

\* MRS K.THANSIAMI : Mr Deputy Speaker, my question in this :

- (a) How far is Animal control Act taken ?
- (b) Is the rules and regulations of this Act made known to the Members of the Village Council and the public before hand clearly ?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will invite the concerned Minister to answer.

MR ZAIREMTHANGA MINISTER : Mr Deputy Speaker, shall I answer question (a) and (b) asked by the honourable member. The Animal Control Act is taken up according to rules and regulations of the said Act through the channel of the village council. And for question (b) The methods and procedures of this Act is distributed to the members of every village council in the form of pamphlets.

MRS K.THANSIAMI : I appreciate the Animal Control Act imposed by the Government in order to keep the Cattle in their proper places. But I doubt if the public and members of the Village Council were properly informed about the rules and regulations of the Act. It is known in certain places that the Act is not strictly imposed and in some other a little loosely. I suggest that the rules and regulations of this Act be re-imposed to the public as well as to the members of the Village Council. It will be necessary to have a grazing ground or area which is restricted for the purpose if the Animal Act is imposed. Secondly, what I would like to know is how far the Government has planned and acted in this field.

MR ZAIREMTHANGA MINISTER : Mr Deputy Speaker, we cannot appoint a particular place or field for Cattle grazing in a village. The plan or suggestion has to come from the Village Council concerned. It is difficult to give a hard and fast rules from the Headquarters. We leave this matter to the Village Council as whole. If at all the village council has suggestion for this purpose for their respective village and send for the same it (the suggestion) will be accepted by the Government after due consideration as for the Government's suggestion we have not made any such suggestion for any particular village.

MR C.L. RUALA : Mr Deputy Speaker, has the Government of Mizoram made rules for the implementation of Rules in question ? If made has the Committee on Subordinate Legislation approved the rules ? Under the Act, the Cattle has to be chained so that it does not intrude into other's area. So has the Government built the house for the cattle for such purpose in the urban and rural areas ?

MR ZAIREMTHANGA MINISTER : Mr Deputy Speaker, the rules for this Act has been made and laid to the floor and is in force. Animal farm has to be built according to the rules in the urban area but nothing has been done in this regard either say, in Aizawl or Lunglei because the urban areas are made up of certain groups of villages and are therefore treated as proper Urban area so, we leave the whole matter to the village council concerned so far.

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or complaint from public and Village Councils in the implementation of the Animal Control Act ?

**MR ZAIREMTHANGA MINISTER :** Mr Deputy Speaker, no complaint or difficulty of the act has been reported to the Government so far. (reported)

**MR C.L. RUALA :** Mr Deputy Speaker, our Minister has implied that the rules have been made for the Act, and if so, has the Committee on Subordinate Legislation approved them ?

**MR ZAIREMTHANGA MINISTER :** Mr Deputy Speaker, I am not sure whether the Committee on Subordinate Legislation has approved the rules what I can say is that we have made the rules and laid on the Table of the House.

**MR C PAHLIRA :** Mr Deputy Speaker, regarding my Constituency, Muallungthu Village Council has sent complaint to the Deputy Commissioner in-charge about grazing ground for this particular village.

**MR ZAIREMTHANGA MINISTER :** Mr Deputy Speaker, no Information has been given to the Minister in-charge so far. Probably, the village has complained to the Deputy Commissioner.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER :** Let us invite Mr Sainghaka to ask Starred Question No. 13th.

**MR SAINGHAKA :** Mr Deputy Speaker, will the Hon'ble Minister-in-charge Education Department be pleased to state - The total current financial year's expenditure for printing school textbooks whose copy-rights are reserved by the Mizoram Board of School Education for Mizoram. (a) Printed outside the state (b) Printed within Mizoram.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER :** We will invite concerned Minister to reply.

**MR F. MALSAWMA MINISTER :** Mr Deputy Speaker, the total expenditure for printing text books whose copy-right are owned by the Mizoram Board of School Education printed within Mizoram and outside the state is not approved by the Government concerned.

**MR SAINGHAKA :** Mr Deputy Speaker, there are certain text books for say Drawing for Class I upto Class VIII, writing practice for Class I to Class IV, Hindi Reader Class V, VI and VII, Environmental Study for Class III, IV, V text book for Mizo itself for Class I up to X, etc. printed by the Mizoram Board of School Education. Does it mean that the Government does not assess the working of the Mizoram Board of Education neither ?

**MR F.MALSAWMA MINISTER :** Mr Deputy Speaker, the text books for Mizo language for High School Leaving Certificate Book VIII, Book III up to VII have been printed within Mizoram, Mizo language Book I up to II, writing Practice Book I upto IV, Drawing Practice Book I to IV, Drawing Book V upto Book VII, Hindi Reader Book I to III are printed outside Mizoram. These are the Information we have.

**MR SAINGHAKA :** Mr Deputy Speaker certain text-books of MBSE printed outside Mizoram are much higher in price than that which are printed within Mizoram itself. For instance, Leaving Hindi Book is sold at rate of Rs. 2.50 per book whereas the MBSE book costs Rs. 6. 00 per book (one). Does our Government try to approve the rate of sale for text books by MBSE ?

**MR F.MALSAWMA MINISTER :** Mr Deputy Speaker, this matter has been discussed in the House. There is a result that the price of certain text books by MBSE are reduced to some extent. This is done by calling Quotation. As a whole, the Government is trying to reduce prices of text books with consideration of trading as aspect of the business. The Government is making an effort towards this goal.

**MR JOE NGURDAWLA :** Mr Deputy Speaker, the House earlier discussed this question to great length and in enquiry commission was to be appointed to the working of MBSE body with regards to price of text books under the same organisation. If there is such enquiry into the matter, will it be helpful for the members to have a copy of report such as this, can we have a copy?

**MR F.MALSAWMA MINISTER :** Mr Deputy Speaker, the report has borne fruits and that the Government is making headway in this matter. The initial report is coming through the Education Department before arriving to the House.

**MR SAINGHAKA :** Mr Deputy Speaker, as the Minister-in-charge has pointed out, the price of certain text books whose copy rights are owned by MBSE has come down to certain point, for instance, from Rs. 6 to Rs. 5.75. However, the question is, is not the MBSE orienting itself for sale profit or interest in this matter?

**MR F.MALSAWMA MINISTER :** Mr Deputy Speaker, I am not aware of much mismanagement in the MBSE body so far and that this branch is doing a fine job for their concerned interest. It is a department created by Union Territory Government and is one of the highest department for their field in the state. We then have to look at the whole business of this department from different angles.

**MR SAINGHAKA :** Mr Deputy Speaker, there are certain text books by MBSE which have been printed during Quotation call by certain firm. Does the MBSE accept such printed text books?

**MR F.MALSAWMA MINISTER :** Mr Deputy Speaker, such matter has not been reported to the Government.

**MR BUALHRANGA :** Mr Deputy Speaker, I believed that it is difficult for the concerned Minister to say about the Autonomous body such as this. The Mizoram Board of School Education has 28 copy rights totally, out of which 12 different text books are printed in Delhi Firm and other different text books are printed in another one in a different firm in Delhi as were not through tender. The printed text books by such firms are the ones which are sold at an exorbitant price. There are Certain firms in say, Delhi or Gauhati which can print such text books at a lower rate in more or less the same quality of firm. Can it therefore, be seen that such text books be published in the said firm say in Delhi or Gauhati for public interest?

**MR F.MALSAWMA MINISTER :** Mr Deputy Speaker, it is the concerned department which handles this business so long as the text books are concerned.

The Government has however, informed the MBSE several times to look into the actual condition of price of such text books under this body. The Department has revised the price rate and brought it down to a certain level. The Government however, will inform the concerned department to find means of reducing the price level still further.

**PU JOE NGURDAWLA :** Mr Deputy Speaker, the concerned Minister has said that there is not such information to the Government but it appears that some honorable members have doubt about the report can the whole matter be explained and examined?

**MR F.MALSAWMA MINISTER :** Mr Deputy Speaker, we will inform the MBSE to look into the matter.

**SPEAKER :** Well we will invite Mr Joe Ngurdawla to ask question No. 14.

**MR JOE NGURDAWLA :** Mr Deputy Speaker, my questions (No.14) concerns the easternmost part of eastern side of the state. It is the PWD route through Champhai, Khawbung, Farkawn, Vaphai, etc. Is the Government aware of the fact that this particular route needs vast improvement?

**DEPUTY SPEAKER :** Let us invite the Concerned Minister to reply.

**MR LALHMINGTHANGA MINISTER :** Mr Deputy Speaker, the Government has put charge of reconstruction of this route (Champhai, Farkawn route) to the North East Council Scheme whose business of the construction and reconstruction work has been put to the Board. However, the PWD has been maintaining the route normally before the said Board has started the work. The route is Jeepable at all time.

**MR JOE NGURDAWLA :** Mr Deputy Speaker, this route faces problem. The PWD is in-charge of maintenance and the road is Jeepable at all time as the Minister-in-charge has pointed out. The point is that the maintenance so collapsing. I request the Minister-in-charge to note that this route needs good maintenance. Can he take note of this matter?

**MR LALHMINGTHANGA MINISTER :** Mr Deputy Speaker, we need to begin work soon. The North Eastern Council has granted Fund provision and that the actual construction work is expected to be done soon. The geographical structure of the route is satisfiable to the provision to a great extent.

**MR K. LALSANGA :** Mr Deputy Speaker, according to the Government Scheme all the villages within the state should be connected by Jeepable road within ten years. Looking at the present condition the scheme seems to have failed altogether. All the villages within the state have to be connected by motorable road in ten years under the Government seeking suggestion or permission from the Central Government in this regard?

**MR LALHMINGTHANGA MINISTER :** Mr Deputy Speaker, connecting all villages by motorable road within ten years as an honorable member pointed out is not completely included in the scheme of our policy. The Government has

surveyed the geographical structure of the places. The hills and rivers in the state are mainly found in north to south wards direction. There are about five routes running east to westward direction. The state Government has made the master plan for construction of the route and is making effort to attain this scheme and is trying to obtain approval and recognition from the Central Government. The Government has to go towards achieving this goal in a slow degree. We are aiming at the scheme to complete Mr Speaker, if the members are interested in the scheme I am willing to speak about it in general if time allowed ?

**DEPUTY SPEAKER :** We will put it off to the latter sitting since we will have time to answer them. We will come to Business Item No. 2, Laying of Papers shall we invite the Leader of the House to lay.

**MR BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO CHIEF MINISTER :** Mr Deputy Speaker, I am requesting the House to consider the following two documents.

(1) The Mizoram Autonomous District Councils (Constitution and of Business of the District Councils) Amendment Rules, 1982.

(2) The Mizoram Autonomous District Councils (Constitution and Conduct of the District Councils) Second Amendment Rules, 1982.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER :** The two papers have been laid to the House now and become the House's property. We will come now to the List of Business No. 3 Let us invite Mr. Lalhmingthanga, Minister-in-charge to move the Supplementary Demand for grants for various Departments of the state.

**MR LALHMINGTANGA MINISTER :** Mr Deputy Speaker, with your permission and recommendation from the Lieutenant Governor of Mizoram I hereby, move the Supplementary Demand for Government of Union Territory of Mizoram for 1982-1983 a sum of Rs. 30 crores, 64 lakh and 80 thousand for expenditure on various services within the state. The detail of the Supplementary Demand has been informed to every member.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER :** Mr Lalhmingthanga has just move the Supplementary Demand for 1982-1983. It appeared that there is nothing much to ask about it. However, is there anybody to say about this?

**MR SAINGHAKA :** Mr Deputy Speaker, in the light of what we have discussed about the Supplementary Demand for Grant of Government of the Union Territory of Mizoram, 1983-1984 I would like to point out that Demand No. 1 requires Rs. 4 lakhs and 6 thousands for Legislative Assembly for office contingency, Stationary and Major repair of vehicles. Can this Supplementary Demand be explained in detail ? For Demand No. 3 for Secretariat Rs. 16 lakhs is demanded and for other charges at page 6 Rs. 1 lakh is demanded. I feel that it will be rather interesting to know if this sum of money includes Helicopter charge. I request that this charge be explained in a clear term.

**MR H. RAMMAWI :** Mr Deputy Speaker, it appeared that 1983-1784 was mistakenly written on the Supplementary Demand sheet of paper. (Mr Lalhmingthanga : Mr Deputy Speaker, as the honourable member has to be corrected as

1982-1983. It is a printing mistake. Will other members correct them for themselves. Mr Deputy Speaker) Coming to Demand No. 1 Mr Deputy Speaker, Rs. 2 lakhs, 70 thousands is required for maintainance of Assembly Secretariat Vehicles including major repair of such vehicles. Mr Deputy Speaker, hardly one or two vehicles belonging to the Assembly Secretariat are found to be in running condition it is known publicly that the Secretariat is in want of vehicles and so we do not expect to used one even. Mr Deputy Speaker, your car also looks old. It does not appear to be a flash one. For Demand No 3 the expenditure cannot be compared with the Demand. I feel that the Demand is a little small to meet the maintainance charge with other charges. I suggest then that the Demand be increased. Talking about Education Department. I feel that the Government should increase fund for this department because more and more Schools are started in the state. As the Central Planning Commission is leaving behind Education Department to itself the State should provide some more fund for this department. I would like to point out also that out of the two Districts namely, Parvi District Council and Chakma Council, the former appeared to have done better. I would suggest in this case that some kind of reward is made for an outstanding performance for this Government. For Demand No. 25 I suggest that the Government should increase the relief fund for the rural population specially and of course, for the District Administration. Coming to Demand No. 28 I find it difficult to understand the way this budget is arranged Mr Deputy Speaker, for the general understanding for members.

I suggest that a simple terms be used to explain the head of Demand for instance, Agriculture Department and so on. Rupees 126 lakhs point 60 appears for Agriculture Department for Loan. I do not understand for what purpose is this Loan provision made. For Forest Department Rupees 39 lakh appears to be granted for this Department. Can the Minister-in-charge make Rs. 2 lakh for decoration purpose ? Coming to Demand No. 34, I wonder if the Minister concerned will inform the House if 16 lakhs of Rupees cover the expense of Saiha Generator under Power House ? For Demand No. 37, Mr Deputy Speaker, I feel that the Government should give loan to Government servant for building advance generously.

MR C.L.RUALA : Mr Deputy Speaker, I hope it is allowed to ask Certain Demand for clarification. Mr Deputy Speaker, for Demand No. 1 Rs. 4 lakh or more is demanded for the vehicles repair I feel that it may be better to spend this amount for buying new vehicles. It appears that 1 (one) million four lakh and seventy six thousand is requested under Demand No. 9 for office contingency D.O.L. I feel that this is too big for this purpose. Can it be explained ? Coming to Demand No. 10 the total expenditure for the various head like uniforms and ration amounts to one million and five lakh. Can the Minister-in-charge explain this ?

For Demand No. 13, the total demand for Transport charge and Head load charge amounts to 1 crore 7 million Rupees. Can the Minister-in-charge explain as to how much percent is the Transport charge increased ? Coming to Demand No. 17 can the Minister-in-charge explain the various head of expenditure. I feel the amount is rather too big for such purpose. For Demand No. 29, the amount for Agriculture Loan such as Distress Loan accounts to 126.60 million rupees. Is this much of amount of money the Government has disposed.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER :** We shall now invite our Finance Minister to answer such questions and ask for voting.

**MR LALHMINGTHANGA MINISTER :** Mr Deputy Speaker, as we have been discussing the Demand, I hope every member has the booklet for this purpose for reading and clarification. As many members have pointed out maintenance charges for Legislative Assembly vehicle were in question. In case there is necessity of re-examining the Estimate we have the Revised Budget Estimate. The estimate then has to be revised upto 31st March. The Government will take note such suggestions as pointed out by various members. Mr Deputy Speaker, may I request the House to pass this Supplementary Demand ?

**DEPUTY SPEAKER :** Our Minister has clarified the Demand. Let us raise our right hand those who have agreed to pass Rupees 30 crore, 64 lakh and eighty thousand as Supplementary Demand for 1982-1983. (Members showed their agreement by raising their hands). The Bill, however, has to be passed as Appropriation Bill. Let us invite our Finance Minister to ask permission the House to introduce the Appropriation Bill.

**MR LALHMINGTHANGA MINISTER :** Mr Deputy Speaker, I am asking the House to pass the Mizoram Appropriation Bill for 1983.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER :** Our Minister has introduced the Bill. Let us invite the members to show agreement by raising their hands. Members raised their hands. Well the Appropriation Bill for Rupees 31 crore 65 lakh twenty one has been passed by the House. We will come now to No. 5 of General Discussion on the Annual Budget for the 1983-84. Let us see how many of us want to speak about the Bill. How long shall we take to discuss the Bill.

**MR ELLIS SAIDENGA :** As discussion is so important we should spend at least 30 minutes. We must be ready to sit till midnight. None should depart.

**MR JOE NGURDAWLA :** Mr Deputy Speaker, how late we will be sitting will depend on member's interest. Shall we fix the maximum duration for discussion for half an hour with extra time permissible ?

**MR HIPHEI :** Mr Deputy Speaker, will it be undesirable to speak long if we have much to say.

**MR H.RAMMAWI :** Shall we fix 30 minutes for the discussion, will it not be enough ?

**DEPUTY SPEAKER :** Let us say our opinion.

**MR B.P.ROSANGA MINISTER :** Mr Deputy Speaker, if we go on discussing indefinitely we may get exhausted. So half an hour will be enough, will it not be ?

**DEPUTY SPEAKER :** Mr Ruala, what is your opinion ?

**MR C. VULLUAIA :** Mr Deputy Speaker, I personally feel that we should not have such time limit. As the Budget Session is so important we should give enough time for discussion. You may control the meeting from the chair as you

like with bell and hammer. Others may speak long while other speak short. Each one should be given a sufficient time for speaking.

**MR B. LALCHUNGNUNGA :** Mr Deputy Speaker, I feel that we should have a definite time for discussing we may fix the time to be half an hour.

**MRS L. THANMAWII :** Mr Deputy Speaker, I believe that half an hour for each member to speak will be the most sufficient duration.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER :** Shall we invite each member to speak.

**MRS L. THANMAWII :** Mr Deputy Speaker, if we have a firm fixed duration we may not last out the time.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER :** We will then fix duration for 30 minutes. Shall we bear in mind not to speak longer than 30 minutes.

**MR SAINGHAKA :** Mr Deputy Speaker, I am not going to speak much in detail about our Budget 1983-1984. Our Budget amounting to 120 crore of rupees is not so large a sum for various department. I think we have a considerable feature about our Budget that about 10 lakh is granted for the Integrated Rural Development Programme, etc. We have in the Demand the Providence Fund for Natural Calamities like drought, Cyclone rainy weather and so on. It has been said that the Vety Director is going to be appointed as Managing Director. I believe that the Government should look for a possibly best person for the post I wonder if the Government take care of the Wild-life Department. I suggest that the Government should look after the reserved forest for utility.

Thirdly, I feel that we should utilise the Forest resources like Bamboo, Teak, etc. for material as well as commercial purposes. For research student I am not aware of scholarship granted to research students. I would like to suggest that the Government formulate a scheme for Juvenile Delinquency. Though no budget for this purpose appeared in the Demand I like to suggest that the Government should pull from various sources for this purpose.

**MR H.RAMMAWI :** Mr Deputy Speaker, I beg to ask if the Government is looking after the MNF returnee. How far is the Government making steps towards promotion of the special back-ward area ?

**DEPUTY SPEAKER :** Our meeting appears to have been going smoothly. We will continue to resume at 2:00 P.M.

Recesses till 2:00 P.M.

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**DEPUTY SPEAKER :** Anybody else to speak ? Mr Ngurdawla to speak.

**MR JOE NGURDAWL :** Mr Deputy Speaker, I suggest that the Government scrutinise the whole Demand. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I like to request our Ministers to inform their respective officers about this Budget discussion as this is an important one. We will invite Mr Hiphei now.

MR HIPHEI : Mr Deputy Speaker, I feel that we should aim at the overall development of the state. The Government should develop various schemes for different activity. We should work out various scheme for workable purposes.

MR B. LALCHUNGNUNGA : Mr Deputy Speaker, I would like to urge the people of Mizoram to accept that the state is the integral part of India. I think the Central Government aims at the balance of growth and development of the whole country. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Anybody else to speak ? Mr Piandenga.

MR PIANDENGA : Mr Deputy Speaker, we have been discussing about the various schemes for the Demand in a straight forward manner. I would like to add that our Government. set up various plans for developing the backward as well as the forward areas. For instance, the areas like Saitual, Serchhip, Kawlkulh, Keitum, Chhawrtui requires roads of a better quality. I would like to request the Minister concerned to give attention for these areas. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Shall we invite Mrs Thanmawii to speak as she raise hands or put off for tomorrow ? (Mr Joe Ngurdawla : The rain may fall suddenly and probally it is harmless to continue it next day, Mr Deputy Speaker) shall we now close the discussion for tomorrow ?

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 P.M.

J. Malsawma,  
Secretary.