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Pu Chawngkunga, Deputy Speaker at the Chair, Chief Minister, four Ministers and twenty six members were present.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: 'Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them'.

Now, we will take up our Business No.1. I request Pu V.Lalnunzira to ask question No.4 that is his question.

PU V.LALNUNZIRA: Pu Deputy Speaker, Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Education Department be pleased to state -

Whether there is any proposal to continue the work of Excavation of Rengkuh which was started in 1978?

PU F.MAISAWMA: Pu Deputy Speaker, Yes, the Archeological MINISTER survey of India have been requested to conduct further investigations.

PU V.LALNUNZIRA: Pu Deputy Speaker, Supplementary question- Archeological survey of India will conduct further investigations ? Is it possible to know the time when

PU F.MAISAWMA: Pu Deputy Speaker, first of all, the MINISTER Director General, Archeological Survey of India was requested who in turn informed the Calcutta Branch. The Government of Mizoram have also made a request to Calcutta Branch. According to their latest letter, the Director General was supposed to come to Mizawl in February, 1980. But due to certain circumstances, he has not yet turned up. But, reminder had also been sent. As the time and date of his coming as stated in the Bible, it is not known.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: If there is no more supplementary question, we will proceed to our next item. There is one thing to say which is not included in the list of Business. In the previous Session i.e. on 25th February Rules Committee submitted its report on amendment to Rules 35,44,50 and (a) of Rules of Procedure. As provided and recommended in Rule 248, the report was laid on the Table of the House for 7 days. Within 7 days anyone can make suggestion for amendment to the report. But as today is 9th days since it was laid and with no suggestions for amendment it is likely that there is nothing to amend the proposed amendment submitted by Rules Committee. Is there any member who wish to speak in this regard to this Rules. It seems there is no one who have things to say. It is therefore not necessary to move the Report for House's adoption as we all accept it. The

Secretary will publish it in the Mizoram Gazette and it will be in effective since the day of its publication.

There is paper and pencil on the Table of the Members. But as these articles have always been lost, our members are requested to leave them on the same place after use without removing elsewhere.

Now, we shall have discussion on the Budget since we have had two days for study. Members who wish to speak may start now. But before we start how will we do allotment of time? I think we better fix time for discussion.

PU C.L.RU/LA: Pu Deputy Speaker, Will not 15 minutes enough for each member to make a speech?

DEPUTY SPEAKER: If other members have no suggestion let us take 15 minutes each for making a speech. If we finish the discussion earlier than we expect we may like to make additional speech to certain points we forgot to mention.

Now, members may start our discussion.

PU P.LALUPA: Pu Deputy Speaker, generally speaking, there are some portions in the Budget which I do not fully understand. As we know, Finance Department used to invite every Department to prepare their own Budget before the end of each financial year. But when the Budgets submitted by the Departments come out of Finance Department, there used to be wide difference between the figure submitted and those of which had come out of Finance Department. It seems that this is a normal course in the procession of Budget. I have always considered it to be good they cut down and alter the figure of Budget submitted as Budgets are prepared with much care and careful consideration by heads of Departments in consultation with each other. It is well and good of Finance Department used to have consulted Departments concerned before they make alteration in the figure of the Budgets.

Things connected with Legislative Assembly mentioned at Demand No. 1 is hardly spoken about in the House may be because it is independent Secretariat by convention and practice and the office Speaker governs besides being in the Office of M.L.As. However, I want to point out certain things. I thought that the Assembly Secretariat is an independent autonomy as it is the case in other States. But, in the case of our Assembly Secretariat it seems that Finance Department has almost full control over it in case of finance and creation of posts. If I am not mistake, I think the Government has been interfering almost in every important matters processed by this Secretariat. I would therefore like to know whether it is a normal procedure. If it is not normal procedure, this Assembly Secretariat should function as it is independent Secretariat. As we know, besides assembling in the Hall, we the members have not much time to do other things during few days of our session. But in between the Sessions, various Committees of the Assembly used to hold meetings/ Committees. These Committees are like smaller Assembly

and they are in fact, the ones who actually execute the works. It seems however that their working capacity is not yet satisfactory in implementing programmes and proposals made by these Committees. Excellent speeches and well-programmes are made in the Committees which are recorded which however cannot have much significant as it should if there is no efficient machinery to implement them. It is therefore necessary to have strong machinery to implement proposals and working programmes made by the Committees in various fields. As under the present position, it seems that our Assembly Secretariat has only one Committee Officer who deals with Committee's affairs without having proper assisting staff. If he is active enough, the Committee is active and if he is not, it means that the working of the Committees is not expeditious. I feel that the matters connected with Committee affairs should be given priority. If I am not mistaken, I think the Speaker called a meeting of Chairman of various Assembly Committees where, it is learnt that Committee affairs were discussed. There also seemed to be suggestion made for strengthening the Committee staff with creation of more post for staff and Committee Officer. I do not know how far the matter had been pursued, but I want the Minister concerned to look into the matter as I found nothing about it in the current budget. It seems that some reports had also been furnished in this regard. If Committee Section is strengthened I believe that there will be more expeditious implementations of programmes and schemes made by various Committees of the Assembly for further development.

I feel that it is also necessary to have well-established Department of Parliamentary Affairs, it is not that the one we have is not well-established except it is a little too small being merely one sections of Political Department. If this Department does not function as a separate department there may be difficulties in the case of implementation of schemes and proposals made in the Committee and the way the departments concerned take up the execution works. I think it is therefore not satisfactory to have department of Parliamentary Affairs under the wing of Political Department. Under the present circumstances we do not actually know whether the Government really implement our proposals and suggestions. I think it is therefore necessary to look into this matter. Frankly speaking Committee affairs of the whole Assembly is in the hands of one officer who is very much busy. I therefore desire that separate departments for Parliamentary Affairs be created. I also want the Minister concerned to give the House assurance in this regard.

Police is mentioned under Demand No. 10. As we know the main task of the Police is to maintain law and order. Though there is demand for grant for construction of staff's quarter, it is truly necessary to provide our Police Officer better facilities if we want them to do their task efficiently. If we could see their living quarters and poor facilities provided to them, I think we will feel sorry for them though they are smartly dressed outside while on duty I think we would do well in providing them better facilities.

In regard to Labour and Employment mentioned at Demand No. 24 - if we study the budget, it seems that the department is going to get a little improvement though it is not yet satisfactory. According to the budget provision, it seems that there is going to be creation of post for Assistant Director and strengthening of staff position. But, there is lack in creation of posts and there is no in fact, Office Superintendent at the level of Assistant Director. I wonder

whether it will be right to have a major department functions without any Superintendent. It is however noticeable that the Department is improving and I hope that the Minister i/c will pursue the matters for which there had already been provision in the budget. I believe that there will be faster improvement if speedier action is taken for creation of posts.

I do not intend to discuss all the departments mentioned in the Demand but I would like to say certain things in general for further, and speedier development.

In case of development - there are times when one can believe that power is totally centralised in the hands only of Ministers and Secretaries. For speedier development I think there should be proper distribution of power among the authorities like Directors and District level Officers and it is also desired to have them exercise their authority within their power in case of appointment, calling tenders, fixation of rates etc.

I do not know under which subject I will place this, but I want to say some more things regarding law and order. I regret to note that inspite of many sound advice and suggestions made in the House, there used to crop up certain incidents causing apprehension in our minds while much emphasis is put on the necessity of team-work and co-operation to achieve our goal. Last night, CRP personnel including a Captain came to my house while I was out. Even after they were informed of my whereabouts and the reasons why I was not at home, they still conducted house-search entering into our bed-room which really frightened the children and women who were at home. I thought we, the members, are excepted at least during the period of our session. Whether we are opposition members or ruling members, our task is all the same i.e. to work for the people and the country. Actually, such undesirable caused anxiety and apprehension in our minds. I have in fact, timidity to say what I had planned to say all along. I request our Chief Minister to note this.

PU J.THANKUNGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, may be we are not interested in participating in the in the discussion or there is not much to say. It is still well and good to get the Demands passed without much discussion since the weather is getting hotter and hotter to remain long in the Hall.

Generally speaking our budget is quite satisfactory. I feel that there is more to hope for in the current budget than last year's budget. What I want to say is however, the facilities of the members, it seems that facilities provided to members have become poorer and poorer. It appears that there is no more vehicles to take us home even during our session. Members have to walk home carrying many books in hands. Actually it is hard to be content with the facilities given to us. Truly speaking during the previous Assembly and the Government members now to be given vehicles for going home during sessions and when there is Committee. But since recent times, there seemed to be no more vehicle available for the use of the members, may be because there is some difficulty. I truly regret that no vehicle is made available for use of the members. Apart from this, I think it is also necessary to see to the facilities provided to our opposition Leader which in a way reveals the dignity of the House. As it

is the case in other states. Opposition Leader should be provided with proper facilities. I feel that there has been many complaints and disappointments due to poor facilities. Government would therefore do well in providing members better facilities.

As we know, Government have taken various relief measures particularly in areas where famine hit hard. But due to various difficulties there has now been areas where some persons died of hunger. It will therefore be very necessary to help each other and to extend co-operation to whoever can be of use to tackle this problem. It may also be noted that fund allotted for relief measures is not adequate as it seems that the present famine is very severe than famines we have had faced in the past years. Since many people have been hit hard by famine, is it not possible to declare Mizoram 'Famine stricken area.'

I would also like to say certain things regarding the function of Community Development stated by our member from Phuldungsei Constituency. As we may be aware, the Controlling officer for B.D.Os is the Deputy Commissioner other than the Director. Is it not possible to make Director controlling officer? Actually, some difficulty have often arisen in the case of transference, execution of works etc. when the Deputy Commissioner is controlling officer. It seems that there is set back when Deputy Commissioner is controlling officer over the affairs of B.D.Os whose main activities centred around community development. Government will therefore do well in considering the matter so as to ensure that developmental works are not hindered.

In regard to employment - some governments have target to give employment to certain number of unemployed within fixed period of time. I think it will be a good thing if we can do the same here in Mizoram.

I regret to know that some of our members were harassed by C.R.P. personnel. If members are not treated with due respect at least during the session, there will not be dignity of the House or the members. It will be highly appreciated if the government give due importance to the maintenance of the dignity of members. I share the grievances of the members who was harassed by C.R.P. personnel.

Nevertheless, I am glad that government have given more thoughts to developmental works which can be noticed even in our budget. It seems, however, that there has been hindrances in the developmental works due to centralisation of power in the hands of few authorities. For speedier execution of developmental works it will be necessary to make the way for decentralisation of power where and when necessary.

Generally, budget which we are going to pass is quite satisfactory. I hope that we can pass it without further complications.

PU B.LALCHUNGNUNGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, as stated, the budget on which discussion continues is quite satisfactory especially if we look at the figure of the amount. I am also glad that there is more provision of fund than last year's budget.

Nevertheless, as stated by our Finance Minister in his budget speech, we, the members also have high responsibility towards the utilisation of fund in the budget. It is therefore necessary for us to make effort to make use of these funds for the benefit of the people and the country. But, as one cannot get satisfaction at the amount one possessed I may as well say certain things to which I feel our attention should be drawn.

In the field of agriculture and Soil Conservation Departments as we know, Mizoram has still lag behind other states in the field of agriculture and as stated by our leaders, Mizoram can produce only 20 percent of its requirement in the current year. Such being our condition, we, the members are griefs stricken and are at a loss how to solve the grievances of the people. Government also being aware of this sanctioned an enormous sum of rupees for Agriculture Department. However, if the fund is not utilized in the rightful purposes, all these money will be only disaster instead of being a source of blessing. It seems that there are many cases where funds allotted have not reached the lands of persons to whom money was allotted. For example - Government made strenuous effort for attainment of self-sufficiency in foodstuff for which Potato cultivation was encouraged not to speak of rice. Potato farms are made in various places such as in Sialsuk where 50 hectares of land was reclaimed for Potato cultivation. Under normal circumstances, it is likely that 50 hectares of land will yield lots of potato. In spite of large amount of money already spent, Mizoram has not still attained self-sufficiency in potato instead we still have to purchase from outside the state even for seedlings. Such being the condition, it is almost believable that all the money sanctioned by the Government for potato cultivation are wasted and mis-used. It is therefore truly necessary for the government to see to the utilisation of fund sanctioned for Agriculture Department so as to ensure that fund are utilized for the rightful purposes.

In the case of Forest Department - I am glad to note the achievements made by Forest Department. Many places are brought under plantation areas which are beautiful to look at and refreshing for the mind. But, I do not think it will be right if we neglect preservation/reservation of natural forest while we put much emphasis on afforestation. It seems that in spite of their progress in making artificial forest the Department is weak in preservation of natural forest. It is therefore necessary to concentrate on making artificial forest side by side with preservation of natural forest.

I am happy to note much improvement made in PWD and PHE. New Divisions and Sub-divisions are opened in different places. Nevertheless, Government will need to ensure that fund sanctioned for various purposes such as for irrigation, construction of building and roads are actually spent for the true purposes.

The same goes for PHE Department. For example government have, since many past years, made effort for improvement of water supply by pumping water from river Tlawng. Many years had gone by, yet there is no improvement to this project till the present day. Nevertheless, I hope that this will turn to be an encouragement to make greater effort.

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Actually, it is less significant to have big schemes and plans if they are not expeditiously implemented. It is therefore necessary for the government to ensure that schemes and programmes that had already been made are expeditiously implemented.

In respect of Education Department - I think every government employee has promotion, annual increment and crossing of efficiency bar as the object of their hope. I do not know about the teachers of northern district but in southern district. Primary teachers remain for a long time without being able to cross their efficiency bar due to long delay in the procedure. Granting authority for crossing efficiency bar is the Director. Their cases are sent to the office of Director for procession where usually there is delay. I feel that it is necessary to make other arrangement such as empowering D.E.Os granting authority. I think it will also make things easier if D.E.O. of each district are made granting authority. Truly speaking our Government's employees are displeased when their annual increment are withheld for a long time. It is therefore necessary to make some other arrangement in this regard.

It is learnt that there should be around 130 experimental schools in Mizoram and if I am not mistaken, I think a number of such schools are to be opened even in the southern area. It seems, however that the matter needs to be considered more seriously. In southern area, experimental schools were opened in some villages but there is no experienced teacher to be employed and the teachers are so inadequate that it will be necessary to increase the number of teachers in these schools. If I am not mistaken, I think Vanhne and Thuampui villages have only one teacher in their experimental schools and I also do not know whether they are matriculate. Experimental schools opened with an object to improve education are not well - equipped with experienced and adequate number of teacher we may fall in our objective in this regard. It is therefore truly necessary to improve the lot of these newly opened experimental schools.

In respect of Industry Department in view of variety of crops flourished in Mizoram, I think it is easiest for Mizoram to attain self-sufficiency in Mustard Oil. As you may be aware, our daily consumption of M.Oil is fairly high in spite of being imported article. Considering our daily requirement in addition to the potentiality available for procession of M.Oil in our own state, I think we should more encourage growing of crops from which oil can be extracted instead of encouraging the growing of ginger for the disposal of which cannot we find good market. Actually ginger growers are much in distress and they have in fact lost hope due to non-availability of good market for the disposal of their productions. Instead of ginger, growing of Sesamum should be encouraged since tasty oil can be extracted from the seeds of this crop. I think there is no place in Mizoram where Sesamum cannot be grown especially in the western areas Sesamum can really flourish.

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If growing of sesamum is encouraged extracting machine be installed in places where sesamum flourished. I think such machine is not very expensive. If machine can be distributed group centre-wise or constituency wise, there will not be wastage or loss in transit as the villagers themselves can gather in the seeds for procession from the growing areas. As I feel that there is potentiality available in Mizoram for attaining self-sufficiency in Mustard Oil, I request the Government to consider and taken necessary action regarding what I suggested.

It is pleasing that Government used to allot fund on different heads of loan such as Housing loan for Low and Middle Income groups. As noted, Housing loan has been of a great help to the people for construction of houses. Our building structure and houses also have much improved since loan system is introduced in Mizoram. Besides being financial aid to the people especially to those who have low income, loan is one source of income for the government. I think we should therefore more encourage loan system.

It also appears that loan is given for establishment of Co-operative Societies. However, it seems that many difficulties can emerge if government is not careful in giving loan for this purpose, for, in some cases, money given for establishment of Co-operative Societies are divided among themselves without using them for the purpose. I therefore request the government to see to the appropriation of money given for establishment of Co-operative Societies.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Is there other member who wish to speak?
Pu Bualhrang may speak.

PU BUALHRANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, on scrutiny of the provision the current budget is quite satisfactory. I am truly glad that provision is made for further development of the people and the country.

One thing which, however entered to my mind is the need to look into the condition of workers if government truly intend to make headway in developmental works. Being the ones to whom the people bring forth their grievances and disappointments, we may be aware of the unsatisfactory functioning of some government's employees in the execution of developmental works and the reason may be known to us. It is understood that every government employee will be anxious to get promotion and annual increment. If nothing is done to improve and consolidate the condition of our government employee whose services are much required in our attempt to develop the people and the country, large provision of fund may not bring fruitful result. Being not government servants we may not fully understand what had been widely talked about regarding service Rule. Even in the case of counting seniority, there can be 4/5 claimants for senior-most position. Though we simply accepted their grievances, the real reason seemed to be that there is no proper service Rule. As consequence, there is much confusion in determining their service conditions which at the same time disheartened our government employees. Under such circumstances, it is likely that their enthusiasm for hard work will eventually die down.

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It is therefore necessary to look into their service condition and service Rule for determining seniority, promotion etc. also be made specifically. If there are persons negligent of their duties even after Rule is being enforced stern action may be taken. Otherwise, if we simply expect them to do their duties as usual without solving their problems and grievences it will not be fair on the part of the government. I strongly believe that there will be speedier development if the grievences of our government employees are addressed.

Our Hon'ble Chief Whip from Opposition Party mentioned about the in-adequacy of staff in this Assembly Secretariat which I want to repeat. We may know that whether we are efficient or not, we the members are entrusted by the people and the government to be the 'Brain Box' for further move in various directions and it is our duty to go on working as best as we can. It is through this Assembly Secretariat that members, who held no executive post will execute the works. As we all know, if a Minister have in-adequacy member of staff to help him efficiently and hard labour may not reach to effect the well-being of the people and the country. Similarly, if this Assembly Secretariat do not have adequate number of staff to pursue programmes and schemes made by the members in the Committees, the time will come when we become negligent of our responsibility towards the people. It is therefore truly necessary to strengthen Assembly Secretariat with adequate staff so as to have various plans and programmes made in the Committees implemented as it should at the right time and place.

It seems that Parliamentary Affairs Department has also functioned merely as one sectional department under Political department with one Under Secretary assisted by two staff. If the main-stem which unites the government and the Assembly together is too weak or too fragile, strenuous efforts made in the Assembly may not be effective in the government. We should therefore do well in strengthening Parliamentary Affairs Department with more staff so that the wishes of the people and schemes made for further improvement may get materialised more expeditiously which at the same time will be of a great help to the people and the Government.

It is needless to say the aims, objectives and importance of Co-operative Societies as they are all desirable. It is also the policy of Central Government to encourage more and more of the Co-operative Society movement. However, in Mizoram, it is not yet possible to have a hope in Co-operative Societies in view of their performance though we should not blame the workers or the staff. On closer scrutiny of the matter, it seems that it is disadvantageous to have many societies. It appears that we need not to be too advance in Registration as it is evident that many registered Co-operative Societies are not functioning/operating. In this regard, we cannot totally blame Co-operative Societies or the workers. What I want to suggest is that Co-operative Department carefully look-after few Co-operative Societies we have had so as to re-gain the confidence of the people in Co-operative Society Movement. If the Department can operate these Societies successfully, I think we will soon make headway as we, the Mizos are lovers of novel things. If the Department makes concentrated efforts towards mobilization of few societies already established instead of racing towards creation of more firm, Co-operative Society movement will be successful in Mizoram. But, as we, the Mizos, do not have skill in maintenance of accounts especially where financial involment is high, the staff and

and officers in our Co-operative Society Firms may be taught accountancy and they should also be given proper guidance. I think we should also try to implant in the minds of the society members the motto of Co-operative Society which is 'each for all and all for each', These are all my advice in regards to Co-operative Society.

PU HIPHEI : PU Deputy Speaker, I am glad that by favour of Central Government we could now have budget to discuss with large provision of fund beyond our expectation especially in looking back the past years while Mizoram was under the erstwhile District Council.

Desiring to make my wishes known to the House, I would like to say certain things meaningfully. Due to irregular supply of electric power last night I could not thoroughly go through the budget, hence it may be difficult to say things specifically. However, I will try. If we make wrong statements for not knowing the facts, the Ministers may say so when they speak and what is correct may be taken for granted. For example - according to my calculation, supplementary demand for grant for the three District Councils is 2.3. whereas it is 2.4 in the budget book. As I do not know which one is correct, I want our Finance Minister to clarify it when he makes a speech.

As stated, the figure in the Budget is not small. We have, in fact, never dreamed of having such a large amount of money while we were under the erstwhile District Council. It is however, obvious that Rs. 40 crore will not be sufficient in view of last year's expenditure which amounted to Rs. 56 crore under Revised Estimate. Being under developing country we can be sure that our requirements will be greater than that of last year. Even with certain sum of rupees to be acquired under Revised Estimate, the total outlay will still be the same amount with that of last year's outlay. It is therefore disheartening to pass a Budget. Which we know before hand will not be sufficient. Nevertheless, there is nothing we can do about it. It is therefore needless to say the amount of money we have in the budget.

In his Budget speech, our Finance Minister requested all sections of the people and our hon'ble members to extend their cooperation for smooth running of the administration which we certainly should do. But what entered into my mind is how we will co-operate each other and how will we find the way to work together. One suggestion I have for this is to arrange get-together for Ministers, MLAs and the public once in a while and the same be arranged for officers non-officers and Heads of Departments. As we know we, the members are the link between the people and the government and the people also used the members to convey their desires grievances and disappointments to the government. Such being out co-relation, I think our official should regard the matters conveyed by us from the public as one part of their jobs. However, may be due to heavy pressure of works this is not the case with some officials though we do not deny heavy schedule of works shouldered on them. For example- once we tried to meet Chief Secretary, but he claimed to be so busy that we decided to meet him some other time when he can spare time. Just before the Session we again decided to meet him and he again declined our request on the ground that he was leaving for Delhi the next day. But when we made persistent request to give us only one minute, he agreed to see us.

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Again, we tried to meet him yesterday but he said he was going to see no one. Such being the difficulty faced by the M.L.As. I wonder now would we convey the messages of the public to the Government. If we, the representatives of the people have often faced difficulty to meet the officers or if we often fail in meeting our officials how will the messages of the public be conveyed to the Government and how will we co-operate the Government. Actually, when we meet the officers, it is hardly personal matters. Most of our meetings are on matters of public importance. When we have get-together at C.M.'s Bangla, we were quite happy but the next day we have difficulty of meeting officials. Hence, I thought that our cooperation was hampered by the difficulty in meeting officials. I do not know how to accept the statement made by our Finance Minister in his budget speech.

Largest provision in the Budget is for construction of Road and Bridges. It seems that PWD has largest provision of fund among other departments of Mizoram which should certainly be the case. Being the department which works hardest, they should be given largest provision of fund and they should also spend largest amount of money. But there is one question to be placed before us - will it be possible to set right one defect found in PWD? In Chhimituipui District there are many 3rd class registered contractors who have no contract work though they are paying renewal fee every year. As more and more of new registration is opened, there have now been many contractors who cannot find any work. As a solution to this problem, they tendered quotation call at the rate of 50 per cent below. It is understood that there will be any profit in tendering contract work at such a low rate. Under such circumstances, something has to be done to make profit. As a result, corruption prevails. To do away with such corruption is it possible to stop opening of new registration before the former registered contractors could get contract work? Otherwise, there used to be corruption when contractors having no working contract take a race course to get work. Is there any way to solve this problem, for example by stopping opening of new registration?

The second largest provision in the budget is for supply and disposal. As may be noted Mizoram has started facing supply problem. If there is no improvement in supply condition, it is undoubted that many persons will die of hunger. While supply condition is as such, there is however rice to be purchased in the market. Have not government been aware of the means by which private dealers can get rice supply to be sold in the market at black market rate? I think the time has come for the government to enforce official procedure and take legal actions if necessary as it is a matter of life and death to masses of people. I also desire that strenuous effort be made to improve supply condition.

In the case of administration - it seems that case had also been filed in Gauhati High Court due to discontention of officers in their service conditions. Unless their case is decided they cannot get promotion. Whether it was the previous Ministry which had misshuffled, it is truly necessary to solve the problem of our officers regarding seniority list and service condition. To put the blame on each other for certain defect will not improve Mizoram. Government may therefore sort out this problem as soon as possible.

So much de-centralisation of power has also weakened administration in Mizoram. For example two/three lakhs of rupees is sanctioned for EGS for Chhimituipui District. But, inspite of the fund being sanctioned, the scheme has yet to be approved by the government, thus delaying EGS works in villages. I think we should empower, the D.C to exercise full power at least over the utilization of such a limited sanctioned amount of money. As the D.C. does not have full power for utilization of even such a limited fund that there is slow progress in EGS works. The D.C. of each district should in future, be given full power to the utilization of limited fund sanctioned for their respective district so that there may be speedier execution of works. As it is the area where I have been living all along, I cannot help to single out Chhimituipui District. Generally speaking, Chhimituipui District is very unfortunate. For example - Our Finance Minister said that Rs. 125.53 'food for work' was allotted by Government of India at free of cost. But, not a single grain is distributed in Chhimituipui District on the ground that transportation charge is too high during rainy season. If 'food for work' is sold by the people living in Aizawl to whom it was given in kind we too can easily sell them if there is rice especially these days while there is scarcely rice to purchase. If others can, why cannot we too implement 'food for work' programme in cash? It is wrong not to spend even a single rupee for the people of Chakmas and Pawi living in Chhimituipui District. Whereas the Central Government had sanctioned an enormous sum of rupees. Paucity of population has often been used as an excuse for not taking up some developmental works in Chhimituipui District which may be true on population basis it is likely that the whole of Mizoram also could have only one Hospital. But, this is not the condition, instead we could now have been lifted up to our present position due to the kindness and sympathy of Central government. It is therefore truly necessary to give due importance to the welfare and upliftment of the people living in more backward areas. Truly speaking, it is hurting to know that government have no intention to spend even Rupees 1 thousand for Chhimituipui District.

It is not only that. Even in the case of allotment of fund under Community Development if we calculate the expenditure of Aizawl C.D. Block and the expenditure of our C.D. Blocks in Chhimituipui District there is a great difference in figure. The total expenditure of our C.D. Blocks - Sangau, Lawngtlai, Luipang and Chawngte is only two-third of the expenditure of Tlangnuam C.D. Block. It is fairly unjust and the fund allotted to the District Councils is also too meagre. How will Chhimituipui District make progress under such circumstances? The total expenditure incurred for Chhimituipui District is not equal to even expenditure allocated for one Department here. Also, no power has yet been given to the D.C. authorities and the same goes to Primary Education and Dispensaries. Are not we to honour the Constitution of India. Why had not we honour them? Government should do as provided in the Constitution. It is wrong to neglect us so badly. Actually, it is partial that Primary Education is also given to Chhimituipui District, the proof of which is in their pay. We too want to receive pay correctly. We also desire that Chhimituipui District be given the same treatment as that of other Districts even if priority is not given. Unequal allotment of fund and partial treatment be stopped so that there may be closer unity and better co-operation among us I earnestly request the government to make effort this way.

Thank you.

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* PU J.H.ROTHUAMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I am glad that there is discussion today. But, the budget may not be sufficient in view of the conditions of Mizoram though we are aware of the need to adjust fund according to necessity of circumstances.

Of the things I want to say, I would first of all, like to stress upon law and order situation which has become so deteriorated that there had been killings and bloodshed at various places. We strongly dislike such violence who ever be the culprits. Besides killings and bloodshed, there prevails burning of A.O's office and quarters. It seems that Sairang A.O's office was also burnt down recently. In view of the recent happenings, and the deteriorated law and order situation it is truly necessary to make efforts to improve the prevailing situation. If there is no improvement in law and order situation large provision of fund we have in the budget for development may not have real value as it should have and implementation of various schemes and programmes chalked out for further may also be difficult.

To maintain law and order situation, government have many useful instruments such as our Police Forces. In view of the prevailing situation, I feel that our Police Forces need mobilization. We know that they are given training at the only Training Centre we have in Mizoram. But, an approach road to their Training Centre has not been made truckable road, till today and the location of Training centre is not very favourable unless it is more beneficial to have Training Centre instituted in hot climate. So far as we can see, hot climate is not healthy and there are many mosquitoes which spread malaria fever. On the top of having training in hot climate, our Police personnel who are undergoing training in this centre have to head-load their own ration. Such being the condition of our Police while on training in this centre it is truly necessary to improve their Training Centre. If everyone maintains efficiency, I think we need not have many Police Forces. If we strengthened and improve their conditions, a number of Police Forces we have at present may be sufficient to maintain law and order situation in Mizoram. As noted, we will have to send them to other states for training which is one way of mobilization. It seems that there are still many things to decide in the Police organization regarding their pay, promotion etc., I believe that there will be more enthusiasm for work if government find a solution to their grievances.

According to a report received lately, it seems that the residents of Mauzam villages situated at Mizoram-Bangladesh border were driven out by outsiders who entered into Mizoram. It is learnt further that these residents of Mauzam Thlawhbawk hide themselves in the jungle. I think that the government should immediately see to this matter.

I think we all are aware of the importance of Agriculture in Mizoram. It is due to failure of Agriculture that there is difficulty in supply and in many other things. But, in view of various steps already taken for improvement of agriculture, it is almost believable that Mizoram do not have proper target. It is understood that there is much difficulty in jhumming cultivation, yet, it is necessary to encourage our farmers to have better harvest than the previous year. Nowadays, plantation of apple is being encouraged and large sum of rupees is spent for purchase of apple-crafts from snow-covered hilly areas. But, many crafts get dried before they are reached to plantation area. If apple plantation is encouraged in Mizoram

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it will be necessary to collect information from Agriculture experts and the government should first open Demonstration Farm for intending-planters before they encourage such planting. Only after it is believed to be beneficial should the people be encouraged apple-planting. Actually, our Agriculture experts till today, cannot ascertain as to whether apple-plantation will be a success in Mizoram. It is therefore necessary to consider whether it is right to spend a large sum of rupees for purchase of apple-crafts at this stage. Potato seeds are also purchased from outside every year spending a large sum of rupees. But, since Mizoram also have had potato-growing areas, I think large-scale purchase from outside should be stopped. Instead of throwing away all the money outside it is better to make local-purchase even if it is for supply so that our growers may get benefit. I think local production will be sufficient for seedlings without having to purchase from outside. I think we should make arrangement this way.

As stated by our Finance Minister in his Budget speech, there is much improvement in health services. Besides hospitals, Primary Health Centres are being opened at various places for which I am thankful. It seems however, that there is certain defect somewhere in the working system of our medical workers. Giving priority to preventive measures, male and female health workers are posted in different places. But due to non-availability of good roads and transport facilities, health workers posted in distant and far-flung villages have great difficulty. Mizoram, as we know, is not like plain areas where there is easy communication. Besides transport problem, they are not provided with enough medicine to be used and distributed to their respective centres while we, on the other hand, efficiently. I feel that government should take immediate steps to improve their working system and if necessary they may also adopt certain measures as were not in use in other states since Mizoram has a peculiar topography where roads are found to be up and down besides streams and rivers here and there.

It is also learnt that one kind of medicines for malaria fever was purchased by Health department. But, of 30,000 tablets already purchased, only 20/30 tablets reached Mizoram. I feel that the department should take strong measures to find out the reasons for this loss and the company from which medicines were purchased and the authority who gave purchased order. It will be a heavy loss to the government if such a good and costly medicines get lost.

As we may be aware, various schemes and proposals are made in PHE & PWD for further development. However there is one thing which the government have not realized in the centre of our development. I feel that in our budget we should make provision for novel things which have not been done before instead of following the same old course and making a little addition to the same old provision. Particularly in PWD, many new roads have been constructed and our achievements are shown in the budget which we appreciate. However, if we concentrate only on earth-digging neglecting other necessities like black-topping, boulder, Road-roller, tools etc. how will our workers execute the works expeditiously? If adequate working tools and materials are provided to different divisions of PWD, there will be speedier execution of work and equal tempo of development in different parts of the country. Provision in the budget should also be made like-wise that is according to the necessity of each division.

I have also mentioned about a small Department of Inland Water Transport, In view of diesel and petrol crisis which resulted supply and transport difficulty on land, we may do well in operating water transport in our rivers like Tlawng and Tuifial. If necessary, man-power may also be used. The only IWT Sub-Division we have in Mizoram is also not properly taken care of inspite of heavy schedule of works lying before them. So as to have cheaper transport system, more provision of fund should be made for this department and new Division also be established.

In spite of high literacy percentage of Mizoram in education, we still lack technicians and persons having technical qualification. I have often wondered as to why some departments do not pay enough attention to their technicians. Particularly in Veterinary, Agriculture and PWD - the salary of Engineers under PWD and Agriculture is not on equal basis which perhaps makes technical-line less attractive. If we want to have more technicians and persons to pursue technical studies, the job and pay of technicians should be made more attractive and their service conditions regarding promotion also should be tempting so that we may encourage more persons to pursue technical studies.

In the case of Revenue - it seems that distribution of works between Revenue Directorate and D.C. Branch hinders the normal function of both the departments as in the case of allotment of house sites. While allotment of House site is in the hand of D.C. there are time when allotment order came to V/C in some villages whereas it come to the A.O. in some villages though the order was the same thing. If there is no intention to establish District office, Directorate of Revenue should be given back the assignment for allotment of house-site since the D.C. Branch has still list of works even without the allotment of house-site. Though there are many things to say, I will but end my speech here.

Thank you.

* PU S. VADYU : PU Deputy Speaker, I am glad for having an opportunity to discuss Mizoram Budget 1980-81 besides having more outlay of fund than last year's budget. However, as we have listened, fund provided in the budget and its implementations has often been improporportionated for which I was sorry.

In spite of a large sum of rupees provided a provision made for labour and employment is too meagre and no provision is made for labour Branch. I therefore desire that government take action in this regard as this has caused many problems to our contractors. Because of labour problem in Mizoram our contractors have to get labourers from outside which resulted in influx of outsiders with and without Inner Line Permit besides breaking the barrier for reservation of Mizoram for the tribals in particular. As may be aware, it is not possible to have strict control, over the issue of Inner Line Permit which in the long run caused Mizoram may problems.

I regret to note that the rate of daily wage-basis labourers has not been increased till today though the matter had been talked about. Perhaps Mizoram is the place where there is the cheapest-labour. At present, the working-rate un-skilled labourer is Rs. 12/- to Rs. 15/- per day below which there is hardly any labourer to employ.

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While it is Rs. 12/- to Rs. 15/- even under Private Employment, labourers working under the government are employed only at the rate of Rs. 6/- and Rs. 7.50 per day. On the top of that, the wages of all the government labourers are not equal amounts. For example - labourers in and around Aizawl town are accepted as semi-skilled labourers and as such they are employed at higher rate than that of other labourers, in other places though there is no difference in the nature of their work. Being sons of the soil, it is truly necessary to have an equal wage basis for labourers of all places of Mizoram and the government also will do well in increasing their wage rate so as to make their living a little easier.

In respect of employment - I feel that Lunglei and Chhaintuipui Districts are in a very unfortunate position, may be for the reason of centralisation of power as stated by one of our members. As may be aware, almost every new recruitment is made and processed from Aizawl and no exception to recruitment of III & IV Grade Staff. Candidates living outside Aizawl usually received notice issued from employment Exchange office, after the expiry of the date for interview or written test for whatever post it is. There are many cases where the candidates received no calling letters most probably because of long delay in postal system. Besides this, candidates from Chhaintuipui or Lunglei Districts have to come all the way to Aizawl for interview/written test spending sometimes borrowing money for their expense without knowing whether or not they will be appointed. The difficulty faced by the people living in distant and outlying areas is not trifle. I therefore want to request the government to make recruitment/appointment of at least IIIrd & IV Grade staff at each District headquarters instead of conducting only at Aizawl. This will solve much of our problem.

It is also learnt that some departments give not much importance to Departmental Examination they themselves conducted to decide departmental promotion of their Officers. For example - Promotion of non-Gazetted A.O. to Gazetted A.O. was made on seniority basis and they are also expected to appear before the CPC. Yet, A.Os who did not appear before the DPC were also appointed. Such being the conditions of our officers I feel that we should do as it is done in other states and give importance to departmental examination to decide the efficiency of our officers for promotion to the next stage.

I also desire that faster promotion be made for S.As under PWD, for, there is a little chance for them to climb up. It seems that of the 200 Sectional Officers posts laying vacant, only some of them were filled-up and the reason seemed to be because of the post being 1st Grade post. But, I think S.As whether they are regular or work-charge employees who have had 12-15 years of service should be promoted and get these vacant posts filled-up so that there may be speedier execution work in PWD.

As often stated, Mizoram has still lag behind other states in technical education though there is high literacy percentage in Arts subjects. We have, in fact, cannot fill-up reserved seats Mizoram have in different technical and medical Institutions. Such being our condition, I think we should do well in increasing the amount of scholarship allotted to technical students. I also desire that the rate of sponsor scholarship be increased so that students who enjoy this scholarship may not often have to drain money from their parents.

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As already stated by one of our members, what we saw have more vivid impression and more priority is given to it than things we did not see. In last year's Budget session I mentioned about the construction of bridge over the river Chhimituipui. In the current Budget, provision are made for construction of bridges at different areas but no provision is made for Chhimituipui may be because the government have not fully realized our difficulties. The river Chhimituipui flows between Hnahthial and Sangau and in the southern end it flows between Lawngtlai and Saina which at last flows into the Burma thus encircling the whole of Chhimituipui District. The only foot path for us to go beyond the river is towards Burma and no other roads towards India. The only link we have with the rest of Indian states is truck road constructed by our PWD and BRF. But, as the road crosses the river at many sectors, there is always a time when vehicle cannot ply during rainy season. Sometimes it is also not possible to cross the river by ferry. When vehicle cannot ply the road for 2/3 months, usually there is supply problem not to speak of other many difficulties the people and students studying outside have to face. Being the river of our sorrow, I want the government to construct a bridge over the river Chhimituipui.

In spite of the proposal being made much earlier, opening of Soil and PHE Division in Chhimituipui District has not been materialized till now while we, the MLAs and the people look forward to it. According to information collected from our Ministers and officers of Soil and PWD, it seems that the matter was referred to L.G. where it remained for sometimes. Even in the previous session, I have mentioned about it. Actually, we cannot regard ourselves as being not neglected specially when the government cannot get the proposal already approved by the Lt. Governor materialized till now. If there is L.G.'s approval, we find no reason why we should not the proposal get materialized. We do not deny technical problem faced by Mizoram but, there are many technicians employed for other parts of Mizoram whereas there is no technicians for Chhimituipui District. We cannot understand such negligence.

I would also like to mention few things regarding law and order as it is the only chance we have for pointing out the deteriorated law and order situation particularly since the present Ministry took the government. While under President's rule, we longed for our own popular government. Yet, when we have our own popular government there are killings, bloodshed and other unfavourable incidents which we all regret to note as we all are responsible whether we are ruling party member or Opposition member. Though we all are responsible for maintenance of law and order, the government has higher responsibility as all the departments are under their control. I feel that the behaviour of the CRP and the Security Forces towards the public is very unfavourable. Not only touching and ill-treating our women, they also operated housesearch in the residence of our hon'ble MLAs. In fact, the residence of Opposition members are very often searched. It will not be pleasing if such ill-behaviour of CRP no more be heard. I think we should also have faith in each other for whether we are Ruling Party member or Opposition member. We have a common problem for a solution to which co-ordinated effort is required.

Thank you.

PU LALTHANZAUVA : PU Deputy Speaker, much had been said about law and order situation. We know that the residence of one of our members was search by CRP last night. To tell the truth, CRP personnel also came to my house last night with weapons. But as they do not have search-warrant when I demand, I did not allowed them to have my house searched. As it was a firm demand I made, they said they will go and got the warrant during which my house was guarded. This is how CRP personnel behaved even towards the representatives of the people. Such being their attitude and behaviour even towards the MLAs, it is understood how they will behave towards the people particularly towards ordinary citizens. If the CRP who are to maintain law and order also behave that way, how will there be improvement in law and order situation ? It is truly necessary to take firm measures in this regard.

It is a fact that there is more provision of fund in the current budget than last year's budget. But, it appears that there is not much provision for development of rural areas due to which I cannot agree to say that the budget is satisfactory.

Supply is mentioned under Demand No. 12. I think we cannot deny supply difficulty we have been facing in Mizoram. The people living in Aizawl town cannot be issued even half of their weekly quota of ration whereas there are many quintals of rice to be purchased in the market at high rate. If we cannot get civil motors to carry supply of rice from F.C.I. Silchar, we should demand Military service as it is done in other states in case of emergency and natural calamities like cyclone or flood. So long as it is for public safety, Military carrier should be used. If we have not our daily food, it will not possible to carry through plans and proposals made for development. If Central government is incapable of supplying enough food to meet the requirements of Mizoram, they should allow us to import food commodities from Burma or Bangladesh. It will not be fair if we, the Mizos are left to go on living without food to eat. How will life be if there is not enough supply of rice ? It should be our first and foremost task from today to make effort for the improvement of supply condition and if necessary, other methods than the present system may also be adopted. The people of my constituency i.e. Sialsuk are much in distress that the A.O. and other government officials sent WP message to Aizawl while I at the same time make strenuous effort to obtain at least few quantities to meet their immediate need. But having no rice myself, I cannot meet their immediate requirements and their messengers have to go back in dismay as there is no way out of this problem. I feel that necessary steps should be taken immediately for improvement of supply condition.

As stated by one of our members it is a fact that the government have vast potato growing area at Sialsuk which, however, does not seem to be of much help to Mizoram in regard to supply of potato. It may be noted that since the last two years Sialsuk has large production of potato from their growing areas for the disposal of which they asked the Government to purchase them as they have no market to dispose of. Yet, the government cannot make any purchase even at the rate of Re. 1/- per kg. While, we, the Mizos are not in the habit of having potato in substitute for rice. As such, the growers have no way to turn their production into cash. Such being their condition, we have the kinds of potato grown there examined by the experts as to whether they are fit for seedlings.

But, unfortunately they are not fit for seedlings and no good road is available in that part area to take them to outside markets. As encouraged, the people grow potato and they have large production. But, as there is no market to dispose of their production they, only remain awaiting the time till all their potato gets rotten while at the same time they have to live under the charity of persons who have little production of rice. Nowadays, distribution of potato seeds has been starting and in fact, many quintal of potato seeds have been reached to my constituency though they are all rotten and un-fit for growing. What is to be done in this case? How will one grow rotten potato? I feel that it is necessary for Agriculture Department to ensure that seeds and seedlings supplied to the cultivators are in good condition.

Not only potato seeds, but also apple-crafts are supplied which have though all dried up before they reach plantation areas. How will dry crafts be planted? Even if they are planted, they will not grow. To have them planted in such a condition will only mean waste of time and labour on the part of the planters. In the past years also, we have often failed to supply seeds and seedlings in time. Even last year, seedlings and seeds were distributed during the dry season of August. We should however try this year to get supply of seeds and seedlings at the right season which is around the month of June. From what I gathered, it seems that the reason for delay in reaching the supply of seedlings in time was because of long time taken for procession of files as a result of which there was delay in issue of supply order. When the suppliers received supply order and they actually supplied the seedlings, planting/growing season has already lapsed. If such has been our condition, Mizoram will be in a worse position even if the Agriculture Department claimed in writing to have covered vast acres of land under reclamation, plantation and terracing. I therefore desire and request the government to take effective measures to remove the difficulty of Agriculture Department in getting supply of seeds and seedlings in time and at the same time Agriculture Department also should make effort to be able to reach supply of seeds and seedlings to their destiny at the right season.

As may be aware almost all the activities of Soil Department are duplicate to that of Agriculture Department which to some extent may have advantage. I feel however, that there should be slight difference in their activities as they have different name of department. As Mizoram is hilly area the out-pouring of heavy rainfall can be devastating to gardeners and farmers, who cultivate land near the river banks or on the hill-slopes. Protection of plants and crops from being devastated by heavy rainfall and floods should be left to Soil Department so that their service may be of much use to the people. Under the present circumstances even if a gardener reports the devastation of his garden by heavy-rain or flood, nothing can be done as they are not included under the scheme and plan of Soil Department. I think we should therefore make the Department function as its name is Soil Department.

Under Demand No. 19, there is medical. Though our members have stated much about health services in Mizoram, I still want to say certain things. If we go through last year's budget, we shall see that large provision of fund was made for construction of new building. Even in the current budget, another provision was made for construction of building.

Yet, we can see that all the fund sanctioned for this purpose has lapsed without a single Rupee being spent. The reason for lapse of fund seemed to be because of non-availability of Engineer in the Department. When they hand over the task to P.W.D. they too were not in a position to take up the work to shortage of Engineer in their Department. As a result many proposals for construction of building in different parts of Mizoram have not yet been implemented till today. Proposal made last year for construction of Public Health Centre at Sialsuk has also not yet been started. As a matter of fact, not even a single post has been erected till today. To prevent lapse of fund, we may ask other Departments to call tender and to construct the building if PWD is not in a position to do so. If not, we may ask BRIF do the construction works as was done in the case of Buildings at Shrivaji Rilla so that fund may be used for the rightful purposes. I request the authorities concerned to note this.

In regard to Education - having small villages in my Constituency, I cant find our criteria to be right for provincialization and recognition of schools and also in giving grant-in-aid. In big villages, there usually live more population and more number of students. There are also more manpower than in small village which enable them to construct better building besides being able to collect more fund to employ more qualified persons. But in small villages, there cannot be many students or manpower. Such being the difference between small and big villages, it may not be right to use the same criteria. So long as the criteria for small and big villages is made on the same basis, it will mean that we are starting to classify students who are to be future leaders and students who will be their subordinates when grown up as environment plays an important role in shaping the life of human beings particularly growing children. If the government regard small villages as deserving more priority than big villages, I think there will be equal pace of development.

PU C.L. RUALA : PU Deputy Speaker, two whole nights were allotted to us for studying our home-work book which as we know is a thick book. Though I intended to read, the electric current has often failed may be because supply of grid power obtained by our Ministers from other states was the type of electric current which travels faster than the type we used to having here. If there is no electric light, there is no other way except to put away my home-work book. I have in fact, considered that it may be better to have Petromax lamps distributed to us instead of having irregular and dependable supply of electric light.

I have now roughly gone through the Budget. Very unfortunately, the CRP are at large these days conducting house-search in the residences of our Hon'ble members. It is now quite bothersome to harbour guests and visitors as they are immensely harassed by the CRP. I have, in fact, dreamt in my sleep that I telephoned our Chief Minister in this regard. Even after I assured the Commandant the identity and innocence of ^{my} guests, they still took them away from my house to Thana. In a place where there is suspicion and distrust of the representatives of the people, I do not know how we will co-operate the government. Our Finance Minister stated the need to have co-operation and understanding for running administration. Though we are anxious to help and co-operate the Ministry, yet now shall we whom even the Police and CRP do not trust co-operate them?

I do not know how to deal with the situation. I desire that my point be given a serious thought from today. If they want our full hearted co-operation, they should trust us. Is it possible to co-operate someone who does not trust you? It is impossible as in our case and it is not our fault either. Government should carefully consider the matter relating to law and order situation. As stated, we were harassed by the CRP and Thana had to be visited 2/3 times even last night. Sometimes before, our CM have told us that without warrant, the Police have no right to operate house-search in anybody's house. But why did the Police operate house-search without warrant under the leadership of the same person who have told us earlier rules of conduct of the Police. Have the rules been amended? If not, they should be in force these days since he is the Chief Minister and highest authority. If the existing laws are justly enforced, the people will be happy and there will not be un-necessary harassment of the Police and CRP and the representatives of the people also will be treated with due respect. We have now been too dis-honoured.

I am glad that there is large provision of fund in the budget. If we are to give thanks for the amount of money provided, we should surely give thanks. However, it seems that there is not much development to be seen inspite of increase in the budget since the time of District Council till the present time. Every year there is increase in the outlay of budget, yet, the people of rural areas have not got much additional amount. As such, I have always considered that Mizoram may be in worse position and there may be more corruption when there is more fund to be used which therefore, holds me back to express my thanks over the outlay of fund in the current budget. For example- let me say one thing. If we go through the budget, we know that there is large provision for purchase and repair of vehicles. But, it is understood that there will not be much slice to be cut for rural areas from this provision. Usually, there is more provision for use outside Mizoram than provision made for use within Mizoram the reason being a chance for monetary gain in the former case while there is nothing to gain in the latter case. I think we also notice that there is no increase in the provision of fund made for rural areas, and no preventive measures are being taken against rapid increase in prices though prices are higher this year than that of last year. As such, I feel that the current budget is worse than last year's budget.

Loan had been given to Co-operative Society Wholesale. The amount of loan is much less than the amount to be given to them next year. It is through these Societies that essential commodities are obtained at cheaper rate. But in the current budget, there is no preventive measure taken against rapid increase in prices. Salt is a good example. At present, one Kg of salt cost Rs. 7/- whereas it was Rs. 5/- recently. In our budget, the same amount of fund is provided for the same thing as it was in the previous budget but the amount is increased in the provision where there is chance of monetary gain. As such, I have no reason to give thanks for an outlay of fund we have in our current budget. In the case of Loan- to help the people find settlement for their livelihood loan are distributed of different kinds of loans distributed, there is also agriculture loan for which provision is made even in the current budget. But, the amount is less than the provision made in the previous budget whereas more and more provision is made for purchase of fertilizer. It seems that the Department used to have gain in purchase of such material. Provision for purchase of seeds has also gone down.

Due to non-availability of goods seeds to be purchased the department decided to have their own nursery last year and large provision was made for this. However, the provision made in the current budget was much lesser and not even a single seed of potato was produced last year. It is truly disappointing.

If we made successful in agriculture much of our problems also will be solved. Agriculture is therefore, the most important development for Mizoram as it is also the main occupation of 80 per cent population of Mizoram. So long as we fail to improve the occupation of 80 per cent population it is understood that Mizoram will remain a poor state. As such development of agriculture should be given top priority. But at the same time while we realize the importance of agriculture, there are things that makes us despondent. According to my judgment, the present activities of Agriculture Department is like the second visit made by Chura (the name of a famous character in Mizo folk-lore - noted for his stupidity and industry) to Hawnjoing Village where he lied to the people about the existence of treasure under the water which the people believed, and dived down to the deep sea never to be heard again. Similar to this folk-lore Agriculture Department encouraged ginger growing and much emphasis was put on its advantage and benefit which the people believed. They started large-scale growing of ginger and have large production. But, there is no market to dispose of their production. Hence, instead of getting rich by using large scale ginger growing the growers have drowning into the sea of financial loss besides wasting their precious time at the same time while their production of ginger gets rotten. After ginger comes end of the year of potato growing though we cannot supply the seeds properly. Government decided to purchased 11000 quintals of potato seeds from outside. Of these, not even half have been reached Mizoram till today though the growing season has ended. My constituency also have not received any of the potato seeds supplied.

Next comes, apple plantation. Apple-crafts, the type of which we do not know were distributed and purchased was made from outside. It may be noted that apple plantation needs scientific method if it is to become a success. If every one to planter should at least 5/10 crafts, apple will bear no fruits, without knowing the scientific method of plantation crafts were distributed guessing as to how they will do the planting. These intending planters are the ones who grasped at the opportunity for getting the hidden treasure under the sea as it was in the case of the folk-lore. But they too will sink one day and they have in fact been sinking. But how shall we save them from sinking? We ourselves made trap for them to get drowned while we are trying to develop them. In view of the pace of development our budget is hardly satisfactory. If we want to grow temperate food in scientific method, we should send persons to undergo training to become experts. Actually, we do not held high esteem for Arunachal Pradesh yet, in the case of apple plantation, they have experts to instruct the planters the method of planting. To my Constituency crafts which have all dried up were supplied so the person-in-charge also dare not received them. They were taken back to the headquarter, Aizawl while we were told of the longevity of crafts and they have in fact encouraged us to plant the dried crafts. I wonder how much labour will be required to get dried crafts-grows? Such being how we have been working, it is necessary to be careful in the

way we do the works. It seems that our budget have no provision for introducing scientific method of working. Though large fund is provided in the budget for Information wing, yet I do not know what kind of works Information wing is doing. They cannot even tell how many kinds of potatoes are there in Mizoram and the production of Mizoram year-wise. The production of one village within my constituency was reported by the officer-in-charge. According to his report made on 27th Feb., it was 162 quintals whereas it was 220 quintals when it was again reported on 3rd March. The fewer number was taken for record. If there has to be difference in the report at ten days interval, I do not know what kind of information will the Information wing gives the public. Is it not waste of money to provide large fund for this?

There is an outlay of around Rs.10,00,000/- for marketing. yet, I do not know for which marketing large provision of fund is required when we inform about the production of many quintals of potatoes, Government cannot find good market but they make co-operative Society purchased them. To encourage the people to do certain things for which we could not find market to dispose of is only one way of disappointing them. I am afraid more and more people will get despondent in the activities of the Government.

I think there must also be reason for reducing the provision of fund for construction of roads and bridges in the current budget though I have no time to read explanation note.

Recently, the Estimate Committee had a visit to Plantation areas under Forest Department. In written statement, plantation seemed to be a real success as there are different species of plantations such as commercial plantation, Firewood plantation and Thlanvawng plantation. But if we make on the spot verification, we will realize that things are not the same when it comes to practicality. Thlanvawng, which we do not favour even for fuel can be of immense value in the written statement. When we asked for their species to be shown, they pointed towards Thlanvawng plantation. Next time, we visit the area, they may as well point their fingers towards the bamboos as being plantation area of some species.

Having Employment Exchange Department, many of us have registered our names. If the Department goes on functioning as they are functioning at present, I don't think we need to have Employment Exchange Office. I have, in fact, considering that this may be the reason why other Departments make appointment without through Employment Exchange. Instead of giving priority to persons who have registered their names last year, newly registered persons were called for interview/written test and no priority is given either to persons who belongs to the place where there is vacant post or is there consideration to candidates coming from far-flung areas for the posts created in far-flung areas. If there is going to be partiality, to be of some constituencies whose members are not from Ruling Party will be very unfortunate. If such irregularity prevails, the time will come when the people realize it.

In the case of Industry it may be noted that it is to the same persons living in towns that loan distributed under Industry Department are given each year. Not to speak of the money, but we cannot get even the Grant-in-aid form. According to our written statement, it seems that villagers who are really in need of grant-in-aid are also getting loan whereas it is not so in reality. I am truly sorry that villagers whose needs are greater than that of persons living in towns are not considered in the distribution of loan. I want the Minister-in-charge to note that it is now high time for the Govt. to give due consideration to the people of rural areas.

Lastly, it is about Statistic Department. Our negligence of Statistic Department has not changed a bit and there seemed no intention to strengthen it. Unless we have statistical status it will not be possible to have proper scheme and plan. We have been making plans without having reliable statistical data since the formation of U.T.. As a result, our plans have often been rejected. Even if they are not rejected, there is no way to have them executed. All our schemes and plans are based on presumption. To have reliable statistical status, the Department has to be strengthened and improved. It is due to non-availability of statistical data to be based upon while we make plans and schemes that many Departments are busy trying to find a way to prevent lapse of fund in the budget. To have our schemes properly executed, we need to have proper planning and to make this, we should have reliable statistical data.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, 9 members have made a speech. We will continue our discussion in the afternoon at 2:00 P.M. We will now have recess.

Recess till 2:00 P.M.

Afternoon Sitting.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will continue our general discussion. Nine members have spoken in the morning. So if there are members besides them who wish to speak may do so.

PU K. LALSINGA : Pu Dy. Speaker, I am glad for having an opportunity to participate in the discussion of budget for 1980-81. Having always spoken too much in the previous and other sessions. I do not intend to speak much this time as I see no reason why the amount of the budget will increase by speaking too much. Most of our opposition members expressed their gratitude over an outlay of our budget and their disappointment in the implementation of schemes and proposals in the budget which may be true to some extent. However, to be able to implement budget scheme and plans successfully, there has to be enough fund otherwise there will be no way to implement them or pursue them further. I think we should therefore be glad for having large sum of rupees in the budget. Since I do not intend to say much, I want the authorities concerned to pay heed to few things I intend to say.

First of all, it is the organization of the Police. It is not that they are less important in the headquarters but their importance is more felt in boundary. To check the influx of foreigners that has become prominent issue these days more, Police should be posted in the boundary lines. I want the Government to consider this.

With a view to establish Industries within our own state, loan are distributed, and certain amount of money was also distributed yesterday. But I think we should consider whether the persons to whom loan was given spent the money for the rightful purposes. As under the provision of the present loan Rules, it is not possible to allot more than Rs 20,000/- to one loanee at a time. But, to set up Industry, Rs 20,000/- is hardly adequate. In fact, it will not be possible

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to set up big Industry only with Rs 20,000/-. I therefore desire that the amount of loan be increased if we make allotment at all.

Though I have often mentioned about Mizoram Sport Council which has separate office. I would like to mention again, I feel that there should be large provision of fund for sport activities. In the case of other Departments there is always mis-appropriation or lapse of fund when there is large provision of fund. In fact, large provision of fund can lead them to worse condition if they are not expeditious in the implementation of developmental schemes. But in the case of Sport Council, no separate provision has ever been made. Though fund used to be sanctioned in the budget for youth welfare activities it is included under the budget head of Education Department and not in separate head. I think there will be more fund if our Sport Council has separate Directorate. I therefore suggest that separate Directorate be created for Sport Council and separate Budget Head be made so that there may be more fund for them.

Most of our members expressed their gratitude over an outlay of our budget while at the same time they criticize its implementation. Many of them have also charged the Government for the deteriorated law and order situation. Though I do not mean that the Government is blameless, but in view of the statements made by our hon'ble members from Tlungvel and Sateek constituencies regarding law and order situation, I feel that we too have not made top most effort to improve law and order situation. It seems that we have all along been trying to put the blame on the Government. To speak in the Hall using bombastic words will not improve our condition. I think it is better to make suggestions for better implementation of the budget instead of concentrating our minds on criticism. It seems that many of us do not give through to this side of thing. That is all I can say now.

Thank you.

PU NGURCHHINA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I do not intend to say much since much had been said by other members. I will only say what were not said. Before I proceed on, I request the House to check today's list of business, as programme received by different members is not similar.

I would first of all like to say about Jail administration. Jail Manual we have been adopting is the Assam Jail Manual put to force since 1917 though some amendments were made in some portions. It seems however that the Manual has to be revised. One thing I just want to mention is that no tea is being served to the prisoners. I have brought the matter personally to our Chief Minister, but it seems that nothing has yet been done in this regard till recent times. The Government may do well in considering it, for, it is still good to treat the prisoners as human beings whether they are convicted or under trial prisoners.

It is also learnt that suspected persons put to Jail are often taken out of Jail or office for interrogation without taking prior permission of the Magistrate. It seems that they are merely for harassment instead of being for interrogation when they are taken out of office or Jail most probably to Thana. Such action may not be right from legal point of view. As it is difficult for the Government to know the truth, I want them to believe what we said.

Without being either in Police custody or in Jail custody, prisoners are kept and detained for a long time in the newly constructed Jail Building near Chite lui. Such case does not exist in other states. We would therefore do well in copying other states in certain matters relating to Jail administration.

As stated, Police arrest prevails these days. Even last night one person was arrested on the pretext that the S.P. wished to see him. At Khatla Veng, his captors went to drink liquor after which they again drank at the so-called 'Atta Lane' and all the while he waited for them patiently. He was at last taken to Thana and no S.P. came or was he taken to him. It is a wonder how the Thana can receive him. It is still more surprising that he was put in the Lock-up. I want the Government to see this case.

One other thing which surprised me was that recently the police tried to arrest one person. But as he was away from home by that time, his two guests were arrested. This is the case which had actually taken place within my constituency. I wanted to mention it for an example. Being the MLA of this constituency I was called in the morning and when I get there, it was not difficult to identify the persons they arrested. One of them was the person who always lived at Aizawl and I have also tried to get him to Police post. The other was a porter of of Khawlailung who was under employment. As they are the persons personally known to me, I demanded for their release. But, surprisingly, they did not want to release them. Such being the situation, I can't help believing that the Police have no respect even for the MLAs, not to speak of the public. There are also cases when the innocent persons are arrested just for an excuse for not finding any culprits to arrest. Such being our condition, it is truly necessary to improve law and order situation.

Regarding the organization of Police- there are scales of pay for sub-Inspector. One is Rs.380/- and the other is Rs.425/- Fixation was made on the basis of before and after Pay Revision. But recently, one Sub-Inspector whose scale of pay was Rs.380/- went over to C.I.D. Branch and soon he was made to enjoy the scale of Rs.425/- though he has no other qualification besides what he already had earlier. I am indeed surprised that there has often been such irregularity in the Police Organisation. Actually, we have mentioned such irregularities before. Government would therefore do well in taking action. If the well-being and improvement of our Police are not properly attended to, it may have bad effects in their daily activities.

I would once again like to mention about Check-gate. The Check-gate at Vairengte seems to be the only check-gate we have in that part of area since the check-gate at Kolasib had been removed. In view of other routes besides Aizawl to Silchar road frequented by outsiders for entering to Mizoram, we should do well in having check-gates in the course of rivers Tlawng and Tuirial. Inner Line Permit is issued by Supply Department Silchar. There is a rumour that in Silchar one has to pay Rs.15 or Rs.20 for one Inner Line Permit. It appears that Inner Line Permit has now been issued and given as easily as wedding Card is given. If Permit is issued to each and every person who applied for it on slightest pretext, it is going to be very trouble-some. I think we should not be too liberal in issuing Inner Line Permit in future.

The other day, I met persons who engaged themselves in forestry. It seems that they have difficulty in getting land for plantation though there is money. I wonder what could be the reason for this. I am also surprised that reserved areas guarded by Forest Guards have usually become waste and devastated after 5/6 years of guarding by them. Government may try to find the reason and if necessary actions may also be taken.

Under Demand No. 30, there is Agriculture. As stated by members who had spoken before me, there is much to say regarding Agriculture. I feel that their pay is too little for staff of Technical Department. To become a graduate in agriculture, one has to join PUC Science and in rare cases, a degree can be taken from Matric. After PUC, 4 years is needed to complete B.Sc (Agri). After graduation, one is usually offered the post of either Inspector or Asst. Inspector which I feel is not very prospective. Besides this, the pay of their District Heads is very small in comparison with the District Heads of other Departments though they are also District heads as exactly as others are District heads. It appears that there is certain defect somewhere in the set up.

Sometimes earlier, I learnt one thing. One person was given appointment, but before he submits joining report he was given his pay for the dates before he actually joined the post. I do not know how this could happen. I feel that Government should look into the matter.

Nowadays, large-scale apple plantation and Garden Colony are being encouraged without first conducting Research. Having cooler climate than other parts, the eastern areas of Mizoram started Apple plantation. In Vanlaiphai, apple can flourish till it bears fruit. But after it bears fruit, the branch gets dried from the top and formed a bushy branch just above the root which has no use afterwards. The same case is with the plantation in Champhai and Hnahlan areas. That is the case in plantation areas. Adding to the fuel, apple-crafts supplied get dried on the way as there is always delay mainly because of transport difficulty. It will be a surprise if apple-crafts supplied can survive when grown. The roots are roughly wrapped with a piece of cloth and only few of the original soil stick to the roots when finally reach to plantation areas. As stated by some members, the crafts are recommendable only for lighting fire.

It is only apple crafts. Potato seeds supplied also get rotten which produced bad smell in the office Godown as well in the residence of Contractors. I don't know what good will rotten potato produce when grown. There are cases where the growers are told to grow their potato in their own stomach instead of growing them in their fields due to the rotten condition of potato seeds supplied. The reason for all these may be transport difficulty. But, it seems that they are to be rejected if the contractors do not supply them as conditions laid down in the quotation. Among the seeds supplied, there are some big potatoes not suitable for the seeds. I desire that Government take more care in selection of seeds for supply.

Garden Colony has also been started in many parts of Mizoram. But, while we expect to see a colony, gardens are made in a scattered area as in the case of garden colony made in the area around Champhai road. If this is the case with our gardeners, it is doubtful that Garden Colony Scheme will become successful. As there is no-prior-thinking about the aftermath of our apple & potato plantation and the availability of market for disposed of our production, we should do well in finding better method for plantations we have encouraged. Last year, Orange plants for planting were distributed. Of 300 plants, only 40 plants survived when put in Nursery. Such rotten seeds and seedlings were purchased and distributed. From now on, we should be more careful in purchasing and selection of seeds and seedlings.

In 1974, Milk Freezing Plant was purchased. But when we went to see it recently, there was neither document nor the label of the plant to see. It is learnt that the Plant was once generated in 1978 but all the milk was spoiled. It is a surprise that electrically operated machine was purchased at a time when there was no electricity. I want the Government to be more careful in purchase of machineries.

Members who had spoken before me mentioned about law and order situation and prevalence of house-search by CRP and Police in the residences of members. Personally, I am tired of speaking this as my house had also been searched more than once by the Police, CRP and Magistrate though they found nothing. If possible, house-search in the residences of members should be stopped. When I asked the Magistrate the reason for checking my house, he said that he simply accompanied the Police as he was requested. The Police also did not tell me the reason for having my house-searched and in what connection they were sent to check my house. Though I am tired of all these things I cannot help mentioning about my case when our members mentioned various incidents in connection with house-search conducted in their house. Whether we are members or Ministers or even Chief Minister who is simply the first among equal, we are all equal so far as law and order is concerned. It is therefore hardly acceptable when the Police and CRP often make harassment. I feel that Government should take strong measures to have the Police and CRP more disciplined in future.

It seems that there are some members who can and some who cannot prevent the Police coming without warrant from conducting house-search in their house. Whatever the case may be, I think it is not the fault of members when Police or CRP conduct house-search in their house as we are not the authority concerned with maintenance of law and order. It must be the fault of those who came to do house-search. If there are some Police who can and some others who cannot be prevented from conducting house-search, it means that they came without having specific instruction. I earnestly request the Government to follow official or criminal procedure when they sent the Police to arrest persons or to conduct house-search. Otherwise, to make lame excuse such as 'S.P. wants to see you' for arresting persons, it means that the right of citizen liberty is curtailed besides treating the arrested persons wilfully exactly as is done in the lawless state. If law and order situation remains as it is in the present, it may be better to put our I.P.C. and Cr.P.C. in Museum and maintain law and order as we wish. I do not say that Government has failed in maintenance of law and order but I want them to take vigorous step for improvement of law and order situation.

PU JOE NGURDAMLA : Pu Dy.Speaker, we are having discussion on the budget presented by our Finance Minister. It seems that there is going to be detailed discussion later on. The budget, as may be seen is quite satisfactory in view of the conditions of Mizoram. Regarding the work schedule of P.D, too heavy and scattered. I considered it best to launch developmental works in fewer but compact areas so as to have the works executed more expeditiously instead of launching in scattered areas at the same instance. But in view of the conditions of different parts of Mizoram, what I considered best may not be good practically as there seems to be no place where development is not needed.

Hence, the budget we have been discussing is quite satisfactory. However, most of the members desire expeditious implementation of the budget. If we do not know how to utilize them from the beginning, there can be difficulty in implementing all the budget before the end of financial year.

In view of what were said by our members, it seems that we are going to require additional fund.

Our members have stated much about Agriculture. As it is not an easy task which involves lots of hard work and money, it will also not be easy to set right the budget. If there is no public co-operation, there will be no success in agriculture. If we study Mizoram agriculture in general, we may realize that it is not the fault of the present Ministry. Long before the present Ministry was formed, Mizoram used to have a theory for guidance in agriculture. For example- Even at the time of the previous Ministry, we have theory for Rubber plantation. As the theory looks so prospective, many persons were tempted and attracted. In the constituency where I was MLA, many persons teased me as to whether I have a car as they themselves have dreamt of having 2/3 cars after 2 years of successful Rubber plantation. Such being the inclination of the people when some prominent figures talk smoothly about certain theories, we have to be careful in our dealings with the people. Whatever theory we may have we should do well in giving the people proper instruction before our theories are put into practice not only in the case of Rubber plantation.

If we go to Judicial Court we may realize the true condition of Mizoram. There are so many cases filed and pending, the reason for this may be the disturbed condition of Mizoram. Of the many cases, those of frequent visitors of the Court seemed to be disposed of earlier than the cases of those who do not often visit the court. The main reason seems to be the shortage of staff. Provision of fund made in the Budget may not be sufficient in view of the requirement of Mizoram for a big set up of Judiciary Department. If all the persons who have cases are asked to line up, A.K. Playground also may not have enough space to hold them all. Actually, it is the citizens who suffer when a number of few in-adequate staff deal with the cases of many persons. It is not the fault of the present Ministry that Judicial Branch has not yet been strengthened and improved. Long before the present Ministry was formed that Judicial Branch requires reformation and adjustment. To be able to cope with the present situation, Judiciary Department should be improved and strengthened with more staff.

As stated earlier, D.C. has taken over allotment of land since some time back which however does not seem to solve our problem. In view of the society of Mizos as a whole with the peculiar topography of Mizoram, the D.Cs, whoever they may be, are not practically tied up with the mainstream of Mizo life besides having heavy schedule of works. It is therefore more desirable to have the allotment of house-site taken back by the Directorate as it was before. Otherwise, we have almost blamed the D.Cs in the case of allotment. It seems that it was a mistake to hand over allotment of house-site to D.Cs.

There is one thing I considered as being important and which I want our Health Minister to note down. May be because I was born in an un-healthy family that I am very un-healthy family that I am very un-healthy which on the other hand makes me realize the fate of un-healthy children. I think the cause of

many illness to children and babies is partly an inadequate knowledge possessed by the mothers. To do away with this, I feel that our women should be given training/education in child care for at least 3 months but without making it compulsory. Particularly, the Village women are truly in need of such training. If we can arrange such facility for our women, I think we will have healthier babies.

As usual there is provision in the budget for co-operative Societies, But, I think we should carefully study the performance and achievement of our Societies established at various places. Otherwise, if we only make provision as usual, we may not know which societies deserved encouragement and additional fund. Actually, some of the Societies established in the town may have to be amalgamated in view of their performance. Generally speaking, I also do not regard our Super Markets to be of a success. As a matter of fact, I think it is better to have them demolished before we spend too much fund. Had their performance and achievement been carefully checked, the Department may not get any benefit. Under the present circumstances. Societies are more beneficial than Super Market. As such, I think it is more necessary to give more facilities to the Societies than to Super Markets though I do not mean to say that the performance of staff and workers of Super Market is not satisfactory. But, having been Chairman in the Co-operative Union, I can believe that Super Markets are merely superfluous establishment having no benefit. Though I do not criticize other establishments, but so far as Super Market is concerned, I am afraid that they will be only as what the English named 'white Elephant'.

Grant-in-aid distributed under Industry Department is of a great help to the people. But, as there is difficulty in making equal distribution area-wise there are more recipients in and around Aizawl than recipients living in villages. If there is no clear-cut target for distribution of grant-in-aid, it will not be possible to make equal distribution. Considering the need to uplift the conditions of all areas, it is necessary to make loan available area-wise. Representing the Constituency where there are only few recipients of grant-in-aid, I guess that others may feel the same. According to my judgement, the towns people are no more in need of grant-in-aid. I feel that grant-in-aid should be distributed Block-wise.

Implementation of the budget should also be given due importance. If it is utilized quickly, we should be quick in demanding additional fund. The reason for saying this is that there can be long delay in implementation of a scheme or budget which had been passed as in the case of Private Resolution moved by me and passed by the House while I was MLA in the previous Government. My Resolution was for making Flower Garden at Lengpui. Though it has been 7/8 years since then, yet, there is no single flower to see except wild flower- 'Vaihlenhlo' that grows there. Such being the case, I feel that we should in future be vigorous in implementing budget. If there is long delay in having what we have in mind materialised, there is always laziness or negligence in getting the work done.

In the case of Apple plantation also, classification of area and zone should be made. Only zone and area that has suitable climate and soil should be given apple-crafts. The same case should be with Cattle Farming considering the scope available in different areas. Otherwise, there will always be a failure if we give loan or grant-in-aid for farming or for other things to every one asked for it. The first step for this may be as suggestion already made by our members.

AS stated earlier, Mizoram needs to have proper classification so that there may be success in various developmental works already started including in the field of Fishery. As there is no proper classification of land, there has often been clashed in the activities of Soil and Forest Departments. It is necessary for the Government to give the public proper information as to what extent the Government can give assistance to the people area-wise as different areas have different types of soil, climate and scope for various developmental works.

I appreciate the Budget we have been discussing and also what our members said regarding its implementation.

Thank you.

BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAULO : Pu Dy.Speaker, though I am to make
CHIEF MINISTER conclusion speech, I feel that it is
necessary to make 2/3 minutes speech
as there seems to be certain things which we do not understand. Our member from Sateek Constituency mentioned certain things which are not factitions. As he is an eloquent speaker, I did not take much an account of what he said. However, our member from Tlungvel Constituency whom I regard as a man of intelligence also has still misunderstood the matter. Hence, I think it is better to give explanation before we go on further since it is also dangerous to go along the path of half-truth. It may be noted that the Police can conduct search without warrant. However, the Indian Army do not naturally have the power of the Police. But, to enable them to have the power of the Police in disturbed area the Armed Forces Special Power Act of 1958 was made, by which Armed Forces can arrest and conduct search without warrant. But as it is legal manner, warrant for arrest or search used to be written down. Even under the Criminal Procedure Code, women can also be searched though with manner. While I was engaged with Human Rights Committee, we have published and distributed all these legal procedures besides making much emphasis on it in our public speeches. I think our member from Tlungvel Constituency did not read our publication and did not bother to listen to what we said in our speeches regarding legal manners. I regret to say that he seemed to be hearing all these from the second persons not from us. At whatever place we may be, it is important to be accurate particularly in legal matters. In the House, it is better not to quote things about which we are not certain. Our hon'ble member have in fact, made allegation against me, which was not very necessary. Had he listened to my speeches and read our publication regarding legal matters, he might have avoided making wrong allegation and in-accurate statement.

(C.L.Ruala : Pu Dy.Speaker, we can no longer be sure whether we are under Security Forces or Police Forces since there have now been too many CRPs. I do not even know whether those who came with weapons were under the control of weapons)

It will be regretting if we do not know that even the CRP have Police power.

Our members from Sateek Constituency mentioned about one incident for which I am sorry. However, I must say that he is lucky enough to encounter CRP personnel who knows not much about legal procedure. Had they been well-acquainted with legal matters, they would have arrested you if you resist them from conducting house-search. It is truly necessary to know all these legal procedures.

*PU HARI KRISTO CHAKMA : Pu Dy. Speaker, I would first of all like to say education in my constituency. In spite of repeated assurance from the Government, Primary and M.E. Schools of my constituency have not still been provincialised. Being more backward area than most areas of Mizoram, the people have been facing various difficulties regarding education. It is not only in Primary but also in M.E. Schools, there is only one teacher besides all the schools being private. When the teacher is ill or goes to Lunglei to draw his pay, the school has to remain closed. Under such circumstances, it is not only the people, but also school children who suffer. It is therefore necessary for the Government to provincialise our schools and strengthen them with additional teachers.

The importance of Agriculture for Mizoram is undeniable. Every year Mizoram has to face food problem. In view of the unceasing food-problem Mizoram has to face, I feel that the Agriculture Department work so little. The Department has neither inspect land-terracing nor has they taken strenuous measures to improve agriculture. Instead of giving grant-in-aid to persons who practically engaged themselves with terracing or rice cultivation, persons who do not practically engaged with terrace cultivation were given grant-in-aid. If sub-Divisional Agriculture Headquarter is established in our area, there will be improvement in agriculture.

I also desire that gardening be initiated in every Grouping Centre of our area having Agriculture Department distributed seeds and seedlings such as Japanese Silk Cotton, Betel Nut, Apple and Flowers to the cultivators so that Government may get good revenue from this part of Mizoram. At present, there is no agriculture staff in our area. Though one Inspector was once posted, he is but no good for our area. I therefore earnestly request the Government to establish Sub-Divisional Agriculture Headquarter.

There is proposal for establishment of Civil Hospital in our area since long time back. I have in fact, contacted Health Director in this regard last year. Though Rs. 2 lakhs had been sanctioned for this, the proposal has not been materialised till today. I would therefore like to know the reason for this—whether it is the weakness of the Department or the PWD. At Shivaji tilla, the Police have their buildings constructed by the BRTF. Pu Dy. Speaker, is it not possible to do the same for our area? Otherwise, the people are much in distress due to non-availability of good hospital. I request the Government to establish well-equipped hospital in our area as soon as possible.

The people of my constituency also desire that Soil Conservation office be established in this part of area.

May be we are aware that in every session. I mentioned about Fishery. As there is no staff to investigate the potentialities of our area for fishery, I request the Government last year to post at least one Fishery Officer. But, not even a single Inspector of Fishery has been posted till today. I think we know that it is practically impossible to start fishery without working staff,

Supply, as we may be aware, is a serious problem particularly to villages. At present, only half-quota of ration is allotted to the public. If there is no stock, it will be very troublesome when rainy season comes. In fact, our people may die of hunger if nothing is done now. I therefore request the Minister in-charge to note the position of our area. If there is transport

difficulty, can not we demand the service of Military carriers? I request the Government to stock as many quintals of rice as possible during dry season for the people of our area. I also desire that S.D.O. (Civil) be given power for allotment of stall and shop in our area.

I also believe that there will be less difficulty for the people if D.C. and S.D.O (Civil) are made in charge of the utilization of E.G.S. money.

Communication is one of the major problems in Mizoram. Recently I went to visit Chawngte but the road is so ragged and risky that it is going to be very easy to meet an accident if we go by night. The same is with Lawngtlai Road. If we ply in those roads, we will know that they are risky for vehicles carrying heavy load of supply commodities. Actually, Chawngte MLA also could not come to Aizawl due to bad communication but I know that they too have been facing supply difficulty. I therefore desire that PWD give due importance to the improvement of roads I mentioned.

PU K. BIAKCHUNGNUNGA : Pu Dy. Speaker, it seems that our budget is quite satisfactory considering the speeches made by our members in this regard. As it is not possible to do all the necessary at one instance, there are proposals and schemes made in the previous Budget Session which have not been materialised. Before I go on further I want to remind the Govt. to be a little more firm in maintenance of attendance to official Gallery during the days of our session. Last year, we made complaint about poor attendance of our officers, since then there is better attendance. But, I still desire better attendance as it is important for our officers to know what are being said in the House.

Our Hon'ble Member stated the grievances and poor facilities of the members. In view of the conditions of members hailing from southern area, I feel that it is necessary to mention about MLA Hostel. As we all are aware, new MLA Hostel Building is under construction, the present one being hopelessly in need of renovation and extension. But, considering our requirement, it is desired that the construction be taken up more expeditiously than before so that we may soon have new MLA Hostel.

I am glad to note that our Government employees seemed to have made improvement particularly in their attitude towards the members. Not only among the officers, but also among non-officers, important letters submitted by the members have now seemed to be given priority. But, as there are still cases where some important letters of members get lost in the hands of the dealing officers causing much difficulty to members for further pursuance of the matters connected with the letters, I feel that the improvement made by our Government employees should not end here. It will be highly appreciated if there is further improvement.

Vehicle problem face by the members even during the sessions is a serious matter. Some members might have made use of vehicles, yet it is desired that members have vehicles at their disposal for going and coming at least during the sessions. I think the successful implementation of budget lays in the position of members, Government officials and the public to do the works properly.

Though I have much to say, I think I better say only 2/3 things at the moment, for, I believe there will be more detailed discussion tomorrow.

Mizoram, as we may be aware, has little to offer in the field of science education due to which it becomes harder and harder to enter into Government services for livelihood. It seems that Science is regarded as tough subject by our students right from the year of High Schooling. As a consequence, everyone wants to take up easier subjects in College leaving Science subject to only a handful of determined students. To be graduated in Arts in our part time is our competition, it is hard to imagine what will become of Mizoram after 10 years. It is therefore necessary to take more vigorous steps for the improvement of Science education in Mizoram. Provision made in the budget for Science Promotion may also not be adequate. If there is large provision of fund in the budget, usually there can be large-scale development that is if the fund is justly utilized. Even if we cannot have separate Science College, Science subjects should be introduced in our Colleges. Non-availability of qualified teacher for science subject is also a problem at High School level. To move headway in the field of science, our people should be made to realize the necessity of encouraging science education in Mizoram and the Government may also provide more fund for promotion of science education at High School and College levels. Improvement in the field of science education is also part of education improvement.

The location of Library is also not satisfactory as it is situated at the busy part of the town. With all the noise and pedestrians outside, the visitors of Library find it hard to concentrate in what they are reading. It is therefore necessary to be careful in selection of location for installation of Library.

In the course of development, the disposition of our youth has come to the verge of deterioration. There have now been many youth who cannot be controlled by their parents or the laws. To keep such delinquent youth under discipline not only during school hour but also all through the years of their schooling, Hostel is the best place. But, provision made in the budget for Hostel is hardly adequate. As Hostel is the only recommendable place for disciplining students during the years of their schooling, more Hostel be established and more fund be made in the budget.

There is one thing I forgot to mention regarding Library. In view of financial and various difficulties faced by writers and authors of Mizo story in times of publication and printing, Government would do well in extending certain helps to them so that there may be improvement in Mizo literature.

Thank you.

PU ELLIS SAIDENGA : Pu Dy. Speaker, I feel that the Budget we have been discussing is quite satisfactory though some of our members seemed to be dissatisfied with it. But I think they simply want to make criticism of the activities of the leaders who formed the Government in spite of being glad at heart.

In the case of Assembly Secretariat mentioned under Demand No.1. I think no one denies the rotten condition of Assembly House. The Building as we know is the same building used by the erstwhile District Council. The Smell coming from the Lavatory is so intolerable that one has to cover his/her nose with hands. I feel that something should be done for repair or purification of this Lavatory.

As stated earlier, shortage of staff is a serious problem in this Secretariat. I think some of our members have made suggestion for creating more posts in different wings of the Establishment. I believe that there will be speedier execution of work if the present position of staff is strengthened with additional staff.

Our members have also mentioned vehicle problem which as stated, caused great difficulty to members. If I am not mistaken, I think there is not even a single vehicle made available for use of the members. Particularly for members from Lunglei, vehicle is a great problem. Being the representatives of the people, we have great responsibility towards the people while at the same time they have high expectation of us as such there is always a time when members are expected to visit certain places on emergency cases or when there is an incident which requires the presence and verification of the members. In such cases, we have always faced vehicle problem particularly in Lunglei where there is not much vehicle. When we want to go out of Lunglei on a short-trip nearby on official purposes, we have to ask vehicle from Government Officers. But, to ask for vehicle from the same person 2/3 times is not a very pleasant thing. Such being our difficulty, it is truly necessary to consider the matter. Government will do well in providing pool vehicle to each District for use of the members.

There is much improvement in the field of education besides making various programmes for further improvement. Large provision of fund is also made in the budget. However, as stated earlier, it is necessary to know how to utilize money whatever the amount may be.

As we may be aware, there is much talk about officer promotion in Education Department. For example- there is vacant post of DEO at Lunglei and Saiha besides other officers and Principal posts lying vacant in Mizawl District. If these posts are not immediately filled up, I think the Department will suffer. Actually, it is not possible to execute works expeditiously if only one officer takes charge of other assignments besides his actual duty. In spite of in-adequacy of staff, in the Department clerk and Head clerk posts which have been lying vacant in D.E.O. office, Lunglei since a long time have not been filled up till present. I therefore request the Minister concerned to note this.

Being deeply concerned with Information and Publicity, I have somehow found their activities to be less satisfactory in spite of much improvement made by them. May be our Government have difficulties but if we go to other places outside Mizoram, we will know the vigorousness of our neighbouring states such as Nagaland, Manipur, Meghalaya and Arunachal Pradesh in Information and Publicity which can be noticed in different places of Air Terminal, Rail Stations, Bus Stations in Museum etc. Once, we visited a grand Museum at Madras where arts and cultures of the Nagas were displayed with much hope and anticipation we tried to locate any object or Photo coming from Mizoram, yet, there was not a trace of Mizos or Mizoram which to some extent makes me realize the need to take vigorous steps for improvement in Information and Publicity.

I do not know whether it is relevant to our subject but I am deeply concerned with and interested in Newspapers and Local Dailies. Newspaper is very useful instrument and venerable for the Government if it is not mis-used. To make our Papers venerable, it is necessary for the Government to treat well the Editors and staff. The reason for saying this is that

there had often been disgraceful things written in our Daily papers which are not recommendable for reading by others than the Mizos, the reason being lack of Journalists. It will therefore be important for the Government to make arrangement for Editorial staff to go for training in Journalism. For Journalists to get wider knowledge, tour should be arranged at good interval so that there may be better improvement in the performance of our Daily Papers staff. In other places, Press-men are given site for office near Assembly Hall. Similarly, I think our Pressmen should be given site for office in the premises of our Hall and have Telephone installed in it.

I think it is the responsibility of Information and Publicity to review what are being published in our Newspapers particularly in English papers regarding Mizos and Mizoram as there had been cases where inaccurate information about Mizos and Mizoram are made/written in English Newspapers. For example in one General Knowledge Book called 'New Life', 1980, there is list of State and U.T. Chief Ministers in which the name of Mizoram Chief Minister was given as Pratab Sing Rana. Such inaccurate information was very shameful. If nothing is done to correct this error, persons who do not know our Chief Minister may think it is the correct name of our Chief Minister which, in fact is far from truth. Being deeply affected by this, I desire that there be better communication between different states and better care be taken regarding information given in Newspapers.

May be our members who have spoken before me have no time to say but I think they too regard Fire Protection and Control as too important. Though provision is made in the budget, I feel that the scheme made for the purpose is too little, may be because it covers only Aizawl and Lunglei towns. But, to have Red vehicles run to and fro only in Aizawl or Lunglei town will have no real significance instead it is important to protect our Jhums and Rice fields from which we get food-grains from Fire. In olden times, our forefathers were never in need of Fire Brigade or Fire Protection to control fire as everyone regards forest or lands as their own. But in our times, lands and forest are destroyed by fire every year. I feel that firm measures should be taken to control such devastating fire. I desire that Government make larger provision of fund for this purpose and have watchman person in-charge in each village and town.

What I am going to say is I think related to Labour and Employment. In other states, Government used to make inter-transference of Government employees. But in Mizoram, it seems that such transference has never taken place, for, Government employees from lowest to highest rank seemed to remain in the same place. Those who are posted in far-flung and unpleasant area have to remain in the same place whereas the fortunate remain in pleasant place for all time. To solve the grievances of the unfortunates, I think Government should make inter-transference of staff from time to time as it is done in other states.

It is obvious that there is improvement in PWD and in fact it is in PWD where one of the largest portion of fund is used. It is a big organization covering many different departments such as PHE, Electric, Building etc. But, being the most urgent requirement, Government made concentrated effort for improvement of Electricity, as Chief Engineer is the sole head in charge of PWD, there will be many difficulties in executing works satisfactorily. In view of our requirement, we may do well in having C.E. separately for Electric Department.

What our opposition member said regarding renewal fee of registered Contractors was I think a mistake. If what I know is right, registered Contractors under PWD need not give renewal fee every year. If they have registered themselves once, they do not have to give renewal fee again. They remain registered contractor having once registered themselves.

Much had been said about Agriculture. Being a little advanced than before, there has also been improvement. Previously, persons having Rice Terrace or engaged in wet Rice cultivation were given grant-in-aid in cash amounting to Rs. 4000/- Rs.5000/-. But, if we have a look at those areas where large fund had been spent, we will see that many of them have now turned into grass lands. When I see provision made in the terracing and budget for Agriculture I have apprehension that the fund will again turn into weeds and grass. As such, I think it is better to give grant-in-aid in kind such as machinery and tools. Otherwise if it is given in cash, many of them may again use the money for buying new shoes, new shirt or meats. When fund is mis-used from the beginning, other corruptions can crop up. I feel that we should be very careful in spending fund we have in the budget.

Thank you.

PU L. PINDENGA : Pu Dy. Speaker, I want to say few things as I have an opportunity to speak in the discussion of our budget. Our members have made good speeches and their speeches also covered a wide range of subject. Besides what they have said, I want to mention one thing which had not been spoken of.

It may be noted that the Department concerned has started to realise repayment of loan distributed in food-grain to famine affected persons during Thingam famine. But, due to drought conditions prevailing just after severe famine, many of them are not in a position to recover loan at present. Such being the condition, it is necessary to consider as to what steps should be taken in this regard. I feel that Government should also be considerate to such distressed loanes.

Our members have strongly emphasized the importance of Science Education. As stated, Mizoram is still lagging behind other states in Science Education. In this connection, strong determination will be a key to improvement and to do away with inadequacy of Science teachers in High Schools and Colleges, it will be necessary to have persons trained in Scientific Education. To be able to send students to pursue Science Education, we will also have to make enough provision in the budget. Under the present practice, it is difficult to make headway in this line of education. If fund is not available for our students to pursue higher studies in different lines of scientific education, there will not be much improvement. It is therefore necessary to make fund available to our students for pursuance of further studies in technical line.

The prevalance of house-search by CRP and Police was stated which has almost caused controversy among the members. If house-search is to be conducted in the residence of the members, the CRP or Police may do so with due respect and we, at the same time better be cordial in welcoming them. Actually, no one is responsible in such cases as we are in a disturbed area.

As it is their duty, the Police may at any time check the house or person whom they suspect. It is therefore not fair to put the blame on each other for the actions of the Police or CRP.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : If there is no other member who wants to speak, we will call our Finance to make clarification.

(Pu Lalhmingthanga, Finance Minister - Pu Dy. Speaker, I think I better not make any clarification at the moment as only few members are present in the Hall. It seems that there is no quorum)

As there is no quorum, it is not possible to continue our discussion, We will adjourn the House but sitting will be resumed tomorrow.

Meeting adjourned at 3.40 PM.

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