

3RD SITTING ON 9TH MARCH, 1981 at 10:30 A.M.

Pu C.Chawngkungá, Deputy Speaker at the Chair, Chief Minister, four Ministers and 21 Members were present.

BUSINESS

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

DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION OF THANKS

DEPUTY SPEAKER :

"I Cried unto God with my voice, even unto God with my voice; and he gave ear unto me.

In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord: my sore ran in the night, and ceased not: my soul refused to be comforted.

I remembered God, and was troubled: I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed. Selah!"

PSALM 77 : 1-3.

We will now take up business for today. First of all, we will go to the Question of Pu K.Lalsanga.

HOME DEPARTMENT

Increase of pay and allowances of Mizoram Home Guards.

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* PU K.LALSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, my Question No. 13,
(a) & (b) -

Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Home
Department be pleased to state -

- (a) Does the Government intend to increase pay and allowances
of Mizoram Home Guards ?
(b) If not, why ?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Minister concerned may give a reply.

BRIG.THENPHUNGA SAILO Pu Deputy Speaker, the question of
CHIEF MINISTER : the Member is- whether the Government
intends to increase the pay and allo-
wances of Home Guard. However, there
is no proposal at present for enhancement of the wages of the
Mizoram Home Guards personnel as Government of India had already
sanctioned enhancement of wages of Mizoram Home Guards with
effect from 28.7.1980. Does not arise.

* PU K.LALSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, if there is an enhance-
ment, will you please state previous pay?
I appreciated the answers given by the
Minister in-charge. However, I would appre-
ciate if he can furnish the details and as to how the pay has
increased.

BRIG.THENPHUNGA SAILO Pu Deputy Speaker, I am not sure about
CHIEF MINISTER : the exact pay and allowances of Home
Guards personnel in the past. However,
their present position of pay and
allowances is as follows : during their training, they recei-
ved Free Board & Lodging which means - Mess was managed at
the rate of Rs.6/- per man. In addition to that, a sum of
Rs 1.05 per man was sanctioned every day for pocket money.
and washing allowances of Rs 1.50 per man was sanctioned.
However, these are meant for training period only. After
completion of training and being detailed on duty, a guards-
man received a sum of Rs.8/- per day. While a guardsman get
Rs.2/- per day for pocket money, an weekly washing allowances
per person is fixed at Rs 1.50. The above assessment is after
the enhancement. As the figure of their previous pay is not
with me, I can not give the required information.

* PU K.LALFANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, though the reply has been given, I would like to add a few things for information to the House and the Minister concerned. After the enhancement of their pay and allowances, still the condition of Home Guard personnel looks bad. If the Members look into the matter, they can easily see their miserable condition. If my information is correct it is said that a two starred Home Guard Officer applied for a Peon post in one of the office. When the officer of the said department inquired why an officer like him applied for a Peon post, his reply was - 'The pay I have received is far from adequate to meet the demands of my family, so thinking that the pay of a Peon may be more than that, I have applied for the same'. The officer of the department told me that he was deeply moved by the reply he received. Similarly, if the Home Guard personnel are employed for a full time job, I personally feel that their pay is too little to meet their family maintenance. Though their pay has been enhanced, will it possible to give them a higher pay so that their condition may be uplifted ?

BRIG.THENPHUNGA SAILO
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, I thought he was saying but not ask a question. Nevertheless, my answer would be like this. The pay of Home Guard personnel are at par with their counterparts in other states. I do not know whether Home Guard personnel in other states do have a lighter task compared to Police personnel. However, in the whole of India, the pay and allowances of Home Guard personnel are less. What he has mentioned is noteworthy and it is our desire that pay and allowances of Home Guard be enhanced more than the present position in the national level. However, owing to lack of time, we have not yet started though it is one of our prime object.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will call on Pu V.Lalnunzira to ask his question No. 14.

SUPPLY & TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT

PU V.LALNUNZIRA : Pu Deputy Speaker, may I request the Minister in-charge to make a reply to my Question No. 14, (a) & (b).

- (a) Why did the Steel Authority of Gauhati fail to supply GCI Sheets to Mizoram?
- (b) Whether the Government intends to find out the reasons of delay immediately?

PU ZAIREMTHANGA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, the reasons for delaying supply of GCI Sheets by the Steel Authority of India Limited is that they are facing difficulties in GCI Sheets and in Railway wagon. Reply to (b) is - The Government of Mizoram is considering immediate supply of GCI Sheets.

PU V.LALNUNZIRA : Pu Deputy Speaker, during the year 1980, how many quintals of GCI Sheets are procured? Just what is the measure taken for better supply of GCI Sheets ?

PU ZAIREMTHANGA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, during the year 1980, a total of 1280 quintals of GCI Sheets were procured by the Government of Mizoram. However, this is only a small amount compared to our demands. The majority of GCI Sheets procured are meant for P.W.D. As mentioned earlier, other demands can not be met at present owing to difficulties in supply. Not only that, we are facing difficulties in transport also. As I have explained the other day, for better supply of GCI Sheets, the Government is taking careful consideration. From Delhi itself, the Railway Board Chairman came to Shillong to discuss the problem with our officials. There, they have chalked out a programme for better supply of Cement, GCI Sheets and other essential commodities. To pursue the matter, the Railway Board Chairman is willing to come again and he may come again. That is the way the Government is taking steps.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will leave Question No.15 as both Pu Lalthanzauva and Pu Ngurdhhina are absent. Now, we will go to Question No.17. Pu K.Lalsanga.

EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Appointment of Principal, T.T.I.Lunglei.

*PU K.LALSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, my Question No. 17
Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge
Education & Social Welfare be pleased
to state -

Does Government intend to provide Principal to
Teacher Training Institute, Lunglei instead of
giving only Vice Principal from many years
back ?.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Minister in-charge may give a reply.

*PU F.MALSAWMA
MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, since 1979 there is
a proposal for providing Principal to
Teacher Training Institute Lunglei. How-
ever, owing to some difficulties, the
proposal was delayed. During 1981-82, it is proposed to
provide a Principal.

* PU K.LALSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, it is appreciated.
However, determination usually takes time
and in the mean time one year passes. I
think there was one Question in the previous Session regarding
the matter. Still, the Principal is yet to be appointed. Here
the proposal is within 1981-82. What I would like to ask is-
Can you provide a full fledged Principal in Lunglei ITI during
the year 1981?.

* PU F.MALSAWMA
MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, I do not know whether
Labour & Employment can give a reply as
we do not have ITI in Lunglei.

* PU K.LALSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I have made a mistake.
What I mean is Teacher Training Institute.

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* PU F.MALSAWMA
MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, if that is so, it is all right. Nevertheless, there is a proposal from the Government though I can not say that the proposal will be passed. The reason is that the student enrolment is about 70 only. There can be an objection from Finance Department as regards to the Principal being given the benefit of a high salary in a small institution. However, we are making every possible efforts to let the proposal through and let us hope that it will be accepted.

PU ELLIS SAIDENGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, how many students are required for giving a Principal? And how many students are there in Aizawl T.T.I.?

* PU F.MALSAWMA
MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, at present I can not say the exact number of students in Aizawl Teacher Training Institute. However, the number may be doubled the number of Lunglei Teacher Training Institute. There is no fixation of the number of students though there is a general practice. And following the practice, proposal are processed. However, proposal will be made in accordance with our needs and the only thing regrettable is that they should have provided a Principal at the very beginning. It is the policy of the Government to clear up matters which are found necessary.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will call on Pu K.Lalsanga to ask his Question No.18.

EDUCATION & SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Provisions of vehicles to all Sub-Divisional Education Officers in Mizoram.

* PU K.LALSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, my Question No.18. Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Education & Social Welfare Department be pleased to state -

"Whether Government intends to provide vehicles to all Sub-Divisional Education Officers in Mizoram".

* PU F.MALSAWMA
MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, the Government is of the opinion that vehicles be provided to all Sub-Divisional Education Officers. However, due to shortage of fund, all of them can not be provided. Previously, they have never been provided with vehicles. One was provided in the year 1979 and we are trying to give them gradually. During the current financial year, the Government considered to provide another vehicle.

* PU K.LALSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, before I ask a supplementary question, I would like to add a few things. The Hon'ble Minister may be aware of its importance. It is a fact that SDEOs are one of the busiest officers frequently visiting certain villages and districts for inspection. Whenever they conducted an inspection in rural areas, they usually received a warm welcome from the village feaks. Here, it is not so nice for an SDEO to descend from the back of a TMB truck. I hope the Finance Department take note of this. I am going to stress this point. Can we provide all the SDEOs with vehicles and not only one SDEO? About the proposal for providing an SDEO with a vehicle in the current financial year, what Sub-Division would be provided? As I have seen, SDEOs in Aizawl being in the Headquarter, can do without vehicles as there are a number of other vehicles. However, the Education Department in Lunglei maintained only one vehicle. Hence, it posed a problem for an SDEO to have an inspection and for this purpose, can the SDEO in Lunglei be provided with a vehicle?

* PU F.MALSAWMA
MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, there is one each in Saiha, Lawngtlai and Lunglei and also in Aizawl East and Aizawl West. Recently, two new posts of SDEOs, one each in Champhai and Kolasib are created by the Ministry for rural development.

PU H.RAMMAWI : Pu Deputy Speaker, now the strength of SDEOs has risen to 7 (seven). These SDEOs are officers at Sub-Divisional level. In Mizoram, we have three Administrative Districts viz. Aizawl District, Lunglei District and Chhimituipui Dist. My question particularly refers to the district level officers of the Education and Social Welfare Department which function under the Education Directorate. Social Education is under this Directorate. Presently in Chhimituipui District, we have two officers at District level namely - State Social Officer of a gazetted rank and the other District Social Education Officer. Both the officers are at the district level.

If the Government paid attention to an officer like SDEO, why not consider these officers as well? After all, these district level officers are also under Education Directorate. Gradually, Social Welfare Department are getting a separate set-up and more or less, they now functioned as separate organisation. Now that District Social Education is under the direct administration of the Education Directorate, does the Government take any steps to provide these district level officers with vehicles?

* PU F.MALSAWMA
MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, this may not be compared with officers of Social Education. And 'work load' can not be overlooked. While we could not considered the demands of the more important ones, it is difficult to give a thought on other things. The reason is shortage of fund. Nevertheless, an available means will be looked for.

* PU C.L.RUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, it seems that there are SDEOs having vehicles and those who have not yet been provided will be provided soon. In pursuance of that, whether the present pay distribution can be changed? Every month, school teachers posted in rural areas had to come to Aizawl to collect their pay thereby wasting previous times. Hence, if our SDEOs are to be provided with vehicles, can not the SDEOs collect and disburse the same to teachers posted in rural areas?

* PU F.MALSANMA
MINISTER : The proposal of the Member is quite sound, Pu Deputy Speaker. However, as only one SDEO is provided with a vehicle, as yet it can not be done much against our desires. Had vehicles been available afterwards, it will be considered.

Along with this, I would like to inform the House that the Government is aware of the difficulties faced by the teachers when coming to Aizawl to collect their pay. Considering our difficulties and seeing the situation in Mizoram, it had been considered to send SEOs to distribute the pay of such teachers posted in rural areas at their respective places of posting. However, difficulties arise due to security measures. And where banks are located as in Champhai, Saitual and Lawngtlai, we would like to consider an appropriate means to ease their difficulties. Still, the employees of such banks are facing the same hindrance and could not function properly. Owing to these inevitable things, we have reached this stage.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, we will call on Pu Ellis Saidenga to ask Question No.19.

EDUCATION & SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Total allotment and distribution of vehicles under Education Department.

* PU ELLIS SAIDENGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, my Question No.19.

Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Education & Social Welfare Department be pleased to state -

" What is the number of vehicles under Education Department and what is the manner of allotment and distribution to different officers "?

* PU F.MALSAWMA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, there are 22 (twenty two) vehicles and these vehicles are not allotted to individual officers but are used as Pool vehicles.

PU ELLIS SAIDENGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, supplementary Question. How many vehicles are there in the Pool? Whether the vehicles are allotted to officers as entitlement or for other reasons? In reply to my earlier question, the Hon'ble Minister has stated that there is a proposal for providing SDEOs with vehicles. It is learnt that various departments used to keep newly purchased vehicles intended for rural areas and instead, sent out the old ones. And when will they be provided, whether such practices will be followed?

* PU F.MALSAWMA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, the number of Pool vehicles is 22 (twenty two). And as regards to these officers being provided, no allotment is made to an individual. Rather it was put to their use for their work. And as regards to the statement that, in the past, old vehicles were sent out to rural areas and keeping the new ones in the capital, it might have been practised in the past though I can neither admit nor deny. However, the Department is aware that rural areas required special attention. And a discussion had already been held in this regard. Even if they failed to get the best ones, it would be wrong to accuse the Government and say that it was the policy of the Government.

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* Speech not corrected.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Education Department has stated that the number of Pool vehicles in Education Department is 22 (twenty two). He also said that allotment of vehicles was made according to the requirement. As regards to these Jeeps, whether the officers are keeping their vehicles at home ?

* PU F.MAISAWMA
MINISTER: Pu Deputy Speaker, I do not know whether these vehicles are kept at home due to non-availability of garages. Besides, I am not prepared to answer the question as it was not included in the original question.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Coming to Question No.20, we will calling on Pu Ngurchhina to ask the question.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT

Transfer of LSC No. 137/75 to non-Scheduled Tribes.

* PU NGURCHHINA : Pu Deputy Speaker, my question No.20.

Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Revenue etc. Department be pleased to state -

- (a) Whether it is a fact that LSC No.137/75 at Upper Khatla, issued in favour of P.C.Lalduha (alias P.C.Lalduhawma) has been sold to NK/S.C.Jain, Shillong, now posted at Meerut U.P.and L.S.Certificate is, being processed for transfer to the purchaser.
- (b) If yes, is it permissible under the Rules/Act to sell immovable properties to non- Tribals?

* PU LAIHMINGTHANGA
MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, reply to the question of the Member is - No.
(b) - Does not arise.

PU NGURCHHINA : Pu Deputy Speaker; could it be that the Hon'ble Minister is aware of the fact that the owner sold his property, and that it is being processed at the Directorate of Revenue?

FU LAHMINGTHANGA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, the Hon'ble Member made an error in his question Therefore I could not answer otherwise. However I shall make certain clarifications. The quoted LSC 137/75 of Upper Khatla was sold by F.C.Lalduha to Smt Basanti Devi d/o N.S.Chhetri and not to S.C.Jain as stated Smt Basanti Devi applied to the Deputy Commissioner to transfer the L.S.C.to her name. However, according to the District Land & Revenue Rules 1967, immovable property cannot be sold to non-Tribals who are not permanent residents of Mizoram. To this, Smt.Basanti Devi testified that she was a bonafide resident of Mizoram by birth, both herparents had been in Mizoram for a long period. Verifications are being made at present. There is no knowledge of it being sold to NK/Sepey S.C.Jain.Basanti Devi's application is being processed.

FU NGURCHHINA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to ask a supplementary question, This Basanti Devi is the wife of S.C.Jain. It is learnt that he is trying to acquire the property in his wife's name. It seems that we are going to face such things more often in the future. Does the government intend to amend the Rules?

FU LAHMINGTHANGA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, I do not know of any intentions to amend the Rules.It is very informativn to know these things.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu P.Lalupa is absent for the next question, so we shall take up the next question No 22, Fu Ngurchhina to ask.

APPOINTMENT DEPARTMENT

Selection and decision for filling up of vacant posts of offic. Superintendent.

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PU NGURCHHINA : Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Appointment Department be pleased to state :-

- * 22. (a) Whether it is a fact that the government intend to fill up the posts of office Superintendent through direct recruitment and departmental examination 50 : 50 ?.
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the syllabus for selection examination from the above two sources are different from one another?
- (c) If replies to (a) and (b) above are affirmative, what is the basis for the government decision?.

BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, The answer to (a) is No (b) does not arise (c) does not arise.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Any supplementary questions ? (none). Then the Question hour is over.

DISCUSSION ON LT. GOVERNOR ADDRESS

We shall now have a discussion on the Lt. Governor address as the House has already adopted the Motion of Thanks by Pu Joe Ngurdawla. Each member may take up 15 minutes and as we have about three days for the discussion we will be able to finish it.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Pu Deputy Speaker, I am glad to be able to be the first to speak on this motion of thanks. Firstly on a glance, I think the Department of Economics and Statistics is missing in the address. The second para, says that no untoward incident has occurred since last July. I think this is very touching. Considering the atmosphere since 1966, it is a real joy to know that an atmosphere of calm prevails in the land. In the 4th para we find that Kg 800000 of rice were air-dropped by the Supply & Transport Department. It is a great relief for the scarcity stricken areas. I hope more efforts will be given during the year 1981-82. I am happy to read on page 2 that the Co-operative Apex Marketing is to procure rice from Silchar market. This had not been possible in the past.

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In spite of the petrol scarcity faced by Shillong, Gauhati during the month of November no such problems were faced in Mizoram. I also appreciate the approach made by the Agriculture Department, the encouragement given to the paddy growers.

The permanent cultivation system is also being appreciated by the people. It is hoped that after 10 years we shall solve most of our food problems. The Department of forests has also achieved much, although it may not be fully up to the expectation of the public, Agriculture link roads have been constructed with the EGS and these have proved most valuable.

Regarding the construction of the approach road to Ehawngpuitlang, the Forest Department have not been able to provide the sanctioned amount of Rs 1 lakh. Only 35 thousand Rupees have been given and this has given a lot of problems to the people. It would be good if the Department of Forest covers the rest from their fund. We are grateful to the IHE for opening a new division at Lawngtlai, Chhimtuipui. However, it is learnt that the Lawngtlai Division is going to surrender their funds of 1980-81. As this has not yet been processed I would like to suggest that the fund be utilised again.

TU LAL THANNAWLA : Tu Deputy Speaker, What about my application to move an amendment? (Deputy Speaker : I have not received it) May I give you a copy now? (Deputy Speaker : You may submit it to the Speaker). If I am not allowed to move in the first hour, I have to know whether you have admitted or not. (Deputy Speaker : Submit it first to the Speaker, then we shall consider it). But that is the procedure. (Deputy Speaker : Even so, I have not received it). A copy was also given to Tu Joe Ngurdawla.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us leave it for later, as I do not have it here with me.

TU LAL THANNAWLA : Can it not be inquired from the Speaker ?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We shall discuss it after the meeting is over, let us now go according to the programme.

Pu J.H.ROTHUAMA :

Pu Deputy Speaker, I am glad that we are going to discuss the administrator's address and on the whole

it appears to be satisfying. However, on a closer study, there does not seem to be any mention of the much awaited Peace and tranquility in the address. In spite of the initial stage of our state, we are very advanced in many ways. Law and Order is also maintained. However something ought to be done about the Police Department Housing, The Quarters built for them in the rural areas are only temporary kutchha shacks, which are not only unsafe but may also be destroyed by storm and rain. It is the obligation of the government to provide them with better quarters and facilities. The food scarcity faced last year brought great problems to the people. There was no proper control over the rice price and prices soared very high. The government should see that prices are checked and controlled so that it may not happen again this year.

Agriculture is mentioned in page 2 The Agriculture Department has still some facts to learn about the topography of Mizoram. For example, Orange seedlings are given to unsuitable soil for the growth of oranges. It also appears that the Department of Agriculture is short of staff, particularly field staff.

In order to yield more and produce more, a better study of the soil is necessary. The Water supply scheme although quite adequate, it is still not sufficient, Water is still distributed by vehicles in the town of Aizawl. The schemes for the rural areas have also been surveyed. However these surveys need to be done more accurately by the PHE. In the Electricity Department about 120 villages have been included in the Sixth Five Year Plan. Since we are depending on the KV lines which come from outside Mizoram, the need for Diesel Generators for the rural areas is great.

The Ginger Dehydration Plant at Sairang is also mentioned here with a sanction of 42 Lakhs. Survey has already been done. However, construction has not yet started till today. The Tuichang Bridge is also said to be completed within this year. This bridge has been hoped to be completed for a very long time. It is hoped that the government will see to its completion soon.

As we know, there are many Thlawhbawks. Schools and fund for Community Halls and water supply have been given to them. These funds need to be utilised in the proper way.

We also find in the Address the re-settlement of ex-servicemen. However I am surprised that the rehabilitation of M.N.F. returnees is not mentioned in the address. The Central Government has sanctioned funds for the rehabilitation of these returnees, it is therefore the obligation of the government of Mizoram to see that this is carried out.

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Today many villages have been declared as Town areas. The reason for this is to prepare the area eligible for Housing Loans. In this respect, the Department is very short of staff especially surveyors. It would be appreciated if the government would give more attention to this matter.

Thank you.

PI K. THANSLAMI : Pu Deputy Speaker, I am proud to know that the government of Mizoram has done so much in so short a time. In para 3, we find the good works done by the Police Department. In course of time our need for Women Police have become very great. I therefore request the government to see to this matter as soon as possible.

I am also grateful to government and Indian Air Force for their aid during the food scarcity. I also appreciate the role played by the Co-operative Society.

The Department of Veterinary has also progressed very much, so has the Department of Power & Electricity. The Department of Education has also made tremendous progress, especially in Science. It would be very much appreciated if the government Co-operates with the Faculty Improvement Programmes etc.

Coming to No 17, we find that the Road Transport has also progressed a great deal. However, owing to shortage of Buses, private buses are servicing in many of the routes. And as the government of Mizoram is unable to provide enough diesels, it has to be purchased at a higher price in black; which results in higher bus fares. Therefore, the government should see to these matters as the public cannot do without private buses. Another drawback in Transportation is that there are no Dealers for TMB in Mizawl. The only one we have is the Pachhunga & Sons who are only sub-dealers. This gives a lot of problems to intending buyers as they have to wait for at least 3 years, for a bus or a Truck. I think that the government should see that there are full dealers in Mizoram as soon as possible.

In para 19, we find that the year of Disabled was utilised to the fullest extent. I am also grateful to the government for taking strong measures in liquor and drugs prohibition. I would also like to say that it is a great shame that our young people have indulged in this habit inspite of our poverty. In para 23, we find the importance of Cultural Activities and Exchanges for National Integration. I find that this is truly important as we are not often recognised as Indians when we go to other parts of India. It would be a good idea to have Imblem at the Republic Day Celebrations in Delhi every year, not necessarily in our old traditional costumes, but in our modern every day clothes. I am sure it would be worth trying it.

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PU S.VADYU : Pu Deputy Speaker, I think the Administrator's address is on the whole very satisfying as it has touch all important high lights of the year and all departments. I wish to speak on a few points. In para 19, we find that 'The year 1981 is being celebrated as the International year for the Disabled'. I hope that Mizoram will see many new things in this respect.

Maintenance of Law & Order is also one major factor which needs to be mentioned. It is due to the efforts of the Police that a clean atmosphere prevails. However, there is no mention of Economic Statistics which is one of the most important aspects of the government for measuring success.

The estimate for Housing Schemes during 1980-81 is Rs 18 Lakhs less than that of 1979-80. This is very regretful as this scheme is the only means by which people of the poorer section can have houses.

I am glad that the government is taking strong measures in liquor prohibition, this is a great contribution towards the social life of Mizoram.

PI L.THANMAWII : Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to speak on a few points in the Administrator's address. I am happy to know that the good works of the Police Forces have been recognised and mentioned. I myself have often spoken on the need for better Housing for the Police Department. I am indeed glad to know that a big project for Police Housing Scheme is being processed.

Regarding Supply, we are aware of the two years hardship we faced in food supply. The government has done its best in these hard times and we have managed to pull through.

The importance of Agriculture has been mentioned and we find the time bound programme within the 6th Plan. The Agriculture Department therefore has much work to do in order to fulfill this programme. In this connection, I have to have a separate Directorate for Soil and Agriculture. This is truly needed for better and efficient progress.

Fisheries have also progressed very much within these last 5 years, now we can buy fishes from fish farms in Mizoram.

I also feel that more encouragement should be given to Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department.

Considering the efforts made by the Forest Department, I am sure that we shall soon have dense forests shortly within 10 years. Although rubber plantation is not mentioned, I am glad to know that this plantation is being done. I am sure this will be a very rewarding effort.

Regarding the Dampa Wildlife Sanctuary, firm dealing is needed with the Rieng inhabitants of the place, as some are still persistently staying there.

The Department of Health has also been greatly enlarged. Sub Health Centres are to be found everywhere and Primary Health Centres have also increased.

However, I feel that the mineral exploration cell which is started in the Directorate of Industries should be made separate. If possible it would be good to make it a separate Directorate for wider scope of development and research works. I am glad that the government has undertaken so much in the 6th Plan, and I am sure we shall benefit greatly by the efforts made by the government.

Thank you.

PU C.L.RUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, we have heard several speeches of thanks on the Administrator's Address. However as an intent observer of the government. I am sorry to say that I cannot offer speeches of thanks on the works of the government.

It is a regret that the endeavours of peace made by the MNF and the Prime Minister is not mentioned in the 2nd para of the speech. The suspension of Operation and the talks held are not mentioned. Along with this omission, the 20 point Programme of the Prime Minister is also not mentioned. While the whole country is working towards this 20 Point Programme, it is surprising to know that it is not even mentioned in the Lt. Governor's Address. Does this mean that Mizoram is not intending to take up this Programme? The food scarcity and problems faced by the people regarding supply are also not exposed. It has rather been nicely covered up.

The very fact that there is no free sale of Petrol & Kerosene show the in efficiency of the government. These facts cannot be covered up in the Administrator's speech or here in the Hall. Let the government take up these works and not try to hid. their weakness. The provision of Rs 130 Crores in the 6th Plan has been lauded. However, considering the provision for 9 Union Territories which is Rs 1646 Crores, I do not think our share is worth mentioning. The government should try for more fund from the Centre?

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The government should know how to work out the Budget so that it will not be too meagre after it has been cut by the Central Government.

In the Department of Agriculture the amount of Land Reclamation is very large. The record shows that thousands of hectares have been reclaimed, while the actual amount is far less. I have often suggested setting up an Agriculture Land Reclamation Enquiry Board for this purpose. The number of families settled is also not as reported. The garden colonies is not enough to replace the old method of jhuming. The people have to have means of livelihood as the orchards in the garden colonies will not yield fruit before 6 or 7 years. They cannot just sit and wait for the oranges for 6 years.

Regarding supply of seeds and seedlings also, the timing is not properly observed. Apple grafts are also kept too long before distributing it to the farmers. They become dry and spoilt. I am sorry that the Agriculture Minister is not here today to take note of these things.

The small Cardamom and black pepper seeds supplied from the nurseries also died, and labour was in vain.

In the departments of Irrigation and Fisheries too, grants have been given to many undeserving ones, who do not possess real fish ponds. If this is the case, then it is very unlikely that we will be having enough fishes for our need.

Forest reserves have also been taken up the best places for cultivation and at the same time our forests are being destroyed by fire every year.

The Industrial loans are also too meagre considering the high cost of everything. I would like to say a few words on Mineral Exploration. Survey has already been made and Gas oil deposits are located. The Central government should therefore be urged to take the necessary steps in this field.

It appears that the Department of Statistics has not been mentioned. The number of people who have migrated to hill town have increased tremendously, and this is all due to the undeveloped condition of the rural areas. In this respect our Pl n do not seem to have any meaning.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We shall now have recess till 2 p.m.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER : We shall continue our discussion and call upon Pu Lalthanzauva.

PU LALTHANZAUVA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the Administrator's address is a cover-up of the work that should have been done by the government of Mizoram. I am surprised that the Law & Order situation is reported as satisfactory - If this is to be accepted, it means that justice does not prevail for the Mizo people. The Constitution of India provides us the right to defend ourselves in the Law Court. However, in Mizoram many homes have been fansacked and people pushed out of their homes. If these are not given due punishment and compensations to the victims, Law & Order will never prevail. There is no other place where law & order has failed so completely, yet it is reported as satisfactory.

The P.O.L. supply has also been reported as sufficient. This is also very surprising as it was due to the insufficient supply of P.O.L. that rates of commodities soared up so high.

The Soil Conservation have also done nothing about about erosion control measures. If nothing is done towards these matters, our land will be spoilt by erosion.

Thank you.

PU V. LALNUNZIRA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I am glad to have this opportunity to speak on the Administrator's address. I have noticed thick forests in the Phuldungsei Constituency and it is a pity that these forests are not preserved as they should be, I would also request the government of Mizoram again to take steps against the Riang settlers of the Dampa Wildlife Sanctuary.

The mineral found in the Kawrthah Constituency should also be properly investigated by experts in minerals. The pastoral lands of Teirei, and the valley of Tut are ideal for cattle rearing. It would be good if the government takes initiative in these things. The constituency of Fawrthah also has good land for agriculture and if proper care is taken, this area could feed almost one third of Mizoram.

We know that the harvest this year is better than last year, but the Western part of Mizoram are yielding very little owing to the scarcity of rainfall. The government should see that some steps should be taken in this matter as the NREP is still not applicable. I therefore urge the government to find some means for the people to earn their living.

Thank you.

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PU SAINGHKA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the Budget at a glance is quite satisfactory. However, the most important thing is not the figures in the Budget but the way it is utilised.

In para 26, towards the end of the address we find new things such as UPSC exam centres, creation of Directorate of Labour & Employment which we will be having from this year. There is no mention of implementing the 20 Point Programme of the Prime Minister. It is also a regret that the Cachar Mizoram boundaries are not mentioned.

The morale of the Police has been reported to be high. These reports need to be verified as it is learnt that the police Department submitted a 20 Point Demand on their grievances. The number of families reported to have settled also does not tally with the statement of some of the Members.

Regarding Forests, we have vast areas reserved which is the property of the state. However, in Mizoram these reserves have caused problems in the Jhuming system as we cannot abolish this form of cultivation. Therefore the government should bear this in mind on the matter of forest demarcation.

The water supply (truck) is also not sufficient for the population of Aizawl town. The general public do not yet their due share of water.

The estimated number of residential quarters at Luangmual Complex is 177 only. This is very few in comparison with 1500 which Itanagarh have already constructed. In the Educational field, nothing whatsoever is mentioned of the proposed Polytechnic Institute. The Principal for this Institute is also known to have been invited from outside. Regarding Medical service, it appears that all the Doctors seem to be stuffed in at Civil Hospital, Aizawl. There are shortages of doctors in Primary Health Centres.

The armed forces have been praised and it is only right that they should contribute to the Social Services as they have not much work since the cease fire. The government may see that they construct play grounds in various places in Aizawl.

The Government Press have been under General Administration Department since sometime back, and in this aspect I would like to say that the government press is very inadequate. It does not meet the requirements of the government. I therefore urge the government to take strabger measures in this matter.

Thank you.

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PU SAIKAPTHIINGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the atmosphere of our Budget Session this year is very calm compared to that of last year.

We find that the Police Department have done commendable works. However, while they are expected to render good service, their welfare has been sadly neglected. Their quarters are shamefully ill constructed. The MAP personnels have also not been enjoying the Compensatory Allowance enjoyed by MRF and Radio personnels. These have created many problems for them.

Agriculture is our main stay, and the Administrator's address has also emphasised this greatly. However, I still feel that our Agriculture system is not adequate. Land reclamation and Irrigation have not played their roles as they should. Government money is greatly wasted in this matter, therefore better steps have to be taken by the government henceforth.

The Forest Department is going to play a most important role as developments grow. In this respect the teak plantations made by the government has not been taken care of. The existing Forests have been cleaned for this plantation, and this has spoiled our forest reserves. I am happy that the UPSC Selection exam centre is to be in Mizoram. I think we should all endeavour to make this centre second to none others in India.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : It is now 3 pm, we still have two more days to discuss the Administrator's address. Our meeting is adjourned for today till 10:30 AM tomorrow.

Meeting adjourned at 1500 hours.

J. MALSAWMA
SECRETARY.

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