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Fourth Sitting on 28th March, 1980 at 10:30 A.M.

Deputy Speaker at the Chair, Chief Minister, Four Ministers and twenty six (26) Members were present.

BUSINESS

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

CALLING ATTENTION

2. Pu Joe Ngurdawla to call the attention of the Minister i/c Home Department to the reported violent incidents occurring on the 24th March, 1980, in between Kolasib and Thingdawl, on 20th March, 1980 in between Thenzawl and Serchhip, a murder of the High School Teacher at Chhiaktlang on 20th March, 1980 and murder of Kepran High School Teacher.

THE BUDGET

3. Voting on Supplementary Demands for Grants for 1979-80.
4. Introduction, Consideration & Passing of Appropriation (No.I) Bill, 1980.
5. Voting on Demand for Grants for 1980-81.

DEPUTY SPEAKER:

They that trust in the LORD shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever.

As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the LORD is round about his people from henceforth even for ever.

For the rod of the wicked shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous, lest the righteous out forth their hands unto iniquity.

Do good, O LORD, unto those that be good, and to them that are upright in their hearts.

As for such turn aside unto their crooked ways, the LORD shall lead them forth with the workers of iniquity: but peace shall be upon Israel.

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Now, we will take up our business. There is one mistake in our List of Business which should be corrected as Friday instead of Thursday. List of Business No. 1 is question. Now question No. 5 which is Pu C.L.RUALA's question.

PU C.L.RUALA: Pu Dy. Speaker, Will the Hon'ble Minister incharge of Health and Family Welfare Department be pleased to state -

(a) Is it a fact that Male Health Workers were appointed by open advertisement during November, 1979 without going through Employment Exchange ?

(b) If yes, what action has the Government taken against the concerned officer who acted against the existing Government instruction ?

PU P.B.ROSANGA: Pu Dy. Speaker,
MINISTER

(a) Yes, it has been advertised to give wide publicity throughout the Union Territory. At the same time Employment Exchanges were notified to submit list of candidates and appointments were made accordingly.

(b) No action has been taken by Government against any officer in connection with the aforesaid appointments.

PU JOE NGURDAWLA: Pu Dy. Speaker, Supplementary question - as per information collected from senior officers and as it is practised in other States, there seems to be no provision in Employment Recruitment Rules which provides the need to make open advertisement only from the candidates forwarded from Employment Exchange. But, I would like to know the true condition in this regard. Will the Minister give clarification ?

PU P.B.ROSANGA: Pu Dy. Speaker, I am afraid I will not be able to reply question raised by our Hon. member as it is in the hands of labour and Employment. However, as it is practised in Mizoram and other States, it seems that appointment has to be done through Employment Exchange.

PU C.L.RUALA: Pu Deputy Speaker, it seems that appointment of Health Workers was done without going through Employment Exchange and this, from what I know, disappoints Employment Exchange. I think our Hon'ble Minister is not aware of this in view of the reply he made. What I asked was about appointment of Health Workers made last year in the month of November.

PU P.B.ROSANGA :
MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, when appointment of Health Worker was made last year in the month of November, Employment Exchange was given notification. They have in fact forwarded list of 295 candidates.

PU C.L.RUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, If the Minister in-charge said that they gave notification to Employment Exchange, we will accept it. But in reply to question I raised last November in connection with the appointment of Health Workers, he mentioned about appointment made without going through Employment Exchange. Hence I would like to know whether candidates other than the candidates forwarded by Employment of Health Workers.

PU P.B.ROSANGA :
MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, besides 295 candidates forwarded by Employment Exchange, there were other 140 candidates appeared in the interview. Of these 140 candidates 15 candidates were MNF Returnees and others were candidates forwarded by various Departments through proper channel. All together about 15 candidates were given appointment without going through Employment Exchange.

PU C.L.RUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, supplementary question- it seems that last year it was possible to make appointment without through Employment Exchange. But recently, Health Department again made appointment of Chawkider for Sub-Centres where the candidates of candidates other than those forwarded by Employment Exchange was totally rejected and they were not even allowed to appear in the interview. Such being the case has not Health Department twisted the Rule as they wish?

PU P.B.ROSANGA :
MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, an open advertisement was made for the appointment of 4th Grade staff for Sub-Centres and specific information was made for applicants to go through Employment Exchange. Hence, appointment was made accordingly as it is not possible to go against our own advertisement.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now question No. 6, Pu H. Rammawi's Question.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Pu Deputy Speaker, will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Health Services Department be pleased to state -

(a) Is it a fact that 17 (seventeen) Girls have been selected recently from Chhinguipui District to undergo ANM (Female Health Worker) training in Mizawl Civil Hospital?

(b) If so, how many girls have been selected from Pawi District Area, Lakher District Area, and Chakma District Area respectively?

(c) Is it a fact that the selection was not based on the recommendation of D.P.C.?

PU P.B.ROSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker (a) Yes (b)
MINISTER . For selection of candidates from Chhinguipui District area, a written test was held after which interview also was conducted. A merit list was drawn up from the written test/interview and selection made from the merit list. Among the successful candidates 4 girls happened to be from Pawi District Council area and 13 girls from Lakher District Council area.
(c) Candidates were selected from the recommended list of D.P.C.

PU H.RAMMAWI : Pu Deputy Speaker, supplementary question - our Hon'ble Minister said that selection was made from the recommended list of DPC. But, were the DPC members legally appointed members and did they make selection fairly? --

PU P.B.ROSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, those who sat in the DPC were legally appointed members. However, some of the members were deputed by the Director from Headquarter. But, according to the Rule, they are to be regarded as rightful member. Hence, selection was made on the basis of merit list of interview conducted by them.

PU H.RAMMAWI . Pu Deputy Speaker, under what provision of law person deputed by Director is regarded as legally appointed member: of D.P.C.

PU P.B.ROSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, in the case of appointment we are talking about, the Director deputed Deputy Director to conduct DPC and there are also district level DPC members in the District. I do not know under what provision of law the deputed member is regarded as legally appointed DPC member:

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FU H.R. MMAMI :

Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to inform the House that the D.P.C. who made the selection was not legally

formed D.P.C. As a rule, Appointment 'B' is the Department in-charge of D.P.C. and only members recommended/appointed by them can become D.P.C. members. But, if they have no specific persons recommended they will at least give an outline for appointment of D.P.C. members. On the 6th August, 1977, Appointment 'B' Department-made a rule as seen in their letter No. MAP/C/102/73/114. According to instruction given here, the Deputy Commissioner of the District concerned is to be the D.P.C. Chairman and Department Head of Office where vacancy occurred should have one member and another one should be from Head of another District Office thus making the number of D.P.C. member three. This rule was in force till 4th Feb., 1980. But on 5th Feb., 1980 new rule was made under which the Secretary of the Department concerned will be a member and Head of Department will be another member and one representative from Appointment Department thus making the number of D.P.C. made appointment against the rule made by Appointment 'B' Department. It is therefore in accurate statement to state that appointment was done according to the Rule. Instead of Deputy Commissioner concerned being the D.P.C. Chairman, one Senior Officer was at the chair. But after finding the whole process to be unjust he left the Committee without giving his signature in the minutes of the Committee. Such being the condition I desire that that very D.P.C. be not regarded as legally formed D.P.C. and other Departments also should give due importance to legally formed D.P.C. and the D.P.C. should in turn make selection or appointment according to a standing rule. The reason for asking this question was that of the 17 persons selected from Chhimituipui District there was not even a single Chakma but besides the 3 from Pawi District area, all of them were from Lakher District area. I do neither blame the Government nor criticize the selection. But I do not want to be taken lightly by the Government for being backward area as in the case of having such a Selection Board for our District. I hope that the Government will no more take likely of our Dist. in future and I request them to prevent repetition of such cases.

FU P.B. ROSANGA :
MINISTER

Pu Deputy Speaker, from the Headquarter, everything was arranged according to the existing Rule. What is evident from

the Deputy Commissioner deputed one officer which makes it clear that he was notified. I was in fact the one who takes initiative for this D.P.C. Generally, D.P.C. for appointment of class III staff is also used to be conducted at Headquarter. But being aware of the many inconveniences special consideration was given to Chhimituipui District and instruction was given to make the D.P.C. conduct the interview in the District itself. We did this only because we do not want to cause further inconveniences to the candidates

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But, if our Hon'ble member so object it will not be difficult for the Government to do hereafter as desires though I am afraid that they will be again the ones who grumble. It is also meaningless to say that there was no Chakma candidate appointed. Open advertisement was made and if there was no candidate from the Chakmas it is unlikely that the DPC will appoint Chakma to the post.

PU H.RAMMAWI:

Pu Deputy Speaker, supplementary question - Our Hon'ble Minister insisted on saying that the DPC was legally formed DPC. But, while the Deputy Commissioner was supposed to be the Chairman, he was not so in that very DPC and Senior Officer whom he deputed was also not a chairman. In fact he did not even want to sign in the minutes of the Committee. The whole process was against the instruction given by Appointment 'B' Department. Our Hon'ble Minister stated as giving due consideration to the candidates of Chhintuipui District which may be the case. But, according to the instruction given by Appointment 'b' Department the Deputy Commissioner of the District concerned, whether it is Lunglei or Chhintuipui, should be DPC Chairman in their respective Districts. What he said regarding the process to be adopted hereafter also clearly reveals what he intends to say. The Appointment 'B' Department centralize the power as instruction issued by them on 5th February, DPC will have to sit in Mizawl and it will not be possible for them to go often to Lunglei or Chhintuipui Districts for their sittings. As a result, the people of these two Districts will suffer. According to the instruction given by the Department on 5th February, members-to-be for DPC are Secretary, Head of Department i.e. Director and representative from Appointment 'B' Department. If this is the case, it is obvious that Lunglei and Chhintuipui Districts will suffer. However, what I object was the process adopted against the notification of Appointment 'B' Department and appointing DPC members other than what Appointment 'B' had already appointed. I think such illegal action are not mannerly and proper.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA:

Pu Deputy Speaker, our Hon'ble Minister said that he takes the initiative. But, I would like to know whether a Minister should take initiative in case of the formation or sitting of the DPC, and who were they whom our Hon'ble Minister stated as members of DPC?

P.B.ROSANGA :
MINISTER

Pu Deputy Speaker, I took the initiative for having the D.F.C. sit at Saiha. I think our member who raised the question remember the answers I made for this. Hence, I better not repeat.

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PU C.L.RULLIA: Pu Deputy Speaker, supplementary question -
In reply to question (c) Our Hon'ble
Minister said that selection was made on the basis of the recom-
mendation of DPC. But we, the members have not known it that way.
To prove that the selection was done on the basis of the recom-
mendation list and selection list?

PU P.B.ROSANGA: Pu Deputy Speaker, I think the list can
MINISTER be obtain from the Department. But I
cannot produce it in the House today.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Now question No.7 Pu Lalthanzauva's
question.

(Pu Lalthanzauva was absent)

If he did not authorised anyone, we will
take up question No.8. But as it is again Pu Lalthanzauva's
question, we will proceed to Question No.9 Pu V.Lalnunzira's
question.

PU V.L.LNUNZIRA: Pu Deputy Speaker,
Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c FWD be
pleased to state -

What has the Government of Mizoram done
during the last financial year for construction of truckable
road between - (a) Mizawl to Mamit (b) Mamit to Tuidam (c) Tuidam-
to Kunarghat (d) Bairabi to Znuang.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA: Pu Deputy Speaker, (a) the earthwork
MINISTER information cutting road in progress.
Formation cutting of road for a total
length of 65 Km in various stretches completed upto 31st March,
1979 out of a total length of 75 km.

(b) This is a portion of road of
Kolabib - Bairabi - Znuang - Kanmun road which is 95 Km in
length. The earthwork in formation cutting of road for a total
length of 80 Km in various stretches was completed upto 31st
March, 1979.

PU V.L.LNUNZIRA: Pu Deputy Speaker, supplementary
question - Is there any intention to
take up the construction/work bridge on the river Tcirei which
flows between Mamit and Tuidam which at the moment has temporary
bridge.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA:
MINISTER

Pu Deputy Speaker, where is the reply to our member's question. It is not only Teirei river but many other rivers in Mizoram which have to be crossed by road. But, P.W.D. usually starts construction work of bridge after formation cutting is done and construction of road is completed. Though we are aware of the need to construct bridge on river Teirei there has not yet been proposal to take up the work this year as there is schedule of work to take up under our normal working programme.

DEPUTY SPEAKER:

If there is no more supplementary question we will take up question No.10, Pu Hiphai's question.

PU HIPHEI:

Pu Deputy Speaker,
Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Labour and Employment Department be pleased to state-

What is the rate fixed for daily wages for unskilled labourers such as porter engaged by Security Forces, Government officials, labourers engaged for head-load of essential commodities?

PU ZAIREMTHANGA:
MINISTER

Pu Deputy Speaker, Labour and Employment Department have not fixed daily wages for any category of labourers.

PU HIPHEI:

Pu Deputy Speaker, supplementary question - Have not Government ever employed labourers that they have not fixed their wages? Is the Department that engaged head-load labourers other than the Labour and Employment Department?

PU ZAIREMTHANGA;
MINISTER

Pu Deputy Speaker, it seems that besides Labour and Employment Department and other Departments can also fixed the rate for daily wages of labourers. Though the Department has its own fixation, they do not know the rate used by Security Forces. According to the fixation made for head-load labourers by Supply and Transport Department at Rs.6/- per 15 Kms with a load of 22 Kgs. 15 Kms is regarded as a day's journey with head-load and Rs.3/- is fixed for return journey without head-load. Other Departments like PWD, PHE and Power and Electricity Departments have their own fixation. The daily wage rate

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of unskilled labourer is I think Rs 5/- these days. Of the labourers there are skilled labourers of class I and II. As such there is difference in the daily wage rate of labourers but Labour and Employment Department have no fixation of labour rate.

PU HIPHEI : Pu Deputy Speaker, it is understood that under the present condition labourers have different wage rate. While some of them got Rs 9 or Rs.6/-with head-load and Rs.3/- without head-load unskilled labourers of PWD also got Rs.7/- per day. Such being the difference will Labour and Employment Department make fixation of labour rate or different Departments will make their own rate ?

PU ZAIREMTHANGA :
MINISTER Pu Deputy Speaker, If Labour and Employment Department make fixation I think all the labourers will have to follow the rule irrespective of their employers i.e. whether Government or private as it is the case in other places of India. Mizoram is however, different from other places. While cheap labour caused trouble in other places, Mizoram has difficulty due to high rate of labour. If labour rate is fixed for all to use, the condition of Mizoram will have to be examined before we actually make fixation. Under the present condition, it is not easy to make fixation as Mizoram is different from other places of India. Nevertheless, we will examine the situation and take action according to the need of circumstances.

PU HIPHEI : Pu Deputy Speaker, what I want to know is at what rate will porters be engaged in villages ?

PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, is it true that other States make fixation of minimum rate of labour mainly to prevent engagement of labourers at low and un-reasonable rate ? I do not know whether it is relevant and if it is not relevant the Minister may not reply but I would also like to know whether action has been taken in connection with the rate of skilled and unskilled labourers in PWD which is found to be too low and increase in the rate was recommended by Consultative Committee.

PU LAIHMINGTHANGA :
MINISTER Pu Deputy Speaker, let me reply the second question. It is a fact that the Consultative Committee had discussed about the wages of labourers in P.W.D. The wage rate of unskilled labourers is Rs 6/= not Rs 7/= and Rs.7.50 for semi-skilled labourers.

Suggestion made by the Consultative Committee is now being examined. What we should remember is that whatever proposal the House made has to be examined if it has financial implication. For example- the existing rate of unskilled labourer is Rs.6/= which as proposed may have to be fixed at Rs.10/= or Rs.12/= in the three Districts. Hence, proposal which has financial implication has to be examined before action is taken.

As for the previous question, I think the Minister-in-charge knows the answer better than me.

PU HIPHEI : Pu Deputy Speaker, according to the reply made by our Supply Minister it seems that only labourers of PWD will get benefit when the recommendation of Consultative Committee gets materialised whereas Labour & Employment Minister stated Supply Department as having their own rate. What I want to know is the rate to be used when for example- Officers engaged porters to carry their lodgings, for it is unlikely that they will use the rate used by Supply Department or PWD. The porters may in fact demand high wage.

PU LALFMINGHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, they will give the amount fixed for the existing rate.
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PU HIPHEI : Pu Deputy Speaker, that is exactly what I want to know. What is the existing rate for engaging porter ?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us stop here now. Today we have a business which may take time for its discussion if it arouse our interest. Hence we better take it up now. It is Business No.2 which is Calling Attention Notice submitted by Pu Joe Ngurdawla in connection with the recent incidents. But as it is not a motion on which vote has to be taken after the end of discussion, the member who submits the notice will raise the points for which he wants the explanation and clarification of the Minister-in-charge. Now we will call upon Pu Joe Ngurdawla.

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PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, as provided under Rule No.57 of Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business we have submitted Calling Attention Notice in connection with the recent happenings with an object to draw information from the Minister in-charge for Home Affairs regarding actions taken by the Government in this connections. Every member irrespective of the Party we belong to desires that such incidents never taken place again in future. Having no definite information regarding those incidents we have made un-official statements in the House. We therefore, request the Minister for Home Affairs to inform the House actions taken or which to be taken by the Government in regard to recent incidents.

BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO : Pu Deputy Speaker, the reply to this
CHIEF MINISTER : was prepared in English. But due to limited time, I have no time to translate it into Mizo for which I regret. Let me read it out. Mr. Speaker Sir, On 24th, March, 1980 two vehicles belonging to BRTF were coming up from Silchar to Aizawl carrying bridge materials and ration etc. At about 12:20 hours while these vehicles reached Km. stone 10, it was ambushed and fired at by 5 Armed Hostiles wearing green uniform from the western side of the jungle. As a result of this ambush the Driver received bullet injuries on his person. So far had stated that the Armed Hostiles were MNF.

On 20th March, 1980 10 to 12 Armed Hostiles carrying automatic weapons entered BRTF camp located on the bank of Mat river 19 Km from Serchhip on Serchhip to Thenzawl Road. It was about 6 P.M. in the evening. They came from nalla side and entered a Kitchen where the BRTF labourer and his wife were present. They shot the labourer. His wife shouted for help, she was fired at and shot death. The assassins then entered other Basas of the camp and sprayed the same with automatic fire, killing three and injuring the labourers. The Hostiles shot the camp on fire completely gutting it. Dead body too were burned and charred. Other inmate of the camp managed to escape and hide themselves in the jungle. Sources had stated that the killers were all MNF.

At about 7:00 P.M. on 20th March, 1980 two Armed Hostiles entered the House of Shri R.C. Dutta a Science Teacher of Chhiantlang High School and shot him death. After killing him the assassins took away Transistor and some medicines.

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The entire incident took place in front of Pi Thanmawii, a common law wife of Shri R.C.Dutta. A hand written note were left behind by the assassins stating all Non-Mizos must quit Mizoram. Action has been taken against him for violating above. MNA sources had stated that the assassins were MNF.

On the night of 15th March, 1980

Mr. S.R. Ray working as a Science Teacher in the Private High School of Kepran was taken out of his Home and beaten by some hard objects, as a result of which he died. The incident took place between Kepran and Sawleng. During the Examination of spot of incident pamphlet was found near the body in which it was written that violators of the Quit Mizoram Order issued by the underground will suffer like this. Sources had stated that the assassins were MNF.

All efforts are being made by the Government to apprehend the culprits. To this end intensive investigation is in progress. In fact one had been arrested already. Various organisations both Political and Non-Political have condemned this act of violence and senseless killings. In conclusion I wish to take this opportunity of reminding the hon'ble members of this House of the following aspects of these incidents.

Firstly, the students and parents need Science Teacher, these Science Teachers had been brutally killed. The Mizo people need good roads and the BRIF workers are making roads for us. These road workers had been brutally killed. Hundreds of people in the interior are in need of food supply. Movement of food supply is hampered as the result of these brutal killings. Our forefathers were chivalrous people. They did not kill innocent un-armed people, had brought same and disgrace upon the Mizo people. We the Mizo people are all Christians. These brutal killings are against our Christian faith. You, the hon'ble members are the elected representative of Mizo people for their well-being, progress and prosperity. I appeal to you all to discharge your responsibilities with due sense of prosperity and humanity keeping in mind always our Christian faith as a guide line. It is heartening, it is very heartening these hon'ble members of this House has in the recent past expressed strong disapproval of these act of violence and senseless killings. Your voices certainly carry weight. I appeal to you once more to continue to co-operate in this regard.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The copy of this statement may be distributed to members. Our House Leader wants to make statement regarding Sairang incident. We will call upon him before we proceed to our next business.

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BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO : Pu Deputy Speaker, I think our
CHIEF MINISTER : members wish to know about the
incident at Sairang on the night
before last. D.I.G. of Police
and S.P. along with others who went to investigate the
incident on the spot returned last night and have submitted
their first report which is yet only the outline. My
intention to read the report to the House and give the Mem-
bers the copy. I therefore, ask for permission of the
House to do this .

(DEPUTY SPEAKER : If you do not have the copy now,
you better say it here now).

Alright, I will say it but

PU C.L. RUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, as provided
under Rule 58, Minister who want
to make statement have to submit
the copy to Speaker one day in advance. But in case of
our Chief Minister, it seems that no copy was submitted to
Speaker in advance. I think we better abide by the rules.
Let us therefore have the statement read tomorrow.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : If we all agree to this, let us
then take up the business
which we have left unfinished, it
is discussion on the budget. In the mean-time, the Hon'ble
Chief Minister may submit the copy of the statement he
intends to make in the House yesterday, Our Finance
Minister was called to make statement and clarification,
but as there were only 9 members present in the House, there
was no quorum. We will now call upon him.

PU LAIHMINGTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, our members made
MINISTER : many good suggestions and raised
points which are worth noting for
the Government. Before I go on,
I request our members to understand me even if I cannot
clarify all that which they said and wished to know as this
will require so much time.

What I first of all, want to say
is the main objective of Plan and Budget we have so often
talked about. The main objective of Budget is to consoli-
date and uplift the socio-economic condition of the coun-
try. It is also the commitment and and collective respon-
sibility of the members who assemble here. Mizoram, as we
know, is backward area situated in the interior part of
India Union. Due to its peculiar topographical condition,

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it has many difficulties and its socio-Economic condition is also far from satisfactory. Those who are well-acquainted with Economics will know the high rate of pocket inflation and escalation of local prices. To make up such conditions we do not have local production. From a simple thing, we will know the high rate of inflation in Mizoram. Let us take man power per day for example. In areas beyond Vairengte the rate of man power is Rs.6/= per day. But after crossing Vairengte it comes to Rs.12/- the case of essential commodities may be different as some commodities are under the direct control of the Government. However, I think no one denies high rate of inflation and heavy loss in purchasing capacity in various essential commodities. To do away with such conditions we, the member and the public, have collective responsibility. And it is also the aim of our Plan and Budget. Yet large provision of fund alone will not be the best instrument in this endeavour. Though money is an important factor, yet economic factor and economic law operation have to be considered. It is therefore necessary to consider all the factors required for upliftment of socio-Economic condition of Mizoram. As I have said in my Budget speech, we need our members co-operation and help in our attempt and I request them to contribute their utmost effort. I also want to request them not to withdraw their co-operation though there seemed to be certain difficulties in law and order situation which according to their statement yesterday, makes them timid to co-operate the Government.

It may also be noted that it is since 1972 when Mizoram attained U.T. status that real developmental work is launched though there was development before. Before 1972, Mizoram was one of the 14 Districts under Assam Government and not because of their treachery, they were not in a position to undertake large-scale development in Mizoram partly because of financial difficulties. Since the attainment of Union Territory, however, development has shouldered on our own Government and we now have new venture. But what we should remember is the impossibility of doing all the necessary things at once as the English saying goes 'Rome was not built in a day'. It takes years to well develop the country. It is also important to have deep understanding of each other in our attempt to develop the people and the country.

I will come to the point now. It appears that what had been alleged by our member from Phuldungsei Constituency and other members regarding Budget preparation and alteration of the figure in the Budget by Finance Department needs clarification. The main task of Financial Department is to maintain Financial Discipline. It is not that they simply want to cut down the figure of the Budget prepared by Departments. We may remember that it is not possible to slice off the money as much as we want.

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The Government of India has certain financial restrictions as the amount to be incurred for expenditure of State and Union Territory Budgets prepared by various Departments are carefully scrutinized by Finance Department, and priority is given to proposals which requires immediate action. Hence, allegation of the members regarding alteration of the figure in the Budget by Finance Department may be justifiable. It is not their sole aim to cut down the figure of the amount in the Budget brought forward by the Departments. Let us take one family for example-Being head of the family, the father has financial responsibility. When his sons asked for Terryline suit there may be time when their wish was not granted and when it was granted. It is not that the father does not aware of the needs of his sons but considering their financial position and family requirements in various fields he wants to make use of the money in the most useful ways. The same case is with Financial Discipline.

In the case of P.W.D. our members pointed out our requirement of more fund and machineries for construction of roads, buildings and bridges. As regards purchase of more machineries - it may be noted that the main objective of the Government of India by having Public Works Department functions is to execute as many work as possible by manual labour as its name being Public Works Department. The agency of Public Works Department are contractors. If the contractors depend solely on machanisation, it will not be the policy of the Government. Nevertheless, we have every intention to apply the service of machineries to works that cannot be executed or which are difficult to execute by human labour. We may be aware that the policy of Pioneer Mechanise Organisation is not similar with that of Civil Public Works Department. For example - according to the exports, the working capacity of one Bull-dozer is equal to 20 manual labourers. If we engaged many Bull-Dozer supposing our Public Works Department is Mochanise Organisation, the purchasing power often amended by the Government particularly for villages will decline worse than before. Actually, if Government do not often amend purchasing power capacity, it is apprehensive that many people in villages die of hunger. Such being our condition EGS is made every year spending large sum of rupees. While we are in such a rotten condition, machanisation of our Public Works Department is suggested by our members may have side effects. It is therefore necessary to consider the possible effects of our suggestion if it gets materialized.

It is also not always possible to function as one wishes even if there is lots of fund. If there is money, it has to be spent. But to spent the money there must be the spenders such as Government Organisation capacity. It is in consideration of our working capacity Budget is prepared. Hence, it is not the main policy of the Government to acquire large sum of rupees in the Budget.

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What our member from Tlungvel Constituency allege regarding provision of the Budget was truly important. He said that large provision of fund was made for spending outside Mizoram whereas there was little provision for villages. He went on to allege that making a large provision for spending outside was the opportunity for corruptive practices. But, I want to inform our member that this was not the motive behind. What we, the members should remember is that frankly speaking Mizoram does not have anything in which it has self-sufficiency without having to import from outside. For example -not even a single needle, balloon or one kg of salt has been manufactured or produced in Mizoram. Being aware of our poor position in production, while our demands increase, large provision was made for purchase of our requirements from outside. Not only in the current year but also in the years to come, we will have to make large provision for spending outside unless our economic infrastructure is built up and we could have our own production to meet our requirements. It is not with a motive to practise corruption that large provision is made in the Budget for spending outside. We should also be aware of our incapability to make scheme for reduction of prices. Government is fully aware of the increase in prices of various essential commodities. Yet, we cannot simply reduce prices as merchants can do. I think we all know the reason for high price in Mizoram. What most important for Mizoram is to consider the means for improvement of our economic infrastructure. After economic infrastructure is built up and have our own production prices will automatically decline. I also want to point out that it is the policy of the Government to improve economic infrastructure.

I think I should also explain certain things stated by our members regarding agriculture. As stated, it seems that Mizoram could have two prospects - agriculture and forests. Animal and Husbandry also has good prospect. But, we have not yet seen any prospect in mineral and oil production. Having seen no other prospect except in agriculture and forest our members paid due importance to the only prospects we have and various constructive suggestions were made for which I am thankful. When various demands for grants are being discussed, our members will know efforts made by the Government in the field of agriculture. Our members stressed the need to have scientific research before plantations are actually started which is worth to note. But as I have said earlier, our Government is a newly formed Government due to which there are situations from which we cannot escape. It is therefore necessary to understand circumstances that surrounds Mizoram.

Our members have also mentioned about ginger. Encouragement of ginger growing started since some years back. But what the new Government encourage at present days is rice cultivation. Hence, priority has now been given to rice cultivation and not to ginger cultivation. Due to involvement of various difficulties such as transport and market facility for ginger, rice cultivation is now given priority in agriculture. Mizoram itself is a good market for rice. Even at present days, other states have rice market in Mizoram and about 50 per cent metric ton is imported outside. If this can be prevented, it means that there is rice market in every belly. When ever agriculture is being discussed, we should always remember that priority is given to rice cultivation not to ginger cultivation.

It is also a fact that there is not even a single large-scale Industry to be named in Mizoram. Economics prospect has yet to open. However, to work on that prospect, it is necessary to improve first Road infrastructure, power infrastructure and transport infrastructure. It is not that Government is not aware of the need to establish industry yet, in there are first requirements to build up before real industries are set up. However, Government is intending to make continuous efforts for establishment of Industries.

Government is also aware of the importance of Games and sports. But as I have stated earlier, our financial position has to be considered to create separate Directorate for Youth Welfare Department. Our members may know that expenditure incurred in the Budget have not any profit to get back. For example- thousands of rupees is sanctioned every year for purchase of medicine under Medical Department. The money sanctioned for this purpose cannot be used for business. Similarly in Police Department for example, Government do not expect the interest from the money incurred for expenditure of Police Department. However, there are expenditures incurred from which Government acquired interest and Games & Sports Department may also be included in this category. But, without considering the profit they will make, it is not wise to simply create separate Directorate or make larger provision of fund for their expenditure. Generally annual Budget is adjusted to plans and schemes already made and for which provision had been made in the previous budget. New provision has to be made for new item of new plans. If we insist on making provision for new item, certain portion of fund already sanctioned for other purpose has to be sliced off. However, Government will take into consideration the matters mentioned by our members in connection with Games and Sports though there is not much we can do within our already planned Budget.

Our members have stressed the need to improve education. However we also be aware of the need to control and vocationalise the quality of our education and it is also not possible to do everything as the wish of the people. For example- as our members have stated earlier, Mizoram have had enough of students or persons qualified in Art line. If a post of IDC is advertised, there use to be around 2000/3000 applicants as education qualification require for the post is matric passed. But in technical line not to mention those who should go for technical studies or those who should be employed in technical Department or Branch, we cannot even find a person to filled up our State quota. Even in the current year, only 9 seats out of 16 seats reserved for Mizoram can be filled up. In view of the immediate needs of the country, desires and wishes of the people expressed by our members have to be first channelised before they are executed for materialisation not because what our members said are of no importance. Such being the condition. Mizoram has yet many difficulties in pursuing the wishes of the people. However due to strenuous efforts made by the staff of various Departments. Budget can be presented and discussed in the House today. Whatever be our condition what most important is not to despise our State though we may envy other states in various walks of life. It will not be right if one neglects his own home for envying his neighbours. Hence Government will as far as practicable take action to what our members said and suggested in the course of our Budget discussion. Though we are not yet in a position to fulfil all that which the people desires and wishes we would someday build a well-developed state out of this poor developed state with the help and co-operation of the people and staff and officers of various Departments. I therefore would like to request our members to pass a Budget I submitted though the provision may not yet be satisfactory. That is all I can say at present.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Other Ministers may make clarification.

PU F.MAISAWMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, from the speeches
 MINISTER : made by our members, I have two observations. It was often stated that there is not much provision in the

Budget for rural areas yet, if we study detailed programmes and plans formulated by the Government we will know that most of them are concerned with rural development. I think it will be more useful in the years to come if our members give the Departments better advice or suggestions in formulation of plan and scheme instead of merely pointing their inadequacy. In Education Department for example - largest portion of fund goes to rural areas. I think the same case is also.

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in Public Works Department, Agriculture and Health Department. Hence, it may be better to make the Government know our ideas and suggestions which we think should be better instead of only pointing the weakness of the Government.

High price of essential commodities has also been mentioned. But, as stated by our Finance Minister, Government of Mizoram cannot simply check increase in prices as it is national issue.

Our members from Sateek Constituency alleged that the Government is negligent of his Constituency. But, it was in consideration of their condition that Sialsuk Middle School II, Thiak and Tachhip Schools were given recognition inspite of their in-adequacy. Sumsuih Middle School was also upgraded to Deficit School. Hence, I would like to inform the House that Sateek Constituency is not neglected by the Government.

PU ZAIREMTHANGA :
MINISTER :

Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to say a few things. Nothing much about Demands was mentioned yesterday. But, as there is one

important thing in the demands, I would like to mentioned above it now. It is a fact that supply cannot improve much till today. Since the beginning of this year, trouble started in Assam. Curfew was imposed on many places, there were strikes and band which hindered free movement of railwagon and other carriers. Added to this, there is oil crisis. If supply commodities cannot reached Silchar, our nearest Rail-head, Mizoram has eventually suffered. Contrary to our expectation, trouble in Assam does not yet seem to improve besides our own difficulties within the our territory. Perhaps, some of the newsmen mis-interpreted my statement regarding supply difficulty. It was published that vehicles cannot ply to and fro due to imposition of curfew because of recent incidents. It was further asked in the newspaper as to why Supply Minister does not lift curfew if it was the cause of supply difficulty. But, the difficulty is not much because of curfew, it is rather the difficulty, which confronted Cachar authorities to allow our vehicles to ply freely within their District because of the angry mob. This difficulty has still prevail till the present day. Nevertheless, We have continued and will continue to make top most effort to improve supply condition.

Transition of supply commodities particularly rice is that most of them are from Uttar Pradesh and Haryana. They are transported from these places by train up to Gauhati where they are conveyed to metergauge wagon. Transitment to metergauge wagon has to be booked which is often the reason for delay in transition. But now adays, metergauge wagon is booked from the places where supply of rice is taken.

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It seems that it is going to be successful. If, however, there is difficulty in getting meter-gauge wagon right from places where we get supply of rice. Road Transport will be operated between Gauhati and Vairengte that is after construction of Government Godown at Vairengte is completed. But for the current year, there is not much time left before rainy season starts. Hence, it is important for us all to make strenuous effort for improvement of supply condition.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Is there any other Minister who wants to make clarification? We will call upon Pu P.B. Rosanga.

PU P.B. ROSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I think I am
MINISTER : the one who has most to make clarification. But, I don't think it is necessary to clarify them all here in the House as I think we should regard what our members said in the course of our discussion, as good advice and suggestions for future guidance. However there are two things which I would like to clarify. Some of the activities of Agriculture Department for example - are much criticized. We also know that the Department did not use fund for the rightful purposes exactly as they are provided in the budget. Nevertheless if we carefully consider our points of criticism in various developmental activities of the Department we may realize that there are many that which cannot be set right from the Department. Since many past years, there had been false practice both from Government staff and the people concerned. In the minds of the people were implanted an intention to get money more than their work deserved or to acquire money for works they did not actually do, similarly while there are staff who expect to acquire money through false practice. To do away with all these, it is not only the Department, but also the members who assemble here have responsibility. Our task is to reform not only physical structure of our territory but also the minds of the people as a whole that includes Government employees, farmers and ourselves. What we need is moral reformation to make headway in various fields of development. May be there are persons who restrained themselves from such vices I mentioned, yet, there will be many as well whose minds have to reform. For example - I will mention about Potato cultivation which draws much criticism. Every year many quintal of potato is purchased from outside spending large sum of rupees. Even in the current year, there is proposal for purchase of 10,000 quintals. But due to non-availability of the kinds of potato we want for seeds 10,000/- quintals were not purchased.

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In this case, there can be a question as to why such a lot of potatoes have^{to} be purchased from outside. After the Cultivators report their own production and their requirement of potato seeds for the next season, Government finds it necessary to purchase some quintals from outside. But, being easily got rotten potato need careful handling. If there is delay or certain difficulties while in transit, there can be many difficulties for the Government which I want our members to understand. The same case is with other seedlings and crafts purchased from outside. As in the case of Apple crafts mention by our members there may be some which gets rotten dried while in transit before they actually reach growing areas. If there are actually such cases, I think Government should take investigation. However, I feel that Government and the people should take join responsibility for further improvement in various fields of development. I have, in fact, high expectation from our members to extend their co-operation and help in Government's undertakings. As stated by our Finance Minister, we are now at construction period and there may be somethings we did right and others we did wrong in our various undertakings. What we did right should be persued further and what were wrong should be set right for better improvement and leave behind which are of no importance or good to the people and the country. As we are under construction period, we, the members who should take a lead need to have good understanding of the situations and contribute whatever good suggestions we have. It is also necessary to make join effort for betterment of all and the country.

DEPUTY SPEAKER :

If the House Leader have anything to clarify we will call him now.

BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO:
CHIEF MINISTER :

Pu Deputy Speaker, our Ministers have made some clarifications but I also would like to clarify certain things.

I think it is the second time we have budget discussion since the formation of this Ministry. I want to point out one thing which always lingered in my mind. I will try to explain the meaning of Budget. In a family, the father knows all the income and being head of a family he considers what is best for the family and how would the money be most usefully spent. The father knows the necessity of making plan or budget for the family as he knows that they do not have much source of income to spend money luxuriously.

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Fortunately, however, if some-one gives the family lots of money, the father may not be so enthusiastic in making budget and he may be spending the money lavishly. This is the illustration I can think of our budget. We may not be much interested in our discussion though discussion is going on. However, it is necessary to have discussion on our budget.

We all know that Mizoram does not have much revenue or source of income. Most of the fund sanctioned for various developmental works came from Central Government. Perhaps this is the reason why we seemed to be not interested in the budget discussion including myself. Had we to prepare budget from our own source of income or revenue, we may be well prepared. As under the present circumstances. We asked for certain amount of money from Central Government and from the amount sanctioned by them we prepared the budget. I think others have often thought about this. Yet, I just wanted to point it out to remind us all the necessity of having our own revenue. I think no one feels happy to depend solely on others financially. Even if there is lots money to spend, it is still unpleasant if the money belongs to others. I think no self-respecting people deny this.

What stated most in the course of our discussion seemed to be things to be done which shows that everyone has deligence in devolopment of our territory. I am not blaming anyone but Mizoram as we know, goes through a crucial period. Within 30 years of independent India, Mizoram attained Union Territory status in 1972 and may be because of this Mizoram has still lagged behind of other states in various walks of life. Frankly speaking, our administrative system also has not yet been in pace with others. There are still many things to set right. Had there been ample time, there are still very many which need reformation. However, what is obvious from the speeches of our members is their diligence for progress. What we should know is that to make progress hard work is necessary, to be able to work hard time is required. Unfortunately however, 90 per cent of our precious time since last year was used up for doing nothing good which brings no fruitful result either. What is the use of violence and bloodshed? Does it do good to us and to the country? As a result of such killings and violence, our precious time was wasted up while there are much work to do. Every-one is responsible for making time available for hard work which is greatly needed for further progress.

One thing much needed by Mizoram is progress which means devolopment. Various things I have just mentioned are also devolopment of some kinds.

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I am truly glad that we all are diligence for progress. If we realize it at heart, the need for further development, there will certainly be development practically.

Our Finance Minister had stated about one thing which I want to repeat. If we ask ourselves as to what Mizoram needs most under the present condition, there can be many to point out. However, of all the needs there are certain things which are more important than the others. Some of the most urgent requirements of Mizoram are good road, water facilities and electric power without which other developmental works can not be properly carried out. As often stated earlier, Mizoram is at the initial stage and we have just begun the work of development in different fields. We also know our insufficiency in foodstuff which is our basic need. In view of our various needs and urgent requirements we may realize more and more the need to make strenuous efforts for development. As one thing leads to another development in other fields, self sufficiency in foodstuff and generations of electric power from our own rivers will be the most important key points for further developments. Having realized this, most of us stressed much the need for self sufficiency in foodstuff and better electricity. Even when we discussed about agriculture, food comes in the forefront of our minds. If we talk about food and foodstuff, wet rice cultivation and hill terracing come in prominent which is quite simple to think of. But it is truly necessary to make strenuous efforts for the success of our terraces and wet rice cultivation for which step has been taken by our Agriculture Staff and Secretary. Efforts made in the past are not enough. Let us therefore keep in mind once again the importance of food, water and electricity which are the three most urgent requirements of our territory.

Yesterday, some of our members gave their reason for not knowing how to co-operate the Government in spite of their desires to do. The reasons seemed to be the recent happenings in and outside Mizoram. Actually none of us desired or want to have incidents taken place. There were, in fact, many incident which had taken place much against our dislike. I understand if anyone complains such incidents or expressed his/her dislike and anger for such undesirable incidents. However, no one should be blamed and there is none to blame in particular for we are all responsible in this regard.

Some clarifications had been made earlier, I would, however, like to make clarification of certain important matters. The unsatisfactory condition of our policy was emphasized though none of us seemed to accept them as being efficient. As stated by our members there must be a reason for this,

for, we all know that they have many ~~grievances~~ such as over quarters, pay, porter and welfare. Though it is not a pleasant thing to say, there is but one very good reason for their in-efficiency which I know is too much involvement in politics in and among the rank below Inspector for which I am truly sorry. Under such circumstances, we should not totally put the blame on them for their in-sufficiency, as we also responsibility to some extent. If we, political leaders in particular, so often interfere in their works, it is understood that they will turn to a bad lot. The duty of all Governments Servants particularly the Army and Police is to carry out faithfully and obediently the assignment given to them by their superiors. But, this is not the case here in Mizoram which I regret to note. Every Government Servant have to be loyal to the Government of the day. If Government Servants do their duty or assignment given to them faithfully and obediently, and do not mixed up in corruptive activities, they themselves will be happy. This will bring fruitful result not only to the Government but also to themselves. This is the way every Government Employee should behave. In spite of many faithful Government Employees we have in Mizoram, there are still many who should learn to work enthusiastically. A motto - 'Every Government Servant has to be loyal to the Government of the day' is very important particularly for those who are in the Army or Police Organisation. What Political Leaders should remember is that if we interfere our Police or Officers in their work or if we motivate them in a wrong way they will certainly turn to a bad-lot though there are some who cannot be motivated in the wrong way.

Yesterday, the influx of Bangladesh nationals and boundary issue were mentioned in the course of our discussion. In this regard, report had reached the Government and we intend to have investigation taken. If all this reports happen to be true, it will be a real problem. It will therefore be necessary to take firm measures. I have in fact planned to visit Marpara personally on 31 and some of our leaders and our Deputy Speaker also volunteered themselves to come to Mauzang on foot from Tlabung to see everything with our own eyes.

Our hon'ble member, Pu Vadyu from Saiha Constituency stated about our inability to fill up a number of seats reserved for Mizoram in various technical institutions. Some of the reasons he pointed out were quite true. But, another reason for not filling up the reserved seats is that there used to be so few students who passed Matriculate Examination with Science as parts of their compulsory subject. Such being the reason, Science Education is truly important even at high School level.

As stated, while there are too many students in Art line, there are so few students who pursue science education.

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Most of the students who passed matriculate and Pre-University course are those who take up Art subjects. This is the reason why we cannot fill up our state reserved seats in Medical, Engineering and Vety Colleges.

Non-existence of proper list of seniority was given as one of the reasons for the grievances of our Government employees. In this connection, I want to make some explanations. Since the formation of Union Territory no proper Recruitment Rule have been framed as we are in newly formed Government. But now, Recruitment Rules for many Departments have been framed and some of them are still to be finalized. It may be noted that different states of India have Civil Government Rule which the whole of India accepts. Many Government servants claimed to have acquainted with such rules and made a claim for seniority. But when the claim of the senior Officers who have had 20/30 years of Service and experience is studied, it is known that many of them were wrong in their claim for seniority. As we are in newly created state, Government employees in the Government are fresh and in-experience in Governmental procedures. Hence, what we think to be right may not be right altogether. Nevertheless, it is still good to learn to know more about rules and procedures of the Government. There may also be cases where dealing Officers made mistake in their counting of seniority of Government employees. However, efforts is being made for setting right the wrong.

The un-satisfactory conditions of our MLAs were mentined. Some of our members have even complained against non-availability of vehicles as being the reason for not bringing their budget book and other large books given to them. They put much emphasis on the necessity of having vehicles at the disposal of MLAs particularly during the session. It is true that our MLAs are in need of vehicles and it is also necessary to have vehicles at their disposal. They have also made suggestions for the improvement of the facilities of the MLAs. But, I think the Assembly Committee better make appropriate recommendations which will be sent to Central Government at Delhi for their approval as there is nothing we can do without their approval. I think we should also do well in considering what reaction we will have had our demands not been granted. We may be very disappointed or may be very down-hearted. I have reason for saying this. Let us take other places for example:- There are many M.Ps who come to Delhi off and on and their allowances and other facilities entitled to them are pre-planned by themselves in the Parliament Session. Only after obtaining Government's approval can M.Ps enjoy facilities and allowances demanded by them. If one goes to Delhi, we will know that no M.P. is entitled even to a single vehicle. Some of them hire taxi or Rickshaw on their own expense. As approved by the Government they have free Railway Travel pass.

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If an M.P. happens to travel by air he/she will have to bear his/her own expenditure. Other States also do not provide their MLAs vehicles. Pay allowances and other facilities to be provided are pre-arranged by the Legislature. In the case of our MLAs, we can only make recommendation which will be taken to Delhi for their approval. It will be a good thing if they give their consent. But unless there is rule made in the Parliament for provision of vehicles to State MLAs and MPs they may not give their consent to our recommendation. As a matter of fact, I don't think they will approve as it is not possible to go beyond the rules even in the case of Telephone facilities. However, in the case of Mizoram we may do well in helping each other un-officially as we have done. Actually our Speaker and Deputy Speaker have done their best to make vehicles for our MLAs at least during the session. But we should not blame the Speaker and some one else when vehicle facility is not available. We can still help each other as one family even if we are unauthorised. They may not approve our recommendation though it is still good make a try.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will proceed to our next Business. We will call upon Pu Zairemthanga, Minister to move Demands for Grants for various Departments.

PU ZAIREMTHANGA
MINISTER

Pu Deputy-Speaker, on the recommendation of the Administrator of Mizoram and with your permission Sir, I move the Demand No. 1,5,12

16,22,24,37 and Rs. 13,83,26,000/- only to meet the expenses during the year 1980-81 in respect of these various Departments:-

- 1) Legislative Assembly
- 2) Election
- 3) Supply and Disposal
- 4) Other Administrative Services
- 5) Urban Development
- 6) Labour and Employment
- 7) Road and Water Transport.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Our Minister had just moved Demands for Grants for various Departments. If our members wish to speak in this regard, they may do so.

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PU C.L.RUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, Under the Major Head 257 of Demand No.12, we came across the heading 'Consumer goods' for which a provision of Rs.5,50,000/- was made in the Budget pertaining to this year whereas it is only Rs.60,000/- in the current Budget. As I have said yesterday, it is not very comforting when I studied steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard. 'Consumer goods' are, I think, articles which are the daily basic needs of the people. In view of the prevailing circumstances this year with the many difficulties we have gone through, I feel that more fund should be made available for procurement of consumer goods. Contrary to this, however, provision for consumer goods was cut down to Rupees Sixty Thousand. Maybe I do not know how to read this portion, I would, however, like to have an explanation.

Under the same Demand but in separate Major Head-509 there is provision for procurement of Essential commodities. The current provision is less than last year's provision by Rs.3,35,80,000/-. It is therefore likely that the present difficulty in getting enough essential commodities will be more by the next year. If we listened Radio Newsreel last night, we will know that Manipur Government decided to have essential commodities airdropped because of the trouble in Assam which hinders transport system. In Mizoram, not even enough salt can be obtain not to speak of other essential commodities. I do not know how long will this difficulty prevails but I think it is not right to cut down the provision for procurement of essential commodities. It will be heart-rending if the Budgets are to be implemented as it is now. I do not know whether the Government can revise what I have stated but it seems that we are not very careful in making Budget.

I am truly sorry that our House Leader think of us as not seemed to be interested in Budget discussion. Whatever be the case, every single Rupee as we know comes from Central Government. If we know how to utilize fund given to us, we should make things which are worth to inherit by the next generation and from these shall we develop Mizoram to be able to have our own revenue. But, if we do not utilize fund quickly while it is liberally lavished on us, a time for us to be able to stand by our own foot will be still farther. It is, therefore, truly important to use fund carefully.

I regret that only few officials used to be present in our session. There are, however, more officials present today. But will they stay upto the end of our sitting? Whatever be the reason, I feel that our disinterest in the session can be noticed even today. In every Assembly session, Government employees are requested to come to the office half an hour earlier than the usual time.

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But during this session, I think they were not informed of the time for arrival for which I regret. Yesterday also, there was no quarum. It seems that there is no one to be blamed for our disinterest in the session. I am truly sorry that it happens this way.

In Demand No.12 under Major Head-309, there is a provision of Rs.1,000/- for construction of Pucca garrage. If Pucca garrage can be constructed with only Rs.1,000/-. I am very willing to advance Rs.1,000/-. I think it is hardly possible to construct garrage with only Rs.1,000/- even it is not Pucca garrage. It seems that we just fill up the leading of the Demands without giving much thought to it. It is necessary to consider whether provisions we made under various Heads are advantageous to the people.

At the Major Head-257 under Demand No.12 there is a heading for Petrol Pump and there is also a provision of Rs.36,56,000/- for purchase of Petrol Pump. Hence, I would like to know whether the money is for purchase of Petrol Pump or for construction of Petrol Pump. Do the Government intend to construct Petrol Pump ?

In the provision made for Legislative Assembly, there is Rs.60,000/- for maintenance of Vehicles which is for MLAs inclusively. But as no MLA has no vehicle, is there intention to repair our private vehicles at home or are they intending to allot MLAs vehicles ?

(Deputy Speaker : In this case, MLA means Mizoram Legislative Assembly.) Yes, I understand.

But separate provision was made for Assembly Secretariat. However, facilities enjoyed by MLAs of various states can be quite different. In Nagaland, for example - each MLAs allotted a vehicle with provision for maintenance. Let me continue what our Chief Minister said regarding States MLAs. If we compare Mizoram with other states-in other states, there are many taxi to hire when one is in a hurry or have heavy load to carry whereas Mizoram has no such facility. As transport facility is the problem in Mizoram, it is also the problem faced by the members which we want the Government to recognise . We do not expect the Government to extend help beyond their capacity. We have however, mentioned our problems in the hope that Government will consider us. I am truly sorry that there seemed to be misunderstanding in what we said yesterday though the House have privilege to say those things. We may be aware of the freedom from arrest we, the members have during 40 days before and after the session. Except in criminal cases, members can not be arrested during this period. This is the freedom the House can enjoy.

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If the members can't enjoy this, it means that the dignity of the House will disappear. When I say 'House' it includes all the members as it is not possible to constitute a House if there is no member. Hence House includes all the members. Government would do well in recognising the privileges of the House which every member is entitled to enjoy. From what we have listened, it is obvious that members have not fully enjoyed the privileges entitled to them. If the Government is incapable of saving us, we will take the matter to Central Government the only thing we can do besides praying to God as the people and the members are not safe enough from un-lawful activities. I feel that the House has almost lost its dignity.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : If any member have things to ask regarding our Demands they may do so, But, let us try to be brief as time is going to be required in the afternoon. Now, Pu Hiphei.

PU HIPHEI : Pu Deputy Speaker, I thank you for allowing me stand up. I do not much to say. But, in Demand No. 1 under the head - 'Legislative Assembly' I think the members are also included.

Our speeches in the session are published and relayed in the papers and Radio which is quite informative. I do not particularly object to the report but I think something should be done regarding announcement in Radio. For example - Last night, 'All India Radio announced that Opposition MLAs like Pu Hiphei were very un-satisfied'. In this case, Pu Hiphei seems to be more like an ordinary and abnormal person who was present in the session. If I were to report about the something announced in the Radio last night I will report it this way- Pu Hiphei expressed his gratitude towards Central Government for advancing a large provision of fund to Mizoram. But as the fund was less than last year's Revised Estimate he mentioned his apprehension for in-adequacy of the fund. Such report will be quite sufficient whoever member it applies to. But as the report made by the Radio, it seems more like that I was not at all pleased by the liberal advancement of fund by Central Government which is not the case. The report was, in fact, half truth. Such kind of announcement had once been made in the past. In the case of our Hon'ble member from Tlabung Constituency, it was reported as if he was not fluent in Mizo language which is not very nice for Radio announcement.

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In future, such kind of announcement may not be repeated and our speeches may be shortened if it is for Radio announcement. I want to include all these in Demand No.1.

In the some Demand number, our hon'ble members from Sateek Constituency mentioned about his encounter with CRP who came to arrest him without warrant and whom he repulsed in which case our House Leader stated him. Our members, as being lucky for not having being arrested and for encountering CRP who do not know much about the Rules. But to hear such a reply from House Leader was quite an becoming as he is the one who should protect and save us if one of any member is arrested during the session. He is not only Leader of the Ruling party but he is also Leader of opposition party. I do not know what he meant be making such reply but will he say that the member who was arrested is lucky. I think he better makes other reply than that. As stated, there are privileges which every member is entitled to enjoy.

As stated by one of our members yesterday it seems that Mizoram Legislative Assembly is quite incompetent to other State's Assembly. It appears that the Assembly is inter-twined with executive even in the case of appointment. Is there any way to make our Assembly more independent than the present condition? I want the Government to find the way.

I also do not understand what our member said regarding maintenance of vehicles. I think the Minister-in-charge should make clarification.

Under the Major Head -211-in Demand No.1 there is 'MLA' under sub-head of U.T. Legislature under which there is Maintenance of Vehicles for which a provision of Rs.1,20,000/- was made. I do not know whether the provision is for Legislative Assembly Secretariat or for the salary of MLA. Hence, I would like to have an explanation for this.

In Demand No,24, there is Labour and Employment. If I am not mistaken I think Superintendent is the highest authority in this Department. This must be the reason why the Minister-in-charge said they have no fixation of rate as there seems to be in-adequate staff in a Department. Where only Superintendent is the head. Cannot they make fixation of pay on the basis of Minimum Wages Act we have passed in the House? I think it is too small a Department to have Superintendent for the head. They should have at least upto the rank of Under Secretary for Department head. I do not know whether provision is made for creation of post higher than the rank of Superintendent, but I would like to have an explanation.

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If what I knew happens to be true, I think the Department should be enlarged and strengthened. As stated by one of our members yesterday, I think we should also have Labour Bank so when any contractor or some wealthy men want to engage labourer of any kind, he/they will inform Labour and Employment Department which in turn will forward the list of labourers from which selection will be made. I think this will serve important purpose to the whole of Mizoram not only to contractors or wealthy men. This way there may also be better arrangement for issue of Inner Line Permits. I request the Government to strengthen the Department and have at least Under Secretary rank for their Department head so that there may be speedier execution of work and Labour Bank also may be materialised.

Thank you.

PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I feel that we should consider relevancy in the discussion of our Demands. Certain subjects such as what our member from Tlungvel Constituency stated may be discussed at some other times. Members who have interest in the such subjects may give notice so that discussion may be held at some other time.

I have not much to say regarding the Budget. There is, however, one thing which I want to tell our members. In the previous Budget, there had also been Revised Budget. But in the current year, there has not yet been time for Revised Budget. If there is difference in the amount of the Budget for previous and the current years, additional amount can be provided at the end of the year if necessity arises.

I would also like to know on what principle Government procure and dispose of essential commodities. Was it on profit or no gain basis? What was the total expenditure last year?

Though I did not bring the Budget Book but when I go through it this morning, I there was provision for strengthening Labour and Employment Department with additional staff.

Our hon'ble members have mentioned about provision made in the Budget for Legislative Assembly. I think, we should, in future, make provision for Oil consumption and transport facilities of the members as the members have to go often on tour of different places. If we depend solely on the approval of Central Government even for certain things which can be settled un-officially within ourselves, we may not often get their approval.

What most important is to make more provision for facilities of the members. Whatever facilities may be entitled to us, it is not only for ourselves. Being representatives of the people it is necessary for us to have certain facilities available. A State who has been Government has better facilities and those who are not keen have poorer facilities. It is particularly important for Speakers of the House to know this. If large provision is made in Budget Estimate, there will be naturally be better facilities.

I also desire that to know under what Demand expenditure was incurred for Water Transport last year's Budget.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, there are large provision of fund under the Demands for Grants. I have not much to say regarding an outlay of the Budget. I would however like to say certain things.

There is one thing I do not understand in Demand No.14 for which I would like to have an explanation from the Minister in-charge. Just before the present session I submitted Resolution relating to BRTF which was however, dropped on the ground that we have no authority over them. But in the Budget, our financial involvement with the BRTF was mentioned. Hence why was my resolution dropped and what connection have we with them.

I beg the House/^{to} understand me even if I go along the points in my speech. Our members have stated much regarding Demand No.1. As stated, vehicle is a great problem to the members. Even when Under Secretary, Staff of Assembly and Unites President could have vehicle to use, we, members never have any to use. It is therefore necessary for the Government and the House to consider vehicle problem we have been facing.

Under Demand No.37, there is large provision for Water Transport Department. Though I do not know their actual task or what I have done, I think it should be placed under other Demands. I would also like the Minister in-charge to inform the House achievements made by this Department during the Financial Year. It is good to have large Demands for grants, yet I am afraid that they are not utilized properly. To make our Demands effective, Government should should make strenuous efforts. In view of the present condition prevailing in Mizoram, it seems that large provision of fund are going to be wasted again. I want to remind the Government to take vigorous steps for effective implementation of the Demands.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, the Minister in-charge may be called.

PU ZAIREMTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, Our Hon'ble member, MINISTER Pu C.L. Ruzla said that provision made in the Demands for consumer was much lesser than provision made in last year's Budget. The detailed reason for reducing the provision is shown at Page 73 of Major Head-257 in Demand No.12 'Consumer goods' here does not only mean food articles.

It is true that provision for procurement of essential commodities is reduced in the Current Budget Demand because of the actual expense last year which is taken into account when Budget for the next year is prepared. However, if additional fund is required, we can have it in the Revised Estimate. As it is not convenient to simply follow normal course of action every year we have to consider our requirements which can be different from year to year. Keeping this in mind provision for procurement of essential commodities was reduced in the Current Budget Demand.

One of our members mentioned about consumer Petrol Pump. It seems that our member does not yet know Consumer Petrol Pump we have installed. It is installed at Chaltlang Workshop from which Petrol and Diesel are sold. It has, in fact, served even the public since oil crisis.

He also stated his willingness to advance the same amount provided in the Demand for construction of Pucca garage which amounts to only Rs.1,000/-. The provision may be little. But the size of the garage also should be taken into account. May be Car garage can be constructed with that much money. I do not know how did the calculators calculate, but I think Rs.1,000/- is a rough estimate for construction of pucca garage.

It seems that the Head 'Maintenance of Vehicle' in Demand No.1 attracts much interest of our members. If we carefully study the Demand, there is Pay and allowances of Speaker and Deputy Speaker at Page 2 where no maintenance of vehicle was mentioned. At Page 3, there is Pay and allowances of the MLAs where there is also maintenance of vehicle in the last portion. As may be known, the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker have not only one vehicle at their disposal which requires much maintenance. Hence, the fund is to be used for such.

One of our hon'ble members regarded Labour and Employment Department as having Superintendent as the highest ranking authority in the Department. But if we turn to page nos.72 & 73, we will see that the detailed activities and performance of Labour and Employment Department is clearly revealed which I think I need not repeat.

As regards question raised by Pu Ngurdawla regarding procurement and disposal of essential commodities - if calculated in prices there is immense loss. But, recognising our problems Central Government have given us Transport subsidy which makes us able to distribute rice in villages at the same rate as that of towns. Proposal has also been made under Production and Distribution scheme for distribution of essential commodities other than rice through Retail Shops and for the materialization of which Central Government have been moved to grant us Transport subsidy as in rice supply.

May be we do not understand about water transport. In the Demand, it is written Road and water transport. Our hon'ble member, Pu Saikapthianga has almost alleged the Department as doing no work. I think we can well imagine heavy financial involvement in Road Transport. It is very expensive to keep many Buses and Trucks running and we also intend to purchase some more. At present, the body of 32 Buses are under construction. Besides 20 Trucks already purchased, 10 Jeeps are going to be purchased. In addition to a number of Buses and Trucks already possessed, some more will be purchased in the next Budget. Water Transport is however, placed under the Public Works Department according to the necessity of circumstances. Labour and Employment Department along with I.T.I. are placed under Labour and Employment Budget though they are under the care of Education Department. Housing loan for which there is Budget provision has been looked after by Finance Department and distribution is also done by them. Demands for grants I had moved for various Departments are not altogether the Departments under my charge. That is all I can classify in general. I request the House to pass Demand I moved for Rs.13,83,26,000/-

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Our Ministers have made clarifications to some of the things discussed by our members in General Discussion. The Minister in-charge had moved the Demands Nos,1,5,12,16,22,24,37 for Rs.13,83,26,000/- for the year 1980-81. Those who agree to pass may say 'aye' (Members said 'aye') It seems there is no member who objects to the passing of these Demands.

As recommended by Mizoram Lt.Governor Demands Nos.1,5,12,16,22,24,& 37 for Rs.13,83,26,000/- for the year 1980-81 has been passed.

Now, we will have recess.

Recess till 2:00 P.M.

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Afternoon Sitting 2:00 P.M.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will now take up Business Items No.3 - Supplementary Demand for grants. Finance Minister may be called to move the Demands.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, On the recommen-
MINISTER : dation of the Lt. Governor (Adminis-
trator) of Union Territory of
Mizoram and with your permission

Sir, I move the Demand Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40 and 41 which can be seen in the Supplementary Demand Book supplied to the members at page No.1 and 2 as noted against the abstract of Supplementary Demand of 1979-1980 for Rs.9,82,07,000/- to meet the additional expenditure during the year 1979-80 in respect of the Department shown in column 2 of the same abstract.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Our Finance Minister had moved the Demands for regularisation of supplementary expenditure for 1979-1980. If there is no member who wish to speak in this regard the Minister in-charge to beg the House to pass his Demands.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the Demand I
MINISTER : moved for Rs.9,82,07,000/- is from Revised Budget. As there used to be shortage of fund and require-
ment of fund when we spent original Budget Estimate, Revised Estimate has to be made. Hence, the Revised Estimate is now brought to the House with my request to agree to pass it.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Minister in-charge had moved supplementary Demands for grants for 1979-80. Those which agree to pass it may raise your right hand and say 'AYE' (Members raised their hands in agreement). As recommended by Lt. Governor of Mizoram Supplementary Budget Demand for grant 1979-80 has now been passed.

We will proceed to our Business No.5 - introduction of Appropriation Bill No.1, 1980 by Finance Minister.

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PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, on the reco-
MINISTER mmendation of the Administrator
of Mizoram and with your kind
permission, I beg leave of the House for introduction
of Appropriation No.1 Bill of 1980.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Minister has begged leave of
the House for introduction of his
Bill. Do we all agree? (Members
agreed). If so, he may as well introduce it to the House
now.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, with your per-
MINISTER mission Sir, I now introduced
the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Appropriation No.1 Bill, 1980 has
now been introduced by the
Minister in-charge. He may now
beg leave of the House to take his Bill into consideration.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, with your per-
MINISTER mission Sir, that the Appropriation
No.1 Bill of 1980 be taken into
consideration.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Do we agree to take this Bill into
consideration? (Members kept silent)
If we agree, those who wish to
speak in this regard may do so. (Members remained silent)
If there is no one to speak, the Minister in-charge may
seek House permission to pass his Bill.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : With your permission Sir, I move
MINISTER that the Bill be passed by the
House.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Those who agree to pass it may
raise your right hand and say
'Aye' (Members raised their
hands in agreement). Appropriation No.1 Bill, 1980 has
now been passed.

We will proceed to our next Busi-
ness - Discussion on Voting on Demand for Grants for
1980-81. Our Finance Minister may move his Demands.

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FU LAHMINGTANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, on the recomm-
MINISTER : endation of the Administrator of
Mizoram and with your permission
Sir, I move the Demand No.6,7,14,
17,20,21,35,36 & 38 for Rs.28,77,54,000/- only to meet
the expenses during the year 1980-81 in respect of the
following Departments:

Revenue, Treasuries and Accounts Administration.
Public Works, Retirement Benefit, Public Health
Housing, Electricity, Roads and Bridges.
Loans to Government Servant.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Is there any member who wish to
speak regarding the Demands
moved by our Finance Minister.

FU H.RAMMAWI Pu Deputy Speaker, I do not intend
to say much. But was it typing
mistake that the figures of the
Demand for grant is Rs,28,77,54,000/- in our copies?

FU LAHMINGTANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, our member
MINISTER : Pu H.Rammawi was right. It was
I who quoted the wrong figure.

FU C.VULLUATA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I don't
intend to say much. Due to Sairang
incident I was absent during
Budget Discussion. Nevertheless, I will say only about
the Demand and I will concentrate construction of roads by
Public Works Department. For widening of the road from
Bazar Bungkawn to Vaivakawn Rs.8,00,000/- was sanctioned
for which we had expressed our gratitude. But in the cur-
rent Demand, widening has come down to improvement for
which Rs.1,00,000/- is sanctioned. I do not know the
reason for cutting down the amount of fund sanctioned for
this road but I hope that the Government will be able to
divert some portions from other provisions for the impro-
vement of the said road.

For widening and improvement of
the road between Tlawng and Reiek there is a provision of
Rs. 2,00,000/- which I do not approve as the road is too
hopeless to have it improved or widened. As I have
suggested, new road should be constructed instead of
using the fund for improvement of such a low grade and
hopeless road.

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I also would like to request the authorities concerned to note the importance of having the proposal for construction Sairang-Mamit-Damchhera Road implemented for which Rs.29 lakhs had been spent but which the Congress Ministry had totally dropped out without reason. I have also no objection to the Demands moved by our Finance Minister.

PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Deputy Speaker, it seems that there is larger provision of fund this year for collection of Taxes on income and expenditure which is shown under Major head- 220 in Demand No.6. If I am not mistaken it appears that the Departments has not made collection of Professional tax and other taxes within town area since the year 1977 due to shortage of staff in the Department. It is also learn that proposal for strengthening of staff position has been objected. Taxation, as we know, is our important revenue while at the same time it can be a burden if collection is not done up-to-date unless there is going to be exemption. Last year, there was provision for creation of post for Superintendent of Taxes but this has not yet been filled up till date. If I am not mistaken I think there is one Inspector in the Secretariat which does not seem to be a proper place of posting for field staff. Besides this, there are only two staff at District level. To have the work executed, the number of the staff is too few. I therefore desire that the Government do something to strengthen this Department.

In Demand No.14, there is Public work. But as other Departments such as Agriculture, Industries and Police also have one designation similar to that of Public Works Department. I think, I will say about them together regarding the designation of Mechanic. While some of these Departments placed their Mechanic at Grade II, some Departments placed them Grade at III. Some Mechanics employed under Industries Department are without grade though they get higher pay than that of those employed under Public Works Department and Transport. It seems that their qualification is however, the same. I feel that we should immediately settle the conditions of Mechanics in various Departments other-wise there may arise agitation. That is all I want to say now.

PU ELLIS SAIDENGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, much had been said yesterday hence I will not say much now. If we look at Demand No.14, there is Public Works Department for which there is large provision of fund.

But, it seems that one thing I considered very important is not included here. It is construction of road from N. Vanlaiphai to Saiha through Thingsai. It seems that the work has not been started till now though survey had been done I want the Minister to note this. 'Loan to Government Servant' shown in Demand No.38 is an important matter. As it is the only means by which Government employees who have not much to spare from their monthly salary, make home, the provision made in the Demand seems to be a little less.

Allotment of House Building Advance entitled to only senior employees may also be relaxed so that more persons may enjoy it.

Public Health is truly important and water, as we know is one of our major problems in Mizoram. There is a big scheme at Lunglei for which large provision is made in the Demand. But, I want the Department to take more vigorous steps for speedier execution of works connected with this scheme. That's all I want to say.

PU C.L.RUALA :

Pu Deputy Speaker, I don't intend to say much. Under the major head-334 in Demand No.35 there is electricity. The provision for this has come down in the current Demand less by Rs.2,65,000/-. Last year, 15 Km. was lined with 33 K.V. and 25 Km with 11K.V. It is likely that there is slower progress considering the amount of provision made in the current Demand Budget. As we know, 33 K.V. line covers Aizawl to Lunglei. But the line has not even reached Tuirial. There is Sub-Division at Thingsulthliah which is placed in the care of one S.D.O. who has also looked after Saitual Sub-Division besides his actual duties. It seems that there is slow progress in the work. May be because there is Diesel Engine at Saitual the works seems to be concentrated only there neglecting Thingsulthliah. I would like to know whether more provision can be made for 33 K.V.line.

It appears that provision for construction of Road and Bridges shown in Demand No. 36 under Major head-337 has also been cut down to Rs. 17,76,000/- in the current Budget. I don't know whether our Ministers remember it that I have asked the reason for cutting down the figure in current Demand Budget. Road as we know, is one of the urgent needs of the people. Recently, I submitted a Private Resolution in connection with Thingdawl-Khumbung road for which thousand and thousand of rupees had been spent. I made a suggestion for handing over its maintenance to Public Works Department.

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But my resolution was not accepted. However, whatever may be the reason, it is necessary to make this road plyable by the motor vehicles and fund may also be extracted from Supplementary Budget. The importance of this road is more felt since 1974 because of permanent fruit gardens started by 120 families besides the many pedestrians who have vegetable gardens on both banks of river Tuirial. I therefore desire that Government take initiative to have this road improved and make fund available in Supplementary Demand.

I do not know whatever provision made under Major Head-310 in Demand No.14 for 'Slaughter Home' was spent last year but Mizoram is truly in need of Slaughter Home. As we have no Slaughter Home, cows and pigs are slaughtered at any convenient area oozing the blood and other wastages here and there which does not at all look good especially to non-Mizos. Not to speak of other state capitals, District Headquarter like Darjeeling also has Slaughter Home in the outskirts of the town and the meats are brought to town through a short-cut road which can be used only by slaughters for bringing the meats to town. Slaughters with meats are not even allowed in public road. Cleanliness was maintained in such a way. But in Mizoram, it is not like that. Last year, Rs.1,70,000/- was provided in the Budget for Slaughter Home, yet I think the money was not utilized. I, therefore, would like to know whether the money provided in the Budget for Slaughter Home was actually spent. In the current Budget, we have a provision of Rs.1,50,000/-. What plan do we have this year? I feel that Government should immediately have slaughter Home built.

Under the Major Head-321 in Demand No.14, Rs.50,000/- was provided for Mini Sugar Plant. As we may be aware, Rs.50,000/- is a small amount to construct even a small house. I do not know what kind of Mini Plant is going to be constructed with Rs.50,000/- but let us hope that something is going to be done with this small fund.

Under the same Demand, there is 'Saw Mill-cum-Seasoning' for which one lakh of rupees was sanctioned in last year's Budget. But this year, no provision was made for this. I, therefore, would like to know whether 'Saw Mill-cum-Seasoning' is dropped or the Government do not know where to spend the fund.

There is a provision of Rs.1,33,000/- for Hospital under Major Head-200. The provision made in the current year Budget has come down less by Rs.1,90,000/- than last year. I would like to know where the money was spent last year and for which Hospital and where the amount of Rs.1,33,000/- we have in the current Budget will be spent? Mizoram as we know, has still lack good and well accommodated Hospital.

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Aizawl, we will see that two patients, one who has and the other who has not delivered baby are put in one bed. In fact, some patients have to sleep on the floor. Due to shortage of accomadation, patients who have no complication after delivery are soon discharged. Such is the case also in Medival and Surgical wards. Frankly speaking, it is very difficult for ordinary and not very well-to-do persons to get admission in this Hospital. It is therefore, truely necessary to improve Hospital Building. Though fund provided in the current Demand is lesser than last year, yet I think some more Buildings can be constructed with the amount sanctioned. It will be pleasing if the work can be started immediately.

Generally speaking, buildings constructed after Union Territory are too in-adequate. In fact, there has not yet been any real and pucca building constructed except MLA Hostel which is now under construction besides Circuit House and Secretariat Building. We would do well in having buildings constructed while Central Government has liberally lavished maney on us. Last year, large provision of fund was made for construction of Agriculture Building, yet the work has not been started till now while thousand and thousand of rupees are spent for renting private Houses. I feel that money sanctioned for construction of building should be utilized for the actual purposes. I also desire that the Departments have made use of fund for construction of good buildings that can be heritated by new generation instead of constructing temporary buildings within a short span of time. At the beginning of the creation of Union Territory Government, it was necessary to have buildings constructed urgently and some buildings were repaired and extended for temporary use. But, some years had passed since then. It is now necessary to have pucca building constructed in Mizoram for the materialization of which, Schedule of rate in Public Works Department be revised. At present the highest tenderers in Building Department used to be those who tendered at the rate of 80 per cent above Schedule of rate. It is obvious that no real work can be carried out at such a rate. Besides revising schedule of rate, contractors should be prompted to execute their works better and speedier so that we may have good buildings. I think we all envy other States regarding building. I will be glad if the Government take initiative measures for construction of good buildings in Mizoram.

Thank you.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER : If there is no other member to speak, we will call the Minister in-charge to make clarifications.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, when I consider
MINISTER our in-adequacy to make speedy headway and the diligence of our members for development in various fields, I really wish that we could do something to have developmental works implemented faster. It is obvious that we all have a common desire, that is development. Actually, Government want more than what our members said. But they can not move ahead fast as they desire.

Our hon'ble member from Sairang constituency stated about the condition of Tlawng-Reiek Road which he said was so hopeless to have it improved. Besides stressing the need to widen Bazar Bungkawn - Vaiva-kawn Road and to have Sairang - Mamit Road improved and maintained. I have noted down all these.

What had been stated by our hon'ble member from Aizawl South Constituency regarding collection of taxes was truly important. Since we have been lifted up almost to the status of Statehood, Central Government want us to be more alert than before in the utilization of local resources which, at the same time, is important for us. If we, ourselves can make many resources, there will be a sense of participation and a sense of ownership in the minds of the people. I therefore truly appreciate what was stated by our hon'ble member.

It is also true that collection of taxes has not been done properly in Aizawl since 1977. The reason is that it was tackled while revenue re-organization was done. However, the matter is being processed and taken up.

Post creation in connection with tax collection was also true. We are also aware of the in-adequacy of staff in the Department responsible for collection of taxes. We have in fact, sought the way to have it improved. It is truly important to find the way for improvement of tax collection machinery not only for Aizawl town but also for the whole of Mizoram.

As stated, it is also a fact that there is difference in the emolument of pay of mechanics of Grade II engaged in various Departments. 'Mechanics' here can also refer to those employed in Industries. Whatever be the case, it seems that we have to repeat what had often been stated.

The administration of Mizoram as we know is at its starting and formation period. Government is aware of all these and they have intended to take remedial measures.

Government is also aware of the importance of N. Vanlaiphai-Thingsai-Saiha Road mentioned our hon'ble Member from Hnahthial Constituency. But, if the construction has to be a new item there may be some difficulties in acquiring fund and to have the work started right away. If we are to take up the work it means that we have other project. Any how, we shall examine the matter.

Our member has also mentioned about Lunglei Water Supply Scheme under the Major Head 'Public Health' in Demand No.20. But, as the estimated cost exceeds rupees ten lakh, approval has to be obtained from Central Government for which effort was made last year. We are hoping to get clearance and we have continued our effort for it. In fact, some ground works such as location of main and journal reservoirs had been done even before Central Government give clearance. The Department also is getting ready to start the work as soon as Central Government gives us clearance.

I appreciate the zealosity of our member from Tlungvel Constituency. Besides being a challenge, it was an encouragement for the Government. But I do not think it is right to say that there is lesser fund in the current Budget for Road and Bridges under Public Works Department. However, there is lesser provision of fund for BRTF Estimate which makes the over-all total of fund look little. I hope our members understand this,

In the case of electricity - it may be noted that 33 K.V.Line is not generally for areas between Aizawl - Lunglei. We have different Transmission Lines. As proposed by the Government 132 K.V.Line will be constructed from Halflong - Jeribus via Tipaimukh to Aizawl. The expenditure is to be borne by North Eastern Council and work execution likewise. It is also proposed to construct the same line between Lunglei and Aizawl. Though the original proposal was 66 K.V.Line but we have had experience of having 66 K.V Line constructed from Dhulukcherra to Aizawl which is found to be not very reliable, hence we pressurized Central Government to have 132 K.V.Line constructed between Lunglei and Aizawl which they approved. But, as regards construction of its Sub-Station consultation is being in the air for constructing Sub-Station as that of 66 K.V.Sub-station. 33 K.V.Line is not for long transmission. I think it can cover up to Thingsulthliah for example and 11 K.V.Line cover shorter distance than 33 K.V.Line. There is also transmission line which is LT line - Low Transmission line. It is used for distribution of transmission line and for transmission.

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Normally 11 KV Line is used within a distance of 5 to 8 KM or upto 15 KM. 33 KV Line is, however, used beyond such distance.

Our member has also requested the Government to include Thingdawl - Khumtung Road in Supplementary Budget. As stated, it is an important road as it also serves as link road between the road in Thenzawl range and the BRTF Road in Baktawng range. However, BRTF have constructed all weather road from Aizawl via Zembawk, Thingsulthliah, Tlungvel and to places beyond. Hence, Government regarded Thingdawl - Khumtung road as having lost its importance for Transport line due to change of time. This is the reason why priority was not given to it. However, this road may have agriculture importance as stated by our member. I have, in fact, personally visited the areas and found that the road was maintained as old road. Whatever be the case, there may be difficulty in including it in the Revised Estimate as it is going to be new item. Nevertheless, we all examine the matter as it has importance to the people and the country.

Regarding Thingsulthliah and Saitual Sub-Divisions which are placed under one S.D.O shortage of staff is one of our major problems in Mizoram. It may be noted that there cannot simply be speedy execution of works unless office organisation, whichever Department or organisation it may be, has been strengthened. To execute much work, organisational capacity has to be strengthened which means that there has to be proportionate increase. But as often stated, shortage of technicians creates another problem to strengthen our Technical Departments. In our desire to have the offices function, our officers are given dual charge. It is the responsibility of all, not only the members to make effort to overcome our problems.

Our hon'ble member also stated that no pucca building has been constructed in Mizoram which I admit, as may be aware, there are many problems in Housing not only for public but also for Government employees. We cannot even provide quarter to our employees instead we laid down some principles for Government employees who have houses in Aizawl not to occupy Government quarters. It is not that Government do not consider the well being of their employees but housing is a common problem. Government selected sites at Luchingmual for residential complex. But to have works executed, there are yet many problems. Estimate has to be made, designers have to be engaged to plan the structure and tenders have to be called. Hence, there are many problems. However, Government is making strenuous effort so let us hope that there will be improvement.

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It is true that Rs. 5 lakhs was provided for Mini Sugar Plant under Major head-321. It may be noted that a full cost of the plant was not projected here. If the plan is not a new item, token provision is made in the Budget so that there may be more requirement fund sanctioned when the work gets started. I do not think we will have financial difficulty for having the Plant established.

Even in the case of Saw Mill-cum-Seasoning - it may be that the provision made in last year's Budget still valids. Whatever be the case, Saw Mill and Sugar Plant are big projects which requires much attention and serious thinking. They are not things which can be had within a day or a year. The many difficulties involved have to be considered. Anyway I am glad to note that our members have interest in the developmental works of the country, for, if you do not have interest in our works, it is going to be very disencouraging which will naturally have bad effect on those who execute the works. Your criticism have challenged and encouraged as in a constructive way.

Now, Pu Deputy Speaker, I request the House to pass the Demands I moved which are Demands Nos. 6,7,14,17,20,21,35,36,38 for Rs. 28,77,54,000/-

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Our Minister have made clarifications and have also requested the House to pass his Demand. Those who agree to pass it may raise your right hand and say 'agree' (Members agreed) No one disagreed to pass the Demand. Hence, as recommended by the Lt. Governor (Administrator) of Mizoram, Demand No. 6,7,14,17,20,21,35,36,38 for Rs. - Rs. 28,77,54,000/- have been passed by the House.

There is no more Business for today. The meeting is adjourned till 10:30 A.M. tomorrow.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 P.M.