country at their own expense. They could also accept if they were offered by the states which shall be paid by the State concerned. As such, if this resolution is passed, we must pay from our State fund. The B.R.T.F. say that they would require about Rs 675 lakhs for construction of Aizawl-Thenzawl-Lunglei road. We have no such a large amount of money because it would be difficult to include in the budget. Besides, the B.R.T.F. has different type of specification in their construction of roads from the P.W.D. We cannot make prescription for their execution of works. I am afraid it would take much more time if we give it to the B.R.T.F. than if it is executed by the P.W.D.

If I am not mistaken, the existing Aizawl-Lunglei road via Zemabawk had been constructed about

10 yers back. Before the B.R.T.F. has taken over the work, the P.W.D. has made road allignment . But the B.R.T.F. has started in their own way. However, the resolution is highly appreciated. I am sure it is out of our good will and pnesuanance for the good of the people. I would like to request the honourable member who has moved this resolution to withdraw his resolution. Besides I would like to say that it is our intention and expectation to complete this road before March, 1979.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Now the Minister incharge has explained everything. I shall call upon Pu Lalthanzauva the m mover of the resoltuion. Is he present?. If he is not present, as the honourable Minister has said, let our government pursue this. As the mover of the resolution who would demand taking votes is not present, the resolution os dropped.

(Applause)

PU K.SANGCUMHUM: Pu Deputy Speaker, one supplementary question - Is it possible to withdraw a resolution without the permission of the House?. Does he withdraw or is it dropped? How do the rules say?.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: The mover of the resolution is not present neither to withdraw nor to demand taking votes. The Minister has explained. The Ministry will pursue the matter as the Minister has said.

PU HIPHEI: One information - he has already moved, and has been seconded. The mover is not here to withdraw. How is it dropped either by voice vote or taking votes?.

PU LAL THANHAWLA: Pu Deputy Speaker, the mover has moved his resolution in this respectable House. Why is the honourable member not present while discussion is going on?.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: The honourable member is supposed to be present. He is to withdraw or not to move at all. But he is not present. As he is not present, it is like he has withdrawn. Now, we shall come to item No. 6.

PU C.L.RUALA: Pu Deputy Speaker, Is it possible to put this as already withdrawn?. The honourable member has moved I think he has no respect for the House to have gone out without listening to the honourable Minister's reply. This kind of practice should not be repeated. I don't think it is possible to put this resolution as being already withdrawn could you kindly explain a bit clearly?.

PU K.SANGCHHUM: Pu Deputy Speaker, we demand the rule of Procedure and Conduct of Business which provides acceptance of resolution as being withdrawn be read in the House.

PU R.T.ZACHONO: Pu Deputy Speaker, the mover of the resolution whether he withdraws or not, he has to authorise somebody else. If the person whom he authorised is not present it is regarded as being withdrawn.

PU K.SANGCHHUM: Pu Deputy Speaker, please point out our Rules of Procedure.

PU R.ROMAWIA: Pu Deputy Speaker, if the Opposition members challenge to take votes, let us take votes(applause)

PU K.SANGCHHUM: Pu Deputy Speaker, that's right. It is better than being led against the rules. It is more respectable(Pu Hipei I quite agree, let's take votes).

PU P.LALUPA: Pu Deputy Speaker, the mover of the resolution if not present. So is it possible to put this matter to the vote of the House?.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Look at page 48 th No. 130 of our Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business. " member who has moved a resolution or amendment to resolution shall not withdraw the same except by leave of the House. No discussion shall be permitted on a motion for leave to withdraw except with the permission of the Speaker." with this rule I stop this discussion.

(applause)

Now we shall come to our item No. 6
Yesterday we had a general discussion on the budget.
We have requested our honourable members to get ready
to give replies to what the members ask and explain
what they did not understand. Now we shall call upon
the Minister.

PU F. MALSAWMA: Pu Deputy Speaker Sir, generally, it
MINISTER is quite interesting what the honourable
members said. Both the ruling party
and the Opposition party had a good discussion especially
in regard to my departments for which I am very grateful
to the members.

We shall remember those important things
which the members have said to implement them as much as
possible.

The member from Kawrthah constituency
said about the necessity of encouraging education much
more in our country as we are already famous for our
good percentage of literacy. We have no big industries
in Mizoram. Education is all in all. Our village
council Presidents are also taking much trouble to set
up good educational institutions in their villages in
spite of great hardships they have to face so as to give
food to their people during this Thingtam famine. I do
expect the Central government also realise our interest
in education and give us favour more and more.

The suggestion for establishing a new
directorate of Technical Branch should be given proper
thought as it will affect financial position. Besides
our Industrial Training Institute, Polytechnique, etc.
are to be established. As we all know, our government
is very young. We are taking steps to develop our
country as far as possible. It is very much appreciating
to give advice and make suggestions to the government.

It is also said that more voluntary
organisations should be set up in order to develop adult
education in Mizoram. This has been practised. Especially
Y.M.C.A. is the most useful instrument for imparting adult
education in our country.

The same member also suggested to take
steps for implementing the programmes of social welfare.
The officer who will be responsible for this shall be
appointed in the near future.

Most of the Moz people do not know the importance of Co-operation Department. They are under the direction of one Class I Officer. They have no big Officers. In spite of all this, it is one of the most thriving departments in Mizoram. Fortunately, the officers in this department are well-trained. Many Co-operative Societies have been set up in villages.

Besides this, it is intended to send necessary sub-rules to be made for better Co-operation with Back to Gauhati. It is also expected that from these efforts Co-operative Society will be successful.

I feel it necessary to talk about how Rs 3 lakhs which was drawn towards the end of the last financial year was spent. We are going to check it very carefully.

Many members say about the management of Super Market. We shall be very grateful if you could make suggestions for its better management. I dare say it will not be neglected.

A member from Serchhip Constituency said about the necessity of taking special care for private Schools. Now, we have a system of ~~three~~ three-tire-government, Deficit and private. It is necessary to know which is better either making this three-tire system into two by combining Government schools with Deficit schools to make them Government schools and Private schools or to go on three-tire system. We are going to do our best to implement these suggestions.

The same member said that in Arunachal Pradesh, trained and untrained teachers have the same scale of pay and she asked we can do the same in our country. Perhaps it may be good to some extent. But if we look at other states and foreign countries like England and America, we can see the importance of trained teachers. They are not qualified if they are not properly trained. I would like to say that we are going to have our teachers well-trained.

A member from Ratu constituency said about the difficulty faced by temporary villages. The Education Department is preparing to give schools as soon as these villages are given village councils. Even before that, we have 'Master Plan' we want to include all these temporary villages in the universalization of Elementary Education and Adult Education which is being prepared.

It is expected to include them within the All India Programme of adult education in which children below 11 years and men and women between 25 and 35 years are to be taught to read and write, though it is to be discussed with Central Government again.

We shall look into his suggestion of buying bamboo hockey sticks. If it proved good, it will be cheaper than ready-made wooden stick, and will be easier to buy.

Some of the members have also said the necessity of having a chowkidar in every school. This will affect financial position of the department since we have a good number of schools in our territory.

Pu Hiphei, an honourable member, said about the fixation of qualifications for teachers of L.P. School and Headmaster of M.E. Schools to be H.S.L.C. and B.A. respectively. The Education Department is to consider good qualifications. Besides, we have enough qualified teachers. It is felt necessary to have teachers having high qualifications with degrees in our M.E. Schools and Primary Schools.

As I have said, many members said that budget provision for Social Welfare is not enough. I would like to say that we are going to do our best in the next year.

A member from Hnahthial Constituency said the inconveniences of Mizo Hostel at Shilling and the necessity for its improvement. We shall take steps to build bigger hostel to accommodate more students and to see to its better management.

A member from Lungpho constituency said the necessity of making schools well-supplied and out of want. I quite agree to this. But due to the increase of schools every year it is not yet possible to keep them out of want. I would like to say that the buildings of schools in Mizoram and their conditions are not worse than those of other states. However, we want to have them well-equipped far as possible.

A member from Champhai Constituency asked the present condition of paper mill. It is learnt ~~that~~ from the last report of 23.3.78 that it could not pass through the Planning Board, so it is not possible to include it in the plan budget of this year. Not less than 120 crores of money will be required for this. I would like to say that the Government is trying to press the Central government to make this scheme implemented.

A member from Sairang constituency asked if it is possible to buy the remaining gingers from ginger-growers. Telegraphs are also sent to their headquarters in Delhi by replied-paid. We have not yet received their reply. If their reply is negative, we shall contact other private customers in different places. If this also fails, the government will see what it can do. The Government is doing its best in this respect.

A member from Tlungvel Constituency wanted to know how the money drawn for ginger-processing was spent. This enterprise is Sponsored by North Eastern Council which is called pilot plan for dehydration. This is proposed for dehydration of 3500 quintals of ginger which was in the beginning under Agriculture Department. They made efforts in combination with Central food Technological Research Institute, Mysore for this and about Rs 2000/- was spent. In the later part of 1977 it was put under Industries department. Mizoram Small Industries Development Corporation will pursue it. Tenders will be called for supply of materials later on. What is the present condition.

PU THENPHUNGA SAILO

CHIEF MINISTER. Pu Deputy Speaker, I have noted what our honourable members asked Yesterday. Some of them are what I am learning and want to know for myself. I am afraid I shall not be able to clarify them clear enough. As I have said we have just started our works even a month has not yet passed. However, I shall try my best to give clarification.

We are all concerned with what Pu C.Vulluaia said about the stipend for Science, Medical and Agriculture students. Their stipend is smaller in comparison with other States. Besides, there is disparity among medical, Agriculture and Engineer students. We shall look into the matter very carefully.

His next point is about MAP battalion I know nothing about them except what I learnt from the public. We shall look into the matter and establishment of a new battalion will also be viewed.

Pu Kiautuma said about the inefficiency of Police traffic duty, too much pending cases, transference of M.A.P and poor discipline, we shall do our best to improve them.

He also said about District Council Court. Since they have no work to perform we suggest some of the cases under District Magistrates of Deputy Commissioner be given to Judicial Officer-s of District Council Court. As a matter of fact, it is necessary to give a careful consideration to the performance of District Council Court. We have not experienced separation of judiciary from executive in our country. This is to be examined with the District Council Court.

Regarding non-tribal area, I think it is typing mistake to call the three District Council tribal area we shall look into the matter more carefully.

His fourth point about the S.D.O. at Tlabung is to be examined. He also said insufficiency of water supply at Hospitals. We all know scarcity of water not only at Hospitals but also in other places. This is also to be looked into very carefully. His last point regarding lapse of money at the end of financial year is also to be examined.

Pu C.L. Ruala said inadequacy of electricity and Micro Hydel Investigation. You are all requested to contribute suggestions for its improvement. In the past, investigations ~~for~~ team from Delhi and N.E.C. were deputed. But they did not produce good results, They made long reports mentioning difficulties at the end. But now a new division has been created exclusively for this particular project, I would like to request you to make suggestions in the selection of Executive Engineer and other officers for this department as it is very important to appoint efficient and highly qualify and keenly motivated person. The sooner we could find qualified our a man of perseverance to do this investigation the better. The Government is in need of your Co-operation.

Pu Vanlalhruaia said the inconveniences of hospitals, MNF rehabilitation and M.A.P. We shall re-examine the condition of health department and hospitals, and I shall explain rehabilitation of MNF in detail later on. I have said about MAP.

Pi Thanmawii said lapse of money and increase of MAP Battalion. We intend to reform the whole organization.

Pu J.Thankunga also said yhe needs of medical students and birth hospitals. As I have said it is necessary to review the position of Doctor, Nurse and the

whole department of Health. He also said that Jail Warders have only one set of Uniform. Their ration is not good. But we cannot give them today because it is necessary to do these through the usual procedure with the approval of administrative. However, we shall try our best for its betterment.

Pu K. Chawngliana said about Hospital which is same with others.

Pu Sainghaka asked about family Maintenance Allowance of MNFs. To some time, let me read out this. If he wants to know more we shall continue in the office. In all there are 2974 cases, when F.M.A. were required to be paid. Out of these 2974 cases, FMA has been paid in respect of 1672 cases in full, and 267 cases paid for 1365 period only. With these 267 cases where payment is required to be made for certain remaining period total no. of cases where F.M.A. is required to be paid is 1302 I have got this figure from Office. I think it is correct. This administration could not meet the liabilities that the additional fund on account of FMA amounting to Rs 12.61 lakhs had not been made available by the Government of India. This administration approached Government of India for the provision of additional fund right from the middle of 1976 and since then the matter is under correspondent. We have since made all the priority made ~~by the government~~ by the government of India and the matter is at present under their consideration.

He also said important points regarding press. The reply to the order recently issued retarding advertisement rules is the following - "This Advertisement policy has been issued by the Government of India. This rule has been in use from 9th May, 1978". This new rule was published publicity Department. I suppose the pressmen got the copy Regarding accreditation card - press accreditation rules have been framed and issued by the Government of Mizoram and accordingly accreditation cards have been issued to journalists who applied for the same as per rules'. This rule had been published in November, 1976.

It will be too long to read it out now. You can collect them from office. And for toother facilites, such as press rules in the Assembly, register arrangement for recommendation of the pressmen in the Gallery, apart from this there is no other for press room. There is no Press room in the Secretariat as their difficulty in accomodating officers and staff in the Secretariat.

Therefore, the possibility of arranging press room in Secretariat is rather remote. As for railway concession, the journalists are given normally railway concession in their ontour in connection with their tueies as journalists. The authority giving concession is a railway authority. It is expected that if the journalists from Mizoram have to travel on duty in connection with their job as journalists, they would also be given this concession. It is only 'expected'.

Lastly, accomodation in the Rest House is permissible to journalists travelling in Mizoram provided there is vacancy in the Rest House concerned.

Pu Hiphei said the low salary of the Mizoram Home Guards. In other parts of the country Home Guards are not used as full time workers. They are given call-up notice for two or three months. As such their salaries are not high. But here in Mizoram, as they work continuously every day it is clear that their pay needs revision. I shall read out how it is practiced by the Government till today. It is to be realised from their duty hours. Their present position is this: 'Home Guards are paid at the rate of Rs 7/- per day, Normally Home Guards are called only for special duties for few days at a time. In Mizoram however, because of special condition, Home Guards are on habitual called-up duty. Most of the Home Guards are being employed for security duty. Recently however, Home Guards have also been detailed for traffic. A proposal for increasing the emolument of Home Guard have already been submitted to the Government vide Commandant General of Mizoram Home Guatds letter no. so and so 14th July, 1977. In this proposal, it has been recommended increase of the daily wages to Rs 11/- per day plus ration and other facilities'.

Pu K.Lalsanga suggested to appoint new D.S.Ps in addition to the existing 7 posts of D.S.P. we shall try to do the needful.

Pu Zachono said the necessity of introducing rehabilitation of ex-job tried, Training in Jail, etc. After I saw with my own eyes I also find it necessary to introduce training in Jail. In other parts of the country, they have a small industry in jail, the prisoners can learn different craft works which are useful after they are rel-ased. We shall try to implement as much as possible.

If I am not mistaken, Pu R.Romawia said about Drivers in S.A.D. There are 12 provisions for drivers in volume I page 31.

Pu Lalthanhawla said necessity of improving Fire Brigade. Their present position as it is written here is : There are 1p Mizos and 2 non-Mizos in Ministerial staff. There are 37 Mizos and 29 non-Mizos in Executive staff. Among these, 14 of them came from Assam Government.

He also said Border line between Mizoram and Cachar, and influx of foreigners from Bangladesh. We are ~~not~~ all concerned with this. I have not yet considered how we are going to tackle and handle. We shall give proper thought to this.

Besides this, he raised a question regarding Peace and Tranquility of Mizoram. But I have nothing to say beyond what I said on the Address of the Lt.Governor. Pu J.K.Rothuama asked the present condition of P.T.C. Lungverh. It was done on adhoc basis in the beginning - Three years ago, a Police Training Centre was improvised from the existing strength of MAP at Lungverh' After this - 'Then no staff or equipment for Police Training Centre had been sanctioned by Government. However, a proposal for regular Police Training Centre is under formulation, and is expected to be submitted to government very shortly!. That is the present position. He also suggested to increase police outpost which will be our target.

Pu Lalthanzauva said that there was a scheme for hospital at Kulikawn. We shall look into the matter and see what is to be done.

Regarding Pu C.L.Ruala's question on Volume I page 20, it is like this - The practice of calling this minor head "Special Police has been existence for several years. Since the formation of Union Territory. This apparently is a misno-mark, and it is suggested that this title be changed to Arm Police". It is implication is that almost every state has semi-military Police in addition to Armed and unarmed Police forces. For example - Bihar Military Police, Madhy Pradesh Police constable U.P. Armed constable. It had to be done in the same way in Mizoram when U.T. was formed. They are present MAP. They called special Police for its sub-head. If it is necessary, they may be called Armed Police. But I do not think it necessary because we have already armed and unarmed police force. We shall have to give a new name to this Police instead of MAP.

That's all I have noted.

PU P.B.ROSANGA:
MINISTER.

Pu Deputy Speaker, we discussed our Budget yesterday. Generally we thought it insufficient. But I thought it is enough and it is acceptable. Only a few members said about Agriculture Department and other departments which are my portfolio. I feel that most of us have no interest in Agriculture which is the main foundation of economy in our country.

Firstly a member from Tawipui constituency said that Zobawk NEC centre is placed at Lunglei. This Z Zobawk NEC centre consists of five villages namely Zobawk, Theiriak, Lunglawn, Zotlang, Bukpui. It is realised that it is centrally situated if it is placed at Lunglei though the name is Zobawk NEC Centre. That is why it is placed at Lunglei.

Secondly, Pi Thanmawii said that a State farm at Hhenzawl is not properly looked after. This farm is neglected from 1975 because of snow in winter. It was later used by District level Multipurpose farm. Part of it is used by Regional fishery for Regional fish farm.

Pu C.L. Auala's question regarding Agriculture student's stipend, they are given Rs 175/- and Rs 200/- P.M. from normal and NEC respectively. The reason why we could not give Rs 200/- to all of them is this: It was fixed to give Rs 120/- p.m. which was increased to Rs 150/- which was increased to Rs 175/- as it is now. The NEC made this stipend to attract those who are already been employed to undergo training. The stipend is necessary because they have family to look after. We can see that Rs 175/. p.m. given from general department is not less than those given by other states. But due to the high cost of living now a days it is necessary to increase the rate of stipends.

A member from Tuipang constituency said the growing of potatoes this year. About 10,000 Quintal is taken to be grown during rainy season. Contract for supply of potato seeds was given to three Contractors. Out of 10,000 quintals supplied by them, 1,000 quintals have been rejected because they are rotten. It is expected to produce at least 50,000 quintals from this.

His other question is why is Agriculture Training Centre at Hnahthial not opened till today? It appears in the plan to appoint staffs for this Training centre, but they are not appointed till today, Why?. It was planned by the former Ministry to have Agriculture Training Centre. It was delayed for a long time due to

the difficulty in regard to its site. After settling its site, the construction of building was handed over to the P.W. Department. A large amount of money was spent for buying the site. As soon as we have building classes can be started. Before that, we cannot appoint staffs for this. It is expected to open this Training Centre as soon as possible

There are only 6 (six) posts of senior officers in Agriculture Department. It seems possible to have more officers from plan scheme. They can look after the existing department though it would be necessary to appoint new officers if new divisions are opened. We can see that existing organisation is not enough for the whole territory. It will still be necessary to take Executive Engineer for Agriculture.

Pu C.L. Kuala asked why Kolasib Forest Division is not yet opened. The present forest Department is not sufficient to preserve our forest. The plan for opening new forest division at Kolasib has been approved. But there must be building and staff for successful set up. The Government is preparing itself to open this new division at an early date. It is also asked why we have only two posts of U.T. Cadre. We have only two posts because the department is not big enough besides cadre post is controlled by Central Government. It is necessary to get permission from Central Government to have more posts. That permission is being asked from Central government for 5 (five) other posts. If we are successful it will be useful for enlarging the department to preserve forests and wild life.

Pu J.K. Rothuama made suggestion for better maintenance of terraces. It was also done during the former ministry, though it was not very successful as it was expected to be. There is also a suggestion for terraces to be done with irrigation, if not, it has been proved to be unsuccessful. Formerly, Soil Conservation Department has been combined with Forest Department. But now it is separated from forest Department from the last part of 1977 and is under Agriculture Department. The main work now terrace under horticulture development. More than 2800 hectares is terraced, and the department prepared placed for more than 800 families in horticulture (Mixed plantation). We intend to do our best in hill side terracing.

Pi Thanmawii said in some places, Community Halls are constructed, but before completion, they are neglected and left. Regarding construction of Community Hall, it is not constructed by only C.D. Block, but also by D.C. from E.G. Scheme, and also by L.A.D. from local development. I do not know if D.C. and L.A.D. gave their sanction not to cover the whole construction. As far as I can realise, there was no sanction given by C.D. which could not cover the whole expenditure.

I'd like to say one thing from our discussion. If I am not mistaken, Pu Lalthanhawla said, "How could we reach peace, we incite our MNF friends according to our convenience, we make difficulties between them, in which our Chief Minister said that he has nothing to say about peace and tranquility of Mizoram. It makes me feel uneasy, I think we must not continue to incite our MNF friends according to our convenience, if there was who used to do so. We all know we could not bring peace to Mizoram for the difficulty his between the government of India and the MNF. Peace may be brought only if the two sides make agreement. Even if there were some misunderstanding between the MNF themselves, there is nothing we can do. They should settle themselves. Likewise the difficulty between the government of India and the MNF could not be removed by us by discussing in the House, we should only do our best to help them as far as we can.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: There's no more time. We shall now have recess and continue from 2 P.M. afternoon.

2 P.M. AFTERNOON

DEPUTY SPEAKER: We shall now continue our business. We shall call upon Pu Zairemthanga, Minister i/c Supply and Transport.

PU ZAIREMTHANGA:
MINISTER.

Pu Dy. Speaker we have not discussed much about supply in spite of famine. I think we are not very interested in supply. However, I felt it must be better if it need no much discussion.

We have discussed mostly about bus services. It shows that we have great difficulty in transport. In general we said that it is necessary to buy more buses, it is intended to buy seven buses but it is not enough. This gives me an expectation that the Member will enthusiastically pass a budget prepared by the new government providing for the purchase of 20 buses, which please me

It has been proposed to buy 7 (seven) more buses which is now included in the budget. Rs 1,000,000 will be required for this.

It is clear that we cannot use all our vehicles at present. Only some of them are in good condition. Now we have 36 medium buses of which 19 are in running conditions and 10 and 10 mini buses out of which 2 can be used. We have 6 taxis; 2 are in good condition. All the rests which are out of orders are under repair. Besides they are extremely hard working. However, we are trying to run our buses to meet the requirement of public as far as possible.

As some of the members have said, we have no good bus-station. It is proposed by the former government to make bus station near Theatre Hall above Rimawi Run. We can see that it is not very suitable for bus station. If we can find other site more suitable than this it will be very good for us all. The staff and passengers are having difficulties regarding space for booking etc.

The Government is searching for suitable building to be rented for bus station before. We have permanent bus station. We have no good bus stations in other places also, particularly in Lawngtlai our bus station cannot be reached by buses. We have to search for suitable place for bus stations.

As we know, the government is making seat reservations in buses for V.I.Ps. But these reserved seats are always given to public if there is no V.I.P. to occupy the seat. The staff and drivers, conductors, as well as the passengers are also facing difficulties regarding T.A., leave uniforms etc. These are being examined. The government is of the opinion that every government servant, big or small, should receive his share. As we are just beginning the works we cannot yet do things as it ought to be done properly.

One of the members have said about issue of special permit. These are issued for 10 (ten) days in emergency to go to other states. It is asked if it is possible to issue those special permits for more days as it

is troublesome to take fresh permits. As we all know vehicle owners used to be given national permit and zonal permit. Zonal permit ~~and zonal~~ is generally issued to go to three or four states. This special permit is given to those who have no national permit or zonal permit but would like to go to other states. It can be issued from Mizoram or Silchar.

We should be careful in issuing special permits because some drivers were found to have 2 or three zonal permits for 10 days each at a time. So would it be better if special permits are issued for more than ten days? Besides, this is practised according to M.V. Act which must be amended if this suggestion is going to be followed.

Lunglei District has no M.V.I. which caused many difficulties to drivers and motor-owners. This M.V.I. post was advertised but a qualified person has not yet been found. It is under consideration.

Shortage of staff in Transport office has been mentioned by the members. The exact position of staff in Transport Office can be seen clearly in budget volume III page 199. We can see that there are enough staff unless they are not doing their functions. However, workshop has not enough clerical staff. This is because there is order from Central Government that new post should not be created in non-plan. That's why they are short of staff.

Some of the members mentioned about appointment of government servant without going through Employment Exchange. The government has issued Notification called Employment Exchange Compulsory Notification of vacancies Act 1959 Chapter 4 section 1 under which no department or office should make direct recruitment in any vacancies unless the employment exchange reports there was such qualified person registered in employment exchange. The different departments should follow this Act and action may be taken on the department which does not follow.

There are 72 non-Mizos who have registered themselves in Employment Exchange taking domicile Certificates from the Magistrates. It is difficult to clarify how this was done. What act do they use? At the time of District Council under Assam Government, there was an Act by which a non-Mizos could register himself after living in Mizoram for 5 years to work in government offices. The Government of Mizoram has to see things in this regard.

Also there is not yet proper rules for special reservation of posts for son of the soil even after we have U.T. more than 6 years. The Government needs your valuable Co-operation to checkup the faults.

Some of the members wanted to know which is to be used for maintenance of Village Council in the budget for V/C. It is not very clear in the budget. In volume I page 102, that Rs 620,000 will be remuneration of Village Councils and Election light, in Aizawl District and at page 105, Rs 150,000 will be remuneration of Village Councils and electric light in Lunglei District.

There was a suggestion for upgradation of the position of village Councils and Secretaries. These was considered once in 1974 or 1975. But it was not pursued persuad properly till today. It is really necessary to give them better position. We shall do it as soon as possible. (Pu C.L.Ruala: if I am not mistaken, the sanction of money for maintenance of Village Council was transferred to the Deputy Commissioner at 30.6.1977 Can the LAD make sanction after it is transferred?). There is one organisation here. The management at District level is done by the Deputy Commissioner but it is placed under Local Administration head. They are under directorate of Local Administration.

Regarding construction of community Hall at different places, they are priposed from Rural housing. We have money in the budget from the central government for rural housing. The former government had considered how this money should be utilised. It was mostly used for construction of Community as it was throught to be best for public. The utilisation of money sanctioned later on shall be according to the policy of the present government. The government will see those Community Halls which are under construction that they are completed as soon as possible.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Now we shall call upon Pu Lalhmingthanga Finance Minister.

PU LALHMINOTHANGA:

MINISTER. Pu Deputy Speaker, I am very grateful to the honourable members for our discussion on the budget yesterday, because they all spoke out of their persevarance and good will for the country.

Regarding the preparation of budget for the District Councils mentioned by one of the members, I shall read out the matter in English: Paragraph 13 of the Sixth Schedule to the constitution of India introduced -

Estimated receipts and expenditure pertaining to autonomous districts to be shown separately in the annual financial statement - "The estimated receipt and expenditure pertaining to an autonomous district which are to be credited to, or is to be made, from the consolidated fund of the State shall be first placed before the District Council for discussion and then after such discussion be shown separately in the annual financial statement of the state to be laid before the legislature of the State under Article 202".

The procedure of making U.T. Budget is not exactly the same as the procedure of making budget for autonomous districts. So it could not be practised as it ought to be, so the finance Department, in consultation with Law Department referred it to the Government of India for decision. The reply from Govt. of India is being awaited.

Pu K. Sangchhum, honourable member from Sangau constituency said the insufficiency of budget provision and the inefficiency in its preparation. Pu Sangchhum may please take copies of the procedure of budget from our Secretaries. We cannot increase the amount in our own will, it must be within the rules. Though the members may not find it sufficient, the procedure follows the rules framed by the Government.

What I want to say again in this as Pu Lalupa said we must use up our funds whether the budget is big or small. The villagers should receive their respective shares without corruptions on the part of the workers. I feel that it is the responsibility of the House to make sure that our budget is properly utilised. I would also like to request all the members to co-operate with the government to fulfil the requirements of the country.

One member has asked why the proposal for establishing a new MAP Battalion does not appear in the budget. Though this proposal does not appear in the budget, it is under consideration of the Government.

Pu C. Vullusia also asked why Technical Directorate under Education Department is not established why does not it appear in the budget?. It is really necessary to have Technical department because we have very far to go in the way of technical development. But there was no proposal when budget was prepared. That's why it does not appear in the budget. He has also said about non-appearance of proposal of funds for Y.M.A. under Social Welfare Department This was because there was no proposal for it when budget was prepared. There was no provision for collective farming Cooperative Society for the same reason.

Regarding Pu Sainghaka's question about family maintenance Allowance, we have rupees one lakh in 1978-79 for this.

One member said that policemen could not receive special pay. We can explain this in this way. When new Central pay scale was applied. Special pay could not be properly applied as others. The government is intending to make programmes to solve this problem especially Police C.I.Os.

Pu C.L.Ruala's suggestion for establishing new forest divisions to preserve Wild animals and for better forest reservation is very important because we are very poor in forests. One Division called Working Planning Division is going to be established and finance concurrence has also been obtained. But it may not fulfil all the requirements of the department at a time.

One member said that about one hundred metres is proposed to be black-topped within this year, but how can we do this since no machineries has been purchased. About 27 Km is to be black-topped and 100 Kms will be metalled. It is intended to purchase the following materials - Stone-crasher, air compressor and road-roller. Tender has already been called for stone crasher but selection has not yet been done. Out of 8 road rollers ordered 3 have reached here- It is expected to work with these machineries in addition to what we already have.

Pu Kiautuma asked why power supply at Aizawl and Lunglei is not regular. There are three Generators in Lunglei. One of them has been recently cleared that may cause a little irregularity. Here in Aizawl, we have 4 diesel generators. We have power supply also from 66 KV line. The insufficiency of power is mostly caused by some defects in the transformer placed at Dhulapcherra from where it comes to Mizoram. One defect may be caused by the roughness of the way in which the line is taken.

Pu C.L.Ruala said from his eye-witness, that power demand made by Mizoram was only 1.65 M.W. However, Assam state Electricity Board has agreed to help us with 2.5 M.W. which is expected to reach here after about one year because there are many things to do to reach here. He also said that other states has hydel project and had investigated Mizoram for the same project but were not successful. This true to some extent. Five rivers namely Tlawng, Mat, Tuivai, Tiau and Chhingtui-pui rivers were surveyed for this project.

But it is found that they were not suitable for the project. However, we have 10 lakh for investigation division. One division and two sub-divisions are to be set-up. One division and one sub-division are to be set up. One division and one sub-division will be at Aizawl and one sub-division will be at Hnahthial. They shall do investigation under the instruction of the Government. At the same time, the N.E.C. has also about 10 lakhs for investigation at Tuivai, Tuivai river flows at the boundary line between Manipur and Mizoram. So even if the investigation is successful, Manipur and Mizoram shall have equal share from it. Its potentiality is higher than those of other rivers. It is expected to have more than 200 M.W. So it may be very useful.

Pu Hawla honourable member and Pu Ruala said about 66 K.V. Line. Though it is called 66 K.V. only 33 KV is charged because its engine at Dhulabcherra is not good enough. A parallel line has been tied from Aizawl to Dhulabcherra to give light to the villages through which it comes from Dhulabcherra. Without this parallel line, its voltage may be too high and exceed the rules, as soon as this parallel line is completed, we shall have light easily.

Pu J.H. Rothuama said about Inland Water Transport. This year, we have 5 lakhs for Annual Plan under this scheme. Three rivers namely Tuivai, Tuichawng and Tut are being surveyed. They are to be cleared to make them navigable as soon as possible. Besides these, Tlawng and Sonai are also to be surveyed. Even our budget provision is not sufficient to meet our requirements it is not difficult to make revised budget later on.

Pu H. Kiautuma made suggestion to make possible for the rural people to settle their lands in order to get better development. The matter is under consideration. There are 152 plots of Agricultural land in Bilkhawthlir to be settled and demarcation is also prepared. Likewise, there are 130 plots at Champhai, 8 at Hlimen, 78 at Aizawl, 92 at Sihphir, 13 at Vairangte. We have 446 plots to be settled after demarcation is finished. Out of these 446, 33 have been issued with settlement certificates. Others are to be issued after the land owners do their duty to the government.

Pu H.H. Rothuama said that due to incapability of eviction, a person who has constructed his house at any place wilfully refuse to dismantle his house thus causing some troubles. He also suggested for its immediate

redemry. The matter is taken up by Revenue Department. In 1977, 3 settlement officers were attached to the Deputy Commissioner i/c Revenue. They are also given 2nd class Magisterial power. They act under the provision of the sub-section 6 (7 of section 3 of the Lushai Hills District This has been connected by Notification NO.DC 32/75/75 of 6.6.1977. I hope there would be no more troubles over this. Reports may be submitted to these officers if and when necessary and eviction can be made.

Pu Vanlalhriaia said about Rest House at different places which have been included in the budget provision and work-schedule but not yet constructed. At present, it was agreed to have Rest Houses at Khawhai and Lungdar. It is not yet decided whether it should or should not be constructed at the other two places.

Pu J.Thankunga said that one Executive Engineer at Mechanic Division purchased materials from Market as he pleased without calling quotations. I would like to say that from his saying, the government is aware of some troubles that may occur from these bad practices. So the Government is going to examine these kind of practices. The same member said the necessity of constructing new roads at Tuisualral. These suggestions are very helpful for the government. As we all know, our government is a new government, so there is no time to have done many works. The government will take steps from your suggestions. This road construction at Tuisualral will also be pursued by the Government. I agree with Pu Kenneth Chawngliana about the importance of having state and District level libraries.

Pu Hiphei said the necessity of having sufficient power supply. Besides this, he also said the PWD is not strong enough, they should work more.

Pu Tlangchhunga said that the improvement of the works of the government and contractors largely depend upon schedule of rate. This is under examination of government. I think they are connected with the importance of re-revision as was suggested by Pu Hawla because the rate was dedneased to 30 p.c. after its revision. We had a Committee some days back on this problem. The government will take steps to meet the requirement of the people and the country.

Pu K.Lalsanga and Pu Romawia said necessity of having Mizo Hostel at Shillong. This is a good advice. We should not neglect it. Pu K.Lalsanga said about construction of Rest House at Silchar also.

He said that when the Finance Minister said about construction of Mizoram House at Calcutta and New Delhi, he did not mention construction of Rest House at Silchar. This has been constructed by Contractor. He also said allotment of vehicle to this Rest House because many of us used to go to Silchar Medical college with serious patients, it will be very helpful for them. He also said necessity of having Mizoram House at Silchar. They are valuable advise for the government.

Pu Romawia said chowkidars attached to Government High School Lawngtlai and Lunglei are not proportional. This will be examined by the government.

Regarding Primary Health Centre at Hnahthial the R.C.C. building is not Primary Health Centre. When I gave gist I have mentioned as if Hnahthial Primary Health Centre were as R.C.C. building. It is printing mistake I think.

Pu R. Romawia also suggested for the establishment of training centre for lineman in our state. It is a good advise. The government will take steps for their implementation.

Pu Lalthanzauva said about explosives. Public Works Department have Magazine at two places at Zemabawk, each holding 40 and 20 quintals respectively. As I have said in the morning, there are many regulations to follow in its carriage, storage etc. We have not yet satisfactory Store here. However, the Inspectors themselves visited the Store and Magazine Compound and expressed their idea as to how it should be kept. I except we shall have improvement.

Pu J.H. Rothuama said insufficiency of building materials. Store division is a bit separated and it is intended to make progress with building materials.

Two members Pu Hari Kristo Chakma and Pu Kisto Mohan, Chawngte and Memagiri constituencies said difficulties faced by their people regarding post office, communication, food etc. It seems they are afraid of being neglected by the New government. I would like to request them not to be afraid of being neglected. As they requested us, though I cannot say the date, I feel that we must visit their constituency, not only the Ministers but also the members, so that we can witness their difficulties on the spot. I would also like to request them not to be afraid to ask their requirement.

I think you remember when I presented the budget some days back, I said that as our government is too young, it has not yet seen clearly as it ought to. However, we have yet time for revision budget. Secondly, this House is responsible for the utilisation of funds, so all of us should have a spirit of delication. I wish the opposition members play the constructive role to open the eyes of the Ministry.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: We have been discussing budget from yesterday. The members finished their general discussion. The Ministers have given their replies to the questions raised by the members. Now we shall come to business No. 7 - Discussion and voting on the demand for grants. The Chief Minister will move the demands for grants in respect of the department under his charge. Thereafter the members may speak on these demands. After member have spoken the Chief Minister will reply to the points raised by the members. I suggest that each member may speak not more than 15 minutes. Now, the Chief Minister may move the demands.

PU THANPHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER. Pu Deputy Speaker, on the recommendation of Administrator of Union Territory of Mizoram and with your permission, I am moving demand Nos 2,3,4,8,9,11,12,14,16,20,24 and 27 for Rs 77018000/- only inclusive of the grant making advance by parliament as detailed below for the 1978-79 in the annual financial statement.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Chief Minister has moved demands 2,3,4,8,9,11,12,14,16,20,24 and 27 for 1978-79. Any member may speak on the said demands.

PU K.SANGCHHUM: Pu Deputy Sepaker, I would like to say few points from those demands.

Firstly, I feel that there is one important thing in the letter in which the government give advertisement to the newspapers. That is, no advertisement should be given to those newspapers who publish facts and criticise the government and also those who publish praise of violence and news which are not nice in public opinion. What I want to say is this:

Does it mean that people should be controlled not to criticise the government even on the facts? The good or bad name of the government depends on its activities not on what people say about it.

Secondly, forwards the end of March this year. Thanghulha of Sangau was unfortunately killed at Vanlaiphai due to some misunderstanding arising at the boundary of Lunglei and Chhimituipui Districts. The responsible person had not yet been arrested by the government till date. The Doctor who did the post mortem did not give his report to the O.C. of Hnahthial Police station. The V.C.P. of Vanlaiphai made excuse that Thanghulha climbed on the roof and fell dead from it. I feel that if the government neglects murder cases as ordinary deaths and not punish the responsible persons, murder case will consequently increase.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to say something about District Council Affairs. The government looked after the three District Councils in Mizoram. But Chakma District Council and Pawi District Council have been dissolved due to some difficulties and a new government was set up. I would like to request the government to send audit party to audit their financial position and to take preventive measures before they commit mistakes again. Let the Chief Executive member and Executive members be summoned by the head of departments to have detail discussions on their progress and the instruct them in their works at their respective levels for their better improvement.

Thank you.

PU C.L.RUALA: Pu Deputy Speaker, the reason why private resolution was dropped in the morning was not very clear. It seems the Deputy Speaker has stopped under the provision of Rule 100. Section 2 which is meaning less. As it is written here "No discussion shall be permitted on a motion for leave to withdraw except with the permission of the Speaker". It is said only that no discussion shall be permitted on a motion for withdrawal of the resolution without the permission of the Speaker. I don't feel it right to lead the House meaninglessly. I don't think it necessary to continue our discussion either. We only degrade the dignity of the House. (Deputy Speaker: will you please speak on this demand) Before we go to the other demands, we must make clear this point. Without clearing this, we cannot come to other demands. If you cannot clarify this, we shall go out. (Dy. Speaker: any other member.....) we shall motisit here in such a meaningless way.

PU E.T.ZACHONO: Pu Deputy Speaker, we have been following the rules. I think the honourable member considers the matter again. According to the rules, a mover of private resolution, if he is not present has to authorise some body else. If he has not authorised, his resolution could not be considered. Now the member has moved, but during the discussion, the mover is absent. The Deputy Speaker is right in dropping the resolution, and the matter has been left accordingly and you also have no displeasure. It seems that when you went out, you have discussed it again. You are here only to make trouble in the House. Now we are discussing important thing and almost finalise it. As a matter of fact, I do not mind if you go our if you don't behave properly (Deputy Speaker: Let us come to demand No.2) Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to add a few words, are must consider very carefully if what Pu Sangchhum has said has connection with the passing of the demand and whether if is acceptable or not.

PU HIPHEI: Pu Deputy Speaker, if the Speaker has power to stop the discussion, let it be as it is. But what Pu Zachono has said is totally wrong. The mover has moved the resolutuion this absence matters only beforehe moves. (Deputy Speaker: now, let us come to the said demand) so let's not give wrong reply to others. (Deputy Speaker: we have closed that matter. It is not necessary to say any longer) Yes, let your words be meaningful. I have not kept Rules of Procedure with me and I have not got by-heart what you read.

PU SAI'GHAKA: Pu Deputy Speaker, I am not satisfied how it is stopped. (Deputy Speaker, I have closed discussion) we demand the rule by which it is stopped (Deputy Speaker- I say I have closed the discussion, will you please go to the demand?). If it goes on like this, we are walking out. (Deputy Speaker: you may d do if you like I shall call upon other members).

PUH.

PU H.KIAUTUMA: Pu Deputy Speaker, there were many government employees who had been discharged from their posts during the disturbance. It is learnt that some of them were discharged wrongly. They have high expectations from the new government. Will the new government be able to reinstate them to the same posts from which they are discharged? Secondly the government servants used to go to wedding ceremonies and deaths which causes difficulties to public because their are times when there is nobody in the offices. I would like to know if there could be any kind of arrangement to solve this problem.

PU C.VULLUMIA: Pu Deputy Speaker, I am going to say something in connection with Demand No. 27. Now we require about 10 crores for Relief on account of Natural Calamities. Last year Loko-cherra and Kanhmun suffered a terrible storm which blew off High Schools while the students were inside. The Deputy Commissioner sent a group of persons to verify on the spot to give relief to the victims. Some of them received relief from the government. But Kanhmun people did not receive any relief till today. Our budget appears to be enough for the relief all of them. So I would like to know if we could give those victims relief now.

In the month of April this year a storm blew up 12 houses at Vengthar. The V.C.P. himself called a social work by his own power and gave them necessary things to serve them tea from his pocket. He reported the incident to the Deputy Commissioner saw with his own eyes that they really suffered the storm. But the victims did not get relief from the government till today. Since now we have more than 10 crores if those victims of storm get relief from this fund, I gladly agree to pass, the demand.

PU J.THANKUNGA: Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to say that in Demand No,11, though I don't know if it has any connection, the basic pay of Police constables is Rs 200-270. They have 24 hrs duty. Most of them are standing at their maximum. Havildars Town Havildars whose basic pay are Rs 260-330 have also reached their maximum. We all know the high cost of living in Mizoram. Is it possible to increase their basic pay at least a little?. As a matter of fact they are on 24 hrs duty. I want to know if the new government could do something for the increase of their basic pay. I would also like to know whether it is possible or not to include those disabled persons, widowers, etc. who need public help under demand No.27 - Relief on account of Natural Calamity.

PU THENPHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER. Pu Deputy Speaker, Pu Sangchhum did not anout this demand. His second point on advertisement has been published by C Central Government under advertisement policy. Its translation into Mizo might not reveal the real meaning. If it is not clear enough, the government will make clarifications.

Regarding Sangau incident, it is not really connected with the demand. Anyway, there are so many cases for enquiries and the government shall do one by one. I shall be very glad if Pu Sangchhum could remind us of the incident to take actions. It has also asked how we can help the three District Councils. The Government is

ready to give help as much as possible at anytime.

Pu H. Kiautuma also did not say anything in connection with the demand. His one point about dismissal of government servants is included among the election manifesto and we have to pursue them. We would like those victims of injustice, administrative and political to send their respective cases to the government. But we cannot do them at once. So please be patient. We have to know public opinion about attendance of wedding and deaths and we must consider very carefully what policy should we follow.

Pu Vulluaia said unbelieved victims of natural calamities. Will Pu Vulluaia please remind us for necessary action to the matter. The Government shall deal with them on merit.

Pu J. Thankunga said about low basic pay of police constables and havildars, police drivers etc. I quite agree with him. But it will effect pay increase. It will be necessary to have pay commission, pay Committee. But we cannot do this now. They are paid on the basis of existing pay scale. His second point about the inclusion of handicapped or disabled persons under relief of natural calamities, it is not possible to include them because they have their respective heads like Social Welfare, etc. which shall be discussed later on.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Chief Minister has explained the questions. He asked demand No, 2,3,4,8, 9,11,12,14,16,20,24 and 27 for Rs 77,01800/- to be passed. Those who agree to pass say 'Aye'(members - 'Aye') Those who do not agree to Pass say 'No'(The members kept silent).

Now demand Nos 2,3,4,8,9,12,11,14,16,20, 24 and 27 for Rs 77,18,000 has been passed unanimously.

Now we shall come to our next business No 7.B I shall call upon Pu Lalmingthanga to move his demand.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA:
MINISTER. Pu Deputy Speaker on the recommendation of the Administrator of the Union Territory of Mizoram and with your permission Sir, I move demand Nos 6,10,15,18,21,38,39 and 41 for Rs 19869000/- only inclusive of the grants made in advance by parliament as detailed below for defined expenditure during the financial year 1978-79 as per details given in the annual financial statement.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Minister has moved demand No. 6,10,15, 18,21,38,39 and 41. Any member who wants to speak may speak now.

PU HIPHEI: Pu Deputy Speaker, I want to say something about demand No.15 I felt that our Minister has replied only one of my questions. If I remember correctly, when I said about P.W.Department, I said it is a local department or a department of grace, I did not know what to call. This is for clarification.

Besides, the P.W.D. has began construction of 13 houses at Saiha. But due to shortage of materials for roof and wall, they are not completed till now. Why don't they get the materials without roof and wall the building has no meaning.

I would also like to say one thing though I do not know if it is connected with the present demand. I said it yesterday about the low pay scale of Home Guards. The preparation of budget for District Councils as practiced by the government is not the same as provided by 6th schedule. It seems the District Council itself shall discuss its budget in its session, after that it shall be passed by the government under the provision of 6th schedule. But now the government passed their budget after which it is discussed by the District Council and used as it is passed by the House. This has been pointed out by the Enquiry Commission of 1975. I shall be very glad if the Minister i/c L.A.D. could explain if this practice can be changed.

Thank you.

PU K.SANGCHHUM: Pu Deputy Speaker, the Chief Minister said as if I did not speak in connection with the present demand. I did not receive any information about business including today's business and I feel a little restraint.

I thought that Pu Lalsanga was going to move about 'Darzokai' at Chhimituipui District. I wish the government should look into this pass by which all people from Burma borders come into Mizoram. It is also used for giving supply saving air-dropping. I wish the Public Works Department should construct a bridge at Darzo kai as it is very important.

Besides, Hnahthial - Lunglei - Lawngtlai Saiha road is in a round about way. The government is seeking a direct road from Aizawl to Saiha to make it a day's journey. It passes through Darzo, Vanlaiphai, Sangau,

Lungpher, Bualpui, Saiha. It is being constructed. Its immediate passing through is required. I think it may be suitable to handover this road to the B.R.T.F. as they have to do Border Roads and this road runs in border line. If not, P.W.D. Sub-division may suitably be set up at Sangau which situated at the middle point of the road. Much troubles may be avoided if there was good communications.

Besides this, electric light has almost reached Saiha. A few steps is to be taken to make it reach Saiha. So I request the government to take few more steps.

PU VANLALHRUAIA: Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to speak both on demand No. 15 and on 21. The P.H.E. Department meet many difficulties in water supply due to improper arrangement of distribution of works among the officers. Those who have master degree in PHE have not been given work in PHE Department.

There are also some officer who have been debarred from promotion because of their cases during the time of emergency. I wish the government should decide their cases as soon as possible in their favour.

PU LALTHANZAUVA: Pu Deputy Speaker, I thought that it is necessary to have A.G.Mizoram cell in Mizoram because most of the departments including pensioners face difficulties.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA:
MINISTER. Pu Deputy Speaker, firstly I asked Pu Hiphei's forgiveness. I recollect that he called it 'department of grace' when he said about Public Works Department.

He also said about construction of houses at Saiha by Public Works Department I think they could not complete them due to shortage of C.I.Sheets. It is intended to have a separate Division of Stores to collect building materials like G C.I. sheets, cement, iron rod and flat iron, etc.

As regards basis pay of Home Guards, as they are paid on daily basis so it is not possible to increase their pay at once.

About the budget of District Councils, I have said it is in the provision of 6th schedule of the Indian Constitution. It is true that the one-man commission (Deputy Commissioner of Lunglei District) pointed out in his report about the passing of budget. Once or twice it was passed, by the House after it was discussed by their respective District Councils. But this is impracticable because even the budget of this Union Territory is to be approved by the President of India and the budget of the District Councils is to be included in the budget of the Govt. of Mizoram. So it was difficult if the District Councils made their budget too much. So the Government of Mizoram felt that it is necessary to have a proper procedure prescribed by the Central government, as such a memorandum was submitted to the Central government. When we get their prescribed procedure, we shall act according to it.

The government also think it is very important to have a bridge constructed at Darzokai. When I visited Lunglei on the 14th, we had a discussion about supply line with the S.Ps and I was told that marboat engine was fixed which could be commissioned. Regarding construction of bridge, there are so many things to be done. Necessary data have been collected by Investigation sub-division at Lunglei. But it is not included in the work schedule. The course of Chhimituipui river is rather wide making a bit more difficult to construct a bridge over the river in comparison with other rivers. Besides, it can be used for supply line after marboat engine was fixed.

I also instructed the S.E. and D.C. to come here and have a good discussion with the head of department as to how this river could be used for movement of supply. They are ready up South Vanlaiphai. But beyond South Vanlaiphai it is E.G.S. road and is not good enough.

As regards opening of P.W.D. subdivision at Sangau, I also think it personally necessary to have a new sub-division at Sangau because it is too far from Lunglei and there will be difficulties for the workers in many respects. It depends on how the government takes it.

The Electrification of Saiha is also very important. The government will not neglect it. It will be much better if we can make Saiha from Aizawl in one day. It will also be beneficial for the Phawngpui area.

Pu Vanlalhriaia also said about Public Works Department and PHE. I don't know whether they have good officers or not. However, we must prepare to work faster. It is a useful information that those master degree holders have been appointed in the wrong places. We shall also not neglect the suggestion for immediate justice of the cases of the officers.

Pu Lalthanzauva made a suggestion for the opening of A.G. office in Mizoram. I shall discuss this with our officers if it is possible to have it here. The government had also asked the Comptroller of Auditor for the opening of this A.G. office branch at Aizawl which has not yet been replied.

If Directorate of Accounts is stronger, eventhough the A.G. office could not be given to us, it is expected to increase its strength so as to enable to do many things without sending them to the A.G. Office.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Now the Minister concern asks to pass the demand No. 6, 10, 15, 18, 21, 38, 39, and 41 for Rs 1,90,86,90,000. Those who agree to pass say 'Aye' (Members -Aye) Those who do not agree say 'No' (members keep silent) It appears we all agree to pass. Demand No, 6, 10, 15, 18, 21, 38, 39 and 41 for Rs 1,90,86,90,000 is now passed unanimously.

Regarding the resolution that the opposition members said earlier provision is made in our rules 125 sub section 2: "If the member when called on is absent, the resolution standing in his name shall be considered to have been withdrawn". Therefore Pu Lalthanzauva's resolution No. 5 in the list of business stands withdrawn as per rule No.125 Sub-Section 2.

Meeting is adjourned till 10:30 A.M. on 3.7.1978 monday.

Meeting adjourned 4:17 P.M.