

9th. Sitting on Monday, the 23rd. March, 1981.

Pu C. Chawngkunga, Deputy Speaker at the Chair, Chief Minister, 4 Ministers and 24 Members were present.

BUSINESS

1. General Discussion on the Budget for 1981-82 relating to the Government of Mizoram will commence.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: "Who hath we? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wound without cause? who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixes wine."

We shall start from our list of business No. 1. Let us call upon Pu H. Rammawi to ask question No. 47.

PU H. RAMMAWI: Pu Deputy Speaker, question no. 47.

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

(a) Is it a fact that Education Department could not post Headmaster in the following Government Middle Schools -

- (i) Lungtian Govt. Middle School.
- (ii) Chhualung Govt. Middle School.
- (iii) Bualpui (NG) Govt. Middle School.

(b) If not, what steps have been taken to post Headmaster in the above Middle Schools?

PU F. MALSAMA: Pu Deputy Speaker, answer to no. 47 -
MINISTER.

(a) No.

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PU H.RANMAWI : Pu Deputy Speaker, supplementary question- they are not having Headmaster for about three years because of which administration in the school suffers a lot. The students and the result of the school suffer as well. It is needless to say how they need a Headmaster. Let the Minister please tell us whether the Headmasters are appointed through D.P.C. or not. Secondly, won't it be possible to appoint a headmaster suffer?

* PU F.MAISAWMA

MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, the honorable member might have mistaken about the duration. Zohmingthang and C.Sangluic were appointed at Chhualung and Bualput (Ng) respectively. But due to some circumstances, they were transferred on June 4th 1980. Appointment of new headmasters for these Middle Schools is being processed by the department. Besides this, the seniority of graduate teachers should be put in proper order. It is also necessary to do the promotion through D.P.C. The department has to ask the teachers whether they have any complaint on their list of seniority. That was sent out on 12 December, 1980. When replies are received the appointment will be made.

* PU S.VADIYU : Pu Deputy Speaker, when will that be ready? There are some schools without having headmasters for a long time. Substitutes for those two headmasters transferred on 4th June, 1980.- were also not yet made till now. Not only those two headmasters, there are other schools who are having the same problem. And when the headmaster appointed does not want to go to his post, what is the policy of the government for its arrangements?

* PU F.MAISAWMA

MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, when the Department gets it ready, they will be posted. We have not had any teachers who doesn't want to go.

PI L.THANMAWII : Pu Deputy Speaker, generally, appointments of teachers are made on the basis of panel list. If a teacher is appointed only from the panel list, they used to make excuse not to go to interior villages. I would like to ask if there is any inconvenience if the villagers themselves are appointed for that particular village.

PU F.MAISAWMA

MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, that depends on whether the General Administration Department could give us permission or not.

FU H.RAMMAWI : Pu Deputy Speaker, question no. 48.

"Will the hon'ble Minister i/c Education Department be pleased to state - Whether it is a fact that some of Hindi Teachers posted in Chhintuipui District refused to join their new posting ?

FU F.MAISAWMA
MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, answer to question no. 48. is "no" the government has no knowledge about it.

FU H.RAMMAWI : Pu Deputy Speaker, supplementary question - the government might not know it. Yet the fact is that there are no Hindi teachers regularly. Now, the government is going importance to Hindi in the whole country. It is compulsory subject, yet it might be harmful to those teachers if we name them. So we have to say as a whole. How many government and deficit schools are there in Chhintuipui District ? Secondly, how many teachers are posted in these schools according to the records ? Thirdly, how many Hindi teachers joined their duty and hold till today ? Fourthly, in which schools and villager are they, could the hon'ble Minister name those teachers?

FU F.MAISAWMA
MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, I was not prepared to answer this question whether there are any Hindi teacher appointed who does not want to go to the place where he was posted and his other questions are not relevant. So I won't answer them. However if there are any such teacher, I request the hon'ble Member to let me know and I'll try my best to solve their problems.

FU B.LALCHUNGJUNGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, let the hon'ble Minister not answer any irrelevant question. Not only in Chhintuipui District and Hindi teachers, but also in other districts and other teachers, even if they did join, they do not want to work regularly, Does the government know the problem thus faced by the villagers? I would like to know whether the government will take necessary actions if these teachers are reported?

FU F.MAISAWMA
MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, the government is not aware of these problems. If they are reported we have DEO, SDEO and headmasters to take necessary actions.

FU H.RAMMAWI : Pu Deputy Speaker, the Hon'ble Minister has said they are not relevant. I was asking about Hindi teachers in Chhintuipui District. They are very much relevant. However, if the Minister is not able to answer my questions today, will he be able to answer my four questions tomorrow ?

PU F. MAISAWMA

MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, if the Hon'ble Member does not mind, I will answer them after three days.

PU S. VIDYU : Pu Deputy Speaker, is it possible to give a Hindi Teacher to a purely private Middle School? Secondly, the Minister has said any teacher who does not want to join his duty should be reported by the Headmaster, and the government is not aware of such teachers. How comes that? In 1979 a Hindi teacher appointed for Tuisumpui Middle School joined his duty but left it on his own will. The students could not answer Hindi question in annual examinations. The Headmaster of that school wrote it to the government giving a copy of it to the Secretary, Mizoram Board of School Education. How did not the Government know about it?

PU F. MAISAWMA

MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, all I know is that the government is not aware of it. I have no knowledge of that case.

PU C. L. RUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, we have several Primary Schools having upto class V where Hindi is compulsory subject. However, they are not given Hindi teachers. Is there any proposal to give Hindi teachers to those Primary Schools where Hindi is compulsory subject?

PU F. MAISAWMA

MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, the government is examining this. It has not made decision whether or not to introduce Hindi at Primary level as we are adopting this new pattern. To give Hindi teachers to all Primary Schools, the requirement involved is too high.

To answer the member from Suiha Constituency, I do not know where Hindi teacher is given to non-recognised Middle School.

PU A. RAMLAWI : Pu Deputy Speaker, my question No. 49.

(a) Is it a fact that an important circular was issued by Appointment 'A' Department vide M.P. 32/72/52 of 20/24 Jan, 1973 under the signature of Chief Secretary on policy and procedures for Recruitment to Government Service.

(b) If so, what have been taken to implement the policy.

BRIG. T. SAULO

CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, answer to question no. 49.

(a) Yes

(b) That policy letter was only a guide line. The government is implementing it as far as practicable.

PU S. VADYU : Pu Deputy Speaker, supplementary question, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has said it is implemented as far as practicable. If so, let's take Chhintuipui District for example, since recently, we have adequate number of candidates for grade IV, in such case, if a head of department takes employee from outside the district, what action should be taken ?

**MRIG. THEMPHUNGA SAILO
CHIEF MINISTER :**

Pu Deputy Speaker, I cannot say what action would be taken against the Head of Department. If any such case occurs, please report it to the government and the government will look into it and decide what action should be taken.

PU SAINGHAKI : Pu Deputy Speaker, from the question, it appears to have been circulated in 1973. The government has prepared recruitment rules for different categories in government service. Do these rules supercede this circular?

**MRIG. THEMPHUNGA SAILO
CHIEF MINISTER :**

Pu Deputy Speaker, they cannot supercede these recruitment rules. You may have read this circular. This circular is meant to level up Chhintuipui District as it was a little backward than other districts. So, this circular has been implemented as far as practicable.

PU SAINGHAKI : Pu Deputy Speaker, the Hon'ble Chief Minister must be either not very clear about the question or he did not read it properly. If this circular was issued in 1973, I look it for granted that these recruitment rules prepared after 1973 should have superceded this circular. Does it mean this circular has no meaning where these recruitment rules are enforced ?

PU H. RAMMAWI : Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to ask one question before the Minister answers the question. I am asking three questions because of their importance and the problems faced by the government in this regards. It is the government's intention to appoint people from Chhintuipui District for Grade III and IV as far as possible. It is not order but a circular. Secondly, employers who are posted in Chhintuipui District would prefer to resign to joining at Chhintuipui District. Consequently, the work suffers a lot. I take it that the government has made this circular to solve this problem. Let's take one example - junior Account Assistants are appointed in Siha Treasury and PWD-Officers. They did not want to stay there for long. Many of them have withdrawn during which the public suffer a lot. The same thing happened with the Headmasters, teachers, Hindi teachers whenever the government makes a new appointment or transfers government servants to Chhintuipui District, it had better see that they really join and work whenever they are posted.

FU C. CHAWNGKUNGA :

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Question hour is over. We will proceed to Item no. 2 General discussion on budget. As they do in Parliament, the leader of the Opposition party is to be the first to speak. However as he is absent, and the Deputy leader has also gone out, we shall call upon Fu C.L. Ruala. Every member will have 15 minutes. Let the Ministers listen very carefully what the members say for there will be questions to answer and some points to be explained.

FU C.L. RUALA : Fu Deputy speaker, 2 days' rest was supposed to be there after presentation of budget. I would like to say thanks for the beautiful cover of the budget and the larger amount than last year. This year we have Rs 7,80,00,000/- more. Though very profitably, central government allowed us to spend more. I think we should be grateful to them. I also hope that we can take some more steps.

However, our budget is like a part of central budget. We cannot distribute them we find it necessary. We have less amount kept for what I think more important. And one thing I am grateful for is that in his speech on presentation of budget, the Hon'ble Minister has said that we are going to take a new step towards development of Economics and Statistics. Because without reliable statistical data we cannot make plans properly. We should not repeat one last year's experience. To collect statistical data, College students were sent out. Some of them have done a good job, but many of them did not do any good. Statistical Officers said that they had to do all over again to get reliable statistical data.

Secondly, I am grateful for what the Minister i/c Finance has said about peace talk between MNF and Government of India. Let us hope that Government of Mizoram would not hesitate to do whatever it can do for the successful talk between the two.

I wonder why allotment for Agriculture Department is so low. I never expect such decrease. I have said where we did not spend so profitably. For example, Soil Department about Rs 24,00,000/- for small cardamom which, we thought might be good for Mizoram. It also appears that we are not able to give apple graft to 260 families for the second time which is supposed to be done. I wonder why Soil Department could not give which agriculture department could give, Soil Department being only one wing of Agriculture Department. I think we should be very careful. Though we have not much money as we did last year, there is some to be spent. If these all spent with care and tactfully, I am sure they will be of some use at least. Let the workers be verified on the spot and if any kind of help is to be extended to the farmers, let only the real workers get them.

Our budget on Community Development is decreased by Rs 4,58,000/-. The work of Community Development is mostly seen in villages- their fields and hills. In my constituency, we had meeting last year. Situral constituency MLA and I attended the meeting. In that meeting, a tentative plan scheme of distribution of fund was made, though it was not much, we tried our best, taking the whole day. However, till the end of the year, they could not use the money. I find it necessary to have a careful view to how we are to spend development of fund.

In Health Department, it is reduced by Rs 15,39,000/-. It was intended to build many more buildings and generally the process of work would be better. I don't know if the department is expecting to have fewer patients as a consequence of that good work, and make the budget less deliberately. Even if it is too few we cannot take from other departments.

As regards to Education Department, it is lower by Rs 6,48,000 than Revised Budget. It is difficult to understand this if we are going to go forward. I am also sorry that it was spent without following plan budget.

For example, a few days ago, the government of Mizoram has sent Rs 7,20,000/- in aid of Delhi Public School. I wonder why it was possible to have sent such a large amount to Delhi while there are so many schools here needing help. It is also said that Rs 5,00,000/- is yet to be sent. How can we think of any other school while having so many schools that requires a better building? They do not need our help. I don't think it was included in the budget. I am not very interested in this discussion if we are going to spend it like that again. Pu Deputy Speaker, why do we have so little time?

PU B. LALCHUNGUNGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I am happy we could have a general discussion on the budget today, specially as I have a chance to my just after the high big member from Tlungyel Constituency. I think we have so many things to be thankful for. We have made progress in many respects. However, being a developing country, we may not be satisfied with our budget in some respects which I would like to point out. I have said we have more to spend this year than we had last year. The government had BRIF to work within Mizoram.

We see that we have sufficient amount for Agriculture and Soil Conservation Department. The government is purchasing big machineries like Bull-dozers and tractors for cultivators. In connection with this, I would like to point out that mechanisation was not done as decided by Consultative Committee of Agriculture Department. It is necessary to think of something out in order to make Mizoram self-sufficient in agricultural products. Mechanisation was emphasized. We cannot depend on our usual way of jhumming. It would be better to emphasize wet cultivation. So, even if we cannot stop our usual jhumming altogether, it would relieve to some extent. As such we require more tractors and bulldozers. At the same time, it can be said that the more we have bull dozers and tractors the more are there unserviceable because we never treat government properties as our own. I suggest the government will have better sell by loan or subsidy, bulldozers to villagers who have their jhums in one compact area. Or, it can be sold to an individual so that the owner would handle it with care and let his neighbour borrow it at a reasonable price.

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Government is also making progress in Soil Conservation Department. However, some of the resolutions of Consultative Committee have not been implemented till date. I don't remember the exact date, it was decided to delegate more powers to Joint Director of Soil Conservation Department in his own department and let him function independently under supervision of Director of Agriculture and Soil Conservation. It was I, who brought it up to the Committee. The Committee, after a careful consideration, agreed to put up to the Government for approval. However, Joint Director of Soil Conservation is not yet given authority and he cannot do anything with the Government and Secretaries of the Government without approval of Director of Agriculture. This means he would surely meet lots of problems. I am very sorry, the resolution of Consultative Committee was not implemented till now. I have suggested in the previous Session that Soil Conservation Department should be separated from Agriculture. I have said the same thing in Consultative Committee. If this cannot be successful, let the Joint Director be given higher authority than he has now and let him work independently. Besides this, in regard to the appointment of the staff, let him have authority specially for IV Grade employees. He must be at least a member of the Board in group A, B, C in the case of others also. If we are going to make him unable to do anything, it would not be best for the Government.

As regards to Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Department, it is needless to say that they work hard for we can see their performance almost every-where. However, there are some points which I would like to raise. A notice was made for some families who could rear pigs. Those families were also informed that they are going to be given a loan. However, after that, when those people are expecting the grant, their hopes were shattered as their shares were given to others. We should not do that again.

We all know how heavy is the work for Revenue Department. I am reluctant to say so much about Lunglei as I myself come from Lunglei. But I can't help it. There is only one Surveyor at Lunglei who was there are 23 at Aizawl. I do not mind the difference so much as population is also not equal. However, I think it should be proportionate. It was complained that only one was not enough. So two more Surveyors were appointed. But after only a short time, these two were taken back to Aizawl and there is only one at Lunglei again. Even if they could not give us more Surveyors, it is the wish of Lunglei people to have those two again so that things will be easier for them. Though the town is small, we need everything as big towns do. Here, there is Assistant Settlement Officer to do land Settlement in Directorate and Sub-Divisional Officer to do the taxes, which ADC has to do at Lunglei. There is Superintendent of Excise and ADC (Planning) to collect taxes from Cinoma. There are also 3 ADCs to look after land, garden, farm and fisheries. But in Lunglei, all these are looked after by one ADC. Let the government please make arrangements for improvement of this department.

I have some points to say on Community Development Department. As I have said Community Development Department has done a good work at different places. Last year in the first Session, I said it was necessary to construct a suspension bridge between Thuanthu and Mualthuan (S). After a long discussion, the Minister incharge said he would get the iron wire from Community Development Department, and get money from other department for construction of the bridge. So, I said it would not be necessary to pass it formally. However, after I got the iron wire from Community Development Department, there was no money, even only a few thousands for the completion of the bridge. Till now, that assurance is not yet implemented. About 40-50 people go every day between Thuanthu and Mualthuan (S). And because of its importance I brought it to the House and discussed. The Minister himself has given no assurance but till now, it is not imploted. I dare not go there again after what they heard over the radio about construction of suspension bridge which is not executed.

Education and Social Welfare Department are also taking steps. They introduce a new pattern of education also. However, I am very sorry the Primary teachers (newly appointed) do not want to go to their place of posting. The villages as well as the students suffer a lot of difficulties not because they are not given teachers, but because the teachers do not join their duty. When the villagers are asked to report any such teachers, they are afraid they would loose them altogether. Untill and unless necessary action is taken against these teachers. We would never have regular teachers in remote villages. Not only Colloges and High Schools are important, but also Primary and Middle Schools. It is necessary to have a good start.

And because the teachers do not behave themselves, the students become uncontrollable. Let me say one incident just a few days ago - one student at Lunglei Vonglai Middle School bit a lady teacher. The headmaster and other teachers did not do anything to defend the lady. The lady herself had to be taken to the hospital. Considering this incident very carefully, my conclusion is that the headmaster and other teacher could do nothing as that boy was the son of a member of the Governing Board. To reform these schools, the Boards should be re-constituted. It is the first incident of this kind I have ever heard within my 40 years of life.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu Saikaphiang.

PU SAIKAPHIANG : Pu Deputy Speaker, today we have general discussion on the Budget. We have bigger budget this year than last year for which I am glad. Congress I Ministry at Central Government seems to be more generous than our Ministry here. They would have said "You must join Congress I first" had they been like our Ministry here. However, they have given us a large amount of money. We must be careful in handling it and its utilization.

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Regarding Agriculture Department, though there is four figures for land reclamation, I don't think they would really implement it. Even in my constituency, although there was money from the government nothing has been done on land reclamation and minor irrigation. The paddy fields become narrower than it was before the government spent any money on it. In general, Agriculture Department is not doing what it might to do. It seems that those bonemill, spade, hoe and jumpers which were stocked during Congress Ministry were distributed. Soil Conservation Department and Agriculture Department had tried experiment which was not very successful and the importation of the seeds was rather funny. It is a large department with lots of money but the work they are supposed to do is not always fulfilled. I would like to make a request to the Minister concerned for better expedition of the works entrusted to him from now onwards and examine their staff in villages whether they are doing their work or not. Agriculture is very important for Mizoram as a developing country.

Regarding Fisheries Department, western side is where fishery is emphasized. The Government is also giving help to those who are doing fishery. However, when giving help, it seems that those who have their relatives working in fishery department are favoured and those who really deserve the grant are not given. There are some places where fishery could be done successfully without much effort. Those places are Lokicherra valley, Saikhlawthlir valley, Tagarla valley, etc. We can take a new step in fishery by giving help to those who really deserve.

The honorable member from Tawipui Constituency has just mentioned about Revenue Department. He said there are not enough staff in Lunglei. But Aizawl is less sufficient, Kolasib, Naitit and others are declared towns but even their house sites are not yet settled due to shortage of staff. The whole department, in general, requires re-organisation, part of it is placed under Deputy Commissioner. As Deputy Commissioner Office is short of staff to relieve Revenue Department, recruitment of new staff is required to meet large requirement of the public. We are pulling down the hopes of our people.

One member has also said we became low-or in Health Department. However, I would like to make one suggestion. About 17 doctors including 5 trainees are looking after Civil Hospital, Aizawl. I think less number of them could look after it so that more doctors could be sent to villages. We are aware that our doctors are working very hard. But it is necessary to make them more useful.

Education, specially in temporary villages does not make progress, but rather back-sliding. Distribution of teachers is not even. As it has been stated, these newly appointed teachers, many of whom are collegians make problems for the villages where they are posted as well as for the government as they do not join their duty regularly. Many of them are sons/daughters of political leaders in the villages. These needs careful

examination. Even in my constituency, one teacher was supposed to be in one village for more than a year, but none of us know where he is, when I went to the department, they do not know where he is such are the cases. But he gets his salary regularly.

The Public Works Department may do a good work somewhere, but in my constituency I cannot say they do. I have been trying to persuade our Hon'ble Minister incharge to visit my constituency. They have actually damaged the roads there in spite of the large amount of money they have spent on it. I would like to inform the government that some contractors are making bills for no work or a little work.

We need a Mizo Executive Engineer for villages. To cite my constituency, our former Executive Engineer was very good and we were very grateful. Now we have a non-Mizo Executive Engineer. He never comes so that we may bring our grievances to him. If I am not mistaken, many of our Mizo SDOs could be promoted to Executive Engineer.

Police Department are very important for defence. A few days ago, some S.I. and ASI were appointed. There also, some of them were appointed without going through Employment Exchange and Chhintuipui District were not given their share also. The posts were said to have been filled up from Delhi. Personally, I think we should.

It is also said that there are some deputationists from Assam who are anxious to go home. Why are they kept here? couldn't we send them back and recruit our own people in their places. At the same time, I would like to mention that it is necessary to look after our police personnels at a reasonable standard if we want them to do their duty properly. The Aizawl Thana and other Officers' quarters are below standard. Specially in villages, they are not provided any facilities so they have to rent houses. In order to maintain strict impartiality, we should provide our police officers adequately so that they would not be in anyone's debt.

Besides this, why can't we have a Mizo O.C. in Aizawl Thana so as to make things easier for us. Many ignorant people including females who do not know English may have to report their grievances, but until and unless Mizo O.C. is placed there, it is difficult to do so.

We had a lot of difficulties in Supply and Transport Department last year. Apparently, we are going to face the same problems this year especially in the interior villages. It seems to be worse in the western part of the territory. Now, the rainy season has already started and only two trips of rice have reached Kawto-thawng. Although there are Contractors, they can hardly work, won't it be possible to make arrangements for supply of petrol at least for carrying rice to the villages.

As regards Public Works Department, I could not understand why there are so many works allotted to contractors without calling tenders. Whose fault is this? It seems that there is a big fault here. The day before yesterday, all Muster Roll Labourers were called and I do not know whether the government is aware of the fact that there are many young boys hired at Rs 10/- per head to turn up and be present there as Muster Roll Labourers. In fact, those boys never work as labourers, such is how things are going".

In general, our budget is bigger than last year, however, if we do not utilize it as it ought to be, it could have no meaning. Allotment of contract work without calling for tenders should not be practised.

DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr. Pu J. Thankunga):

PU J. THANKUNGA: Pu Deputy Speaker, I am glad to have a general discussion on the Budget. Our 1981-82 budget is fairly satisfying.

Regarding Agriculture Department, many of our friends are blaming the staff, but the general public is more at fault. We must realise that the staff themselves cannot be blamed for giving grant to the cultivators for land reclamation. They take it for granted that the grantees must be really working and deserve the grants. They have no time to examine each and every one of them. The general public are not honest and they used to blame the department when they fail to get grant which they do not deserve. Let us all try to lead our people to be honest.

The villagers are benefitted from loans sanctioned by the department of Veterinary. However, the amount received by the loanees is too small for family occupation. For example, only Rs 5000/- is given to one family for cattle loan. I wish the government would think of something so as to increase this amount so that many families would really be benefitted by it.

As regard to Forest Department, preservation of forest is emphasized nowadays. I wonder how those forest reserved by Village Council which have been taken by the department would appear in the papers. The villagers are having difficulties over this. For example, Chhingchhih villagers fenced their reserved forest. But Forest Department took the reserved from them saying that it was for them, within a year, a signboard was fixed that it was prohibited to go to that forest, such is the case in other villages also. Won't it be possible for Forest Department to reserve forests which are not needed by the villagers.

We are having some problems in Revenue Department. During Congress Ministry, house sites given by Revenue Department were countersigned by Deputy Commis-

sioner. I wonder if there is any possibility to separate Revenue Department from Deputy Commissioner. It was also the wish of public. A Board had been constituted for about 2/3 years. But only one meeting has been held so far. There also, they have some problems because objections were raised from the higher authority. So I suggest Revenue Department be separated from Deputy Commissioner.

Mizoram is divided into 22 Blocks under Block Development Scheme. The Block Development Officers get their salary from Deputy Commissioner and all the posting and transfer are being done by the Deputy Commissioner. Personally, I think it would be much better if Community Development Department is looking after these things. I don't know what to call, if not corruption, sometimes, fund sanctioned for playground, Community Hall, etc used to get lost somewhere. For example, last year, Rs 5000/- was sanctioned for Sakawrdai. But till now, its whereabouts is not known. It was not received by the people of Sakawrdai. I don't know how the government is taking action on the matter. Anyway, I would like to suggest that the government should carefully examine these and not depend on the reports made by Administrative Officer.

Regarding Education Department, teachers appointed for temporary villages do not join their duty regularly. There are some teachers who attend their classes only thrice a year! They even get their salaries regularly. I wonder if there is any chance of their making arrangements with the LEOs. It might be better to change mode of appointment also. They are appointed on merit basis. But the basis may be changed. Though they may be very good in written test, if they do not want to go to remote villages, their academic brightness is no use. Some of them are not so bright academically, but they are satisfied to be Primary teachers and always willing to go to villages. These people are much better than those who are academically good but do not want to go. Even if they are appointed, sons or daughters of big Officers would never go to a village like Ramlaitui, etc. This is a problem for the department.

One member has mentioned about giving grant to Delhi Public School. It is not good to have reserved seats in these Public Schools while Manipur and other neighbouring states are all having seats reserved for them. A sum of Rs 7,00,000 would not altogether relieve all our problems. It would be better if more seats are reserved for our children in other places like Shilling and Darjeeling also.

As regards to power progress in Mizoram, the Government has been doing its best to get more power by surveying Tuivai, Kawlchaw lui and other rivers and investigation has been going on. Although we have not yet enough light for all of us, it is good to know the amount of money invested by the Government.

Supply and Transport Department also has many new Cars, many new Trucks which shows the Department is progressing. However, the fares charged by owners of private tincles are too high.

Large amount of money is distributed for Housing Loan. Considering the price of Commodities, the amount given to an individual is insufficient as there is so much difference in the price of GCI Sheets, Iron rod, etc. from 1972 to this years. The wages of daily labourers have become very high. It would be more beneficial if the amount is increased. The three district Councils are also getting larger amount than before. I hope many of the problems faced by the villages would be solved in the near future.

Lastly, it seems we are not altogether happy about our budget. I do not know if Finance Department is making the Budget as it pleases. Whose fault it is that sometimes we have to wait for about 3 months for our T.A. Medical reimbursement and so on. And it is also said that there is no proper rules of the salary of Marshall. And recommendations have been made for appointment of staff in Speaker and Deputy Speaker's office. However, they could never be appointed or even if they are appointed, there is always some sort of irregularity regarding their pay and allowances. If our Assembly is adequately furnished and staffed, it means the state's good name. As we see in other states, they have no staff problem. They could provide us vehicles whenever we need it. But here, everything is insufficient and it is difficult to work with adequate facilities.

PU SA INGHAKA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to say a few words on the budget. It is very difficult to read specially some pages where it appears some figures are deliberately omitted.

For example, in Demand No 13 at page 83, there is only the total amount of the current budget and at page 179 and 142. It looks as if it was prepared in great hurry.

I do not know whether I should say thanks or not on the amount although the figure is big, the value is less than it was before. What I want to say is when the budget is prepared by each department, they simply try to make it big and put vehicle which sometimes could not be justified. They should be to the satisfaction of Finance Department. Besides that, we do not utilise our money in time but used to spend it the month of March with a great hurry. So it could not serve as it ought. From now onwards let us try to spend it in time and properly. If it is not enough, we had better make revise and supplementary budget to be submitted in the month of September. Some members have said their suggestions on different departments. Every Department is responsible to spend their own money. Lastly, the Chief Engineer, P.W.D. purchased unnecessary items just because he wanted to go home. He spent about Rs. 32,000/- for each of those copiers which are to be operated by electric power for each division. It is said the new Chief Engineer has ordered those copiers to be returned. When it is not properly utilised, corruption used to be practiced by some people. Let the government look into these things more carefully.

The Chief Engineer, P.W.D. received one machine for Hnathial Water Supply scheme which was supplied by a firm. But the machine was not as specified by the department. I suggest the government makes a circular to remind each and every department to use their money properly. It is unlikely the finance Department would object if budget is prepared by departments with care. While we were under Assam, it was not necessary to seek finance concurrence for each and every work at District level. But now it is necessary to seek concurrence of finance Department for each work, even repair of a building separately. If a case presented before Finance Department for obtaining concurrence is not prepared carefully and with justification, the latter may demand justification and clarification, which may result in delay. In such cases of back references, the budget provision elapsed unutilised due to delay and the money has to be surrendered. It is also necessary for finance Department to issue clear instruction to all the Departments as to how to present a case before it for obtaining concurrence so that fund may not be surrendered due to delay.

PI K. THANSIAMI : Pu Deputy Speaker, I am glad we could have a general discussion on the budget. Though it is not enough, the amount is bigger this year than that of last year. I hope every department would utilise it usefully.

Firstly, I would like to say about Agriculture Department. The government has selected a few villages for making terrace. And the government itself made those terraces, 80% of the expenditure for this was paid by the government. However, the method of selection of villages was not fair enough. Personally, I think the government should look into the matter and see which villages work hard enough to deserve help from the government, from where we get most supply of vegetables and who are willing to make the terraces themselves. If it is possible, these could be checked and added to the selected villages.

Secondly, Co-operative Societies are very helpful. We could get foodstuff at a lower price through Mizoram Apex Marketing Society even at the time of difficulty. We need to take steps for the progress of this society. In order to do this, we have to study Co-operative systems. Without proper training, we could never make any progress. This department has been making progress since the National Co-operative Union of India has prepared a training course. Likewise, let the Government of Mizoram open a new Co-operative Basic Training Institute.

I would like to add some points to the points mentioned by some members on Department of Education. I was happy to hear about Delhi Public School. It was very thoughtful of the government to have reserved seats for boys and girls without any discrimination of sex. As we see, there is a vast difference between one who passed the same class from Public School and one from ordinary School. The seats are reserved not only for this year, but also for the coming year. Not only in Public Schools of India, but also in foreign countries, it would be very nice if the government could reserve seats for our young students.

Besides this, some Middle and High Schools are given Deficit status. But there is one thing lacking here. The status of women in the society shows the face of the country. The status of women in our society is very low till now which shows our country is not considering the position of women very important. As such it needs special consideration. Since long time back, women education received a special consideration whenever there was Educational reform, for instance Kothari Commission which proposed the present system of Education. However, Mizoram has not yet adopted that system. You can see for yourself at pages 256, 361, and 467 of Kothari Commission Report when we were under Assam. Some women were sent to Delhi for women Instructor Training Course in which one Mizo woman was included. I was informed that one Mizo lady applied for that kind of training but her application was rejected on the ground that there was no sanction

for it. The government is not aware of the fact that we need special training of Cooking, Tailoring, embroidery, dry-cleaning, and so on. As our Ministry is willing to take up necessary steps to develop each and every one, I would like to inform it these things. Let a separate Department or branch or wing be established under Education Directorate having Deputy Director to be in-charge and other staff. As recommended by Kothari Commission Female Inspectors may be placed in proportion to the Male Inspectors. The purpose of this Department would be development of the welfare of women in general. Besides, it would organise programmes for uplifting the general status of women in domestic affairs as well as in the society.

Work Experience is given priority in the new pattern of Education from Class I to X, it is compulsory subject. Craft Teachers are appointed. The candidates for the post of craft teacher were tested to make a stool. However, only wood work is not enough for craft teacher because work experience includes woodwork, tailoring, repairing various instruments etc. One may be a good carpenter, but not in other works. This should be re-examined and an efficient instructors should be appointed for the schools.

Music has been dropped from among the subjects. When we were in schools, it was taught in schools. But now, it's very difficult to learn new songs in the church choir. I wish it could be included in the subject again.

It is a good thing Adult Education is introduced in social Education Programme. There are many uneducated adults who are very sorry that they didn't study when they were young. I wonder if it would be possible to enable them pass Class VI.

As regards to Industries Department, there is one thing I would like to suggest and that is paper industry is so that we can make many exercise books as we require. This could be done through Co-operative department. All we need is, small printing press, Stitching Machine, Ruling Machine, Binding Machine. This would help us to be self-sufficient in exercise books.

Budget provision for weaving is Rs. 11,00,000/- . Previously about 52 persons had undergone weaving training course and 53 more persons are to train the same. When Apex weavers were requested to supply "Pu n Dum" to Education Department, they had to take extra manpower in which even handicapped persons were employed, thus they solved unemployment problem to some extent. And it's nice to use our own product. I suggest all the government offices to use clothes woven by weaving Industry. They can order any design they want.

One member has just said about Transport Department. The fare of private buses are too high as the owners have to purchase diesel from black market since they could not get it from government easily. As a result the fares have to be raised. It would be better if the government supplies diesel to the private bus owners. I am also glad that the Minister of Supply and Transport has said that the government is aware of the need for having a full Dealer for chassis and it is under consideration.

Due to the earnest work of Transport Wing, PWD and Agriculture Departments, We are making progress towards self-sufficiency. The import of vegetables from other states has been decreased also. It would be much easier for the village which supply vegetables to Aizawl Town if the government could provide daily service of vehicles .

PU L.PIANDENGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the success of our budget depends on how much progress is made for the whole territory. As it has been stated, there is no value if it is not utilised as it ought to be, no matter how big is the amount. In view of the present condition of our territory, it is needless to say we need progress. Because of this, the Central Government is very generous. However, for its successful utilisation, each and every one of us is responsible.

We are all aware of the fact that good roads are imperative for the development of the territory. As such the government is taking necessary steps as far as possible. Last year I mentioned the need for constructing Saitual to Phailong road via Chalfilh and Kawlkulh to Keitum road. It seems to be excluded this year. I wonder why it is not included. New subdivisions is to be established at Saitual and Khawzawl. Kawlkulh to Ngopa road has been taken by ERTF and Saitual to Phullen via Phuaibuang is also under construction. There seems to be no other problem now-a-days. As such why is it not possible to include construction of Saitual to Phailong road via Chalfilh in the budget. If not all at once, at least some part of it could be taken. Khawzawl to Singzawl road has been taken by NEC; yet it appears PWD will have to do the work, which has not yet been started till now.

We are all aware of the shortage of medical doctors. Whenever some of them are sent for training, Hospitals have to be left without doctors. I wish we could have more doctors.

Regarding Education Department, many of us are giving much thought to it. Primary and Pre-Primary teachers are not adequate in some of the villages. I wonder if the posts of these teachers could be created. This would be useful for progress of the Education. Besides, Private High School and Middle Schools want to be provincialised or at least to be put at Deficit system. If these things could be considered soon, it will pave the way for the village schools.

*PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I am glad our performance in the past has been good enough to enable us to get more provision from the Government. As stated by the member from Aizawl south constituency, provision for each department is not very clear. The officers themselves are not clear whether the subjects are within their purview or not. As such lots of problems arise. It is a good thing there is financial control over the departments. In every aspect where there is expenditure, it should be justifiable. The amount of provision we get depends on how it was spent in the previous years. This is very clear in Housing Loan. The loans are repaid rather regularly last year and it has been increased to 86 lakhs from 56 lakhs. Likewise, veterinary loan is increased to 11 lakhs from 10 lakhs. In some departments, the procedure for spending money is very complicated. For example, those who would like to get themselves registered as class III contractor, have to produce a certificate that they are willing to have a vehicle. Yet the department cannot issue us that certificate. It seems to be unnecessary to produce such certificate.

Regarding Revenue Department, the work load has been increased due to land settlement which makes it necessary to take valuation and so on. Revenue Department becomes a large department headed by one Director. They need more staff in Lunglees as well as in Aizawl.

Obviously the Community Development department is going to introduce National Rural Development in the near future. If so, the department should be enlarged. It seems necessary to substitute a Board also.

Development in Education pleased the people especially temporary villages. They are very grateful that they could receive grant-in-aid for their Middle Schools and Primary Schools. However, progress in Elementary Education is not satisfactory. It was provided in Article 45 of the Indian Constitution that Elementary Education should be provided to all children. We must implement this even in temporary villages.

As regards youth welfare Department, the temporary villages, again, we are requiring many things which could be given from youth welfare Department. It is necessary to provide petrol, sports goods, etc. to them so that they would not be deprived of their rights.

Again, regarding appointment of Primary teachers, until and unless those who would join their duty regardless of the remoteness of the post are appointed, our education would suffer. We, Mizos do not want to report our friends to the government unless they are extremely bad. So this case may be considered more carefully.

I am glad Public Works Department could spend all their provision. They are doing good works especially this year. Though there are some drawbacks in their development, their works are good in general. They have done Town Planning and Construction of roads satisfactorily. Their work should be appreciated and recognised. During Congress Ministry, they used to allot more important works to big contractors because the output is better for the government than from the small contractors. We must consider this point while allotting work.

I would like to state that it is not suitable to attach Revenue, specially IAD, to the Deputy Commissioner. The Administrative system in our rural areas is very simple. We cannot apply ~~suitably~~ the Municipal system of plain areas. If they are not placed under Revenue Department, the true spirit of our unwritten customary laws would soon disappear.

Coming to Agriculture Department, though the provision may be a little less, supplementary budget could be made keeping their achievement in view. The more important is how to utilise the provision speedily. Let us not idle away at the beginning of the financial year so that there would be no-thing for surrender. Let us also be loyal in spending money. Finance Department has to see that all the provisions are spent for what they are provided.

The last part of Finance Minister's speech pleased me. The Central Government is also very generous towards our government, because they are

interested in our economic development. He concluded his speech with the hope that peace and tranquillity would prevail soon so that our budget could be utilised in a more useful way. If there is no peace in the country, there could be no progress however large amount of fund we get.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We'll have recess now and we'll continue at 2:00 p.m.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER : To continue our business, Let's call upon Pu J.H.Rothuama.

*PU J.H.ROTHUAMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, let me start with Agriculture Department. It seems Agriculture Department has failed in its performance being the main occupation of Mizos, Agriculture Department is the most important department. I am sorry budget provision has been decreased than that of last year.

Different machineries are introduced but the results have never been known to the growers. It is necessary to examine the soil and grow crops according to the altitude of the area and the type of soil, as well as rainfall. for example, the government has spent more than Rs. 1 lakh for growing apple graft. However, the growers do not know anything about it. How long it could live, when it starts bearing fruit, and so on. It would be much better if the department makes an experiment and give instructions to the growers so that they could be better benefitted. In order to grow these crops, the department should know the soil, climate and other requirements for it.

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Inland Water Transport has not been included in the budget speech of the Hon'ble Minister though it is included in the budget. It is necessary to find out the possibilities of employing Inland Water Transport as it is cheaper and we have some big rivers which could be utilised. I suggest a new division be opened and adequate staff be placed.

Regarding Taxation Department, we are collecting tax which is increased owing to development in the country. They have no the required number of staff. In order to do their work properly, they should have a Gazetted Officer. Likewise, Excise Department has no adequate staff to carry out Prohibition of Liquor etc. Though the Minister incharge has said there are enough staff to do this, I doubt they would be able to do it with the existing staff.

Since last year, we have not adequate supply of Diesel and Petrol. The Government should look into it as they are indispensable for vehicle owners.

It seems we are going to practise different systems of education. Whenever a new course is to be introduced, adequate supply of books should be made available for the students. Besides, changing of courses causes a lot of problems to parents and economy of families suffers. And Mizoram is making progress in Education 6 (six) more HSLC Examination Centres have been opened this year also. However, I am very sorry no more Examination Centres have been opened till now. There are more than 10 (ten) High Schools and quite a number of students. The Government should consider number of schools and students when opening Examination Centres.

I have asked questions about road construction. How many machines and different types of machines are employed for construction of road? Though the number of machines employed for construction of road was big, they are not in proper order. Khawzawl to Lungdai road has been under construction since some two three years back, yet, not even one road roller has reached the place. As such the road cannot be used by big vehicles. It is very important to equip our Public Workd Department with necessary machineries. One of the problems faced by drivers is - those drivers who handle heavy vehicles do not have any extra allowance. Due to this, no good drivers could be found to handle heavy vehicles. We cannot expect anyone to work hard at a low wage. Likewise, if there is no facilities, departments cannot work fast.

Since 1978, construction of Tuichang bridge used to be discussed in every budget Session. Let us try to complete the works which are already started. Industrial dehydration plant has been included from last year, but the building has not yet been constructed till now. There should be at least progress shown if they do reappear in the budget otherwise it shows the department is too weak.

As regards to Forest Department, preservation of forest is necessary. Sawm Timber and firewood are brought to Aizawl from every corner. In this way, our reserved forests are damaged. Forest Department should take necessary steps to preserve our forest.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, I was listening from my room and noted down important points raised by the members. The hon'ble member from Aizawl South-Constituency has said one very important point. I do not know how the newspapers could write about the Speaker. I will look into the matter.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The same case as this was discussed in Delhi. It would be necessary for the Ministers to bring it to the notice of the House. Now I shall call upon Pu Bualhranga.

PU BUALHRANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, first of all I would like to express my thanks over the amount of our budget for the current year. We are favoured by Central Government in the 5th five Year Plan as we are regarded backward territory. It was written in the newspapers that the Governor of Sikkim, while addressing their Budget Session informed the House, that Sikkim, being situated in the boundary is given priority by the Government of India and in addition to their original share of the 5th Five Year Plan, their Budget has been increased by 28%. Ours has been increased to 130 crores from 46 crores in the 5th Five Year Plan. For this, we must be grateful to our government and Central Government. The Government servants under the guidance of the Ministry worked hard to deserve this favour from the Central Government.

Various department have been pointed out by the members in which Fishery Department was not included. Yet Fishery Department is a department whose works are mostly desired by the villagers to pursue. Besides, there are many fish ponds some of which are sure to be successful. To develop this industry in Mizoram, the department may take necessary steps to make those ponds which can be made productive. For example, fish ponds near Vairengte, Champhai and Thenzawl may be carefully looked after and necessary funds should be provided.

One member has discussed about Education Department. Of course we have so many Schools. But the quality is more important than the quantity. As stated by our member, since around 1974, almost every year School courses and text books have been changed. Meghalaya and some other states do not change their text books so often and we do not know if their standard was low. Now, we are using text books used by Delhi specially Science and Mathematics, with a little modification to suit our nature. One thing I'd like to point out is this -- though we do not really know Mathematics, our teachers are rather blind about the present approach introduced in our schools I am afraid we would not be benefitted by our enthusiasm in science and Mathematics as we ought to be, because the teachers do not know how to teach the new Mathematics, so, I'd like to suggest our Mathematics and Science teachers be given special Classes. If they get the key point, it's not so difficult, according to the experts but if they don't they will be blind all the year round. It would be better if Education Department organises that special class soon.

This morning, the member from Tlungvel constituency has mentioned the money contributed by the Government of Mizoram to Delhi Public School as if it was something very wrong and it sounded as if it was to deprive the temporary villages of their share. We should not talk about things which we are not clear from the root so as to lead other people to the wrong conclusion. If we think of it carefully, those who studied more could contribute more for the welfare of the society than who does not study. By contributing around Rs.7,00,000/- to Delhi Public School, we reserve about 14 seats for our children in that School. Personally, I think it is a good investment of money. It is doubtful that they would make much success as the materials are handled by those who are not the real owners. So I suggest Cooperative Department do not invest so much.

I support Pi Thansiami's suggest on regarding weaving. In Government Offices clothes are used, If Apex weavers are favoured to supply these clothes for office curtains, it would develop weaving industry to a great extent and also the money spent would not be wasted to other states. The quality may

not be as good as those imported from other states, yet, to develop our weaving industry, we must use our own ~~prod~~ product.

Lastly, one member has mentioned about facilities of M.L.As. In fact, we M.L.As have lots of problems. We cannot carry out the responsibilities vested upon us by public due to inadequate security. In the past, vehicles could be hired by M.L.As at a lower rate so that many of our responsibilities could be carried out in and outside our respective constituencies. Different departments are doing their best to develop the country. To have a constructive verification of the work implemented in our respective constituencies, is very difficult for us. It is very important to provide facilities to the M.L.As for development of the country as they represent the public.

PU S.VADMU

: Pu Deputy Speaker, the budget for next year has been prepared and presented in the House by the Hon'ble Minister. The figure is bigger than that of last year. However, only the figure, however big it may be, is not to be grateful for, but now it is utilised.

One thing on which the government is trying very hard for its improvement, is PHE department. In spite of their hard work, we do not have sufficient supply of water. Some of the problems are due to shortage of Technical staff from our locality. Besides, the department itself is not large enough. If it had been separated from it might work faster to give water supply to each and every villages as well as in towns. It would also be much better if those people who have knowledge of the physical features are appointed. It has been about one year since PHE division has been opened at Lawngtlai. But till now, we have no EE. Not only that, there are only 2 overseers, they can not look after even Lawngtlai Water Supply properly as there are other work to attend to. I wish this could be given priority.

In Budget Demand No. 1, there is Legislative Assembly in which budget provision for 1980-81 was Rs.15,40,000. It was proposed to appoint one officer, 2 Grade III staff and 4 Grade IV Provision was too less. Besides, there are several Committers in Assembly. Because of this, only one Committed Officer is not enough. It was suggested to create another post of Committee Officer, However, after approval of Lt. Governm was abstained, a new suggestion came, for this, we cannot do anything accurately.

If we look at work schedule of Demand 19, P.W.D., we see Baihluakawa to Sairop. This has no meaning because Sairop is situated between Zobawk and Bualto. So it means money will be spent unnecessarily.

Bus service in Saiha is not very good. This was brought to the notice of Minister incharge and other P.W.D. Officers. When the construction of the road was done the mould should be removed outside the town. After much delay work orders were issued and estimated amount was also increased to Rs.7,00,000 from Rs.2,00,000. But the contractors did not follow instructions of work order and as such, when the rainy season came, many private houses were damaged by the moulds placed in the street. Not only that, the road itself become much narrower. Though associations were formed to bring their grievances to the notice of the government, no action has been taken so far. I would like to make a request to the government to look into the matter.

In Kawlchaw, the BRTF people made a boat with barrel. This could not be used by civilians all the year round. It would solve many of our problems if the government places a bamboo boat with engine. So that passengers coming from Saiha and Lawngtlai would have no problem crossing that river.

Regarding Agriculture Department, in Demand No. 30, I am sorry the amount is less than that of 1980-81. As the hon'ble Minister incharge has stated in his speech. Agriculture is the best means of making Mizoram self-sufficient. Not only that, it is the main occupation of Mizos. Personally, I find that there is a big loophole in Agriculture department. For example, distribution of grant is not fair enough. Had it been distributed to those who really deserve, our agriculture would have been better developed. To prove this, I can say many facts where grants were given unfairly.

The government has organised farmers excursion in which farmers and Extension officers went to see how other states work with the expectation that it would be profitable to them. However, they did not behave themselves in their journey which did not bring any good name to the Mizoram.

Lastly, Information and Public Relations Department used to Publish Newspapers, Journals Calendar and make Radio Receiver available for Public. Their intention is alright. However, how they implement is not up to mark. For example, Lakher District Council provided Radio Receiver to some people yet it goes in the name of the Government. It was not used by the village to which it was provided, as it is placed at Saiha. The Government should make it clear.

PU K. LAISANGA

: Pu Deputy Speaker, I am glad I have a chance to discuss on the budget. Most of the participants before me have expressed their gratitude. Though there are some points which are not as we wish, yet, there are more points for which we must be grateful. In this House, we have expressed our wishes so many times, let's hope they'll bear fruit. Specially today, I'd like to say some important problems of my constituency.

Firstly, I'd like to support the member from Serchhip constituency. This morning, the member from Tlungval constituency has said about contribution given to Delhi Public School. Apparently, he was very much against it. We can make it clear like this. Even small villages, so as to get their schools recognised by the Government, they have to deposit Rs.50/- (If I am not mistaken). The villagers never hesitate to deposit Rs.50/-. Personally I think it is a good investment of money.

Secondly, the member from Kawrthah Constituency has mentioned that the Central Government is generous to give us such a large amount of money. He also said if the Central Government had been like Mizoram Government, they would have said that we have to be Congress, before they would give us any money. Had this been true, Mizoram Government would have demanded Lakhur District Council to be People Conference.

As it has been stated, I would like to emphasize the necessity of having good cooperation amongst us, amongst all government servants and the Public itself in order to utilise our budget provision in a right way. It is our responsibility.

Soil Conservation and Agriculture Department are having one Director, and soil is looked after by Joint Director. However, Joint Director has no power to do anything, He's just like a Superintendent. If Soil Conservation Department is made a separate Directorate, it would be better for the whole department.

I would like to make a proposal for fishery Department. There is fishery Department in Lunglei. They have been doing ~~alright~~ alright. They require a vehicle for taking and giving fish to the remote fishponds. Besides, there are some people who use to kill fishes in fishponds by means of poison which is dangerous. Mahals should be appointed to protect them.

Regarding Veterinary department, we can see many progresses they have made. Cattle rearing should be encouraged.

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As regards to Forest Department though I am not against forest plantation, I wonder if it would be better to give more attention to preservation of forest because we still have good forests. Dampa wild life sanctuary has been discussed while discussing Lt. Governor Address. But in our side, we need not preserve but kill as we have wild elephant. The farmers cannot do their works, I wonder if our forest Department could do something to take away this elephant taming without killing it.

Health Department is doing its best, too. Primary Health Centres have been opened even in remote villages. Although Doctors are needed everywhere, I'd like to mention that no specialist doctor is posted in Lunglei. We all know how difficult it is to visit Aizawl for the villagers. As such, it would solve some problems if eye specialist is appointed in Lunglei immediately. If that is not possible just now, it could be arranged to send Eye Specialist to Lunglei occasionally. His visits may be informed to the villagers by means of Radio, Newspapers, etc. in advance. So that those who could not come to Aizawl may consult him. I am very glad that construction of T.B. Hospital in Lunglei is included in the budget.

I would like to say few points on Community Development. I have said that Thingtam famine is acute in my constituency especially in Bingham and its surrounding villages. There are several villages which live on Yam because of these we require supply of nutrition to restore the health of the people.

Let me go on to Social Education. As we all know, we have free society. In order to prevent the deterioration of our society, fund should be provided to develop sports and Youth Welfare. As they have in other states, we could have Youth Welfare Activities department having a separate directorate. If they could be provided sufficient fund, at least some development could be achieved.

The member from Khawbung constituency has mentioned about Education Department. It is really very necessary to appoint teachers who would surely join duties, wherever they are posted. When the best teachers are appointed, they do not want to work in remote villages. It is best to appoint from the local area. In Laisawral one teacher has been teaching hundred students for several years. He was too tired and had to take another teacher from his end. I suggest candidates from the local area be given first preference. In spite of the steps taken by the government for development of education, there are more than ten villages where no institution is opened.

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One thing omitted in the budget, yet very important is there is Sub-divisional Educational Officer office in Lunglei. The office building is situated just above the road making room for visitors because the site is too narrow. This should be examined immediately.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The sitting is over for today. We shall continue at 10 : 30 A.M. tomorrow.

Meeting adjourned at 3 : 17 P.M .

J. Malsamma,
Secretary.

* Speech not corrected.