

## SIXTH SITTING ON 23.3.1983

**MEMBERS PRESENT** — Pu C. Chawngkunga, Deputy Speaker at the Chair, Chief Minister, Four Ministers and 22 Members were present.

**BUSINESS**

1. **QUESTIONS** — Questions entered in separate list to be asked and answers given.

2. **LAYING OF PAPERS** — MR P.B. ROSANGA, MINISTER to lay on the Table a copy of the Mizoram Coffee Estates Owners' Registration Rules, 1982.

MR F. MALSAWMA, MINISTER to lay on the Table a copy of the Mizoram Board of Education (Contributory Provident Fund Cum-Payment of Gratuity to Employees) Regulations, 1982.

3. **PRESENTATION OF REPORT** — MR JOE NGURDAWLA to present to the House the SEVENTH REPORT of the Committee on Subordinate Legislation.

4. **OFFICIAL RESOLUTION** — BRIG THENPHUNGA SAILO, CHIEF MINISTER to move the following :— "Whereas in exercise of the power conferred by sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 16 of India, the Lt. Governor (Administrator) of the Union Territory of Mizoram has by order issued vide Notification NO DCAIE - 176/82/178 dated 9th February, 1983 or exercisable by, the Lakher District Council with effect from 10th February, 1983.

And whereas under sub-paragraph (3) of the said paragraph 16 the order requires the approval of the Legislative Assembly for its continuance after the expiration of 30 days from the day on which the Legislative Assembly first sit after the issue of the said order.

Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved that this Legislative Assembly do approve the said order of the Lt. Governor (Administrator) issued in the said Notification dated 9th February, 1983.

5. **VOTING ON DEMANDS** — BRIG THENPHUNGA SAILO, CHIEF MINISTER to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : "And further, by these, my son, be admonished : of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh. Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter. Fear God, and keep his commandments : for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgement with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil (ECCLESIASTES 12 :12 - 14)." We will now take up Question, Starred Question NO 19. Let us invite Mr. C. Pahlira to speak.

**MR C. PAHLIRA** : Mr Deputy Speaker, let me ask Starred Question No. 19.

(a) How many Members of Village Councils in Aizawl and Lunglei District tendered their resignation after last year Village Council election?

(b) And how many resignations have been accepted by the Government till today ?

(c) And how many village councils in Aizawl and Lunglei District have so far been dissolved (with particular village) after last year village council election?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We shall invite the concerned Minister to reply.

MR ZAIREMTHANGA MINISTER : Mr Deputy Speaker, in reply to question (a) 53 members from the Aizawl District and 14 members from Lunglei District have submitted their resignations so far. So, we have 67 members so far for resignation. The accepted resignations includes 19 members out of Aizawl District and two resignations from Lunglei District. Therefore, in total, 21 members resignations have been accepted. In reply to Question (c) the member of Village Council dissolved after last year's Village Council Election is 2 (two) namely, Ruantlang village council and Saitual village council. There is no dissolved village Council in Lunglei District.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Is there any Supplementary Question?

MR L. PIANDENGA : Mr Deputy Speaker, is it true that Village Council Members have been demanded to resign and threatened ? Is it also true that the MNF papers have been circulated by certain party and such party have used such MNF papers to threaten the about MNF papers ?

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

MR ZAIREMTHANGA MINISTER : Mr Deputy Speaker, all that I can reply is that the MNF have issued a strongly worded letter of threat to P.C. Members but no resignation submitted due to such condition have been accepted by the Government.

MR H.RAMMAWI : Is it true that the MNF have given demand letter to P.C. MLAs and Village Councils to resign whereas such demand letter of resignation have not given to Congress Village Councils and MLAs ? Secondly, if the letter have not been given, what is the reason ?

MR ZAIREMTHANGA MINISTER : Mr Deputy Speaker, such question I cannot answer definitely.

MR B.LALCHUNGUNGA : Mr Deputy Speaker, these resignations were submitted not due to MNF threat but due to private affair or employment opportunity and some are due to the fact that their term of office has expired. Two cases of such resignation have been considered in favour.

MR ZAIREMTHANGA MINISTER : Mr Deputy Speaker, let me answer that question. There are now certain cases which have not been accepted yet but being processed. There are cases which deal with members concerned, who have rejected and so on. Certain cases connected with election matter have been pending.

MRS L.THANMAWII : Mr Deputy Speaker, is there any proof that such MNFs threat letters have really come from the actual MNF ? Is it true that there are some people who actively circulate such so called MNFs threat ?

MR HIPHEI : Mr Deputy, are those members facing problem of such type ? Does the Government know about it ?

MR ZAIEMTHANGA MINISTER : Mr Deputy Speaker, the Government has no proof that such threat letters have come from the actual MNF. But it has come to the Government's notice that there are certain people who have actively distributed such threat-letters. The Government does not know if such rejected members are facing any problem following the episode.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : There are several questions. We will invite Mr Biaka and Saikapthianga to speak respectively and the Minister in-charge to reply.

MR K.BIAKCHUNGUNGA : Mr Deputy Speaker, there is much talk about this news involving certain Opposition MLAs. Along this line, certain party workers other than P.C's have been active in the alleged practice. Whatever, it is harmful to take part in this kind of malpractices. Therefore, will it be possible on the part of the Government to clarify such allegations ?

MR SAIKAPTHIANGA : Mr Deputy Speaker, some of the questions that I intended to ask have been put forward. However, this alleged MNF's threat letters become a source of trouble, problem and so forth. It is said that the Government sponsored official representatives have clarified the allegations on the issue. Besides, our honourable Minister has disclosed the fact that there are certain people who actively supported such activity. How many arrests have been made by the Government in this connection ? Can you tell us who were such people involved in such activity ?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let Mr C.L. Ruala ask question.

MR C.L. RUALA : Mr Deputy Speaker, there are some cases in which the rejected P.C. backed members (V.C) are involved. According to the existing rules a Village Council candidate cannot contest for more than one particular village at the same time. A candidate has to resign his membership in favour of the other membership of different village or vice versa

MR ELLIS SAIDENGA : Mr Deputy Speaker, we have so much questions that the Minister-in-charge may find it difficult to recollect all of them at the same time. (Minister : Let me recollect them all). I will then put questions. On 18.12.1983 first before the Village Council election was due I went to my constituency, Rawpui. Some of the Congress Youth Leaders have visited the constituency before me. The point is that these leaders along with the Congress Unit leaders have published the old MNF's threat letters and distributed them. From Rawpui I went to Hnahthial in which I found copies of such letters bearing the Rawpui Post Office seal. Our V.C. Members at Hnahthial also saw the letters. Does the Government know about this ?

MR J.H. LIANCHUNGUNGA : Mr Deputy Speaker, since our Minister-in-charge is sure to recollect all I will put up certain question (Mr Deputy Speaker : It is already ten) On 29th January, 1983 at night four (4) MNFs lodged in Tualte village and visited several houses including the P.C's candidates. They went on telling the candidates that they should not contest the election on P.C. ticket

but on some other ticket. The fact is that these people along with the Congress Party workers have campaigned in this manner during the last Village Council election. I have seen and heard these practices personally. Similarly, on and during our tour in Kanghmun region I have heard that a certain Party Candidate said publicly that about 70 MNFs from their Headquarters would be coming to invade the P.C. V.Cs. Such was the nature of campaigning in the Phuldungsei bye-election. That is what we have heard during our tour in that area. It is factual. Is the Government going to take action against this type of practices ?

Then, is the Government trying to patch up the electional complaints such as this by arranging provision for nominated seats specially for those who have last due to MNFs threat ? If the Government makes provision for nominated seat about 2 in number, it will be possible to manage the Government on one party principle. In the present circumstances, will it not be reasonable to create nominated seats on the part of the Government

DEPUTY SPEAKER : It is a lengthy question. We will invite Mr Ngurdawla to speak.

MR JOE NGURDAWLA : Mr Deputy Speaker, as pointed out earlier, this is indeed a burning issue. This question involves a large number of people and therefore may be considered as life and death question. As suggested already I will also make a suggestion that a stringent enquiry be appointed into the matter by the Government. Will the state look into the matter as soon as possible. I therefore demand an inquiry commission to be made.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will invite our concerned Minister to reply. Let there be no more question.

MR ZAIREMTHANGA MINISTER : Mr Deputy Speaker, the allegation that there are some people who actively have circulated the MNFs' threat letters is being examined. There is a question as to who were the persons involved in this activity. In this very House some honourable members have implicitly mentioned certain people who were responsible in the act. Whatever it is, we can possibly make a long list of persons who were allegedly involved in the practice. What I can say in the House in the present situation is that the matter is being processed. Another question that if a particular Village Council Member contest for the new election in a different Village Council his previous membership is automatically cancelled needs a little explanation. According to the rules, a V.C. member has to submit his resignation letter to the village council President for the latter's consideration. Then the Village Council President after due consideration has to submit the report to the Deputy Commissioner and the latter in the same manner has to inform the Government.

The Government will then if approved declare the vacancy of seat. The second question as whether the Government has come to know that at Rawpui and Hnahthial the Congress Unit leaders have published the MNF's threat pamphlets and distributed them cannot be replied by me on the part of the Government as yet. Thirdly, there is accusation that due to MNF's threat letter the P.C. candidates for V.C. election in Tualte and Kanghmun area have withdrawn their candidature and the other party candidates took advantage of the situation in their

favour. Therefore, the election in those places have to be appealed to the Election Tribunal according to which the election has to be cancelled if the Tribunal have found the election unfair. I do not think if the present matter has connection with the nominated seat.

It is pointed out that Government Enquiry Commission is necessary for looking into the matter and such enquiry commission needs to be appointed. However, the Government is examining this matter at present by way of Intelligence and other sources available to the Government. I inform the House about the Government's enquiry into this matter.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will invite Mr. Ellis Saidenga to ask starred Question No. 20.

MR. ELLIS SAIDENGA : Will the Honourable Minister-in-charge LATP & Housing Department be pleased to state. Whether there is any intention on the part of the Government to revise the present rate of remuneration of the Village Council Member

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will request concerned Minister to reply.

MR. ZAIREMTHANGA MINISTER : Mr. Deputy Speaker, the answer to an honourable Member's question that whether there is intention on the part of the Government to revise the present rate of remuneration of the Village Council Members is that there is no such revision so far.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Well we have a short Notice Question from Mr S. Vadyu. He is not present but has authorised Mr. Hiphei. Let us invite Mr. Hiphei to speak.

MR. HIPHEI : Mr Deputy Speaker, I am asking Short Notice Question No. 1. Can I be answered? S. No. No. 1 the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Industries Department be pleased to state- "Whether grants-in-aid in the form of Sewing Machine for the year 1978-1979 were distributed to the beneficiaries in the Chhimtuipui District. If not, why not?"

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us request the Minister-in-charge to answer.

MR. F. MALSAWMA MINISTER : The question asks whether the Grant-in-aid in the form of Sewing Machine for 1978 for Chhimtuipui District have been distributed. If not yet distributed, what is the reason? The answer is this.- According to the Grant-in-aid Committee under the Chairmanship of Industry Director 173 Sewing Machines were to be distributed during 1978-1979 in Chhimtuipui District - 60 for urban another 113 for rural peoples. The District Industry Officers have obtained these machines and the Government have accepted that they were distributed.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Is there any Supplementary question? (Mr Hiphei : Yes there is, Mr Speaker) Go ahead with additional questions.

MR HIPHEI : Mr Deputy Speaker, certain people like Tluangera, Echakhaia, M. Deisna Thanvaia, Saikea, Vanhaia and Liandawla have paid 50 p.c. of the

total cost of the Sewing Machine respectively but they have not been granted the said machine so far, according to the record these persons have paid Rs. 362.50 (three hundred sixty two rupees and fifty paise) each. It is dated 5th October, 1982. This group of people have submitted their complaint against non issue of the said machines to the Director of Industries. Has the Government know about this? Have these people been given Sewing Machines after the submission of their complaint letter?

MR F. MALSAWMA MINISTER : Mr Deputy Speaker, the following seven (7) persons such as Tluangera, Echakhai, M. Deisa, Thanvaia, Saikha, Vanhaia and Liandawla have submitted their complaint letter on October, 1982. The Director acted upon the complaint and told them to see District Industry Officer who have had possession of these machines for the purpose. Since then there has not been any complaint known to us.

MR HIPHEI : Mr Deputy Speaker, here is additional question. It appeared that they have not been granted so far. How can the Government take another action in this situation?

MR F. MALSAWMA MINISTER : Mr Deputy Speaker, since the Government has not come to know about the subsequent complaint through official channel, no action have to be taken on any ground. The point is, if any person has a complaint difficulty, problem etc. he should inform the Government for necessary action. I therefore, think that the Government can take action on knowing the nature of complaint should there be any such complaint, (Deputy Speaker : It is clear is it not?)

MR. HIPHEI : Mr Deputy Speaker, can you accept this as notice? (Deputy Speaker : This has to be submitted to the Government in letter) Mr Deputy Speaker, if that cannot be done, can the Minister-in-charge give us the guidelines? Deputy Speaker, let our Minister concerned answer.

MR F. MALSAWMA MINISTER : Mr Deputy Speaker, since it is requested here in the House we will accept it totally.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Short Notice Question No. 2. Let us invite the concerned Minister to answer Mr Hiphei's question as Mr S. Vadyu is absent.

MR HIPHEI : Starred Question No. 21. Will the Hon'ble Minister-in-charge LAMP & H. Department be pleased to state—

Whether GCI Sheets under Rural Housing Scheme have been distributed to the selected families? If so, when and to how many families? If not, why not?

MR ZAIREMTHANGA MINISTER : Mr Deputy Speaker, the question asks as to whether GCI Sheets have been given to selected families according to Rural Housing Scheme. The answer is 'yes' to answer another part of the question in 1982, 114 families have been granted the said sheets. (Deputy Speaker : Therefore the whole question is answered is it not?) Any other question? Mr Saikapthianga.

**MR SAINGHAKA :** Mr Deputy Speaker, our honourable Minister has just said that 114 families in Lunglei District have been given under Rural Housing Scheme. Is there no Rural Housing Scheme in Lunglei and Aizawl Districts? If there is any such scheme, why is there no distribution?

**MR JOE NGURDAWLA :** Mr Deputy Speaker, let me ask some questions regarding Rural Housing Scheme some time ago, there was some Committee in which MLAs were members. The Committee went as far as selecting villages for the scheme. I am wondering how far the committee has worked on the line of building a model village of some sort. How is the scheme carried out?

**MR ZAIREMTHANGA MINISTER :** Mr Deputy Speaker, we have not given or distributed in the Aizawl District. In reply to an honourable member's question that whether there was such committee under the Rural Housing Scheme, there used to be a committee which was responsible for selecting the families and so on under the D.C. Chairmanship. The committee has worked upto certain extent. The point is all the rules and regulations under the scheme have to be approved by the works & Housing Ministry, Government of India. We had however, sent certain G.C.I Sheets to Lunglei and Chhimtuipui District for distribution. A Board was appointed for selecting the families for the scheme. But the provisions for Aizawl District had to be taken for the emergency construction of Vairengte Godown on loan basis. But the loan has not been repaid due to certain difficulty so far. The Government of India could not therefore approve the rules, regulations etc in that situation.

However, distribution was made during that time in Lunglei and Chhimtuipui Districts. There was no point for withdrawing what have been already granted even though the grant was not approved. The provisions of certain amount have such circumstances been distributed but the remaining portion has been retained. That is the reason why we have stopped the distribution scheme.

There is however, a strong opinion that rural people should definitely enjoy the grant-in-aid in all probability. But the Government of India has made it clear that this type of grant-in-aid can be given to any individual under no circumstances. However, a loan system of some kind is being worked out in which Economically weaker section (E.N.S.) is expected to evolve under the said system. If the Government of India approves the same scheme we will be able to give amount on small loan basis.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER :** Let us close the time for discussion and come to list of business No. 2. The next business is Laying of Papers. Let us now invite Mr. P.B. Rosanga, Minister to lay the Papers on the Table. Mr. P.B. Rosanga.

#### LAYING OF PAPERS

**MR P.B.ROSANGA MINISTER :** Mr Deputy Speaker, by your permission I beg to lay on the Table copy of Mizoram Coffee Estate Owners Registration Rules 1982.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER :** Let the copies be distributed to members. Let us then come to List of Business No. 3. Let us invite Mr F.Malsawma, Minister to lay his papers on the House Table.

**MR F.MALSAWMA MINISTER :** By your permissions Sir, I beg to lay on the Table copy of the Mizoram Board of Education Contributory Provident Fund-cum-Payment of Gratuity to Employees Regulations, 1982.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER :** Let Mr Malsawma's papers be distributed to Members.

**MR C.L.RUALA :** I am a bit confused about the procedures in the House. Sub-rule (3) of rule 12 of Administrator's Rule for Legislative Assembly of Mizoram provides that 'No other business except the questions shall be taken up without the consent of the Speaker'. What I would like to know is that whether some particular business have been consented by the Speaker concerned. It appears that certain business have been included in the business list. Since we have voted for the recommendations of the House Business Committee the discussion should be carried out according to the Order of the House. What I should like to say is that the House should not debate on any other subject except the business proper in the order of the House.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER :** It is a good suggestion. However the present business have been consented by the Speaker. It is a a good suggestion. Now we will come to PRESENTATION OF LIST OF BUSINESS NO. 4. Let us invite Chairman Mr Joe Ngurdawla to present the Seventh Report of the Committee on Subordinate Legislation.

#### PRESENTATION OF REPORT :

**MR JOE NGURDAWLA :** Mr Deputy Speaker, I, as authorized by the Subordinate Legislation Committee and as Chairman have submitted the SEVENTH REPORT to the House. The Subordinate Legislation Committee with the help of our Assembly Speaker and Secretary have worked their assigned works efficiently well. It is commendable indeed. The committee has revised in the preparation of the SIXTH REPORT District Land and Revenue Rules, 1981 and Mizo District Agriculture Land Amendment Rules, 1981 and other related matters as they worked out the Report. It must be mentioned that our Revenue Department has extended valuable help and Cooperation to the Committee specially during their working session. We have in fact called them many times to sort out technical or non-technical problems, difficulties etc. as the Report was being prepared. They quickly and cooperatively gave us suggestions, clarifications, explanation etc. Whatever asked for I believe and hope that other Departments as well follow the example as shown by this particular Department in future. I am therefore appealing to all the Departments to follow this example. That is what I would like to say.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER :** We will come now to Business No. 5. It is an Official Resolution and included in the Business List to be taken up on the 22nd dated yesterday. Our Chief Minister in-charge of this Resolution was absent on the due date (Yesterday) on certain unavoidable circumstances. But he applied that the Resolution be moved on the next day of the Session. He is permitted to do so. Now let us invite our Chief Minister to move OFFICIAL RESOLUTION.

#### OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

**BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO CHIEF MINISTER :** Mr Deputy Speaker, we have already possessed the Lieutenant Governor's (Administrator's) Order



NO.DCA/E-176/82/177 altogether. Today I appeal the House to approve the Resolution.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER :** Our Chief Minister has laid the copies of this Resolution on the House Table the other day. I do not think there is so much to say on the subject. Mr Hiphei will have nothing to say even. Do you like to say ? I hope that all of us have read these Resolution's copies thoroughly. But we will take time however for members if anyone has to ask for clarification or points to make regarding the Resolution. Let any-body ask. We will invite our Chief Minister to answer at the end of the questions and ask voting of the House. Now any member to speak ?

**MR HIPHEI :** Mr Deputy Speaker, I have something to say here. Unexpectedly there cannot be a majority Government in the Lakher District Council, the membership of both sides are 7 (seven) each. According to our people's wish the Government should pass Resolution and arrange fresh election as early as possible. But according to our scheduled provision Rules 6 there cannot be Resolution without Enquiry Commission's report. It seems however that there is nothing much to obtain through such Enquiry Commission. To make the task easy, let us send Enquiry Commission and dissolve the District Council concerned on the report of the commission and prepare the fresh election as early as possible. It is a blessing indeed for people in a Democracy to have their own popular Government moreover, it will be too heavy for P.C. Ministry to take up the Council's Administration. It is therefore a pity for people not to have their own Government to look after their own affairs.

I do not think that it is difficult on the part of the Government to pass an early Resolution in favour of Constituting Enquiry Commission and a fresh election as soon as possible. I would like to request our Government to grant such prayer regarding the question of Enquiry Commission Resolution and a fresh election in the Lakher District Council. Then according to the Government's Rule fresh election can be held only after the lapse of 6 (six) months from the date of dissolution. But there is a problem for Lakher District Council to hold election in due time in the present condition because of the coming of Monsoon during the schedule time. Six month will be completed by August since then. However, it is feared that heavy rain during the monsoon season will disturb the normal life and it is therefore not imaginable to hold election in such condition of monsoon rain. I believe that it is possible on the part of the Government to conduct fresh election before the actual lapsing of the prescribed length of time.

I think there are some differences in motivation between L.G's Notification (Administrator's Notification) NO. DCA/E-176/82/178 and our Original Resolution. May I therefore request our honourable Chief Minister to coordinate these two apparently different issues otherwise these two papers can be interpreted with different meanings.

**MR H. RAMMAWI :** Mr Deputy Speaker, the present membership position in the Lakher District Council is undesirable in the sense that the two political parties have 7(seven) members each in the Council, and for this reason election of the Chairman cannot be held not to speak of the C.E.M. The Government therefore has to take action under the prevailing condition. What the Govern-

ment has done is probably a moderate measure so far as the two politically backed groups are concerned. However I want to urge the Government to consider the situation carefully. Specially a District Council is a political Institution not a Government department in a strict sense of the term. It is therefore not desirable that the salaries Government servant look after the administration of such political institution for a long period of time on a close study of these two institutions one may see the difference in nature, the former being looked after by the G.R. minded personel and the latter by developmentally minded parsonel. So, the Government has to make a different kind of approach to the situation to that effect. If the Administrator so desires, he may appoint any person on political ground. We have two MLAs from the same District and if necessary these two honourable members can be urged to take charge of the Council's administration.

I believe that such appointment will best suit the public mind as well as the Government's. I would like to request our Government to treat the council as a Government department in future. Mr Deputy Speaker, concerning the last election of the Lakher District Council there were report that the electoral roll was exceeded by 15 votes. This excess was detected in the case of Vahai circle. But apparently no action was taken against such practices even after the matter was reported to the Government. Let the problem be looked into by the Government without delay and if any unfair means is detected in this case re-election be held. I would request the House not to leave the Council's administration to be looked after by the Government paid servants for a long time. This practice may not be the best remedial measure. That is what I want to tell the House. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us invite Chief Minister to reply, explain and demand voting.

BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO : Mr Deputy Speaker, I do not think that the Lieutenant Governor's (Administration's) order dated 9th February is ambiguous at all. Our honourable MLA from Tuipang Constituency has explained the order text elaborately. Normally the order has to be approved by the House concerned in its first sitting or 30 days since then after the order issued. So, I do not think that the text of the order can be explained away negatively.

The statement made by the Sangau Constituency's MLA may be taken into consideration as it seems to be reasonable considering represent situation: But it may be difficult in practice because we are going on Party system. It may be easy to point out who will be suitable for the posts. However, the spirit behind the statement is appreciable. There seems nothing left to be explained or clarified and therefore ... .. approved (Deputy Speaker : Pleased read out the Resolution to be approved

"Whereas in exercise of the power conferred by sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 16 of the Sixth Schedule to the Constitution of India, the Lt. Governor (Administrator) of the Union Territory of Mizoram has by order issued vide Notification No. DCA/E-176/82/178 dated 9th February, 1983 or exercisable by the Lakher District Council with effect from 10th February, 1983.

And whereas under sub-paragraph (3) of the said paragraph 16 the order requires the approval of the Legislative Assembly for its constituency after the expiration of 30 days from the date on which the Legislative Assembly first sit after the issue of the said order.

Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved that this Legislative Assembly do approve the said order of the Lt. Governor (Administrator) issued in the said Notification dated 9th February, 1983".

**DEPUTY SPEAKER :** Our Chief Minister has read out the Official Resolution and asked the House for its approval. We will now take vote on the Resolution.

**MR. HIPHEI :** Mr Deputy Speaker, please clarify certain points regarding the Resolution. There seems to be some difference between the Resolution and the Notification in content. For instance, "All the functions, the power in or exercisable by the Lakher District Council with effect from 10th February. "(Resolution) Certain points appears to be different my point is whether Resolution or Notification to be taken.

**BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO CHIEF MINISTER :** Mr Deputy Speaker, our honourable MLA has just spoken out what he already understood. It is well too known that "The power to make laws and rules, Regulations" is not included in the text concerned and need not be repeated again and again, need it ?

**DEPUTY SPEAKER :** Then, we will take vote on this Resolution on which our Chief Minister has just read out. Let us raise our right hand those who agree with the Resolution (Those who agree raised their hands). There is nobody who disagreed, we all agreed. Therefore this House passed the resolution whereas in exercise of the power conferred by sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 16 of the Sixth Schedule to the Constitution of India, the Lt. Governor (Administrator) of the Union Territory of Mizoram has by order issued vide Notification No. DCA/E/176/82/178 dated 9th February, 1983 assumed to itself all the functions, power invested in or exercisable by the Lakher District Council with effect from 10th February, 1983.

And whereas under sub-paragraph (3) of the said paragraph 16 the order requires the approval of the Legislative Assembly for its continuance after the expiration of 30 days from the date on which the Legislative Assembly first sit after the issue of the said order;

Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved that this Legislative Assembly do approve the said order of the Lt. Governor (Administrator) issued in the said Notification dated February, 1983".

Now we will come to List of Business No.6 and invite Chief Minister Brig. Thenphunga Sailo to read out his Demand along with respective figure for which his concerned Departments sought for 1983-1984 and move the demand in this House.

#### VOTING ON DEMANDS

**BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO CHIEF MINISTER :** Mr Deputy Speaker, on the recommendation of the Administrator and with your permission sir, I move Demand

number 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 22, 25, 26, for rupees 11, 78, 48, 000, 00 to meet expenses during the year 1983-84 in the following Departments Demand No. 2, Administrator 1, 15, 000, 00 lakhs and Council of Ministers : Rs. 10,60,000.00, Administration of Justice Rs. 20, 00, 000. 00, Secretariat Rs. 1, 37, 00, 000. 00, District Administration Rs. 1, 76, 40, 000. 00, Police : Rs. 5, 50, 00, 000. 00 lakhs of Rupees. Jails : Rs. 51, 00, 000. 00, Stationery & Printing : Rs. 80, 30, 000. 00 Fire Protection and Control : Rs. 15, 00, 000. 00, Autonomous District Council : Rs. 80, 31, 000. 00, Relief on Account of Natural Calamities : Rs. 16, 12, 000, 00

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now we will have clarification time rather than General Discussion on the Chief Minister's Demands and Departments respectively. Let us not go making Statement like last night and our Minister take down those points which the members wanted to know and answer them at the end. Let us invite Mr. Lalchungnunga.

MR B.LALCHUNGUNGA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, the total amount of money demanded by the Chief Minister is quite a big one. I think I have to say on Demand No. 11, 12, 26. We have spoken much about demand No. 11 concerning Police that they have rendered recommendable service and limitness of their forces but nothing about the Police Wireless which is in my opinion extremely important.

Police wireless like in Lunglei is very important for the Public and is probably one of the best used instrument but this small unit is badly neglected compared with the other branch of the Police Department. The Lunglei Police Wireless house for example, is very small indeed, being around 15 feet in circumference and practically has no space to keep certain essential parts inside and externally congested. I feel that we have to give them a larger house for office and quarter which they badly needed at the moment. Besides these, the wireless personnel are subject to 24 hrs. duty and the work involved is very strenuous. But they do not get ration like other police personnel. I think if they get ration like other personnel in the Police Department it will be easy for them to make living. I therefore, want to urge the concerned department to give due attention to Police Wireless personnel and ration to operate like the other policeman.

Then coming to Demand No. 14 about Jail. I want to suggest that a special Doctor is appointed for Jail inmates particularly for prisoners concerning Lunglei Civil Hospital, when a sick prisoner is brought to the Hospital for treatment he has to come with CRP guards and the problem begins with them then the CRP guards share water meant for the Civil Hospital. I do not know if the same thing happens here in Aizawl but in Lunglei it is a serious problem which we faced. So this water problem has been communicated to me in writing once upon a time. They complained that the CRPS on guard come and take their water without permission. It is a problem with the CRP over there. Moreover, the very appearance of the CRPF guards to the patients in the Hospital is believed to have a cause negative effect on such patient's heart. I believe that if a separate Doctor is given to the Jail the inmates may get a better treatment and it will be peaceful for patients in that Civil Hospital.

Besides, concerning Jail, I feel that it is our dept to provide certain industry like handicraft for example, as part of education in the Jail. It will be useful because one may take up such trade as profession after being released from Jail. I want to urge our Government to consider this matter.

Then concerning Demand No. 15 about Fire Protection and control I want to make a point that it is better to make less work than move because if fire breaks out, it points to the fact that we are negligent in many cases. If our Government distributes pamphlets on fire control and caution or publicize about this I think it will be effective so long as long as fire is concerned.

Then concerning Relief on Account of Natural Calamities. I feel that the total sum of Demand is too little. For example take this year, rain has been raining almost continuously preventing the Jhum burning and so on. Well seeding cannot be normally expected if the Jhum is not well burnt. What then we are going to face is famine. Besides farmers are facing problem with the rats, rain, storm etc. Due to these conditions and other things we are going to experience certain calamities. I feel that it is too small that we have only 16 lakhs of Rupees under the Demand for Natural Calamities Fund considering all possibility in prospect will it be possible to increase the present amount to meet the possible condition during this year. That is all, that I want to say on our Chief Minister's Demands. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will invite Mr. Joe Ngurdawla.

MR. JOE NGURDAWLA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, I would like to say certain things about our Demand to be voted concerning Demand No. 22 about Information and Publicity we have seen an increment for our Demand; the more the better.

Some members expressed their appreciation in a some what negative way, I feel that the Information department has done an appreciable work in the concerned field and there may be of course certain points of suggestions to be made with a mind to improve. For example they have shown roud-up programme which seems to be highly informative as long at the department is concerned. But what the Department has done recently is somewhat embarras-sing, faulty or light (not serious) i.e. the Documentary film on Mizoram and so forth will it not be educative to have defection of agricultural life of some kind or a particular Minister while inaugurating Hydel Project down there or a pump in agricultural land and so on. It may also be suggested that certain sight on Sericulture or Members while returning from the Legislative sitting and so forth or the rural life be case. What I want to stress is that there should be an equal distribution touching both rural as well as Urban life. I feel that there is a need for improvement in one way or the other if such activity is going to be carried out in future.

Then coming to Demand No. 3 about council of Ministry, we have seen the proposal of pay for Deputy Minister appearing now and then will it not be wise to fix the salary concerned once and for all. Let our Finance Minister examine the matter. Personally, I would like to say in favour of fixing.

Then concerning Stationery and Printing, I thought that the Department concerned would have its own store for Stationery and Printing goods and materials for various departments on indent. But the department does not seem to have worked up to such pattern. As pointed out earlier by certain members there are apparently cases that certain goods, item etc. have been brought out for selling. This need be inquired otherwise the department is likely to lose failing to serve its purposes. This is the way the department should work probably. When any par-

particular department makes an indent the concerned department should be in a position to meet the requirement accordingly. Besides the department in point should try to have goods like stencil paper and so on of same quality as far as possible. I hope it will be advisable for the department to have been following the suggestion made above.

Then coming back to Information, I feel that it is necessary to make provision of promotion for Information Officers like other departments.

Then let me say something about Police, we have been saying about them positively and their work or service have won praise and admiration. However, I have to make a point that our Committee Officer recently have been beaten up by Police Officers. What will happen if such incident take place during specially our session particularly, Assembly Staff and other workers should be given a top VIP security during our session because they may be stoped or disturbed on the way by an authorised person or the other we should therefore see that no such thing happens again in future.

Then concerning Relief along with Council of Ministers during early Union Territory. Our Ministers had Discretion Fund available to them but now it seems that there is no such Fund for them except the Chief Minister. When a Chief Minister or Minister, by request visit the spot of calamities it is felting that he gives money or something by way of help and so forth, otherwise it will be dishonourable for Minister not to do so. I would therefore urge the Government to appeal to the centre to renew Discretion Fund for Ministers and increase Chief Minister's Fund. That is all that I can say. Thank you.

MR HIFHEI : Mr Deputy Speaker, we seem to have had much to say about the Demand but I would not dwell long on a particular subject and first take Secretariat and District Administration touching on appointment and so on under the Secretariat.

I have so much to say on District Administration there in Saiha. The problem is that we lack so many important officers under the Administration. We have the one EAC who have been promoted to SDO and the former post has not been filled up so far. Then D.C.S.O has been transferred and not been replaced, A.D.M has been drawn out but the same post has not been filled up S.D.O at present, is to be posted at Lunglei as D.C.S.O and since his successor has not come to take up the job he is present at Saiha. In fact the same D.C.S.O has been posted in Saiha from early Union Territory upto the time when his appointment as D.S.C.O at Lunglei is made. The point is that he has to be in Saiha even after the order is served, because there is no substitute for him at his post in Saiha and if there is person to replace him his new appointment (i.e. DC SO at Lunglei) should I think he withdraw for good.

Then we do not have D.E.O. District Information Officer, District Industries Officer and so forth. Mr Deputy Speaker, we Saiha people do not have so many things. The trouble is that the persons who the Government have given do not want to come, it appears. It is not therefore possible to have a strong administration in Saiha under the Chhintuipui District Administration I find that our Government is not strong enough in post transferring. Nobody will come to Saiha

as long as we depend on their willingness, unless the willing persons are posted there. Therefore, if the Government of our posts D.A.C., A.C.O, A.D.M District Industries Officer, District Education Officer, District Information Officer etc. at Saiha, the District administration will positively improve. Another point is that river is some times in flood and the problem is that certain rivers have to be crossed by motor boat or some thing. This problem is faced with the Chhimtui-pui District specially. There is no competent administrative Officer to substitute the Deputy Commissioner in Saiha when the latter is absent for duty outside the District Circle and so on. The flooded river crossing is really a problem. The main communication should have necessary bridges over rivers specially rivers which are often in flood in its dissection. This kind of road cannot be dependable at all times. At the moment our Deputy Commissioner has gone to elsewhere on official duty and is unable to return due to disruption of road over the river. There is no A.D.M. or some personel to officiate him during his absence. Now the problem is that we are at the end of Financial year. Above all, the Deputy Commissioner has to look after the District Council Administration and brought A.D.C. to deal with the N.E.R.P. All this are brought out so that a true picture is seen or heard.

How can we improve our District Administration? I think there are a number of post vacancy to be filled up in the Secretariat as well as in the Deputy Commissioner office and certain post vacancies to be filled up by head clerk, Officers etc. Therefore, the Administration in the District will definitely improve concerning Police it may be pointed out that police-men should not be drunk during the duty hour. If for example they are drunk during duty there are a number of hazards involved one cannot expect a drunken police-man to be alert. Moreover how can a drunken police-man control a drunkard? This is practically impossible. Police should not be under the influence of liquor during duty. If any policeman is found drunk during duty he should be subject to strong action. As already pointed out the fact that our Committee Officer has been beaten up is degrading not only to the Officer concerned but also to the House in session as a whole. We would like to urge the department concerned to take action against such people.

Regarding Fire Protection we would like to congratulate our Government on its approach to the Central Government for setting up a Fire Sub-Station at Saiha. What I would like to say before the House is that Saiha increases rapidly in population as well as in housing. A Fire has broken out twice recently in that place causing certain damage. I would urge our Government to set a Station or a Fire Sub-Station at Saiha as soon as possible.

Regarding Autonomous District Council I would like to bring out a suggestion that the District Council in question should have its own land regulations and so on which the Central Government would acknowledge, Anyway every Act relating to various matters has to be agreed by the Central Government before being put to an effect. (Deputy Speaker : Let us try to speak concretely).

MR. ELLIS SAIDENGA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, I am glad to see that the Official Gallery is packed with Officers and staff today. (Deputy Speaker : It is indeed a heartening feature). It is due to the fact that the House is going to discuss the House Leader's Demand, probably or otherwise.



Coming to Demand No. 10 regarding District Administration I feel that our Government should consider about creating new posts and examine old posts situation. Specially on Lunglei side staff deficiency is found to be a major problem. It is indeed a dishonouring feature that certain Officers and staff on transfer to Lunglei practices delay for a long time before reaching the place. I think that this need to be checked.

Regarding proposal for D. C. S. O post in Lunglei it must be pointed out that the S. D. O. is taking charge of the administration of S. D. O since the latter has been released to take up another responsibility. It is indeed necessary to examine this situation. Staff deficiency is a major problem specially during crisis this problem is felt deeply. I will therefore urge our Government to create a maximum number of posts in order to make up the staff deficiency. It is too well known that certain Officers are reluctant to go to corner areas due to lack of proper facilities. People of such places need efficient Officers all the same. I am sorry to know that our officers feel their transfer to corner areas as punishment. I always think about this issue again and again. How to handle this issue. If our Government provides facilities and makes allowances for the officers and staff who have been transferred to such corner areas this problem will be solved to a great extent if not completely. Regarding transfer of officers the present practice is not equal or even. Some officers are posted at a particular place for a long time whereas some other officers are posted at a particular place for a long time. Some officers are posted at a comfortable place for along time whereas other officers are posted at a discomfortable place for a long time. How to have post station. If our Government makes three years or five years rotation for officers to hold one particular post the present issue will be eliminated. People at different places face different difficulties one of the difficulties faced by them is the deficiency of A. O. at many Village Grouping Centres due to A. O. deficiency. I feel that this is unfortunate and disastrous. Our Government should not give administrative responsibility to LDCs or Store Keepers who are not qualified to shoulder responsibility of A. O. The LDCs and Store Keepers should not be given chance to take up the official work of the A. O. in any manner. It is absolutely necessary for our Government to post at least one A. O. at every Village Grouping Centre.

Regarding Administration of Justice, I want to urge our Government to have laws governing all people who are living in Mizoram. Every State and country have their own laws binding all people within their jurisdiction. Our District Council Court has its own laws for safeguard but the court is subordinate to Indian Penal Code under which D, C. and A.D.M. courts are functioning. Mizo District Council Court can be challenged by D. C. and A.D.M courts respectively. Our Government should examine this relationship Arunachal Pradesh has its own laws governing all people living in that state. I want to urge our Government to lay down its own laws for all people living in Mizoram. As the population of Mizoram is rapidly mixed up with other races I feel that our Government should form its own laws to be applied in Mizoram urgently for the welfare of the next generation in this State.

Regarding Demand No. 22 on Information and Publicity. I want to point out that Mizoram Today which was decided to be published four times in a single year was published only once in the year before last year, I want to urge our Government to scrutinize this drawback immediately.



I hope that Rs. 4 lakhs that we have this year will be spent wisely.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will now invite Mr. H. Rammawi to speak.

MR. H. RAMMAWI : Mr Deputy Speaker, as pointed out earlier by the honourable member from Tuipang constituency I would like to add some more points to Demand No. 10 regarding District Administration. Besides the lack of officers whom he has pointed out we do not have A.E. at PHE, A.R.C.S at cooperative, S.D.O and D.F.O at Forest Department. It is the first and foremost necessity for the Government to provide these officers.

Coming to Demand No. 11 on Police Department I support the proposals suggestions etc expressed by various honourable members for improvement of the whole organisation that Recruitment has to be carried out carefully what shall we do with Rs. 550 lakhs for the police department? I think it is necessary for the Government to post police forces around the border areas in the Hill. Regarding Police out post construction, the reason why outposts which were supposed to be opened were not ready for inauguration is that the construction works have been given to the P.W.D. which cannot carry out the work—speedily besides its own excessively heavy works. For example in Lawngtlai, the construction works of Soil Division Quarter have been entrusted to the P.W.D. but since the latter was going to take a years to complete the works are have decided to hand over the works of construction to the Soil Department itself with the permission from the P.W.D. This Department (i.e. Soil Department) have completed the construction works within six months. I want to suggest that the Police Department itself takes up the charge of Out Posts Construction works because the said (Police department) have shown that it can finish its out post construction works within six months. I would therefore suggest to the Government to hand over the charge of Police out post construction works to the Police Department itself in order to expediate the construction works. I want to request our Government to consider this matter.

Regarding Demand No. 12 on Jail, it is necessary for the Government to improve on the administration, management and condition of Jails. I have visited the Saiha District Jail with our honourable Education Minister on 1979's Independence Day- Since then I have not visit that Jail again. As suggestion to import education in the Jail made by various honourable member I would like to urge our Government to introduce education in the Jails for the benefit of the prisoners.

Coming to Demand No. 25, there is mistake in addition of figure on page 110, 181, 182 and 183 I want to request our Minister in-charge to revise the addition of figures. (Deputy Speaker : Minister concerned must clarify the question).

There is no free and fair election in Pawi, Lakher and Chakma District Council Elections. The MNFs intimidate voters to vote for their favourite candidate in Pawi and Lakher Districts and SANTI BAHINI did similarly in Chakma District. There was no free and fair election in those Districts after such intimidated voting. We are going soon to have election for Village Council for Pawi District in May. I want to urge our Government to take preventive measures so that such intimidation does not happen again in future, Thank you.

**MR. K. BIAKCHUNGNUNGA** : Mr Deputy Speaker, today I would like to express my concern over the humiliating treatment met by our Committee Officer a short while ago. The Policemen are supposed and expected to maintain law, order and security for the people but if they act against such nature, what will be the utility of the police forces? However the circumstances in which the action was committed has to be examined. If the policemen act against public security it will be harmful for the Mizo people.

Secondly, I would like to request the honourable member from Tuipang constituency to refrain from criticism and lashing against ruling party. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Now let us invite our Chief Minister who is in-charge of the present Demand.

**BRIG THENPHUNGA SAILO** : Mr Deputy Speaker, concerning Police Wireless we are taking steps to improve the accomodation facilities. Regarding Jail a new I.G Prison post has been created recently after Mizoram Union Territory. This is a significant land-mark so far as Jail is concerned. On Jail accomodation the present Jail accomodating capacity is small and the place itself is congested. A new building is being constructed at certain places. About Jail manual preparation for this project is underway. It is expected to be finished soon.

Then antifire scheme, the suggestion has been noted down and we shall do it. Concerning Natural Calamities, we usually have given fund for the calamities like that of storm, fire, etc. crores of Rupees has been sanctioned for Mizoram at Delhi for another kind of natural calamities like that of drought etc. concerning Police Department personels there has been criticism after criticism regarding certain personel's behaviour with the public. The main root of evil is liquor drinking and drunkenness. The police personels should refrain from liquor-drinking completely. Concerning the vacancy of posts in the administration of the Chhimtuipui District, they have pointed out a lot of gaps in this regard. But all that they have said are not factual. For example, they used to have A.D.M ever since the post was created except of course in the recent time when the A.D.M was on leave due to his wife's illnesses. Comparatively the Chhimtuipui District has little work and staff. Political interference is an epidemic in all over India, not only in Mizoram, it is there in everywhere in the country. Regarding police out post, the central Home Ministry is in control of Police administration concerning Committee Officer as pointed out by certain M.L.As. It is a serious matter. Action can be taken against such humiliating action either through department concerned or the Priviledge Committee or through the House itself. (Mr Deputy Speaker : Read the whole Demand Number and figure out now) Demand No. 2 on Administrator=Rs. 1,15,000.00, Demand No. 3 on Council of Ministers'=Rs. 10,60,000.00, Demand No. 4 on Administration of Justice=Rs. 20,00,000.00, Demand No. 5 on Secretariat=Rs. 1,37,00,000.00, Demand No. 10 'District Administration'=Rs. 1,76,40,000.00, Demand No. 11 on Police=Rs. 5,50,00,000.00 Demand No. 12 on Jails=Rs. 51,00,000.00, Demand No. 14 on Stationery and Printing=Rs. 80,30,000.00, Demand No. 15 on Fire Protection and Control=Rs. 15,00,000.00. Demand No. 22 on Information and Publicity=Rs. 40,00,000.00, Demand No. 25 on Autonomous District Councils=Rs. 80,31,000 00, Demand No. 26 on Relief on Account of Natural Calamities=Rs. 16,72,000 00. I request the House to approve these Demands.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER :** Our Chief Minister has read out his Demands and figures respectively and clarified throughoughly to the Members and we shall take vote on the Demands whose figures amounts to Rs. 11,78,48,000.00 (Rs. eleven crores, seventy eight lakhs and forty eight thousands). Raise your right hands those who agree. (They raised hands) Nobody to disagree? All agreed. I declared passed this Demand amounting to Rs. 11,78,48,000.00 through the House.

We shall close our meeting now and resume it at 2:00 P.M.

Recess till 2:00 P.M.

23.3.1983 (Wednesday) 2:00 P.M.

**SPEAKER :** We are late for scheduled time. We shall call upon Mr Zairem thanga to move his Demands for approval for his Departments for 1983-1984 quoting Demand Nos. and figures respectively.

**MR ZAIREMTHANGA MINISTER :** Mr Speaker, by permission of our Administrator I beg to move the following Demands with their respective figures for 1983-1984 for various departments as mentioned below :-

Demand No. 1 for Legislative Assembly	= Rs. 21,16,000.00
Demand No. 5 for election	= Rs. 8,38,000.00
Demand No. 13 for Supply and Disposals	= Rs. 18,91,590.00.
Demand No. 16 for other Administrative Services	= Rs. 51,20,000.00
Demand No. 21 Urban Development	= Rs. 6,40,000.00
Demand No. 23 for Labour and Employment	= Rs. 24,50,000.00
Demand No.37 for Road and Water Transport	= Rs. 1,60,00,000.00.
The total is = Rs. 21,83,23,000.00 (Rs twenty one crores eighty three lakhs twenty three thousands).	

**SPEAKER :** Well our Minister has just read out his Demands with their respective figures for his Department for the year 1983-1984. All members are requested to speak dwelling within the area covering the Demand as far as possible. Shall we invite Mr Hiphei to speak first?

**MR HIPHEI :** Mr Speaker, concerning Supply and Disposals I would like to point out that the bill for carrying charge is pending far too long. The procedure of office at the Directorate level is demanding too much red tapism. We have been told now and then that there is no sanction and so the bill cannot be issued. Why is it so difficult to obtain the carrying contractor's bill from the office concerned? I would urge our Minister in-charge to work out methods of simplification for obtaining the same bill.

Concerning Road and Water Transport, I would like to point out that the River Chhimtuipui on route to Saiha beginning from Aizawl via Lunglei has not been bridged up to this moment. Formerly this river on way to Saiha used to be crossed by motor boat donated by Mr Peter a citizen of Saiha. This river viz. Chhimtuipui needs to be bridged immediately with a view to same public money which will be otherwise spent for crossing the river on to and from Saiha. This request needs immediate attention from the Government. I urge our Government

to order construction of bridge over this river or find means of transport towards Chhimtuipui via Saiha. Thank you.

**SPEAKER :** Well, Mr Lalsanga to speak.

**MR K. LALSANGA :** Mr Speaker, to speak briefly, I would like to support the honourable member's request the Government to bridge the Chhimtuipui River on way to Saiha for transport and Communication. Secondly coming to Demand No. 5 on Elections, I will point out that the bill for repair, requisition, utilization etc of private vehicles have not been issued regularly during the election. The bill for all charges for the election purpose in the 1978 election has not been issued or clarified even now in Lunglei Offices. Than you.

**SPEAKER :** Mr Pahlira to speak.

**MR C. PAHLIRA :** Mr Speaker, we have discussed at some length about the Lt. Governor. Discussion the other day touchin, Transport as a whole coming to Demand No. 37 I want to point out that Bus fares in Mizoram is extremely high in comparision with other states. In other states like Punjab, the Bus fare is reasonable in the sense that it is a Government Controlled rate in the Transport department. For the present situation the State Government takes most of the responsibility in Transport including purchae, service, maintenance, etc. of vehicles for the purpose. I think the present rate in bus ticket is extremely high. Besides there are number of buses in the workshop for repair and so on. I think the general condition in Transport with regard to bus fare will improve if the Government issue permit to private bus owners running services within the state(Mizoram).

Coming to transport in my constituency viz. Sateek, the public finds it more convenient to travel in Private Buses where they can load their materials securely and completely. This is not possible with the Government buses. I urge our Government to issue optimum permission to run private buses within the state and particularly at least one private bus in my constituency viz. Sateek. Thank you.

**SPEAKER :** Mr Ngurdawla to speak.

**MR JOE NGURDAWLA :** Mr Speaker, concerning Demand No. 37 on Road and Water Transport I think we have to deal with the matter carefully. As our honourable member has just pointed out regarding bus services on private basis I like to say few things on the question. It will be difficult for Government to control rate of bus fare if the concerned service is run by private owners or Corporation. My suggestion in this connection is that the Government should control the upper and lower limit of rate of bus fare whether it is a corporation or private concern (business). Regarding Urban Development I would like to request our Government to pay attention to the planning condition seriously. If we look at various areas from the civil point of view we will find that the urban areas is badly lacking behind development. In Aizawl for example, Tuikual area needs the maximum attention for road and communicational facilities. Large number of roads, paths etc are not connected with nearby or adjacent roads so on. There is no drainage system, in bridge or ditches etc. The sanitation establishments are breaking down giving out terrible smell. The Urban Development really needs immediate attention.

Concerning Labour and Employment the present system works on the registration in the Employment Exchange for employment news. But sometimes the Employment Exchange cannot handle each and every post covering vast area. For village post it is impossible. Since Employment Exchange do not adequately cover the entire area it will be better to have a liberal open advertisement for employment. In other words, for employment matter the Employment Exchange should function along with open advertisement agency. The point is to be liberal concerning employment transaction. Concerning supplies and Disposals or Road and with Transport the present practice has been carefully revised and examined. Tender issue and quotation has to be done carefully. Wrong Quotation for instance causes delay and unnecessary trouble on the point of the officials concerned thereby resulting in failure to reach the stock of rises to destinations. This kind of unnecessary delay and failure to dispose deposit of essential as well no-essential commodity should be avoided forthwith. That's all I have to say. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Mr Rammawi to speak next.

MR H. RAMMAWI : Mr Speaker, coming to Demand No. 21 on Urban Development I feel that the money deposited for this purpose is small indeed. We have to plan our towns specially Aizawl, the state capital in order to match other states capitals in India I urge the Government under R.E to take steps more and more in the urban planning and development. Regarding Demand No. 37 on Road and Water Transport, the bus service in and between Lunglei and Saiha needs immediate attention. Travelling public faces trouble, much trouble to these places. I urge the Government to permit private buses to ply between these places for the convenience of the public as a whole. On water Transport, I feel that the Government should take charge of navigating the rivers in the state. For example, Tuichawng and Chhimituipui Rivers should be made navigable for transporting essential commodities throughout the year. Darzo passage needs immediate attention. I urge our Government to issue working order to the above mentioned rivers etc for passing.

Regarding Demand No. 13 on Supply and Disposals, I want to point out that bills for carrying charge are pending for a long time. This should be cleared off instantly. Lastly, I would like to request our Government to open branch office under L.A.D at Saiha, Chhimituipui District capital. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Mr J.H.Lianchungnunga to speak now.

MR J.H.LIANCHUNGNUNGA : Mr Speaker, I would like to say few things before we come to voting our Demand today. Yesterday and before the last seat on this line experienced foul smell from the adjacent latrines. We managed to hear it the other day and of course today the smell is becoming less terrible. It is all the same bad smelling here inside the House. We wish that this foul smell should be stopped from tomorrow, Mr Speaker. Regarding Demand No. 5 on Elections, I urge our Government to implement the recommendations made by the delimitation committee on the issue under the auspices of Deputy Commissioner (D.C) the other day. According to the committee's recommendations, there should be at least one polling station at every Grouping Centre or village having village council in force in order to ensure fair election and to avoid or curb

corruption in the election. It is said that a large number of election corruptions are practised in Manipal and Nagaland. These practise may at any time bark into Mizoram as well. In order to curb these practices certain measures of precaution are adopted such as placing the Ballot Boxes within the public sight so that voters can be seen while dropping his votes inside the Box. But the stamping of symbols on the ballot paper concerned may be done behind curtain away from the public eyes. These measures recommend by the Committee will check election corruption and unfair practices associated with it. For employment in the election business Primary Teachers and other official personnels can be called for. I urge our Government to implement the Delimitation Committee's recommendations in the Election business or transaction. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Mr Lalnghenga to speak.

**MR LALNGHENGGA** : Mr Speaker, concerning Demand No. 13 on Supply and Disposals I would like to say a few things. The process of granting permit to manage Fair Price Shop by Retailer is too long. It takes a long time to get Retailer. According to the rules, for every five hundred people there should be one Retailer for supply of essential commodities etc. I urge our Government to simplify the process of appointment to retailer, and issue bill for headload charges as immediately as possible. Regarding village council I like to express my opinion in favour of increment for the salary of V.C. Members and village criers. At present Rs. 40/- and Rs. 25 is given to V.C. Members and criers as salary respectively. These amounts are too small in consideration of the works involved for the posts. Coming to Election on Delimitation Committee I would like to support the Khawhai Member's view point that the committee's Resolution should be implemented to save Democracy for Mizoram. I urge our Government to implement all these points. Thank you.

**MR SAIKAPTHIANGA** : Mr Speaker, coming to Demand No. 1 on Legislative Assembly, I would like to point out the fact that our Legislative building is extremely shattered and vehicles are far too few for emergency service etc. I urge the Government to include revision of Assembly building and purchase of vehicles for the Assembly Staff and so on in the R.E next time without fail. On demand No. 13 I would like to point out that certain Retailers used to mix fine rice and other rice of lower quality and marked them as fine rice for sale. This kind of unfair practice is prevalent in my constituency. I would like to urge our Government to examine this thing.

There are a large number of vehicles belonging to Government stranded in Aizawl. Serviceable vehicles are not used for carrying rice and other essential commodities to village sides. Vehicles are largely used for luxury whereas the villages are dying for want of rice etc. I request our Government to consider this matter quickly. Coming to Demand No. 37 on Road and Water Transport, then so much amount of money to spend on it. We have rivers like Tlawng, Tut, Teirei etc. for shipping. We have budget provision every year for this purpose but nothing has been done visibly. I urge our Government to sort out these rivers for running either ships or small ships like the ones having Diesel Engine etc for transport. These rivers can be utilized for transport for the benefit of Mizoram people. Thank you.

**SPEAKER :** Any more to speak ? Mr C.L.Ruala.

**MR. C.L. RUALA :** Mr. Speaker, we have had General Discussion twice. Our Finance Minister has summarized exclusively well. Coming 'o Demand No. 13 on Procurement and supply. We have a large sum of money no spend for it. How can we help the famine stricken people in Ratu constituency at Thingsat, Khawdungsei West, Sakawrdai, Vaitin, Khawpuar, Zohmun, Tingmun, Mauchar etc. Who live on peeling caues and so on selling at Cachar areas. If we can arrange some loan for them for their livelihood lives can be saved in that way.

For consumer Goods I would like to urge the state Government concerned to apply for carrying subsidy for consumer's Good to the Central Government. This includes commodities essentially like salt, pulse etc. With carrying subsidy the price of such commodities essentially will come down. We have Rs. 49 lakhs for consumer petrol pumps under the Demand. As a matter of fact we have too few consumer petrol pump here in Aizawl and elsewhere. We have to go a long way in order to reach these pumps for filling. I would suggest that there should be consumer's petrol pump at a close distance one after another.

Regarding Demand No. 5 on Preparation and Printing of Election Roll, I urge the Government (or Department in-charge) to be extremely careful in enrolling voters in the list of Electoral roll. On visiting Ruantlang on the V.C. Election day we happened to see voters who looked like 13 or 14 years of age; Being asked they replied that they were 21 years old, They looked like an easy prey to purchase. Under age enrolment in the Electoral roll can be a source of corruption in the election. Government has to be extremely careful in order to check under age enrolment in the the Electoral roll preparations. Coming to Road and Transport I urge our Government to take up the responsibility of running buses for the general benefit of the people on journey. Thank you.

**SPEAKER :** Well, we will invite Mr. H.K. Chakma to speak.

**MR. H.K. CHAKMA :** Mr. Speaker, coming to Demand No. 37 on Road and Water Transport, I urge our Government to transport rice etc. from Demagiri to Khawzawsuri, Borapansuri and Karulsuri etc. not in otherwise so that the carrying charge will be less. There are some rivers which can be used for carrying goods rice etc. like Sanghai, Hachhek, Tuichawng river etc. If these are made navigable they will be useful for inland transport. For Delimitation Committee I like to request our Government to create Polling Station at Chinsuri for Chensuri and Marpara voters and so on. There are B.S.F., C.R.P.F. forces here at Chensuri for security. Concerning supply of rice which have been supposed to stock at various places like Marpara, Borapansuri, Jarulsuri etc. are not reached to that area. The rainy season is coming soon and it will be difficult to carry rice during this season. It is necessary to reach the required amount of rice to that area as soon as possible. Regarding Urban Area, I would like to point out that Aizawl, Lunglei and other towns in Mizoram is giving out a bad smell. As pointed yesterday by certain honourable members, the Assembly House is also stinking in smell. It is necessary for the Government to eliminate all of these thing and so on in smell in Aizawl, Lunglei and other places in Mizoram. Thank you.



**SPEAKER :** Well, our members have discussed, asked and requested our Government on different points. We shall invite our Supply Minister to inform the House about the programmes, policies, schemes and so on under the Demand now.

**MR. ZAIREMTHANGA MINISTER :** Mr. Speaker, I have noted down certain important points in course of the discussions we have had previously. I will try to answer at random.

For Local development we have Rs. 60,000/- (Sixty thousand) The Sanitation section of the Local Administration Department has been entrusted to take up the work and fulfill necessary requirements. Under this work scheme about 20 Latrines have to be installed at various locations on experimental basis.

Regarding Air dropping, we have discussed this question in great length in the general discussion. The main emphasis lies in the fact that air dropping should be done before the rainy season and that all the required amount of rice and other essential commodities should have reach their destinations before such time as rainy season begins. This work like a good suggestion but in practice we face difficulty with the Forces that we have contract with. If there are private Companies to take charge of air dropping it will be easy to have air dropping before rainy season but it is the Air Force who are taking charge of dropping these commodities. They have their own programme to do and we cannot break or violate their programme for our requirement at our own time. They are mainly requested on emergency issue. So we cannot have them at our own time and this is difficulty that we have in this regard. On Rice movement, it was suggested that rice should be collected within local areas so that our import may go down. This is a welcome feature. It was said that there are certain amount of rice (or paddy) in and around Vaphai where a team of experts with me went to that place to examine. But it was found that there was no adequate amount of rice worth taking the trouble. We cannot do anything about it there as yet.

As I have replied question on Rural Housing this morning I would pass it on. Regarding Transport, it was repeatedly pointed out that the current rate of bus fare is too high. At present the bus fair is fixed at 25 np per Km. for Deluxe Bus, 18 np per Km for Medium bus upper class and np 22 ker Km for Mini bus respectively. These rates are found difficult to do accepted by private Bus operators in view of the price rise. There is a suggestion that Transport business should be handed over to private bus operators on owners immediately here in the House. However, the Government has to consider this issue carefully. Regarding change over of Transport from the Government to corporation, the Central Government Act passed in the Lok Sabha includes Mizoram, In other words the Government to hand over State Transport to corporation. Concerning I. T. I Principal for full time service, the Government is examining the possible candidate for this post. The question that we should feed on flour because of lack of rice in Mizoram is going to be tested in places like Aizawl, Lunglei, Saiha and other places in the State. We cannot have Aizawl Godown in full with rice due to various reasons. Regarding remuneration for each respective post in the Village Council, it has been suggested that these remunerations be increased. At present the respective numerations are as follows :



V. C. P. = Rs. 50/- Vice President = Rs. 30/-, Secretary = Rs. 40/-, Member/Crier = Rs. 25/- Suggestion for the increase of salary has come to us as V. C. P. = Rs. 150/, Vice President = Rs. 130/-, Secretary = Rs. 140/-, Member or Crier Rs. 80/-. This suggestion is being considered at the Government level. Regarding weight-bridge installation the weight and Measures department has taken charge of this project. At our Chaltlang Workshop this weigh tbridge has been installed and it is almost ready for use. On the question of Scarcity of Kerosine oil in Tlabung, the Cooperative Society, Corporation or Apex Marketing will supply the requirements. Then on the question that D. C. S. O should be appointed for Lunglei and Saiha these appointments have been made and the order to this effect has been issued but the appointees have not joined due to some reasons and the other. Regarding Deluxe Bus service between Aizawl and Lunglei it is expected to run Deluxe bus service between these places before the end of 1983. Concerning Demand No. 37 on Road and Water Transport (Inland Water Transport) it is the P. W. D. who is incharge of the same We will then leave the question to our P. W. D. incharge Minister to answer. On vehicles requisition bill pending there is no bill pending now for Lunglei and Chhimtuipui Districts except Rs. 14/024 of bill which is lying in the Finance Department. This is expected to be cleared soon. The bill belongs to Aizawl District bye elections some time ago. For Urban development, the P. W. D is working in full capacity especially for construction of steps etc.

Regarding Employment Exchange sub-exchange has been opened at Champhai and Chawngte respectively but the proposals in this regard at Lawngtlai and Kolasib has been rejected by the Planning Commission. However the department increases its jurisdiction step by step. On supply carrying contract the suggestion that Government lay down workable rate for the contract and the contractors are invited to reply the Quotations as prescribed in the Tender. The matter is being examined. For carrying bill pending, a particular contractor may send a chit or note to us for checking in the concerned department, other wise his complaint may not be heeded on Local. Administration the District Council is incharge of the Local Administration. For cleaning the Assembly latrines which is giving out stinking smell the toilet should be kept clean and tidy specially during session or, one may go to the other latrine down there below the Secretary's room.

Regarding Fair Price Shops, at present we have 544 Fair Price Shops in Mizoram. Another 50 will be added to the existing number in 1983-1984 financial year. We are taking steps forward in that way : The allegation that certain retailers mix fine rice with other rice of ordinary quality for sale will be examined. The supply department it may be said is running its own vehicles for transport. It twice not to take other vehicles for carriage. Regarding underage enrolment in the electoral roll, this is an important issue so much so that each M.L.A should try to discourage this kind of practice.

The M.L.A from Tlabung Constituency has pointed out there is no rice at Marpara. Before rice has been carried to this place on headload. But arrangements are made in order to reach rice to these places by road. I hope there will be rice more. As for setting up Polling Station under the Delimitation Committee at the required places, the Government will examine the matter. Mr Speaker, I move the following Demands for passing in the House.

Demand No. 1 for Legislative Asembly	=	Rs. 21,16,000.00
Demand No. 2 for Elections	=	Rs. 8,38,000.00
Demand No. 13 for Supplies and Disposals	=	Rs. 18,91,59,000.00
Demand No. 16 for Other Administration Services	=	Rs. 51,20,000.00
Demand No. 21 for Urban Development	=	Rs. 26,40,000.00
Demand No. 23 for Labour and Employment	=	Rs. 24,50,000.00
Demand No. 37 for Road and Water Transport	=	Rs. 1,60,00,000.00
Total	=	Rs. 21,83,23,000.00

(Rs. twenty one cores eighty three lakhs twenty three thousand only)

**SPEAKER :** Well, our Minister in-charge has moved his Demands with respective figures for each demand and clarified all related matters following the Demands. We shall take votes on the Demands for passing we shall raise hands those who agree to pass Any member to oppose ? All agreed. I therefore declared passed the following Demands :

Demand No. for Legislative Assembly	=	Rs. 21,16,000.00
Demand No. 5 for Elections	=	Rs. 8,38,000.00
Demand No. 13 for Supplies and Disposals	=	Rs. 18,91,52,000.00
Demand No. 16 for Other Administration Services	=	Rs. 51,20,000.00
Demand No. 21 for Urban Development	=	Rs. 26,40,000.00
Demand No. 23 for Labour and Employment	=	Rs. 24,50,000.00
Demand No. 37 for Road and Water Transport	=	Rs. 1,60,00,000.00
Total =		Rs. 21,83,23,000.00 (Rupees twenty one million eighty three lakh twenty three thousand).

Well, since we do not have any other business for today, we will continue our meeting at 10:30 A.M (Morning)

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 P.M.

**J.MALSAWMA**  
**SECRETARY.**