

Proceedings of the 4th and Budget Session of the 3rd  
Mizoram Legislative Assembly held at the  
Assembly Hall from 24th March to  
31st March, 1980.

1st Sitting on 24th March, 1980 at 10:30 A.M.

Dr. Kenneth Chawngliana, Speaker at the Chair, Chief  
Minister, Four Ministers and 27 Members were present.

SPEAKER : "My son, if thou be surety for thy friend, if  
thou hast stricken thy hand with a stranger,  
Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth,  
thou art taken with the words of thy mouth.  
Do this now, my son, and deliver thyself,  
when thou art come into the hand of thy friend;  
go, humble thyself, and make sure thy friend  
(Proverbs 6.1-3)

These six things doth the Lord hate: yea,  
seven are an abomination unto him:

A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands  
that shed innocent blood,

An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations,  
feet that be swift in running to mischief,

A false witness that speaketh lies, and  
he that soweth discord among brethren.

(Proverb 6: 16-19).

Our first business is question and answer. But  
as the Departments are not yet ready to furnish replies  
to your questions, other business will be taken up during  
question hour. However, replies to our members' will be  
furnished during the session.

Here is an important announcement. The following  
members are nominated for Panel of Chairmen for the current  
session-

1. Pu K. Biakchungnunga
2. Pu P. Lalupa
3. Pu B. Lalchungnunga
4. Pu S. Vadyu.

We will now proceed to our next item -  
Presentation of Report. Pu Zairemthanga, Minister i/c  
Parliamentary Affairs and also Committee member of  
Business Advisory Committee will present the 5th Report  
of Business Advisory Committee.

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PU ZAIREMTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, the Fourth Session of the Third Mizoram Legislative Assembly having been summoned by the Lt. Governor (Administrator) to meet on the 24th March, 1980 to turn up the Business relating to the Annual Budget of the Government of the Union Territory for 1980-81 the Business Advisory Committee in its sitting held on the 18th March and the 21st March, 1980 consider the provisional programme of business for the Session. The Committee recommends that the session be held upto 31st March, 1980 with a duration of 8 days.

(2) The Committee recommends further that 24th March, 1980 be reserved for presentation of the Annual Budget of the Government of Union Territory of Mizoram for 1980-81 and the supplementary Demands for Grant for 1979-80.

(3) For the whole Budget have to be disposed of within the current financial year the Committee recommend that general discussion be held on Thursday, the 27th March, 1980 and the discussion and voting on demand for the Grant for 1980-81 including in introduction consideration and passing of Appropriation Bill to be held on two days i.e. 28th March '80 and 29th March, 1980.

(4) Sub-rule No.1 of rule 26 of the Rules of the Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Mizoram Legislative Assembly provide that every Friday in every session shall be allotted for private members business. Provided that the Speaker may in his discretion allot any other day if this day is a holiday or if any Government Business is allotted on this day.

Due to exigency that the whole annual budget has to be passed within March 1980. The Committee recommend that Friday, the 28th March, 1980 be allotted for discussion and voting for Demand for Grant for 1980-81 and in due thereof Wednesday, the 26th March, 1980 be allotted for Private Members Business.

(5) In a Fourth Report presented to the House during the last session of 26th February, 1980 the Committee recommends that consideration and passing of the Mizoram Animal Control and Taxation Bill 1980 be taken up in the next session the Committee accordingly recommends that Monday, the 24th March, 1980 be reserved for consideration of the said bill after presentation of the Annual Budget for 1980-81 and the Supplementary Demand for Grant for 1979-80 Further consideration and passing of the Mizoram Animal Control and Taxation Bill 1980 be taken up on Monday, the 31st March, 1980.

(6) As regard allocation of time for discussion of various stative of the business the Committee recommend that the Speaker may regulate the time.

(7) Revised programme of business approved by this Committee which was issued to be Bulletin Part II Bill No. 68 of 21st March, 1980 is again appended in Annexure'.

SPEAKER : The copies of the Report of the Business Advisory Committee presented by the Minister in-charge will be distributed to the members.

\* PU JOE NGURDAWLA: Pu Speaker, I beg to move that the Business calendar chalked out by the Business Advisory Committee for the current session be adopted.

\* - Speech not corrected.

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SPEAKER : The Minister-in-charge of Business Advisory Committee had presented Business Calendar for the current session and Pu Joe Ngurdawla also had moved it for House's adoption. Can we accept it ?

\*PU HIPHEI : Pu Speaker, it seems that we are going to have sitting on Saturday unlike in the previous sessions. What is the betterment of having sitting on Saturday ?

SPEAKER : It is true that there had never been sitting on Saturday. But as the current Budget has to be considered and passed within this week, it is necessary to include Saturday for one of the days for holding sitting. Decision to include Saturday was made after careful consideration in consultation with the Business Advisory Committee. As it is circumstances that compels us to hold session on Saturday unlike previous sessions can not we accept this Business Calendar ? Members who agree to adopt it may raise their hands.

(Members agreed to adopt).

I would also like to inform the House that the Lushai Hills District Village Councils (Amendment) Bill, 1980 which had been passed by the House in the previous session i.e. 27th February, 1980 has been approved by the Administrator on 17th March, 1980.

We will proceed to our Business No. 5 - Presentation of Budget. I request Pu Lalhmingthanga, Finance Minister to present to the House Supplementary Demand for Grant for 1979-80 and Mizoram Budget for 1980-81. It may be noted that before presentation of the budget and Supplementary Demand, the approval of Lt. Governor and President of India had first been obtained. Now Pu Lalhmingthanga.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir,  
MINISTER I rise to present before the House the Supplementary Demand for the year 1979-80 and Budget Estimates for the year 1980-81 of the Union Territory of Mizoram as approved by the President.

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\* - Speech not corrected.

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At the outset I would like to remind this august House that the Ministry is committed to the task of pursuing the path of peace which is of paramount importance for bringing about rapid economic development in the area. Simultaneously we are also committed to the task of providing basic necessities like food grains, drinking water, electricity, communication and better living standard to the common people. We have taken these challenging tasks in a spirit of dedication and good will and today I would like to reiterate that we earnestly seek for the co-operation of all sections of people and the Hon'ble members of this august House in achieving these paramount objectives.

The unprecedented drought in the last year has caused extensive damage to the seasonal crops and plantations. Though seeds and seedlings for the supplementary crops were provided to the effected people still the harvest was not satisfactory. During the current year a sum of Rs. 185.53 lakhs was provided by the Central Government over and above of the original budget for the Drought Relief Scheme. A Scheme of "Food for Work" has been introduced. Under the scheme rice is obtained from the Government of India free of cost and this rice is being utilised for construction of roads, playgrounds, Community Halls and also for plantations.

The budgetary position for the year 1979-80 and 1980-81 are as follows.

(Rupees in lakhs)

	Budget Estimate 1979-80	Revised Estimate 1979-80	Budget Estimate 1980-81
Revenue Account	Rs.46,69.09	53,32.28	52,28.27
Capital Account	Rs.24,54.46	25,37.22	24,50.59
TOTAL	Rs.71,23.55	78,69.40	76,78.86

The approved plan outlay for 1980-81 is Rs.2050 lakhs as against Rs.1772 lakhs for BE 1979-80. which has been augmented to Rs.1924.63 lakhs for RE 1979-80. The total outlay for N.E.C. Plan Scheme for 1980-81 is Rs.160.70 lakhs as against the final allocation of Rs. 114.56 lakhs for 1979-80. The Estimate for 1980-81 also includes an outlay of Rs.132.20 lakhs for Central and Centrally Sponsored Schemes as against the current years final allocation of Rs.221.74 lakhs. In addition to above we have a provision of Rs.485.04 lakhs for 1980-81 under the Central Plan for construction and maintenance of Border Roads by BRTF as against the final figure of Rs.774.39 lakhs for 1979-80.

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I shall now mention briefly the activities and achievements of various Departments.

#### AGRICULTURE AND SOIL CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

The main aim of the Agriculture Department is to gear up the agriculture production by inducing the people for the settled cultivation and also for adoption of scientific methods for improvement of agriculture. The Thingtam famine of 1978-79 and unprecedented drought during the current year have effected the production of seasonal crops and caused damage to the plantation.

The Department took immediately steps for supplying seeds for quick yielding alternative crops. As it was not possible to meet the entire requirement out of the sanctioned grant of the Department, Drought Relief Scheme for Rs. 66.30 lakhs was sent to Government of India and Rs.50 lakhs has been approved by the Government of India for the purpose. This amount is being utilised by the drought-affected people to grow suitable crops.

Under the normal schemes of the Department, apart from supplying the seeds and other agriculture inputs to the agriculturists at subsidised rates, 1790 hectares of land have been reclaimed benefiting the selected families with 2 hectares of reclaimed land for bringing these under plantation Rs. 10 00 lakhs is also being spent for construction of agriculture link roads for linking the cultivable areas with the villages. Minor irrigation projects are also taken up for the benefit of cultivators.

The Department is also conducting training, and demonstration in cultivators' fields. A number of students is prosecuting higher studies in Agricultural colleges on Mizoram Government stipends.

A new concept in developing agriculture is under consideration of the Department such as reclamation of land through Government agencies in selected areas particularly in the river basin which will be allotted to the selected people for growing crops suitable to the agro-climatic condition for augmentation of food production.

Under the Soil Conservation wing of the Department 604 families of jhum cultivators were selected to take up plantation in one hectare of land and another 927 families selected during previous year, were given plantation for another hectare of land. Besides these, terracing programme was also continued for protection of cultivated fields from erosion hazard stream bank erosion control measures were also taken up in 133 hectares of land and 30 hectares of avenue plantation was also done. During 1980-81 the settlement programme will continue but the approach will be slightly modified by introducing only the cash crop scheme.

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## ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND VETERINARY DEPARTMENT:

The activities of the Department have increased many folds during the last a few years.

Under the Cattle Development and Milk Production Programme 195 cows of high yielding variety were distributed at free transportation and 50% subsidised rate throughout Mizoram and this has augmented the milk supply not only in Aizawl town but also in a number of townships and Group Centres.

During the current year another 160 cows are proposed for distribution under the normal scheme and distribution of 500 cows in collaboration with State Bank of India's Loan Scheme. It is also proposed to establish Rural Cattle Farming Colony for rearing local cows.

In poultry Development the existing farms are being maintained and expanded.

In piggery Development the Regional Pig Breeding Farm at Selesih has achieved the targeted 100 sow strength and this meets half of the requirement of the Territory for breeding purposes. Under the small Farmers' Development Agency 300 beneficiaries were already covered and hundred more beneficiaries are being covered during the current year and about 800 breeding pigs are being distributed during the current year.

In the field of Sheep Development the Department is continuing the Sheep distribution during the current year.

In the field of Animal Husbandry and Disease control Programme 13 Dispensaries, 36 Rural Animal Health Centres and one Hospital scattering throughout Mizoram have been functioning effectively though there is shortage of qualified doctors. The unprecedented drought adversely affected the livestock population and as a result there was widespread Foot and Mouth disease resulting in the reported death of about 2500 number of livestock due to epidemic. An additional fund of Rs.11.00lakhs has been spent for vaccination against Foot and Mouth disease and supply of feed supplement throughout Mizoram.

## FOREST DEPARTMENT.

The aim of Department is to cover up the vast areas of denuded forest with quick growing species and valuable trees in the shortest possible time. It is also considered essential to take forest to the doorstep of the people so that they get associated with the programme of the Department. With this end in view Scheme like Social Forestry and Avenue Plantation have been introduced.

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During the current year two new Forest Divisions are created and other existing Divisions are also being strengthened. During this year 2881 hectares of plantations have been created under different plantation schemes and preliminary work have been taken up in 4460 hectares for actual creation and plantation next year. The Centrally sponsored Soil and Water Conservation Scheme, now renamed as Soil Watch Scheme which was taken up for implementation at Ratu during 1978-79 is continued this year also. Under this Scheme 200 hectares of plantation is created, 1400 beds are made and 150 hectares of land is surveyed and demarcated for plantation. Apart from these new schemes maintenance of old plantation, preservation of natural forests and other improvement work are also being taken up.

#### CO-OPERATIVE DEPARTMENT

During 1978-79 an amount of Rs.60 lakhs under Plan and Rs.7.13 lakhs under Non-Plan were spent for strengthening the Co-operative movements in Mizoram by way of giving financial assistance to as many as 85 Co-operative Societies. The State level Marketing and Consumer Societies have been able to maintain reasonable price line of essential commodities by procuring commodities in bulk and effecting their distribution to the public through their retail outlets. Though there are as many as 498 Co-operative Societies in Mizoram and 4 Large Area Multipurpose societies formed during the current year, emphasis has been given to strengthen the financial stability of the State level societies with a view to helping them in playing more effective role in public distribution system. During the current year Rs.23.55 lakhs is being given to State level Societies as various types of financial assistance and loans. In addition to this Rs 40.00 lakhs has been sanctioned to the Mizoram Apex Marketing Co-operative Society as Short-Term Loan for procurement and marketing of ginger.

#### LAND REVENUE :

Emphasis is given by the Government for replacing the long followed practice of jhum cultivation by permanent type of cultivation. For this purpose the urgent need is for carrying out cadastral survey of Agricultural land mostly in areas where there is potentiality of Wet Rice Cultivation, Garden, Orchard etc. for the purpose of eventual conversion into regular settlement. Due to extreme shortage of technical hands it has not been possible to carry out large scale cadastral survey. Survey of individual land holding covering an area of 500 hectares is being carried out during this year.

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Survey Training is being imparted to the local educated youths on Government stipend and also to the inservice personnel at the Survey Training Institute, Hyderabad and Meghalaya Survey School, Tura.

So far as the Land Tenure System is concerned our land records are yet to be built up on permanent basis. The scheme envisages keeping on Land Records updated and for conversion of temporary permits into periodic patta with the intention of subsequent conversion into regular settlement. During the current year 46 number of periodic pattas covering an area of 408 bighas has been brought into regular settlement by issue of Land Settlement Certificates and 1151 periodic pattas covering 11038 bighas of agricultural land has been issued.

#### HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE :

Health and Family Welfare Department of Mizoram has been organising activities and programmes meeting expenditure from provisions made under Non-Plan State Plan and Centrally Sponsored Schemes. Under Non-Plan the Department has been continuing to organise various activities for maintenance of existing medical institutions. Under this programme offices of the Sub-Divisional Medical and Health Officer have been established at Champhai, Kolasib, Chawngte and Tlabung to look after the Departmental activities within their respective jurisdiction. Under the Plan outlay the Department has been taking up various developmental programmes in which buildings for new Hospital Primary Health Centre, Dispensaries and Subsidiary Health Centre are given priority. During the current year Primary Health Centre/Dispensaries/ Subsidiary Health Centre at Saitual, Ngopa, Buarpui, Phaileng, Sialsuk, Lungpher, Reick Tuipang, Mamit, Khawbung, Thenzawl, Darlawn, Suangpuilawn, Kawikulh, S. Bungtlang, Bualpui(NG) and Parva are intended to establish and the work is progress.

Under the Rural Health Promotion Programme 260 Sub-Centres and 41 main Centres are opened, 461 Health workers(male and female) have been trained and 80 Health Workers are now receiving training.

There has been acute dearth of technical persons in the Territory and the Department is sponsoring 3 doctors in post-graduate, 2 for diploma course, 60 MBBS students and 15 Pharmacists in different Medical institutions.

#### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

The Community Development is concentrating its efforts for development of Community Development Block areas by constructing jeepable roads, inter-village paths, playgrounds, community halls etc. During the current year 19 number of Departmental buildings, 100 K.M. of inter-village paths, 25 number of playgrounds, 25 number of Community Halls have been

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constructed. Besides this Sport-goods, musical instruments etc. are also made available by the Department to the Voluntary organisations at subsidised rate.

Under Special nutrition Programme 22,000 beneficiaries of children of 0-6 years of age group and nursing mothers. The Department is also coordinating the implementation of the "Food for work" Programme.

### ECONOMICS AND STATISTICS

The Economic and Statistics Department is playing vital role in compiling the statistical figures enabling the different Departments to formulate their Plan and programme in a realistic manner. The Department also undertook evaluation work to reflect the achievements made in different fields of development activities and conducts socio-economic survey in keeping with the requirement of the Government.

### INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS AND TOURISM:

The Department is maintaining 3 District Information Centres and 9 Rural Information Centres. These Centres are provided with reading materials and time to time screening of films and holdings of Seminar are also arranged in these centres. The Department has also made an agreement with P.T.I to connect Mizoram with coast teleprinter service thus linking Mizoram with the rest of India through the net work of teleprinter service. The Department apart from publication of News papers like Tunlai Chanchin, Khawvel, Kaladan and Mizoram Gazettes regularly publishes Mizoram Today (Quarterly journal) Mizoram Calendar, Greeting cards etc.

The Government Press is also being maintained by the Department. Steps are taken strengthen the Press into a full-fledged Government Press by purchase of required machineries. Formalities have been completed to import complising machines like monotype, and Linotype machines within current year.

To cater to the requirement of printing and office stationaries, the Department is being reorganised and strengthened.

### PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEER DEPTT.

Due to the disturbance that broke out during the early part of the year it has not been possible for the Department to make much headway in respect of Road and Bridge works. Against the anticipated target of 100 Km formation cutting, 78 Kms metalling and 44 Kms of black-topping, formation cutting of 46 Km metalling of 22 Km and 6 Km of black topping were achieved. Works in respect of 2 bridges (Tuichawng and Chawngte) are in progress and works in respect of other five bridges (Tuirial, Tuipui, Verhte, Tuipui II and Tuivawl) are being started.

The programme for 1980-81 includes formation cutting of 100 Kms, metalling of 132 Kms and black topping of 75 K.M. in addition to the works in respect of bridges taken up in a hand. The work on Phailong Damagiri Road, Diltlang-ParvaRoad at an estimated cost of Rs.11.00 crores have been handed over to the BRTF for execution. Against this anticipated requirement Rs.227.00 lakhs has been released to the BRTF. The work in respect of the Lawngtlai-Diltlang Road has also been handed over to the BRTF and against the estimated cost of Rs.286.00 lakhs an amount of Rs. 162.00 lakhs has already been released.

In respect of Inland Water Transport works in clearance of obstruction in 5 rivers have been completed for 37 Km upto December 1975. Hydrographic Survey for length of 46 KM has been completed. During next year it is proposed to carry out the work on removal of obstruction for 25 Km in these rivers and Hydrographic Survey for length of 26 Km will be covered.

Works in respect of major buildings like Theatre Hall at Aizawl, Secretariat Buildings Six godowns at Vairangte and Government Staff Quarters in Progress. Construction of Mizoram House at Silchar is being completed. The construction of Mizoram House at Calcutta have been entrusted to CPWD.

The Public Health Engineering Department is looking after the Water supply works. Till December, 1979 13 numbers of Rural Water of Supply Project have been completed and work in respect of other 35 number of projects are in progress. It is proposed to complete the work in respect of other 14 projects during the next year and works in respect of 80 villages are proposed to be taken up a-long with survey in another 42 villages.

The work in respect of construction of Zonal reservoirs and installation of pump sets for Aizawl Water Supply Augmentation Scheme are in progress, Uninterrupted water Supply in Aizawl and Lunglei towns has been maintained throughout the year and in addition emergency water supply scheme has also been extended in a number of villages.

In order to cope with the growing requirement of work during the current financial year, two Circles, one for P.H.E. and two Divisions in the P.W.D. and two Divisions in P.H.E. have been created. There is also a proposal for creation of more Divisions for the next year. In the power Department, two sub-divisions has been created during the current financial year and there is also a proposal to create one Division and four Sub-divisions for the next year.

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In the power department, procurement of Diesel Generating Sets and other equipments is in progress for augmenting existing Generation capacity from 2.2MW to 4MW and setting up 4 new Diesel Power Station at Chawngte, Biahte, Khawzawl and Saitual. About 15 Km 33 KV line, 25Km 11KV Line, 30Km LT line and 10 Sub Station have been completed. About 400 new street lights have been fixed and about 1100 new Service Connections have been provided so far. 5 Villages have been electrified during the year 1979-80 which makes 26 total number of villages electrified. Works are in progress for the electrification of 9 more villages.

Preliminary reconnaissance, Gauge and discharge reading of 2 Micro Hydel Projects (Vanva & Tuirivang) has been taken up. Further Investigation and Project report preparation are being made for Micro Hydel Project. Studies and aerial reconnaissance survey of Tuivai, Tlang and Tuipui was carried out jointly with the Chairman and Chief Engineer of NEEPCO. The Chief Engineer of Central Water Commission has also carried out joint reconnaissance and studies of the above rivers and also Tuikum Lui and Tuirial river. As per studies and reconnaissance the following feasibility have been identified (1) Tlang .200MW (2) Tuirial 8MW (3) Tuikum Lui 20MW (4) Kawlchaw-15MW in phase I. The power potentiality of Tuipui and Tuivai is enormous. The actual potentiality will be established after further studies and collection of Hydrological data. NEEPCO has taken up investigation of Tuivai river for which fund is being provided by North Eastern Council. The investigation is being taken up for the above identified feasible Hydel Projects.

Thus the Hydel Power development has assumed an encouraging dimension. It is envisaged that implementation of a few of the above Hydel Projects in the near future will not only make Mizoram Self Sufficient in Power but will contribute to a large extent towards mitigating the chronic power shortage of the North Eastern Region. On the other hand, the revenue resources will also considerably improve through sale of surplus power to neighbouring states.

3 MW Power is presently available from neighbouring Grids as a result of 2MW additional Power released from Kyrdomkulai Hydel Project in Meghalaya. The construction of 132 KV Transmission line from Kopili Hydel Project to Aizawl Via Tipaimukh has been approved recently for which NEC will bear the financial expenditures. It is expected that adequate power from Regional Projects like Logtak and Kopili will be available by 1983-84 with the completion of the Transmission line and the projects.

However, until the availability of power from Regional Projects of Hydel Projects in Mizoram, it is felt necessary to go in for a short-term emergency generation scheme to bridge the widening gap between the increasing demand and the availability of power. Proposal has been sent to the Government of India for setting up a 5MW Gas Turbine Power Station in Vairengte at an estimated cost of Rs. 2.82 crores.

The Organisation of the Department of power has been expanded by creating 2 sub-divisions, one at Lawngtlai and the other at Champhai. It is proposed to create 1 Transmission Division and 4 Sub-divisions in the next year for taking up proposed construction of 132 KV line from Aizawl to Lunglai and also to step up the progress of Rural Electrification works.

#### EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT:

At present there are 632 Government Primary Schools, including primary schools set up in Thlawhbawks to which teachers have posted. 73 Government M.E. Schools and 211 recognised High School in Mizoram. The main objective of the Department is to make qualitative improvement in the field of education side by side with the expansion of facilities.

The Annual Plan for 1980-81 envisage implementation of the National pattern of School education from Primary to Secondary stage. The new pattern will necessitate appointment of additional staff, and construction of additional Class rooms. For better management, it is also proposed to take over the managements of some of the Middle and High Schools by the Government.

As regards the collegiate Education two new colleges, viz. Kolasib College and Saiha College have been recognised. Financial assistance has been given to non-Government College for entertainment of additional teaching staff, expansion, and improvement of the existing college buildings including construction of students' hostel.

For studies in post matric courses within a outside Mizoram Scholarships are given both under Non-Plan as well as under the centrally Sponsored Scheme. Three Hostels for Mizo Students are also maintained at Shillong.

The activities of Social Education Wing have been mostly connected with implementation of the National Adult Education Programme, 77 Adult Education Centre with total enrolment of 2119 adults are run under the state Plan and 2 Rural functional Literacy Projects with 100 adult Education Centre are also run with 6294 enrolments.

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232 Pre-Primary Schools in different places have been maintained by the Department. In addition to this financial assistance is given for maintenance of Motherless Babies Home, Day Care Centres (creche) orthopaedically handicapped persons for treatment. The increase in the rate of old age pension is under due consideration.

Under the Centrally sponsored Scheme, 2 integrated Child Development Centre, one at Lungdar (E) and other at Hnahthial are established.

Under the Art and Culture Programme coaching Class for traditional and modern music, songs, drama and dances has been opened. A new sub-Divisional Library is being opened at Kolasib.

SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT:

Mizoram has remained a deficit area in food production. The Thingtam during 1978-79 and unprecedented drought this year have further adversely affected the food production. During 1978-44366 Metric Tonnes of rice had to be purchased from the F.C.I. Against the target of 40.657 Metric Tonnes of rice during 1979, only 31320 Metric Tonnes of rice was received. This was partly due to F.C.I.'s inability to supply in accordance with our requirement and disturbed condition that prevailed during the earlier part of the year. Monsoon stocking could not be done in all interior places as scheduled and as a result Air dropping of rice had to be resorted to in respect of some of the interior centres.

The target for import of rice during 1980 is fixed for 42,938 Metric Tonnes.

To facilitate drawal of ration by public with least possible inconvenience the Department has appointed 306 retailers all over Mizoram. At present rice, sugar and salt are being issued through these retailers.

In the Transport Wing of the Department, 22 new buses are being purchased during the current year for augmenting the existing fleet to cope with the growing need of the public. By 1980-81 there will be 68 buses in the effective service, at present buses are plied in 18 different routes.

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The old fleet of Trucks inherited from the Government of Assam, are being replaced by purchase of 20 new trucks during the current year. This will enable the Department to meet any eventually of transportation within an outside Mizoram. Efforts are being made to expand the existing Departmental Workshop into a Central Workshop to cater to the need of other Departments. The consumer petrol pump set up by the Department last year has increased the storage capacity of P.O.L. and this is a great help to meet the requirement of Government during the crisis.

#### LAW AND JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

In the current year Rs.48.44 lakhs was provided under Non-Plan and Rs.7.00 lakhs under Plan for giving Grants-in-aid to the District Councils. These amount including an additional allocation of Rs.8.35 lakhs under Plan are released to the District Councils for discharge of their normal fundtions including the developmental works on Rural communication, sanitation, Water Supply and Forest. The targets of the District Councils are for completion of 54 Km of jeepable road, 184 Km of Inter-Village path, 40 wooden Bridges and 57 Water tanks and the target for the next year is for construction of 39 Km of Jeepable roads, 60Km pf Inter-village path, 13 wooden bridges and 38 water tanks.

#### INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT:

The Industries Department is lying great stress on the development of small and Cottage Industries. Such, Industries are likely to play a vital role in supplementing income of the people.

The Department undertook the experiment of sun drying of ginger during 1978-79 for preservation for longer period. One of the entrepreneurs who was associated with the experiment has taken up the trade during the current year with a Bank loan of Rs.50,000. The Department is also likely to implement the pilot project for Ginger Dehydration and oleoresin during the next year.

The Department has taken up with the National Sugar Institute for sending a team of experts for preparation of project report for setting up of a mini sugar Plant at Kawnpui.

It is also proposed to set up a Saw Mill-cum-Timber Treatment Plant during the next year.

The work for setting up of the Industrial Estate at Kolasib is in progress and in the coming year it is also proposed to take up action for setting up of another Industrial Estate at Sairang.

The Fruit Processing Factory at Vairengte apart from processing pineapple has started extraction of Orange juice from this year. It is proposed to set up a maize processing unit next year.

In pursuance of the new Industrial Policy of the Government of India for rendering facilities to the entrepreneurs for development and promotion of industries, District Industries Centre have been set up at Aizawl and Lunglei during the current year. Training is also another important activity of the Department. During the current year 54 local boys have completed their training in weaving and another 47 trainees are undergoing the course. In addition 9 trainees are also sent out for advanced training in weaving outside Mizoram. 20 local artisans have received training in the three Handicraft Training Centres and it is also proposed to set up another such Centre during the next year.

Under Sericulture Scheme greater stress is being laid to develop Oak Tasar and Eri Silk. It is also proposed to develop Mulberry Silk in the coming year.

#### FINANCE DEPARTMENT:

The Director of Account & Treasuries has started training the PWD Accountants in batches. The third batch of 15 trainees is under-going the course to be completed by March, and 16 trainees for the next batch have also been selected.

It was earlier decided not to open any non-banking treasury as State Bank of India proposed to open their Branches in Community Development Block Headquarters. In view of the prevailing law and order situation State Bank of India have already closed some of their opened Branches. It is, therefore, proposal to open non-Banking Sub.Treasury at Champhai, Tlabung, Lawngtlai, Chawngte and Mamit during 1980-81.

#### REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT:

During the current year cash grant of Rs.2.00 lakhs has been paid to the MNE/MNA returnees at the rate of Rs. 1000/- per returnee. Second instalment of grant amounting to Rs.12.48 lakhs has been paid to 343 returnees who have taken up agriculture as their profession.

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An amount of Rupees 21.55 lakhs is being paid to 160 returnees who applied for grants for Rice Huller and Dairy development.

HOUSING :

After the out-break of disturbances in Mizoram a good number of people from the interior villages has come to town areas for security reason and also for employment. Almost all the people who have come from the villages require Housing Loan for construction of houses. The Housing Loan scheme was introduced in the year 1972-73. Under this scheme loanes are divided into two group viz. (1) Middle Income Group and (2) Low Income Group. The Middle Income Group covers the loanes whose annual income is within Rs.7200/- to Rs.18,000/- Low Income Group covers the Group of people whose annual income is less than Rs. 7,200/-.

During the current year a sum of Rs.68.00 lakhs of Housing Loan is being sanctioned under Middle Income and Low Income Group.

Sir, once agin I would like to inform the Hon'ble members of the House that even though the local financial resources of our state in itself is very limited and meagre but Government of India has been very considerate to us in providing funds for the growing needs of Mizoram. Our task is to make judicious and fruitful uses of these funds and avoid wasteful expenditure. In this context financial discipline is the key stone so that the maximum benefits of development reach the common people. In these tasks of building up the socio-economic infrastructure of Mizoram Union Territory the problems ahead of us are enormous. But with the co-operation of the Hon'ble members and the people and the dedicated services of all ranks of workers, I am sure, we will succeed. Every constructive criticism and suggestion for the improvement of the Administrative and development systems is welcome. I earnestly appeal to the Hon'ble members for their sincere support and co-operation.

Before I conclude, I would like to express my thank and appreciation to the officers and staff of the Finance Department for the hard work put in by them which alone has enabled me to present the Budget Estimates to the House.

With your permission Sir, I place the Budget for 1980-81 before the House for consideration and approval.

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SPEAKER : Our Finance Minister had presented the House Budget for 1980-81. Its copy may be distributed to members. We will have discussion on this Budget on 27th March, 1980.

Now, we will proceed to Item No. 6

Pu Zairemthanga, Minister -in-charge may take permission of the House for discussion and consideration of the Bill he had already introduced.

PU ZAIREMTHANGA : Pu Speaker, I beg leave of the House to move the Mizoram Animal (Control & Taxation) Bill, 1980.  
MINISTER

SPEAKER : Pu Zairemthanga, Minister had begged the House to grant permission to move the Mizoram-Animal (Control & Taxation) Bill, 1980. Are there members who object? Members agreed to consider and discuss the Bill. But as it is the first time the Bill is brought up for consideration and discussion, we should say only the outline. Members who wish to participate in the discussion may do so. I think you have all received the copy of this Bill. As I have said, only the outline should be said.

\*PU C.L.RUALA : Pu Speaker, I feel that this Animal (Control & Taxation) Bill should certainly be put in force specially if we aim to improve agriculture. Visit to other places makes me more conscious of the slow pace of developmental works in Mizoram. For instance- in Mizoram, vegetable garden has to be fenced with bamboos or wood. In spite of knowing that they will not run away, Vegetables and other crops have still to be fenced. Many bamboos and woods are wasted for fencing. It is therefore highly recommended to have Animal Control Bill enforced. Being aware of the need to have such Bill enforced Government prepared a Bill which we have been discussing. But, on closer scrutiny of the Bill, I am thinking whether it will be sufficient for control of animals in Mizoram. Generally speaking, I appreciate the Bill and I also recommend it for further discussion and consideration and it should also be certainly enforced. But, the fine prescribed for breaking the Rule is quite little as it is only Rs.5/- for Cow, Pig and Mithun. I feel that more severe penalty should be imposed for breaching this anticipated law, for, it is likely that we want the law to be strictly enforced. In the case of important and use-ful Bill; I think it is better to have it considered by select Committee, then we will readily pass without having to have much discussion here. I feel that the Bill should be carefully considered. As stated earlier, it is the first reading of this Bill I will therefore say only the outline. However, I suggest that the Bill be carefully considered.

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\* - Speech not corrected.

SPEAKER :                   Anyone else who want to speak regarding this Bill ?

\*PU JOE NGURDAWLA:    Pu Speaker, as stated by our hon'ble member, the Animal Control Bill is a necessity and it should be immediately put in force. However, I think we should carefully consider whether it is practicable in Mizoram. In Khasi Hills, Animal Control Act is strictly enforced. If we have no public co-operation, there will hardly be any encroachment. For instance- it will be a difficult task to enforce the Bill in Villages if there is no Animal shed or something of this kind. It is therefore necessary to have strong machineries, The principle of the Bill is good and I am glad that our Hon'ble Minister moved such an important Bill in the House. It seems that the Bill will be discussed later on     clause by clause. When we have discussion clause by clause, we will have to be very careful. As stated by our member who spoke before me, I think we all appreciate the Bill and if there is no difficulty we will soon put it in force. As there are penalty and fine for breaking the law, we would have to be careful when the Bill is discussed clause by clause and if necessary, amendment may also be made. Generally, the Bill is good but I think it is necessary to contribute our knowledge and experience in regard to its enforcement.

\*PU LAL THANHAWLA :   Pu Speaker, as already stated by our members who had spoken before me, the Mizoram Animal (Control & Taxation) Bill, 1980 is generally good. But it is too good that it is quite apprehensive to implement. I have talked to some of the Departments' Officers in this regard and they are quite enthusiastic to have the Bill enforced not merely because of animal control or taxation but because of the advantage it will bring if successfully implemented which is of development in agriculture. For example- as stated earlier, it is not only in Villages but also in Towns that vegetables and crops that cannot run away have to be fenced spending lots of money because of animals which are let loose.

                          If we go to plain areas, we will see vast areas of paddy field which are not fenced though they have more animals than we. In such places and areas, Animal Control Act is strictly enforced as they are compelled by necessity and circumstances. Similarly in Mizoram, the Government, being aware of the necessity to have such Bill enforced, made a Bill. The principle of the Bill alone seems to be quite ambitious. However, I think we will need to have public education to implement this Bill. If there is no co-operation between the Government and the public, there may be many difficulties at the time of the implementation of the Bill. I think it is necessary to teach the people at various places as to how they will co-operate the Government, what sacrifice they have to make and what kind of difficulties they will face for successful implementation of the Bill.

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\* - Speech not corrected.

I have actually given more thought to its implementation and the re-action of the public though the principle of the Bill is appreciating. What is more important is to make the people realize the necessity of enforcing this Bill and to put this question before us- whether steps have been taken to make the people conscious of the need to have such Bill enforced in Mizoram as it is the public which is the most important factor for successful implementation of the Bill. I think it will also be easier to implement it if the people are first taught the advantages of enforcing the Bill which are of economical, agriculture besides having their animals controlled. I am saying all these in the hope of knowing what steps will be taken and what have been done by our Government for successful implementation of this Bill.

SPEAKER : It seems there is no one else who wants to speak in this regard. We will have recess now. The Bill will be discussed clause by clause on 31st March, 1980. Sitting will be resumed tomorrow at 10:30 AM.

I want to request our members to carefully study the Budget, for, it seems that no one had carefully studied this Animal (Control & Taxation) Bill. I request you all to carefully study the budget so as to be able to have broad discussion on it. For this reason that one day is allotted to members for study of budget.

And here is for general information. Some friends are going to have procession and public speeches as a sign of their dislike for brutal killings and bloodshed which are being at large nowadays.

Now, we will have recess.

Meeting adjourned at  
12:00 noon.

LIST OF ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE  
THIRD MIZORAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Sl. No.	Name of the Members.	No. & Name of Assembly Constituency.
1.	Hiphei	1 - Tuipang.
2.	H. Ramnawi	2 - Sangau.
3.	S. Vadyu	3 - Saiha.
4.	Shneha Kumar Chakma	4 - Chawngte.
5.	Hari Kristo Chakma	5 - Tlabung.
6.	K. Lalranga	6 - Buarpu.
7.	Lalmingthanga	7 - Lunglei.
8.	S. Lalchungnunga	8 - Tawipui.
9.	Ellis Saidenga	9 - Hnahthial.
10.	Ngurchhina	10 - North Vanlaiphai.
11.	Joe Ngurdawla	11 - Khawbung.
12.	Lal Thanhawla	12 - Champhai.
13.	J. H. Rothmana	13 - Khawhai.
14.	L. Piandenga	14 - Saitual.
15.	P. B. Kosanga	15 - Ngopa.
16.	F. Malsewma	16 - Suangpuilawn.
17.	J. Thankunga	17 - Batu.
18.	Dr. Kenneth Chawngliana	18 - Kawnpui.
19.	C. Chawngkunga	19 - Kolasib.
20.	Saikapthianga	20 - Kawrthah.
21.	C. Vulluaga	21 - Sairang.
22.	P. Lalupa	22 - Phuldungsei.
23.	Lalthanzauva	23 - Sateek.
24.	Bualhranga	24 - Serchhip.
25.	K. Biakchungnunga	25 - Lungpho.
26.	C. L. Kuala	26 - Tlungvel.
27.	Brig. Thenphunga Sailo	27 - Aizawl North.
28.	L. Thanmawii	28 - Aizawl East.
29.	Zairemthanga	29 - Aizawl West.
30.	Sainghaka	30 - Aizawl South.

NOMINATED MEMBERS

1. Pi K. Thansiami.
2. Pu Biakchungnunga.
3. Pu V. Lalnunzire.

GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR  
SHRI N.P. RAITHUR

CABINET MINISTERS

1. BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAULO AVSM (Rtd )                      Minister - in - charge of :-  
HONOURABLE CHIEF MINISTER
  1. Home Department.
  2. Political Department.
  3. General Administration Department.
  4. Secretariat Administration Department.
  5. Appointment Department.
  6. Law, Judicial and District Council Affairs Department.
  7. Planning Department.
  8. Information, Public Relation and Tourism Department.
  
2. SHRI LAHMHINGTHANGA,  
MINISTER
  1. Finance Department.
  2. Revenue, Excise & Taxation Department.
  3. Public Works Department.
  4. Power & Electricity Department.
  
3. SHRI ZAIEMTHANGA,  
MINISTER
  1. Supply & Transport Department.
  2. Local Administration, Town Planning and Housing Department.
  3. Labour & Employment Department.
  4. Parliamentary Affairs (as part of Political) Department.
  
4. SHRI P.B. ROSANGA,  
MINISTER
  1. Agriculture & Soil Conservation Deptt.
  2. Animal Husbandry & Vety Department.
  3. Forest Department.
  4. Health & Family Welfare Department.
  5. Community Development Department (as part of Community & Co-operation) Department.
  
5. SHRI F. MALSAWMA,  
MINISTER
  1. Education & Social Welfare Department.
  2. Industries Department.
  3. Co-operation Department (as part of Community and Co-operation) Deptt.

MIZORAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
PRINCIPAL OFFICER

1. Honourable Speaker - Dr. Kenneth Chawngliana.
2. Hon'ble Dy. Speaker - Shri C. Chawngkunga.

SECRETARIAT

1. Shri J. Malsawma - Secretary.
2. Shri V. L. Bawie - Senior Superintendent.