

5TH SITTING ON MARCH, 22 1983.

CHIEF MINISTER, Four Minister and 24 Members were present.

MR. C. CHAWNGKUNGA DEPUTY SPEAKER, at the Chair.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Dead flies cause the ointment of the apothecary to send forth a stinking savour : So doth a litte folly him that is in reputation for wisdom and honour. A wise man's heart is at his right hand, but a fool's heart at his left. Yes also, when he that is a fool walketh by the way, and he saith to every one that he is a fool. Ecclesiastes 10:1-3)

We will come now to list of Business No. 1. starred question No. 15 is Mr. Sainghaka's question. He is not here, but he authorised Mr. C.L. Ruala. We will invite Mr. C.L. Ruala to ask in place of Mr. Sainghaka.

MR. C.L. RUALA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, I am asking starred question No. 15.

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

MR. P.B. ROSANGA, MINISTER : Mr. Deputy Speaker, the follwing is starred Question No. 15 - Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Agriculture Department be pleased to state -

How many tractors and Power Tillers have been issued to farmers of Mizoram at subsidised rate during the current year ?

The answer to this question is that the Government has not issued any tractors or power tillers to any one. But the Kolosib Branch of State Bank of India has issued four tractors.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We shall come now to starred question No. 16 if there is no supplementary question. Let us invite Mr. C. Pahlira to speak.

MR. C. PAHLIRA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Let me read out my question.

Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Electricity Department be please Do the Government expect to complete mini hydel project at Serlui 'A' within the target ? If not when do they expect it to be completed and commissioned ?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Shall we request Finance Minister to answer.

MR. LALHMINGTHANGA MINISTER : Mr. Deputy Speaker, the following is the answer to the honourable member's question, we are trying to finish the work within the specified time but due to heavy rain falling in February certain problem was brought about. It may therefore be late about one or two months for the work to complete. Secondly, I can assure the House that the project will be ready for commission within the next financial year i.e. 1983-1984 without fixing the date.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu C. Pahlira to speaker.

MR. C. PAHLIRA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, the project approach road and the pipe line has been laid through a private area. Is compensation paid to the owner concerned? Secondly, for what purpose is the project meant? Thirdly, is the project being carried out by the Department concerned or by contractor? Is the E.E. Hydro Electricity Division now working in the Division a Specialised person? It is known that two SDO working now at Serlui 'A' are extremely hard working people can a promotion be given to them? If not is there any proposal to give them reward?

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

MR. LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Firstly, I do not know whether we have given such compensation or not. Secondly, the whole project has been undertaken by the Department concerned because technical skill is largely involved in the work. Probably, a minor work like retaining wall may have been given to a contract work. Thirdly, the two E.E. Officers now working in the Micro Hydrel Project are Specialised and experienced concerning promotion for the two SDO namely, Mr. Lianghinglova Pachuau and Mr. Thangliana, the fact is that the chief Minister once called a meeting of all engineers concerned in the synod Hall in which he invited the E.E. Officers present to volunteer for Serlui Micro Hydrel Project. The aforesaid Officers responded to the invitation. It is known that they have been working vigorously in the Project. The Government will not forget people like them who work day and night for the good of the country. I cannot assure the House that however, the Government will or will not give promotion to them for voluntary work as Departmental Committee has to look into the matter and also recruitment Rules etc. has to be seen.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will now invite Mr. C. Pahlira to speak.

Mr. C. PAHLIRA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, I want to ask if the compensation is given to the owner concerned for the area. P. Trivedi, Advisor, Planning Commission on his visit to the State said "Compensation should be given for damaging the area" Is there any proposal to give much compensation

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us invite the Minister to reply.

MR. LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, I would like to request the House to note that whenever a compensation is about to be given people started to plant one thing or the other so as to get the maximum compensation. This kind of practice is widely prevalent. So, the Government has to examine the land concerned carefully before, making final assessment. According to the latest information received in the Department assessment has been made for the compensation. It is known that a complaint has been submitted to Mr. Trivedi but the Government is not in a position to remedy each and every complaint It has to be done carefully.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us invite Mr. C.L. Ruala to speak.

MR. C. L. RUALA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, we may have to burn candles if Serlui Project cannot supply power.

MR. LALHMINGTHANGA MINISTER : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Agriculture Department Government of Mizoram is making a provision for 50 p.c for subsidy for ginger growers. There is no loan system.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We shall invite Mr. Saidenga to ask starred question No.18

MR. ELLIS SAIDENGA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, I am asking question No. 18 Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Public Work Department be pleased to state -

The reason for failure of starting work on construction of truck road from Hnahthial to Thingsai.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will request the concerned Minister to reply.

MR. LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, the answer to the honourable Member of Hnahthial constituency is the following. The work cannot be started because there were some irregularities in calling tender for the project. The Government is thinking to change the first section of the proposed route.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We shall invite Mr. Saidenga to speak.

MR. ELLIS SAIDENGA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, is it a fact that the work cannot be started due to lack of fund ?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let the Minister reply.

MR. LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, it is not a complete fact that there is no fund for the work. The problem is that there were irregularities in the tender and therefore the Government thought it not use the fund for other purposes in-stead of lapsing. That is all, Mr. Deputy Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now Mr. Saidenga to speak.

MR. ELLIS SAIDENGA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, can you tell us what is the irregularity ?

MR. LALHMINGTHANGA MINISTER : Mr. Deputy Speaker, according to report received in the Department certain Tenders were known to have been associated with the MNF personnel and so, the Government sternly closed the Tender altogether.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will come now to List of Business No. 2. Brig. T. Sailo, Chief Minister to move the following as the paper has, but he himself is not present. Has he authorised any one to move, if not we will come to List of Business No. 3. instead.

We shall come to discussion on the Annual Budget for the year, 1983-1984. Let us invite Mr. Biakchungnunga to speak.

MR. K. BIAKCHUNGNUNGA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, I am very glad that our discussion is going on smoothly. I would like the P. W. D. Minister to payatten-

tion to the proposed route from Chhingchip to Lungpho as early as possible. It is important that our Officer take care of the route. Thank You.

MR. C. PAHLIRA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, I would like to stress the need of creating more employment in the Agriculture Department because this department involves a large portion of population in the state concerned. If possible, at least one Agriculture Demonstrator be appointed in every village for the field concerned, on a Gramsevak. I would like to request the Soil Department to give attention more seriously to the Agricultural work done in Chawngtlai. This particular area has been thoroughly done so far and I would mention a word of thanks for the people involved in the project. Potato is grown in the area. It is said that the subsidy or payment for the work in that area has not been paid to the responsible persons. I personally feel that the Government should not let them down but encourage and give them what have been promised at the beginning. I would therefore request the Government to follow the proclaimed policy in this regard. Next, unemployment is increasing year by year. Can the Government do something to sort out this problem? Graduate or under graduate for instance. I believe that our leaders in the Government will not fail to approach the N. E. C for fund and other requirement. Let me say about Transport. The general bus fare in Mizoram is extremely high compared to that of other states. It is difficult for village people to come to Towns due to high fare for the journey. People from village will find it easier to send their Agricultural yields, products etc through private means. Therefore, I would like to request the Government to issue permit for running private bus.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Mr. Bualhranga and Mrs Thanmawii to speak one after the other.

MR. BUALHRANGA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, I would like to thank the Government for getting an enormous sum of money for the State Developmental work from the Central Government. Next Mr, Deputy Speaker, I would like to express gratitude to the Government Press Servants for bringing out a fantastically better form of paper than the previous one. It is not difficult to handle it Conveniently I have recently visited the Press and was impressed by their efficient work and handling. Mr. Deputy Speaker, for instance a certain material is given to them for printing and is completely finished within 2 weeks. In this regard I would like to request our Government to grant overtime allowances to workers of the Press for working such overtime. Humanly speaking this is perhaps reasonable. I would like therefore, to request our Government to consider the matter.

I would also like to request the Government to make provision for recruiting science experts for advance study in this field. Next, I feel that certain publishing firms for instance, Pitember, Delhi, is making or bitant charge for their books Mr. Deputy Speaker, certain books like N. C. E. L's and other publishers books are in my opinion reasonable in price. I would like to add that the MBSE be requested to check the text book prices to a generally accepted level. Coming back to the subject of giving training to science Students for higher studies may I request the Education Department to make efforts of higher and higher level. I would therefore like to request the authority on prescribing text books and price control to examine the current aspects in their field. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pi Thanmawii.

MRS L.THANMAWII : Mr Deputy Speaker, I feel that our Budget discussion is a happy one. The Central leaders as well as the state leaders are to be thanked for this. It appears in the budget booklet that we have so far 280 sub-centres in the State. This is in fact, meagre so far as expedient health aid is concerned. I would suggest that more sub-centre is opened under the Health Department in the rural urban areas.

I would like to request the Health Department to look after MHIP in a better way Maternity or child welfare centre serves the needy in an efficient manner. I feel personally that the Health Department along with the maternity or child welfare wing work together side by side.

Coming to the point on early cancer detection scheme, may I request the Department concerned to arrange this kind of clinical centre in towns and villages in some way or the other. I feel that cattle rearing such as pigs and so on is suitable in Mizoram. The Agriculture Department and Veterinary Department should encourage people to rearing pigs for domestic benefit.

I would like to point out that Thana building in Aizawl is in badly need of repair etc. Its physical appearance is extremely ugly to see. Certain road construction scheme appear in the Budget booklet for instance, ITI to Bawngkawn road via Pachhunga College Aizawl Fakam road and so on. Will the Minister concerned look into the said matter. Next irregularity in the Power Department need to be pointed out. For example, energy bill is issued at an interval of 3 or 4 month for periodical rate. Will it not be more convenient for the consumers to receive bill at a shorter interval. There is hardly any vehicle serviceable in the Thana, Aizawl for emergency purpose. At least 3 serviceable vehicles should be available in the Department for emergency use. Coming back to Social Welfare Department, the Department concerned is doing very well indeed old Aged welfare is in my opinion a commendable work. I would request to increase the relief fund for them. Thank you.

MR C.VULLUJIA ; Mr. Deputy Speaker, I feel that we need a trained person for Education Department. For technical and higher studies the Directorate should look for suitable candidates for recruitment of higher Education. Next the idea of introducing crop rotation system is a new technique and I think, it is recommendable for Mizoram condition. By illustration, a particular seed crop is grown after the other and so on. This kind of agricultural practice is yielding and profitable in many cases. I would like to request all the MLAs concerned to encourage people to learn to eat wheat as food because there may be shortage of rice supply every now and then.

Coming to Police department service, I would like to point out that there were certain negligence on the part of doctor concerned. The case was that certain MAP personnels were infected by tetanus sometime ago certain emergency operation were done on the infected persons. The point I am going to make is that the Hospital meant for the public personal need to be run effectively. Regarding selection of candidates for MAP personnel there were some reports that the speaker, was personally involved in making choice. Let me assure the

House that this report was a totally. I was not in any way involved in the selection concerned. Mr. Deputy Speaker, I feel that the Government should appoint the local educated person to fill up the post of importance such as commissioner and so on in the state as the local persons are more or less familiar with the life style of the people concerned. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We shall close our meeting now and resume at 2 p.m. in the afternoon.

RECESS TILL 2 p.m.

27 : 00 p.m.

SPEAKER : Well let us invite Mr. Sainghaka to speak. Let me ask all members concerned to try to focus on the Budget itself. Shall we all try to concentrate on the Budget matter.

MR. ELLIS SAIDENGA : Mr. Speaker, I am happy about our budget discussion. I would like to ask the Department concerned to be more vigilant on the border crossing (i.e Indo Burmese boundary) There are a number of illegal persons crossing the border. They are in the habit of doing one crime or the other inside the country and slip off to the next after doing such a crime. The closest Public Station to the border is apparently Hnahthial Station. I therefore, request the Department concerned to appoint more personnels and make necessary arrangements to check illegal infiltrators into the country.

Next, I feel also that there should be a Municipal Board in a town like Lunglei and Aizawl. I would request our Government to look in the matter.

We have in Lunglei an institution called T T I. It is the Vice Principal who is taking charge of Principal responsibility now. Will it not be proper to have actual Principal in the institution concerned ? Concerning Health Department, as pointed out earlier by a Tawipui Member I felt it necessary as well that constituency should have a Hospital for its own.

For Information of the Department concerned I would like to request our Government to sanction more fund for acquiring applicants and other recruitment for publishing purpose and so on. Regarding Agriculture, let me point out that there is a fertile soil area in Buarpui area. There is only one truck road to this area and that road has been constructed by a daily wage basis. I think it will be worth taking the trouble to construct road to link to that area for agriculture. Transport Department doing a fine job. Let me point out that some time ago a bus service was arranged between Pangzawl and Lunglei for some time but to one reason or the other the service was dropped. Later on, the service was renewed for the benefit of the people particularly in my constituency and around it. I want to express my gratitude for that system.

Let me point out also that the road between Hnahthial and Thingsai has been constructed some time ago on EGS scheme but due to reason or the other the project was closed. I would like to request our Government to continue the construction work on this project as soon as possible.

Regarding PWD I would like to point out that it is necessary to construct a proper road between Aizawl and Lunglei (i.e. Aizawl Lunglei Road) This project can be a useful road between Lunglei and Aizawl.

Regarding Fire Department, I feel that we should have our fire Brigade Station in town specially. For instance, in Aizawl we have only one Fire Brigade Station. In case the fire breaks out in for flung area Say, at Kulikawn or College area, what would happen in such a case? It will be advisable to locate a unit or branch at several places for the purpose. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Please raise your hands if you want to speak. Mr. C.L. Ruala to speak.

MR. C.L. RUALA : Mr. Speaker, I hope we are all happy about the enormous increase in our budget year by year. One billion of rupees is indeed a big sum for state like Mizoram. We have Committees like Consultative Committee, Estimate committee etc. but then have not at all been called for the purpose or meeting. The sorry state of thing is that about 28 lakh of rupees were returned to the Government in 1978-1979 which was originally meant for District Industrial Centre in Lungdai, Aizawl etc. Village and small Industries owners, small industrial Development Corporation etc. Along with this 12 lakhs were supposedly surrendered. We should have planned before hand as to how much funds were to be required and for what type of project and so on. We have been taking pride in the product of Agriculture now and then. This is reasonable. For instance, some time ago, our firm at Sialsuk has to grow 200 quintal of potatoes every year, but only 12 quintal and 51 kgs were produced in that year (i.e. 1979) I feel, therefore, that we should find new approach or method of working after our agricultural practice. Mr. Speaker, I am afraid that we do not utilise our funds. We seems to have complete materially among ourself rather than working for the people- Mr. Speaker, do not misuse the public fund? I have seen a vehicle bearing ZRG being loaded with brick some time ago. I want to assure the House about this fact. Why do I say this? I think our CM's son is a dealer and contractor handling lakhs and lakh of rupees. The question if whether there was any reason for lending Rupees 4 lakhs and 7 thousands to our CM's son. How is this possible? Mr. Speaker, you should have appoint Enquiry Commission to this matter. If there is such provision for lending. I myself as well want to borrow and probably many other freinds. This is wrong.

MR. JOE NGURDAWLA : If any member has attacked personally in the House it can be deemed as contempt of the House if, the allegation is proved to be false. The accusing member can be charge.

SPEAKER : Let us not make personal attacks.

MR. JOE NGURDAWLA : Mr. Speaker, will it not be proper if allegation against any Member as members or kind of corruption is pointed out instead of making charge against a particular member in the House. It is proper to allege a particular member in the House such as this time.

MR. J.THANKUNGA : Mr. Seaker, I am glad about our budget discussion today. Let me point out certain aspects in the working of our Government. I

feel that there is an excess of centralisation of power in the Ministry. For instance one has been advised to see the Minister in charge for arrears of his pay a transfer of a certain peon has to be made at the directorate level and so on. For certain matters one has been advised to meet say, D.C etc. which possibly can have been done by the authority concerned. It is very expensive for villagers from a distant place to come to town for small matters such as this in order to clear their doubt or Misconception. Regarding Traffic Police uniforms, it appears that there servicemen do not get Uniforms from the Government side. Will it not be reasonable that Traffic Policemen get Uniforms from the Government to consider the matter.

Probably, supply Department is making a big progress in its developmental scheme other departments are not however ruled out. For instance there are two bus Services a day from Ratu Constituency to Aizawl. This is a convenient service for the people indeed. What I want to point out is that the fare is somewhat high for ordinary citizen, Can the Government subsidise the fare in some way or the other ? I am afraid that the statement made by the member of Sateek constituency that private fare was higher than the Government's bus was wrong. The fact if I am not incorrect, is that the Government control the rate of fare both of private as well as Government.

Next, concerning Art and Culture, I would like to thank the authority for popularising this field of life to a national level. For example, the cultural performance at the Asian Games was commendable. It is neally necessary for us to promote Art and Culture to a greater extent. The state concerned should I feel give attention to the development to this aspect of life As for Agriculture, I feel that we should introduce machinery type of culture cultivation i.e. using tractors, bulldozer etc. for ploughing and so on. We have to study about the physical nature of our land in request of cultivation. Let the Government open mobile Office for instance and develop modern technique of Agriculture. Let us go forward in developing veterinary field as well. Graze more animals and so on. Along with the above department, I would like to encourage our Government to make more efforts towards developing sericulture. I feel that if irrigational facilities are created the annual productivity will definitely increase. To utilise forest resources our Government has to meet the central authority or other State Officials for reaching an agreement, For instance, bamboo is avauable resource if utilised. The point is that if the State Department consult the other officials for an agreement in one way or the other the authority concernd may sign some kind of a bond or agreement for utilising the resources in such a way that there will be no waste of forest resources in the state.

Fishery is fast developing in our state I think our Government should give more attention towards developing this science. For instance, some time ago I bought a kg of fish from a certain dam. That particular fish tastes good. What I am going to say is that if we construct more dams for fish we can have fish at a cheaper rate.

Regarding Community Development, it seems that C.D. road is the convenient route linking towns, villages and so on. According to the scheme, each block was to receive about $4\frac{1}{2}$ lakh rupees for the development but hardly a few sanction was granted for the construction of Vanapa Hall. What I am trying to

say that C.D. project should be given its proper share whatever may be the cause if we want to develop C.D. and soon. Concerning Industries Department, I am wondering why the sanction is returned every year, for example, sanction for Seasoning Timber Plan and so on. If the Department concerned is facing a real problem like want of expertise or technical persons why don't we come down to some what native kind of Industrial enterprise. For example, a few days ago in an Industrial Exhibition a distilling home made machinery was shown. This particular industrial specimen struck me as I was thinking about the possibility of developing this kind of work at the present level. I think if we develop such art for example, we may get many involved in the system and help people economically. Concerning Revenue Department we have been talking about certain issue like Town Tribal Trade Licence and so on. We warned ourself now and then about assimilation and so on. Personally I do not have much fear as to why we should be assimilated so far as the machinery is in the hands of popular Government. It may be feared that the increased coming of labour from outside Mizoram, possibly create assimilation but personally I do not think that such labour forces may not be a possible cause. Some time ago the MHIP were trying to establish a public calling booth in certain areas. But the reserved places have been allotted to some people for housing and so on. The MHIP's though it may look small will be serving public People may make use of such calling booth without going to spend money for fee etc. This kind of establishing public calling booth will be convenient for the public in future.

Regarding Police Department it may be pointed out that certain Police Officer have committee uncivilised kind of act to the public for example, it is reported that a DSP Officer knocked out Committee Officer Sometime ago. There are certain other repeated cases in which Police personnel were involved. What I want to suggest is that the Government should carefully train recruits for armed purpose otherwise arms one issued may be misused or out of control. I feel that our Government should take more efforts towards developing C.D. Department for the welfare of the people.

Coming to my own constituency, I would like to request the Mizoram Government to consider the construction of Tipaimuk-Churachanpur truck road for particularly people around that region. Lastly, I would like to ask our Government to spend our Financial possession for the Development of the rural and urban people. Thank you.

MR. SAIKAPTHIANGA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, I am happy for the opportunity to speak on the budget. But one thing negatively impressed me is that many of our Officers concerned are absent today. It is not in actual sense the members who really work. So, it is almost essential that our Officers, heads of Department should be present during the discussion, I would like to request our Ministers concerned to inform their department respectively about the required attendance during the budget session.

Concerning Agriculture I feel that our Government has to take an effective method of re-organising our cultivating system. What I mean tosay is that the total population of the State depends on Agriculture for food. About 30 to 40 p.c. of the total population is engaged in Agriculture. We need a good facilities of irrigation, terrace system etc for instance in order to speed up the work or to

improve the same. We have land reclamation and so on for instance within the Agriculture department. It seems that the Department concerned has distributed certain Agricultural implements etc. for cultivation. (Agriculture) I would like to point out that there are a number of obstacles in the way of linking a particular area with the nearby road. For instance, Kawtethawveng Darlak link road has been proposed but the project has not been done so far this particular link road is to join Darlak PWD road I wonder why nothing constructive has been done in this respect. Therefore, from that point of view it can be said that our Agriculture is going down further. Let the Department try hand.

Concerning Forest Department, certain information has been received that a V.C. President in search of a Post has been promised say an LAD, Forest Guard etc. if he answered the authority concerned to give a plot of certain land to the latter. It therefore, seems that without the Public knowledge certain plot of land has been sold out since some time past. Next, our Forest Department has done some work in planning 50 (fifty) years time, What I would like to point out is that we can have an alternative for say, cotton tree etc. for Commercial purpose for instance. Such trees are used in the manufacture of paper etc.

Concerning wild life, we have now Dampa Wild Life Sanctuary what I would like to suggest is that we have better changed the Sanctuary. If the sanctuary is chiefly meant for attracting tourists, foreigners etc. Why not we establish such zoos etc at apparently central places for instances, at Chite, Aizawl Silchar, road side area and so on.

Concerning the accomodation arrangement for pressmen, journalists etc in the last Asian Games, I would like to point out that the authority has not taken care of the accomodation for pressmen etc. Mizoram satisfactorily. There has been complaint by one or the other against the accomodation arranged to the persons concerned.

Regarding Printing Press Wing, let me say that there has been suspicion about unauthorised issue of stationery items from the Department store etc. How can we check such kind of practice? I feel that our Government has to enquire about the whole system of working in the department.

With regard to Police Department I feel that we have to give workable facilities to policeman such as housing facilities and so on. What I would like to suggest is that we start baning a check gate at some strategic points such as Kanmun pass, at Tipaimuk road and so on besides the existing check gate.

We have a sufficient number of police personnel to keep law and order mainly, but the point is that hardly any policeman is to be seen in the public areas. I feel that the Government has to examine the working scheme of the Policemen.

With regards to P.W.D, I would like to point out that no work has been done in the far flung areas or the internal areas has not been cured. We need good road, bridge etc. for instance for the progress of over all development. For example, why dont we build a bridge across the River Teirei in stead of widening the Mamit Town road Secondly, it is not reasonable to give compensation for the Public or private land or property. I feel that the Government has to check whether or not to compensate for any private land, property or the like.

Concerning Education department I would like to point out certain problem on the part of the Public regarding availability of text book and so on. The trouble is that there has been a sufficient number of text books available in the market. Children have been told to possess all the required text books without which they were not allowed to come to school I think there have been cases of this types now and then. The point I am trying to make is that there should be enough copy of various text books available for buying whatever may be the price. I would like to stress the sufficient availability of various text books for the public purchasing. Secondly, looking at the text books on Grammer for Mizoram I feel that there has not been sufficient portion on Grammer, Grammer is a basic step in learning English. For many cases, one has to have a basic knowledge of grammer in order to understand English, So what I feel is that we should have a proper text book on Grammer and our Government should examine the suggestion.

Concerning Information Department, I would like to put a question for a personal case The 'Mizoram Today' for instance seems to have been released on a regular basis but the problem is hardly a copy is received by the speaker, may the authority concerned examine the matter generally. Our budget is not a small amount compared with that of the previous budget. But I believe that how careful and technical we are in handling the budget will determine the progress in various fields. I sincerely wish that our budget is carried out actively and wisely.

MR. LALNGHENGA : Mr. Speaker, I am personally concerned about our budget presentation and would like to point out certain cases relating to various department etc.

Concerning Revenue, I would like to request our Government to recognise the whole taxation system prevalent in the State concerned, May additional Staff be employed in the department concerned in order to have a working system in a more efficient manner. I would therefore, request our Government authority to speed up the work.

Concerning Excise I would like to point out that we need to revise the Excise system now and then. Concerning Police Department. I would like to point out the suggestion that some sort of martial art like karate, Kungfu etc. be introduced as part of the training as this may add self-confidence.

Coming to Demand No. 2. I would like to point out that certain Jail condition is very poor humanly speaking. In this connection, I would like to mention that hardly any wood fuel is provided for consumption, purposes for example. When a person is sick there seems to be a little place for the sick in the Hospital concerned. May the Government make reservation in the Hospital particularly for the prisoners.

Concerning stationery and Printing, I would like to support the suggestion that an overtime allowance be given to overtime working persons in the Department concerned.

Regarding V.C. it may be pointed out that our V.C. members work on a more or less voluntary basis. Currently, their pay is something like Rs. 50. For V.C.P. Rs. 30 for vice V.C.P. Rs. 25 for member and a village crier etc. The point is that these people have to leave home works etc. for carrying out the

village duty. Considering their respective pay against the average amount of work and duty they have to performed the pay is I think meagre. How about increasing the pay for instance to Rs 130,2000, or so for the respective posts. Then, for stationery and refreshment purpose, may I suggest that our Government grant a certain sum of money for example, Rs. 1000, or 2000 (Rs) as some sort of recurring grant. It may not be proper to let them work without such grant or something of that sort. This may appear inhuman.

Coming back to V.C. or V.C.P I would like to point out that now and then V.C.P or members have been called to meeting say by Revenue or LAD for Example. It seems that no T.A. or D.A. or the like has been given to them with respect of their travelling expenses etc. Will it not be reasonable to give such allowances for coming on official duty. Then, regarding LAD, I would like to point out that we need more staff to manage the village council affair. So far we have about 194 villages under V.C. to look after these VCs. I think we need to have moresay, Circle Officer at least two in number. May I also suggest that the Circle be reorganised conveniently.

PI K. THANSIAMI : Mr Speaker, I am glad about our budget which in my opinion is quite large as 11 Crores of Rupees. What I would like to point out is that public living around power House at Zarkawt has uttered complaint against the disturbing noise that the Power machine produces on operation. It is requested to shift the power house, elsewhere.

Regarding road tax, only registered vehicles pay tax but this seems to be somewhat insufficient as far as the source of income is concerned. Suppose at a certain distance of Km. a collect tax at the road side the man in charge of tax may handover the same to the authorised Official conveniently.

Regarding LAD I would like to request our Government to make sure that cleaning the street, compounds, dustbin particularly on the public road side be done more often than before because rubbish are ugly to look at and therefore, in order to keep the place, town etc. clean the staff employed to clean such places really have to work hard on a more regular basis.

Concerning Information and Public Relation, I would like to congratulate the department concerned for accomplishing several project such as releasing a rather well printed calender and so on. But the point is that the copy is received late. For this department I would like to suggest that they buy say video camera and the Recording machine for the Departmental purpose.

Let me say something about Mizo customary Law Committee which were supposed to be created sometime ago even though this is not included in the paper. How far has the Committee worked in the sphere of Law concerned? What I would like to point out is that the Committee should include a female member. As a matter of fact the present Committee members may not fully know the condition of female so far as law is concerned. May I also suggest that a female Judicial Officer is posted in the court of Law.

Concerning Co operative Department I would like to suggest that a Lady Instructor Post be created to look after the Administration of the Society along with other Official.

Concerning Weight and Measure, I would like to suggest that the department concerned should have an instrument for taking order to check whether a particular bundle of iron or steel product is correct when delivered. May the authority examine the matter. Thank you.

J.H. LIANCHUNGNUNGA : Mr. Speaker, concerning Education Department, I would like to request the Department concerned to give priority particularly to recognised institutions. In this respect may I further suggest that the Department distributes building grant proportionally as far as possible. I would like to request the physical Education Department to make more effort to promote physical Education in order to develop physical as well as mental and spriritual well being. It is reported that a large amount of money has been due for account of sports goods, instruments etc. by the department concerned. May I therefore suggest that the amount due to pay should be paid without further delay.

Concerning V. C. pay I would like to request the Government to consider missing the current pay in favour of the V/C. as suggested earlier. Concerning PHE I would like to request the Department concerned to give supply of water to remote places like Armed Veng, Chhinga veng etc. regularly as much as possible. Then, concerning Pump House, I would like to request the Government to see that there, is no more pilferage of diesel (black marketing) in the establishment concerning Agriculture. I would like to request the Government to purchase products like potatoes e.c. so that the owner or seller may have fund to buy seed for the next season and so on.

Concerning Police Department, I would like to point out that certain Policeman are involved in gambling etc which is unlikely of their departmental nature as long as they are to keep law and order. Mr. Speaker I sincerely wish that such gambling should be stopped forthwith. Concerning creation of 2nd Police Battalion as pointed out earlier, I would like to request the Government to have a complete Batallion all together.

Concerning Medical Department I wish to express my gratitude for bringing out five medicine Speciallists to work in Mizoram. It is known publicly that these medical doctors have worked sincerely for the public. May I request the Government to make some kind of reward for their service for the people. In this connection may I point out certain complaint against transfer, promotion etc. The point is certain workers like Health Supervisor, Nurses etc have been transfered to rural area here and there for a considerable lenght of time. I would like to request the Government to examine this matter.

Concerning District Council I would like to point out certain suspicion regarding utilisation of public fund for the council concerned. From the PAC point of view it is questionable whether public fund is utilised properly in those three Autonomous District Councils. May I therefore request the Government to examine the matter as soon as possible. Thank you.

MR. HARI KRISTO CHAKMA : Mr. Speaker, concerning supply I would like to request the Government to stock certain essential commodities like rice etc at Demagiri because Tuichawng Bridge which is at present the main passage for

transport in that part of the country is getting weaker and weaker. In this connection, may I also point out that commodities like kerosine oil is extremely expensive. For instance, a bottle of kerosine oil is sold at Rs. 8 or 10. I would therefore hope that the public will be happy if the Government send supply of kerosine oil for people in that particular areas like Chawngte, Demagiri etc.

Concerning Agriculture, may I point out that there is no agricultural Staff at all in my CONSTITUENCY, An Extension Officer has come and visited that area but nothing concrete has been done in that respect. There are obviously fertile land for growing crops but there is no staff to work in that respect so far. We are, as a matter of fact, importing rice from other states like Bihar, Assam etc. whereas we have perfect land for growing such essential plant like rice etc. If we do not cultivate our own land I am afraid there will be no end of importing such commodities from outside the state. Mr. Speaker, it will be advisable that the department concerned examine the area for agriculture purposes particularly.

Regarding Fishery, it may be said that there are convenient area for fishery in and around Chakma area. I myself have expressed personal wishes here in the House that the area should have something of the Fishery department or to post at least a Fishery Officer for that part of the state, I feel that we, people of remote areas, have been neglected for too long. Then Garden colony owners have been granted aid once and for all and no secondary aid or the like has been given so far for the purpose.

In such condition owners are unable to complete the project thereby rendering them helpless to stop the project from collapsing. May I therefore request our Government (Agriculture department) to give attention for fishery to that area and continue to support the owners in their project.

Concerning District Administration, there cannot be smooth sanctioning of Administration mainly due to lack of responsible Officials for the concerned department. Let the Government post certain Officers to that area as early as possible.

Regarding Land Revenue, Mr. Speaker, let the Government send a considerable number of Staff to work in that area immediately. Mr. Speaker, concerning Education Department. I would like to request the Government to appoint a Hindi Teacher and move teaching Staff in this line. The problem is that sometime ago there was an advertisement for a Hindi teacher post in my constituency but nothing is known about appointment. May I know the reason? Regarding teaching Staff Mr. Speaker, let me request the Government to appoint more teacher for various schools because education in that line suffer mainly due to lack of teaching staff. Hardly a teacher take care of the entire school so or institution. So, when the teacher is absent, the school has to be closed for want of a substitute teacher. Beside there is no such thing as inspection in that part of the state far, for instance, a particular teacher may take leave of absence for a long period of time if there is no inspection now and then. Mr. Speaker, may the Government consider these matters seriously.

Regarding Transport, Mr. Speaker, the current bus fare is extremely high for ordinary public from my constituency. Many people cannot afford to come to Aizawl, mainly on account of high fare in travelling. May I request the Government to reduce the current fare so that even poor people can afford to travel in such transport system.

Concerning P.W.D. it may be said that Demagiri to Borapansuri road is extremely corrupt and unusable for practical purpose like passing essential commodities etc. The point is that this route is about 165 km. in length and a very convenient passage for moving in the Border areas on that side. What I would like to suggest is that Mr. Speaker, P.W.D. take charge of that route in order to ensure smooth transporting in that part of the State.

Then, regarding Chawngte Road, it may be pointed out that this route has not been Completed so far. This route is particularly risky for Jeep. It has therefore, to be well constructed in order to avoid accident etc.

Mr. Speaker, concerning Co-operative Society, may I suggest that the Government establish multipurpose co-operative Society in Chakma area or use Land Society in the same area. Mr. Speaker, concerning Village Council, let me suggest that the salary of V. C. P., Vice President, Member etc be raised because these people have been busy in preparing meal, feast etc for Officials etc. when the later come to visit the places. I think it will be well and good if the salary is fixed at Rs. 100 or 200.

Regarding MLA 'Who's who' (book form) may I suggest that the Government take great care of the book in which life history of each member is included in detail and standard form.

Then, Mr. Speaker, concerning M.L A. Hostel down there used to be children's noise disturbing the occupants now and then. It is unthinkable to have such noise particularly when VIP etc from outside the state are staying.

Regarding Lunglei Circuit House, may I point out that there are large number of visitors etc from say Saiha, Lunglei, Aizawl etc but the accomodation capacity is too small to meet the requirement.

Mr. Speaker, concerning power, may I request the Government to supply electricity to places like Chawngte, Demagiri etc as there is no Kerosine oil which are extremely scarce in that part of the country. It is almost imposible to work without energy in the present age. Thank you.

MR. BIAKCHHUNGA : Mr. Speaker, I think we are happy about our budget now, what I would like to speak is how we can use the money with care. It is very important for the Government as well as the public to utilise the fund in a scrupulous way otherwise it may be misused.

Concerning Returnee Rehabilitation, I would like to point out that the Rehabilitation scheme has covered about 1/4 of the total returnee so far. As a matter of fact the returnee has come home without any property what soever. How can he establish himself unless the Government help him in some way or other ? May I therefore request the Government to make greater effort in order to rehabilitate him.

Concerning Printing & Stationery Department as pointed out earlier if such allegation statement was true it will be necessary for the Government to Act of the report. In the conection, I would like to point out certain thing about Stati-

onery supplier. If there are more than one Supplier there will naturally be a competition in some way or other, So there can be improvement of quality and so on if there are more than one such suppliers. Thank you.

MR.V. LALNUNZIRA : Mr. Speaker, I am glad to participate in our budget discussion today.

May I request the Government to grant some kind of grant to Teirei Salem Boarding School as there are several students without proper teacher, furnitures and so on. In addition to this may I also request our Government to upgrade the school to High School level.

Concerning Police Department it is said that another battalions are going to be established. In this respect may I request our Government to appoint only non-alcohol drinking candidates so far as it is practicable because drunken person is not at all fit for duty. He must be sober specially while on duty. I would like to request our Government to include this point to the rules etc. Thank you.

MR.K.LALSANGA : Mr Speaker, Concerning Home Department may I request the Government to post policemen to the border areas. In this connection I would like to point out certain complaints against the Policemen's behaviour. As a matter of fact, Police are not employed only to keep Law and Order but also to help the public. But on the other hand, certain policemen behave in a negtive way. For instance, there was a report that our committee Officer was threatened and even manhandled. I feel therefore that it is necessary to keep safeguard to such misbehaviour.

Concerning Local Administration and Town Planning may I point out that it is necessary to keep the roadside, Street etc. clean and tidy. For this purpose, may I request the authority to find a better means of cleaning such places in a convenient way.

Concerning Education, I would like to point out that besides academic education, We need to have manual education as well because the unemployment problem increases year by year. I feel therefore, that we need to emphasise the manual education along with the academic Education. May I also emphasise the suggestion to have games and sports at the directorate level.

Concerning Health Department, may I suggest that the Lunglei T.B. Hospital be shifted to somewhere else from the present location because this Hospital, being built near the main building, seems to be too close. It will be advised to have TB hospital at least at a distance from the main Hospital from the point of view of infection.

Concerning Supply, May I request the Government to make carriage of food-stuff to places like Sertlang and so on because in these particular places such food-stuff like rice etc. have not been brought at all. The condition of the people is unimaginable. They may die of hunger and so on. Regarding Transport, I would like to suggest that we better have some kind of comfortable type of travelling service like Delux Bus service etc. between Aizawl and Lunglei. It is a long dis-

tance route of about 244 km. in length may we have a better kind of travelling service.

Concerning Community Hall, may I request our Government to speed up the construction of a Community Hall in Lunglei. May I suggest that the Hall be named Saikuti Hall.

Regarding the P.W.D. work, may I emphasize the need of enlarging accommodation capacity at Lunglei Circuit House in order to cope with the increasing visitors.

Concerning Tawipui area may I request our Minister concerned to locate at least a Hospital block head quarter etc. in that part the country. Thank you.

MR. LALHMINGTHANGA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker, as pointed out earlier, what comes out apparently is the accusation that the poor section of the public has no share in the Government budget plan and so on. But this is, I am afraid, a misconception altogether. For example, Government has what may be called a plan and Non-plan scheme at the same time. Generally, there are centrally sponsored scheme, NEC plan and the state concerned plan which included both the plans. The whole scheme is meant for the development of the state concerned and there is no question about the use of these fund on the part of the Government for the concerned plan etc. take Medical Department for instance, how can we create a different department solely to look after the welfare of the weaker section of the people. The point is that the Department concerned is run for the entire section of the people indiscriminately, let me assure you, is taking steps towards development of the people in the state(?).

Then, May I invite Members to contribute some concrete suggestion during the coming detailed discussion. Let me urge all the members concerned to educate the public about the meaningful conduct as citizens as this may help people of future generation to achieve the desired goal.

SPEAKER : Well, we have finished the General discussion covering 2 (two) days. The point I would like to make however is that the continued absence of some important heads of department in the discussion can be still noticed. This is a discouraged scene obviously I will therefore, request each and every Minister concerned to urge heads of their respective department to listen to the speeches as much as practicable in future.

MR. HIPHEI : Can this connected with the VIP line ? Can the Minister concerned take care of the problem? Then how to get rid of this terribly bad smell around here. May I ask you to get rid of this kind of smell ?

SPEAKER : Our Minister concerned may consider the matter. I am happy that we have had a fruitful discussion. We will resume the meeting at 10 O'clock tomorrow.

Meeting adjourned at 8 : p.m.
J. Malsawma
Secretary.