

NINTH SITTING ON 28 MARCH, 1983 (MONDAY)

PRESENT

PU C. CHAWNGKUNGA, Deputy Speaker at the Chair, Chief Minister, 4 (four) Ministers and 22 (twenty-two) Member were present.

BUSINESS

QUESTIONS

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

VOTING OF DEMANDS

2. PU LALHMINGTHANGA, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Bill to be introduced, considered and passed.

3. PU LALHMINGTHANGA, Minister in-charge Finance etc. to beg leave of the House.

- (a) to introduce the Mizoram Appropriation No. 2, Bill, 1983

ALSO

to introduce the Bill

- (b) to move that the Bill be taken into consideration

- (c) to move the Bill be passed

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear ? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid. When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they strembled and fell. Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though was should rise against me, in this will I be confident.

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We shall now proceed to the List of Business No. I. Pu Sainghaka to ask. However, he is absent and had authorised Pu C.L. Ruala to ask the Questions.

PU C.L. RUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, starred Question No. 25. Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Public Works Department be pleased to state -

- (a) The total quantity (in quintals) of firewoods procured this year by the Department of Public Works for black topping roads in the area of Selesih Veterinary Farm.

problems, when will this road be ready for running heavy Vehicles and what are their intentions ?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, the answer to the hon'ble Members Question are as follows- Actually there was no proposal for construction only according the estimates sanctioned. However, after working according to the estimates the road was not possible to complete and that a revised estimate was made and submitted to the Government.

However, I cannot say when this road will be completed for heavy Vehicles. But in case, a revised estimate is sanctioned, it has been prepared so as to complete the road for heavy Vehicles.

PU C. VULLUAIA : Pu Deputy Speaker, A Vehicle Road between Bazar Bungkawn. Vaivakawn is being constructed by the Government. But they stopped in the middle of the work. Their work on Narrow road and drainage were very good but laying of flat boulders on the road were done only on some portions while other portions were left out unfinished. To there any intention by the government to have this work done urgently than other parts of Village ? Does the Government to agree this unequal finishing of the work and have the workers given any thought for verification of the said work ? To the Government agreeing to this unfinished Job ? How the authorities given any.

PU J. H. LIANCHUNGNUNGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, Is the Government intending to leave the work on Khawzawl - Lungdar (E) at its present state (i.e. Uncompleted) and Sanction the Uncompleted final bill and engage some more contractors ? Or the work is going to be taken over by the department, as a whole or in part ?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, first of all let me reply to the Hon'ble Members Question of Sairang constituency.

The road between Bazar Bungkawn - Vaivakawn is on going scheme and is not yet given up. I believe the said work had be breaked for quite sometime, However regarding the masonry works, it has not come to the Government notice. We can of course have our Officers look in to the matter. Laying of flat boulders of the unfinished portions will of course be continued.

Regarding the Question of hon'ble Member of Khawhai Constituency - as I have said before, the revised estimate approval is given was submitted to the government and no administrative. So it is impossible to reply to day itself to the Questions Whether the work had been stopped ? Is it to be taken up by the Department, engaging of more contractors etc. These Questions can only be considered after the revised estimate is given administrative approval and sanctioned.

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PU BUALHRANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, In this session, the time for Question air is now over. Even the Speaker admitted that I still have three Short Notice Questions, but the answer were not prepared. I have also investigated the

matter. The Secretariat had done their duty at their earliest. But some of my Questions which were to be prepared by the concerned department for the Ministers reply, were delayed just because they have on a version to it. Is it possible to delay the answers just like this?

PU C.L. RUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, not a single short notice Question has appeared.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : There are three answers of short notice Question which did not arrive in time and it seems they will not yet be ready for quite sometime. However, we shall send the answers to every member later.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Pu Deputy Speaker, even when the questionnaires are prepared in the right time, the answers are very often not ready for reply during session and this is really a very bad practice.

PU BUALHRANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I carried on my investigation and it seems that the concerned department neglected my questions. Even when some of the answers could have been prepared, the concerned department neglect them just because they don't want any questions concerning their department being discussed in the Assembly House. If this kind of practice is allowed, in future when any Questions or informations concerning the works of the department is wanted by the Government and by any member, the concerned Department will just neglect them if their works were not in good taste. I feel this need proper looking into the matter. Other-wise of the answer to our question is not in good taste. They will give us reply after the question hour when no supplementary question can be asked. I feel the Government should find proper solution to this. If no, will not be able to exercise out right to question during question hour which very much concern the smooth running of our country.

PU K. LAESANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, Questions submitted in time but which are not made ready for reply during session means the concerned Department have no respect for the House at all.

PI K. THANSIAMI : Pu Deputy Speaker, last year I have also submitted my questions in time but they remained unanswered. We had already discussed this matter in the earlier Session and I never thought this had practice would ever be repeated again. Frankly, if we had wanted our questions answer in written we could have them set unstarred. But since we feel its important for the Government and the public, we are asking them in the House so that we can have a clear view to the matter. We feel bad that the House is not given its due importance and is being ignored.

PU B. LALCHUNGNUNGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, its very bad to have things like this happening. Can you please tell us which department are they?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The questionaire are well aware of that. The government departments should give notice again to prepare the answers immediately. Every year we are repeating this same thing over and over.

PU L. PIANDENGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, last year my questions also remained unanswered. At that time we discussed the matter and concluded with that, it should be given due importance. But now, this same thing had happened again. If we are going to put off the matter just like before, it will mean putting an end to the matter these and then again. So it is pointless if no actions are taken against the head of the Department.

PU J.H. LIANCHUNGNUNGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, in regard to the questions of the three members, is it not possible to give out the names of the Department ?

PU HRAMMAWI : Pu Deputy Speaker, Will it be possible to give us the names of the Department atleast after the session ?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : If the Secretaries are prepared, somehow it might be possible.

PU BUALHRANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, regarding Questions which were not answered by the concerned Department, Will it not be better if the concerned Department are referred to the privilege Committee.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : That will be upto the Members. Now we shall proceed to Item No. and call Pu Lalhmigthanga, Finance Minister to move his demands.

PU LALHMIGTHANGA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, On the recommendation of Lt. Governor and with your permission, I hereby move the following Demands for Rs. 40,34,20,000.00 for the year 1983-84

Demand NO.	Name of the Demand.	Amount
6	Revenue	58,00,000.00
7.	Excise and Taxation	19,50,000.00
8.	Treasuries and Accounts Administration	30,64,000.00
17.	Retirement Benefits	10,00,000.00
20.	Housing	1,73,60,000.00
36.	Electricity.	7,94,25,000.00
38.	Public Health, Sanitation and Water Supply	5,60,17,000.00
39.	Public Works	22,29,04,000.00
40.	Loans to Government Servants	1,50,00,000.00
	TOTAL	40,34,20,000.00

(Rupees fourty Million, thirty four lakh, and twenty thousand)

DEPUY SPEAKER : I am sure some of our Members would like to say something on the Demand No. 6, 7, 8, 17, 20, 36, 38, 39, and 40 for Rs. 40,34,26,000.00 which was moved just now by the Minister. Any Member who want to say anything on the Demands, should make it brief clear and finish them in time if we make it too long.

No Pu C. Pahlira.

PU C. PAHLIRA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I 'll take up only few minutes I want to say something on Demand No. 6 of Revenue Department.

The Assam Rifles had given some portions of their land to one person. That person was given as a present because of his good service rendered to them. He asked a pass during the District Council and had later again asked for making it Pata. But it seems some portions of his land were given to several person by the Revene staff without his knowledge. Moreover some of his lands were put for sale which was also without his knowledge. Till date they are giving all sorts of trouble to the land owner which I feel is very wrong. This particular case was discussed before quite a number of times, but nothing could be solved. I would therefore urge the Government into the matter more carefully and the irregularities of the Revenue Staff.

Also, while the Government is trying its best Sometimes I feel that we are not giving our full Co-Operation. For example-In the Month of August, there was a landslide near Maubuang, which was between Aizawl to Thenzawl Road. The Minister, heads of the Village and as well as myself have requested a number of times to repair this road to the concerned department. But the staffs merely replied us that theres no money.

But after a lapse of three months, the work was started with full co-operation from the staff and S.D.O. of the Department the road was completed within a short period of one Month although there was no money. So we can see from here that every thing is possible where there's full Co-operation. The Government should look into the matter carefully where more works are concerned as well as to the points I have just pointed out. Thank you.

PU B. LALCHUNGNUNGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I believe there are many points to discuss in our Demand today.

In Demand No. 6 Revenue Department, we have Rs 58 lakhs provision. In spite of the Developments the Department of Revenue has a lot of problems. One of them is lack of staff, especially in the Lunglei District where there is only one A.D.O.

In Demand No. 7, Excise and Taxation there is provision of Rs. 19 lakhs, 50 thousand. I am sure this will help a great deal and I am grateful for it.

Housing, Demand No. 20, is another important topic. The public benefit of Housing loans is tremendous, it has helped many families, build proper houses and as a result the towns have improved greatly. Therefore it would be a good thing

if the Government sanctions more fund for housing. The Government should also take more interest in building Government offices as it is spending huge sums on house rents. There are many Department without office building both in Aizawl and in Lunglei.

Demand No. 36, Electricity is a Department which is growing rapidly, Their progress has grown more since they were bifurcated from the public Works Department. The land work of this Department is greatly appreciated.

Next we find Public Health and Water Supply. I have often thought that this Department would be more efficient if it is made a separate Directorate. And as there is enough fund, it might be possible to create the post of Chief Engineer as the post of S.E. is already there. The fund provision of Rs 19 lakhs would be quite enough considering the other Directorates like the Forest Department etc.

The role of the P.H.E. Department is one of the most vital and important need in public life.

Our Waters need purification and if neglected, many people would lose their lives in epidemics. According to the 20 points Programme of the 6th Plan, all villages in the rural areas will be supplied with pure drinking water. The Government of Mizoram has therefore taken great interest in this programme about 10 Villages out of 730 Villages have been provided with pure drinking water, much is yet left to be accomplished. That is why the Department needs to be enlarged. The Government should therefore immediately see to the needful and make it a separate Directorate.

Coming to Demand No. 39, Public works Department we find that this Department involve a huge amount of money and probably there is a little misuse found here and there. What I wish to point out is the Officers posts still lying vacant in the Department. The Division at Lunglei is also more or less without an S.E. as he is taking dual charge with P. I.E. in Aizawl. This means that he has to divide his time between Lunglei and AIZAWL. A separate S.E. is therefore most vital for Lunglei. Coming now to loan for Government servants (Power fails—)

PU LAENGHENGGA: Pu Deputy Speaker. I shall briefly speak on just a few points.

Starting with Revenue, Excise and Taxation Department, I wish to add to what had been discussed in the General Discussion. The three are almost linked and inseparable and therefore cannot really be taken separately.

I think we are aware that the Excise Department is still not functioning as it should, and as a result we are losing a lot of money. The Excise income is only about Rs 10 lakhs at present. According to the Demand, we find there is fund provision of Rs 58 lakhs for Excise and Taxation, altogether Rs 77 lakhs.

If and when the Excise Act can be enforced, it is sure that about Rs 50 to 60 lakhs will go onto Excise and this would mean that it will be self-sufficiency. However, this may take some time to be implemented.

I would also like to point out certain disadvantages used by the Taxation Department which actually should be in the hands of the Revenue Department. This is the handling of land Revenue by the Taxation Department. Certain Complications have arisen which would be better if it is handled by the Department of Revenue.

PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, The demand we have been discussing are all very important. I shall start with Demand No. 7, Excise and Taxation. As the Member has just stated, unless and until the Excise Act is in force, we are losing money, and the Excise Department does not have much work to do. This should be given priority by the Government of Mizoram.

The Taxes that could be collected from sale of liquor alone is also a considerable sum. The Government of Mizoram should consider the enforcement of the Excise Act as soon as possible.

I would also like to add a word of appreciation on the performance of the Revenue Department. However the only snag in the set up is between the relations with the District. As each District functions separately, the District should take control of all issues of passes, and settlements for better functioning.

The Public Health Engineering Department is also showing signs of growth. There are some places where it is easy to make gravitational pumps and others where it is very difficult. The main reason for the slow report of surveyors.

The importance of Electricity is known to all, Most of the complaints received are from the diesel run engines used for generating power. Rural people do not understand the complication of diesel generators and it is difficult to explain it to them. The Information Department would come to be useful here if they could propagate that there is bound irregularities in the power. In this way the people could understand that power failures are not done on purpose.

I shall wind up my speech with a request to the Minister i/e to make a clarification on the progress of the Excise Rules enforcement.

PU C.L. RUALA : PU Deputy Speaker, we have now come to the closing of our discussion on Voting on Demands. According to the Rules of Procedure and conduct of Business, sub-section (1) of section 16 we should be having today a Motion for Vote of Account. If we were to have this motion we would be acquainted with the total account of the various demand of the Department, and also the condition of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme funds.

As our Budget is growing each year it is imperative that this Motion for Vote of Accounts should be started from next year.

Starting with the Revenue Department passes have been issued where it should not have; safety reserves in the rural areas have been violated endangering the very safety of villages from fire devastation.

In the town of Aizawl itself, passes have been in absurd places, for example the P.C. Party Office near the court building. This is only one instance.

Demand No. 8, Treasuries and Accounts. This Department is supposed to be the financial controller. It is amazing that there are many Departments who can distribute sports goods if such distributions are not streamlined into the Departments authorised to carry out such distributions, it would phase a lot of meaningless expenditure.

I don't know why some of our questions were not answered, whether it was because the Finance Department was late in releasing the fund.

In the 1981-82 IRDP there was provision of Rs. 60 lakhs out of which about Rs. 38 lakhs was utilised. Was it because the Finance Department did not give financial consent to spend the rest?

Regarding Excise, it is a fact that we are losing a lot of money owing to the lack of enforcement of Excise Rules. I don't know what Rule we are practicing now, whether it is the Magistrate's order or Cr. P.C. very often the local youths have volunteered to arrange raids on liquor and have succeeded to a good extent. On one incident about 30 bottles of liquor were seized and handed over to the police, which was handed over to the Excise. However, it was found out that the Excise people rationed ten bottles a day. Such behaviour hurts the sentiment of the youths. It is imperative that the Government should set up hard and fast rules in this respect.

Our mode of collecting taxes is still very inefficient. We propose higher rates of taxes but we do not have proper collectors.

Instead we order the public to pay their taxes in the Office and forget about it the next day. If we are to levy taxes we should have a proper and systematic means of tax collection. A collector should go from house to house with a receipt. If we succeed in this Department we will be quite self-sufficient. Regarding Pensions in Demand No. 17, it is learnt that there are many pensioners who cannot draw their pension pay. Formerly we had to wait for the clearance in the A.C.'s Office, Shillong.

We are glad that we can now sort this out in Aizawl and I urge the Government to speed up such issues for the benefit of old pensioners.

In the Department of Public Works the proposed bridge over Tlawng river in the Aizawl—Lunglei road has been furnished with the necessary Hydraulic data. However, no action has been taken so far on the construction of the bridge. Whose responsibility is this? Even if it is difficult to make a steel construction, why can't it be constructed in RCC?

I would also like to know why muster roll labours in the P.W.D. are not paid according to the schedule rates.

Non of the labours, skilled I, carpenter Class I, carpenter class II, skilled II, semi-skilled and unskilled are receiving their due rates. If labours do not receive their due wages, it would be impossible to earn their livelihood amidst high inflation. I wish to know whether the Ministry can see to this matter.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Pu Deputy Speaker, what the Member had mentioned regarding Vote on Account was very appropriate. However, we should know that

we have gone exactly according to the rule and if we are to follow sub-section (1) of section 16 we would only be repeating what we have already done. (Pu C. L. Ruala : the Member is mistaken regarding the interpretation of the rule, it would be wise if he studies it again) Pu Deputy Speaker, the General Discussion should follow and as we have discussed if we are going Demand wise. There is nothing to misinterpret in that, (Pu C.L.Ruala : If we have had a General Discussion after the Motion for Vote-on-Account, there is no more General Discussion to Conduct). If we were to move the Motion it would mean that we would have another General Discussion apart from what we have already had. We are going according to page 119 and 120 of the rules, and there is nothing we have missed out.

Pu Deputy Speaker, yes it would be wise to refrain from issuing passes at the expense of public interest. However there may be certain places which may appear to be important but are really not important to the public. Such places may be for instance, the site of the P.C. Party's Office. The site near the Vety. Directors Office at Khatla was also greatly objected to by the public, however, the previous Congress Ministry issued a pass and nothing outward was mentioned. The site of P.C.Party's Office is also better off now than it was when it was vacant before.

I shall go into the Revenue Department briefly. A question may arise as to which procedure is quicker, the issuing of passes and verifications from the Directorate or through the D.C. ?

The passes issued from the Directorate used to take only about a week or so. Now the procedure is rather complicated.

The Supply Department is also dividing its work load according to the items. The Government may revise the procedures in each department in order to avoid unnecessary and lengthy procedures.

Coming to Demand No. 7, Taxation, we find that the revenue in Mizoram is very little. It would be wise for the Government to set up a Committee to enquire into this matter for better Revenue.

Taking together Demand No. 8 and 17, formerly all retirement benefits were handled at A.G's Office, Shillong. Now it is learnt that this is to be handled at Aizawl. However, according to hearsay, G.P.Fund is not included.

It is a fact that there are some persons in the Education Department who are now deceased and whose families do not yet receive pension benefits till today. I am sorry that such kind of cases have not been given priority, and I urge the Government of Mizoram to take action and give top priority to such cases, G.P.Fund also should be handled along with other pension benefits in Mizoram. The Government of Mizoram should negotiate with the Accountant General in Shillong as soon as possible.

Demand No. 20, Housing Loan is one of the greatest benefits received by the public. It is the core of development in Mizoram. The sanction for this year has executed that of last year, and I urge the Government to be more liberal in this particular branch.

Demand No. 36, Electricity Department has improved since it has been made a separate Directorate. However, this year's plan has come to Rs. 500 lakhs only, and this means that it is less by Rs. 100 lakhs when compared to last year's plan. This means that they have not utilised the provision of Rs. 600/- lakhs as expected. Therefore as it is counted from the actual expenditure of the previous year, this year's plan has been less by Rs. 100/- lakhs.

I am sorry that this has happened, we all know how interested the Government of Electricity. It is a regret that the budget has been lowered that year. The Department of Electricity leaves much to be desired and it is evident that they have to work harder. The attention given to them by the Power Minister and the Chief Minister is greatly appreciated.

One of the reasons for the slow pace of work is mainly lack of sufficient staff. The Government should therefore, see that the Department is equipped with sufficient staff, especially in the Chhimtuipui District there are too few staff. The Government should consider this Department in the interest of the Public.

I don't know whether water Transport Demand No. 37. is attached to P.W.D. or P.H.E. However, I would like to suggest that some sort of engine boats be installed at the five rivers viz, Chhimtuipui, Tuiruang, and Tlawng for better Communication.

The Department of P.H.E. is also like the Electricity Department in that it lacks the required strength of Staff. The District of Chhimtuipui District is the one that suffers most, There is one S.D.O. at Saiha, and the next are administered from Lunglei. It is useless to have the proper plans if they cannot be carried out. The Staff provision according to the Budget look is quite adequate. May be there are problems regarding the Administrative Approval of post creations.

The best thing is to bifurcate the Electricity Department and have a separate P.H.E. Directorate.

Lastly Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to make a suggestion on the preference to be made on P.W.D. In the Chhimtuipui District all the other Departments have come to face difficulties owing to the stagnance of the P.W.D. road plans which are not given preference.

PI THANMAWII : Deputy Speaker, I wish to speak on Demand No6, Revenue. This is one of the most important Department and it is a regret that the staff of this Department often create problems for the public. In these days of scarcity of house site even the smallest piece of land is not left out. There are hundreds of applicants and these applications are often stalled after it has gone through the Directorate and Secretariat. Obstacles are often made in the lower levels and it takes about three years to issue passes. It would be much easier if the final passes are issued from the Directorate for the public interest. I am of the opinion that any staff who post problems for the public should be given due punishment.

The next thing I wish to mention is Housing Loan. We are all aware of the importance of this branch. However, owing to the high cost of building materials the amount fixed for the Middle Income Group which is Rs. 27,000/- is becoming too meagre. It is barely the cost of foundation pillars. Therefore the rate needs revision.

Taxation and loan recovery should also be more systematic. The main excuse given is often shortage of staff. A house to house collection with receipt would be a good system.

Regarding the extension of house-sites the House-site Board did not allow extension if the sites are large enough for one house site. Much depends on the verification and if the verification is done correctly, many problems would be solved. I shall mention a little on the Electricity Department. In Aizawl Town there are roads constructed through the EGS and these roads which are not main roads, are not provided with street lights. Therefore these roads which are of constant use to the public are always dark at night. As a result there are thefts, robberies and assaults which even lead to murder. Therefore the Department should look into these matters and provide street lights for them.

Another point I wish to mention is the Power House which is in the middle of the town. The Public are fed up with the noise it creates. Thus, it would be greatly appreciated if it can be situated somewhere distant from the town.

Lastly I wish to repeat the Bawngkawn-JTI Road, This road construction needs to be speeded up. The road is of great use the public especially in the night time. There was fund sanctioned last year which was not utilised. Therefore the P.W.D. may finish this road construction for the benefit of eastern Aizawl. Thank you,

PU ELLIS SAIDENGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the main reason for the slow pace of work in the Revenue Department appears to be shortage of staff. Lunglei is also facing this problem According to the Budget Book there is provision for ASO 1 and 2, but upto now there is only one.

It also appears that the Revenue Department of Lunglei and Aizawl are not very strict. There are many land owners who take advantage of vacant areas next to their plots. The Department should be more vigilant in these matters. Housing is another important topic. As we have already said this branch is the core of Development and it should be given more attention. The provisions for Aizawl District is Re. 85 lakhs, Rs. 36 lakhs for Chhimtuipui District. We had expected Rs. 40 lakhs for Lunglei but were surprised to find only Rs. 36 lakhs which is exactly the previous amount.

We are aware of the development of the Electricity Department. I would like to speak on a few points in this connection. S. Vanlaiphai is a town which has grown very big but still without electricity. I think power could be connected from Hnahthial and with transformers the other villages like Tuipui, Leite and Darzo could be electrified. And from S. Vanlaiphai Sangau could be electrified too.

The Public Works Department is a much discussed Department. The construction of Teachers Training Institute at Lunglei which has already been processed by the Government is till left unstarted. The Aizawl-Lunglei-Thenzawl road also needs to be speeded up. We would appreciate a statement from the Minister concerned on the progress of the roads.

In the Budget book we find some provision for repairing the MLA Hostel. The Government may give immediate attention to the Septic Tank of the MLA Hostel which needs urgent repair. A separate kitchen is not provided and the existing

one is too small and unserviceable in heavy rain. Therefore those things need urgent looking into.

The District Road at Lunglei between the Town Hall and Assam Rifle's Gate is very narrow. This road has been proposed to be enlarged and if I am not mistaken, the plots on the upper side of the road have already been given compensations. However, no action has been taken till today. The P.W.D. should take immediate action, and I believe it may become a National highway after some years. I have mentioned this for the Department concerned to take the necessary actions as soon as possible.

PU L. PIANDENGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, we have now seen the outline for development in our Budget book. While some Departments do not fully utilise their funds, some Departments their provisions too meagre. On the whole every Department has done a good job even though it may not be upto our expectations.

The Revenue Department should be more vigilant regarding the demarcation of private house-sites. There have been complaints that fences are made right upto the mental roads.

The Housing loans mentioned by the Member from Aizawl East is indeed a very important point. As this is the only means of public benefit, the amount of Housing loans should be raised.

The performance of the PWD is greatly appreciated. They are the mirror of development in the state. Their mode of giving contracts is also very proper. However, I feel that contract works should be given in smaller scales than in huge bulks. This would provide more work and efficiency among the contractors. If this had been applied to the Khawzawl to Lungdar (E) Road, the progress would have been much faster.

I have often mentioned the Saitual—Phaileng road would be the link between Ratu and Saitual. However, this proposition has not appeared in the Budget Book. On the whole I hope that each Department will do its best towards the development of the state.

PU J. H. LIANCHUNGNUNGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the Revenue Department is suffering from an acute shortage of staff. There are not many who pose problems to individual applicants. Sometime back, applications for good house-sites used to be misplaced and lost.

There are some issues in the Revenue Department which should be handled by the D.E.'s Office. It would be very convenient if the D. C.'s Office handles these matters,

The Excise & Taxation Rules is not yet enforced, and the proposed recruitment of 50 constables for Aizawl and 30 constables for Lunglei has not materialised. It would be greatly appreciated if this proposition can be carried out this year. There are still some very old and dilapidated buildings in the heart of

Aizawl Town. I am of the opinion that the owners should be given loans for re-construction of their buildings and the Government may advise them on the mode of construction too.

The Khawzawl to E. Lungdar road which has progressed only about 40% has been the target of much criticism. Only 80% of the work has been done and the rest has been left untouched. I urge the Government to give attention to this matter and also provide at least two buses for Lungdar 'E'. This area has been sadly neglected and it is high time to pay attention to this area.

There is also a shortage of road-rollers, the actual number of serviceable rollers are about ten. The road I have mentioned had been included in the PWD work schedule. This road was proposed to be cut through Lungdar—Tualte and Bungzung to Khawbung. However, it is said that the plan was cancelled by the Government. The Government may please inquire into the matter.

It has been learnt from hearsay that the Staff of Chief Engineers Office are rather negligent and that there are no one to talk to often two O'clock in the afternoon. This should be properly checked by the authorities concerned.

I would also like to ask the Government whether deputationists are still required in the Engineering line. I personally feel that we now have enough qualified engineers to hold all the important posts in Mizoram. It is also the pulse of the public that no more deputationists be taken in the next term.

The reason for the slow pace of work in most departments is lack of power conferred to them.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We shall now have recess till 2.00 P.M.

Recess till 2:00 P.M.

2:00 P.M.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu J.Thankunga

PU J.THANKUNGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I appreciate in general the Demand moved by the Chief Minister.

I would like to add to what has, already been said regarding issuing of house-site passes in the rural areas. There is one case in Ratu where a person has a farm within the Supply reserve area. This is without the knowledge of the Village Council of Ratu. If this person cuts jhoom and burns it, the whole Village would be in danger of catching fire.

The public requested him not to cut his jhoom till today. Therefore, such passes should not be issued by the Department without proper consent of the Village Council concerned. The Government should be more attentive in this matter.

Another thing is that we are losing a lot of revenue in Excise and Taxation because the Excise Act is not enforced. This needs to be speeded up as soon as possible.

Coming to Power & Electricity, the staff (field workers) do not have service security. This is a very serious matter and many have lost their lives. There is no security unless the Government provides a proper measure for them. The problems they face and the hazardous work they do is enough proof for their need of service security. I urge the Government to see that such service security is provided to electricity workers. A Power House has been installed at Darlawn and all wiring has been done at Pehlawn, Phailong and Sawlong. However, there have not been officially opened by the Government, a bigger power house is needed for this area.

The Public Works Department is the mirror of our development, and we can see their performance everywhere. In my constituency a truck road has been constructed from New Vervek - Tipaimuk - Tuiruang however the expectation of the public to have bus service upto Vaitin cannot be materialised yet. The Government should speed up the development works in this northern constituency.

As for Housing loan it has already been stated that this is the advantage of the Government workers and middle income group. However, as stated, the amount is very low compared to the high cost of commodities.

Would not it be possible for the Government to revise the rate. I appreciate in general the Demands put forward by the Minister-in-charge.

Thank you.

PU HIPHEI : Pu Deputy Speaker, starting with PWD, the Department appears to be quite efficient in building construction, however, they lack speed in road construction. To what factors should the blame be pinned? The Government should find out the reason. It could be lack of technical staff or sheer lack of fund?

Road are the first requirement for development and we are lacking in this field. The member from Tlungvel had already pointed out the need for a bridge Tlawng and Chhimtuipui. However, we do not see any fund provision for construction of permanent bridge over Kaladyne. Unless and until a bridge is constructed over Kaladine, the other side of Chhimtuipui will never be developed. Therefore the Government should see to the fund provision of the bridge as soon as possible.

I do not think there is any intention of taking up new road projects apart from the existing ones. However, the fund for the existing road projects is too meagre for thorough work.

If we look at the Budget Book we find that the proposed road Chapui—Maheh has been cut. I urge the Government to revoke this. The technical opinion is that this proposed road is not economical and that the topography is not suitable for road construction. This is not a fact and I have personally visited the area with the DC Aizawl along with some overseers, and confirmed the possibility of constructing a road. Therefore I urge the Government to consider and take necessary action in this matter. I want the House to know that it is not impossible and I urge the Government to include these two Villages in the plan.

In Excise and Taxation the only way to self-sufficiency is realisation of taxes. Unless and until we release taxes, our revenue income will always be nil. The most important step is to have Rules. The Excise Act we have is still not enforced and if it is enforced, liquor sale would be legalised. It could be possible that the enforcement of the Excise Act was delayed owing to prohibition of liquor sale. I think it is high time to have the Act enforced and Government will control the liquor sales.

In the Department of Electricity a bigger scheme and infrastructure is being planned. The MLA Hostel house wiring is not done very well. These house wirings should be carefully done for the sake of safety. Coming to the Revenue Department most of the house sites allotted in Aizawl and Lunglei town during the days of the District Council.

Regarding the Office of the P.C. Party, the demarcation of the site is right up to the main road which has been greatly objected to. This should be corrected.

The PHE Department has proposed several schemes in my constituency, but it has not materialised.

The need for decentralisation of power is the answer to many of our problems in the rural areas. Development works will be more efficient if power is decentralised.

Our Budget Book has been appreciated and I hope there will be no more printing errors in the future.

Thank you.

PU V. LALNUNZIRA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I shall speak on just a few important points. Starting with the Revenue Department, there is a tremendous demand from the public every day. This is the most important Office and there is an acute shortage of staff in this Department. The D. C. Revenue Office and the Revenue Directorate should also be bifurcated for better efficiency.

I would also like to support the Member from Aizawl 'E' Constituency about the construction of the Bawngkawn to ITI via PMG College road. The problem of water scarcity would also be solved when this road is finished. I also request the implementation of the Chief Ministers' tour note on Kawrthah which took place on February, 14-18th.

Lastly, Pu Deputy Speaker, I wish to point out the need to have a financial New Year in Mizoram according to our climatic condition. It is a fact that the mode of cultivation and jhooming in Mizoram starts in January. The cash crops and paddy cultivation are one much earlier than in the plains of India. Therefore the Agriculture Department is always too slow to meet the demands of the cultivators as the Government follows the Financial New Year of the Central Government. This can be very disastrous to the Mizoram agriculture. It is therefore evident that the Financial New Year should be made to tally with the practical new

year and climatic condition of Mizoram. I urge the Hon'ble Lt. Governor and the Hon'ble Ministers who are present here today to Co-operate in making this suggestion a reality.

Thank you.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I appreciate the suggestion made just now and I hope it will be passed in the next Session.

The Demand today is on the whole quite satisfactory. The fund provisions for each Department is also quite adequate. The implementation and responsibility rests on our shoulders.

Demand No. 39, Public Works Department also greatly depends on transportation. I think we still remember our election Manifesto in which we propagated the development of rural areas. However, this manifesto is impossible to implement unless we have good roads for transportation. The Public Works Department therefore has the biggest role to play. I believe that a considerable amount of corruption is being practiced beyond the knowledge of the Chief Engineer, S. E. and Ministers. An example of such corruption was pointed out by the Member regarding the culvert construction of Khawhai, which cost Rs. 5,60,000/-.

If such is the way of their operation, it could be very disastrous for Mizoram.

The Kawrtethawveng to Tuilut road has taken a long time and I have submitted an application twice for the taking over of this road construction by the BRTF, but it was rejected. This road is about 65 Km of E.G.S. approach road. It is surprising that the Government cannot accomplish a small task like this. This road could be very useful as it does not have to cross any river.

Demand No. 28, PHE and Water Supply also has a considerable amount of fund. There are some undesirable goings-on in this Department. It has been reported by witnesses that the Driver of ZRM 715 and handymen got inside the water tank and took bath. The Department suspended them for one week but are now in service again. If this is the water distributed to the public, it could be very harmful to the health.

Another thing I wish to point out to the House today is also another incident like the above. The Water suppliers of Aizawl town are said to be drawing water from a dirty tank at Zemabawk which is just below the CRP camp. These truck water suppliers buy water from this dirty tank at Rs. 25/- - Rs. 30/- per trip and supply it to Aizawl town. This should be stopped immediately and the culprits should be given due punishment. This type of malpractice should be stopped.

The Government of Mizoram and the Central Government has given great importance to power and Electricity.

On my trip to Baktawng I was told of the aluminium wires which were sold by some of the workers. These are made into utensils and sold. I brought the matter to the Secretary and I wish to know if action has been taken in this matter. We should know that everyone is responsible for it. I shall speak a little on

Excise and Taxation Department. The Union Territory of Mizoram is not active intaxation. As a result we have lost a lot of money. Liquor is prohibited in most parts of Mizoram but eradication of liquor is not possible. It is not possible for ordinary people to procure liquor from outside Mizoram as there are check-gates. However, some influential people manages to procure liquor from outside using Government Vehicles. These people are not checked and liquor is sold in Aizawl at very high prices, That is where corruption comes in. If the Government issues liquor permits and legalise it sales, taxes could be realised from such sales and this would benefit both the public and the Government. The bottles recently seized from Broadway were also given back to the owners by the Excise Department after paying a little fine.

Lastly, we are now about to pass the 1983-84 Budget. We should remember that each of us is important in bringing about real development in our state. Let us not try to do contract works in other people's names. If we join politics only to accumulate wealth, how can we shape up, Mizoram? It is far better to right our own wrongs instead of criticising certain Departments and officials. In this way I am sure we shall utilise our Budget in the best way possible.

PU HIPHEI : Pu Deputy Speaker, the posts I mentioned is still not removed from the main road.

PU H.K.CHAKMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, Demand No. 6. Revenue Department are said to be rather corrupt. The shortage of staff is their main complaint and this should be solved as soon as possible.

In the Public works Department, I wish to point out that there are no roads in Demagiri, Parva etc in my constituency. The road Schemes were already proposed during the Assam Government. Now only jungles are to be seen. The absence of roads has made the area cut off from other places.

The PHE Department is also greatly needed in my constituency, Chawngtlai and others. Water scarcity is the main problem. We need adequate Supply from the P.H.E.

The same goes for Electricity. There are still many Villages with electricity and at the same time there is great scarcity of Kerosene Oil. Power is needed for the whole night. Another thing I wish to say is the need to construct a Circuit House at Lunglei. There is absolutely no facility for MLAs and officials on tour.

Thank you.

PU BUALHRANGA : Deputy Speaker, I think I am the last to speak this evening before the Minister incharge winds up the Demand.

The Finance Minister in his Budget speech mentioned the opening of a Record Cell in the Revenue Department. This would be very useful as there are so many records which need to be sorted out. This cell should be set up as soon as possible. In Assam they have a Revenue Legislature, and I think we

ought to have such Legislation here in Mizoram also. The present condition of Revenue Department in Mizoram is not very strong and effective. The Government has not real rules for punishing those who disobey the rules. Therefore a proper Legislation in Revenue is vitally needed.

If we read yesterday's news paper, the Prime Miminister has stated that a Commission would be set up to see the Excise taxes relation between the state and the Centre. If such a Commission is set-up the cities and states whose income tax is high would be in good position. The Central would have a share in the income of the state, and proper states like Mizoram would be less fortunate. It is therefore high time to start collecting whatever sources we have of taxation for our own future benefit.

One of our Chief sources in Mizoram could be the Trading by Non-Tribal Regulation Act which is not yet enforced. The absence of this Act has been the reason for so many flying businesses and trading in Aizawl. The enforcement of this Act is sorely needed.

Another thing I wish to point out is the Tribal Concession in the interest of Education and Economic which was already discussed as a Private Member's Resolution. I am of the opinion that the Government should execute this in its Executive power. This is based according to the Article 46 of the Indian Constitution of State Policy, and Directive Principle. The interpretation was not clear in the Private resolution, however, the Government of Mizoram can implement this by using its Executive power.

Lastly, I would like to repeat what had been said last year. It is regarding the free electricity and wate supply for Members. We have discussed this last year and I request the Minister i/c to tell us if this is possible or not.

Than you.

PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, we had agreed to have a look at the road tomorrow, but I do not think it is sufficient for the Member to go alone.

I think it is a regret that the Member ministerpreted the motion for vote on account. (Pu Hiphei : As for the road, I don't think it would make any difference if we go in a group). Since he is sticking to his idea I think we will have to go and look at it tomorrow. Anyway the Member needs clarification. So tomorrow I shall go with him and verify it.

PU K. LALSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I shall be very brief. In the Revenue Department shortage of Vehicles is their main problem. As we know, no Department has enough Vehicles. However, it is very important that enough Vehicles should be kept for field workers in this Department. There are some cases where land owners provide their private Vehicles to carry the staff who are to do the spot verifications. It would be better if the staff do not have to depend on such private carriages for a better and fairer work.

Secondly, I wish to speak on Demand No. 7. Excise and Taxation. I don't think the other Members have spoken much on the subject. The Member who speak before me made a very clear point. It is evident that a time will come when we have to depend on our own income and revenue. It is also high time to educate ourselves in matters of taxation and a strong drive or campaign is needed to sweep through the whole of Mizoram.

In Demand No. 20. Housing, the MLA Hostel building has often been criticised for its lack of dignity, privacy and noisiness. The main reason for this is that the caretakers and Receptionists have to reside in the building, as they are not provided separate living quarters. Unless separate quarters are provided for them, the Hostel Building administration cannot be really standardised.

In Demand No. 39 - Public Works Department I wish to say something regarding my Constituency. The public are grateful for the new Division opened at Lungsen. The only thing missing is the provision lacking, for a full fledged staff and fully equipped Division. I believe this is very important and should be spent up.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We shall now call upon the Minister i/c to clarify and put to the vote of the House the various Demands under his charge.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, my Demands No. 6,7,8,17,20,36,38,39 and 40 have been discussed quite thoroughly,

I have noted the important points I appreciate the suggestion and constructive criticisms made by the Members. I also want to thank them on behalf of the Departments.

The Member from Khawbung had already clarified the Vote on Account motion brought to notice by the Tlungvel Member. Such Vote on Account is used when there are emergency cases and when the usual procedure in the Legislature Assembly is not practiced. The Budget of 1978 was passed by a Vote on account by the Parliament because the new Ministry after President's Rule was formed in June and the Financial Year could in March 31st, 1978. Vote on Account is practiced only on such occasions.

Therefore, what the Member had suggested is not practiceable in Budget Sittings like these, It is neither the fault of the Finance Department nor the Legislative Assembly Secretariat

The suggestions made in connection with the Housing Loans is a good suggestion. However, the Housing Loan Rules is adopted by Mizoram only after it has been approved by the Government of India. We cannot other the Department is processing for a modification of the Rules and shall put it up for approval of the Central Government.

Some of the Members have pointed out the Financial Sanction which is often delayed. This is not the doing of the Finance Department. Various Departments

delay in submitting their proposals. The Department of Finance alone is not responsible for the delay. It is imperative that all Departments should exercise quarterly reviews and speed up their processes.

As regards to IRDP and NREP fund, the Finance Department has not received any questions so far. Neither has the Development Commissioners, Office received such letter.

It has been declared in the Budget Session that the Government of Mizoram intends to handle the Pension benefits. In fact we have already started handling it. However, it would not be wise to expect sudden speed up just because the Finance Department is taking it up. The concerned Department itself has a lot to process. On the whole expectations are higher now that the Government of Mizoram is handling the matter.

G. P. Fund will also be soon handled by the Government of Mizoram. The approval of the President of India is awaited, it may be possible to transact the business around the end of the financial year, 1983.

The main outline of the speeches of most Members regarding Revenue Department was the slow pace of work, especially that of applications for housesites. The public point of view and the Governments view in this matter may need a little adjustment. The number of house-sites in the town of Aizawl may be divided into four and out of this, about one-fourth are constructed and the rest are vacant. There are too many passes allotted on which there are no buildings erected. On the other hand there are still many who are in need of house-sites.

However, the Revenue Department is facing many problems. The Department is trying its best to solve the need of the public and we have very efficient staff although there is a shortage of staff. The delay of issuing passes owing to shortage of forms in the D.C's Office will now be solved as it is being printed at the Government Press. Other delays are often due to boundary disputes which need to be tackled in good time.

Coming to Tax collection there have been a lot of suggestion to have a house to house collection. This suggestion is very good, but there may arise certain problems. Firstly the Department has a shortage of staff for such practice, and secondly it may not be safe to go from house to house with ready cash, unless a police escort of some sort can be provided. The responsibility may be very high. Great complications may also arise in families where the parents are both out at work. The best thing is to educate the public in matters of tax payments. This needs a good consideration. In the Department of Excise, it is true that we are losing money. The Mizoram Excise Act was passed in 1973. However, we cannot enforce the bare Act without the supporting Rules. The supporting Rules have already been framed and is at present being examined by the Law Department. However, the public also has to think twice before the Excise Act is really enforced. In this respect too, the public has to be educated. It is a fact that if the Excise Act is enforced it will be a good source income. This is true of other states as well. However, the psychology and sentiment of the people of Mizoram has to be considered as we are representatives of the public, We have to work side by side with the public.

What some Members said about strengthening the Revenue & Excise Department is essential indeed. The Government is taking steps towards this fulfilment. As I have stated in the Budget speech we are aware of the shortage of technical staff for thorough work.

Rules are also being framed for Excise constables. A better system of land settlement in the new, station areas is also under process. However, prior to this settlement there should be a system of land classification in the area. This classification is being processed now in the station reserve areas. Any passes issued within the safety & supply Reserves should be intimated to the Government.

The Member from Sateek Constituency brought up the case of one ex-service man from Assam Rifles near their compound. It is said that the District Council issued the pass and the Revenue Staff are using it for doing business. This case is not a new one. The person in question is Pu Rawbia. I came to know about the case in 1978. The District Council did issue him a pass, however, the area and demarcation of the plot is not in writing. As such, the Government demarcated the plot for him in 1977 but he was not satisfied with it. It is also not true that the staff of the Revenue Department are using it for doing business. We demanded the original recommendation papers or certificate but he was not able to produce them. Therefore the only thing the Government has done for him is to demarcate his plot and give him a settlement Certificate.

Now coming to the Department of Power and Electricity. The Member from Sangau said that there might have been a misuse of fund provision. That is not so, last year, we had intended to include in the Budget Provision a Point 80 Diesel Megawatt Generation for Aizawl.

The Provision for this alone was Rs 1 crore, 80 lakhs. If this was done, it would not be an On-going scheme and need not be included in this year's budget. The machine is now being purchased. And as we do not need provision for this in the current budget, the provision has gone down to Rs 500 lakhs. There is also provision for the 132KV line between Aizawl and Lunglei. The main expenditure will be taken up by the procurement of materials. However, rural electrification multiplies year by year. The target during this Five Year Plan is to electrify 120 Villages, However, I think we may exceed our target.

It is also true that the rural people need to be enlightened about the technicality of electricity. They do not understand the complexity of electricity. We need to make them understand that irregularities are bound to happen and that it is not done an purpose.

The case of the aluminium conductors being sold at Baktawng has also been inquired into, and the police have apprehended the persons responsible for the theft. Most of the materials were also seized back.

The line from Zemabawk to Baktawng is 33KV line and not 132KV line is proposed to be connected upto Hnahthial by June.

The Service security of the technical staff is also a matter of great importance. We had a meeting with the Technical staff Association and discussed the matter

throughly, The Government of Mizoram is aware of the need and is trying its best to provide the suitable provision. It is being examined and processed.

In the Department of P. H. E., the scheme in the 6th Plan is to provide drinking water to 85 Villages. We have now accomplished about 44 Villages. According to the 1971 Census there are about 228 Villages and the Ministry of Work & Housing has considered that 72 Villages would be a good target. The Census figure is now 740 Villages and we are trying to exceed the target of 85 Villages.

The suggestion to make P. H. E. a separate Directorate had already been passed by the consultative Committee in 1980. It is now being processed and is at present in the hands of the Home Ministry. The actual approval is yet awaited.

Coming to P. W. D., the expectation of the public is very high. Our target for formation cutting is 60 Km, 200 culvert and minor bridges and 60 km of solling, metalling and black tapping. The whole target is not a big one. What we have to bear in mind is that road development is a very time consuming process. Our main problem is the limited provision we have for each year. Our estimate is high but the actual provision is always lesser. Our budget estimate last year was about Rs 18 crores, but after a close examination the Planning Commission brought it down to Rs 11 crores. Again this was finalised by the Planning Minister to Rs 6 crores 80 lakhs only. What each Member suggests is noted by the Government for future guide.

The case of Lungsen Division mentioned by the Member from Buarpui will be considered. The site is not yet selected and therefore it is not yet accomplished.

Regarding the un-equal rate of Muster Roll Labour, there is not much difference with the scheduled rates. The scheduled rate of Rs. 12/- is often not as beneficial as it appears to be sundays are cut and other holidays are also cut, whereas Muster Roll Labours whose rates are Rs. 10/- have the benefit of holidays and Sundays as working days and are regularly paid, whereas labours of scheduled rates are not employed regularly but only when there is work. Therefore the difference is not that abvious on close examinations.

The reason for the delay of Aizawl to Thenzawl road is mainly the rocky area between Sialsuk and Thenzawl which is about 4 Km. It is being tackled at present by the Department. Bridges are also proposed for Changte river. The bridges at Kawlchaw and Tuikui are to be constructed by the BRTF. Therefore the proposed to have a P.W.D. bridge at the Tuisumpui feeder road would only be a double expenditure.

The suggestion made by the Member from Hnahthial to construct a bridge at Darzokai is a major bridge, and the possibility of its implementation is yet to be discussed.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I therefore request the House to pass the various Demands under my charge, Demand No. 7,6,8,17,20,36,38.39 and 40 amounting to Rs. 40 crores, 34 lakhs and 20 thousand.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Minister has clarified and put to the vote of the House the Demands under his charge, Demand No. 6,7,8,17,20,36,38,39 and 40. Therefore Members may raise their right hands to show their consent to pass the total amount of Rs. 40 crores, 34 lakhs and 20 thousand. (All Members raise hand) All Members have concented and therefore the Demands No 6,7,8,17,20, 36,38,39, aud 40 total amount Rs. 40 crores, 34 lakhs and 20 thousand is declared

We have now passed the Demand for grant 1983-84. The Minister Pu Lalhmingthanga will now introduce to the House the Mizoram Appropriation Bill.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, with your permission I beg to introduce the Mizoram Appropriation No. 2. Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Minister has asked for permission to introduce the Mizoram Bill, 1983. He may now introduce the Bill.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, with your permission I introduce to the House the Mizoram Legislative Assembly Bill No. 2.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now that the Minister has introduced the Mizoram Appropriation Bill No. 2, 1983, the copies may be distributed among the Members. (it is distributed).

The Secretary may now read the title of the Bill. (The Secretary reads the title). Now the Minister may ask permission of the House to consider the Bill.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, with your permission I request MINISTER the House to consider the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Does the House consent to consider the Bill? If there are no objections there is nothing much to discuss. Therefore the Minister may ask that the Bill be passed.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I request the House to pass MINISTER the Mizoram Appropriation Bill No. 2, 1983,

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Minister has asked the House to pass the Mizoram Appropriation No. 2, Bill, 1983. Members may show their consent by raising their right hand. (All raise hands). We have all concented to pass the Bill. Therefore the Mizoram Appropriation Bill No. 2, 1983 is declared passed by the House.

We have now come to the conclusion of our Session. Members have been diligent and Co-operative and our Session has been very dignified.

The Session is now adjourned.

Meeting adjourned sine die at 4:35 P. M.
J. Malsawma,
Secretary.

