

3. PRESENTATION OF REPORT:

Pu Joe Ngurdawla & Pi L.Thanmawii
to present the Fourth Report of the Committee on
Subordinate Legislation.

4. DISCUSSION ON VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANT FOR 1979-80.

- (i) Brig.Thenphunga Sailo, Chief Minister to move Demands Nos.2,3, 4,8,9,11,12,14,16,24 and 27.
- (ii) Pu Zairemthanga, Minister in-charge Supply and Transport etc. to move Demands Nos.1,5,7,13,17,23,25,26, 32 and 40.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth: and the recompence of a man's hands shall be rendered unto him. The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise. A fool's wrath is presently known: but a prudent man covereth shame.
Proverbs 12: 14-16.

Now we shall proceed on to our business. Today we have 6 questions to deal with. The 11th question Pu J.Thankunga.

- * PU J.THANKUNGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge of Appointment Department be pleased to state.
- (a) Whether the Government is intending to revise the disputed Mizoram Civil Service Rules and inter-se-niority list of officers in the service;
 - (b) If so, when;
 - (c) If not, why not; and
 - (d) What principles have been adopted for encadrement of non-Civil Service Officers to MCS-viz.
 - (i) District Council Officer.
 - (ii) Ex. Emergency Commissioned Officers.

BRIG.THENPHUNGA SAILO: Pu Deputy Speaker, (a) and (b) Matter is being examined (c) Does not arise. (d) As per rule 15 of MCS Rules the Officers who at the time of commencement of the rules one holding any of the posts specified in schedule I of the Rules may be appointed in the Service. The District Council Officers appointed to the Service were holding the posts specified in schedule I to the Rules. (ii) The Ex.Emergency Commissions appointed to the Service were holding the posts specified in Schedule I to the Rules.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER : Any supplementary question?

PU J.THANKUNGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to clarify why I ask this question- In the North Eastern Area, Re-organisation 1971 section 66,64 and 67 it is stated that if and when State or Union Territory is formed out of Assam State the working Officer and staff should be given satisfactory safe-guard. Like-wise it had been done in Meghalaya and Nagaland State and in other parts of India, such as Maharastra, Gujarat and Andra Pradesh. But this has not been done in our Mizoram Union Territory. Moreover the ACS were graded lower than they were before. This had never happened and its a pity to think of it. The former ACS grade I were graded as class II Officers.

In the MCS Rules it is written that 12 years of service in needed to be promoted from Group 'B' to Group 'A'. Whereas in other States, such as Meghalaya and Nagaland, the required Service for promotion is only 7 years. Why it is that longer period of time is prescribed in our young Union Territory? And why were some of the Departmental services such as Upper Divission, Assistant of Secretariat and Assistant of District Officer of the Assam Government placed in the class I services? Whereas some of the class II Officers that time are still there in the same post. I wonder and can't understand why some of the Upper Divisions, Head Assistant of the former Assam Government, who had never been in Officers posts are now being placed senior to our MCS. Therefor we must carefully examine this matter.

District Council Officer Class I are Non-Civil Service men; why are they in Civil Service? Is this the practice adopted in any part of India. In the time of the Assam Government, District Council class I service are graded lower than the ACS class II. Why are they graded higher, these days? In 1973 MCS Under Secretary were in the MCS Schedule Civil Services. And why is it that some of the Ex-ECOs after that, and some Officer of 1974 and those who just passed MCS in 1975 are senior to those of 1973? Which year was longer 1973 or 1974 or 1975? I hope the Hon'ble Minister-in-charge be pleased to answer.

BRIG.THENPHUNGA SAILO: Pu Speaker, the MCS Rules were finalised during the President's Rule of 1977. It was followed accordingly, hence all the mentioned posts are confined to it. It is known that many are not happy with the MCS Rule. So, it needs to be re-examined and we shall try that, and make appropriate changes as may be found necessary. Regarding the Ex.ECO seniority there is no provision in MCS Rules. It related to the President's Rule period and Central Government. Dispute in the matter of seniority is under examination.

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PU BUALHRANGA : Deputy Speaker, Regarding the MCS Rules members of this house may not be responsible, because it was finalised on the 23rd December, 1977. In the allocation of service under the North Eastern Areas Reorganisation Act there are many errors. Therefore the Government must consider it as soon as possible, because it affects Officers in an important Service. In the North Eastern Reorganisation Act, there is a provision to form Advisory Committee. So, the Government must pursue the matter for forming the Advisory Committee.

BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO: Pu Deputy Speaker, we shall consider
CHIEF MINISTER : about that if there is possibility.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Hon'ble Chief Minister had said we shall try to redress it.

PU LAL THINHAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the seniority of Ex-ECO and others who are not MCS but considered as MCS had been fixed by the Government. Is it possible to modify the fixation made by our Government in consultation with the Central Government? In recent past some of our Officers did not receive a summons for IAS interview. Is our Government aware of it?

BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO: Pu Deputy Speaker This Ex-ECO or
CHIEF MINISTER : MCS, their seniority had been fixed and finalised during the President's Rule. As recommended from Mizawl, it was approved by the Home Ministry of the Central Government. There is a complaint that these Ex-ECOs are graded and placed higher than they should be. Therefore it is considered that this matter be re-examined.
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PU. H. RAMMAWI Pu Deputy Speaker, Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Secretariat Administration Department be pleased to state -

- (a) Is it a fact that Government propose to introduce decentralisation of Administration and pay disbursement, within Civil Secretariat; and
- (b) If not, why not?

BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO: Pu Deputy Speaker, (a) No
CHIEF MINISTER : (b) Decentralisation of Administration and disbursement of pay within Civil Secretariat is not considered necessary.

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PU H.RAMMAWI : Pu Deputy Speaker, As Civil Secretariat Office is the most important Office of our Government it is also the source of the strength and power of our Government. I am very sorry to know that the Government is not intending to introduce decentralisation of Administrative and pay disbursement within the Civil Secretariat. The working staff in this Office are important agents for fast and successful work for our Government. Under Secretariat Administration Department there about 30 sub. Departments. When some of the senior Assistants of certain Departments are on leave their place used to be filled up by appointing typist or officiating incumbent from the Secretariat Administration Department instead of senior Upper Division Clerks. Due to this, execution of work in Civil Secretariat is very slow. Therefore decentralisation is necessary.

Regarding pay disbursement, the Secretariat staff are not able to draw their pay at regular time, So they are always in trouble. All the staff of the Civil Secretariat are controlled by Secretariat Administration Department with respect to pay this is too heavy a burden for the Secretariat Administration Department if every Department handles pay of their own staff it will be much better and there will be less problem. I want the Government to consider these two things.

BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO : Pu Deputy Speaker, Any proposal from our Members will be respected and looked after regarding Secretariat Administration and pay disbursement within Civil Secretariat, these will be considered.

PU H.RAMMAWI : Pu Deputy Speaker, Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge of Secretariat Administration Department be pleased to state -

- (a) Is it a fact that there are some officiating staff for more than 2 or 3 years in Civil Secretariat;
- (b) If so, why they have not been absorbed in vacant posts ?

BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO : Pu Deputy Speaker, (a) Yes
CHIEF MINISTER : (b) Pending finalisation of Re-organisation scheme, Departmental appointment promotion cannot be made on regular basis.

Re-organisation scheme in under consideration of the Committee. When the scheme is ready the officiating staff will be regularised.

PU H.RAMMAWI : Pu Deputy Speaker, supplementary Question. The Government is working on the Re-organisation of Ministerial staff scheme. During the process promotion and regularisation is being done in other departments while it is not done in S.A.D. Does this mean that only the Secretariat staff are effected by the Re-organisation scheme and not other Departments?

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BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO: Pu Deputy Speaker, I have not examined this matter personally. Any proposal be submitted in writing it will be a great pleasure to see to it as soon as possible.

PU J. THANKUNGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, how many years will it take to finalise the Re-organisation Scheme and will the Officiating staff be promoted there-after.

BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO: Pu Deputy Speaker, I am not certain how long it will take. If there is time we shall do it early, but time is limited.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Pu Deputy Speaker, Many Officiating staff of Civil Secretariat are those who had worked in some other Departments. They resign the post in the Department and join the Secretariat. They are treated only as officiating in the Secretariat. How is the Government considering about these people?

BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO: Pu Deputy Speaker, The matter is being considered and examined.

PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Deputy Speaker, as provided in Fundamental Rule 9 & 19 when a man is appointed in regular post he is at first an Officiating and regularised there after. Hence, if there is a chance why can't the officiating staff be promoted. We are inclined to imitate the appointment made by the Assam Public Service Commission under the limitation of function Regulation 1951 Rule 3(2) for 2/3 months. When we make appointments we do it as officiating. But this does not seem right and lawful. As reported by the pay Committee on 1st January 1973. Seniority of Superintendent and higher Official are to be counted from 1st January, 1973 and the Ministerial staff from 14 April, 1976. How can this be? Why can't they too be counted from 1st January, 1973?

BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO: Pu Deputy Speaker, Let our hon'ble Members Pu Sainghaka may submit in writing what he had said and the matter will be considered.

* PU C.L. RUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge of General Administration Department be pleased to state -

(a) Is it a fact that the Government of Mizoram have been requisitioning private vehicles for execution of Official duties;

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- (b) What is the Department-wise strength of various types of vehicles; and
- (c) What is the Department-wise expenditure incurred for :-
 - (1) Maintenance and repairing of vehicles.
 - (2) P.O.L. during the year ending 31st March, 1979.

BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO: Pu Deputy Speaker, (a) Yes
CHIEF MINISTER : (b) Departmental-wise strength;

(1) Directorate of Election.

Car - 1 No.
Jeep - 1 No.

(2) Directorate of Land Record and Settlement.

Jeep - 3 Nos.

(3) Directorate of Economics and Statistics.

Jeep - 3 Nos.

(4) Directorate of Community Development.

Jeep 20 Nos.

(5) Directorate of Animal and Husbandry & Veterinary.

Jeep - 12 Nos.
Truck - 5 Nos.

(6) Directorate of Agriculture & Soil.

Jeep - 27 Nos.
Truck - 4 Nos.
Van - 2 Nos.

(7) Deputy Commissioner; Lunglei Dist.

Car - 2 Nos.
Jeep - 5 Nos.

(8) Directorate of Industry.

Jeep - 6 Nos.

(9) Deputy Commissioner Chhimitupui District.

Jeep - 6 Nos.

(10) Deputy Commissioner; Aizawl Dist.

Pic-up Jeep - 1 No.
Jeep - 11 Nos.

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(11) Directorate of Supply & Transport:
(Mizoram State Transport)

Taxi	-	6Nos.
Luggage Van	-	4 Nos.
Mini Bus	-	10 Nos.
Medium Bus	-	36 Nos.

(Transport Wing)

Jeep	-	23 Nos.
Trucks	-	18 Nos.
TMB Truck	-	45 Nos.

(12) Directorate of Accounts & Treasuries:

Jeep	-	1 No.
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(13) Directorate of Education:

Car	-	1 No.
Jeep	-	13 Nos.

(14) Directorate of Soil Conservation:

Jeep	-	5 Nos.
Truck	-	2 Nos.

(15) Directorate of Information Public Relation and Tourism :

Car	-	1No.
Jeep	-	5 Nos.

(16) Directorate of Local Administration Town Planning and Housing:

Jeep	-	4 Nos.
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(17) Deputy Commandant-General, Home Guards:

Jeep	-	2 Nos.
Truck	-	3 Nos.

(18) Directorate of Health Services:

Car	-	1 No .
Jeep	-	28 Nos.
Truck	-	5 Nos.
Ambulance	-	4 Nos.

(19) Co-operation Department:

Jeep	-	6 Nos.
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20) Chief Engineer, P.W.D.

Jeep	-	71 Nos.
Truck	-	18 Nos.
Explosive Van	-	2 Nos.

(21) Inspector General of Police:

Car	-	4 Nos.
Jeep	-	72 Nos.
Truck	-	22 Nos.
Police Van	-	4 Nos.
Water tanker	-	6 Nos.

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(22) Inspector of General of Prisons:

Car	-	1 No.
Jeep	-	2 Nos.

(23) Secretariat Administration Department:

Car	-	20 Nos.
Jeep	-	13 Nos.

(24) Director of Forest:

JEEP	-	4 Nos.
Truck	-	1 No.

(c) Expenditure on Maintenance - Expenditure on P.O.L.

Directorate of Election

Rs. 8,608/- Rs.22,882/-

Directorate of Land Record & Settlement

Rs. 23,865/- Rs.19,853/-

Directorate of Economics and Statistics

Rs.18,031/- Rs. 12,438/-

Directorate and Community Development

Rs. 1,24,549/- Rs. 93,944/-

Directorate of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary:

Rs. 88,148/- Rs. 45,398/-

Directorate of Agriculture and Soil Conservation

Rs. 2,64,826/- Rs.2,74,301/-

Deputy Commissioner, Lunglei District

Rs. 84,360/- Rs. 60,495/-

Deputy Commissioner, Aizawl District; Aizawl.

Rs. 87,633/- Rs.1,14,321/-

Deputy Commissioner, Chhimitupui District :

Rs.40,311/- Rs.17,479/-

Directorate of Industry

Rs.49,363/- Rs.28,154/-

Directorate of Supply and Transport

Rs. 19,22,764/- Rs. 8,49,160/-

Directorate of Accounts and Treasury:

Rs. 18,390/- Rs.9,676/-

Directorate of Education

Rs. 1,06,290/- Rs.75,758/-

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Directorate of Forest

Rs. 47,392/- Rs. 50,294/-

Directorate of Prison:

Rs. 26,185/- Rs. 17,931/-

Police Department, Mizoram:

Rs. 14,47,736/- Rs. 6,06,828/-

Directorate of Soil Conservation:

Rs. 1,29,976/- Rs. 81,068/-

Directorate of Local Administration

Town Planning and Housing.

Rs. 39,858/- Rs. 25,032/-

Deputy Commandant General; Home Guards:

Rs. 25,739/- Rs. 12,270/-

Directorate of Health Services:

Rs. 3,55,056/- Rs. 1,93,159/-

Secretariat Administrative Department:

Rs. 3,69,979/- Rs. 1,94,688/-

Co-operation Department:

Rs. 21,544/- Rs. 11,978/-

Directorate of Information, Public Relation
and Tourism:

Rs. 1,37,617/- Rs. 98,140/-

Chief Engineer, Public Works Department:

Rs. 7,05,285/- Rs. 6,30,660/-

* PU C.L.RUALA :

Pu Deputy speaker, the reason why I asked this question was that the Police Department was requisitionising too

many private vehicles. This create difficulties for the private vehicle owners. As stated the Government has over 340 Jeeps and Police Department alone has over 70 Jeeps. Having so much vehicles why was requisition of private vehicles done? Why didn't they use other Departments Jeeps? Moreover the Government vehicles are frequently use for private duties. Therefore will there be any way of making Rules to lower the high expenditure?

ERIC, NIENPHUNGA SAILO: Pu Deputy Speaker, what our Hon'ble CHIEF MINISTER : member said was right. All this has been going on for a long time. Matter regarding this will be considered.

* Speech not corrected.

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PU NGURCHHINA : Pu Deputy Speaker, is the Government aware that the requisitioned vehicles are used for learning driving by some Police personnel?

BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO: Pu Deputy Speaker, No,
CHIEF MINISTER :

PU J. THANKUNGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, what is the extent of official duties? For what purpose are the requisitioned vehicles used by the Police?

BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO: Pu Deputy Speaker, the Police Department is only the instrument for the requisitioning of Vehicles through Deputy Commissioner by the Government. The requisitioned Vehicles are not necessarily for their use. Right now I will not be able to tell you for what purpose they are used.

PU LAL THANHAWLA: Pu Deputy Speaker, the number of Vehicle was not clear, if it can be produced in written and given to me I will be very grateful. And I would like to know how many of the Government Vehicles are off road and how many are in running condition. A few day back two Vehicles were needed for carriage on money to Lunglei. But even two Vehicles were not available and thus it was delayed. Is it a fact that CRP escort party did not accept the only available Vehicle, due to its weak condition? Is Government aware of it? Why can't the Government provide Vehicles for important duties. This morning there was a complaint from P. Lalsanga of Tea Garden about the requisition of Vehicles. And information had been given to our respected Chief Minister.

If requisition of Vehicle is done in time of emergency. For Army movement. Election duties and Civil Supply purposes it is lawful and there can't or should be any complaint.

These days it seems that requisition is done for performing normal Police duties. And it seems Deputy Commissioner is also not much aware of this requisitioning of Vehicles. Meanwhile the requisitioned Vehicles are used for learning driving by drunked Police men. Therefore it get spoiled and are left without fuel. This creates great difficulties for the private owners of Vehicles are not sure who will pay the bill for requisition. Our Hon'ble Chief Minister had been informed on this matter. But, why did our Government allow that?

BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO: Pu Deputy Speaker, I will not be able to answer it right now. However, this is an important matter and it will be pursued if the members submit the actual condition in writing.

PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Deputy Speaker, having had so many vehicles it seems that there is discrimination among our officers and staff. Didn't our Government frame rules for the control and use of vehicles?

ERIC THENPHUNGA SAILO: Pu Deputy Speaker, Yes, And it is our duty to look into this matter.
CHIEF MINISTER :

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Five members have spoken and there can be no more supplementary questions. But we have two more questions. Shall we proceed on or stop here?

PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, It is better to finish it off. These are too many speeches that's why we are slowing down. If you guide us more orderly it will be better.

*PU P.LALUPA : Pu Deputy Speaker, will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge of Development be pleased to state-

(a) Whether it is a fact that many plans and schemes and works are lying idle, because of the non-availability of Administrative Approval and Financial sanctions in the following Departments:-

(i) Directorate of Agriculture and Soil Conservation.

(ii) Directorate of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary.

(iii) Directorate of Forests.

(iv) Directorate of Community Development and

(b) If so, the reasons there-of?

PU P.B.ROSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, (a) As the proposals received from this four Directorates full of irregularities or incomplete, they have been returned for correction. There is no delay in the Administrative Department. The Directorates are being reminded and unless the needful is done by them, no Administrative approval/expenditure sanction can be given because of the irregularities.

(b) Plan and proposed Schemes have been returned to the Directorates with the instruction to rectify the errors. Administrative approval will be given as soon as rectification is done.

* Speech not corrected.

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*PU P.L.LUPA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the reason why I ask this question is that these Departments are important for the development of our State. But the proposals for Forest, Agriculture and Veterinary Departments have not been finalised till to-day. And approval for creation of post in the Forest Department was delayed. So, can there be any changes in this matter?

Though these Departments are not declared as Technical Departments most of the Service-men in these Departments are technicians. If I am not mistaken it is being practised in West Bengal and Meghalaya, in which Director and Head of Department were given power to sanction and make proposals. Like-wise if Minister concerned and Development Commission make arrangement with Director and Head of Department and were given power to sanction and approval will not our developing work go faster? As stated yesterday Drop Scheme for supply of seed is being delayed. But till to this day seeds of (Pangbal) Topiaca and sweet pottato are being supplied. Therefore, will it be possible to frame this order?

PU P.B.ROSANGA :
MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, it might not be appropriate even from monetary point of view to give power to one person to make proposal and at the same time approved it. After careful consideration there is no intention of this matter. Regarding heavy duty of officer at the Secretariat level, lightening of their duty is being considered.

PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, is it true that the supply of seed was done by contractor's without approval of the Administrative Department before this Ministry was formed? If it is true, what action is the Government taking?

PU P.B.ROSANGA :
MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, the Government is not aware of such thing. If such a thing had happened action will be taken against the supplier.

PU C.L.RUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, why is the supply of seed for this year being delayed? Was it due to incorrect plan and scheme made by the Department concerned?

PU P.B.ROSANGA:
MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, proposal was received in the Secretariat on 27 June, due to this it was delayed

PU NGURCHHINA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I don't know that the proposal was received late at the Secretariat. But quotation for orange seedling was called in March. I my-self submitted a tender for its supply. why is the proposal received late at the Secretariat?

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PU P.B.ROSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, it was on the
MINISTER : 28th June that the proposal for
calling tender was submitted to the
Government by the Directorate.

PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, will the Hon'ble
Minister in-charge of Supply and
Transport be pleased to state-

- (a) Is it a fact that a huge number of G.C.I. Sheets were lost during the term of the 1st Ministry in Mizoram ;
- (b) If the answer is yes, have the GCI Sheets been fully recovered;
- (c) Who was responsible for the loss?
- (d) What kind of investigation was made to detect the defaulters; and
- (e) Was it registered with the Police?

PU ZAIREMPHANGA: Pu Deputy Speaker, (a) In one of
MINISTER : the consignments of 131-310 MT of
GCI Sheets despatched from
Calcutta in 1974 a shortage of
24.182 MT was reported at Silchar as calculated on the
basis of number of Sheets.

(b) (c) and (d) Administrative enquiry was constituted. A
legal notice has been served on the handling contractors,
M/S Baner and Lowrie & Company; Calcutta who tendered and
despatched/that they are considered responsible for these loss
in transit.

(c) No.

PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I am surprised to
know that it was registered with the
Police. What is the exact value of
the lost GCI Sheets ? Why was it not registered in
Police Department ?

PU ZAIREMPHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, value of the lost
MINISTER : property as calculated is Rs.1,25,600/-
S.P. Jagerwal, the former Lunglei
Deputy Commissioner was appointed as
Enquiry Officer to conduct Administrative enquiry but
was not successful. On 7th July, 1979 Demand notice was
send to the Company. Enquiry is likely to begin depending
upon statement given by the Company.

PU ELLIS SAIDENGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, Price of GCI
Sheets was raised due to the loss,
which caused hardship to the poorer
people. Why should the people of Mizoram suffer for
that loss ?

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PU ZAIREMTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, yes, it is not
MINISTER : proper to let the people suffer.
But price was raised to cover the
loss suffered in the lost property.

*PU C.L.RUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, Our Hon'ble
Minister said the lost G.C.I. sheets
in terms of metric tonne as about
24,182 Metric tonne, which we do not quite understand. He
also said in sheets. Can he say in terms on bundle? could
it be calculated in terms of bundles?

PU ZAIREMTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I will see to that.
MINISTER :

PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, regarding this
matter the foremost importance is that
the Government should consider to
recover the lost property.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Proceeding to business No. 2, we
shall call upon Pu P.B.Rosanga,
Minister-in-charge Health and
Family Welfare, Agriculture and Development Department
to lay the papers on the Table:-

PU.P.B.ROSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I lay the
MINISTER : following papers on the Table -

1. The Mizoram Health Department (Class III post Recruitment Rules, 1973
2. The Mizoram Government Health Department (Class IV posts) Recruitment Rules 1973.
3. The Mizoram Veterinary and Animal Husbandry (Group 'A' posts) Recruitment Rules, 1975.
4. The Mizoram Soil Conservation Department (Class III posts) Recruitment Rules, 1975.
5. The Mizoram Forest Department (Class II posts) Recruitment Rules, 1975.
6. The Mizoram Soil Conservation Department (Class IV posts) Recruitment Rules, 1975
7. The Mizoram Forest Department (Class III posts) Recruitment Rules, 1975.
8. The Forest Department (Class IV posts) Recruitment Rules, 1975
9. The Mizoram Soil Conservation Department (Group 'B' posts) Recruitment Rules, 1975.
10. The Mizoram Health Department (Class II posts) Recruitment Rules, 1973
11. The Mizoram Agriculture Department (Group 'C' Recruitment Rules, 1977.

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12. The Mizoram Community Development Department
(Group 'C' posts) Recruitment Rules, 1977.

PRESENTATION OF REPORT:

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now I shall request Pu Joe Ngurdawla to present the Fourth Report of the Committee on Subordinate Legislation.

PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I, the Chairman of the Committee on Subordinate Legislation having been authorised by the Committee to present a report on its behalf, present Fourth Report.

Rules framed by different Departments are properly checked by the Subordinate Legislation Committee, whether the rules are based upon the right spirit and in accordance with the Act. But, the Departments concerned, instead of paying heed to the report used to neglect and simply leave it. Because of this the Assembly of popular Government can not be strong as it ought to be.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Business No-4 'Discussion and voting on Demand for Grants for 1979-80' Chief Minister, to move Demands Nos. 2,3,4,8,9,11,12,14,16,24 & 27.

ERIC.THENPHUNGA SAILO: Pu Deputy Speaker, on the recommendation of Administrator of Mizoram Union Territory of Mizoram and with your permission Sir, I move the Demands Nos. 2,3,4,8,9,11,12,14,16,24 and 27 for Rs.5,757,600/- only including the Grants made in advance by Parliament as detailed below for the same that expenditure during the Financial year 1979-80 as per detail given in the Financial Statement.

- DEMAND NO. 2 - Administrator, total amount Rs.65,000/-
- Demand No. 3 - Council of Ministers, total amount Rs.5,75,000/-
- Demand No. 4 - Administration of Justice, total amount
Rs. 11,20,000/-
- Demand No. 8 - Secretariat, total amount Rs. 72,09,000/-
- Demand No. 9 - District Administration, total amount
Rs. 96,50,000/-
- Demand No.11 - Police, total amount Rs.2,76,90,000/-
- Demand No.12 - Jails, total amount Rs.24,00,000/-
- Demand No.14 - Stationary & Printing, total amount
Rs. 8,70,000/-
- Demand No.16 - Fire protection and Control, total amount
Rs. 8,20,000/-

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Demand No. 24 - Information and Publicity, total amount
Rs. 27,00,000/-

Demand No. 27 - Relief on account of Natural calamities -
total amount Rs. 44,77,000/-

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Any member who would like to speak
on these Demands may do 5 minutes
will be allotted to each of the members.

PU SAINGHAKI : Pu Deputy Speaker, It seems that the
Family Maintenance allowance of these
imprisoned because of the out-break
of disturbance in Mizoram had been prepared by the Secretariat.
Chief Minister also informed the House last year during the
Budget discussion that certain amount was kept for the purpose.
It appears however that none of those ear-marked to receive
have received the Allowances till today. How much is
provided for this yr? To it included in other charges.

I would also like to know the different
of pay scale of the Sub. Inspector under the establishment
of SP., IGP., C.I.D. and Anti Corruption Branch, which some
starts at Rs. 425/- some other starts at Rs 380/- .

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Minister in-charge will note down
the points and answer later on.
Now, Pu Bualhranga will speak.

PU BUALHRANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, Can the Budget book
be distributed among members before
today's discussion?

*PU NGURCHHINA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I too would like
like to know the difference of
pay scale of the S.P. of Wireless
Department and District Police.

PU C.L.RUALA. Pu Deputy Speaker, Regarding Jail,
our Jail Manual is that of 1880.
Can this Manual not be changed? Is
there any proposal to revise it?

Regarding T.A. of witnesses summoned by court I would
say that when some persons are being arrested for suspicion,
Village Council Presidents are summoned by the Court as
witnesses almost every month but they cannot give T.A.
Some are from far off villages . But they are not given
T.A. for their journey. This matter had been discussed
last year. So, I would like to request our Ministry
to look into this matter.

It seems that Information and
Publicity Department are not utilising their Grant
for the purpose for which it was sanctioned.
Moreover the Department is quite weak in giving proper
information and lack the quality for practical publicity
task. Therefore will it be possible to centralise this
Department.

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PU JOE NGURDAWIA : Pu Deputy Speaker, Demand may be passed as it is comment.

I feel that the provision for Natural calamity is too meagre. For example there are Fire relief and relief for Landslide destruction only Rs.100/- is given for their relief. There should be provision for the construction of village link road.

I would support the proposal of changing our Jail Manual. And I would like to stress on Reformatory Approach in Jail, which is needed to be practised. It is important to give facilities to the prisoners to train them in various ways such as Library, handicrafts and other things. And to learn to be a better citizen in future. Hence better facilities should be provided. This has been practiced in Jail of other States.

Regarding Administration of Justice, it had been discussed by different parties. And there is a sort of contravercy on this matter. That, it is not fair to combine Executive and Court of justice. Therefore, this two must be separated as far as possible. There had been proposal on this matter, it does not workout properly. Therefore different steps should be taken to separate Executive from Court of law before it is too late.

In connection with information and Publicity. Before the outbreak of disturbance in Mizoram certain facilities such as 'Community Set Radio' were distributed to Villages. By now those facilities have been out of order. I would like to propose that certain facilities be provided in every Group Centre if not in every Block Headquarters. So as to enable our village men to hear important and correct news. Such important and correct news are always followed and covered by rumours. Because of this it is difficult for the Villagers to distinguish between right and wrong. Therefore instead of concentrating Information and Publicity work at Mizawl and District Headquarters, let the Government provide better communication facilities to our Villagers.

Regarding Secretariat and Administration, there was no fundamental basis of planing. The first Ministry made the seniority list. Later there were complaints regarding seniority and service allocation. But it might not be possible to draft it out correctly. Therefore the Government should consider and re-examine this matter.

PU C.VULLUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, Regarding Natural calamities I had mentioned two places which must inevitably be given relief fund. One is Vengthar which was the victim of the cyclone of April, 1977 namely Lokicherra and Kanhmun. People of Lokicherra were given the relief Fund, but those of Kanhmun were not given. I would like to request the Minister in-charge to note this.

*this had been given the relief fund. The other .19/- is the victim of the cyclone.

In connection with Demand No. 11, Police Department. I would like to point out two Branches as Police Radio and Fire Brigade. I would like to propose that provision be made in our budget to train workers for these Departments.

Regarding Fire Brigade. I would state that so long as it is manned by such persons as being drunken and run to the place of fire without carrying water, it will never serve the purpose. It will be of use only if sons of the soil look after it. What does that big red tanker mean, in case of accident. How can they do any service if their condition is like that. I am sure if the sons of the soil get training and take care of Fire Department whole heartedly it will be more meaningful. Therefore, persons should be sent early for training in such work.

As in Demand No. 14 "Stationary and Printing", our Government has 8 lakhs for stationary and printing. But we did not have any qualified person to handle and run the machines. Hence we must send our young people for training for this purpose. If needed we should even send them to Germany or to other western countries. Other-wise development of our State will be somewhat incomplete. Therefore, to train our young people for Police Radio, Fire Brigade and Stationary and Printing works. I would like to request to Government to provide enough money.

Thank you.

PU J. THANKUNGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to speak on Demand No. 3 Council of Ministers. As we all know, we the people of Mizoram are facing the difficulty of supporting our day to day consumption. Our Ministers too face the same difficulties. Moreover they are being visited by public at their residence. Having to provide them with drink and snacks their consumption is more. Hence, to maintain their dignity and standard of living, I suppose their salary should not be less than Rs. 2500/- like-wise for our Speaker and Deputy Speaker too. To live respectfully and to maintain their dignity and standard of living even in other State money is needed. Therefore, I would like the Government to revise and reconsider this matter.

I would like to say there are many non-Mizos on deputation in Police Department who hold important posts which sons of the soil will be able to hold. Also, if Mizo O/C be posted in important towns such as Aizawl and Lunglei the persons arrested due to misunderstanding and suspicion may be released from lock-up without producing before the court, but it cannot be because the O/Cs are non-Mizos who do not know who is who. Like-wise for S.P. & greater opportunity be given to Mizos it will be much better. The Government created out-post in villages, but facilities are not being provided. At least one Jeep and quarter is needed. In case of emergency and when it is necessary to assemble quickly.

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it is not convenient for them to live in village houses. As it is badly needed, let quarters be constructed as soon as possible. In Darlawn Village which is within my constituency there is no such quarter. So, I would like to request the Government to give priority to these things.

Our Jail Department needs to be looked after properly. Enough money is being provided for this Department. Since we were declared as disturbed area, many are imprisoned due to certain cases and suspicion. But condition of our Jail is very much distressing. Food supply is not good enough and ^{there is} no proper water supply. The building itself is too small and congested. And there is no good recreational facilities. Hence, if better and bigger Jail be constructed by our Government with the current Budget it will be of much convenience.

Continuing to Demand No.16 Fire Service. It is known that quite a number of posts of Officers are lying vacant. Why is it that these vacant posts are still not filled up. It will be wise to fill them up before the current Budget is lapsed. And Demand No.27 Relief on Account of Natural calamities. During the dry season fire break out at certain villages. Some-time the whole village is burnt up. Can this be included in the Natural calamity? And when certain villages forced ^{to face} difficulties, if the Government could make arrangements to give them relief out of the sanctioned relief fund it will be of a great help.

Thank you.

*PI L.THANMAWII : Pu Deputy Speaker, Demand No.4 Administrative and Justice. Our respected members had spoken on the topic. I also would like to comment. During the short period of the former Ministry, separation of power was discussed and regarded as important. This time I would like it to be given real importance. It seems combination of the Executive and Judicial is temporarying the Administrative work within our State, and also cause difficulty to uphold Justice. Hence it will be wise to separate Executive and Judicial appropriately.

And in connection with Demand No.11 Police. Our Police men needs to be taken care properly so that they may be regarded by the people as the upholders of security. They live with their family in too small and congested quarters. In case of fire from one of the quarters will burnt out within a minute. Our moral, character and behaviour depends upon our environment and standard of living. Therefore I wish that our Police men be furnished with better facilities and quarters, to uphold their standard.

Also condition of our Jail is considerably important. In developed countries Jails are taken care in such away to enable even a goal-bird to be a reformed person.

* Speech not corrected.

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Once I heard a youngman saying that, after my first release from Jail my wickedness was terrible. I was caught again and after my second release my weakness was terrible. Actually this things should not happen. In some places they were trained in craft work etc. and this gained benefit in handicraft etc. for their future livelihood. And the Jail itself is built and clean & respectable. Therefore our Jail should be taken care in such away that the prisoners may come out of it as a better citizens. As I heard from rumour, they said our Jail condition is such that it is the home of all evil. Hence I would like to request our Government to take been consideration and reform condition of our Jail.

Thank you.

PU ELLIS SAIDENGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, Demand No.16 Fire protection and control. The need of Fire protection is more in our State, their work seems to concentrate only in certain area, such as Mizawl and Lunglei, Where Fire Brigade Station is located, to control out-break of fire from houses. But this is not sufficient, our condition in this regard is very weak. Large area of our Forest is burnt out every year, destroying a large area of land, and spoil the land itself. So we need protection of land from Fire. Hence, it protection for these out-break of fire be had it shall be of great help.

And Demand No.24 Information and Publicity . This is an important Department. Few years back such Radio etc. was distributed to village s to be more up to date of current news. Whether such facility is being given these days will it be possible to continue distributing such facilities, by allotting certain sum of money from our current Budget. When going on tour to other States, for example to Madras, in their museum and other places you will see portrait of Naga-men and their culture. But portraits of Mizo's are not there to be seen. Ans concerning our 'Mizoram House' at Calcutta, even for those who visited often it is difficult to know where it is located, because it is located remote place. So, it will be good if a large Sign-board clearly visible from road. And I would like to advice the Government to stress publicity to spread and popularise our land and Culture. So that the world may know who we are and how we associate and live.

Regarding Demand No. 11 Police Department I would like to speak a few words. As it is an important Department it had been discussed many times. If you go to other States you will see that their Police men are of great help for the public; showing direction to strangers and helping those who are in trouble. Seeing this sometime a thought strock me, asking to what are our Police men like in this regard. Therefore we should be careful in taking person for Police. If only those who never drink alcohol and recommended by the church can be taken for Police, it will be fair and appropriate. It is most desirable that Police Department be taken care properly, and then they perform their duties efficiently and effectively.

Thank you.22/-

PU SAIKAPHLANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I too would like to have certain comments on Demand No. 11 - Police. Our State was declared as disturbed area and for this reason we should be very careful about Law and Order. In this regard we all know that our Police Department is responsible for maintaining Law and order while we expect a good service from the Police personnel their condition is low compared with that of other States. It therefore seem that something is being left-out for proper functions of and running of this Department. It is likely that enough Money is not give for the Police Department. And looking at our village Police quarter and living standard, they did not seem to be taken care properly. Specially in my constituency the Police Quarter is not worth occupying. They reported that when it rains their roofs are leaking. Such difficulties are faced by our Police men. Therefore I would suggest that the strength of C.R.F. who are on deputation be reduced as they are not useful as our Police men in performing duties, but are only means of expenditure. I don't know whether we don't want or they don't want to be posted to remote and important border villages. Whereas in Aizawl when certain function is held these CRP over crowd us. So, instead of using so much money for their Deputation. Why not use it for developing our Police Department. Raise their salary, supply better and more food or ration and build better quarters. I am sure there is possibility of doing this. And I think that all of you had visited our Police Headquarter. That too need repair and proper care.

I don't blame all deputationists but some of them are useless, and some Inspectors instead of attending their duty they simply guard prisoners. If a Mizo is placed in their place I am sure they will be of more use concerning Demand No. 8 Secretariat. On which some of our respected members had raised questions. Staffs in this Department seem to face some most of difficulty. No proper maintenance is there for lower staff such as U.D.C. and L.D.C. It is said that salary will not be raised or increased for U.D.C. who does not pass typing. On the other hand it is said that U.D.C. need not touch typing. I myself had worked without any increment of pay. Therefore I want the Government to frame proper rules for these staff.

And regarding our Jail, it has been mentioned many a time. If you asked any person released from Aizawl Jail about the supply of food. he will tell you that it is so bad that it is not worth saying. The condition is too bad. So I would like to request the Government to work for the Jail.

PU LAL THANHWALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, Demand No. 4 - Administration of Justice. The need for separation of Executive and Judicial had been mentioned many times. But its process for separation is likely to take a long time. Therefore it is going to hamper the work and cause difficulties for prisoners. Some of the prisoners have not had the chance to appear before Magistrate for 3 or 2 years.

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Some are summoned/ Court every month, not giving chance to appear before Magistrate and they are not given T.A. They have to wait 2 to 3 years, moreover their Travelling Allowance rate is of the British Government period. So, its high time for us to raise the rate. Sometime Government employees are simply discharged. In the mids of this and in times of need we are always forced with difficulties and hardship. Therefore we must find away of having Division Bench under Gauhati High Court as some of North Eastern State had.

And Demand No.11-Police. Due to insufficient and having no better facilities to apply them it is hard to expect that they are of good and high morals. Therefore to raise their morality and for the public to regard them as their friend and are at the service of their security our Government has announced improvement of service condition. For the implementation of this, they need better training.

And some of the Police^{men} who called themself Special Force are causing nuisance to the public, which all of us were against it are still maintained. Why is this? While we say it is wrong even to call them^{selves} Special Force. Till these days they act cruelly, proudly and show off in mids of public. Hence I want the Government to know that this Special Force are those who cause most of the trouble which broke-out at Atta-lane and some other places, and take steps to discipline them.

As regard Jail, Their Manual is too old and out dated. So, it need be modified as soon as possible. This District Jail was built during the British Rule to hold 37 persons, But now two hundred to three hundred persons are imprisoned there. It is therefore unhealthy. And the Administration itself is not good checking of inside Jail is the duty of Jail warders. Instead the CRP with arms do the checking. This is not the way to treat prisoners. Also at Tuirial Jail, prisoners are guarded with L.M.G. pointed to them. This is also not the proper way of guarding a prisoner. It must be corrected immediately.

In connection with Fire protection and Contr ol, what our respected members had said was right. They really lack proper training. Moreover, we sons of the soil are rejected *Police, Fire Service and Radio Department. Many educated men have resigned their posts in despair from the Fire Service. Therefore the Government must consider this Department specially. Non-Mizo people who have not had citizenship of Mizoram and even entry pass are taken as Police constables This caused hardship for the sons of the soil, our youth, our young men and women who were eagerly looking for a job. This matter must be considered carefully by the Government.

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And regarding Demand No.24 - Information and Publicity. What our respected members had stated is right. Though we are citizen and live in one of the States of India, other people are not aware of us. Hence Information and Publicity Department had immense work to do so that other people may know the Mizo as good citizen having a great aspiration for development and not as criminal people. We must let other people know that we are fast developing state, and are good people living with better culture and Society.

*PU P. LALUPA : Pu Deputy Speaker, which had been said but there are 2 points/ left these points unmentioned on which I would like to have a few words on. Demand No.11 I think, I am the one who visited to Thana most often. I would like the Minister in-charge to note this. The building itself does not look like a Police Headquarter. I don't blame the standing Ministry for this, because there had not been time to improve it. But for the next time it must be taken care and improve it's condition. Actually it's condition is worse than that of Dolai Police Station of Silchar. I really feel sorry for this.

My second points is about the Village Defence Party. Formerly they were under this Demand and they were very useful if they are given proper guidance by the Police. This Village Defence Party are useful agent for checking alcohol. Thief trouble makers in the Village and to spy unknown strangers. In the past they were provided with Funds about Rs 200/ 300/ for every Village. Also, spear, worm clothing, torch light and lantern were given to them. Therefore I feel that we should revive this Village Defence Party; for they will be of much help to our Police.

And my third point. Is the Home Guard Organisation. The Organisation is provided with uniform and even with gun at some places. We see that the Government proposed to make them more useful. If it is so their standard and administrative control must be improved, So that the public will regard them more respectfully. This matter should be regarded as very important.

In connection with Jail, I would like to make a short comment. I have been imprisoned in our Jail not less than 4 times. So I know very well our Jail condition. And I have been shifted to Jail of another State. Comparing our Jail with Jail of other States, there is a lot of difference. During the time when we were together with our present Development Minister our District Jail was so congested that we had to sleep side-way. What our respected member before me had said was right. Our Jail was built for imprisonment of few people, but 200 to 300 are being imprisoned. There is no place of sleeping and no spare for reading. Moreover the air is also is populated.

* Speech not corrected.

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This is against the rule/health. Although we are a-ware
that/building is being proposed in other place, in the
meanwhile the Jail should be enlarged, who knows, some day
one of us will be imprisoned there?

Thank you

PU K.LALSINGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like
to speak on Demand No.3, Council
of Ministers. In view of their
standard and from public points of view, Salary of our
Minister is a bit low. Due to this I feel that their salary
needs to be raised. You may say it is all the same as that of
other States. If I am not mistaken, in Assam Salary of MLAs has
been raised to over Rs.1000/- So why can't our Government
also raise salary of our Minister? Not that they will be
tempted to corruption, but that it is possible for human
being, I feel that this will prevent them from such temp-
tation. So we must raise their salary.

And Demand No-11-Police. Much has
been said about this, but the one point left out is concerned
with D.S.P. In our current budget, it seems there is not
Demand for training of D.S.P. and I mentioned this last year.
There are certain number of persons on deputation in DSP
post. Meanwhile we have only 6 trained D.S.P. So, there
will be a gap of 5 years. Therefore I hope we shall have
Demand for the training of D.S.P. in our next budget.

Demand No-12-Jail. Although I havn't
had experience on this, yet I have something to say regarding
the workers. Few days back we visited Lunglei Jail, If I
am not mistaken, from there I came to know that Jail workers
were on 24 hours duty. Although they were supplied with
uniforms and certain facilities, they were not supplied with
Ration. It is of importance for the Government to consider.

Demand No-16-Fire Protection and
Control, we have two Fire Brigade Station which are at Aizawl
and Lunglei. This is very much inadequate. I feel that it
should be located at every Sub.Division. And at Lunglei they
have only one tanker, this is not enough. They need more
tankers.

And for the last Demand No-27-Relief
on Accounts of Natural calamities. One of Our member had
commented on this matter. But I want to comment it differently.
I am aware the Government used to give a relief grant of Rs.100/-
to Rs. 300/- to the victims of Fire etc. I feel that this
is too little. There may be two types of victims i.e. Some
family may have the chance to save all their belongings and
the house itself also being not so good. For such family
Rs.200/300/- seems reasonable, whereas some family lost all
the properties including their houses which they built with
all the money they could afford. So I feel that such families
deserve more relief.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER : Our time is nearly ending, 12 members had taken part in the discussion. It will be wise for our Ministers to invite their Department Officers to note down some important points which are being discussed.

Now we shall have recess till 2:00 PM.

2:00 P.M.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : There is an announcement. It is proposed that tomorrow morning at 10:00 A.M. Group Photo shall be taken. Two Magazines of Indian Publication for each MLA of their own choice is to be reported to Speaker. Some of us have not reported and due to this action cannot be taken till now. So, those members may please submit their report the Magazine of their choice.

Pu Sneha Kumar Chakma, MLA submitted application stating that he wished to join the ruling Party and it was accepted by Speaker.

PU K.L.SANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, cannot the Group photo be procrastinated for the time being? Since Pu Hiphei is not here. He is likely to arrive soon. So, cannot we wait for him?

PU C.L.RUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, Just now we had a trunk-call, and have spoken to him. To be here before 24th of this month, is impossible for him. The distance is far off, moreover no vehicles are on service.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Chief Secretary had been informed of his difficulties. But we are not sure of his exact condition. Yes, it is our wish that all members be present. This is a good advice.

Now we shall proceed our business we shall call upon, Pu Biakchungnunga.

PU K.BIACHUNGNUMUNGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, important points and matters are being discussed, which the Government should pursue. To pass as it is or just to say yes in this House by MLAs is in the hand of our Government Officers. The hard work of our Officers and Government servants is the key to success. But from the day we start our session, official lobby of the house remains empty. Why is it so? Did they regard this House as of little importance? If it is so, I am afraid, our discussion will be of no use. Hence from tomorrow onward official lobby of this house should be filled up. So I would like to request the Officers of our Government to come and listen to our discussion and follow up work on important points mentioned and where ever needed.

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Most of the important topics and points had been discussed. I feel sorry because our officers are not here to listen to important discussion. Specially regarding Law and order which is of great importance and have to be strengthened up. Concerning Police it has been stated that they are to be provided with quarters. Ans in connection with their work, there may be certain things which men cannot do. In such case; if you had visited other States you will see that there were women Police. It would be good to have such women Police in Mizoram too. To some extent the women Police are very useful. Therefore we should provided women Police within our current Budget, It seems to be a of great importance to have the Women Police. (having

And regarding Jail though many things had been said on this matter. I just want to have a few words, because it is of immense important. Difficulties and hardships faced in Jail had been said over and over again. The public are also aware of the hardship faced in Jail. Now we are under New Ministry, but there has not been much change. It is due to lack of time. Certain sum of money is provided for Jails. It priority is given to the problem of Jail. Minor difficulties and hardships would be easily wiped away. Besides, this money may also be used for the merrry making of the prisoners and for the incalcation of the prisoners in handicraft etc. which may be beneficial for them after they left the prison. Reformatory work is practiced in Jail of other State, to enable the convios to life a proper life. and support their family. I fee I that importance may be given to their future life after they are released from the prisoner.

PU BUALHRANCA : Pu Deputy Speaker, It is much pleasing to note that the Demand in the Budget much more compared with that of previous term. It does not, however, mean that we are content with it. It is really casing for us. If this money is spent and used in a proper way by the Government which represent the people and formed by the people, it shall relieve needs and problems of our state to some extent.

At Demand No.14, Stationery and Printing. For this we have over Rs. 8 lakhs. I myself have had experience in this matter. Although expenditure is little by little on this subject, yet mis-appropriation can easily happen. There can be many kinds of stationery on which mis-appropriation can happen in many ways. About 120 can be listed out under stationery. Even all our household needs could be includ in stationery. Hence Stationery cover large variety of materials. For example misappropriation can happen this way. Suppose the rate of a ream of duplicating paper is Rs.25/-. And one Office want to indents 20 reams of duplicating paper.

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So, they make arrangement between themselves that 10 reams will be taken at Rs 20/- and the other 10 reams at Rs.10/- Since such thing can happen, it is improper for an office to make demand from the supply. Therefore Central Stationery Depot be established under the control of Secretariat - Department, from which it may be supplied to every Department according to their need. And this Central Depot be handed and take care by a good and reliable person. I am sure there is less misappropriation in this way.

Moving on to Fire Protection and Control. Fire Service station is located just opposite of Jail and just above it there is a church. The place is very much congested and inconvenient for fast and free movement of vehicles. Moreover it can disturb the church service. In case of emergency Fire Service has to act quickly. But our Fire Service Station is too narrow and congested. If better place be surveyed for its location it shall be great relieve and convenient for quick action and for vehicles to move freely, in case of emergency.

PU B.LALCHUNGJUNGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, One point, but not the least important. As we all know our Speaker, Deputy Speaker and Ministers often work over time of the Office hour which is 9:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Sometimes even at night and their P.A. and Drivers had to wait for them. This means their P.A. and Drivers too work over-time. So, is there any way of having special consideration for these P.A. and Drivers. If I am not mistaken P.A. to Chief Secretary get this over-time allowance. If it is so, why can't P.A.s and Drivers of our Speaker and Ministers to get over-time allowance? The matter should be properly examined. If there is possibility these P.A. and Driver who work over-time should be given the allowance.

On account of Natural calamities there seems to be a large sum of money. But we don't know what Natural Calamities will occur in future. Due to insufficient Natural Calamities certain problem had been faced by the Government. For instance the outbreak of fire at Thingfal and Tawipui Village of South Mizoram. They were given relief from the Natural Calamities Fund. But some families whose house was completely burnt-up did not receive the relief fund, due to insufficiency of the fund. However, if the fund is not exhausted, and is to be surrendered at the end of the Financial year because there is no such Natural Calamity, it is good and not shameful to surrender it. I would therefore suggest that more fund be provided for this.

Moving over to Police.

This Department is very important, and we all know its importance. The proposal to have women Police was to my proposal ideal. If I am not mistaken, in Manipur they have women Police. Our today's world is such that we can't regard women to be better. Instead women too, sometimes need to be arrested. In such case Women Police is used instead of men. So they are very useful. And I feel it's an appropriate means of solving unemployment problem.

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I feel village Defence Party is also an important organisation. Formerly, there was Village Defence Party even in Aizawl town. They were of a great use in handling drunkards and thieves. Like-wise there were Village Defence Party in South Mizoram, who formed their own unit. Due to lack of able organiser and leader to train, control and manage them, they were faced with certain problems. I had even said this subject at Lunglei. I feel that it would be good if Village Defence Party Organiser be appointed at every important village. V.D.O post should be created at important places. But I don't know the number of the posts which could be created. And I feel it would not be difficult to create this V.D.O posts, because its not officer post, it will be same to that of L.D.C rank. So V.D.O. posts should be created at important places to supervise the Village Defence Party. And this Village Defence Party will be of great help to our Police and Army.

I feel that there should be good educational system in the Jail to provide the prisoner with educational facilities, so as to wake them to be better citizen, when they are released from the Jail.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Now we shall call upon Brigadier Thenphunga Sailo, Chief Minister, holder of the demand to speak upon the discussion. He may take time as long as he wishes.

BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO: Pu Deputy Speaker, there are many things to be mentioned but all be mentioned. What our honorable members had reaction and said are all about the unsatisfactory affairs of things in different Departments, and at the same time suggest improvement. And I am grateful for that. Members were given only five minutes during which they had many things to say. All of us are discontented with our present condition and want to improve our condition. Then what we need is working. All of us, Ministers, MLAs and Government Servants will have to contribute our ability. But all of us need time, and the work cannot be done all at once. All the points discussed are of immense importance, each points deserve to be given top priority, it is therefore difficult to determine which of them be given priority. This means that there are many works to do. The points raised in the discussion are all true and I feel that there is not a special point to answer. So all the members are right. For instance, one point raised by Pu Sainghaka regarding F.M.A. whether it is included in our current Budget is not of foremost importance. During the former Ministry we had worked on this matter. Certain people received F.M.A. but others had not. And there many complaints on this matter.

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The Department concerned is trying its best and working on this matter. Now we have formed the Ministry again, I have a great hope. A month back the number of persons who had received and who had not received the F.M.A was calculated for and sent to Central Government. And from the answer received from the Home Ministry I have a great hope. If there is any sanction at all, whether it is included in our Budget or not, we shall work it out by all means. And we can include it in our Revised Estimate. The main problem is to obtain permission of the Central Government.

And regarding difference of pay Scale of Police within the same rank i.e. S.P. it might be correct. But some of them are on I.P.S. cadre while some are on Deputation from C.R.P. or B.S.F. And in their present organisation their scale of pay differ. Due to this then Pay Scale may not be the same. Like-wise such difference may occur in lower ranks. There may be an idea that Pay of our Police must be the same within the Mizoram, but if cannot be so. For instance, in Police wireless Department qualification is needed. So the Pay Scale inevitably higher. And in other organisations also pay differ due to difference in qualification and volume of work. And there is some kind of anomalies within our Police Department, which will be examined. Like-wise the point mentioned regarding our Jail Manual was right. We are following the Assam Manual which the Assam Government it-self though it needs revision. It is more so for our present condition. Therefore it needs to be revised and it shall be done. As I have said, there may be many things to deal with, and what we have on hand to be done is to work together. And what, I am very grateful for is that the opposit on party too had the zeal and enthusiasm in the work to develop our State. They make suggestion for the working of the different Departments in this and that way just yesterday they spoke about the Higher Electric Power. This clearly shows their zeal and enthusiasm in the work for development and progress of our State. Hence it is clear that we all are dissatisfied with our present condition and want to improve it. During the election we blamed and criticised each other as stressing only the importance of development and left out the importance of peace in our State. But that was just an election propaganda. From our discussion it is clear that all of us want peace and are willing to contribute our utmost effort to secure peace and prosperity. And I feel we are of one mind in this matter. Therefore we are not to blame and criticise each other.

The current Budget was prepared before we formed the Ministry. So it will be wise to pass as it is. As stated by our respected members we might be discontented with our current Budget. For instance, regarding Money sanctioned for Natural calamities, I myself consider it to be insufficient. But we will have to pass as it is. And we shall make revised estimates in November next when we shall make redressment of the shortage of the Budget.

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I have noted down different points mentioned by members. There are a great number of points. I want to request all of you to have mutual understanding. We are human beings having limitation. So, all that had been said could not be done and we may not be able to work on all these points. I think that of all the points you raised there may be one which you consider more important. I request you to submit such points in writing. There may be some points which we may do immediately. There may also be some points which cannot be done immediately, however, we shall try to do them. And some points will be of importance for next year, but we must continue to work, meanwhile if most important points be submitted to me in writing it will be received gladly. Which will be a great help for the development work. And we shall try to do as far as we can. I believe that within 2 or 3 years many of the works will be accomplished. And within 5 years most of the works will be accomplished. But no Government can be perfect it's impossible. Specially in our State we have immense needs and works to do. Hence all of us have to put forth our utmost effort. This includes all the MLAs too. I want all of you to know that your proposal will be of great help to the Government. I noted down all the important points you have raised, but to reply all of them will take time. All the points are proper and good. Hence I would like to request you all to pass these Demands.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : As we all know our Hon'ble Chief Minister has requested the House to pass the following Demands i.e. Demand No. 2,3,4,8,9,12,14,16,24 and 27 total amount of which is Rs.5,75,76,000/- granted by the Parliament during the President Rule. All those who are against the Demand may say 'NO'. There is no. All those who are for the demands may say 'AYE'. It is passed.

Now we shall call upon Pu Zai renthanga Minister in-charge Supply and Transport to move Demand Nos. 1,5,7,13,17,23,25,26,32 and 40 for discussion.

PU ZAI RENTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, On the recommendation of the Administrator of Union Territory of Mizoram and with your permission Sir, I move the Demand Nos. 1,5,7,13,17,23,25,26,32, and 40 for Rs.18,18,05,000/- only inclusive of the grant made in advance by Parliament as detailed below for defraying the expenditure during the Financial year 1979-80 as per details given in the Annual Financial Statement.

Thank you.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER : Minister in-charge had moved Demand Nos. 1,5,7,13,17,23,25,26,32 and 40 for Rs. 18,18,05,000/- I want all members to take part in the discussion, for it is important. If it's going to take along time we shall have tea break at 1 O'clock, thereafter if needed we shall continue till 9-10 P.M. This is the means through which you can give advice to Government we shall call upon Pu Sainghaka.

PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I want to speak on Demand No-17 moved by our Hon'ble Minister. I had spoken on this during the former short Ministry. I feel it is necessary to shift the place of disposal of excrement, which is presently located at Bethlehen veng. Looking at our Budget provision for this purpose it is not much, is about only 1 lakh. Can the money be used immediately? In other towns and cities such places outside the town. Hence I request the Government to shift that place to other suitable place to which the vehicles can go.

Moving on to Demand No-23-Urban Development. Sometimes back works for such development were placed on the hand of Village Council. Though some of the locality are within the town area, they are located at the remote places of the town where vehicles cannot go, but only linked by foot path. This caused difficulty for the public. So it is of importance to develop these areas. Though Urban Development is in the hand of the Deputy Commissioner; these days there are technical staff headed by Circle Officer. I would request them to take up the work expeditiously.

Regarding Demand No-26-Social Welfare. These days about the posts of Pre-Primary teachers are largely spoken, and about the appointments have also been stated by other members. In the Budget it seems to be under the Social workers but controlled by the Education Department. But I don't have much to say regarding the suitable arrangement. At present the Pre-Primary children are attached to Primary School. As they are small children they are expected to move freely and make noise as they wish. But it disturb the Primary Students. Therefore separate building should be provided for Pre-Primary, where they can sleep, sing, shout and act as they wish. Other-wise I am afraid our educational scheme for Pre-Primary will not be successful. So, I want the Government to keenly consider this matter.

On Demand No-40-Transport. In view of our work schedule, I wonder whether we have any intention for construction of State Transport Station? There is only Rs.4000/- for this, which is too meagre for the purpose. Hence, whether it is possible to use that place, just below Assan Rifles Magazine temporarily? We have not had proper Bus station. And the public are faced with difficulty when booking Bus tickets specially when it rains. Just for the location of booking station it does not need much space. So, why not establish Bus station on that place which had been placed for the purpose. Though there is not any station for the purpose in our current Budget, I want our Hon'ble Minister to note this for inclusion in the revised Budget.

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PU J.THANKUNGA

Pu Deputy Speaker, I am sure my fellow members will also be agreeable to what I am going to say, which is connected with salary. We are all aware that as MLAs we are of different condition. We are being visited very often by a large number of the people from far and near. They often halt with us for 2-3- days or a week. It is obvious that life is impossible at Aizawl on such a small salary of Rs.350/- only. Though we are placed in a high position in order of precedence; it is hard to keep up the prestige with such a meagre Salary. In other States salaries of Members are as follows-Nagaland Rs.1000/-; Meghalaya Rs.900/-; Assam Rs.1000/-. Why can't it be raised in our State where life is more difficult than in other States? And where it is most difficulty to support livelihood Though I cannot fix the amount, I feel it shouldnot be less than Rs.1000/-. Other-wise members will always face difficulties. So, I want the Minister in-charge to take up the matter immediately.

There are only a few staff in the Assembly. Due to this, even though we want to see and need our speeches we cannot get it in time. We received our speeches only after four or five months and lengthen our interest had gone. Therefore there should be more staff in the Assembly. So as to enable them to reproduce our speeches within 2 or 3 days or a week ..

And regarding the salary of our Marshal I would like to say that it will be prestige of the House if he is paid the same pay as that of his rank. Hence I feel we should revise his pay Scale.

On Demand No-13-Supply and Transport. There are certain number of vehicles, unfit for further use. Why are these vehicles not disposed of by public auction immediately? Most of the space at the Supply and Transport workshop is occupied by off road vehicles and there is no space for pending of new vehicles. Right hence in front of the Assembly House a space for parking vehicle is being occupied by useless vehicle. Auction for this vehicle should be done quickly while it is worth more value instead of waiting 4 or 5 years. If auction is done immediately, I think it will make a good sum of receipt in the revenue.

And on Demand No-17-Other Administration, although I am not sure whether it includes or not the remuneration of Village Councils. I would like to say that the amount of remuneration is too little. It is a fact that Village Council are used by all the Departments in the way of Mizoram Administration. Therefore I want to suggest within the current Budget that their reward should be raised to enable them to render more service for the public.

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Concerning Demand No.23 on Urban Development. I wonder why they could not make the street light an important streets working. For example, the Street light at Dawrpui street which is the biggest market in Mizoram, is not working since the Silchar trouble in spite of many complaints. Could these be done? The operative Street light for all important locations in Aizawl are similarly necessary for security and a measure against theft and the like. I feel that our Government will do well to consider these points. Then, there is a Latrine where water is to be used at Upper Bazar. This gives out a terribly bad smell service there is no supply of water to drain it and it had to be closed. How can that be cleared or can our Government find a better place?

Concerning Demand No.32 about District Civil Supply Officer only a Mizo should be appointed to this post. The reason is that it will not be wise to give the charge of Famine relief work to the Non-Mizo Officer who is unfamiliar with Khawbung and Farkawn and the people around these villages. So, only Mizo should be appointed to this post as we have had the qualified Mizo Officer.

Concerning Supply Tender, it is not reasonable to give the contract to the lowest bidder. Many contractors who bid low often fail to give supply. The proposal is that the Government fix the rate of supply as reasonable as possible considering the various rates during 1972-79 and give the contract for supply to the potential contractor. As such there will not be such shortage of rice due to supply difficulty. Then, concerning District Supply Officer, there have been too many Bills pending under the Officer. This is a factor which is responsible largely for Contractors' difficulty as they have to wait for and usually a long time to get the Bills. I would request our Government to kindly consider this matter seriously.

Concerning godowns at village Centre, there are too few transports. Under the Government appoints more transport, the Administrative Officers have many difficulties. I request our Government to quickly appoint more transport to the big transport Supply Centres and also at the Centre in Aizawl.

Thank you.

PU ELLIS SAIDENGA ; Pu Deputy Speaker, I feel that our afternoon discussion is very important. Concerning Demand No. 1, Firstly, I think it, need not be said much that our pay is rather too little i.e. Rs.350/- or Rs.500/- It may be straightaway passed. Our authorities. I think would have understood it. As one Hon'ble Member yesterday pointed out concerning maintenance of Mizoram House at Delhi, the MLAs are put in the sixteenth in order of precedence which is very very low. That poor categorization was done by the First Congress Ministry. (Pu C.L.Ruala: That was published in the gazette circulation last year, of the 28th February, 1978) The relating papers were signed by Pu Pahnuna(Pu C.L.Ruala.....)

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The whole categorization need to be revised. Besides, we need to have more pool car or jeep for Assembly and which we have at the moment are not in a running condition. For example, we, the MLAs from Lunglei and Chhintuipui, have more difficulties to come to Aizawl for various Committee and official matters as the Bus service is not at all regular. We do not have a pool car or a jeep for our disposal and for such official times. I think it will be very good if we can have at least one car or Jeep at Lunglei.

Labour and Employment on Demand No.25 is a very important points. We used to think usually that a transfer for a Government Officer or servant to some remote village is some kind of a penalty. On the other hand, I feel that we should put extraordinary officers to these interior villages because these village needs be developed fast. If possible, let the Officers have special facilities for working in such remote villages. I think they will regard these facilities as given to them for their genuines.

The Urban Development on Demand No.23 is a very important point; and it includes Town beautification I think Lunglei as well as Aizawl needs to be beautified. We do not see any developmental science in Lunglei. The whole areas on the eastside of Bazar veng is allotted for house sites. The people allotted to are not rich enough to build a strong house rather than a thatched roof. They may not be able to afford to build a rather good house. Suppose the Government give loan to them for building houses uniformly in such a way that it beautifies the town. It is time send for the Government before they start building the house to inform the persons concerned about the plan. I would like the Government to kindly take note of this proposal

Then, concerning Demand No.5 an Elections, if I know it correctly, the rule is that if the Vehicles under requisition for the Election purpose requires repairs, the Government of repairs is to be borne by the Government. For example, in Lunglei many private Vehicles (Jeeps) under requisition has been repaired but the trouble is that the cost of repair has not been paid fully. It will be very kind of our authorities to look into the matter.

Thank you.

PU C.VULLUAIA : Pu Deputy Speaker, what I I want to say at this point is that I am very sorry that the member from Tlungvel have given wrong information to the House, (Pu C.L.Ruala: Pu Dy.Speaker, That wrong information can be taken as contempt of House as well as that which our Minister gave yesterday)

What our Agriculture Minister said yesterday was that he first thought that the categorization was made by our Ministry but later found that it was the circular made by Pu Pahnuna. This does not indicate Congress rather the year as 1978. So it is clear that it was during the President's Rule. Rather the Tlungvel M.L.A gave wrong information because of the fact that he falsely charged Minister as giving wrong information. I want to say only that Hon'ble Member is charge against the Minister is a lie.

* I would again say about in this new Ministry.

I would now come to Budget. Concerning Demand No 1 about Legislative Assembly, though I have said this during last year's Ministry. As I know that the House itself can be extended, I would like the seat arrangements to be somewhat semi-circle. I do not like the present arrangement according to which the Ruling and the Opposition have to sit in the same direction. As above arrangements, we can sit opposite faces and when necessary can point each other. I would like that the seat arrangement be made in such semi-circular way.

Then with regard to our honourable Journalists, where we put their seats now is not good. Let us give them a nice gallery so arrange as to face the members. Will there be space in the Legislative Assembly? I have said this again as I think it important.

Concerning Urban Development on Demand No 23 about beautification and development of towns, take road for example. Our PWD has been doing extension of the roads roughly for three feet on the road-wall side. People on the other side usually put some stones or woods taking about one foot space along the road. So in a way the wall-side usually of the private compound is being ploughed down slowly. I would like to say that the authorities would have to plan work under this Urban Development programme a bit more meaningful.

Concerning Demand No. 25 about Labour and Employment, I thought that the important of labour and Employment department suddenly appears since the P.C. Government. Every post vacancies are registered in the Employment Office. The Employment Office is trying to follow the fair rules by the government strictly. This Office is gaining importance as every department is growing, or expanding.

So, I feel that it is necessary to have a separate Directorate for Labour & Employment Department. I do not know if there is plan for separate Directorate, if not yet, I feel that we will include the same at least in the revise estimate.

PU K.LALSANGA : Pu Dy. Speaker, I would only ring again what the hon'ble member just before said. I would say few words to the point and respecting them heartily to be done. I often picture our Hall. To illustrate this, suppose Pu Deputy Speaker, you turn the other side, we see your back, hind head. Let's imagine seeing your back head all the time of House Sitting. It may not be pleasant for the journalists or press men to watch from the back all the time. I think that the present arrangement is not the best. I wish that they sit facing us, I hope there can be a better and proper arrangement.

Concerning Labour & Employment on Demand No. 25, what I would like to say first is about Directorate of Labour & Employment. Like one hon'ble member before me, I feel that it is necessary to have a separate Directorate. Directorate is already included in the budget. If I am not mistaken I consider it necessary to finalise the Directorate as we pass our budget. I express my wish.

Then regarding on page 104 of our budget, we have Employment Exchange Officer at Saiha. As we have discussed last year, I think as a rule. The Employment Exchange Office without its Officer cannot be run. Now we are happy that Employment Officer is included on page 104 of our budget. But I am sorry that we do not have Employment Officer at Lunglei. I would like to request our Minister concerned to take note of this matter and take necessary action and I hope that this will solve many problems, that is what I want to say.

PU B.LALCHUNGUNGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, before I come to the point, I want to say something.

I do not understand at all people who do not want to say either 'No' or 'Aye'. They even charged just now falsely our honourable Minister and I think this is unbecoming. In our last session, (PU C.L.RUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, its up to the member to say 'Aye') our honourable Opposition Leader said that they would support the Ruling Party in any good plan. But why do they not support us for good plans or resolution? For example, we plan to have Peace Centre, and they seem to support the idea but when it comes to passing the resolution they walked out. What is the meaning? They even say matters unrelated to Budget, and they charged falsely the present Ministry for break of peace and security I don't think this is proper. They went on saying that it is they who abolished Identity Card and Check Gate. Certainly this is not true. It is the Congress Ministry who ordered Identity Card and Check Gate. Really the order was passed during when our honourable Opposition Leader himself was the President. To abolish then, that's what we are busy about. Let them do as they have said. Why do they oppose merely because it is the Ruling Party's resolution or plans? Besides, they said that we do not need development but at present peace and security. They should know that we need development along with peace and security. We are disturbed frantically after the Silchar Disturbance largely because we are not self-sufficient. The Congress should have started towards self-sufficiency. We would not have this difficulty. So it is clear that we need development along with Peace and security.

Well, concerning Demand No.1 about pay for the Minister I would like to side with them who like to revise the pay.

Concerning Urban Development, the Lunglei Bazaar opposite areas have been allotted and prepared for houses. One house has already built, suppose we make a good design, we can have nice row of houses, perhaps better than Aizawl. If we give loan to the persons concerned for concrete building. That is what I would like to say.

Then concerning Transport, what I would like to say may not be relevant in the present situation. However, we have too few Bus-service at present between Aizawl and Lunglei. I would like to say this because the transport difficulty is what we the people are facing at present.

Thank you.

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PU P.LALUPA : Pu Dy. Speaker, the honourable member from Sairang and Tawipui respectively have acted a bit great. I think it will be good that they try to remain cool. All that they have said are good and I would myself support them and want them to be pass and would request our Minister concerned to take note of these points such as N.L.A. pay and House improvement. The Minister in other Assembly House can have Office Chamber. I think the Gallery for our honourable Officers is a bit too old. I would speak for all these points.

Concerning Village Council, like the M.L.A. from Sairang, I would point out some of the important matters. Last year, the government sanctioned about Rs. 20,000 if I know it correctly, for stationery requirement for the V/Cs. The village council members were very happy that they have the stationery requirements met and a bulky Guard File to take along as before during the former Ministry. As we regard the village council as the Third Class Magistrate Office, I think we will do well to give one table and chair to them and this may be included in other Administrative Service. As the village council deal with criminal cases they need register book and an almirah for keeping such important documents so that the same are not lost or misplaced.

Then, concerning Labour & Employments, our Minister in-charge has said that the separate Directorate will be formed if the House would pass it. So, I would myself say 'Aye' as he expected me. I hope they will implement it.

Concerning Road and water transport, on Demand No.40, I would like to say that we give importance to making into-village road link. If there is means from this Demand, that the road link be connected properly.

That the members think that we are all for opposition is not correct. We discuss matter together and are ready to support them in many ways. That is all I have to say. Thank you.

PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Dy. Speaker, I would speak on other Administrative Services. The Village Council have many works and the remuneration we give them is meagre. I hope that our present Ministry would look into the matter and finalize it. All that we have passed so far are meagre. However, the importance of having popular Ministry appears.

Concerning Local Administration, this Directorate is different from other. For the reason that it does not either have Deputy or Joint Director and the Circle Officer is next to Director. Since there is so much works in this Department, it will be necessary to have Joint or Deputy Director.

The-n, Town improvement. The department concerned should concentrate development to grouping centre as these centres have never been developed. As for the Town, we have the P.W.D. working on development.

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Concerning Rural Development, I think during the last Ministry certain amount of money was borrowed from the Rural Development sanction for the town development. I think we should repay all that large sums we borrowed from the Urban Development sanction. If not, the Rural share will be unduly.

Concerning Labour & Employment, I have thought it differently. According to the present rule, only the candidates registered in the Exchange can have interview. Registration at the Employment Exchange is necessary and should be compulsory. We may not select the best candidate in the present system. It may be able to solve Exchange problem if the qualified candidates are taken directly from Employment Exchange and also the unregistered candidate.

Concerning supply and Transport department, both the two departments are big enough to have separate Directorates. Their works cover the whole villages. I think it is really necessary to put these two departments under two Directorates. I would ask our government to kindly consider this point.

I would like to point out the defect in the whole system of supply department concerning tender or quotation for supply of essential accomodation. Under this system, the lowest bidder for contract supply is given and if otherwise the finance will make objection. The difficulty is that the contractors are usually profit minded and such lowest bidder contractors very often cannot carry the supply to the villages regularly. So, we have difficulties of supply and shortage of such commodities like rice for the village. May be the solution can be found if the government make a workable rate and thus give the contract of supply to the reliable persons and the Finance may consider this aspect in particular.

PU J.H.ROTHUAMA : Pu Dy. Speaker, I would like to support the views as expresses by other members before me on village council and Rural Development. The fact that we pay to village council members is meagre is well known. But, I think, there has not been change in this regard so far in our budget now. Our village council members have a lot of works and they are really the people any government Officials would contact for village affairs. I support at this point the idea of making their pay more.

Concerning Rural Development, two million Rupees appear in the Budget. which is meagre. There is a strange thing about one particular District. There are three District Councils in the Chhimgupui District. But we do not have District Council either in Lunglei or Aizawl District at all. I think this is improper in the Administration set up of the country, should the Aizawl and Lunglei District have District Council as well? Though it, *it will be good if our Minister concern will consider it. There is a big gap between village council and the government and so we need District Council to be put between the two Administrative levels.

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Concerning supply, due to deficient stock of rice, supply of rice has to be made during rainy season. Jeep cannot go during rainy season and thus head-load is the means. I think the persons engaged for head-load have difficulty. They cannot get their wages and so if the A.O. can give them immediately from the sale-proceed it will be good for security, it will be good to put big cash at the nearest Military post.

Concerning Home Guard, in Mizoram we entrust heavy works or duty to the Home Guards. But the pay we give them is meagre. Could the government give them a better pay as their works are heavy. May our Minister concerned considered this point.

PU C.L.RUALA : Pu Dy. Speaker, I would like to speak on Demand No.1 about M.L.A. pay. I think this is a bit too little and our government leaders think it necessary to revise the pay and make the same higher.

I would like to speak on supply and Transport. The Director has power to buy 2 buses. But the trouble is that getting a replacement for the worn-out-types takes unduly long time. So, several buses stop running for want of tyres. We indeed need more buses at present. Suppose our Minister concerned please order for buses, the buses - body-building can be done in Aizawl. Concerning bus service people have difficulty. For example, a bus from Lunglei has to stop at Tlungvel and reach Aizawl in two days. It is difficulty for people to find lodging and food if found it is very expensive.

Then concerning supply, what is the reason why the government has not repaid the retailers? As we had famine last year, about Rs. 10 thousand worth of rice was given to the people on credit. So it will be good if the government would look into the matter immediately.

Then, we are facing real shortage of rice in the towns or villages. The Aizawl people are given rice supply and only then to the village people. The difficulty arises out of insufficient transport or the Road blockage we need to see the difficulty of the people with regards to rice shortage.

Pu Dy. Speaker, excuse me for a few more minutes. Concerning Nutrition, the people in the Bank especially need nutrition food. At present the nutrition programme has not covered the Banks. For this reason, I think it will be good if the government will make steps to cover the Banks in the selected for nutrition programme.

* more officer in this office.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now our Speaker wants the members, Officers and press men to have tea together. We will resume the discussion after 15 minutes and shall we go now to his room.

PU BUALHRANGA : Pu Dy. Speaker, I would like to speak on what seemed not to have been mentioned earlier apart from what our honourable members have said.

Concerning Legislative Assembly on Demand No 1, we have 10 sub-Committees and one Committee Officer. Taking charge of 10 Sub-Committee for one Officer is very heavy. Our Legislative Secretariat needs a another Assistant Officer as the works in this Office will multiply in a short time. I think it will be very good if we can give some facilities to the Committee Officer, and appoint one *

Then concerning Employment Exchange the candidates list of interview seemed to have been made on the principles of seniority as first come first serve. This is not thoroughly good. Generally compulsory registration at the Employment Exchange is perhaps new to many and some competent or qualified have not registered themselves at the Exchange. In the present situation, I think it will be good if we call the candidates not only from the seniority list but also from the such qualified and competent persons. Our Government may kindly take note that it is not good that competent candidates should lose chance for interview because they are not in the seniority list. If possible let them have chance for interview and this will be good for them.

Moreover, since we have poor communication people in the village often receive calling better a bit late. I think it will be very good if the Employment Exchange or the department concerned send the intimation or calling early or in advance to the candidates in the villages so that they have enough time for interview.

Concerning social security and Welfare we have one great difficulty concerning Hall for Public meetings. At present, we have Dawrpui M.E. School but have to pay at least Rs.200/- per meeting even for 5 (five) minutes' meeting. It will be very good if our government may build a fairly large Town Hall in Aizawl early. Theatre

Then, concerning Welfare, I feel that Hall we should take care of the destitute the disabled and the deformed persons especially with the Financial grants or funds we have presently. Though it is necessary to use funds for something else.

Concerning Social Security in my opinion we should use the whole sanction under Demand No.26 specially for the Welfare of the Deform, the destitute and incapacitated persons .

PU L.PIANDENGA : Pu Dy. Speaker, I feel that the Demand which our honourable Minister has read out is very satisfactory. However, concerning bus station, I feel it necessary to build a bus station in the convenient location as early as possible. As we all see, the Village people have to buy tickets inspite of the rain because we do not have a properly*sheltered booking Office.

Then, concerning Bus, as we have learnt yesterday, I am very glad that we are to have new Buses soon. But even with the new buses, it appears that they will not sufficiently meet our bare requirements yet. So may a new order for more buses be placed even now as we are for a long time poor because of the disturbances. I feel that we have to make arrangement for acquiring more buses to meet the requirements of the people in the length and breath of Mizoram as early as possible.

Then concerning Urban Area, it is learnt that some villages are to be declared Urban Area and that people of the declared will be allowed to take loan. If possible now such villages for Urban area be declared.

Moreover, may other deserving villages be immediately considered for Urban Area so that more people can take loans. We can thus develop the villages by declaring such villages as Urban Area can take loans.

Then, concerning villages, there are some villages which need be grouped with or moved to a better place because of its old location, with a view to better development. I would like that our government make their best efforts in the reorganising works for these inconveniently located villages soon, and this is what I like to say.

Thank you.

PI L.THANMAWII : Pu Dy. Speaker, I feel that our Demand as a whole moved by our honourable Minister is very satisfactory. Like our honourable M.L.A. who spoke just now, I would like to speak on the aspect of implementation.

Concerning Demand No.25 on Labour & Employment, as I often visit the Employment Exchange I have found that it is understaged. This office is going to be more important and bigger.

We will very soon need a bigger Employment Exchange with its own Directorate in view of its growing importance and function. I then think that it will be very good of the Employment Exchange Directorate can be set up.

Then concerning Transport, I would like to say briefly that we need indeed a proper bus station. The ticket booking counter which we have at present is really suffocating. People to book tickets have to stand in queue whether in rain or sun. So far the people who have to buy tickets, tickets booking is really a trouble. I feel that we should have bus station as immediately as we can for the Public interest. Then concerning Town buses, what we have at present is very insufficient. We have to wait very long at the bus stands and so cannot reach our destinations in time. If possible, we raise the number of buses for the Town bus services and the bus owners may maintain their buses a bit nicely so that these look like buses in other towns. I would like that all the bus owners care about the outroad appearance of the buses. Then, we have bus stands at different points. There are little children with their mothers as well to take buses at these points. Suppose we have a shelter at bus stands it will be very good.

Then concerning Demand No. 1 on Legislative Assembly, as other honourable members have also said I would say about this briefly. The point is that we do not have facilities. The pool car or jeep we have at present are too few. So often, we have to stand in the sun or rain to wait for buses, I think it is important that we have more pool cars or jeep for our disposal.

Concerning water supply, it will be very much appreciated if free water supply is given to the M.L.A. as our pay is meagre. I think it will be very much appreciated again, if free water supply will be given to us.

Thank you.

PU B.LALCHUNGNUNGA : Pu Dy. Speaker, what I would like to say concerns about raising the position of the village council. I think we need to revise the V/C position. Let us consider these points. The number of houses differ greatly from one villages to another. For example, we have some village of about 40 to 50 houses for a village council. Some villages have the figure between 300 and 500 houses respectively. Thus the official responsibility of the village council differs in degree. At this point I have thought of a proposal that we may continue to have village council for such small villages of about 40 to 50 houses and even upto 100. Such villages of about 300, 400 or 500 may be declared as Urban Area. Suppose we form a town Committee or something other than village council for such big villages and give a bigger pay to the members, we can raise the position. I think it will be good to arrange a Town Committee or something at least for such big villages.

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PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Dy. Speaker, before our Minister replies, I would like to say one point concerning seniority list at the Employment Exchange. Let all the Department concerned have a panel list through competitive exam once for the whole year for class III posts like other states. This exam will be for the whole candidates as registered in the Employment Exchange and so there will not be any question of seniority. However, it can be different in the case of technical posts. I would like our Minister to kindly take note of this point.

PU K.LALSANGA : Pu Dy. Speaker, I would like to make a request quickly to our Speaker if he could kindly issue a curfew pass for the visitors and the officers present with us as the curfew will soon set in. May I propose this.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : If there is not anybody else to say. We would now invite our Minister-in-charge to reply and clarify.

PU ZAIRIEMTHANGA
MINISTER : Pu Dy. Speaker, they have spoken important points and we have taken note of all these. However, it appears that we have not thoroughly read our budget head as also pointed out by one of our honourable Ministers the other day. Perhaps some of us did not read them carefully. The contents may sometimes be different from the head, for example No. 13 on supply and disposal seems to have meant vehicles and auction but the content is rather about that consumers petrol pump and the G.C.I. Sheets and cement for the supply.

Then, No. 17 on Administration services includes Home Guard, Local Administration and maintenance for circuit House. Also there are members who said about Pre-Primary under social security and welfare. Correctly, supply Directorate and supply District establishment are included in the above head. Then, some members have thought that supply of Nutrition food to the village people is included in the Food and Nutrition, but correctly, supply and Civil Transport establishment is included in the Food and Nutrition. Though we have said so many useful and important points in the discussion yet some of these points are not quite relevant. However, they are important and we have taken note of them all the same. These points can be considered when they will be discussed later.

Then concerning Dumping ground as pointed out by Pu Sainghats an honourable member, the required arrangement has been made at the place a little beyond that of 66 Kv in Zemapaw. We can almost shift it to the above place except that the body of the concerned vehicle is under building. As soon as the body building of this vehicle is finished, it is expected to shift to the new Dumping ground.

Then, we have spoken much on Bus station, you rightly think it important and it is true that area lying between the two roads beyond the Theatre Hall has been acquired by the former government with a large sum of money for the Bus station. But the land or area has become narrower due to the road extension. Besides, the Public authorities have raised an objection to the proposal. Thus, there are some difficulties on the way of making bus station in this place. All the Transport vehicles may not be stationed there but at least the transport office and booking office can be housed in this place. This proposed bus station has appeared in our budget but only as a token. If this is implemented the required sanction will be made from the RE. We have looked into this matter during our last Ministry and pursued the same.

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Then concerning auction of vehicles and the general procedure, the condemnation board pick out the old vehicles for auction. These vehicles are being prepared for auction.

Then concerning rate of supply transport. We have received several useful proposals for making a workable rate considering the various rates during the last 5 years. At the very present, it is not being done as proposed. Concerning allotment of contractor, the Department appeared to have considered the last year's rate. Things are done carefully but it is difficult to have done ideally. Then concerning supply of rice, we face difficulty because the F.C.I. could not supply rice to us adequately. The newly formed government tried its best to acquire more supply of rice and this lasted us for sometime. But before we could have enough stock of rice we face one difficulty after another. This is a sorry state of things. However, every efforts has been made to sort out this difficulty. Yesterday a group of officers have been sent to meet the Food authorities to arrange for more supply of rice. We are expecting supply to come smoothly.

Then, concerning Labour & Employment. We have spoken much on this Department stressing the need to have its separate Directorate. Labour and Employment is being thus prepared to have its own Directorate and this has been appeared in the budget. But it is not planned for a full fledged Directorate yet. It is planned to begin with to function with Deputy Director somewhat like our statistics. It has not been easy to expand the Department unless we raise the same to Directorate level. We first raise the Department and its head and then many of our difficulties will then be solved.

Then, we have pointed out how inadequate the M.L.A. pay is. This is an important matter. Some even said that the authority should do this. This House is the authority * consider the matter. Then also the pay of Ministers and Speaker has been talked about and this again will be left to the House.

Then, concerning Buses, we have so often pointed it out as it is important. And you also pointed out about workshop. Then on somewhat related you would have known from the report reading by our honourable Chief Minister yesterday of the total number of vehicles each Department has. Our total number of buses (medium and mini buses) is 46 but that can be put to service are very few. We have one difficulty or another at our workshop. For example, we do not have work charge manager. As we face difficulties, the works in the workshop cannot be done speedily. As I have already said yesterday, we * could deliver these the House was dissolved. The President Rule Government put these buses for body building at Calcutta but these buses have not arrived till today. Now tender for 10 (ten) buses for today building is being invited. We could take care of this buses from the beginning. It will be noted that all the efforts are being made in order to acquire these buses.

Then, concerning that statement made by one honourable member that the government has borrowed so much from the Rural Development for town improvement, this is the correct position. A large sum of money has been sanctioned by the central government for Rural Housing. This sanction for Rural Housing is meant for giving as grant in the form of corrugated iron sheet to persons who have faced difficulties because of the disturbances and persons who faced such difficulty due to natural calamities, fire and the other. For this purpose there is so much amount of money now and the purchase of certain amount of C.I. Sheets is being made. There was a period of time during which there was no C.I. Sheets to buy. So the sanction instead of being surrendered was diverted with permission from the planning commission, to Urban Development. Some members appear to have opinion in this regard that the amount diverted has to be repaid but as stated above the sanction is rightly used. Such is the correct position.

Then, concerning Street light, the Local Administration is to do works to some extent and the Electric Department does the actual work to some extent. The Electric Department plant the Electric poles, connect the wires or lines and fix the bulbs or tube, and then submit the bill to the L.A.D. So all these matters have to be discussed with the Electric Department. I think that all these things will be done as members feel it important.

Then, some members stated that Retailers have given Agriculture Distress loan to the loanees and these Retailers have not been till today repaid. There is such instances in some villages. As we have the government again, this matter is being considered. This was discussed this morning. Some of the Retailers have spoken to us about this repayment, I would like to say that action is being taken.

* acquire 9 (nine) buses to be built, but before we

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Then, that demand of proper security arrangement for the supply transport is a very important point. Concerning the question as to why we do not deploy Army if the security arrangements inside Cachar of Assam is not adequate, this also is an important point. The point is that all these arrangements have to be made and are being made with Assam Government. Every arrangement related to security has to be made in agreement with the state concerned. So it is not possible to deploy our own police force or some people without the agreement of Assam Government. While the State concerned asserts that they are responsible for such security arrangements. Well that is all I can say and I think all these points are important. Some points are repeated and let all there be enough. I now request the House to pass the Demand of Rs. 18,18,05,000/- which I have moved.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We have our Demand No.1,5,7,13,17,23,25, 26, 32 and 40 discusses and such points requiring classification are well clarified by our Minister. Our Minister has moved his Demand and now request the House to pass the same. Who do not agree to pass this Demand say, 'Don't agree' (members are silent) and who agree say 'Agree' (members: AGREE)

Now I declare that the Mizoram Legislative Assembly passed this Budget Demand No 1,5,7,13,17,23,25, 26,32 and 40. Well, we close now our meeting today and we will continue the same on Wednesday, the 22nd August, 1979.

Meeting adjourned at 5.00 P.M.