

of cocoons in the next financial year. If there is shortage of fund for project which could not be left finished, the Department or the Government used to divert fund from the projects which can wait or which will not be completed within that financial year. For this task, the Government is getting ready upto the possible extent.

\* Pu C. Pahlira : Pu Speaker, is it known to the Government that the rates of cocoon is reduced by 3 paise if the moth inside the cocoon is dead ?

\* Pu F. MALSAWMA : Pu Speaker, it was with the knowledge of the Government that the rate of cocoon was reduced. Silk yard is not the only important thing. The moth which lies inside the cocoon is also important for others who will be taking up silk-worm rearing employment. For this purpose, the moth inside the cocoon has to be alive. If the moth is dead it will be no more possible to carry on silk-worm rearing occupation. Wanting to have the moth alive that the rate of cocoon whose moth dies were reduced.

\* PU L. PIANDENGA : Pu Speaker, is it also a fact that cocoon is not going to be purchased in kg. not counting one by one as was the case before ?

\* Pu F. MALSAWMA : Pu Speaker, there was proposal when seminar was held at Aizawl Club. But, it has not yet been carried out in practical. Even if the proposal is finalised and put to practise, it will be done, so as not to effect much the actual price presently fixed for one cocoon. This was the decision made when Deptt. head had a meeting.

\* PU C. PAHLIRA : Pu Speaker, is the Government aware that harva/moth taken out of cocoon are sold at the rate of Rs 23/- per Kg ?

\* PU F. MALSAWMA MINISTER. Pu Speaker, it is not officially known. But, there was some report in this connection and the Department have checked it by visiting market occassionally. The Government do not mind if there are persons willing to buy dead larva for eating purpose as the Department office have no further use of dead larva/moth.

SPEAKER : Now, Pi K. Thansiami may ask her question.

PI K. THANSIAMI : Pu Speaker, will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Transport Department be pleased to state -

(a) Has Traffic census ever been done since the inception of Mizoram as U.T. ?

(b) If yes, when and what is the result ?

PU ZAIREMTHANGA MINISTER. Pu Speaker, (a) since the inception of Mizoram as Union Territory, no traffic census has ever been done by Supply and Transport Department.

Apparently no such Traffic census had been done by any other department of the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

\* **PI K. THANSIAMI** : Pu Speaker, I feel that Traffic census has to be done. If we know the number of vehicles plying on the roads, it is going to be easier for PWD to make plan and estimate for maintenance of roads. Will it not therefore be possible to have Traffic census at earliest convenience ?

**PU ZAIREMTHANGA, MINISTER.** Pu Speaker, statistical cell is proposed to be set up in Transport Department. For this, the posts of Assistant Research Officer, two Statistician post and two Assistant post have been created. However, the controlling authority for these posts is Planning Department. It is only because there has not been sanction for these posts that the work is not started. Traffic census also will be done as soon as there is sanction.

**SPEAKER** : Now, question No. 8—Pu C. Pahlira's question.

\* **PU C. PAHLIRA** : Pu Speaker, will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Co-operation Department be pleased to state—

On what basis the MIZOFED fixed the price of broomstick produced in Mizoram ?

\* **PU F. MALSAWMA, MINISTER.** Pu Speaker, possibility of procurement of broomstick in Mizoram by Mizoram State Co-operative Marketing and Consumer Federation Ltd. are being explored. Tentative price offered to be collectors is Rs. 150/- per quintal.

\* **PU C. PAHLIRA** : Pu Speaker, had Mizoram Government found a market to sell broomstick at high price, will there be a possibility to give additional amount to collectors from whom they made a purchase at the rate of Rs. 150/- per quintal ?

\* **PU F. MALSAWMA, MINISTER.** Pu Speaker, that will be somewhat like asking whether a boy or girl will be born. It is difficult to give definite answer at this stage, but, I could not also say that it will not at all be possible to give additional amount, had such situation arises.

**SPEAKER** : Now, question No. 9.

**PU JOE NGURDÄWLA** : Pu Speaker, will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Supply & Transport Department be pleased to state—

How many vehicles are now in running condition and un-serviceable under the following department—(i) Supply & Transport (ii) Agriculture (iii) Education (iv) Public Works Department (v) Public Health Engineering.

PU ZAIREMTHANGA, MINISTER. Pu Speaker,

	Total held	Unserviceable for condemnation	Under major repair	Serviceable
Supply & Transport	181	36	19	126

Information in respect of departments other than Supply & Transport is being collected.

\* PI K. THANSIAMI : Pu Speaker, supplementary question- how many buses are in running condition particularly under Supply & Transport Department ?

PU ZAIREMTHANGA, MINISTER. Pu Speaker, under Supply & Transport Department, 63 buses are presently in running condition. Of these buses, there are 52 Medium Bus, 10 Mini Bus and 1(one) Deluxe Bus.

\* PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Speaker, supplementary question- it is because there are many un-serviceable vehicles in various departments that I raised this question. Is there a way for departments of the Government to check high cost of maintenance of vehicles ? I also want to know whether the Government have any reliable approved workshop.

I regret that information in respect of departments other than Supply & Transport could not be furnished due to shortage of time. But, it may be understood that many departments are facing difficulty due to non-availability of vehicle, officers in Agriculture Department could not visit famine affected area in different parts of Mizoram. When the Assembly Committee demand for vehicle, shortage of vehicle always come up for an excuse. It almost appears that shortage of vehicle is more acute these days than at the time of the previous Ministry though more vehicle seemed to have been purchased since that time. I would like to know why shortage of vehicle is so acute and is it not possible for one who is to go on official duty to use vehicle placed at the disposal of an officer who use the vehicle mostly for outside his official duties ?

PU ZAIREMTHANGA, MINISTER. Pu Speaker, as Transport Department is not the controller of all other Departments' vehicles, I could not say why shortage of vehicle is so acute. Regarding our own Department i. e. Supply & Transport, there is departmental workshop where vehicles which needs repairing are pushed in. However, vehicles that could not be repaired in this workshop are taken to Private workshop here in Aizawl or outside Mizoram. I do not know much about other departments regarding maintenance of their vehicles, but, I presume that they too have their vehicles repaired in private workshop.

As I have said, I think it is possible for the Government to pool other Department's vehicle if need be. The Police Department also have been using other Department vehicle requisition when and where necessary.

**SPEAKER :** As there are many members who want to make supplementary question, I think we better limit to only five questions.

\* **PU SAIKAPTHIANGA :** Pu Speaker, the Hon'ble member raised important questionnaires. The replies furnished by the Minister concerned regarding Supply & Transport Department were quite clear. However, there are other departments such as Agriculture, PWD PHE and Education involved in the question. According to provision of the rule, member should give 15 clear days for reply to his questions. I think the member did just that. But, why cannot the Hon'ble Minister furnish reply to his question concerning the Departments. I have mentioned within that specific time ? Was it because this Assembly Secretariat was late in giving question notice to have no respect for the House ? And why could not the Departments concerned furnish replies in time if Assembly Secretariat processed the questions exactly according to the rules ?

\* **PU ZAIREMTHANGA, MINISTER.** Pu Speaker, I will try to furnish the reply within this session.

\* **PU C.L. RUALA :** Pu Speaker, the Hon'ble Minister could furnish replies concerning his Department. If I am not mistaken, he is also the Minister in-charge of Local Administration Department. Hence, I would like to know how many vehicles are there under Local Administration Department.

**PU ZAIREMTHANGA, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, I am sorry I cannot answer this question as it was not included in the original question.

**PU ELLIS SAIDENGA :** Pu Speaker, supplementary question It was learnt that Supply & Transport Workshop is going to be opened at Lunglei. But, no such workshop has been opened till now. As there is no workshop, Supply & Transport Department, Lunglei have many difficulties. Vehicles that needs repairing have to be brought here in Aizawl. I, therefore, would like to know the progress of the proposed workshop at Lunglei.

**SPEAKER :** The Hon'ble member's question is not actually relevant to our subject which deals with the number of vehicles ordervarious departments. However, if the Minister in-charge could give information, we will call him now. It will be well to remember that our supplementary questions should be relevant to our subject.

**PU ZAIREMTHANGA, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, if we want to correct it, Pu Saidenga's question can be regarded as relevant to our subject. As we may be aware, the only Departmental Workshop we have is located in Aizawl. We have only a few staff and motor parts are still in-adequate. At present, Central Workshop is proposed to be set up in Zemabawk and the work has in fact, been already started. Unless the work is completed, we are not yet in a position to start another workshop elsewhere. After we complete Central Workshop, we would be able to open another workshop not only in Lunglei but also in different places.

**SPEAKER :** Now, we will call upon Pi K. Thansiami to ask her question.

\* **PI K. THANSIAMI :** Pu Speaker since we have started talking about Transport Buses, I want to put another question in this regard. Yesterday, the Hon'ble member from Tlungvel Constituency said that the only Deluxe Bus we have is an old vehicle purchased from Assam Rifles. Is this a fact ?

Is it also a fact that First Aid Boxes placed in Private and State Transport Buses contained only vehicle tools? If it is a fact, I request the authorities concerned to replace them with medicine and other medical instruments that can be used in times of emergency such as accident.

**PU ZAIREMTHANGA MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, our Deluxe Bus is not an old vehicle, it is a new vehicle purchased. However, what the Hon'ble member from Tlungvel Constituency said was partly true. It is not an old vehicle purchased from Assam Rifles, It is a new vehicle. But the Assam Rifles have its body built which we purchased.

As regards the contents of First Aid Box—Government have no knowledge that First Aid Box contained only vehicle tools and parts. If what the member said happens to be true, it should be replaced with medicine and necessary medical instruments.

**SPEAKER :** Un-relevant question may not be asked.

\* **PU JOE NGURDAWLA :** Pu Speaker; I am quite clear as to the relevancy of the question to our subject. My question was clearly answered, but it does not properly hit the main point. It appears that the main reason for shortage of vehicles in various departments is that the officers in whose disposal vehicles are placed use Government vehicles as their private vehicle. It seems that they do not give much thought to their subordinate in respect of vehicles. Actually, vehicles are provided to department for public service not for private service. Is there no rule formulated for maintenance of Government vehicles? If yes, have they checked whether rule is maintained? Have the Government also checked whether daily tour programme of officers are tally with their POL consumption?

**SPEAKER :** That may be the last question for this particular subject, for there have been too many supplementary questions whereas only five supplementary questions could be entertained under the provision of the Rule.

**PU ZAIREMTHANGA MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, under the Mizoram Government, each department should try maintain well their respective departments regarding vehicle.

**SPEAKER :** In regard to this question ... (Pu C.L. Ruala : Pu Speaker, since you seemed to be making relaxation for question, I'll put one more question. Has the Government ordered Assam Rifles to built Deluxe Bus body? How many buses have they let Assam Rifles built?)

**PU ZAIREMTHANGA MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, the body of Deluxe Bus was not built by Assam Rifles. Another Deluxe Bus is going to purchased. Its body is not built by the Assam Rifles)

**PU C.L. RUALA :** Pu Speaker, but, the curtain rod of the Deluxe Bus was not a new one, it was an old rod. Hence we regard the Bus as being an old one)

**PU ZAIREMTHANGA MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, we will not accept such an inspection.

**PU C.L. RUALA :** Pu Speaker, the Hon'ble Minister did not deny that the Bus was purchased from the Assam Rifles. He should not have denied that the Bus was also an old one.)

**SPEAKER :** It is regretting that some of the Departments could not furnish in time replies to questions which are of public importance. Normally, Assembly questions are sent to the departments in time. It is the weakness of the Departments to be unable to furnish necessary information required during the session. It will be appreciated if the Departments could in future give necessary information in time. Now, we will take up question No. 10

**PU ELLIS SAIDENGA :** Pu Speaker, will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Appointment Department be pleased to state -  
What is the course of action taken so far by the Government for the promotion and upgradation of officers of the Mizoram Civil Service cadre ?

**BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO CHIEF MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, Government have taken steps for promotion and upgradation of officers of Mizoram Civil Service cadre. So far 21 officers have been promoted to the senior grade since Mizoram become Union Territory, And for upgradation, proposal has been submitted to the Government of India for approval.

**SPEAKER :** There is one more question to be asked by Pu Joe Ngurdawla.

**PU JOE NGURDAWLA :** Pu Speaker, will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Supply & Transport Department be pleased to state -  
Whether adequate quantity of rice has been stocked in rural villages before monsoon.

**PU ZAIREMTHANGA MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, not yet, steps are being taken to stock adequate quantity of rice in rural villages before monsoon.

\* **PU B, LALCHUNGNUNGA :** Pu Speaker, supplementary question - To stock rice in rural villages, carrying contractors are going to be appointed. For this, tender was called and there were a number of tenderers. But, no new appointment has been made till now. This has created much difficulty to the public as there is no rice to be acquired now, not to speak of stocking enough rice for them before monsoon. The term of contractors appointed for the year 1982 has expired and they do not also agree to continue carrying-work at the same rate used last year even for a short period before new carrying contractors are appointed. This being the case, the people are in a difficult situation. If tender had been called and if there are tenderers, why will not they be given appointment ?

**PU ZAIREMTHANGA MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, a number of carrying contractors have been newly appointed. There are more than ten newly appointed ones even in Lunglei-side. But, appointment has not yet been made for all routes due to technical and other difficulty. But, efforts are being made for completion of the work. As it is not a matter which can be finalised by one department alone, it cannot be done quickly. However, more than half of the required appointments have been made.

\* PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Pu Speaker, the Hon'ble member from Khawbung constituency raised an important question. What I am going to ask also concerns his constituency. As stated yesterday, I think we know the difficulty faced by the people in this area due to scarcity of food. Just recently, I visited some places in this constituency. Not even one load of rice has reached Farkawn Grouping Centre. Small amount of rice reached to Khawbung were all scrambled-away while I was there. When I enquired about the difficulty, they said that there was no stock of rice to take from Champhai. What kind of difficulty has the Government to reach supply of rice to Champhai? If the difficulty is caused by carrying contractor, do the Government have intention to replace him/them?

PU ZAIEMTHANGA MINISTER Pu Speaker, in Champhai, 1353 quintals and 13 Kgs of rice have been reached during the current year. From there, it is distributed to nearby villages. In Khawbung, 406 quintals; 79 Kgs have been reached. According to latest report, there is a stock of 92 quintals, 31 Kgs in Godown. Supply movement in different parts of Mizoram is being watched by the Department. If necessary, additional contractors are appointed at the approved rate and the Government do not spare legal and necessary actions against in-efficient contractors.

\* PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Pu Speaker, I do not dis-believe the replies made by the Hon'ble Minister. I think information he got was wrong.

\* PU K. LALSANGA : Pu Speaker, question I am going to ask may be a bit difficult to answer. I, therefore, want to make some explanation before I put the question. (Speaker : It will be appreciated if the members take as short a time as possible since question hour has already over and has been extended) Pu Speaker, I will not take long- As it was learnt from Radio broadcast, scarcity of food posed a big problem in southern districts. Many families have now lived on wild yam and jungle fruits and leaves. It is still worse in my constituency. According to latest report, it seems that there is not even wild yam to dig now. While we are in such a condition, there is no carrying contractor for Lungchem Village as it is not yet reached by motor road. As all the carrying have to be done in head-load, transport charge has to be raised above the normal approved rates. If head-load charge is going to be less expensive than that of air-dropping in the case of Lungchem Village, will the Government accept it? If they cannot accept, they should at least do well to visit the area and find a solution to this food problem in this particular area. Will the Government make commitment to do the necessary?

PU ZAIEMTHANGA : Pu Speaker, the Hon'ble member mentioned some important facts. For Buarpu constituency, three carrying contractors have been appointed who would be taking load from Lunglei. For carrier from Lunglei to Tuisen, Lunglei Truck Owner Association had been detailed. As you may be aware, Government have been making all-out efforts to improve supply condition all over Mizoram. However, there are some difficulties to have air-dropping if it is not rainy season. As I have stated, the Department has been watching carefully the performance of contractors and if necessary they will be replaced and additional contractors also may be appointed.

\* **PU K. LALSANGA** : Pu Speaker, it is well and good that contractors have been appointed for Buarpui as well as for Sertlangpui. As appointed, the contractors have also reached rice to these villages. But, the most important is that of Lungchem. As it is not linked with motor-road, all the carrying has to be done by head-load which makes transport charge higher than that of places where there is motor-road. If I am not mistaken, it seems that contractors who tendered for carrying supply to Lungchem were not given appointment because of their quoted rate which is higher than that of contractors appointed for other places. I do not know what step should the Government take to relieve the people of Lungchem. Like Lungchem village, Kawnpui and Darngawn are not linked with motor road. If I am not mistaken, I think there is no tenderer for carrying supply to these villages. If this is the case, supply will have to be done in head-load and load will have to be taken from Marpara. It is necessary to consider how they will survive when rainy season comes.

\* **PU H. RAMMAWI** : Pu Speaker, unlike other year, there is heavy rainfall this year. Though it is now only the month of March, there has already been heavy rainfall as if it were rainy season. At this time of last year, there was adequate supply of rice even in far-flung villages such as our villages in Chhimtuipui District. But, things have changed this year. Since the members have mentioned the fate of their constituencies, I must as well mention about my constituency. Before I come to Aizawl this time, I visited all the villages in my constituency and I found that the people were really hardup due to scarcity of food. In some places, Government Employees also could not attend office because of the pressing need to search for food or something that could service them. Adding fuel to the fire, no carrying contractors have yet been appointed. In Saiha and other feeding centres, there is meagre stock of rice. But, this is nothing if we see the difficulty of the people on the spot. If our leader could pay on the spot visit to places here scarcity of food is more severe, they may have different way of thinking. Rainy season has not actually started, but it is going to be necessary to make massive preparation. As was the case last year, it is also going to be difficult to cope with many problems likely to come up again when rainy season comes. Last year, some Villages in Chhimtuipui District received only the documents without the actual supply of rice. Such being the difficulty of the people now and before, I suggest that Air-dropping be operated in areas where there is no Motor-road. If the work is not started from now on, there is sure to come the time when Air-dropping is inevitable for some areas particularly where rainy season falls. Before it is too late, relief measures - such as Air-dropping of supplies should be started.

**SPEAKER** : We will call upon Pu Ngurdawla to ask question which could be taken as last supplementary question, for, there had been too many questions in this regard.

\* **PU JOE NGURDAWLA** : Pu Speaker, we know about food problem in Farkawn and the surrounding areas in eastern sector. It seems that the report on the amount of supply reached to Khawbung centre used to be inaccurate. In this connection, I, along with leaders of Khawbung YMA have contact our Supply Minister. I request the Minister concerned to look into this matter and it may be also necessary to send Department staff to make enquiry on the spot.



Shortage of supply of rice in Champhai is another problem. Though there is no one who is not in need of rice, by the people of nearby areas. Whose need seems to be less acute than that of further villages are the ones who get more share more quickly. Hence the system of distribution from Champhai centre may have to be checked.

It appears that there are supply centres in places where there is no A.O. in southern district. I do not know who look after these centres if they are not supply staff. But, will it be possible to open such supply centre in areas beyond Tuivai where there seems to be no Grouping Centre? As under the present condition, more than 14 villages have to get their quota of rice from Grouping Centres which usually covers a distance of 14-20 Kms.

\* PU HIPHEI : Pu Speaker, I want to raise one question. As there is different rate for head-load, some carrying contractors appointed at Government's approved rate do not seem to be much reliable when it seems to head-loading. This has caused much difficulty to the people. Hence, will the Government agree to have the people carry their supply of rice at head-load's rate without employing appointed-contractors?

PU ZAIREMTHANGA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the Hon'ble member from Buarpui constituency asked as to what step will best be taken to relieve the people of interior areas where there is no motor-road. The best and only solution in this regard is what the member from Tuipang constituency suggested just now. If the people themselves carry their supply by head-load, it will mean that they get employment to earn money for purchase of rice besides solving their own food problem. To have the people themselves carry their supply at head-load's rate is an important and useful relief works.

However, in most of the villages, the people do not have much inclination to work as hireling for carrying supply by head-load. This has created another problem. Instead of carrying supply in head-load, they prefer to earn money through other relief works such as construction of road and play-field. In some cases however, no head-load charge can be given. For example, Vaitin village has a Retail Shop at nearby village, Sakawrdai and when a person carries his own quota of supply from this shop, he is not given head-load charge. Had there been a Godown or Retailer at Vaitin and the people have to carry supply from Sakawrdai Godown, it will be possible to draw head-load charge. In area where there is no motor-road, the people must be ready to work as hireling to carry supply by head-load. This will solve many problems. Retailers also will do well to hire persons who could wait for payment of Bill if they could give no advance. It is a big contribution to supply movement on the part of the public when they carry supply by head-load in areas where there is no motor road. It is necessary to educate the people in each constituency the importance of public co-operation in supply movement if we have any difficulty in supply condition, there are Deputy Commissioners in each district whom we could consult. If necessary, Air-dropping also can be processed.

Supply condition, as a whole, is not actually satisfactory this year. Adequate supply could not be reached to villages. It is mainly due to shortage of allotment of rice for Mizoram that there is much difficulty. Last year, monthly allotment

of rice for Mizoram was 5,500 metric tone which was increased to 10,000 metric tone from the month of January to May. From the month of last December however, the allotment was cut down to 4,500 metric tone and instead of only rice, wheat was allotted to us. The allotment of wheat is 1,050 metric tone. All our effort was made at every level of the Government to revoce wheat allotment for Mizoram and to allot at least the same amount allotted to us last year. But, in Delhi, we were told to adopt eating wheat as there was not adequate stock of rice. Till date, allotment of wheat for Mizoram is not revoiced. As far as supply of rice is concerned, we are quite prompt in transiting them to Mizoram. Usually our monthly quota is transited all to Mizoram from Silchar before 15/20 of the month. when we use for advance, it usually takes more than a week to have the matter finalized which greatly delays supply movemen. Another problem is about the place where to keep our stock of wheat. As we know, we the Mizo are rice eaters. But if we insist on eating only rice, there will certainly be problem since our allotment of wheat is not even revoiced till date. Should we, the members teach the people in our respective constituencies to adopt eating wheat? If the allotment of wheat could be utilized, scarcity of food will be solved to some extent. This is the present condition of supply in Mizoram. Due to various reasons I have stated, there could not be adequate stock of rice all over Mizoram.

**PU JOE NGURDAWLA :** Pu Speaker my question has not been answered. In Chhimtuipui District, supply centre are opened in places where there is no Adminisrrative Officer. Will the Government open such supply centre in far-flung villages situated in and around my constituency ?

\* **PU HIPHEI :** Pu Speaker, I am still not clear about supply by head-load. For example, carrying charge from Tuipa-Chapui is Rs. 80/- per quintal. But, the appointed contractor failed to reach supply to its destination, so, the people volunteered to carry supply by head-load, the rate of which is Rs. 115.50 per quintal. Had the people carry by head-load, what rate will be applied - normal head-load rate or the rate quoted by the appointed contractor who had failed? If head-load rate is going to be applied in this case, I demand that specific instruction be issued from Director of Supply.

**PU ZAIREMTHANGA MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, if contractor had been appointed, his rate will be entertained. But, if he fails in his task, the appointing authority will cancel his appointment. The Government will then come to know that the appointed contractor had failed and make fresh arrangement for conveyance of supply by head-load at normal head-load rate.

As regards supply centre—there is no difference between here and there. Normally, supply centre is opened in places where the neighbouring and nearby villages also could make use of. I understand the difficulty faced by far-flung villages pointed out by the Hon'ble member from Khawbung constituency. However, even if supply centre is not opened, separate retailer is detailed for village or area where there are about or more than 500 population. As I have stated, retailer will draw supply for his sub-distribution centre from Group centre godown and he will be given carrying charge. Hence, the problem pointed out by the Hon'ble member can be solved even if there is no supply centre.

**PU SAINGHAKA :** Pu Speaker, I think the question asked by the hon'ble member from Tuipang constituency had not been clearly answered. According to the statement of our hon'ble Minister it appears that head load rate is Rs. 3.50 per Kilometre. As stated by hon'ble member from Buarpui constituency, the rate for carrying at the distance of 8 Kilometres is going to be Rs. 28 -. If there are three carriers, it will mean that they will be paid Rs. 9/- each. Considering the daily rate of labourers in the present days, head-load charge seems to be too little. Will it therefore, be possible to increase head-load rate ?

**SPEAKER :** I think this is not relevant to our subject, besides, the Minister concerned may not prepare himself to answer this side of question. It seems that our questions are too comprehensive for this particular subject. We have already crossed question hour by half-an-hour.

Let us therefore, proceed to Business No. 2 - laying of papers by Brig. Thenphunga Sailo, Chief Minister.

**BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO CHIEF MINISTER** Pu Speaker, I beg leave of the House to lay the following papers on the Table of the House-

- (1) Report on Enquiry into the Affairs of Lakher District Council and
- (2) Explanatory Memorandum on action proposed to be taken on the report of the commission appointed to enquire into the affairs of the Lakher District Council as required under sub-paragraph (2) of para 14 of the Sixth Schedule to the Constitution.

**SPEAKER :** As permitted, the Hon'ble Chief Minister have laid papers on the Table of the House. The copy of those papers may be distributed to the members.

We will proceed to Item No. 3- presentation of Supplementary Demand by Finance Minister

**PU LALHMINGTHANGA MINISTER** Pu Speaker, I rise to present before the Assembly the Supplementary Demands for the year 1982-83 and Budget Estimate for the 1983-84.

The Government of Mizoram has acquitted itself very well in her endeavour in developmental and other activities for the upliftment of Mizoram and the people inspite of our peculiar problems of living with insurgency which has taken pernicious turn during the year. I would like to mention the spurts of noxious and treacherous activities of our mislead underground friends during the months of June-July and afterwards which had caused loss of lives to several number of innocent people including our colleague Pu R. Zadinga, MLA and harassment to the general public. In spite of this extreme difficult Law and Order situation and the near famine condition faced by this Territory during the year, various departments of this Government have not lessen their developmental activities in terms of financial expenditure and concrete physical achievements have been better than ever before. I am bringing out our budgetary position for 1982-83, Revised Estimates 1982-83 and Budget Estimates for 1983-84 which are as follows :-

	B.E.	(Rupees in lakhs)	
		1982-83 R.E.	1983-84 B.E.
Revenue Accounts	- 5929.66	7887.81	6997.13
Capital Accounts	- 3218.12	4169.42	4190.78
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>- 9147.78</b>	<b>12057.23</b>	<b>11187.91</b>

From these figures, you will notice that our gross provision for the Revised Estimate 1982-83 is significantly higher than the Budget Estimates 1982-83. The gross difference is about Rs. 29.08 crores. The main reason for this higher R.E. is as follows :

a) Non-Plan	.....	Rs. 11.94 crores
b) Plan	.....	Rs. 5.07 crores
c) NEC Plan	.....	(-) Rs. 0.49 crores
d) Central Plan/C.S.S.	.....	Rs. 2.81 crores
e) Border Road Works	.....	Rs. 9.76 crores

The approved Plan outlay for 1983-84 is Rs. 34.80 crores. However, a little portion of this amount is to be raised by us as additional resource during the year.

The total outlay for NEC Schemes for 1983-84 is Rs. 234.20 lakhs as against our R.E. of Rs. 132.92 lakhs during the current year. The provision in respect of the Central Plan and Centrally Sponsored Schemes is Rs. 61.45 lakhs against the final allocation of Rs. 133.99 lakhs in the current year. This is due to the reason that allocation of fund for the next year in respect of some of the Schemes have not been received.

I would like now to mention in brief some of the achievements of various Departments during the current year and the programmes during the coming year.

#### LAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT

Rs. 43 lakhs have been provided in the Budget for 1982-83. During the year 976 house passes and 1033 Agricultural and passes have been issued. The Department is engaged in maintenance of Land Records as up-to-date as possible. Cadastral survey of both agricultural and non-agricultural land are taken up. During the year, 712 Land Settlement Certificates for non-agricultural lands and 9 for Agricultural lands have been issued. The main weakness in the Department has been lack of technically trained personnel in land survey. To mitigate this difficulty, local educated youths have been sent for training as state stipendiaries at various Survey Training Institutes in Hyderabad, Karnataka and Meghalaya.

During 1983-84, it is proposed to set up a Record Cell for proper maintenance of Land Records. It is also proposed to send 5 more staffs for inservice training and 15 local educated youth for training on stipend.

## GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

**DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION :** The problem of Law and Order has been tackled by the District Administration under the over-all supervision of the Government. Re-organisation of District to remove the disparities in area, population etc. is under consideration. Some new Administrative Centres have been opened. Various Famine Relief Schemes due to scarcity condition in 1982 have been taken up. Schemes under IRDP and NREP have also been taken up by District Administration.

**ELECTION :** Bye-Election to fill up 4 vacant MLA seats was conducted smoothly. Date for Bye-election for Phuldungsei constituency has been notified.

**STATE GUEST HOUSES :** With the idea of bringing uniformity in the standard and management of the Mizoram Guest Houses at Calcutta and Shillong have been transferred to GAD from Supply & Transport Department and the Mizoram House at Silchar from PWD. Steps are being taken to increase the capacity of Mizoram House at Shillong and Silchar.

## PRINTING AND STATIONERY DEPARTMENT

The total outlay under Plan during 1982-83 is Rs. 19.80 lakhs while during 1983-84 it is Rs. 35.80 lakhs.

During 1982-83 the construction of Departmental Building has been taken up by PWD at the estimated cost of Rs. 13.50 lakhs. The ground floor will be ready for use within this financial year and remaining portion is to be completed during 1983-84. This will facilitate utilization of the available machinery more efficiently. During 1983-84, building for an outlet of Stationery and Forms Depot will be taken up at Lunglei by PWD, Rs. 2.00 lakhs has been earmarked for this.

Several new posts have been created during 1982-83 and these are being filled up to man the machineries and Stationery Depot effectively. Number of Officers and Staffs have been sent for training to outside for efficient maintenance and handling of new machines. The Government Press has ten machines of various kinds including HMT Atena printing machine and Mono Keyboard and Caster (imported from UK) and Cutting Machine (imported from West Germany) which were installed during 1982-83. The various printing works required by this Government have been taken up in this Press. Most of the printing works of Budget for 1983-84 has also been taken up for the first time in Mizoram by Government Press. The Annual Administration Report of Mizoram is also being printed for the first time. The aim is to establish a self contained printing Press by the end of 6th Five Year Plan.

The Stationery and Forms Depot has now become functional and has procured most of the Forms and Stationery articles which are normally required by the Government departments and are being issued to them. A retail Depot of Forms and Stationery has been opened at Lunglei. The Government proposes another Forms and Stationery Depot during 1983-84 at Saiha.

## APPOINTMENT DEPARTMENT

Apart from its normal functions, the Department has been functioning as counterpart of the Public Service Commission in other States and also an agent for conducting various training courses.

The Mizoram Administrative Training Institute has conducted training courses in the Institute itself and also arranged training courses outside Mizoram. A short foundation Training for 27 newly recruited A.Os (NG) and a short course on Pension Rules were conducted and arrangement for training of 58 Officers/staff outside Mizoram have been made. It also published a booklet on "Financial Control". During 1982-83 some key posts have been created and appointments in several Group 'A' and Group 'B' posts have been regularised.

## HOME DEPARTMENT

### POLICE ORGANISATION

For re-organisation of District Executive Force (MRP) with additional man-power, 365 posts approved by Government of India in April, 1981 have been filled. 6 New Police Stations are being opened in the interior places Action is under way to procure equipments, transport and expediting construction of offices and residential buildings.

Government of India sanctioned additional 175 posts and Rs. 25 lakhs in March, 1981 for re-organisation of 1st Bn MAP. These posts have been filled and action have been Taken to utilize the sanctioned funds for purchase of equipments, etc.

A scheme for raising the 2nd Bn. MAP was submitted to Government of India. Government of India have approved raising of two companies of the 2nd Bn MAP as a first step by giving a sanction for 280 man-power and expenses to the tune of Rs. 11 lakhs for equipments, transport and accommodation. All these 280 posts have been filled. Action is under way for purchase of equipments and transport etc. Ministry is being pursued to sanction the remaining companies of the 2nd Bn. MAP.

With the approval of Home Ministry, ministerial staff of Police Department has been converted into uniformed cadre to ensure better discipline amongst the staff and for providing more amenities to them as incentives.

Ministry has approved Mizoram Police Service Rules. Action is under way to promote officers various ranks as per the approved Rules.

Under the Police Housing Scheme it is proposed to construct 90 Nos. of building with the allocation of Rs. 48 lakhs, out of which Rs. 12,00 lakhs have

been transferred to PWD for construction of Police Houses. The remaining amount is proposed to be spent by the Department for providing houses to Police-men up to the rank of S.I.

## JAIL ORGANISATION

Government of India's approval has been obtained for construction of a Central Jail at Bungleang (Aizawl) at a cost of about 55 lakhs; construction work is under progress.

To tone up Jail Administration, a post of Inspector General of Prisons has been created and filled up.

Jail buildings are being renovated for strengthening security of the Jails as well as for welfare of the inmates.

## HOME GUARDS

A proposal has been sent to Ministry for re-organisation of the Home Guards. In the said proposal scheme have been incorporated for introduction of Civil Defence and Border Wing Home Guards.

## SOLDIERS BOARDS

In compliance with the recommendation of Kendriya Sainik Board, actions are being taken for revitalisation of Rajya Evam Zila Sainik Board. Proposal for strengthening the existing Offices are being examined. Steps are also being taken for implementation of various recommendations for the welfare and settlement of ex-servicemen.

## FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Apart from the normal function in the Secretariat, Finance Department also control through the Directorate of Accounts & Treasuries all the Treasuries and Sub-Treasuries, Audit and Local Accounts and Accounts staff of the PWD, Finance Department and control the cadre of the Finance and Accounts Officers of various Departments. Authorisation of Pay and Allowances of Group 'A' and Group 'B' Officers and conduct of local Audit of various local Institutions/Boards and Offices throughout Mizoram as well as Offices located outside Mizoram are done by the Directorate of Accounts & Treasuries. During 1982, it has so far conducted audit of 37 Offices/Institutions. The Government of Mizoram have entrusted the Directorate of Accounts & Treasuries, the responsibilities of examining and auditing accounts of 17 selected major Departments/Offices from this year.

The authorisation of pension to Officers and staff of the Government of Mizoram has already been taken over from the A.G., Shillong from 1.3.1983 and it is expected that maintenance of GPF Accounts will soon be taken over from A.G., Mizoram, Meghalaya, etc. Some posts have already been created in order to bear these responsibilities.

During the year, 1982-1983, 2 Sub-Treasuries at Champhai and Lawngtlai have started functioning with full strength. While Champhai Sub-Treasuries have been made Banking Sub-Treasury recently, it is expected that Lawngtlai Sub-Treasury will also be a Banking Sub-Treasury very soon. Actions are being taken for opening of Sub-Treasuries at Tlabung, Chawngte and Mamit.

#### LOCAL ADMINISTRATION, TOWN PLANNING & HOUSING DEPARTMENT

As a part of sanitation programme, loans for construction of water tanks and septic tanks is given to 440 individual householders at the rate of Rs. 3,000/- for water tank and Rs. 2,000/- for septic tank. Twenty five Community Halls at different places of the Territory have been covered with GCI sheets. The Department also constructed steps, link drains breast walls, retaining walls, dustbins, urinals etc. at 187 locations within Aizawl & Lunglei districts. The Department also purchased one truck (tipper body) for the implementation of Sanitation Schemes.

#### EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

During the year, 150 posts of additional Primary School Teachers have been filled up and out of 300 proposed Primary Schools to be opened during 6th Plan, 275 Schools have been opened upto the end of December, 1982. The target for new Middle Schools to be opened during the 6th Plan period has been achieved. The Adult Education Centres which numbered 267 during last year has been increased to 290 during the year. During the year, 1 post of DEO and 2 posts of ADEOs have been created in order to create one more Educational District in Aizawl. The new pattern of education has been introduced in all Elementary Schools and High Schools from 1982 and text books are also developed and prepared on the pattern of NCERT.

Special Scholarships have been given to 1149 High School students and 1635 Middle School students. 77 Merit Scholarships and 5648 Scheduled Tribes students scholarships have been given to post-Matric students. The capacity of Teachers' Training Institute at Aizawl and Lunglei have open doubled. Pre-service training enrolment capacity of 20 at TTI, Aizawl and 10 at TTI Lunglei have been created. The intake capacity of MIE has been increased from 80 to 100 and provision for pre-service training each 10 trainees in one academic session has also been made. Youth Adventure Scheme has been started. 132 Scouts and Guides were set to attend 9th National Jamboree at both Gaya, Coaching has been taken up under Physical Education Programme.

Various steps have been taken up for the improvement of science education through training and introduction of new curricula. The Institution of Music and Fine Arts have trained artists in Mizo dances and songs.

#### HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT

During 1982-83, the Health & Family Welfare Department has been maintaining 7 hospitals with 550 beds and 30 PHCs with 275 beds. The Department has been organising various programmes under Non-Plan, State Plan, Centrally Sponsored Scheme and NEC Schemes. The programme includes construction of new buildings for PHCs and 17 SHCs. It also includes continuation of School



Health Services covering 90 Schools, an intensive Pilot Project on School Health Services and also includes Expanded Programme of immunisation.

The Department is maintaining 92 stipendiaries including 21 new MBBS students sponsored during the academic session of 1982-83. Under the NEC Scheme, Artificial Limb Fitting centre has been opened last year and 2 technicians have been under-going training under this Scheme.

Construction of residential complex at Aizawl Civil Hospital is in good progress and ground floor rooms have been already occupied. During the year 21 girls have joined training for Nursing.

The approved sectoral Plan outlay for 1983-84 is Rs. 160.00 lakhs. The Scheme includes opening of 10 new Sub-Centres and upgradation of existing PHCs/SHCs at Biate, Lawngtlai, Chawngte and Kawrthah are also included.

#### P.H.E. DEPARTMENT

The target for the year 1982-83 for which an allotment of Rs. 235 lakhs have been provided is to complete 29 Rural Water Supply Schemes, out of which 22 are under the State Plan and 7 Schemes under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme. Upto the month of January, 1983, 16 Rural Water Supply Schemes have so far been completed. It is expected that the target of completing 29 Schemes will be achieved during this year.

Aizawl Water Supply Scheme at an estimated cost of Rs. 158 lakhs was designed for a population of 58,000 only. The population of Aizawl has risen to 78,000 as per the census figure. The scheme is, therefore, required to be revised to cope up with this increased population and with a water supply of 30 gallons per capita per day. The Scheme is proposed to be taken up in two phases. The Phase I of the estimate costs about Rs. 450 lakhs. The Scheme is sent to CPHEED, New Delhi for technical clearance and is expected to be cleared shortly. This work will be taken up in right earnest so as to complete it within 2½ to 3 years.

Sanitation : On the basis of the proposal of United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Low Cost Pour Flush Latrines are proposed to be taken up in Aizawl Town. Experimental work is proposed to be taken up this year where 20 units of this type of latrines will be constructed in Aizawl. The main Scheme will be done in 1983-84 for which Rs. 10 lakhs will be available.

Under the State Plan for 1983-84, Rs. 400 lakhs will be available for Water Supply & Sanitation. The target for completion of Rural Water Supply Schemes for the coming year under State Plan has been tentatively fixed as 29. Under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme, 4 schemes are proposed to be completed. Urban Water Supply Schemes of Aizawl is proposed to be taken up on priority.

#### LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT DEPARTMENT

During 1982-83, District Employment Exchange, Saiha has been strengthened, two Sub-Divisional Employment Exchange at Champhai and Chawngte opened

and training on Stenography has been introduced in the ITI, Aizawl with the intake capacity of 16 persons per course of one year. During 1983-84, it is proposed to construct staff quarters, hostel for women trainees, workshop and store room in the ITI, Aizawl. One year course in Cutting and Tailoring trade, with an intake capacity of 16 trainees annually and Apprenticeship Training for 20 ITI passed trainees in Engineering Trade is proposed for introduction. The Institute is to be strengthened with an outlay of Rs. 8.22 lakhs allotted by NEC by replacing the worn-out machineries, purchase of 5 KW diesel generating set and introduction of Carpentry trade of one year course with an annual intake of 16 trainees.

#### INFORMATION, PUBLIC RELATIONS & TOURISM DEPARTMENT

The Department so far has its offices in the State Capital and District Headquarters only. Attempt has been made to open Field Publicity Offices in the Sub-Divisional Head-quarters. The post of SDIO and the supporting staff have been created for Lawngtlai, Chawngte and Kolasib and they are expected to be filled within this financial year. During the year, a contingent of 400 boys and girls were sent to New Delhi to present Cheraw Dance at the inaugural function of 9th Asiad, 1982. A 20-minute documentary Film on Mizoram was produced and released in collaboration with the Film Division. A team of 12 Journalists were sent to Delhi during 9th Asiad, 1982. 38 Community Listening sets were distributed in the rural areas. The Department has so far issued 396 Press Releases, 80 issues of Tunlai chanchin, 32 issues of National Press Round Ups, 26 numbers of pamphlets during the year upto December, 1972. Cinema shows in rural areas have been organised.

During 1983-84, the Direction and Administration is proposed to be further strengthened, Field Publicity Offices at Champhai and Mamit are to be opened. It is also proposed to have several officers, staff and artists to man Song and Drama Services under the Department. A Central Workshop in the Directorate is also proposed to cater for repairing of various machineries and equipments in the Department. A Documentary Film on the life and culture of Mizos is also proposed to be made. Over and above this, the normal services of the Schemes of the Department will be further strengthened.

**TOURISM :** The main thrust under Tourism has been provision of accommodation for the domestic tourists. The 12 bedded Rest House at Saitual is being provided with catering services. Construction is going on for the 22 bedded Tourist Lodge at Chaltlang at an estimated cost of Rs. 42.18 lakhs and also the Tourist Lodge at Kolasib with an estimated cost of Rs. 15.5 lakhs. During 1983-84 construction of Tourist Lodge at Champhai is proposed to be taken up. Apart from maintenance of Saitual Tourist Lodge, construction of Tourist Lodge at Chaltlang and Kolasib is expected to be completed during next year.

#### REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT

Rupees 15 lakhs is provided under the scheme of Dairy Farming and Industrial Loan and 25 lakhs for Agricultural Schemes and initial cash grant for rehabilitation of MNF returnees during 1982-83.

The achievements during the year 1982-83 ( upto December 1982) in respect of Rehabilitation Department is as follows :-

- 1) Agriculture grant of Rs. 3.88 lakhs was already given to 40 MNF returnees.
- 2) Initial cash grant of Rs. 2.00 lakhs has already been sanctioned for 200 MNF returnees.
- 3) Sanction for Rupees 14.70 lakhs was already accorded for 147 MNF returnees at the rate of Rs. 1,0000/- under the scheme of Dairy Farming as Loan.
- 4) Two returnees have been rehabilitated under Industrial Scheme and one MNF returnee was given additional amount of Rs. 2, 150/- for repair of his Rice Huller.

For the year 1983-84 Budget provision of Rs. 15 lakhs is kept for Loan and another Rs. 25 lakhs for grant under MNF returnee rehabilitation scheme.

#### LAW & DISTRICT COUNCIL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

The District Councils are given grant-in-aid for meeting the administrative execution of the following categories of Schemes :-

- 1) Rural Communication
- 2) Sanitation
- 3) Water Supply
- 4) Forestry

Under Non-Plan, aprovision of Rs. 33.05 lakhs was made and this is proposed to be raised to Rs. 68.19 lakhs in the R.E. 1982-83 and Rs. 60.31 lakhs in the B.E. 1983-84 and Rs. 20 lakhs is approved under Plan for 1983-84.

#### SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT

During the year, Nutrition wing of Community Development Department has been made part of the Social Welfare Department. The administrative set up has been strengthened to a great extent. Two Training-cum-Production Centres for handicapped persons were opened. Female handicapped persons who have been trained in Training-cum-Production Centre have been given economic rehabilitation grants. The Centre for male handicapped persons were given grants-in-aid and 120 were provided with prosthetic aids. 8 Children Homes having 175 orphans/motherless babies are being given financial help. All together 6 ICDS Projects have been opened in Mizoram. Children between 0-6 years and pregnant and nursing mothers are being taken care in these projects by providing nutrition, non-formal education and medical aids. Under Nutrition Programme, benefits have been given to 32,330 children and 11,315 expectant/nursing mothers within ICDS areas, and 5,000 children and 1,700 expectant/ nursing mothers in non-ICDS areas.

Seminar, field trips and conducted tours have been organised for the welfare of women and 22 creches/Day-care Centres are opened. Grants-in aid have been

given to various Voluntary were given grants-in-aid for purchase of Tarpaulines, Petromaxes, utensils, etc.

During 1983-84, more Children Homes are intended to be opened. Three more ICDS Projects are also to be opened at Phaileng (W), Lungsen and Bunglei and one more for Chhimtuipui District. During the next year, the whole of Chhimtuipui District and Lunglei District will be covered by ICDS Projects.

#### CO-OPERATION DEPARTMENT

There are 556 Co-operative Societies in Mizoram of which 32 were organised during the current year. Attempts have been made to ensure regular flow of essential goods and marketing of Agricultural Products through the net work of these Societies. The Mizoram Co-operative Apex Bank has started banking operations since July 1982 and it has been doing quite well. Mizoram State Co-operative Marketing and Consumers' Federation has been organised and apart from continuing the activities of the constituent unit which have been absorbed in the Federation, fresh activities such as marketing of broomstick from Mizoram to outside Mizoram is being taken up. Training of the Officers of the Department have also been taken up. Emphasis is being made to improve audit, supervision and administration of the Societies and the Department.

The outlay for the Annual Plan 1983-84 is Rs. 43 lakhs as against that of Rs. 40 lakhs during 1982-83. Rs. 12.22 lakhs is meant for salaries and construction of office buildings and quarters at Lunglei, Saiha, etc. The balance of the outlay is earmarked for strengthening various Societies.

#### ECONOMICS & STATISTICS DEPARTMENT

During 1982-83, the provision under Plan is Rs. 2.20 lakhs. The Department have more and fund under non-Plan and Centrally Sponsored Schemes. During the year, the following collections have been brought out :—

- 1) Statistical Hand Book for 1981.
- 2) N.S.S. Summary Report of 34th round.
- 3) Wholesale and Retail Price Bulletin.
- 4) Quarterly Progress Reports.

During the year, the following Census and Survey have been conducted :—

- 1) The 37th Round of N.S.S.
- 2) Agricultural Census.
- 3) Collection of Enterprise List for 1982-83.
- 4) Collection of Rainfall data.

The total outlay for 1983-84 is Rs. 3 lakhs and the following Schemes are proposed to be executed :—

- 1) Date Bank.
- 2) Maintenance of Raingauges.
- 3) Price and Marketing Intelligence.
- 4) Various Programmes under Centrally Sponsored Schemes.

## AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

Steps have been taken for double and triple cropping by the introduction of suitable cropping pattern. Wheat, which has been grown successfully in Mizoram for the first time during 1981, has been given more attention for its further improvement. Substantial amount of various seeds such as high yielding variety of paddy, hybrid and composite maize and wheat have been supplied to the cultivators during the year. Development of various other crops such as oil-seeds, pulse-seeds, soya bean, mustard, also has taken further progress and good seeds supplied to the growers. For the first time 'truthfully labelled seeds' of high yielding variety of paddy multiplied at our Government farm at Thenzawl will be supplied to the cultivators during the coming Khariff seasons (1983). There has been increase in the consumption of artificial fertilizers during the year and a much better yield of paddy has been obtained. On the basis of crop cutting test carried out by the Department for the first time in Mizoram, yield of paddy upto 25 quintals per hectre in jhum late paddy and 51 quintals per hectre in WRC paddy have been obtained from cultivators plot. Agriculture Department has taken up installation of hydrams which does not require any power source and one hydram has been successfully instailed in Mat valley. Land reclamation and construction of Agricultural Link Roads and the provision of Irrigation on project basis are also being taken up on priority basis. More sponsored students are being sent outside Mizoram to study Agricultural science.

During 1983-84, further improvement to obtain double and triple-cropping, propagation of improved varieties of ginger installation of diesel pump sets and hydrams, management of two selected water-sheds, provision of marketing facilities for various Agricultural products and improvement in research and technological data shall be the main thrust of the programmes over and above the existing programmes. For this, there are outlays of Rs. 210 lakhs and Rs. 70 lakhs for Minor Irrigations under plan. The target of foodgrains production for the coming year is 61.662 MT.

## SOIL CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

In order to provide alternative for jhum cultivations, efforts have been made to settle the villages in terracin cultivation and cash crop plantation. During 1982-83 selected micro-water sheds have been taken up for development. Where 580 hectres are being taken up for terracing. For this purpose, 50% of the work is being done by the Department while the remaining 50% is taken up by the cultivator himself. The Department has made break-through in two crops of paddy which were harvested successfully during 1982-83.

In addition to the above activity, 558 hectres belonging to cultivators and 220 hectares of departmental land have been taken up for cash crop cultivation. Various species of plantation crops such as Coffee, Rubber, Cardamom, Coconut, Betelvine and pepper were planted in these plots. 1158 hectres of departmental plantations are also being maintained. Provisions have been made for the coffee planter to get subsidy of Rs. 2,500/- per hectre from Coffee Board and there is no difficulty for marketing. The Large Cardamom planted in 1980 have started yielding fruits. 830 hectres also have been taken up under various soil conservation measures 17 Kms. of Link Roads are being completed and 16 buildings have been

taken up for staff quarters and Rest Houses. 34 Officers and staff have undergone various courses of training and 300 cultivators have been trained in various crop plantation.

During 1982-84, efforts to settle jhumia families will be continued more vigorously. Various forms of soil conservation works will also be undertaken. Our targets are 621 hectares for contour building, 303 hectares for cash crop with maintenance of 900 hectares, creation of 167 hectares of departmental plantation, and maintenance of 1058 hectares. One new Division is being proposed. During 1982-83 our outlay under Plan was Rs. 105 lakhs and for 1983-84 the outlay is Rs. 110 lakhs.

#### A.H.& VETY DEPARTMENT

The Plan outlay for 1982-83 is Rs. 105 lakhs of which Rs. 21 lakhs is required by P.W.D for undertaking works assigned to them.

The Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Department is laying increased emphasis on achieving self-sufficiency in Milk, Meat and Eggs. Towards this end, 288 Cross-bred Cows/Heifers, 400 local Hill Cows, 1600 improved piglets and 65 breeding bulls are distributed under various subsidy Schemes. Adoption of villages scheme has been started during the year giving direct benefit to some 1180 families. Besides, the Department has launched a new scheme for production of "Gobar Gas" from cowdung, very useful gas for cooking and lighting the house. 30 such Gobar Gas plants are to be installed during the year and the scheme is fast gaining popularity.

The Annual Plan for 1983-84 with an approved outlay of Rs. 119 lakh beside augmenting the various existing activities, envisages starting of the first VFA Training School at Selesih AH Farm Complex with a view to making it a full-fledged Training Institute in due course. A new Poultry Farm is proposed to be located in Lawngtlai area during 1983-84 and one more Sub-Division at Tlabung is also proposed to meet the ever expanding responsibility. In order to implement operation Flood II Programme, the Mizoram Milk Producers Co-operative Union Ltd. has been recently formed.

#### SUPPLY & TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT

##### SUPPLY WING :

The Department has been procuring foodstuff for Mizoram UT. During the year 1982, 58, 574 MT of rice, 2039 MT of sugar and 150 MT of wheat were procured against the target of 60,000 MT of rice, 2695 MT of sugar and 600 MT of wheat with the fund provision of Rs. 1580.19 lakhs in the R.E. 1982-83. For the current year the department propose to procure 70,000 MT of rice, 2695 MT of sugar and 600 MT of wheat with the proposed expenditure of Rs. 1685.10 lakhs.

##### WEIGHT & MEASURES :

The plan outlay for 1982-83 is Rs. 2.00 lakhs and under non-plan Rs. 2.73 lakhs is provided. During the current year, 17 cases have been lodged in the

Court for violation of Weights & Measures Act and Rules and a total of Rs. 10744.35 has been collected towards verification, stamping and adjusting fees.

During 1983-84, more vigorous enforcement of Weights & Measures Act and Rules is contemplated. It is also proposed to construct a Vehicle tank Calibration centre where tank lorries plying in Mizoram will be calibrated. The plan outlay for 1983-84 is Rs. 3.00 lakhs.

#### TRANSPORT WING :

Mizoram State Transport has increased the frequencies of Bus Services in different routes. A Deluxe Bus Service has been introduced in Aizawl—Silchar route from April, 1982. A few more Deluxe Buses are being acquired to improve the quality of service. 35 Bus permits have been issued to private operators for services in 32 selected routes. The construction of Aizawl Terminal-cum-Booking Office is in progress. A full fledged Bus station cum-Terminal at Silchar with all basic amenities has been opened since June, 1982. The Department has undertaken construction of more Bus stations and wayside amenities to passengers at different important places.

The captive fleet of Trucks of the Department did an excellent job in reaching foodgrain and other essential commodities to the interior. The consumers' petrol pump run by the Department has acquired two Oil Tankers.

The site for Central Workshop has been finally selected at Lungding ram, Durtlang Consultancy report in this regard has also been obtained from CIRT, Pune. The functioning of the existing Departmental Workshop has been vastly improved to undertake all kinds of minor repairs and maintenance of the vehicles of the Department.

The approved plan outlay for 1983-84 is Rs 62 lakhs.

#### FOREST DEPARTMENT

During 1982-83, the Department have taken up the following Schemes :-

- 1) Economic Plantation
- 2) Teak Plantation
- 3) Fuel Wood Plantation
- 4) Avenue Plantation

32,775 hectares area has been covered upto the end of this financial year. Apart from the above Schemes, there are two other Schemes, namely, Soil Watch and Social Forestry under which 4400 hectares has been planted upto the end of the year. A new Forest Division has started functioning in Chhimtuipui District and another one at Kawrthah. Protection and conservation of Wild Life has also been given special attention. The Forest Education and Research Institute at Aizawl is giving training to 22 Foresters and 28 Forest Guards. Development of Zoo-cum-Botanical Garden at Aizawl has also been taken up.

During 1983-84, plantation in 14,000 hectares are proposed to be taken up under State Plan and 5,600 hectares under two Centrally Sponsored Schemes already mentioned. Apart from the existing Dampa Sanctuary, three other Sanctuaries in Tawi, Ngeingpuin and Blue Mountains are proposed to be taken up.

#### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

During 1982-83, the Department had a provision of Rs. 36 lakhs, of which Rs. 10 lakhs is set aside for construction of Vanapa Hall at Aizawl. Rs. 13.82 lakhs is spent for Direction and Administration. Rs. 7 lakhs is spent for construction of Community Halls and Playgrounds in the Rural areas. Another Rs. 2.18 lakhs is spent for purchase of musical instruments, sports goods, utensils etc. for distribution to voluntary organisations at subsidised rate. Rs. 1 lakh was spent for construction of cemented water tanks, public urinals, latrines and prizes for cleanliness drives. Village paths and suspension bridges are taken up with Rs. 1 lakh only.

During 1983-84, the outlay for the Department is Rs. 52.70 lakhs. Out of this allocation Rs. 24 lakhs is earmarked for completion of Vanapa Hall at Aizawl. The remaining Rs. 28.70 lakhs will be spent for other programmes.

#### INDUSTRIES DEPARTMENT

The Industries Department has a number of Schemes in hand both under Medium Industries and Village and Small Industries.

Apart from continuance of the existing Village and Small Industries Scheme, the following Medium Industries have been taken up :-

- 1) Ginger Oil and Oleoresin Plant at Sairang
- 2) Fruit Preservation Factory at Vairengte
- 3) Ginger de-hydration Plant at Sairang
- 4) Paper Plant at Bairabi
- 5) Plywood Factory at Bairabi
- 6) Saw-Mill-cum-Timber Treatment Plant

Some of these Projects are expected to be commissioned soon.

In respect of Sericulture, the progress so far achieved has raised our expectations of improving the economy of rural population. The cocoon production during the current year is more than 42,000 kgs. and it is expected that the production will be doubled in the next year. For expansion activities under Sericulture, the Budgetary provision is proposed to be increased from Rs. 26.00 lakhs during the current year to Rs. 40 lakhs during the next year. Opening of Spinning, Reeling and Weaving Units are proposed in the Plan Programme for 1983-84.

Industrial exhibition held successfully in February, 1983 had shown tremendous progress made in industry in Mizoram.



## POWER & ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT

The Annual Plan outlay for 1982-83 is Rs. 600 lakhs. Diesel engines to generate 5.1 MW electricity has been envisaged during the year and Serlui 'A' Micro Hydel Project to generate 1 MW is expected to be complete upto 90% during the current year. Procurement of 6 diesel generating sets has been finalised and commissioning will spill over to the next financial year. Against the target of electrifying 11 villages, the Department expect to complete electrification of 28 villages including 5 villages in Chhimtuipui District. Strengthening of the Dullaicherra-Aizawl 66 KV line is scheduled to be completed by March, 1983, which may allow additional 4 MW of grid power from outside Mizoram. Works on 132 KV Transmission Line from Jiribum to Aizawl is also under execution and in progress.

Investigation of 4 Hydel Projects under State Plan is in progress. 14 Micro-Hydel Projects has also been identified. Investigation of Bairabi (Dhaleswari) Hydel Project in the Central Sector is in good progress and final Project Report is expected to be ready soon. Investigation of Tuivai as a major Hydel Project under NEC has also been started.

In order to cope with the increasing volume of works a full-fledged Directorate, one Hydel Circle, one Hydel Division and three Electrical Sub-Divisions have been created recently.

The approved outlay for 1983-84 is Rs. 505 lakhs. Installation of 5.1 MW diesel Schemes, completion of 1 MW Serlui 'A' Micro-Hydel Project, electrification of 30 villages, taking up of Khawiva Micro-Hydel Project construction with an installed capacity of 450 KW, completion of 50% works of 132 KV Aizawl - Lunglei Line and investigation of 8 Micro - Hydel Project are expected during 1983-84. This Government is also pursuing the Government of India for starting investigation Chhimtuipui at Kawlchaw of as a major Hydel Project in the Central Sector.

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

### ROADS & BRIDGES :

Against this year's outlay of Rs. 528.00 lakhs, formation cutting of 60 Kms. black-topping of 9 Kms. and construction of 45 minor bridges have been completed so far. This also includes 20 Kms. of formation cutting of rural roads under MNP. An outlay of Rs. 680.00 lakhs have been approved for the Annual Plan, 1983-84. The main stress during 1983-84 will be to link the connected portions of road and to complete construction of minor bridges and culverts. The physical targets for 1983 84 will be as follows :-

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| i) Formation cutting . . . . .                    | 50 kms.  |
| ii) Improvement and widening . . . . .            | 25 kms.  |
| iii) Soling metalling and black topping . . . . . | 60 kms.  |
| iv) Minor bridges and culverts . . . . .          | 200 kms. |

The Public Works Department is being re-organised to take up the additional work-load and effectively monitoring of the on going works. The following additional functional units proposed in the Plan of 1983-84 have been appreciated by the Planning Commission when they approved the draft plan for 1983-84 :-

- a) One Circle
- b) One Mechanical Operation Division
- c) Strengthening of Mechanical Workshop for repairs of engineering equipments
- d) Technical Training Institute for training of Assistant Engineers, Junior Engineers, Sub-Overseers and Sectional Assistants. The Institute will also hold seminars and refresher courses for the Executive Engineers.
- e) Metrial Testing Laboratory for Roads and Bridges and Building Wor. s.

The BRDB is also making a significant contribution in building up the infrastructure of road communication in this Union Territory. Formation cutting is in progress in Phaileng-Marpara-Demagiri road, Lawngtlai-Diltlang Parva road and Tuipuibari-Bhuldungsei road. Falkawn-Chamdur road, Champhai-North Vanlaiphai road, Kawlkulh-Mimbung road have been entrusted to BRDB for execution.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS :**

With the approved outlay of Rs 25.00 lakhs during 1982-83, the desired progress is achieved in respect of Mizoram House, New Delhi which is expected to be completed in the early part of the next financial year. Construction of Mizoram House, Calcutta, is also in progress. An outlay of Rs. 55.00 lakhs has been approved for the year, 1983-84. It is proposed to complete construction of Mizoram Houses at New Delhi and Calcutta. It is also planned to construct a Dak-Bungalow, quarters for Government servants and barracks for the security personnel at Mizoram Circuit House, Silchar. A Circuit House is also proposed to be constructed at Lawngtlai to solve accommodation problems of visiting officials.

In respect of Housing twelve nos. of Type III quarters, which were taken up for execution at different localities in Aizawl Town to solve the problem of accommodation, have been completed. Out of 177 nos. of Government quarters taken up at Luangmual, 161 quarters have been completed. Construction of Circuit House Annexe at Aizawl is in progress. With the outlay of Rs. 84.00 lakhs approved for 1983-84 it is proposed to construct the remaining residential quarters at Luangmual, Circuit House Annexe at Aizawl and shopping Centre, etc. at Luangmual and twenty five Government quarters of various types in Chhimituipui Distric.

The approved outlay for 1983-84 in respect of the Aizawl Town Expansion project is Rs. 1 crores.

### OTHER DEPARTMENTS' BUILDINGS :

PWD have also completed a number of buildings of other Departments in various places in Mizoram and Construction of Vanapa Hall, Tourist Lodge, Agriculture Directorate, Vety Directorate and Sainik Rest House buildings at Aizawl is progressing well. Construction of Craft Centre at Aizawl, 30 bedded Hospital at Tlabung, Primary Health Centres at Phaileng and Darlawn, SDVO's (Vety) quarters and other Government staff quarters at Champhai etc. is expected to be completed within this Financial year.

### INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT OF AIZAWL TOWN

A sum of Rs. 80.00 lakhs has been sanctioned by the Government of India under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for development of Aizawl Town. Out of this, Rs. 21.00 lakhs is proposed for construction of new Buildings at New Market, Khatla and Bungkawn with a total cost of Rs. 35.97 lakhs. It is also proposed to construct car parkings, Truck terminal at Chaltlang with a total estimate of Rs. 6.14 lakhs and to build a diversion road from Zarkawt to Chandmari and to improve the existing road.

Sir, though there has been some increase in the provision of fund to various Departments, the increase has been mostly in the form of Grants and other assistance generously given by the Government of India. Here I may mention that Government of India was kind enough to augment the plan allocation by Rs. 200 crores in the RE 82-83 in Road and Bridge sector. I would like to express out deep gratitude for the sympathetic attitude shown to us by Government of India. Our Financial resources are limited. I would therefore, request all the Departments concerned not to spare any efforts to achieve the assigned task of mobilising additional financial resources.

I would like to appeal to the Honourable members, the Officer and staff of this Government and the general public to see that the fund provided to each Department is utilised carefully and frugally so that there is no waste of money anywhere. It is our earnest hope and endeavour that each paise is spent for building the essential infrastructure and for improvement of our socioeconomic conditions. I solicit the cooperation of all to see that maximum benefits should go to the common man and also to help the Government in carrying out the important task of achieving the objectives.

As the Honourable Members are aware that our administration is a very young one. The task of socio-economic development is gigantic. But with our firm determination and cooperation of Honourable Members, I am sure we will succeed in our mission. I earnestly request the Honourable Members to give the Government their full support and cooperation. We will welcome their valuable and constructive suggestions and criticism for improving Administrative systems and procedure and for economy in public expenditure. I would like to make a mention of the need of financial discipline without the utmost use of resources would not be possible. What we lack in resources has to be made good through judicious and economic use of the available resources and efficient administration.

Before I conclude, I would like to express my appreciations to the Officers and staff who had to work very hard in preparing the Budget documents which are presented to the House today. The Government Press also deserve special appreciation for printing out most of the Budget documents this year.

With your permission Sir, I present the Supplementary Demands for 1982-83 and Budget Estimates for 1983-84 before the House for favour of consideration and approval.

#### J A I H I N D

**SPEAKER :** The Budget for 1983-84 and Supplementary Demand for 1982-83 have now been presented in the House. As the power conferred under sub-section (1) of section 27 of the Union Territories Act, the Mizoram Administrator made recommendation on 17th March, 1983 for laying of Annual Financial statement 1983-84. As recommended by the Lt. Governor and as provided under sub-section (3) of section 28 of the Union Territories Act, 1963, the hon'ble Finance Minister presented to the House the Budget for 1983-84, the total outlay of which is eleven hundred crores, eighty seven lakhs and ninety one thousand. Besides this, Supplementary Demand for Expenditure for 1982-83 amounting to Rs. thirty one crore, sixty five lakhs and twenty one thousand was presented

As a rule, the Budget would be discussed after two days of its presentation. Hence Budget Discussion will be held on Monday, that is 21st March, 1983. Now, the copy may be distributed to the members. We will now have recess and we will resume our meeting at 2:15 P.M. in the afternoon.

Recess at 1:15 P.M.

2:15 P.M.

**SPEAKER :** We will take up Business No. 4- Discussion and Motion of Thanks on the Administrator's Address. What the member should remember is that it is not Budget Discussion. Now, Pu Lalnunzira may speak.

**PU V. LALNUNZIRA :** Pu Speaker, I, first of all, like to express my thanks for having an opportunity to participate in the discussion of the hon'ble L.G.'s Address.

At this time last year, I shared this very seat where I am now sitting with Pu R. Zadinga. Unfortunately, however, he is no more with us today. I deeply regret that he died at the hands of some culprits. Our hon'ble L.G. in his address mentioned about the untimely demise of Pu R. Zadinga and as stated, he was the first Assembly member who died in the hands of culprits. I hope that there will be no more such incident in future and I request the members particularly the opposition members to extend their co-operation to fight repetition of such un-desirable incident.

Generally speaking, I appreciate the contents of the Address and fund allocated for development of Mizoram under various departments is also appreciative. Yesterday, the hon'ble member from Tlungvel constituency said that he could yet give thanks for more words come to get materialize. But, I must say that unless there is word, how could things get materialized. At the beginning also,

there was only word, words which are there under various departments are to get materialized by the department themselves. I therefore, request heads of Departments to listen carefully to what are being discussed in the House and to work harder to be able to get things materialized in the development of the country. I regret to see that only few officials attended our session.

It will also be appreciated if Publicity Department could make more cinema film for people particularly living in remote and far-flung areas to see various achievements and developmental activities undertaken by the Government before and after U. T. I want the Department and the authorities concerned to note this. This much I will say regarding L.G's address.

PU K.LALSANGA : Pu Speaker, I am glad to have an opportunity to participate in the discussion of L. G's address.

Besides expressing his deep sorrow on the sad and untimely demise of Pu R. Zadinga the first Mizoram Legislator who was killed by anti-social elements, the L.G. made an appeal to the people to give the Government their whole hearted co-operation in combating activities of insurgents. It is an important appeal and we, the people of Mizoram also would do well in obeying this appeal

There is Electric Department at para sixth of the Address. It seems that there is better progress after the Department has separate establishment. I think there will be faster improvement if PAE Department also has separate establishment. The Governor would do well to remember this in time to come.

As often pointed out, top priority is given to agriculture. In my constituency, there is Kaudung area where crops could flourish without any fertilizer. The area is as fertile that even one knob-khol could grow as big as kerosine tin. Link-road to this area was constructed sometimes earlier. But, it has not yet been completed. Considering the many advantages the people would have when the area is actually tilled, it is necessary to complete the work of construction as early as possible. It is a waste of Nature's gift to neglect such a fertile land for so long.

One thing that pleased me much and which have drawn much criticism and controversy in the past is the success of cardamom growing in Mizoram. The L.G. also mentioned this in his address.

Regarding Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Department, the Hon'ble Member from Tlungvel constituency alleged that cross-breed cows said to have been distributed in subsidy in the Minister's constituencies were only in words and that no cow was actually to be seen. But this is not true. If I am not mistaken, such distribution was not done in his constituency. In Lunglei, however, I have seen a number of families having been benefited by cows distributed by the Department. It is not only cows which have brought benefits. Works had also been started for utilization of Gobar Gas Plant which the L.G. also mentioned in his address,

Steps taken by the Government towards construction of Hydel Power Projects were mentioned at para 21 of the address. It is pleasing that there had been

much achievement in this direction, I think other members are as eager as I am to see launching of big projects on the spot. It will be very helpful if we could go and see developmental activities on the spot, as this will enable us to explain more clearly the activities of the Government to the people of our respective constituencies. It will be highly appreciated if the Minister could arrange for the members on the spot visit of areas where projects are being launched.

It is pleasing to note that Government have taken interesting steps to improve Handloom weaving in Mizoram. As it is one of the oldest and most popular professions in Mizoram, Government did the right thing in taking steps to improve it.

At para 28, youth Welfare Activities were mentioned. As you may be aware, I mentioned about youth Welfare Activities in every session. To make headway in the field of sports and other youth activities, there has to be adequate fund. I think creation of separate Directorate for Sports and Youth Welfare Activity will eventually provide more fund we so required.

Considering many difficulties faced by pensioners, it is a great privilege to have our own Government taken care of our pension papers. General Provident Fund of Mizoram Government employees are going to be taken over from Accountant General, Shillong. I am sure this will solve lots of our problems especially for poorer families who could hardly afford to go to Shillong to sort out pension papers.

At para 42 of the address, there came across notable achievements made in Chhimituipui District. I appreciate achievements of the Government, but, I have shown much favour to Chhimituipui District, the administrative Government of this District discharged without any apparent reason, all the P.C. party Village Council members except the four V/C members of Lawngtlai. It is really a shame for a democratic Government to do such a thing. Besides this, the election of Chief Executive Member was so un-fair. Ballot-papers were muddled-up and in the end, it was simply announced that Pu Manghnuna was elected. I wonder if this should be the way to elect CEM. I think the Government would do well to look into the affairs of District Councils more strictly otherwise there may be some implications in future while we thought we have smooth-running District Council.

Lastly, there is one more thing in the Address for which I find it hard to give thanks. It is the wording at para 26 which runs—'to achieve universalisation of elementary education.' Actually, it is not very pleasant to read this passage because of the fact that in my constituency there are still 7/8 villages where there is not any educational institution. Particularly since the shifting of Mission school elsewhere, ten of my constituent villages are without any school. I do, however, believe that the Government will look into this matter and take necessary steps. After some years, I may be able to express my thanks fully.

Thank you,

Pu SAINGHAKA : Pu Speaker, since what we are discussing is motion of thanks, it seems that our speeches should be mostly a word of thanks. The Address contains mostly achievements of the Government within the current financial

year. It is quite pleasing if we study the general outline of the Address. It is also a privilege to have out L.G. in the House to deliver a speech, particularly if we remember that he was for some times in Delhi to have medical check-up. We should extend our thanks to the people, for, without their cooperation, the L.G. also may not have anything to say in the House.

It is also important to remember that it is Central Government who give us money for development of the people and Mizoram while we do not have any revenue. We also owe many thanks to Government employees whose enthusiasm and cooperation made possible for the Government to undertake and achieve many notable achievements for the people and the country.

There is not much to say in the wording of the address. If we study L.G.'s speech and the speech of Finance Minister, we will see that in certain fields, achievement was made as targeted. There are also other developmental fields in which achievement has not been made as targeted. However, whatever may our achievement be, it is going to be important to implement fund more usefully for public in general since there is larger provision of fund this year.

Implementation of budget for 1982-83 is not very satisfactory. It seems that the people of villages do not get enough of their due. The current topic in Mizoram is mostly famine and scarcity of foodstuff here and there. Last year, it was our target to attain self sufficiency in food production, But, this target is not yet achieved as we all know. To achieve our target, fund has to be utilized more carefully and that the people, the Ministry and Government employees have to co-operate and yet prepared for numerous task ahead. It is also important to use that implementation of fund covers general public without any political party distinction.

I appreciate service rendered by Security and Police Forces in maintenance of law and order. As stated by the L.G., 'peace' is an essential pre-condition for further development of Mizoram. In spite of various achievements we have made, political problem is still there. It is therefore, important to work together in harmony to find the way to remove our common obstacle.

There is nothing to criticize in the speech of the L.G. As already moved by the mover, I think it is proper for the House to give thanks for the Address.

**PU J. THANKUNGA :** Pu Speaker, it is a privilege to have discussion on L.G.'s Address which consisted of a brief outline of various activities of the Government. I would like to say certain things regarding the address. Right from the beginning, it was main target of the Government to achieve self-sufficiency in food production. Yet, our import of foodstuff increased year by year. It also appears that the people have no more regarding agriculture as being the most important occupation for self reliance. Unless a new agriculture policy is formed and the present system of cultivation is changed into scientific method, we may become poorer and poorer in food production. However, there is tremendous improvement in Animal Husbandry and Veterinary though there cannot be much progress in agriculture. If Government provide more fund and pay as much attention as they pay to agriculture, there may be better chance for self-reliance in the field of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary.

It seems that the people began to realize that Agriculture is not the only line of occupation where self reliance could be achieved. For example, it is much easier to maintain three pigs than tending a field where three tins of rice were sown. Nowadays, 3 grown-up pigs normally rate Rs. 3,000/- whereas much more labour is required to produce rice worth Rs. 3,000/-. Hence, it may be better to provide more fund and give more attention to Animal Husbandry and Veterinary so that there may be better improvement than that we made in the field of agriculture. If I am to choose, I think I will prefer Veterinary line to agriculture for my main occupation.

It is gratifying to note that the people realized tremendous scope Sericulture has in Mizoram. The production of cocoons has increased immensely from 1981-82-83. I feel that this achievement clearly shows the inclination of the people and the kind of work they want to take up for occupation. If Government take more vigorous steps and encourage the people to take up this employment more enthusiastically, I think it will be easier to attain selfsufficiency than it is in agriculture. Considering tremendous achievement we made within a short span of time, Sericulture may be a good substitute for agriculture for attainment of self-reliance.

The upgradation of Silchar-Aizawl Road into a National Highway was mentioned in the address. Particularly the road between Vairengte and Bilkhawthlir has improved greatly since upgradation. On the other hand however, on heavy vehicles have great difficulty in plying through the road. Even for a slight rain, the road becomes too slippery particularly for heavy vehicles. Cars also will not go if there is going to be rain. If vehicles carrying supplies could not go through, food problem is likely to increase. Hence, something has to be done to have the road plyable even when it rains at the same time while widening of road is going on. To have a clear supply line even during rainy season, it may be necessary to have a portion of the road where widening is done black-topped. What I have mentioned are things I regarded as important.

As a whole, I appreciate achievements of the Government and I am also grateful to the L.G. for delivering a speech. I would however, like to request the Government to note what I said and take necessary actions.

PI L. THANMAWII : Pu Speaker, it is a privilege to hear the L.G. addressed the House. There is no ample time to express our thanks for each and every detail. But, what is not gratifying is that the Government could still make notable achievements inspite of many difficulties and hardships. There were food problem, security problem and many other difficulties. Yet, the Government marched forward with determination and continued to pursue their policy. One notable achievement I want to mention is allotment of Village Council to Thlawhbawks. It is a great privilege for the people of Thlawhbawks.

Besides wheat cultivation at Champhai, two paddy crops were harvested successfully at Mat valley. This has clearly proved that the Government continue to pursue their programmes inspite of many difficulties.

There is also tremendous improvement in the field of Veterinary and continuous efforts are being made for better achievement in Fisheries. It is really



pleasing to note that Government made achievement in different fields of development.

I am happy that recruitment is being conducted for 2nd Mizoram Police Station, But provision for police housing amounting to Rs. 48 lakhs is too meagre. As I have said before, Aizawl Thana building is so old and shabby that it is a shame to use such a building for Police Station. It will be highly appreciated if new pucca building is soon constructed for Thana. It is not only Aizawl Thana which needs new building. Police out-posts in Kawrthah, Mamit and Lokicherra, Vety quarter was rented and in some places, Police-out-posts are small houses with thatched-roof and bamboo wall. It is not proper to neglect Police Force who are the instrument for maintenance of law and order if they have good building with Lock-up attached, and it will also be comforting for the people to have good building for shelter in time of emergency. It is therefore, important to give priority to Police Housing within the current financial year.

It is pleasing that the Mizoram Police Service Rules have been approved leading to increased promotion avenues for personal of the Mizoram Police. However, as stated by one of the members, unless 'word' gets materialized or practically fulfilled we cannot be thankful totally. Hence, the Government would do well to carry out practically what is there in the service Rules. If we want our officers and other Government employees to work sincerely and efficiently, it is the responsibility of the Government to see to their well-beings.

I support that the member said regarding sports and youth welfare. As we can see, our youth have improved immensely in games and sports. If separate directorate is created I am sure there will be faster improvement in this line. I also believe that sports given proper care and attention will be an instrument for reformation of the life of our youth. In spite of various facilities offered under Sports and Youth Welfare, Mizoram have not had youth club where youth could spend their leisure with healthy recreational activities. I feel that due importance should be given to this side of thing.

Besides upgradation of the Silchar-Aizawl Road into a National Highway, the progress on Serlui 'A' Hydel Project was mentioned. It is really gratifying to have our schemes for construction of Hydel Projects materialized. It is now obvious that we are soon going to have power supply from our own rivers.

As stated earlier, I feel that more care should be taken in the implementation of IRDP. It is the responsibility of the member to see that poor villagers who live below poverty line get benefited by this programme. It is also our responsibility to see that the scheme is implemented justly as there could easily be mis-use of fund somewhere along the line.

As pointed out by the hon'ble member from Ratu constituency, I too have a feeling that GOD wants us to change the system of our present cultivation. For three successive year, we have had heavy rain at the wrong season which resulted in poor harvest. If nothing is done to change the present system, we may have to tackle famine problem every year. It is not however, possible to change it all at one. But the Department concerned would do well to take steps

towards this direction. I strongly believe that it is GOD's wish that we change the system of our cultivation.

Yesterday, our hon'ble member from Mizo Union Party mentioned about ginger. I have also given thought to this. I think famine problem will be solved to some extent if we could find good market for production of ginger. I do not know what to suggest for this, but the Government would do well to take drive towards this.

Generally, the achievements and programmes to be pursued are quite satisfactory. It is evident that the Government will make top-most effort for further development. If we could achieve so much inspite of various difficulties, it is obvious that we will be making much more achievements in the time to come. It is very pleasing that Government have strong determination to move further,

Thank you.

**PU ELLIS SAIDENGA** : Pu Speaker, I do not intend to say much, I appreciate efforts made by the Government for development. As we are aware, this small booklet could not cover all the achievements of the Government. But it is really gratifying that the Government made many notable achievements inspite of many hardships and troubled atmosphere where there were bloodshed and brutal killing.

One thing which pleased me much is co-operation extended by Government officers and employees in the attempt to develop the country. It is because of their co-operation that there is progress in various developmental fields.

Allotment of Village Council to Thlawhbawks is one notable achievement. I think those who said that P.C. Ministry will not be able to give Village Council will now see that Village Council election also had been conducted.

State Houses are constructed in different places such as in Delhi, Shillong, Calcutta, etc. But, Calcutta Mizoram House, when I visited at the beginning of last year, have not been completed and there was not progress in the construction. I want the Government to complete the building at an early date.

As stated by the L. G. it is pleasing to note service rendered by Police Force in maintenance of law and order. As they are useful instrument for maintenance of law and order, it is the responsibility of the Government to see their well-being. Recognising this, the Government sanctioned fund for their housing and the L. G. also put much emphasis on their good service. On the other hand, however, it is easy for them to be excess in discharging their duties if we praise them too much. For them to be more careful, in discharging their duties, I want to mention one incident.

On 17th January, 1982. I was kidnapped in Lunglei by the MNF. A vehicle belonging to one contractor was used for my kidnap. Fortunately however, I could escape on the same night. It was only by the grace of God. On the same night the Driver and the contractor in whose vehicle I was kidnapped were in the Police Station. If I am not mistaken, I think owner of vehicle or instruments used for

committing crime or kidnap was to be taken in the Police custody and registered case against them. But in my case, nothing was done, The same vehicle used for my kidnap the previous night was let loose and roam about in Lunglei town the next day and no case was registered against the contractor in whose vehicle I was kidnapped. It is not that I want the owner to be punished, But I feel that the Police should take appropriate action so as to show the people that it is not legally proper to have our vehicle or instrument used for kidnapping or committing crime. Actually, the people are also surprised to see the same vehicle used for kidnapping the previous night getting loose in the same town the next day. I think we remember the incident when IGP and other Police officers were murdered. The vehicle two used by the murderers belonged to Pu Khuanga, LAD Director. Though the vehicle was used without his knowledge and consent, he was arrested and case was registered. In spite of being a respectable and high official in the Government, he was not spared from law. He had, in fact, suffered a great deal because of his vehicle being used by the murderers. Considering all these, it is quite disheartening to see certain cases such as mine being neglected. As a person we may be nothing, but we are representative of the people, elected by the people, it may be well to consider what we say or what we face. Actually it is a shame for the Department as well as for the Government not to champion the cause of the elected members. What I am afraid is that the Police in receiving too much praise from the Government will not know their fault and deficiency. I think the Police should well to set an example for all to see that the Government do not want to have any association with un-lawful activities. They may not respect us on as a person. but they should atleast respect us, being the representatives of the people. I hope that there will be no more negligence of duties on their part as was the case when I was kidnapped and I want the Police to be more careful in discharging their duties in future.

The L. G's speech mainly consists of various departmental activities. Besides these, there are many more departmental schemes to be implemented. It is gratifying that the Government make strenuous efforts for further development. I am also glad that the L. G. mentioned various achievements of the Government.

Thank you.

**SPEAKER :** The members have had a good time to discuss L. G's address. Now, we will call upon Parliamentary Affairs Minister to make conclusion speech.

**PU ZAIREMTHANGA MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, a good number of members participated in the discussion. In summing up the speeches of the members it seems that we are all thankful for the speech which I believe would make it easier to pass Motion of Thanks moved by the members.

It is going to be four years since the present Ministry started to function. As we know, many difficulties confronted us while at the same time various developmental works were taken up. It is only because of the contribution made by the people and the opposition party members that the Government could make many achievements inspite of various difficulties. Whichever political party holds the Government, it is necessary to co-operate each other and work together for solidarity of the country. No Government is without blemish, but it is for our own good that collective effort is required. As what we have achieved are for the development of Mizoram and the people as a whole, it is necessary for us, the

members to set good example for others to follow in future. Besides what we have achieved, the Government have still many more schemes to pursue further and I hope that we would continue to work together in the tasks ahead. No Government or member is without deficiency but there is God who is ever willing to help us in times of need. It is necessary to put our trust in Him. In our attempt to develop the country Co-operation of the people is also required. Without their co-operation Government alone, nothing could get materialized. It is therefore important to work willingly together with the people. Too strong a party feeling hampered normal courses of developmental activities and the country suffered. But, from our speeches, we seemed to be willing to work together with common interest which pleased me very much. It is my desire that the House give thanks for the Address as the motion moved by the member.

Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : We have had discussion since yesterday. Motion of Thanks on L. G's address was moved by Joe Ngurdawla and he was seconded by Pu Biakchunga. The motion is—

“That the members of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly assembled in this session are deeply grateful to the Lieutenant Governor (Administrator) for the Address which he has been pleased to deliver to the Assembly on the 16th March, 1973”. Since we have had discussion, could not we pass the motion? (Members agreed) The motion is passed. We will now adjourn the meeting and our sitting will be resumed on Monday at 10:30 A. M.

Meeting adjourned at 3:25 P. M.