

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 4TH SESSION OF THE 3RD MIZORAM
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY HELD AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL
FROM 24TH MARCH, 1980 TO 31ST MARCH, 1980.

5th Sitting on 29th March, 1980 at 10:30 A.M.

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Pu C.Chawngkunga, Deputy Speaker in the Chair, Chief Minister,
4 Ministers and 26 Members were present.

BUSINESS

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

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

2. BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO, Chief Minister to make statement in the House under rule 58 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly.

THE BUDGET

3. FURTHER DISCUSSION & VOTING on the Budget of the Government of Union Territory of Mizoram for the year 1980-81.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Bill to introduce, consider and pass.

4. PU LALHMINGTHANGA, Minister in-charge Finance
 - (a) to beg leave to introduce the Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 1980

ALSO

to introduce the Bill.

 - (b) to move that the Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 1980 be taken into
 - (c) to move that the Bill be passed.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Psalm 23:1 - 6.

Now, we will take up Business NO. 11 which is question Pu Lalnunzira's question.

PU V.LALNUNZIRA : Pu Deputy, Speaker will the hon'ble Minister i/c Revenue, Excise & Taxation Department be pleased to state -

(a) Is it a fact that the Central State Farm would not return the paddy field of Lushai-Cherra even after the expiry of the terms and conditions in 1979 under which was the field put under the Central State Farm ?

(b) what action has the Government proposed to take on this matter ?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, (a) Government is not aware of this. (b) The fact is being ascertained from Central State Farm authorities.

PU V.LALNUNZIRA : Pu Deputy Speaker, supplementary question. Since 1972 Central State Farm had taken over Paddy Field from 6 families in Lushai Cherra. But even after the expiry of the terms and conditions they cannot still return the fields to the owners which makes them very distressed. Will the Government take up their case and consider it immediately ?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, Lushai-Cherra
MINISTER Central State Farm covers the area of 1060 acres. The Farm is not under the authority of our Government. In the Map given to us, 490 acres were acquired from the Government whereas 112 acres were taken over from 6 families. Their term of agreement was 7 years which was made on 1.1.1971 and which expired on 31.12.1977. After the expiry of their term, the authorities of Central State Farm made a request for continuous use of those paddy-fields which were already in their list for Central State Farm both in Lokicherra and Lushaicherra. But as I have said, we have no authority over 112 acres of paddy fields they have taken over as they are private lands. As the lands are being used under terms and conditions with the owners, Government cannot simply take action unless those 6 families approach the Government to take action on their behalf. If they make request to the Government, the Government is ready to help them.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, supplementary question, according to the reply made by the hon'ble Minister, it seems

that Mizoram Government have no involvement in the affairs of 6 families with their relationship with the Central State Farm. But I regret to note that Government is not aware of the many applications we have submitted to the Government since some years back for the return of paddy-fields lent to the Central State Farm. According to the Minister's reply, it seems that the owners of those fields can settle the matter with Central State Farm without the involvement of the Government. Is that correct?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA: Pu Deputy Speaker, the agreement was made between Central State Farm and 6 families who have paddy-fields. Their term of agreement as stated was 7 years, after the expiry of which those paddy-fields were to be returned to the owners. As the agreement was made between those 6 families and the Central State Farm, we cannot simply interfere in their affairs. However, if those families have difficulty with the authorities of Central State Farm over the question of their agreement and if they request the Government extend help, Government is willing to help them settle their problem.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : If there is no other supplementary question there is no more question to be taken up.

PU HIPHEI : My question has not been taken up. BAC is going to be held on next Monday which is also the day for taking up my question. Was not my question admitted by the Speaker?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : It may be noted that the Departments have not furnished replies to many questions. They are asked to submit replies to those questions but no materials have been received from tomorrow.

PU H.RAMMAWI : Pu Deputy Speaker, as a rule, heads of the Departments should submit replies to our questions within 10 days from the date of receipt. What is the reason for not being able to make replies to our question within the fixed time? If they can come to the office at 9:30 A.M. during the session, why cannot they also make replies to our questions in time?

DEPUTY SPEAKER: What the member said was correct. Now The House Leader wants to make statement regarding Sairang incident. But as the statement is to be made under the provision of rule 58, there can be no discussion or question on it. We will now call upon the House Leader to make a statement.

ERIG.THENPHUNGA SAILO : Pu Deputy Speaker, on the morning of 27th March, 1980, on receiving report of the burning of the AO's office at Sairang the previous night, DIG of Police proceeded to Sairang to make an on-the-spot verification. This information regarding the incident is as under :-

At about 2230 hrs i.e. 10:30 A.M. on 26th March, 1980, some persons extorated K.Oil from a local at Sairang. About 1110 hrs the same night, the office of the Administrative officer, Sairang was burned to ashes by approximately 10 (ten) miscreants. All the records of the office of A.O.'s office were burnt. Police reports and other sources had stated that the ten miscreants were MNF. Further investigation is in progress to establish the names of the MNF who committed the arson. Police and Security Forces are making effort to apprehend the miscreants.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : That is the statement the House Leader wants to deliver. Would you like to have the copy of the statement ?

Now we will proceed to business No.3

Pu Rosanga, Minister may move the demands for grants for his departments.

PU P.B. ROSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, on the recommendation of the Administrator of Mizoram and with your permission Sir, I move the Demand Nos. 19,28,29,30,31,32, and 33 for Rupees fourteen crore, nine lakhs and twenty six thousand to meet the expenditure during the year 1980-81 in respect of the following Departments Medical, Special & Backward area, Miscellaneous, Economic Services, A.H.& Vety, Forest, Community Development.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Minister had moved the Demands for grants to meet the expenditure during the year 1980-81 in respect of his Departments. The other day there had been general discussion on this. Is there any member who wish to speak in this regard ?

PU ELLIS SAIDENGA: Pu Deputy Speaker, The discussion was held the other day. Nevertheless, I still like to say certain things. First of all, it is regarding medical which was shown under Demand No. 19.

The construction of Lunglet Civil Hospital building was started in 1956 and it was completed and occupied in 1958. Considering the span of time lapsed since then, it is understood that the building will now be quite in a bad shape. In spite of annual repairs being done, the building is still in a rotten condition. I therefore want to urge the Government to construct new building instead of getting repair works done every now and then.

As we know various diseases of complicated nature have spread in Mizoram since the recent past. But, due to non-availability of medical facilities, the people, particularly those who live in far-flung villages, suffer immensely. It may be noted that in my constituent villages - Cherhlun, Bualpui, Thingsai, Tarpho etc. beyond Tuichang river, there is not a single

Doctor. The nearest medical centre to them is N.Vanlaiphai which is situated many miles away. One hospital we have at Cherhlun is also without a Doctor. The only medical staff is a Pharmacist. Considering the urgent requirements of the people for better medical facilities this hospital should be strengthened and Doctor also should be posted there as early as possible.

Under Demand No. 13, there is Animal Husbandry. In spite of much improvement, there are yet many more to achieve in this field. I think it is not wrong to say that almost all the Departments in Mizoram have difficulty due to shortage of staff. The same case is true with Vety. Department. In places where Doctor had to be posted, only VFA and the like are available. In fact, there are places where there is not even VFA. Such being the condition it is necessary to send more persons to undergo training under Vety Department.

PU S.VADYU : Pu Deputy Speaker, I want to give thanks for what was done to Chhimtui-pui District, regarding medical shown under Demand No. 19. I am glad that relaxation of educational qualification was made for candidates for Chhimtui-pui District in the recruitment of ANM & Health worker and priority was also given to our candidates in the case of seat allotment. I feel that the Government has truly committed to the task for upliftment of more backward areas.

Nevertheless, as stated that the Government do not abide by the Indian Constitution, the Government has still retained the power pertaining to Dispensary Community Development and Fishery. If we study sub-para (a) of paragraph 6 of Sixth Schedule to Constitution of India, we will find that all the powers I have narrated had to be handed over to District Council. What is provided in the Constitution should be followed. I want the Government to consider the matter as early as possible.

PU C.VULLUAI : Pu Deputy Speaker, large provision is made under Demand No. 32 for preservation of forest in Mizoram. While much effort is being made in this regard, there seems to be a proposal for clearing the forest in and around Phawngpui Mountain. If a forest for the maintenance of which not a single paise was spent has to be destroyed within a short time, I wonder if the Forest Department has failed in their task.

There is Community Development under Demand No.33. Last year, we agreed to have more fund for this Department. But in the current budget, the provision has come down to Rs 6 lakhs whereas it was Rs 6 lakhs 45 thousand last year. As we know the Department have done much for Community Development. Distribution of musical instruments to various groups and social organisations has in fact helped improve our youth in singing for communal recreation. I hope that the Government will find the way for getting larger fund for this Department.

Directorate of Community Development is oddly a Department. Where the Deputy Commissioner has

more power than the Director himself. Though he is head of the Department the Director cannot grant leave to his subordinates. It must be very troublesome to be a Director in this Department: I feel it is necessary for the Government to consider the matter.

PU K.LALSANGA : PU Deputy Speaker, there is quite a large provision of fund under Demand No.28. Since this Demand is closely related to Demand No. 33, I will speak about them together. Regarding Demand No. 33 which relates Community Development I want to raise a question. Is there any intention to give C.D. grants to backward area or who are influential and who put them, pressure on the authorities? One thought which lingered in my mind is whether there is significant in having 'Special and Backward Area' under separate heading.

I also want to raise a question regarding Demand No.30 On 26.2.'80 session I raised question regarding Rat Traps distributed by Agri. Department. In this regard, I was given an assurance by the Minister concerned. But, my question has not been replied till today. Hence, is it not the responsibility of Head of the Department to furnish reply to question for which an assurance had been given by the Minister concerned? I consider such failure to be a degradation to the dignity of the House. I therefore would like to leave an explanation for this.

PU H.RAMMAWI : PU Deputy Speaker, one thing which the public appreciates in the activities of Agriculture Department is a programme they launched in the All India Radio for agriculturists particularly the cultivators and farmers. This programme is a great help to the people particularly those living outside Aizawl whose main occupation is cultivation or farming. The Department should be thanked for arranging such programme and I also want them to prepare better programme of such kind through weekly or quarterly magazine for the people who do not have radios.

Agriculture Department have offices at district levels where the District Officers are the highest authority within their respective district. Though highest authority, District Officers do not have much power.

With the encouragement of the Department, the people have started making Garden Colony in various places. To make Garden Colony scheme successful and to enable the gardeners to achieve success in the work they have started, Government will do well in making more loan available to them.

Much had been discussed about Health Department yesterday. Last year, 29 (twenty nine) new Sub-Health centres were opened which was indeed a great achievement. However, Mizoram have not yet had adequate number of Doctors and nurses to meet our requirements. It is therefore necessary to arrange better training for our Nurses and we should also do well in reserving more seat in Medical Institutions so that more persons may be sent to do M B B S course.

Yesterday Health Department was seriously criticized over its D.P.C. Actually it was the Appointment Department who is to be blamed for violating the DPC rules. I would wish that such violation of rules do not recur in future. Though the Minister concerned stuck to ~~his~~ his point, yet what we pointed out yesterday was violation of the rules of DPC. We have in fact decided to pursue the matter till the deep-rooted cause is found out.

It must be the achievement of Community Development Department that my constituent village situated in one of the remotest areas has Drum Set. The activities of the Department have been fully appreciated. The allotment of block fund under the Department is not, however, satisfactory. For example - the total amount of fund allotted to 4 Blocks in Chhimtuipui District is much less than fund allotted to Tlangnam Block alone. If the allotment is made population-wise there may be slight difference in the amount of the fund for each block. But it is not proper to make wide difference between one block and another block in the allotment of fund. I want the Government to take this matter into consideration so that there may be equal allotment of fund to our Community Development Blocks.

In regard to Soil Conservation Department, the intention of the Government to open new Division in Chhimtuipui District was announced in the Radio and the Minister concerned had also stated that the matter was now under process. In this connection however, nothing is heard till today. The people will be much grateful if Government take immediate action for opening of new Soil Division in Chhimtuipui District.

PU C.L.RUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, Agriculture Department and Soil Department are knitted together under Demand No.30. There can be many comparison between the activities of the Department. For example- there are many Garden Colonies taken care of by Agriculture Department. which at the same time are being looked after by Soil Conservation Department. It is learnt that while Agriculture Department agreed to help look after these gardens for 2 years, Soil Conservation Department Committee itself to 5 years. If this happens to be true, most of the gardeners will certainly like to be put under Soil Conservation Department. I think the Government should make uniform arrangement for working of both the Departments in regard to the maintenance of Garden Colony. I do not know whether it is due to shortage of staff that Agriculture Department cannot yet give fund to the gardeners even for their first weeding work whereas Soil Conservation Department have given all the instalments i.e, for first to third weeding works. In the case of Agriculture Department, it seems that the sanctioned order is still in Finance Department although they might have need concurrence by now. It is necessary to consider whether it is there is too much fund or that we do not know how to use fund that our performance is not often tally with the money we have. There is more fund to come for Agriculture Department this year. But we should be careful in its utilization.

In Demand No.30 under the Major head 312 there is 'Loan'. In 1978-79 Budget, there is a provision of Rs 90,00,000/- for Agriculture Department. Whereas it is Rs 28,20,000/- only in the current budget. If we are to make headway in agriculture, more loan should be made available. I cannot apprehend the reason for the decrease in the provision in the current year's budget, but I want the Government to make a revision.

One of the weaknesses of the Department is in Publication for which there is a provision of Rs 30,000/-. Last year, the provision for publication was Rs 40,000/-. It appears that it is in publication progressive measure has to be taken. For example- fertilizers are distributed to farmers but, they are not given instruction as to how they should use. Many quintals of fertilizers are therefore left wasted. I think it is also because there is no instruction for its use that insecticide given to cultivators are used for catching fish and crabs which we eat not knowing what would be the re-action in human beings. Had there been proper instruction the people would not have used insecticides meant for killing insects which destroy crops for killing/catching fish and crabs for self consumption. I truly regret that the provision for publication decreased this year. The provision for publication in the current years budget should be revised.

I cannot apprehend as to why there is less provision than last year for subsidy while, as a whole, there is more fund for Agriculture Department. Last year, the provision was Rupees 2 lakhs which has come down to Rupees one lakh in the current year's budget. I don't think it is right to make lesser provision this year than last year's.

Under Demand No. 19, there is medical. It is pleasing to note that many new sub-centres were opened last year. As they are requested, the people have pucca buildings constructed for sub-centres but not a single rupee of grant-in-aid has yet been given to them while at the same time large-scale purchase of power-generator was made. It seems that all these generators are left un-used. If they are not used, I think we should let Electricity Department purchase them for electrification of rural areas and the money may be used for equipping sub-centres which the people have constructed with much difficulty. As stated the other day, there seems to be many useless equipments purchased under Health Department. Though it is said that in future purchase will be made only on the basis of the decision made by the Purchasing Board, yet to prevent corruption I think Doctors from Synod Hospital and Private Practitioners should be included in the Board so that there may not be un-necessary purchase of medicines and equipments. As under the present condition, it seems that there are many un-necessary medicines purchased even after the selections are made by the Purchasing Board.

I am also happy to note that more fund is being provided for Forest Department. But, as I have said earlier it appears that too much fund has been provided. I do not know how they can do it, but Forest Department have already signed cheque for use of Beat Officers for the months of April and May though the current year's budget has not yet been passed. I cannot apprehend as to how they

will defend themselves from the Auditors. It appears that advance allotment was made just to prevent lapse of fund. Such being the condition, it is necessary to make use of fund before the financial year ends. If all the fund are properly utilized at the right time I am sure that Mizoram will be lifted up to a better condition with all the fund we have in the Budget. It seems that it is due to mis-appropriation and un-timely use of fund that there cannot be much progress in the field of agriculture.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I think there is no one else to speak we will now call upon the Minister-in-charge to make clarification and also to beg the House to pass the Demands.

PU P.B. ROSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, unlike the Demand we have passed earlier, the Demand I have moved seems to draw much attention for which I am thankful. I would first of all try to make clarification to points raised by the members.

Regarding Lunglei Civil Hospital- at present, Government do not find it necessary to reconstruct the Building. However, State Buildings are regularly checked by P W D Engineers and periodical repairs are being done. Even in the case of Lunglei Civil Hospital, if our Engineers think it is necessary to have the Building re-built, we will pursue the matter.

One of the members mentioned about non-availability of Doctor in villages beyond river Tuichang within Hnahthial Constituency. Generally speaking, Mizoram as a whole still lack adequate number of Doctors to look after the Medical centres. Perhaps there is no Doctor in those villages mentioned by the member. However there is a Doctor at S. Vanlaiphal and Subsidiary Health Centre is under construction at Cheihlun. As soon as the construction of the building is completed, Doctor will be posted.

Government is also aware of the inadequacy of qualified staff in Vety Department. Every year Government sanctions fund for Vety education and seats are reserved in various technical Institutions. Unfortunately, however, there has never been adequate number of persons to fill-up seats reserved at various technical Institutions. The Department is not happy in not having enough students to pursue Vety Science education. For encouragement of persons to pursue this line of education, stipend is made available to make things easier for them to get admitted into Vety Science Colleges. Apart from this difficulty, a number of Mizo students who are undergoing VFA training at Ghungoor, Silchar are sent back to us by the Principal as he feels that they are not safe enough at Silchar under the present circumstances. When they were about to have examination last year in the month of June, a trouble had just started between the Mizos and the people of Cachar. As it was not safe for them to go back, we put pressure on the authorities concerned to allow these VFA students to have examination was conducted here and the result had been sorted out. Those VFAs have in fact, been posted to different places of Mizoram. In the case of technical education I want to request the members to encourage our youth to pursue

technical education so that we may have more technicians to employ in different Departments.

Honourable member from Sairang constituency stated about Forest Department. What I noted is that the Department has taken much progressive measures. Large scale plantation has been done in various parts of Mizoram. The people of western sector particularly those living around Tripura border have in fact requested the Department to do less plantation in that areas.

Regarding deforestation of Phawngpui-Government have no knowledge that there was an intention to clear forest in and around Phawngpui mountain. As the area is within the purview of Pawl District Council, Government cannot simply interfere in their affairs. However, what they should know is that it is the wish of the people and the Government to preserve the few virgin forests we have in Mizoram.

Besides pointing out the requirements of Community Development Department for more instruments and sport goods to be distributed, the member mentioned his apprehension because, of less provision made in the current year's Budget for Community Development. However, in the hope of preventing our youth from being misled by social evils, the Government have tried to provide more musical instruments and sport goods to the youth for recreation. Better community Halls and Playgrounds are also proposed to be constructed. The Government have in fact already asked money from the Central Planning Commission for this purpose. The Commission in reply had asked us to submit detailed scheme. Hence, we are expecting sufficient fund to meet our requirements within the Sixth Plan Period though there may not be much provision in the Budget.

I think I have explained about Special Backward area last year which the member from Buarpui Constituency mentioned just now. It seems this heading 'special Backward area' is somewhat misleading. Perhaps we are not aware that this heading comes from North Eastern Council. In their execution of various developmental works, NEC used to sanction money for development of more backward areas than more advanced areas. If we study their Budget, we will know that the NEC has various schemes to implement in different fields which covers Road, Agriculture, Education etc. NEC schemes and our state schemes are placed together under one major head in our State Budget Demand. The fund is however, used for implementation of NEC scheme in our state. The fund provided for 'Special and Backward Areas' cannot therefore be diverted as one wishes. The hon'ble member also may please note this.

As in the case of Special and Backward Area, utilization of fund in Community Development Department can be misleading and the administration of the Department as stated, is also not very clear. Administrative control and certain powers are vested in Deputy Commissioner which creates big problem. Allotment of fund under Community Development usually made on the basis of the requirements of 20 Community Development Blocks established at various places of Mizoram. On the basis

of the allotment of fund made to these Blocks, the BDOs made proposal for their respective blocks. The normal scheme for utilization of fund under C.D. can be seen from the directorate concerned. As a whole, there is not much fund under C.D. The usual share of one block in a year is around Rs 25,000/-. There is however, a difficulty this year. Due to oversight while preparing budget fund sanctioned for social education and public share under Block Development were misplaced. Besides this, transportation charge of food commodities allotted to Mizoram from Central under Food for work Scheme has to be borne by us. Such being the condition, the Steering Committee decided to have only easily-approached villages and those situated along the Motor roads where there will be least transportation charge covered by this scheme. This is the reason why there is difference in the amount of money allotted to Community Development Blocks. Actually, there has never been mis-application of fund in other years. One thing I want the people of Chhimitupui District to know is that in 1977-78, a total amount of Rs 6/-lacs was sanctioned for Chhimitupui Community Development Blocks. The fund was solely for Chhimitupui District and no other Blocks have claim over it. But in the current year however, there is mis-apprehension in Finance which compels us to make urgent allotment of fund to nearby Blocks so as to avoid lapse of fund. This is the reason why there is mis-application of fund this year. I hope the members will understand the situation.

Generally as I have said, fund we have in the Budget is not enough to meet all our requirements. But, since the money is for development of Mizoram, I think we should be glad to have made use of it instead of surrendering it.

As pointed out by the member from Buarpu Constituency, I have given assurance to look into the matter relating to distribution of rat-trap by Agriculture Department. But in my reply to question, one thing is obvious. In 1979-80. Budget, there was no purchase of rat-trap. However, purchase of rat-trap was made in 1978-79 Budget and the supply was received in the month of October. In this regard, investigation is on its way but due to shortage of time, it is not yet completed. But as the assurance was given on the day when the matter was being discussed, I am sorry for not being able to give the House a report on this matter today.

There are certain matters to clarify regarding the statements made by the member from Sairang Constituency, I am glad that he made suggestion for giving more financial power to District Agriculture Officer, for them to be able to exercise their power for speedier execution of Agriculture Developmental works in their respective areas. In this connection, step has been taken to reduce curtailment of financial power of DAOs. They have now been empowered to make allotment of fund for local seeds supply in their own areas, The Government is of the opinion that there will be speedier execution of agriculture developmental works if more financial power is given to District Agriculture Officers.

There is also suggestion for making more loan available under Agriculture Department for Garden Colonies. I think we will have to consider whether

such suggestion would be acceptable and the position of the Department also have to be studied.

The member also mentioned about the opening of new Soil Conservation Division in Chhimtuipui District. There is provision for this in the current year's Budget and order had also been issued. As a matter of fact, new Soil Conservation Division had been opened in Chhimtuipui District.

I donot think it is necessary to repeat about the allotment of fund under Community Development Department. But, there are things worth to note down in the speech of the member from Tlungvel Constituency I think the conditions made by Agriculture and Soil Departments for allotment of grant-in-aid to those who make Garden Colony deserve careful study. While Agriculture Department committed to helping the gardeners for 2 years Soil Conservation Department committed themselves to 5 years. Such a difference does not appears to be sound since the nature of work for Garden Colony is the same everywhere.

He also pointed out in-adequacy of fund for loan under Agriculture Department. Generally, Loan system is not very satisfactory. As under the present, loan is given in kind and in subsidy hoping that this will be more beneficial for the agriculture loanees. We also think it is better to make least cash payment so as to avoid causing the farmers heavy burden. We can however, be sure that more fund is needed for implementation of developmental works.

It is also true that there is not much provision for Agriculture Information wing. But, having separate Department for Publicity and Information, only the materials are prepared in the Department Information wing whereas publication is given to the Publicity and Information Department. Nevertheless, there are certain things we need to know regarding information. As stated, it is necessary to know the use of fertilizer and insecticides distributed by Agriculture Department. It is Soil chemists who make preparation of the use of fertilizer. with soil map, soil samples are collected from different places which are brought to Laboratory for testing. The type of soil found in different places are recorded and on the basis of this record that application of fertilizer is decided. Information regarding application of fertilizer is published in Booklets which are distributed from Agriculture Information wing. I think there are still a number of such Booklets to be obtained from the Information wing through there may not be many. I hope no one would mind if I say this- generally we, the Mizos are idle and like to follow our own ideas and principles. even in the case of the application of fertilizer, some cultivators used their own method and opinion never caring to know the re-action of such chemical stuff. It seems that we want to apply fertilizer which has spontaneous effect to our crops. In view of our lack of knowledge in this regard, more information has to be given.

It is regretted that Pesticide and Insecticide are used for catching fish and crabs. Being aware of the chemical re-action of these stuff, Government try to give the people as much information as possible

through Radio broadcast and stern order was issued twice both from the Deputy Commissioner and Forest Department. What we should know is that the Departments have done what they should. Many instructions have been made and stern order issued not to use the stuff for catching fish and crabs with an information that those who dis-obey the order are liable to be punished under section 144 Cr P.C. A.Os are also requested to make report to the authorities if anyone within their area applies poisonous chemical stuff in the river for the purpose of catching fish and crabs. As there are still persons who pay no heed to the instructions given in regard to the application of insecticides, it is necessary the Hon'ble Members to make effort to prevent application of poisonous chemical stuff in the river within their respective constituency,

The member also stated about Medical Department. It is true that Power Generator was purchased for use at Medical Institution. Power generator, as may be aware, is one of the important equipments for smooth running of Medical Institutions. Actually, 50% of the task of Doctors depend on Laboratory Examinations. Because of this a number of generators were purchased for our medical centres where there is a Doctor. Once I was referred to Aizawl Civil Hospital for chest X-Ray but there was no power. Always there is power failure in our Medical Institutions which makes us realize more the necessity of having our own generator. Such being the condition, we could never allow to sell Power Generators we have purchased to Electric Department though the member suggested such sale. Being not construction Department Medical Department has to depend on other Departments, for construction and installation of machineries. It is due to the failure of other Departments that some generators have not yet been installed. However, the Departments concerned have now been trying to get the works done. We are looking forward to the time when the installation-work is completed.

Some of the things he said regarding supply of medicine under Health Department are correct. In the previous session, replies to questions raised in this regard were furnished. As stated, standard quantity of medicines and instruments to be supplied to various medical Institutions are selected by the Purchase Advisory Board. Only on the recommendation of this Board that purchase of medicines and equipments is made. I do however, appreciate suggestion made by the member from Tlungvel Constituency to include Private Practitioners and Doctors from Private Medical Hospital in the Board. Though Superintendent, Civil Surgeon and Director are expected to know the quantity and the kind of medicine required by various Medical Institutions, the suggestion of the member should however be studied, for, if finalized, it may pave the way for us to know the opinion of Private Practitioners regarding purchase of medicines and instruments made by the Department.

The member also said that the Forest Department has already signed cheque for the months of April and May. The Government considers this to be a serious matter as the Budget is not even passed yet, not to speak of the provision for Forest Department which is being discussed only today. Government will see to the proper utilization of fund.

I hope I have clarified all that need to be. As I have said earlier, Health and Agriculture are the Departments which have most concern with the people. For instance- fund provided for Agriculture Department relates the daily bread of the farmers. Such being the importance of Agriculture, there are many things to say and much had also been said. As we have often said, the success of developmental works for which provisions are made in the Budget depends largely on proper utilization of fund and sincerity of the people in their work. It is also necessary for the members to encourage the people in our own constituency to be sincere and honest in utilization of fund allotted to them for developmental work. Though it may not be fully satisfactory, the Budget is but prepared in such a way so as to suit the conditions of the people and the country. I therefore request the House to agree to pass Demand Nos 19,28,29,30,31,32 and 33 I move for 1980-81.

Thank you.

PU NGURDAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the hon'ble Minister said that 'Food for work Scheme covers only areas situated along and nearby the Motor roads. I want to know whether this arrangement is only for the past year or it is the arrangement made for years to come? I want the Minister concerned to explain this.

PU P.B.ROSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the arrangement is a permanent one. As I have said earlier, the materials we get under Food for work Scheme in the current Year is rice whereas it was wheat last year. Though it is centrally sponsored scheme, transportation charge is not borne by them. Besides having to pay transportation charge, we have another difficulty this year. Out of 10,000 quintals of rice allotted for Mizoram by F.C.I. only 5,000 quintals have yet been received till today because of transport difficulty. Even in the case of rice allotted under Food for work Scheme, it was Implementation Steering Committee who, after thorough study of transport condition, made a decision to implement the scheme only in the areas where transport difficulty is not acute or where transport facility is available. The committee also suggested to make more fund available for interior places under E G S.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Minister requested the House to pass his Demand. (Pu K.Lalsanga: Pu Deputy Speaker, I want to ask only one more question). All right, you may ask though there seems to be nothing more to ask.

PU K.LALSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, what I want to ask is about supply of rat-trap. In the previous session, a question was raised in this regard. On the day the question was raised, the Minister said that he had given order to find out whether rat-trap was received on 24th Oct.1979. This was what I want to know. But, as the information cannot be furnished in the House till today. I think it is Head of the Department who is responsible for this. In fact,

it is he who is also responsible for the weakness of the Department. If we have an officer as head of Department who cannot even find out the date when rat-trap was received how can we expect speedy development in Mizoram. I would like to know how long the Minister intends to retain such a person for head of the Department.

PU P.B. ROSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, as regards rat-trap
MINISTER I think the member had made it clear.
But regarding head of the Department-
he also has various problems. As I have said in the previous session, his deputation term has expired. Though I cannot say the exact date for his release, I would but like to inform the House that Government have no intention to retain him for long after the expiry of his deputation term.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Minister requested the House to pass his Demand Nos. 19, 20, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, '3' for Rs 14,09,26,000/-. Those who agree to pass may raise your right hand and say 'agree' (Members raised their hands in agreement). As recommended by Lt. Governor of Mizoram, demand for Rs 14,09,26,000/- had now been passed.

Now, we will call upon Pu F. Malsawma, Minister to move his Demand for 1980-81.

PU F. MALSAWMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, on the recommendation
MINISTER of the Administrator of Mizoram and with your permission Sir, I move the Demand Nos. 18, 25, 27, 32 and 34 for Rs 10,15,32,000/- to meet the expenditure during the year 1980-81 in respect of the following Departments - (i) Education, (ii) Co-operation, and (iii) Industries.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu F. Malsawma had moved the Demand Nos. 18, 25, 27 and 34. Is there any member who wish to speak in this regard ?

PU HIPHEI : Pu Deputy Speaker, I have few things to say regarding the 4 Demands moved by the Minister. What I intend to say is mostly a word of thanks, being aware of the backwardness of Chhimituipui District. Government have converted a number of Private Schools into Deficit Schools for which I am thankful. Since they have shown their kindness towards us, I want to ask for a favour. In Chhimituipui District, there are still a number of Middle and High Schools which have not yet been given recognition. May be these schools do not yet deserve to be recognised but considering priority already given to Chhimituipui District in various fields, I want the Government to give consideration to these schools and have them recognised.

PU B.LALCHUNGNUNGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I have certain things to say in Demand No.19 which is education. Being a big establishment, fund provided for Education is enormous for which I am thankful. But, if we really want to develop the country, it is necessary to have wide outlook and the condition of most interior places has also to be considered. Being interested in the development of interior places I want to mention about Tawipui Constituency which most of you may not have heard of or seen it. If development is concentrated in small areas, it will mean development of only some areas and not development of the country. Hence, development of all areas is what we should aim.

As may be noted, there are many new achievements in the field of education this year. Many schools are provincialised and upgraded. However, there are yet many schools the condition of which has to be considered. In Tawipui Constituency, none of the schools was given recognition or upgraded though some of them are well-established schools. All these schools, irrespective of their ranging condition remain as they were last year. In a way, it is a shame to be the member who represent this constituency. I do not know whether I will ever dare to visit my people again. Besides many others, zobawk Aided High School which has good percentage of result in the examinations and which has large pupil is also not given recognition. I do not know what kind of difficulties will come in my way because of this. Development of some few areas does not mean development of the country.

I want to draw the attention of the Ministers and the House to the wretched condition of Lunglei College. There is no college building and the students have classes in the Hall. Having personally visited the collage 2/3 times, I fully understand their difficulties. It is not only college building that they needs they also do not have adequate number of Lecturers. Some of the Lecturers are from outside Mizoram who, in every vocation, would like to go to their own home. But, due to transport difficulty, they are un-able to come in time i.e. as soon as the college re-opens after holiday For example - 15th February, 1980 was the date fixed for commencement of classess after winter vocation. But, till 23rd March, 1980 none of the lecturers arrived Mizoram. Lunglei college is the only Government college in southern area. It is therefore necessary for the Government to pay more attention to this college.

As already hinted by the Ministers last year, the people are still expecting to have night college at Lunglei. Perhaps, some steps have been taken for fulfilment of this expectation, I want the Government to take speedier step to fulfil the requirements of the people.

Distribution of machineries under Industries Department also has to be examined. It appears that there was un-equal distribution of grant last year, for, in one of my constituent villages where there are 19 houses, 19 persons were given grant, whereas in some villages, no one was given at all. It is also noted that the people living in and around our capital, Aizawl, have acquired quite a number of machineries through Industries

Department. I want the authorities concerned for distribution of machineries to give special consideration to people living in remote areas.

PU H.RAMMAWI : Pu Deputy Speaker, I want to say about Education and Industries Departments. If I only try to voice my grievances for what was done to my constituency as the member did. I will have many cases to refer. While many Middle Schools were converted into Deficit schools, none of the schools in Pawi District was converted though some of them are the most senior Aided Middle Schools in Chhimituipui Dist. But, I do not take offence for this, instead, I thank the Government for up-grading a number of schools in Chhimituipui District.

Education Department has DEO Office in Chhimituipui District though there is no DEO. Due to shortage of staff, SDEO staff are used in both the offices. Though few in number, their performance is quite satisfactory. However, for speedier execution of work, additional staff should be posted there and we also long to have DEO and SDEO. At present, ADO is the highest ranking officer in Education Department in Pawi District. The Government may note the in-adequacy of staff and officer of Education Department in this district and take necessary action to meet our requirements.

If I say that Industries Department has failed in Mizoram, may be the Department will take offence. But, as there is no real Industry to name in Mizoram, the Government should make strenuous effort to have at least one real Industry within 2/3 years and the Department also should be encouraged to take vigorous steps.

Hailing from Chhimituipui District I may as well say things which mostly concerned Chhimituipui District. In 1978-79-80, Industries Department distributed Knitting machines in Chhimituipui District, But, none of the persons to whom such machines were allotted have received the machine till today. I don't think this is the case that can simply be ignored.

175 persons were selected to receive Swing Machine from Industries Department and the Government have also given approval. But, whether it was by mistake that only 140 machines were indented. I want the Government to enquire into this.

In Saiha, the post of District Industry Officer remain un-filled up. It appears that the officer who was posted here has not turned up. Though head of the Department in their respective districts, District Industry Officer do not have financial power which makes things very difficult for the smooth working of the Department. They have no power either to sanction money for repair of office Duplicating machine or other machines to be distributed. I feel that our District Industries Officers should be given financial power so that there may be speedier implementation of works. It is also learnt that trainees under Industries Department used to receive Stipend only after completion of their training.

Such delay in the allotment of stipend has created many problems. It is also difficult to locate the trainees after completion of their training course as they are posted in different places. I therefore want the Government to make allotment of stipend to trainees while they are on training not after completing the training.

PU C.VULLUAI A : Pu Deputy Speaker, I want to say about Demand No.27.

In 1978 and '79 Budget Sessions, I stated my regret, for not having fund in the Budget for Farming. Both the Budgets were prepared while Mizoram was under the President's Rule. But when the P.C. Party comes to power, provision for Farming and co-operation Society was made in the first Budget for which I am thankful.

I am also glad that there is a provision of Rs 10 crore for Apex Bank after a gap of many years since all the shops were burnt down when disturbance broke out in 1966. I hope that the Minister concerned have pre-plan for utilization of fund we have for this.

Service Society is established almost in every village. but since recent time, the Department ~~is~~ issued an order not to open any society store besides those established earlier. Some of the society stores located in remote area have only a handful of articles to sell. Though they acquired Rs 10,000/- every year, they do not but have the true spirit of Co-operative Society. Instead of providing lakhs and lakhs of rupees in the Budget for such spiritters societies why cannot we have new ones established by those who are interested in Co-operative Society.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to say few things regarding Education Department. The Department has taken much progressive measures. But, measures taken by the Government in the field of education do not cover the whole of Mizoram for which I am very sorry. As stated by members from Chhimituipui District, it is easy to mention one's own constituency while one makes a speech. In the western parts where my constituency lies, Matric Examination Centre was much required and the authorities concerned were approached many times in this regard. Appreciating our requirement, the Examination Board agreed to have Examination Centre at Kawrthah and proposal was also made for this. But, after all were said and done for finalization of the proposal, the Ministry interferes and Kawrthah was not given Examination Centre which makes things difficult for the people of western areas. I do not say that the people of Kolasib and Serchhip do not require Examination Centre, but, for them, it is not difficult to come to Aizawl at any time as the journey from these places to Aizawl takes only 2/3 hours whereas the people of western areas have many difficulties to come to Aizawl due to bad road and transport difficulty. As there is no transport facility to depend on, one State Transport Bus was demanded for return journey of our students who came to Aizawl to appear in the I

Matriculate Examination. Unfortunately however, our demand was not granted and our students have to stay in other people's houses ~~if~~ they get transport for their return journey. I think we can well imagine how un-comfortable it can be to stay in other people's house.

whatever be the case, I don't think the Ministers or MLAs should interfere in the activities of the Board, for, the Board is an independent body. If there is an interference from outside over the decisions made by them, there may as well be the case where a request is made to the Board to give more marks to some examinees. I desire that Examination Centre be opened at Kawrthah as proposed by the Board earlier.

In regard to Primary schools - Mizoram has made much headway in the field of education. and the number of teachers has also increased. But, posting of teachers is not satisfactory. In a big Thlawbawk villages for example, only one teacher, that also a woman, is posted. Besides having to cope with quite a number of children, a teacher, being a sole representative of the Government particularly in Thlawbawk villages has to receive the ^{visited} visiting high officials and Security Forces who frequently ^{visit} the place due to disturbed condition of our territory. For a lone woman, it must be a difficult situation to cope with all these and it can also be un-safe especially at right time. I therefore desire that a male teacher be placed where there is only one post of teacher and the authorities concerned may also study situation of the whole of Mizoram to have wider outlook on the conditions of the Primary Schools. I request the Minister-in-charge not to mind what I am going to say. In the previous session, he gave an assurance that the recruitment of Pre-Primary teachers will be done on merit basis. But, instead of making appointment on merit persons who did not even appear before the Interview Board were also appointed. We have in fact brought the matter to the notice of the Lt. Governor. As I have said, one cannot forget one's own constituency. From my constituency, only 2 persons were appointed whereas in some cases, 2/3 persons were ~~ap~~ appointed even from one village not to speak of the whole constituency. I feel that the Government have done wrong in the appointment of Pre-Primary teachers. If ever there is going to be another recruitment of Pre-Primary teachers, only persons who come from village where there is vacant post of teacher should be given appointment.

Generally speaking, it seems that there is more of Lion's head letter (meaning recommendations from VIPs in official letter head) in Education Department than the rest of the Departments. In this regard, the people are also to be blamed. As there are too many such VIP recommendations, our officers are perplexed as to how they will execute their works. Even in the case of minor employment, there used to be so many recommendations that the appointing authorities also do not know whom to appoint. Only those who possess teaching skill should be selected. I desire that in future, more care be taken in the appointment of teachers.

PU ELLIS SAIDENGA : PU Deputy Speaker, regarding Demand No. 18 which is education - I am glad that large provision is made in the

Budget for Education Department. One thing I want to say however, is that UGTTI established at Lunglei almost 10 years ago has still remain without a Principal. There is a Vice-Principal who functions as Principal besides his own duties. Though without Principal, this Institution acquired a good name and the pass percentage of students is also comparatively high. But, in the Budget, no provision is made for creation of Principal post in this Institution though the Estimate Committee had also made recommendation. I want the Minister concerned to note non-existence of Principal post in this Institution so that necessary action may be taken.

The member from Tawipui Constituency had clearly stated the condition and the difficulties of Lunglei Government College. It has been more than 3 years since this college was taken over by the Government yet there has not been much improvement since then. While it was a private college, various assistances were extended by the Government. When it was taken over by the Government the Lecturers began to have difficulty regarding fixation and protection of their pay. It seems that their problems have not been solved even now as no provision is made for them in the Budget. I want the Government to look into this matter.

PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I will start with Education Department. I found nothing to criticize in the planning of the Budget or is there any corruption loop-hole in it. Though the PHC also did not find any wrong in the appropriation of fund, there are certain things I want to say regarding utilization and implementation of the Budget. As may be aware, Government made some conditions for recognition of private schools. Under the terms and conditions laid down by the Government schools are not to be given recognition utilise the number of house in those villages come up to at least 50. Knowing this, some villages used to help construct a house for person who will migrate to their village so as to make up the required number for recognition of their schools. Such being the condition, some villages which have been declared permanent and provided with post office and other Government's office branches do not have Government schools whereas some villages could have two schools. If recognition of schools is made on the basis of the number of houses a village has some villages may never attain the required number to have their schools recognised. For interior villages such as one found in Chhimtuipui District it may take 50 years or more to attain the required number of houses and they are not likely to move out to other villages either. Such being the condition of some villages, I feel that geographical condition of the place should be given consideration. I want the Minister concerned to note this.

Regarding the recommendations of the Ministers and the MLAs - I feel that the officers, particularly in education Department should have compassionate consideration when circumstances demand. For example - when the father working in the Department dies, his son/daughter is recommended for certain post in the same Department but, always there is a time when the appointing authorities disappoint them on the ground of having Panel

List which is not however, made known to the public. If they have Panel List for the recommended post or if they have difficulty in appointing persons recommended by the Ministers, they should at least inform them as to why they cannot consider their recommendation of the Ministers/MLAs should not be publicized, In fact, the officers should not make final decision without the approval of the Ministers As under the present practice, the recommendations made by the VIPs are not only publicized but even the dealing clerks are bold enough as to inform the candidates that ~~xx~~ their cases could not be considered. If the dealing clerk says 'not possible' then there is nothing one can do. This is not the way popular Government should function. It is understood that it will not be possible to fulfil every recommendation made by the Ministers/MIAs, but, there are some cases which require special consideration. I feel that Education Department in particular, should try to have better discipline in this regard in further. It is not that we want the Department to give special consideration to People Conference Party members, but, we want the Department to do their duties.

There is also confusion over the wording of written advertisement for posts at Middle school level. In the advertisement, an abbreviation FUC passed with oblique is given. The villagers take this qualification as High School Leaving Certificate. But when clarified in the office, it is explained that it means ~~xx~~ Higher Secondary. Had it been written clearly, there will not be any confusion. But as there is only an oblique after the work FUC, many persons are confused thinking that a person who passed HSIC Examination also has necessary educational qualification. I feel that in future, more care should be taken in the wording of application form or advertisement, as to avoid such confusion.

In the allotment of machineries and tools under Industry Department, I think priority should be given to persons belonging to more backward area, It may be noted that the people of far-flung villages such as Sazep and Vangchhia have still using wooden pestle for pounding rice though many rice-hullers had been distributed. The women who do the pounding are longing for a time when they could have rice-hullers in their villages. The Government had been apprised of their need, but, distribution was made only to the MNFI returnees. Personally, I feel that priority should be given to needy villagers instead of to an individual, for, it is obvious that a returnee to whom a Rice-huller is allotted will not have it installed in a remote areas I have mentioned. But, this does not mean that the returnees should not be re-habilitated. However, if the Government concentrate its attention towards only rehabilitation of the returnees, the villagers may suffer. If fund allotted for Industry Department under the current year's Budget is spent as it was spent last year, it will mean that the people of remote areas will still have to pound rice with wooden pestle. I therefore desire that fund allotted in the current¹⁹ year Budget be utilized for wider purposes.

Regarding Co-operative Society- as the member had stated, I thought there was going to be immense success in this field. Society Stores are opened

in many places, even in villages. But some of the stores are now like what we called 'Sick Unit' though some of them are running smoothly. The deteriorated moral condition of the people, as a whole, is regarded as one of the main reasons for a slacken progress of Co-operative Society in Mizoram. But, as it is not possible to reform the moral condition of the people all at once, let us hope that it will improve as the years go by. On scrutiny of the performance of Co-operative Societies, it is almost thinkable that instructions given by the Headquarter are not good enough. I feel that it is necessary to encourage the persons engaged in Co-operative Societies. Generally speaking, Co-operative Society is not a thing that should not be neglected as it has a good objective which is to check the growth of capitalism and to give the people equal share of wealth in a democratic fashion. It is in fact, the policy of the Indian Government to encourage Co-operative Society all over the country. I feel that Mizoram also should try its best to achieve this objective. To promote Co-operative Societies in Mizoram, efforts should be made with participation of public leaders. I do not however, advise to encourage Super Market, though I do not strongly oppose to it. But, inspite of a large sum of money already spent, there has not been much improvement in Super Markets. Instead of spending large fund every year for Super Markets, it may be more beneficial to have Service Societies in permanent villages or Thlawbawks which are made permanent villages. I found nothing to criticize in the Demands but we should be careful in its implementation.

PU S.VADYU : Pu Deputy Speaker, Demand No. 18 should certainly be passed as it concerns the Department on which focused almost the entire development of the country. It is because of education that we, backward tribe also can boast of having high literacy percentage. Besides opening new University Colleges, 3 High Schools and 3 Middle Schools were recognised during last year. This year, a number of schools are again provincialized. Plans and programmes to be pursued by the Department are also highly appreciated.

However, I feel that scholarship given to our students is too meagre in comparison to the amount of stipend allotted to their students by our neighbouring states. I think more fund should be made available for student's scholarship particularly for those who pursue technical lines.

Education in Mizoram, as we all know, is not well-balanced. While there are too many students in General lines, there are only a few in technical lines.

It also appears that buildings constructed for various training centres are not properly maintained. Some of them are left un-used for 2/3 years and that the window-frames have broken down. In this regard the Government should take strong measures to improve Industry Department. I think the post of Joint Director should also be created so that there may be speedier execution of works even when the Director is absent.

As stated in yesterday's meeting, it seems that the Ministers often give priority to applications made by persons close to them and those who come near them when they go on tour. If this happens to be true, I want them to pay more visit to far-flung areas so that the people in the remote areas also may submit application for favour of their prior consideration and there may also be equal share between different places and remote areas.

PU K.LALSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, what the members have said are not actually relevant to our subject of discussion. I would however, like to say the same thing already stated by them.

First of all, I will start with Education Department. Some years back, I took along a person hailing from Bnghmun Village to Education Department in connection with the recognition of Bnghmun High School. But, being not a big village, Bnghmun have not yet had a required number of houses to justify recognition of their High School, Hence, our petition was turned down which was the right thing to do from the Government's point of view. When we left the office, the person I took along burst into tears and said that if they were not given special consideration, their High School will never be recognised. In this case, I feel that he was speaking for his village from the depth of his heart. However, I am glad that the Government, in their attempt to improve education, have realized complications faced by some villages to enforce certain conditions they made for recognition of schools. It is truly important for us all to know the conditions of remote and small villages.

The in-adequacy of staff in DEO's office, Lunglei had often been mentioned. If he is asked, the Minister may say that the appointment for additional staff in this office was made last year in the month of October. However, it may be noted that no additional staff is yet to be seen in this office though sanction for creation of post was already made last year in the month of December. I hope this matter will be pursued more expeditiously.

The third and last thing I want to say is a thing which the members will certainly have better understanding of it than I do and yet I want to say something about it. I feel that the Education Department in Mizoram has failed in its attempt to achieve the aims and objectives of education. For our students to fully grasp the meaning of education, it is necessary to educate the public. For this purpose, fund may be diverted from some sources even though there is no provision in the Budget. If possible, Public education may be organised as a separate organ. A public opinion of education in Mizoram is mainly to enter into Government services after one has education, though Education in its true sense also aims to offer one's daily bread. It is therefore necessary to educate the public to understand the true meaning of education which is not solely for entering into Government's services.

PU C.L.RUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I want to make one supplementary demand regarding synopsis of our debates in the House.

Yesterday, the copy of synopsis of previous day's debates was given to us. But, when I go through it, I found that my speech was not recorded. I therefore demand that a speech of every member be recorded if synopsis of the debates is to be prepared.

I do not intend to say much regarding the Demands moved by the Minister. However, there are certain things I want to say regarding Demand No. 18. Appointment of Craft teachers was made the other day. Among the candidates was also a woman though I do not know whether she was appointed. For practical interview of male candidates was stool-making. But, as there are about one-third of female among our students, it is necessary to have female Craft teacher to teach Knitting, weaving and other practical works meant for female students. I therefore want the Minister concerned to make appointment of Craft teachers in wider aspects.

I am glad that there is large provision of fund for Industry Department under Demand No. 34. I noticed that certain things in which I made criticism last year are omitted in the current year's Budget Demand. A provision made in every Budget for Mini Cement Plant but which has never been materialised is also dropped out. Last year, there was a provision of about Rs 22,00,000/- under Revised Budget for establishment of Ginger Processing Plant. But this year, the provision has come down to only Rs 5,00,000/-. I want the Minister-in-charge to explain as to why there is less provision for this in the current year's Budget. Is it because the Government have already started the work and that they required only this much money for completion of the work? If we have only that much money, the proposed Plant will never get materialised.

There is one thing I do not understand may be because I mis-read it. In the Budget Book under Industry Department, there is a big NIL under the heading on Villages and small Industries. I think there are some villages who get benefited by Industry Department. But in my constituency, for example, no one has received anything in subsidy inspite of our repeated recommendation and only few have received grant-in-aid given in kind. On the top of this, it is very difficult even just to obtain Loan form this year. I feel that we are not in a position to neglect villages as it is in villages where most of the population of Mizoram reside. Even a small Industry is a thing of great help to the villagers. I want to know whether the Government still have a policy of 'Village and Small Industries.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I am truly sorry that your speech was not recorded in the synopsis. The writer was having headache and vomited while you were speaking. That is why your speech was not recorded.

As there is not much time left, let us all try to make our speech short.

PU J.H.ROTHUAMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I want to say few things regarding Demand No.18 which relates Education.

On scrutiny of the Budget, it appears that no provision is made for Primary English Medium School. As we all are aware, the Mizos, as a whole cannot simply neglect English and it being so, our well-to-do families sent their children to Private Institutions where there is an English medium of instruction. The fees in Private Institutions are normally high which poorer families can hardly afford. But, even poor families want to send their children to Private English Institutions because of much pressure from their children. It seems that every family irrespective of its financial position, is trying to send the children to English School, while this is the case, large provision of fund is made for Hindi Propagation. I do not oppose to propagating Hindi in Mizoram, but at the same time we propagate Hindi language, we should also offer children of poorer families more scope for learning English since English is still one of the official languages in Mizoram. It is understood that every town and village can't be provided with such English Medium School, but, we should at least have English Medium Primary and Middle Schools in some towns for poorer children who cannot afford to study in Private English Institutions.

There is a provision of Rs 3,00,000/- for Tribal Research. I very much appreciated the books on historical background of the Mizos made by them. It is a valuable treasure for us, the Mizos. It is with the help of these books that future generation will trace out the origin of the Mizos and useful knowledge connected with it which we, at present, cannot yet find out. Such being the importance of their work, I feel that more fund should be provided for this Department.

Primary school, as noted is just like a tangled mess of a family. Almost every village has 2/3 Primary schools. Though being the institution where there is most tangled mass of children, Primary Schools are not provided with Chowkidars while every Middle and High School has Chowkidar. I feel that our Primary schools also should be provided with chowkidars.

Much had been said regarding the allotment of grant-in-aid and loan under Industry Department. As loan form and other application forms are obtainable only from the Aizawl office, the villagers have to come all the way to Aizawl even just to get Loan form, not to speak of whether or not they will be given loan or grant-in-aid. To avoid such inconvenience, we should let B D O/A O Office do the distribution of forms in their respective blocks so that the villagers would not have to come all the way to Aizawl just to obtain Loan Form. In our centralization of power in the headquarter, it seems that only persons who frequent the office get benefit while villagers, whose need seemed to be greater than that of the people living in are often neglected at the time of loan and Grant-in-aid distribution. I feel that in future more attention should be given to the people living in far-flung areas.

Various Industrial Training Institutions have now been opened in Mizoram. But they do not yet cater for different kinds of trade and the equipments and staff position are still inadequate. There is also hardly a Diploma-holder to be found even for Craft Teacher at High

School level. Such being our condition, we should do well in strengthening the position of various Industrial Training Institutions we have established so as to cater for more kinds of trade and to have them produce persons with Diploma certificate.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Time for discussion is over. We will have now recess. Sitting will be resumed at 2:00 P.M. in the afternoon.

Recess 1300 hours.

Afternoon Sitting.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We have had discussion in the morning's sitting. We will now call upon the Minister-in-charge to make clarification and to ask for passing of his Demands by the House.

PU F.MALSAWMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I do appreciate what the members said regarding the Demand I moved. I did not doubt that there are members who wished to speak, but could not do so due to limitation of time. I also believe that there will be still more to say besides what had been stated. But, there is no time to say all that which one want to say and I too will not be able to clarify all that which the members said. I have however, noted down some of the important points, which I will now try to clarify.

First of all, I also rejoice at what Pu Hiphel said regarding Chhimituipui District. As stated by the members, there are times when it is inevitably necessary to allocate more fund for some specific areas or places like Chhimituipui District. But, this does not mean that they will have the same amount of fund in the new Budget. I hope that Chhimituipui District will have understanding of other places at the same time they expressed their gratitude.

The member from Tawipui Constituency mentioned about the condition of High Schools in this constituency. I don't know whether it is because, there is less to be done in more advanced constituency that there is only one High School which has not been promoted to Deficit in Tawipui Constituency. If I am not mistaken Zobawk High School has also been upgraded. The Government is also fully aware of the condition of Lunglai college. But, there are many things to consider in our attempt to improve the prevailing situation. For example, regarding protection of the Lecturers a Cash appointed date is required. Once it would not be set, another unforeseen problem whenever it arises there comes difficulties before final decision can be made on some important matters. It is therefore necessary for members to understand the many difficulties involved in getting things finalised.

As for the College Building - the Department pays due importance to it so also the Government. But to re-construct the Building, Plan and estimates has to be made. At present, the College File is being put up for administrative's approval. I hope that the members know financial implication to get the proposal materialised.

Opening of night college at Lunglei was mentioned and the Government also give much thought to this. But, according to the reply received it seems that the University authorities are not actually in favour of using Lecturers of Day shift to run night shift as well. Besides this, there is financial difficulty involved in sanctioning fund for their salaries and the Lecturers, on the other hand, do not accept their present position regarding their salary. Our difficulty is such that the matters relating to this college have to be studied with wider aspects. As regards shortage of Lecturers - if head of Department, who takes charge of Principal does not make reference to the Government it is not possible for us to know the actual position of the staff in the college. Anyway, information will be collected from the authorities concerned and when necessary informations are collected, we will see what can be done.

Member from Sangau Constituency mentioned about distribution of machines under Industry Department. Some-times machines to be supplied are not available. In some cases, the individuals to whom machines was allotted do not want to deliver the machine or do not have money for delivery. These kinds of situations have often muddled up proper distribution of machines. But if anyone has personal problem, he should inform us so that we may consider what can be done for him/her. It was also stated that the Industries Officers posted in Salha do not have any financial power even to repair machines. The Government will see what can be done to solve this problem.

I gathered that the member wanted to know the latest condition of the Apex Bank which the member from Sairang Constituency mentioned. I do not know what difficulty may come, but, some members along with the officers who are responsible for the Bank are looking for Managing Director. Let us hope that the Bank will function smoothly when we have Managing Director.

The speech made by member from Kawrthah Constituency was quite informative. As regards the proposal for opening of Board Examination Centre at Kawrthah - we should be aware that the Board, though it functions as independent body, is under the control of Education Secretary of the Government. Hence, Kawrthah was recommended for Examination Centre. But, considering the conveniency of the Institution for conducting Board Examination and the situation of Kawrthah from security point of view, Government decided not to finalise the recommendation this year, not because they do not favour Kawrthah. In view of the current situations of Mizoram as a whole, Government made decision not to open anymore Examination Centre besides those we have had for this year.

Being aware of the inconveniency of having only female teacher in Thlawhbawk village, Government has taken much care in the posting of teachers. Unless a teacher is from the same village, remote areas are usually given male teachers. If any village has special problem regarding teacher, Government should be informed so that we may know what action needs be taken. Regarding appointment of teachers who did not appear before Interview Board - it was purely a mistake in the minute Book of the Department.

Member from Hnahthial Constituency stated about non-existence of Principal at UGTTI, Lunglei. The Department also noted this with great concern. But, in the past years, there had been some difficulties regarding creation of post for this. As such, I cannot say the exact condition now. Anyway, we will see what can be done and perhaps there is already proposed under non-Plan.

Member from Khawbung Constituency mentioned about recognition of schools and allotment of schools to Thlawhbawk villages. Government pays due importance to what the members suggested for recognition of schools. We have in fact, practised as suggested as far as practicable. Nevertheless, allotment of school to Thlawhbawk is done on the basis of size and population of the village. Under the 6th Five Year Plan, it is intended to open 300 Primary Schools in Thlawhbawk villages where 2 teachers each are proposed to be given. In the previous 6th Plan, a villages that has 80 houses was given Primary School. In the current Plan Budget, a villages which have 53 houses were also given. On what basis should Thlawhbawk be given a school this year has yet to be considered. At this juncture, what we should know is that there can be difference in their present position. For example - a village which has a few number of houses in the Department's Record Book may have at present a large number of houses. But, as it is not easy for the Government to know the exact position of each village, I request the members to extend their co-operation.

Regarding Panel List maintained by the Department even if there is Panel List of the Department about 50% can be reserved for compassionate ground.

As for allotment of Rice Hiller-negotiation is under way with Rehabilitation Department. In the light of what the members stated, we may be able to find better arrangement.

Perhaps the functioning of Super Market in Mizoram has not come up to our expectation. But, our Super Markets are instructed to sell only small and cheap articles which poorer section of the people also can afford to buy instead of selling valuable and costly materials. Super Market though not successful in Mizoram it is very successful in big cities. They are in fact, an immense help to the public. If there is however, no likelihood of success in Mizoram, we may turn to something else other than Super Market. Anyway, the members should visit our Super Markets so that they may be able to form concrete idea for thier improvement. whatever suggestion you may have, we will be glad to hear them.

Other members also made excellent speech. Allotment of scholarship for technical education was mentioned. Various Departments have technical students under their care and better way of giving scholarship is being sought after. Nevertheless, there are things which cannot be done within our power. Government have however, taken certain measures to improve allotment of scholarship. In pursuance of suggestions made by the members in the previous session, additional post of Deputy Director has been created. Let us therefore expect that there will be speedier execution of works in the Department. I also noted down what the members said regarding shortage of staff in Lunglei DEO's office and other things connected with the programmes of Education Department and we will consider what can be done to have them implemented.

The member from Tlungvel Constituency alleged that there was a provision of only Rs 5 lakhs for procession of ginger production. It is not that there is a provision of only Rs 5 lakhs. It is just that we take the initiative with Rs 5 lakhs. As a matter of fact, the Planning Commission has approved a sanction of Rs 20 lakhs for this purpose. But, due to the prevailing circumstances in Mizoram, we are much concerned about the utilisation of such huge amount of money. Speedy utilization of the money will largely depend on our execution of works. It is however, understood that there will not be financial problem.

Government do not neglect development of Village Industry. It is intended to take intensive measures to encourage and improve Village Industries.

Member from Khawhai Constituency stressed the importance of English Medium School. The public also realised its importance. However, a concrete policy has to be formed in this regard. I do not know whether the public take hurt from us that English Medium School has increased since the past few years. But, the matter has to be studied with wider aspect. We will however note down what the members said and see what can be done.

If I am not mistaken, I think application Forms under Industry Department are given to B.D.Ss & A.Os for distribution. But, according to the requirements of the people in their respective Blocks, some B.D.Os/A Os used to have the copy cyclostyled or collect extra copy when they come to Aizawl, we should do well in trying to know how many Forms would be required by the people in our respective constituencies so that the Department may know the number of forms to be printed or to be given out for distribution.

I have also tried to note down good suggestions made by the members. Last thing I want to say is about Industry. Some of us may be in great hurry to have real Industries established. Yet, there are many things to consider in order to establish big Industry. At the moment, the people who should execute the works are not yet ready besides having no Electricity power of our own to run various machineries which is very essential if we are to establish big Industry. Under the present circumstances, ~~we~~

what seems to be more important than concentrating on Large-scale Industry is to encourage cottage Industry. Government also pay due importance to the development of Small Industries started by the individuals within ~~the~~ their own capacity. Moreover, continuous effort is being made for establishment of ~~real~~ Industry.

What we should also remember is that Industry Department, unlike other Departments is not yet in a position to make speedy headway. It has not been very long since it started to function as Major Department. At the moment, Recruitment Rules are being prepared. I want the members to know various difficulties that still confronted this Department.

I did not doubt that the members will have many things to say regarding education. It seems that the members spoke with restraint in regard to the improprieties of the Department. The allegation that 'there is more of Lions head letter or recommendations from VIPs in official letter heads in Education Department than the rest of the Departments' happened to be true, I have always compared Education Department with a lady who has many suitors. If checked thoroughly we will find that there are many recommendations from various persons including the MLAs. The people also seemed to be more inclined get employment as a teacher instead of actually caring for the success and improvement of education. Because of such inclination, the Department has difficulty. Hence, it may not be wrong to say that everyone is responsible for the difficulty alleged to be found in Education Department.

I am glad that the members have given much thought to the development of co-operative Societies. I hope they will make continuous effort for improvement.

Regarding disposal of ginger Production- Last year, the Society made a purchase at the rate of Rs 60/- per quintal. But while this was thought to be a reasonable rate, Private Firms made a purchase at higher rate. Hence, purchasing rate was increased at Rs 65/- Again there was increase in the purchasing rate which has now come to Rs 75/- per quintal, whereas private buyers made a purchase at the rate of Rs 90/- per quintal. If there is still going to be competition between private buyers and the Societies, we regard this as big achievement even tho' the Societies may not be the buyer. That is all clarification I can make.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I request the House to pass the Demand Nos. 18,25,27,34 I moved for Rs 10,15,32,000/- to meet the expenditure during the year 1980 -81.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Minister in-charge has moved the Demand Nos. 18,25,27 & 34. He begged the House to pass his Demand. Those who agree to pass this may say 'aye'.

(Members said 'aye').

Now, the Demands moved by the Minister had been passed.

We will call upon the Chief Minister to move his Demands.

ERIG.THENPHUNGA SAILO : Pu Deputy Speaker, on the recommendation of the Administrator of Mizoram and with your permission Sir, I move the Demand Nos. 2,3,4,8,9,10,11,13,15,23 & 26 for Rupees Six crores, forty lakhs and fifty thousand (6,40,50,000) only to meet the expenditure during the year 1980-81 in respect of the following Departments - Administrator, Council of Ministers, Administration of Justice, Secretariat, District Administration, Police, Jails, Stationery & Printing, Fire Protection and Control, Information and Publicity, Relief on account of Natural calamities.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, there will be discussion on the Demands moved by the Chief Minister. However, we have had General discussion in the morning. We should therefore, come right to the point. Points to clarify may also be collected. Now, the members may start the discussion.

PU HIPHEI : Pu Deputy Speaker, there was general discussion in the morning. We are now going to discuss the Demands moved by the Chief Minister. The Demands, as noted, are so many that even one point each from one demand will make lengthy speech. I therefore, request you, Pu Deputy Speaker to understand me even if my speech be lengthy.

There is Council of Ministers in the Demand No.3. If this Demand is going to be passed, it will mean that we are also going to pass the salary of Deputy Ministers without actually having Deputy Ministers. There are members in the Ruling Party who are fit for Council of Ministers. I want to know what difficulty the Government have to appoint Deputy Minister even after getting an approval from Central Government.

Under Demand Nos. 2,3 & 8, there is Tour Expenditure. For this, there is a provision of Rs 70,000/- whereas it is Rs 4,68,000/- for the expenditure of Administrator's Tour. In addition to this, there is another provision of Rs 5,26,000/- for Helicopter Tour under Demand No. 8. The provision for Helicopter Tour is less than the provision in last year's Budget. It seems that besides the provision for Administrator and Ministers Tour, there is another provision of Rs 5 lakhs or so for Helicopter Tour. I suggest that the expenditure incurred for Helicopter Tour be reduced and divert the fund for something else since Helicopter fare is too high.

Under Demand No. 10, there is Borrowed Battalion which, I presume must be the CRPF who are here in Mizoram, Is it not possible to set up 2nd Battalion MAP instead of borrowing Battalion corps from elsewhere ? Is there difficulty in the Central Government to set up such Battalion ? It appears that there is high expenditure for maintenance of this Borrowed Battalion. According to 'India Today's version, one CRP personnel gets a salary of Rs 24/- per day. If this happen to be true, there will always be high expenditure. I therefore, desire that 2nd MAP Battalion be set up.

There is 'Special Police' under separate head in the Demand. who are the Special Police ? Is it MAP or MRP who are called 'Special Police' Are there Special ones among our Police Forces ? If so, what makes them so special ? I want to know whether there are special conditions laid-down for the Police personnel to become Special Police. I am quite particular about the uniform of the Police. It appears that the uniform used during the administration of Assam Government is still in use. I don't know whether it is because of the climatic condition that other states Police Forces have different kind of uniform. Is it not possible to have different kind of uniform for our Police Forces ?

There are certain things in the Demands which I cannot approve of . These are mostly connected with the Police Forces. Yesterday, the Chief Minister made a statement in which he alleged some Police Officers as being deeply involved in politics which he said has slackern discipline in the Police organisation. Hence why should we pass the Demand for grant to meet the expenditure of the organisation in which the Minister-in-charge also has no confidence. Should we not first reform the set up before the Demand is passed ? The Chief Minister himself stated that he was not interested in the Budget Discussion. If he is so un-interested, why should we pass his Demands ? He also said that the Police or Security Forces can, if and when necessary, conduct house- search even in the residence of the members. This makes it clear that the only Security for us ia not be arrested. It seems that the members are not safe from the atrocities of Security Forces/Police Forces even during the session. May be there is law for such conduct, yet, should all the laws be enforced ?

In the Demand No. 8, there is a major head - ' Secretariat' .

(\$Speaker - Make your speech short).

yes, this will be my last point. The other day, I have mentioned our failure to have an appointment with Chief Secretary. I do not know what business he had that occupied all his time even to spare a few moment for us. Perhaps he had quarrel with other members of his family! whatever be the reason for his refusal to meet us, I thought we would have by now learnt the reason at least through the Ministry. But, no reply has been received till today. we do not deny that the officers, particularly those who passed competitive examination are more clever and intelligent than we But, I find it hard to accept his refusal to see us if it was through despise, for we are also the persons elected by thousands of people to represent them in the Government. why should I also pass the budget for the salary of an officer who refused to hear the grievances of the people we conveyed ? I know that raising my hands will have no significant in the voting of the Budget, but I do not at all agree to pass these Demands. I regard his refusal as an insult, for, no reply has been furnished till today. I don't know whether we will dare to meet him again, for he may refuse to see us again, It is not only I, but in a democratic country, I regard his refusal as an insult not only to me, but to other elected members.

PU P.LALUPA : Pu Deputy Speaker, when I go through the Demands, I found some of them to be quite satisfactory. But, as stated by the members earlier, I also want to concentrate on certain Demands.

In Demand No. 10, we come across the heading 'Borrowed Battalion'. I do not intend to say about the amount of the provision, but, I am still perplexed as to whether I will agree to pass this Demand. When I consider replies made by the House Leader to questions raised by members from Tlungvel and Sateek Constituencies regarding harassment of opposition members by the Police and Security Forces, I have an apprehension that our relationship, for being elected representatives, who have joint responsibility to steer the rein of the country in good faith, will be broken. According to his reply, the Police can, for last resort, conduct house-search without warrant. But, if we study section 47 of sub-section 100 of Cr.P.C., we will know that an independent and respected person should be present while the Police conduct house-search. In our case however, it was conducted as if by force and our appeal and explanations were un-heeded. I thought the provisions made in the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business were to be enforced at least during the Session. But, this was not the case with us. I thought there will not be anymore house-search in my house at least during the session. Yet, last night, another house-search party came with one Major in the command, and within our sight, they were instructed see the places or the spots where they should take position. Under such situation, I wonder how could one exerts his earnest efforts for smooth running of the administration of the country in co-operation with the Government. I feel that last nights incident was an act of provocation. It really hurts my mind. If such atmosphere prevails, the only safety will be inside the Jails. If one stands in my position, he may feel the same way as I feel. It is truly hurting to be provoked in such a rude manner while one has every intention to help run the country. Putting christianity at the forefront, the House Leader had often made Radio announcement. It is a fact that a christian should have patience, tolerance and compassion. Yet, it is going to be very difficult to endure such provocation. I consider the years Human Rights come into forefront and the re-action of the public towards atrocities of the Police and Security Forces. At that time the atrocities of the Police and the Security Forces were strongly condemned. Though I don't mean to say that Special Forces exists, but, some persons perhaps belonging to what we thought of as Special Force, have not stopped being the ones who trouble the people. This I can say from my own experience when they came to conduct house-search, they came in plain dress with Pistol in their hands and asked where Lalupa was. I won't say their names, but three of them I noticed who even after the formation of the present Ministry, have not stopped committing atrocities. Such being the condition that has now prevailed in Mizoram, I truly desire that the Government recognise our position. Special Force may not exist, yet, their way of handling the situation was very special. with Pistols in their

hands, I was called inside the Sitting Room. Since then I realised who they were. So long as such circumstances prevail, what good would come out of our efforts to bring Peace and prosperity in the land.

Regarding transport difficulty faced by the member during the Sessions. Instead of trying to find a solution to our problem, we were bluntly ignored. There was no re-assurance or is there mitigation. Hence, I do not regard myself as being efficient enough to help the Chief Minister in handling the money we have under the Demands he moved. I therefore, do not intend to pass the Budget.

One thing I want to mention is this morning I received, an information from a driver. According to this information, on the night of 26.3.'80, a person who has Returnee Certificate intends to kill Sri Sarkar, hailing from Cachar District and married Mizo-lady named Lalhliri and who has now settled at Lungdai as ordinary shopkeeper. The intending killer called out the wife from the house. Fortunately however, the husband was not at home. It was said that the person who has a returnee Certificate was with a pistol which he threw out of the window when the security forces came to arrest him. Personally, I have now suspected everyone who acted in such a bold manner, I don't know whether to believe that this type of persons are from some local elements or from a fraction of the underground elements. I feel that the Government should take strong measures to safeguard the lives of the citizens.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Is there any other members who wish to speak ?

PO H. RAHMAWI : Pu Deputy Speaker, it seems that in the Demands moved by the chief Minister, there are some which the members who stood before me do not accept, for which I am sorry.

In Demand No. 10- Police Department it is in this Department that the Chief Minister has most Demand. The Demand is Rs 3,22,40,000/- which in my opinion is very meagre. The Police organisation in Mizoram is not satisfactory. While necessity of strengthening the organisation is repeatedly stressed, some members spoke in aversion of passing the Budget Demand. Nevertheless, this aversion may not be because of their dislike for Police Department. I think it is because of their un-willingness to co-operate the Government, which in a way, is a relief, for, if they dislike the Police Department, it will be regretting for the people and the country. Having committed ourselves to the task of promoting the interest of the people, I think we should give priority to the interest of the public. I therefore, like to request the members who opposed to passing the Budget for Police Department to agree to pass it in the interest of the people. If their aversion to pass the Demands is against the Demand No. 2, I would have understood since, this concerns mainly the Administrator, not departments. However, no complain was made against this Demand, for which I am thankful.

In the case of House-search conducted by CRP/ Security Forces in the residence of some members, complaint was made in the House yesterday. If the search was still carried on till last night by Deputy Speaker I will regard the members as having no privilege. I feel that such harassment was almost breach of privilege of the members. If the Security Forces, who should safeguard the lives of the citizens used to harass members in such an ill-manner, I am afraid that there will be mis-understanding. Anyway, let us leave this subject to the Ministry of Home, for, I want better inquiry to be made in this connection.

The member from Tuipang Constituency stated about their failure to meet the Chief Secretary. It was certainly breach of privilege of the members though no one moves Privilege motion on it. However, we will leave the matter for in the hands of the Chief Minister. It is a serious case to refuse to meet the representatives of the people. If his refusal was due to heavy pressure of Works, it can be understood. But, his refusal has no apparent reason, it should be treated as serious matter.

Regarding Demand No.8, Secretariat. As we know, the Government and the Secretariat are inseparable factors for smooth running of the Administration of the country. Secretariat is the main branch of all Government Offices. Being the main branch, I desire that better position be given to Civil Secretariat.

Regarding Demand No.11, Jail there are District Jails in Lunglei and Chhimituipui Districts. But, these Jails have no facilities. Particularly Saina has no Prison Van to transport prisoners from Jail to the court. Having no proper escorts, the prisoners cannot be produced before the Court at the appointed time. I therefore, desire that Jail Department be strengthened and the District Jails be given better facilities. Actually, it is not an easy task for the Police, besides this being risky, to escort prisoners all the way from Lawngtlai to Saina on foot. It is therefore, necessary to allot Saina Jail Prisoners Van.

In Demand No.23, Publicity- I want the Government to take vigorous steps in this regard. Even in the nearest Airport i.e. Silchar from Mizoram, will find that no booklet or information about Mizoram is available so also in Calcutta or Delhi. Though Union Territory, nothing much about Mizoram is known to other parts of India. It is mainly because of our weakness in Information and Publicity. I therefore, desire that Information Department take vigorous measure to publicize about the people and the land through Booklet and Pamphlets. It is desired that such information on the land and the people of Mizoram be made available in different Airports and Railway Stations.

As regards other Demands, it is understood that all the Demands will not be upto our approval. May be it is because of my enthusiasm that I found the provision for Police Department to be too meagre. However, there are schedule of works to be executed under Public Works Department for which I am thankful. I want the Government to pay more attention to Police Department.

PU SAINGHAKA : pu Deputy Speaker, I have few things to say regarding the Budget.

First of all, in the Demand No.4, Administration Justice- the provision for this is a little over Rs 14 lakhs. But, in view of the pressing need of circumstances where more and more cases are being registered each day the provision may not be adequate and it will not be right to give Judicial staff the same treatment as was given before. Normally, Judicial and Civil administration are combined which slows down disposal of cases. It may be necessary to strengthen the position of Judicial staff and the fund provided for administrative justice may not be adequate.

In Demand No.11, Jail- as stated by the members, lack of facilities is one of the main problems in Mizoram Jails. There is no Special Jail or is there proper facility. All the prisoners, irrespective of the ground on which they are imprisoned, are given the same treatment due to lack of facilities. Jail Administration is also far from good. It seems that none of the staff is contented. We can presume that there will not be proper execution of works in the establishment where the staff are discontented. We will be wrong to think that Jail is merely the place where criminals and delinquents are kept for punishment. On the contrary Jail should be treated as Reformatory Centre.

Provisions made for information and publicity under Demand No.23 may not be adequate, although the amount is quite large. As already stated, information about the life and lifestyle of the land and the people of Mizoram has not been widely publicized outside Mizoram. The Department used to make Calendars and Greeting Cards. But, the pictures Photographs they portrait do not actually depict the life of the Mizos. The Calendars and Greeting Cards are usually covered by pictures and photographs of somebody's daughters and Sons which from information point of view, may not be too informative.

As noted, there is not much fund for publication. But, inspite of this, some publications are overdone. For instance- recently, the Chief Minister made Radio broadcast and his speech was printed and published in English and Mizo. Everyone who has Radio would have known what were there in the speech. Nevertheless, about 50,000 copies were made for distribution. Considering the amount of money provided for

publicity, such large-scale publication may not be too economical. I think we should maintain economy in this regard.

There is a provision of over Rs 3 Lakhs for Police Department under Demand No. 10. As stated by members who had spoken before me, the provision does not seem to be adequate considering the importance of Police Organisation. It is their task to maintain law and order and it is also their responsibility to safeguard the lives and properties of the people. It may therefore, be necessary to provide more fund for this Department. Even within a short span of time since new year, there are already various difficulties in 14 different places. It appears however, that the Police are not efficient enough to protect the people from the prevailing difficulties. On 26th of this month I went to Chiantlang village where I collected some informations. From what I gathered, it seems that one non-Mizo teacher murdered at Chiantlang sometimes back was given warning one month ahead. It is regretting to have Police Force who cannot protect the life of even one person who had been warned one month ahead. If we consider things from safety point of view, fund provided for Police Department is not therefore adequate. I think we remember that we have often wanted to amend the Demand for Police Department particularly when we learn the grievances of Sub-Inspectors whose scale of pay varies from person to person. I don't know whether it is because the Police are inefficient or that we are demanding too high but, their services are far from satisfactory. It is a headache to know the detailed incident at Thenzawl on the night of 20th where a person was shot dead near the river Mat. It is learnt that on the night of 19th, a group of Police personnel headed by one Sub-Inspector were heading towards Thenzawl by Jeep from southern direction. According to an information collected from the driver at later date, it appears that the Driver, in reluctance to carry out what they were instructed to do, intentionally damaged the Vehicle. But it was repaired and on the same day in the morning, they reached Thenzawl. According to the people, the culprits who involved in the killing were seen around town even at 10: AM that day which means that they were almost caught up with a group of Police personnel who came by Jeep. The culprits were imposters MNF. Had they proceed towards Lunglei via Sangmun soon after the killing, they might have already been to their destiny by the time some persons who were playing claimed to have seen them near Sangmun. If the Police were so near them, I wonder why they did not intercept such dreadful incidents. The colour of the Jeep the number and the names of persons who were in it are all known to us. The people are perplexed as to whether they should have faith in the reliability of the Police Forces to protect them from lawlessness. Considering during various incidents that had taken place and the performance of the Police, it is not very pleasing to have the Demand passed. It is understood that the Police are to go wherever they are ordered. But, as stated by the Chief Minister yesterday, there may be interference from outside in this organisation.

It is a fact that they are to wait for order from their superior, yet, why do a fragment of few personnel roam about outside their jurisdiction without the knowledge of their superior?. Actually, the people are suspicious of their movement though they are to maintain law and order.

While we were at Lienzawl, another group of Police, all dressed up in civilian clothes came from Lunglei side. The 1st Assam Rifles, suspecting them to be same elements, came and arrested them. We do not know what actually happened or who committed the error. But, considering of the Police, there might have been wrong informations about the real culprits. We might have also blamed the innocent persons as being wrong-doers, in view of the prevailing circumstances. Whatever be the case with the Police, it is the Government who stands behind their organisation. Truly speaking, I find it hard to agree to pass Budget Demands for Police, Council of Ministers and Secretariat Home Department. That is all I want to say.

Thank you

PU SAIKAPHLIANGA : PU Deputy speaker, I do not intend to say much. I would however, say few things regarding Demand No.10.

We all recognised the importance of Police Forces particularly in a troubled state like Mizoram and we also have high expectation in them. While at the same time we make demand for their good services, we should consider whether the Government have done what they should do towards improvement of this organisation regarding their pay, uniform, ration and quarter. In the previous session I mentioned about the difference between the salary of S.I.s. But, it appears that there is nothing much one can do. In spite of they being in the same rank, their pay is different from S.I to S.I. Even in the current year's Budget a provision of Rs.380/- is made for purchase of uniform of only S.I.s who are in Armed branch and Wireless. This will mean that our Police are not provided with uniform. This is the condition under which our Police are expected to perform their duties.

Under public Works Department schedule of works, provision is made for construction of quarters. But, since the last some years, construction of quarters has never been done. I feel that the government should review the matters connected with the Demands they made if they are to be passed. It is also a surprise to note the way promotion of the Police is processed. There are many cases where persons who, though having all the necessary qualifications for promotion to new higher stage, are not called before the DPC. I thought everyone who has the necessary qualifications would be called before the DPC though it is a different matter whether they are selected. Is there a rule which binds them from appearing before the DPC? Recently, the DPC sat to make a selection of Inspectors to be promoted. But, many of them who have necessary qualification were not called for interview before the DPC. I want the Minister-in-charge to clarify this.

As stated by the member from Aizawl South Constituency, it appears that the Police are highly discontented in the treatment of the government. May be because of this that there is slackness in maintenance of law and order. We all are aware of various incidents that had taken place in recent time. The people suffered and some of them have lost their lives. yet, no arrest has been made so far in this connection. Why have not the Security Forces also made effort as strenuous as before to arrest the culprits ?. It is almost believable that there is no real intention to have the culprits arrested.

I have personally visited the spot where one person was murdered at the outskirts of Inenzawl. After I collected various information, I could not help being suspicious of the Police personnel who were around Inenzawl area by the time the incident took place. I will not disclose the name. But, among the group of Police, there is one who was also involved in the killing of the innocent driver near Kolosib-Kawnpui. Why do the government still employ such a murderer ?. In view of the prevailing circumstances, it is truly necessary to have clear-cut policy. As we are all Mizos, we should not blame each other when something goes wrong. The government should however, try to find out the force that works in us, otherwise, the integrity of the Mizos may soon be lost. Only after the Chief Minister explains points I raised for clarification regarding the salary, ration and uniform of the Police, I will decide whether I will agree to pass the Budget.

Thank you.

PU S.VADYU : Pu Deputy Speaker, I also have few things to say regarding the demands moved by the Chief Minister. He himself had stated his un-interest in the Budget discussion. He also informed the House about the involvement of Police particularly those below the rank of ASI, in the politics. I therefore, want to concentrate my speech first in the Police. Compared with other states, the Police organisation in Mizoram is still inadequate. I regret that the Government cannot yet provide them with proper facilities. It appears that it should be our task to strengthen and mobilize the organisation. Unfortunately however, there seems to be no such intention in the near future and the Government is also not satisfied with the performance of the Police we have in Mizoram. Inadequate number of Police we have are Mizos on whom we have high expectation. Some of them might have committed misdeeds individually yet, I still appreciated their performance. I therefore desire that additional Battalion be set up or the present strength of the organisation be strengthened. As stated by the member from Tuipang Constituency, it may be wiser to spend the provision of fund in the Budget for recruitment of local youths in the Mizoram Police organisation instead of spending it for borrowed Battalion, as, this will also solve some of our unemployment problems.

Under Demand No.3, there is the salary and allowances of the Council of Ministers. Last year, budget was passed for the same. But, the posts of Deputy Ministers have not been filled up. Hence, I do not know whether to pass a budget for un-filled up posts.

During anti pre-election days, prominent figures in the Ruling party who came to Chhinituipui District used to say that if their party form the ministry, they will certainly appoint members from Chhinituipui District for full-fledged minister besides criticizing the then Congress Ministry. Most of us believed what were said in their campaign speech. While we anxiously wait for the fulfilment of their words, vacant posts are left un-filled up. Hence, is it not possible to fill up these posts, for, we, the Chhinituipui District also have members in the Ruling Party ?.

There is a fire protection and control in Demand NO.15. I have often stated the requirements of Saina and Lawngtlai for Fire Control. But, no Fire control has been installed till now, for which I regret. I request the Government to install fire protection for our District under new year's Budget.

Regarding Information and Publicity noted against Demand NO 23- as stated earlier, if we go to other places of India, we will find that various photographs, posters and Booklets depicting the life and culture of our neighbouring states are to be seen in the Airports and Railway Stations. Mizoram also should take vigorous measures towards publicity so that others may know more about the land and the people of Mizoram. Being the Capital, Aizawl has at least, some facilities. But in Saina, for example, the Publicity Officer has an old vehicle which was allocated before the creation of U.P. But he has no financial power nor has he money to have the Vehicle repaired even when necessary. Sometimes he would request private Vehicle owners to lend their vehicle when there are important guest around. The role of Publicity Officer is undeniably important particularly when VIPs come to pay state visit. I therefore, desire that better facilities be given to our Publicity Officer.

Regarding administration, justice and rehabilitation - it may be noted that the attitude with which the MNF returnees are received differ widely. In this connection, I have personally approached the Chief Minister and other high officials. Some of the returnees are not allowed to surrender without arms; whereas some returnees have surrendered without arms. In other cases, those who come to surrender are arrested and those who surrendered without arms are given Rehabilitation Loan. As such, the same case is not applied to every returnee. In our attempt to bring peace and tranquility, we may do well in searching for a better way to deal with the MNF returnees and we should also pave the way for those who still remain underground to return to normal life. Whichever be the person, all the returnees should be given equal treatment.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : If you all take time as in the case of General discussion , we will not have time for other business. If possible, try to avoid repeating what other members have said since the Ministers also have noted down important points . Let me state one more thing. It is in regard to Sairang incident. In this connection , the Chief Minister have made statement. The constituent member came to know about the incident at about 8 P.M. the same night the incident took place and he had, in fact, given information to other Officials. But, not to speak of preventing the incident, there is no one who can give a clue as to who the culprits were. Such being the condition, it is necessary to take effective measures to improve law and order situation.

SHU C. VULLUALA : Deputy Speaker, consideration of Budget Demand is quite interesting. Usually, one is interested in the planning of budget which one acquired by his /her own hard toil and labour. This may not be the case with us as the fund we have in the Budget is purely a gift from central Government. Dwelling on this thought, the Chief Minister made a statement. May be because we are used to forming opinion from our own view point that his statement-- ' none of us seems to take much interest in Budget Discussion ' was interpreted in a very twisted form. Such twisted interpretation truly surprised me. But, I have regard such thing as one way of politics. How anguished was the member of Phulungsei Constituency that he chose Jail rather than encountering CRP for two consecutive nights; he needs to be comforted. We are in a troubled state. We have been blindfolded, our hands were bound at our back until at last we were thrown into Army Vehicle . Our wife and children witnessed all these. Yet, Jail has never been our choice. When the time comes however, one cannot escape from being driven to Jail as in our case. We were arrested while touring . It is not therefore, possible to stay behind the bars as and when one wishes and they will not keep the member inside the Jail just because he fears to encounter CRP . Particularly for members . It is not easy to enter into Jail as prisoners. Perhaps the member of Phulungsei Constituency made statement being aware of all these conditions. What he mean to say was his anguish over the activity of CRP. Whoever can, may try to comfort him.

Recent incidents were also mentioned in a twisted form as the Chief Minister's statement was twisted yesterday. The House leader said that the culprits were the MNF though it was unconfirmed. If anyone claimed to have known the real culprits, why did not they say so ? It is disgraceful for elected members to withdraw from speaking the truth if they claimed to know the truth. It is proper to speak vaguely of things which they knew to be true as if trying to blame somebody else for the misdeed ? I don't know what advantage is there for the members who do not want to co-operate us in passing the Budget. Budget Demand we have discussed is the thing without which the people of Mizoram can not live. It is urgent requirements . I don't know whether we should regard the members who do not want to get the Budget passed, as being great men.

The Allegation. "Sairang MLA have pre-knowledge of Sairang incident" was partly correct. The previous night, my neighbour who is also a contractor was chased away home from Lengpui by the MRF on pretext of attacking Security post. He arrived Aizawl at about 8:30 P.M. As soon as he arrived, he came to inform me what was happening. As a public leader, it is my duty to inform the authorities what I learnt from my neighbour. Hence, I inform the authorities what I knew to be another incident upto this, the allegation was correct. But, beyond this were all things of rumour and basesless allegation.

Now, I will come to the point. There is Jail under Demand NO 11. Before entering into Jail, one has to go through Lock-up. One has to eat while being kept in the Lock-up. Government sanctioned only Rs 1.75 for one meal in Lock-up. Considering the rate of Rice and other essential food articles, Rs 1.75 per one meal is too meagre for the existence of human being. If possible, additional fund should be sanctioned for this.

Under Demand NO 10, Police- whenever there is anything to do, it is the Havildars who used to take the first move. It is also they who escort the ministers in their tour. At the time Mizoram was under the Assam Government, ASI and Havildar enjoyed the same pay enrolment. But, in the course of time, the allowances of ASI were increased and there has now been much difference in pay emolument of ASI and Havildar. Considering the exhaustiveness of their duty, we should do well in giving special consideration to the Havildars and their salary also should be increased.

I would also like to say certain things regarding Demand NO 23 and No 13 which concern Information & Publicity and Stationary Printing respectively. Just recently, Information and Printing were placed under separate directorate. But, it seems that one of these Departments has joint Director as head of Department though there is no provision for Joint Director in the Budget.

Officers we have in Publicity Department are one editor who has to remain in the office and one other District Information Officer. As we know there is only one District Information Officer in Mizawl District. Whenever there is function or when the Ministers go on tour, the DIO has to make press coverage. Apart from this, he has to escort cultural or some other troupe sent under the Department on tour/ visit outside Mizoram. For one Officer the works assigned to DIO is too heavy. When there is flaw in publicity, there used to be much complaints and some persons will even lodge the complaint against the Ministry. It is therefore, necessary to strengthen the position of staff and officer in Publicity Department. I feel that the provision of fund made in the Budget for this Deptt is too meagre.

Surprisingly, Superintendents serving under DIOs have better scale of pay. If we study the Budget, we will find that there is rarely one Officer whose pay scale is Rs 500 as it is for the DIO. A basic pay of Rs 500/- for an Officer who has 24 hours duty is too little. I want the Minister concerned to note this, the pay emolument of District Information Officers under Publicity should be revised at the earliest opportunity. Not only this, the pay of Joint Director and Director of this Department is equal only to that of Assistant Director of other states Information Department. I think we should revise the pay of Officers working in the Information Department.

As I have also stated in the previous session, due to weakness of Printing & Stationary Department. Assembly proceedings given for Printing are piled up in the Government Press. Only when given to Private Press could we have the proceedings of Assembly. In his Budget Speech, the Finance Minister said that some publications such as Mizoram Gazette, Kaladin, Knawvel and Tunlai chanchin are printed and published regularly, which was a typical thing to say for the Minister-in-charge. But, in reality, Publication of Mizoram Gazette is too slow that it sometimes loses its value and importance particularly in the case of Government advertisement. There are also times when Government's notification which has specific date and time is not published/ printed in the time.

Frankly speaking, no publication given to Government Press for printing is regular. I do not know where thing goes wrong. Let us however, see what improvement will be there in printing after separate Directorate is created. If Government Press fails to publish important Governments notifications in time, we should have them printed in private press as it is done in other states. I think we all are aware of the weakness of the Department in Printing. I am however, expecting to see improvement when we have Director in the Department for which provision is made in the Budget. Generally speaking, I appreciate the Budget demand and I found nothing to object to have it passed.

PI L.PHANMAWII : Pu Deputy speaker, it appears that the Demands moved by the Chief Minister are quite popular particularly the Demand NO.10 where I too want to concentrate my speech. Under sub-head Housing in PWD works Schedule, there is Police, for which, I am thankful. What is proposed in the Budget should however, be materialised. As it is not an easy task to maintain law and order, the Police deserve special consideration and better facilities such as family quarters and better housing. We can presume that the Police, given treatment with due consideration, will realize more their responsibility towards maintenance of law and order. Hence, proposal made for the improvement of Police organisation should be implemented expeditiously.

I would also like to comment on the position of the Police Inspectors. Under the Assam Government Inspector is a Gazetted post. But, under the Government of Mizoram, the post of Police Inspector is not gazetted. It is not possible to make Inspector post gazetted under U.T.P. It may be noted that Police Inspectors are one of the most important Officers. They are an important link between the people and higher Police authorities such as I.G.P, D.I.G. etc. We have owe them better improvement of their conditions.

It is regretting that the Police sub- Inspectors have different pay Scale inspite of being in the same rank. If they are in the same rank, they should draw equal amount of pay. While some of them enjoy a basic pay of Rs 380/-.

It will be a good thing if their pay scale is leveled at Rs 425/-. If they are on special duty, there may be slight difference in allowances. But, it is not fair to have different pay scale for Sub-Inspectors of the same rank.

Regarding Demand NO 15- Fire protection and Control - the main headquarter of Fire protection and Control is near Mizawl Jail. Though headquarter, it is still inadequate. When a house in Kulikawn, for example, catches fire, what were there to protect will be all burnt down by the time. Fire Service arrived on the spot. Bad road and shortage of equipments may be partly the reason for such delay. If there can be fire control station in northern and southern ends of Mizawl, there will be better for protection Service.

In respect of the Demand NO 26- Relief on account of natural calamities- as I have recommended, some persons were allotted relief grant. But the amount allotted to them is so meagre that it is hardly adequate to relieve them from their wretched condition. Normally, persons who asked for such relief fund are really needy ones who cannot stand on their own feet. I feel that the fund will be more usefully utilized if allotment is made on larger scale instead of giving small amount to everyone who asked for it. To what extent the applicant was affected by the calamity should also be considered. It may be better to make allotment according to the need of a person. We may do well in remembering the reason why they asked for such fund. That is all I intend to say.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Time is almost up if meeting adjourns at 4 P.M. If time is extended, we may not have again patience to remain in the Hall as in the case of the other day when we could not have quorum. But, if meeting should be adjourned at 4 P.M, there is not much time left.

PU P.B. ROSANGA : pu Deputy Speaker, we have had General
MINISTER discussion. Now is not the time to have broad discussion. Today's business is discussion on the Demands for which Half Day is allotted. I think we should try to finish before 4 o'clock.

PU C.L.ROALIA : Pu Deputy Speaker, In the Demand NO 10, there is ' Borrowed Branch '. Recently, I visited my Constituency where I learnt that the 1st Assam Rifles who are in this constituency are to be relieved by the CRP. It seems that final decision had been made for this. The Assam Rifles who are in my constituency are friendly having good relationship with the local people. If CRP are to come in their place, how will the people feel, for, CRP are merely the ones who cause confusion instead of being comforters as the 1st Assam Rifles are. Something should be done for cancellation of this decision. It appears that the Ministry also can do nothing to protect us from the atrocities of the CRP. We have not heard a word of comfort from them. The member from Sairang Constituency said that the opposition members need comforters. It is true that we need comforter or protector, for we, know that we are not safe. Yet, none of the Ministers have uttered a word of comfort. It is very unfortunate to have a Ministry which cannot comfort/ protect its members from the atrocities of the CRP. Under such condition, who will be pleased to pass Demand No.3- fund for Council of Ministers. If it can be passed without the provision for Council of Ministers, it is a different matter. I will be glad if they do not let us pass this Demand particularly the provision for salary of Council of Ministers.

Even last year, there was provision for salary of S.Is which as shown in the Budget, was Rs.425- Rs. 600/-. but there are yet many S.Is who have not enjoy this scale of pay while even Platoon Commander in Home Guard Department enjoy the basic pay of Rs.425- Rs. 700/-. Such being the difference, the Police S.Is are very discontented. It appears that there has to be pay revision.

Generally Speaking, there is a large provision of fund in the Budget for which we should not however, be contented. If there is no Peace and Tranquillity, the people will not be happy even if all the fund in the Budget is implemented. If the lives of the people are not safe, what is the use of having large fund to buy enough gold to polish the whole of Mizoram.

Ministry which can protect and safeguard the lives of the people is what we required. If there can be no Ministry that can safeguard the lives of the people, why should they let us pass the salary of Council of Ministers.

PU. LALLI ANZADVA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I thank you for allowing me to speak inspite of limited time.

Under Demand NO. 8, there is a provision of Rs 1000/- for Family Maintenance Allowance of prisoners. It may be noted that there are still many who have not drawn such allowances since 1970. Hence, the provision is I think too little. Additional fund may be provided for this purpose.

I would also like to say certain things regarding Demand NO 10. Last night, a group of CRP personnel with Major in their command came to my house. I have mentioned here in the house my previous encounter with the CRP. As they do not have search warrant, I can repulse them from searching my house. But when I mentioned the incident our House Leader, whom I thought would be speak on my behalf, spoke in a threatening manner and said that and then that I was lucky to encounter an Officer, who do not no rules. He also said that I was fortunate for not being arrested. Since the House Leader spoke in that way, the atrocity of CRP also intensified. As a result, they came to my house last night and the Major who was in their command threatened me that they will conduct house search warrant because of my refusal to have my house searched when the CRP with Capt in their command came earlier. Remembering what the House leader said, I knew it was useless to fight them. Hence, my house was searched. Even after they ascertained that no one was around or inside the room, some of them were standing in the door-way with open trigger in their hands while some of them searched papers. It was not very pleasant for my wife and children to see such scene. It may be noted that there is no provision for such action even if we study the provisions of Arm Forces Act, 1968. It is obvious that the Police Officers posted in Disturbed area are empowered with search warrant. If a person is suspected to be a outlaw in his house and if there is time for him to escape while they are in the house, then they can conduct house search without search

are empowered with Special Power Act enacted with Cr. P.C 47 & Cr. P.C 144. If a person is suspected to harbour an outlaw in his house and if there is time for an outlaw to escape while they (the Police) went to fetch warrant, then they can conduct house-search without search warrant. But, there is no rule or an Act which gives a Police or an officer a power to check and topple properties and books of the person in whose house they conduct house-search. On the strength of Special Power Act, I was illegally harassed. I am very surprised at the altitude of House Leader. Under such condition, who will be pleased to pass the money for the Force who harassed and ill-treated us. We do not even know what will happen again tonight. As if in provocation to what I said in the House, their atrocity intensified. I request that the whole Battalion be sent to my house tonight to pick-up all the books and articles scattered around by those who searched my house last night. If there is reasonable suspicion, why don't they prepare search warrant before my house was searched? If we study Cr. P.C. clause 100 of section 4, we will know that respectable person from the same locality has to be present so as witness when the Police conduct house-search. Without anyone being present when they conduct house-search, they may not be national justice or perhaps they may plant a bomb inside my house for which they may accuse me as a criminal. Dis-regarding all the provisions of the law, my house was searched. When I asked them the ground on which my house has to be checked, they said that they simply carry out the instruction given to them by their superiors. I also asked them whether they found anything that will make them suspicious of me, they said they found nothing. Had I refused to have my house searched last night, I would have been arrested as hinted by the Chief Minister. (Deputy speaker- come to the point, that is the Demand)

what I said was about the Demand 'Borrowed Batt'. It is not for them that we intend to pass the Budget?

As stated by member from Phuldungsei Constituency, I do not know whether or not to believe that Special Force do not exist. Have not the Minister-in-charge said that there is no Special Force in reply to question raised by the members in this regard?

But, why do some persons whose names are found in the Police Pay Roll, roam about in plaincloth using Police Vehicle ? Are not they Police personnel ? These are the persons who go about town with pistol in their hands. These are the kind of Police we encountered as, also stated by the member. Who will feel safe to have such kind of persons as Police ? The member from Sairang Constituency alleged that the member from Phulpungsei Constituency was a coward who preferred Jail to having encountered the CR for two consecutive nights. But, what is not the case. It may be noted that under the prevailing circumstances. No one feels safe. Hence, it is not very pleasing to have the Demand Nos. 2, 3, & 10 passed. I therefore, want the Minister-in-charge to give an assurance that the members will not in future, be harassed by the CR in such a rude and un-gentlemanly manner.

PU LALDANGAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, my speech may be a little longer than expected. The morning session was more or less like general discussion. Hence, it may not be wrong to do the same as was done in the morning. We do not however, intend to oppose what you suggested. I will therefore, try to make my speech short. As stated, the Demands have different heads. But, there is no ample time to say about each budget head in detail. There are however, certain things which need explanation particularly about the Demands which the members do not want to pass.

First of all, as it is the desire of the Government, we do not know the functioning of Information & Publicity. But, as it is the Department where there can be two Directors it can be presumed that they have important works to do. Considering the importance of their works, provision made in the Budget is too meagre. As stated earlier, Mizoram has still lagged behind in printing. On the other hand, money is spent lavishly for photography. When they go to some VIPs residence they shoot many photographs and the photos of ladies are taken here and there. I do not know what could be the use of these photographs. I do not think all the money spent for such luxury are from their own pocket. Money.

The other day, Sri Makwana made a statement calling attention in the parliament. This was in connection with Government's intention not to hold anymore peace-dialogue with the Mizo rebel leaders. While the Mizoram Government claimed to have made every effort for withdrawal of Pu Laldenga's case and for resumption of peace-dialogue, the statement of Sri Makwana was broadcast in the Radio. Soon after it was broadcast, the Information Department made Government Press Release. As if wanting to create confusion in the minds of the people, they made half-truth publication omitting contradictory statement made by the Home Minister in the Parliament. Though it was done in under-handed manner, we can but make out from the initial of the typist the department who issued this Press Release. I do not know why it was necessary to make Press Release in a rush manner, after all, the content was already broadcast in the Radio. The Chief Minister had stated the recent movements and activities of the MNF.

He even challenged them. No one has to repeat what were said and the statement of Sri Makwana was also already published in the newspapers. But, the copy of Press Release was distributed widely. Even nursery schools were given the copy. We all know the attitude of the Government why was so much money spent for making the copy of the statement which we have heard and read? If the Department do not maintain economy, there will hardly be enough money.

It is understood that there will not be proper administration in Jails in view of Jail Manual we still put into force. Jail Manuals which we still in use are framed during the British Rule.

In respect of administrative of justice- when one has a case Government used to call an witness for him/her person who stands as an witness can claim travelling allowances. But, J.A. entitled to an witness was fined during the British period. One of the members also pointed out the meagreness of meal given to prisoners kept in the Police Lock-up. It is necessary to improve Jail conditions. There can be innocent prisoners. If they are left to their fate without consideration it means that the Government torture them.

In the Governments Press Release, the Chief Minister stated about the recent happenings in which some persons were killed by the MNF. According to his statement, it was confirmed that the miscreants were the MNF. If confirmed, I demand that ex-gratia grant be given to the bereaved families.

provision made in the Budget Demand for Police organisation is too meagre. To be efficient, the police require a number of certain instruments besides good training. But, they have many disappointments regarding their salary, quarter etc, which readily kills their incentive. It is also understood that they will not be happy with the treatment given to them by the Ruling Party. Being aware of all this some of the members do not want to pass the Budget, not because the provision is too much for the police who have no efficiency. Something is wrong in the administration of this organisation. Though they are in the same rank and file, there are police who are specially looked after. It must not be very pleasant for those who are not specially look after. Being aware of all this that we made statement on the Demand. (Deputy Speaker- whatever be the subject, the members exposed their inner-selves by their speech. Hence, let us hope that the opposition Leader will explain the wording 'Challenge' he chose to use in his speech)

As I have said, there are police who are specially looked after and among them, there are some who have criminal case. As a rule, Any Government employee who has criminal case is to be suspended. But the police who are in the special Force are not suspended though they have criminal cases. If Demand, I will produce their names later on.

As stated by the members, Government should be aware that we do not feel secure under their administration. It is not only we, but, the people also do not feel safe. It is not the local Force, but Centrally looked after force which we require to protect us. This of course, does not mean that all the local police are useless. There are many who have good record and experience. There are two sets in this organisation. One set consists of the police who will spare nothing to gain the favour of their superiors whereas the other set consists of those who try to do good to the people and the country. But, it is always those who try to make record only to please their superiors who used to get good treatment. It is such kind of police who had often created difficulties in the police set up.

The other night, Pu Kawlvela was arrested. He was taken to the house of a widow where the police who arrested him consumed liquor during which he was told to wait. After this, he was again taken to Atta lane where his captors indulged in liquor and women. All this while, he waited for them. When his captors came out, they were quite drunk. Had he tried to escape taking advantage of their drunken condition, he might have been shot dead. If his captors said that he was shot because he attempts to escape, who will tell dead man's story and what would Pu Kawla say? Is this the way to arrest a person?

The members were pointed with loaded gun and their house was searched without search warrant. Had the gun exploded accidentally and the member been hit, the legal stand of the police will be that they fire the gun for self-defence against the member who was trying to assault them. From legal point of view, their action is justified. But, what will be the fate of the members or the people? I do not say that this thing happened, but it is a thing that can happen.

Recently, there was murder at Aizawl Chandmari. The public suspected certain persons to be the murderers. But, the police, instead of arresting the suspected persons, acted in a strange manner as if trying to cover the culprits. The hatred for such ruthless murderers did not however, die down instead, vindictiveness was in the air. I do not know whether it was because of the reaction of the public or that they do not want MNF Justice to settle the matter that the murderer was arrested lately. However, may be it was not safe for him to remain in the Jail that he was transferred elsewhere after a night-sift in the Jail, after this arrest, it will not be difficult for police experts to make investigation. But, there was instruction from elsewhere not to make further investigation. A superior Officer was again entrusted to do the investigation. But, if there was going to be some clues in the course of his investigation, he would again be stopped from elsewhere. Hence, there can be no justice or is there good judgement. To tell the truth, my house was also intruded by certain persons disguising themselves as the MNF. They asked for money and asked me to lend them my vehicle. Had I given them money or lent the vehicle, they would have had arrested me the next day. But, I was cautious enough not

to give them the money. After thorough investigation, we came to know that they were persons who used to make report to the CID everyday. Had I fulfilled their demand, what will the Government think of me ?.

There was also unfavourable incident at Serchhip.

(Deputy speaker :— It is already past 4 P.M. You should now explain allegation you made against the Chief Minister as challenging the MNF) Please wait, let me finish this first. Regarding this incident the Government stated as having circumstances evidence which we do not deny. Civilians arrested/ detained during the course of investigation were those who have involvement with the police and those who harbour the police as exactly as persons who harbour the MNF were arrested. Though we do not want to say this, it is but necessary, for, if we do not say it, we may be charged as not being able to substantiate. It is under such circumstances Mizoram has now drifting. Because of the prevailing circumstances we are not enthusiastic to pass the Budget. Everyone has a right to condemn what one dislikes. Even at the time of the Congress Government there was 'Quit Mizoram Order' issued by the insurgents. But, wanting to create peaceful atmosphere, our Party Leaders took every steps to let the MNF withdraw the 'Quit Order'. Though not withdrawn, they too sought another means for solution to the immediate problem. If there is any incident which likely to instigate the mob at Silchar, our leaders or their emissary would go down to pacify the mob. Nowadays, no such measure is being taken even if there is incident. The prevailing circumstances are as such that the MNF have now committed to doing things which they never like to do for the last 13 years. Even if the culprits are the MNF, they are still Mizos. It is disgraceful for all the Mizos to have hidden murderers among us. Joint effort should be made to find out the real murderers whose action had disgraced the Mizo Community as a whole. If necessary, the MNF may also be approached. Even during the Congress Ministry, Zu Malsawma Colney and his associates had come overground as representatives of the Underground Government to held talks with the Government. This arrangement was made with the approval of Central Government. The present Government also may do well in arranging such meeting. Otherwise, to make allegations and condemnation against one another will only intensify hatred and anger for each other. Allegations and condemnations which have no fruitful result are what I stated as 'Challenge' and which I condemn that is if we are searching for peace and tranquility.

(DEPUTY SPEAKER :- You have already spent 20 minutes. try to shorten your speech) In view of the prevailing situation, it is not very interesting for us to participate in the discussion of the Demand. We have in-fact, preferred not to participate in the passing of this Demand.

PU LALHMINGHANGA
MINISTER

; PU Deputy Speaker, we are having Budget discussion and the members have ample time as much as one has in the General Discussion.

According to BAC calendar, now is the time to have voting on the Budget which the Government, the people and the country require. I therefore, request you to conduct the House according to our Session calendar.

PU LALHMINGHANGA : PU Deputy Speaker, as a rule, the ministers are not to stand or speak up in the House they like.

PU K. BIAKCHUNGJUNGA : PU Deputy Speaker, I appreciate various Demands we have been discussing today. Some of the members expressed their discontentment in the Police Organisation and the treatment given by the Government. I have however, regarded all these as a sign of their enthusiasm for better progress.

It is for further improvement of the conditions of the Police that the Government made Budget demand. I believe that there will be better improvement in future. As stated, it is necessary to improve their conditions, for, they too love Mizoram as much as we do. If we want to improve their conditions, I think we should agree to pass the Demands moved for them.

I truly regret to note what happened to some of the members during the Session. As we all are MLAs, we have great concern for what happened to one MLA. However, it is a critical question as to how we would solve such problem. Anyway, the Government also should consider what can be done.

I regret that our speeches were concentrated on things outside our subject of discussion which is Budget Demand. I too want to clarify the word 'Challenge' used by the Opposition leader. The Opposition leader himself said it was a disgrace that the MNF had committed to doing things which they have never liked to do for the last 13 years. Actually, this was also to be condemned. If condemnation should be regarded as a challenge, it would not be right. Condemnation is not a challenge. I want the House to know that the Chief Minister also did not utter any word of challenge in any of his speeches. What the member from Champnai Constituency stated as 'a challenge' may also be a slip of tongue.

For improvement of law and order situation, the public have to know the truth and the Chief Minister, being the head, has to announce the truth. Whoever be the person, it is the duty of Chief Minister to announce what is there to announce. Hence, let us all know that the Chief Minister, in his statement, did not make any challenge to any one or any party or any organisation.

Thank you.

PU NGURDAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I fell bound to speak. Most of the speeches today are concentrated on the Demand for the police while at the same time statements on recent incidents were made. I though^{are} still learning to make ~~a~~ speech in the House, we should but remember that our statements in the House should not be ambiguous. If the members demand, clarification should be made. If our statements are too ambiguous, it is very easy for others to mis-interpret them. May be it is necessary to be careful in what one say regarding recent incidents. Yet, there can be mis-interpretation in an ambiguous statement. Some opposition members mentioned their grievances. In this case, the House Committee of this Assembly may have to find solution to some of these grievances. But, if the statement is not clear, it may be difficult for the Committee to know where and at what stage of affairs will they make interference. If a member is obscure about the incidents, we can have short discussion on the subject. Hence, there should not be ambiguity in any statement in the House.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : It is good that there used to be friendly arguments in the course of our discussion. As stated, there is House Committee or Privilege Committee to look into the grievances of the members. Much had been said today. It seems that we have cultivated the habit of getting interest only in last minute discussion, for, many of us used to leave the Hall during general discussion. I think this is not a good habit. As we are still at learning stage, we should not take offence for the advice we give to each other. Now, we will call upon Chief Minister to make clarification and to beg the House to pass his demands.

SRIS. PHENPAUNGA SAILO :
CHIEF MINISTER

Pu deputy Speaker, we have had broad discussion and what the members said were worth to note. Before I clarify points I noted down for clarification, I want to explain once again the meaning of search without warrant as there are 2/3 members who misinterpreted it, most probably because they misunderstood what I said. Being inelegant speakers, may be I did not make myself clear.

As I have said yesterday, the police or CRP and the security forces can conduct house-search without warrant. Regarding the statement made by member from Sateek Constituency in connection with the recent incidents at his residence, he was not present when the police came ^{to} his house. His statement was I think, based on information he collected from others.

The member said that he could prevent the CRP from conducting house-search in his house as they do not have search-warrant. For the explanation of this, I said that it was a good thing that the member encountered CRP who do not know the rules otherwise they would have still conducted house-

search even if he refused. By saying this, I simply stated the fact about rules which provides CRP, Police and Security Forces power to conduct house-search without search warrant. We should not therefore, try to interpret what others say in twisted form. Instead of twisting the explanation I made, I will take the blame as I am un-eloquent speaker. Perhaps my explanation was not clear enough. Whatever the case may be, I think we have now been aware of the power of CRP, Police and Security Forces in a troubled state such as Mizoram. It has been more than 10 years since Mizoram was declared 'a troubled area' have not the Police or CRP conducted house-search without search-warrant during all this years? Hence, I think we know that they can conduct house-search without search-warrant. In what manner they should conduct house-search is however, written down in order. I think the members also know this. What we should remember is that if the Police or Security Forces directed their actions within the purview of laws, we cannot fight them. If they however, acted outside legal purview, we can fight them back. Being aware of these legal procedures that we fought for human rights in the past years. Anyone, whether a member or an individual can complain and fight back un-lawful actions. Everyone should in fact, fight against un-lawful actions. None of us is tolerant un-lawful actions. Particularly, if the members are harassed un-lawfully or if their houses are checked in un-lawful manner, we take side on their defence.

If there is any complaint of un-lawful actions on the part of Police or Security Forces, every effort would be taken to safeguard the rights of the members. Let us therefore, try to understand each and other instead of trying to find fault with what other said. As much as there is legal action, there is also un-lawful action. As I have stated, we pay due importance to what the members said regarding their grievances. If there is any report on un-lawful action of the Police, CRP or Security Forces, every effort would be made to safeguard the rights of the members and the citizens.

Much had been said regarding the police. The main idea of their speeches was in-adequacy of Police organisation and in-efficiency of their services besides stressing the need to improve their conditions. As pointed out by some members, it is a fact that the Police are not efficient enough. However, it may not be right to blame them totally as there are reasons for their in-efficiency. One of the reasons is that some Police Officers are involved in politics. In this case, I think we, political leaders are to blame. If we have not interfered our Police Officers may not involve themselves in politics. I have previously stated the reasons for in-efficiency of our Police which we should remember. Because of our enthusiasm for further improvement, much had been said again about Police today. So long as we do not take things in a twisted manner, it means that we truly desire for improvement. It is because of our enthusiasm for improvement that we make criticism. It is for the same reason, why we said that the Police are not efficient. It is not only the Police, but, others also have in-adequacy. Hence, it is only because of our

enthusiasm that we said what we have said.

I noted with great concern what the member from Champnai Constituency said. If there are specially looked after Police Battalion, he should make the report in writing so that we may study the matter.

He also stated condemnation as 'Challenge' which he was asked to explain. But, as he made no clarification, I think he accepts that there is no challenge in any of my speech.

There is not ample time to clarify all that which the members want me to clarify. I will therefore, clarify only those which are relevant to our subject i.e Budget Demand.

There is budget provision for the salary of Deputy Minister. The same provision was made in last year's Budget. As it is expected to have Deputy Minister in any one of these days, it is inevitably necessary to make provision for this in the Budget. It is however, not known when and in what condition would we have the post filled up. Central Government is the one who should make decision in this regard. Hence, there is nothing much we can say or do.

There is provision for helicopter tour expenses of Ministers. It may be noted that whatever amount is incurred for this purpose, it cannot be diverted or does it affect the normal allotment of fund for other items. Even if small amount of fund is allotted, no diversion can be made from other items. When Budget is prepared, we have different phase for each item.

'Borrowed Battalion' mostly implies CRP, not MAP Battalion. They are deputed to Mizoram from Central Government. But, their expenditure is borne by Mizoram Government due to which provision has to be made for them in the Mizoram Budget.

If we turn to Budget Book, Special Police is clearly defined under the head Police. It implies MAP. I will not therefore, have to make another explanation.

Government is also aware of the unsatisfactory condition of Jails stated by the members. Jail, as we know, is constructed during the time of British rule and is therefore, very congested. Jail administration is also far from satisfactory. Besides his normal duties, the D.C. takes charge of I. G. Prison, as in the case of other states was brought to the notice of Central Government which they approved. It means that we are now going to have separate I.G. Prison other than D.C. Our Jail staff will have to be trained under the I.G. Prison, as they have not had any proper training.

Government is also aware of non-availability of accommodation in Jail. New accommodation is under construction. Before it is completed, the only alternative we have is to send our prisoners to other states prisons, which is not very recommendable. Actually, our prisoners preferred being in a congested Mizoram Jail to

being sent to other ~~stated~~ prisons. Besides accomodation, Jail mangement is also not satisfactory. anyway, we will do our best to improve their conditions.

Besides stressing the need or improve publicity department, the members suggested to have posters, pamphlets or photographs displayed in airports and Railway stations for publicity of Mizoram. We appreciate their suggestions. Effort will be made to get these suggestions materialised. Other members pointed out the in-adequacy of judicial staff. It is true that judicial staff needs to be strengtnened. They also require better training and it is also necessary to improve their service condition. It is one of the tasks that lays ahead. Unfortunately however, the ADM is still made in-charge of judicial due to shortage of officer in the Department. There is not much we can do at the moment. But, I think we will soon have other Officer to take charge of ADM Court.

The killing of one BRIF personnel between Sercanip and Inenzawl was much emphasized. Record is maintained on the basis of information received and collected. In the record, the names of the culprits are written down. If there are however, persons who know about this incident other than the record maintained by the Government, they should submit their report in writting which is more effective than simply stating it in verbal.

If they are truely concern with the incident, they should care to submit the report in writing.

One of the members mentioned about the promotion of Police Inspectors & Sub-Inspectors. He said that some inspectors Sub-Inspectors who have necessary qualification for promotion to the next stage were not called before MPC. Actually, we do not interfere in this regard and we should not interfere either as it is departmental affairs. If there are however, such cases, investigation should be taken. As I have said, I do not want to interfere in such a thing as promotion particularly in displied force. But, if there are in-justice or unfair means and if there is such report from the public, action should certainly be taken. Nevertheless, the report should be in writing.

The members stated the in-adequacy of Fire Service which is undoubtedly true. Being newly established organisation, Fire Service has still to be strengtnened. We also noted with great concern the requirement of Chamtupui District for fire service. But, as often said, it is not possible to have everything improved at one instant. Nevertheless, it is one of the tasks to improve Fire Service.

I truely regret to note what members said regarding the un-desirable conditions of Jail Lock-up. This should be one of our first tasks to have inspection to enable us to take **necessary actions**.

Besides mentioning the efficiency of Police havildars, suggestion was made to revise their pay. As often stated, there is pay anomaly in the police Organisation. But, it is a thing which has not yet been tacked. But, according to information received, the Department has started revision work.

Some of the members strongly recommended better pay and treatment for the Police. Considering the importance of their work, it is necessary to improve their conditions. As recommended, they also deserved to be given better treatment. It is unlawful for us to point out their faults or weaknesses even if they have. However, our target, not only for the Police, but, also for all Government employees, is to work for their welfare.

It is a fact that fund provided for Natural Calamities is too meagre. I have personally noted the meagreness of fund sanctioned for this. I do not remember the exact amount, but, I think it is only Rs.100/- or Rs. 150/- is payable to an affected person. I have actually discussed this with the L.G. and we have both agreed to take up the matter. Every effort will be made to have more provision for this.

Regarding A/DA of under-trial prisoners at present, the amount is not bad. The main problem is that the Department used to have no money ready on hand to give them when they come to the Court. But, now, instruction is given to make payment when the prisoners came to the Court. provision had also been made for this. If they make no payment as instructed, the Magistrate concerned should be blamed. According to our instruction, the prisoners should receive the money on the day they came to the Court or the next day. The Magistrate concerned is expected to follow this instruction.

Regarding ex-gratia grant there is standing order. According to this, if a person is killed either by Security forces or MNS, ex-gratia grant is payable to the bereaved family. However, the bereaved family has to make a claim for the grant. (Members — Is that not ex-gratia grant? I was not paying attention) Yes, there is standing order. To give the grant, next a kin or nearest has to make a claim. Only when there is a claim, the grant is given.

Now, I request the members to pass the Demand NOS- 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 15, 23, & 26.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I think we are clear now since the Chief Minister had made clarification. He requested the House to pass the Demands he moved. Members who agree to pass these Demands may raise their right hand and say 'agree'.

(Members said 'agree' but, the opposition members said 'not agree'). As there are more members who agree to pass than those who do not agree, the Demand is passed.

Now, we will proceed to our next item. Finance Minister may introduce Appropriation No. 2 Bill of 1980.

PU LAI-MINGTHANGA ;
MINISTER

PU Deputy Speaker, on the recommendation of the Lt. Governor and with your permission Sir, I beg leave of the House to introduce the Appropriation No. 2 Bill of 1980.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Minister had begged leave of the House to introduce his Bill for permission to spend the whole Budget. Are not we all agree to spend the money we have in the Budget ? (Members said ' agree ') If so, he may introduce the Bill.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, I introduce Appropriation No.1. Bill of 1980.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Minister has introduced his Bill. He may beg leave of the House for consideration of his Bill

PU LALHMINGTHANGA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, I move Appropriation No 2. Bill of 1980 for consideration of the House.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : are not we all agree to consider this bill ? (Members agreed). There is nothing much to say. The copy of this Bill may now be distributed to members. Is there any member who has things to say or ask in this regard ? If there is no member who wish to speak, the Minister may beg the House to pass it.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, I beg the House to pass Appropriation No.2 Bill of 1980.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Do we all agree to pass this Bill ? (Members agreed to pass). Appropriation No.2 Bill of 1980 has now been passed. It is quite late now as much time was used for speech.

The meeting will be adjourned now. We will resume the meeting on 31.3.'80 (Monday) at 10:30 A.M.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 P.M.