

8TH SITTING ON TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 1982, at 10:30 A.M.

PU C.CHAWNGKUNGA, DEPUTY SPEAKER AT THE CHAIR, CHIEF MINISTER, FOUR MINISTERS AND 18 MEMBERS WERE PRESENT.

### BUSINESS

1. QUESTIONS entered in a separate list to be asked and answers given.
2. REPRESENTATION OF COMMITTEE REPORT.

Pu C.L.RUALA to present to the House the Seventh Report of the Committee on Government Assurances.

### 3. MOTION

Pi Thanmawii to move the following :-

"That this House do agree with the Second Report of the Committee of Privileges of the Third Legislative Assembly, Mizoram, presented to the House on the 18th March, 1982."

### LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Bill to be introduced

4. PU LALHMINGTHANGA to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Lushai Hills District (Taxes) Regulation, 1953.

ALSO to introduce the Bill.

### DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET

5. GENERAL DISCUSSION on the Annual Budget for 1982-83 (to be concluded).

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth. Let another man praise thee, and not thine mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips.

Proverbs 27:1,2.

Now to take up our business No 1, I call upon Pu H. Ramnawi to ask question No 18.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Pu Deputy Speaker, my starred question No. 18.

Will the Hon'ble Minister incharge Public work Department be pleased to state -

- (a) Is it a fact that road construction works between South Vanlaiphai and Sangau under Lunglei Division have already been completed by Public works Department ?
- (b) If not, what actions have been taken since 1978 ?

(c) What is the present progress ?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Minister concerned may please answer.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA, MINISTER. : Pu Deputy Speaker, answer to question No. 18.

(a) Not yet completed.

(b) Between South Vanlaiphai and Sangau, formation cutting has been done. However, the work is mostly carried on between Hnahthial and South Vanlaiphai. Since 4.3.1982, light vehicles are plying there. Presently, formation cutting has been done between Hnahthial and South Vanlaiphai.

(c) Government is giving importance to South Vanlaiphai - Sangau road and is trying to make it jeepable soon if not truckable.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : If there is no supplementary question, item No. 2 may be taken up. Let us call upon Pu C.L. Ruala to present Seventh Report of Committee on Government Assurances to the House.

Pu C. L. RUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, with your kind permission, I, the Chairman of the Committee on Government Assurances, having been authorised by the Committee to present the Report on behalf of the said Committee, hereby present this Seventh Report of the Committee.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu C.L. Ruala, Chairman of Committee on Government Assurances has presented its Seventh Report. The copies may be given to the Members.

Pi L. Thanmawii may move the Motion.

PI L. THANMAWII : Pu Deputy Speaker, with your permission, I lay the Motion "That this house do agree with the Second Report of the Committee of Privileges of the third Legislative Assembly, Mizoram, presented to the House on the March, 1983."

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pi Thanmawii has laid the Motion to House. Earlier the copies were given to the Members. Could the House adopt it? or the mover may please give highlight to the Member regarding the Motion.

PI L. THANMAWII : Pu Deputy Speaker, this Motion is regarding complain submitted to the Privilege Committee by Pu Lalthanhawla against Editor, 'Harhna'. The detail of the case may be seen in the Report and since the Members have a copy of it, no further explanation seems to be necessary.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : That means she asks for adoption to what has been carefully considered and on which a decision was already made by the Committee. Can we just adopt it? Yes ? Aright, this House has adopted the Motion moved by Privilege Committee.

Now, I call upon Pu Lalhmingshanga to introduce Legislative Amendment Bill to the House.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA, MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, I beg leave of the House to introduce the Lushai Hills, Chin Hills, District Taxes Regulation 1953 Amendment Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Don't we agree to have the bill introduced ?

**PU LALHMINGTHANGA, MINISTER :** Pu Deputy Speaker, with your permission I introduce the Amendment Bill.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER :** He has introduced it. The copies may be given to the Members. This Assembly received this Bill very late. A circular was issued to the effect that any Bill to be introduced in the Assembly, should be sent before 24th February, 1982. All Secretaries and Heads of Department are given the copy. As it was very late, it cannot be considered today. If we have time towards the end of the Session, it shall be done, otherwise not.

We have started general discussion on the budget yesterday. 7 Members have participated. Any other member who wants to say? We are not going to consider the title of the Bill now. The Secretary will read it now if we agree before we start the discussion. (Secy. reads it out) Business item No. 5 shall be taken up now. Pu Saikaphianga.

**PU SAIKAPTHIANGA :** Pu Deputy Speaker, I am glad to have a chance to participate in budget discussion. However, Ministers and we, the MLAs cannot do the actual work to implement them. I wish more officers would come to note down the important points we said regarding the more urgent work for our constituencies or the whole territory.

Our budget book is very poor. I request the Minister concerned to tell us who supply this inferior quality or from whose firm it has been purchased and I suggest never to use this inferior quality in future.

There is very much less provision for rural area that it is a shame to face our people with this. If we look back at the election manifesto, we can see it is exactly its reverse. Since we cannot change any of them now, I am not going to criticize it now.

#### EDUCATION DEPARTMENT :

Earlier I have said about this department regarding text books. I find it necessary to constitute an Enquiry Commission study how this Department is managing Text books for the schools.

For Class IV, one book prescribed is 'How to write' and it is sold at Rs 7/- or Rs 6/-. Do they still learn how to write in Class IV? It looks as if the Department is doing favours to some businessmen. Text books printed in Mizoram are too costly. Is the government giving concession to the firm or does the firm purchase the papers or which press use to print - I would like to know.

#### PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT :

We have pointed out this department has done many good works at different places. In my constituency, the Public Works Department staff who are working down there submitted estimates for widening the road between Zamuang and Kawrtethawveng. Sometimes the Chief Engineer says the estimate was too much and sometimes too less. We have informed Kawrthah Division also. But if they could not do anything. What was the use?

#### POLICE :

I have said quite a lot about Police. My constituency has boundaries with Bangladesh and Cachar District of Assam and Tripura. It is as important as Vairengte. Police Stations are there at Mamit, Kawrthah and Chawngte. At the same time we are afraid of Bangladesh refugees. If so, let us open police stations at Tuipibari and Kanhmun.

The way we treat our police forces is very unsatisfactory. Even when we give them place at rural areas, we cannot give them residential quarters. They have to rent houses and they cannot do their work properly.

Distribution of development work in villages is very uneven. For example, the people of Kawrthah village are very 'PC'. As a result, they are given Balwadi and sub-centres. After that PWD division was opened. Now, they are about to be given 10+2. Kawrtethawveng is one of the best High Schools in Mizoram producing good results every year. But they are not going to be given 10+2. As suggested by some members earlier, it is my wish that development work be given more evenly.

Likewise, distribution of Primary Teachers is very uneven. Whereas there are more than enough teachers, there are not teachers at all in some places. I do not know who exactly is responsible for this—the Ministry or the Department. I wish more care would be taken in the new year.

#### FISHERY :

We have some provisions for this Department. I request the government to give grant to the deserving people and not to those who do not even have fish ponds or do no fishery.

#### VETERINARY :

I am glad Vety department is making progress. However, it is necessary to make sure loanees really purchase the animals for which purpose the loan was given.

We do not simply criticize the Ministry. They should realize that they could go ahead on the wrong footing.

To return to Education Department, if we are going to recruit Pre-Primary Teachers, let us post them in every village. They all want to have. It will not be fair if they are posted at villages of PC MLA Constituencies only. I would also want to point out that there are too many Pre-Primary Teachers in Aizawl. This should be carefully examined.

**PU K-LALSANGA :** Pu Deputy Speaker, first of all I would like to say about uneven distribution of development work as pointed out by the hon'ble member before me.

It is needless to say that development work is not well distributed. It cannot be helped. It is always said that the villages where P.C. Party is stronger, are more favoured than the ones which are not as though the government is very partial. Had this been true, my constituency would have had everything because they are mostly P.C. Party. But none of this are seen in my constituency. However, the government/ department is doing as best it could, and we are discussing the importance of even distribution.

For example, the hon'ble member from Tuipang Constituency said as if remote areas are completely ignored. We can see from the PWD work schedule at pages 13, 19, 14, 114, 115, 116. Lungsen villagers are all P.C. people. It can be clearly seen that the government is very impartial from the department work schedule because Rs 1,00,000/- each is given to Opposition MLA Constituencies whereas only Rs 10,000/- each is given to P.C. MLA Constituencies.

Earlier, we have discussed about Assembly. It is rather a shame to have to say about our own problems in the House.

Not only about the vehicles, if I am not mistaken, the Secretary of this Assembly could not call Committees any time it was necessary for want of fund. In other states, they hold Committees 20/30 times a year. But here only once/ twice we could hold in a year. This is because sufficient fund is not provided to the Assembly.

#### PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT :

Like Assembly, Public Works Department cannot make steady progress for want of fund. I suggest we do better in Lunglei District too.

There is one thing which is not exactly within the purview of Public Works Department, but supposedly under Supply and Transport, but not seen in the Finance Minister's Address. Tuirial Airfield used to be said a lot. We do not know when Lengpui Airfield could be got ready for service. Had not we better repair the old one before the new one is serviceable.

Returning to Public Works Department, we are grateful that we are given a PWD Division. But there is no building there. It is very much desired that this be given consideration for speedy progress.

Besides, as I used to say in earlier Assembly Sessions, Lunglei S.E. Circle covers a wide area, and it is very necessary that a separate Building Division be opened. Their workload is too heavy.

#### HEALTH DEPARTMENT :

When P.C. Ministry was formed in 1978, Cherhmun was PC supposed to be given Primary Health Centre. However, nothing can be seen till now. Only Rupees ten thousand provision is there in the Budget. This amount is not sufficient for the purpose and in view of the urgent need of the public, this should be pursued. Personally I think the delay was caused by poor communication system. However since 17th of this month it became jeepable. And as we all know, vehicles are needed worse in rural areas. So it is desired that Bunghmun Block Development Officer, be provided a vehicle.

Fourthly, I would like to say one important thing regarding Transport. It is learnt that Deluxe Bus is going to ply between Aizawl and Silchar which is good news for us. However, Silchar is only 180 Km from Aizawl and it is not so tiring to travel by ordinary bus. Lunglei is 235 Km from Aizawl and the whole journey is too tiring by ordinary bus. This may please be considered by the Government.

At the same time, regular bus service is very much required by Lunglei. Public Works Department Division has been opened recently. It is desired the matter be treated as urgent importance.

I am a member of State Transport Committee. When a Committee is held, I am given TA/DA. I know they are short of fund. When the M.V.I. has to go out on duty, he hardly has any T.A/ D.A. I have submitted T.A. Bill twice or thrice that finished all their fund. Had I known how short of fund they were, I would not have submitted the last bill. Because of shortage of fund, important committee had to be cancelled.

Rehabilitation of MNF returnees appeared in the Finance Minister's Address. Many of them have received rehabilitation, too, for which I am glad. However, they are not same. Whereas some of them can look after themselves after they are rehabilitated with a small amount, some of them cannot do. I find it necessary to consider them specially by way of giving Agriculture Loans or Rice Huller or at least something to settle them down. Or we can make reservations in government jobs, etc.

Construction of house for B.D.O., Lungsan appeared in the work schedule. But it is not seen in the budget this year. The possible reason is this—several houses were built at Lungsan Block. However, they could not be occupied due to certain reasons. At present, Lungsan Block Development Officer block headquarters are having no building for office also. The BDO himself is staying at the Rest House.

I am happy to point out that we are going to have a Tourist lodge at the cost of Rs 26 lakhs. In this connection I would like to express the necessity of better Circuit House at Lunglei.

Though I have no proper suggestion, I wish this House would think of something to solve the problem of foodstuff in Mizoram in a more permanent way.

What I want to emphasize most is Education Department as stated by the member from Kawrthah Constituency. The government is working development works at different places. We must realize the importance of education then other departments. It concurs the whole people.

We can do without electricity or PHE to some extent, but we cannot do without education. There are 6 villages in my constituency where there is no school. There are about 10 villages including Chakma villages where there is no educational institution. The Prime Minister, in her 20 Point Programme also gave high importance to education. In order to implement this, we can have seven basic needs instead of six basic needs.

As for fund allotment for Education, (Deputy Speaker : You have taken 20 mins already) We had 160 lakhs last year (1981-82). This year we have 165 lakhs again. But the extra 5 is meant for Adventure scheme. It looks as if we would not be able to take new steps. I suggest we allow education department to use more fund in their development works.

Lastly, we have Polytechnic Institute at Lunglei. However, construction of the building is very slow. The students are suffering. The Minister concerned may please take notice of this.

Finally, I find it necessary to have a separate directorate of Games and Sports in combination with Youth Welfare Activities Sports Council.

**PU BUALHRANGA :** Pu Deputy Speaker, I am glad to participate in the budget discussion.

From the Finance Minister's Address, we can see Central Government gave us Rs 2889 crores our past-out for 1982-83 and the Revenue Mizoram local resources is about 11 lakhs. We ought to be very grateful to Central Government. At the same time we have a responsibility to utilize the fund granted to us in a proper way. Actually our contribution towards economic development of our own country is quite meagre. We must also realize that Central Government does not get fund from anywhere else but from its people. It is necessary to mobilize our local resources. It is also the duty of legislatures to convince our people of this. We shall be having state government in the near future and we cannot do like this for ever. It will be necessary to collect taxes from various sources and so as not to make it too heavy for the people at once, let us convince our people that it is their duty to contribute for their own welfare.

When we discuss budget, each and every member finds provision for their constituency insufficient. We all desire that the Government would make development as much as possible in our respective constituencies. But this

cannot be done as desired. For example, Agriculture Department cannot cultivate any kind of soil, but where the earth is fertile and where any effort is meaningful. Otherwise their efforts will have no meaning.

Likewise, Public Works Department cannot construct good roads anywhere. They have to see the more important roads than the less important ones.

The works of Electric Department is quite satisfactory. However, their office work is not so fast. In order to improve this, I suggest the Executive Engineer (Planning) be transferred to S.E.'s office so that S.E. (Tech) could spend more time in the actual work. At the same time, office work will be run smoothly.

The praise or blame on Electric department depends on the maintenance staff. Mostly electric is used for light purpose at night. We, Mizo people are rather ignorant in electric mechanism. Whenever there is any defect in the line, we have to call for the department. However, the staff are very difficult to get hold of and as a result the ignorant people have to repair it without any knowledge of the mechanism with occasional tragic result. They are short staffed and are very busy. They do not have vehicles to go to the complainant's houses also. If the government would provide better conveyance to the Maintenance department, they would work better for the people.

Public Health Engineer Department is a department who are to give to people one of the six basic needs. It has been suggested in Consultative Committee to bifurcate Public Health Engineer Department from Public Works Department. Considering the progress made by Electricity Department after it has been bifurcated from PWD, it is hoped that PHE Deptt. also would make better progress if it is separated from Public Works Department.

Education department is always discussed upon. It is very important that we should develop ourselves intellectually as well as economically. If our intellectual development is ignored, our economic development would have no meaning.

I am happy to see the progress made by the department in spite of shortage of fund in the department. Not only teachers, but also the textbooks are short of. The hon'ble Members have said how costly the textbooks are - I quite agree with them. Besides, those textbooks that are printed in Mizoram could not be completed in time, and those printed outside Mizoram have not reached Mizoram so far. Schools have been opened two months ago. We cannot say when our children would get their textbooks.

I have always said we are using NCERT books for English Text Books. It is said they are quite good. However, its supply is not regular. Since 1974, Mizoram has been using NCERT books from Class III to Class VIII. The NCERT distributed the books to Book sellers. But they send it whenever they could. So, I suggest we change the NCERT books immediately.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pi Thanmawii. Let us see how many of you want to say five of you.

Let us try to take not more than 20 minutes.

PI L.THANMAWII : Pu Deputy Speaker, in our budget discussion this year, there is one thing in which all Members agree. That is the inferior quality of the budget book. I was wondering from where they could find this type of paper. I cannot read it at night. Let us not have this quality again.

First of all let me say about Demand no 35 - Supply and Transport. They increased bus fare suddenly. Had they done it gradually, it would not have been too much for the people. I wonder if it could be revised. We are having about so many buses and I hope we shall have 100 in the near future. Although there are some people who do not mind to damage them, our government is strong and we shall soon have more buses.

At present our State Transport Wing is yet too small and they cannot function systematically. If they could be separated from Supply Department having a separate directorate, it would be much better.

It is also said that the posts of Station Superintendent, Booking Clerk, Statistical and Publicity Officer and Grade IV have been already sanctioned, they had better be filled up soon.

Also the drivers, conductors, etc. should wear Uniforms regularly for better maintenance of discipline. There should be more Line- Checkers because income from various lines where buses ply is too small due to shortage of line-checkers. When the wish of our people for bus services is brought to the notice of our Ministers and directors, they are very kind to us and understand our problems.

There is one thing I would like to point out here. One bus is plying between Aizawl and Bungtlang. But they do not want to stay the night at Bungtlang. When I asked the reason, I was told that it was because there is no liquor at Bungtlang that they prefer to stay the night at Serchhip. I wish proper arrangement could be made regarding this.

As for my constituency, we are very grateful to Public Works Department who has given us good roads. A little while ago, Town bus was servicing to Armed Veng but soon stopped because there was no proper turning site. If this could be noted down by the concerned department, and remedied soon, we can have bus service again which is truly service to the people.

Likewise bus service could be arranged to Electric. Sihpui so far as the road and turning point is concerned. This would surely relieve the people many of their problems.

#### DEMAND NO. 10 - POLICE

I do not feel like turning the pages of our budget book because the paper is so bad, I could not remember the exact amount of provision for Police Department. However, I wonder why they are having their vehicles in such a poor condition. I have travelled with our Ministers several times. On these occasions, they used to be given pilots from Police Departments which have to be pushed hard to start. They are supposed to go ahead to clear the way for the officials. It would be better if better and more vehicles could be allotted to them. Due to shortage of vehicles they cannot do their duty properly. For example when a theft or accident is reported to them, they could not reach the spot soon enough to arrest the culprits without vehicles. At the same time, the basic pay of Police Drivers is lower than that of other departments. I wish this could be revised. In general they require better facilities for efficient service to the people.

#### EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Let me start with Pre-Primary School teachers their position is too temporary. Actually, these teachers are rather mature and are quite busy looking after other people's children some of which are not so clean and tidy. But their pay is only Rs 300/- If I am not mistaken, in other states they are known as nursery teachers and they are paid above Rs 420/- at the beginning. And like other government jobs, it is increased every year. I wish we could do like this.



It is needless to say shortage of fund in education department and we all find our provision in the budget too meagre. However we could make arrangements by decreasing provision for Adult Education which is not needed so much since most grown-ups are educated and those who are illiterate till now are too old for education, and the fund thus obtained may be utilised for Pre-Primary Education.

#### DEMAND NO 28 - EDUCATION AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT :

This Department is very important. If this department is not efficient, we shall not have correct records of our progress. At present Development Commissioner is taking charge of this rather large department. They have 3 district offices and different wings. Total number of their staff is 141. Instead of being carried on by some other department, I suggest they are in a separate directorate.

#### SPORTS :

We have sent our sportsmen to other states several times. We did not treat them very well. I have heard 3/4 times about their poor treatment. And there is too much difference with other States' Sportsmen. I think we should give them proper food, regular exercise and whatever is needed for the better performance.

I do not know whether others have said or not. It is about Sihar Circuit House. The Liaison Officer never visits it and whenever a Minister is coming, he moves here and there, as if he has been busy all the time. As soon as the Minister is gone, he keeps away again. I suggest a post of Assistant Liaison Officer be created to sit in the office. Now, only a receptionist is there and no one respects him. In fact, Public Works Department treats it as a Bungalow. If the post of Assistant Liaison Officer is created, the House will be better maintained.

Our own and only zoo is yet too small. I wish it could be enlarged and more animals kept there.

PU C.L.RUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, our budget for the current year is much more than 1972's. I would like to point how our budget has been increased within 11 years.

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| 1973—74 | — | Rs 28    | "       |
| 1974—75 | — | Rs 33    | "       |
| 1975—76 | — | Rs 42    | "       |
| 1976—77 | — | Rs 46    | "       |
| 1977—78 | — | Rs 50    | "       |
| 1978—79 | — | Rs 65    | "       |
| 1979—80 | — | Rs 71    | "       |
| 1980—81 | — | Rs 76.79 | "       |
| 1981—82 | — | Rs 83. 5 | "       |
| 1982—83 | — | Rs 91.47 | "       |

Although our this year's budget is 5 times more than our budget in the year we got U.T. it seems we are not very much interested in discussing our budget. Even Official Gallery is empty while discussion on the budget is going on. The book itself is also below standard. I have no doubt that it is the worst in all India.

We are having general discussion on the budget and we have the liberty to criticize it. We also have the right to question the fiscal policy of the Government. However, we seem to be giving more importance to be thank-

ful. The total amount of budget for the whole term of the previous Ministry (Congress Ministry, was 10 crores less than the amount of the budget for the last two years. For this reason, it is very important that we should have proper discussion as to how it will be utilized. However, we cannot change the figures. It is like a warning for the future.

Last year, I attend Seminar on Financial Accountability of the Executive to the Legislature held on 4th & 5th December in Delhi. I represented Mizoram Legislature. I have witnessed there how other states prepare their budgets. Some states have their budget reviewed by Estimates Committee before it is printed. The Estimates Committee scrutinize it carefully. But in Mizoram, it is no use to criticize the budget because we cannot change the figures after it has been printed. The Legislature has financial control at two stages. We have to pass the budget otherwise the government will have no fund to spend. We can also say our wish as to how the provision will be utilised. In the second stage, various committees like Public Accounts Committee & Estimates can give advice to the government and can also examine how they spent. Other states have a Committee on Public Undertaking. This is an important financial control in the second stage. But we do not have a committee of this type here. Although these Committees are very important, we cannot use them usefully, Why? Because Legislative Secretariat is ignored, They do not have sufficient staff, till now we cannot have required number of Committee Officers. As a result, the resolutions of the Committees cannot be pursued speedily.

The other very important thing is this : We cannot have a Parliamentary Affairs Department to deal with the direct link between the Legislature and the Executive. We have Minister incharge of Parliamentary Affairs, but we do not have the Department. Political department is functioning as a Parliamentary Wing - which is supposed to create a good relation between the Legislature and the Executive. However, the Political Department gives more importance to Administrative matters than to Legislative matters, making it difficult to combine put to departments concerned have been kept pending till now. If this is so, how can we make good use of budget provisions ?

In Parliament, before the budget is presented, Economic Survey Report used to be presented by the Finance Minister. There, economic condition of the country is clearly shown.

That includes Agricultural products, whether we are self-sufficient or not, industrial products and the quantity of manufactured goods, whether we are self - sufficient or not, and so on. If we have Economic Survey which shows these things very clearly, it will give us an idea on the budget that will help in the discussion.

Now, we do not have a 'Key to Budget document' without which the Members are facing some problems in understanding difficult terms in the budget.

And I suggest we have Parliamentary Affairs Department as soon as possible. The Officers of this department are not to be Government Officers. An M. L. A. is appointed as Parliamentary Secretary at Deputy Minister's level. The functions of this Parliamentary Secretary includes to create an important link between the various Committees of Legislature and the highest authorities of executive for better Cooperation. If we do not have this department, we are going to work blindly. So I advise our Ministry to set up this important department soon.

In general, our budget is deficit. It is also obvious that there is no performant budgeting why is it deficit ? Because 4 p. c. increase in the

budget cannot meet the requirements of programmes of Education Department. I am sorry our Minister did not come. Education Department used to be called 'Top Heavy.' The head portion is very heavy now. Director, Joint Director, General Deputy Directors, DEO, SDEO are looking after what was looked after by one Inspector of schools. There are many SDEO's in place of Assistant Inspector of schools. There are many SDEO, in place of Assistant Inspector of Schools previously. I wonder what do we give it to academic or Executive. I wish we give it to academic. Fortunately, we have a separate Board of Secondary Education. I do not know if our standard become lower since we have our own Board. Our first Divisions are tested by some Colleges before admission. This means our standard is too low and it is necessary to find how to improve this. Besides, as stated by some Members, some text books could not be made available for villages.

I also find our syllabus system not satisfactory. For example, Chicken cage is prescribed for handwork. Students buy it from the market and obtained high marks. Would it be alright if we included this sort of subject in our syllabus ; Although there are many top officers in Education Department, Management is not at all satisfactory.

In applying the new pattern of Education, we put Class IV to Primary School. However, these schools have only two schools.

Coming to 'teachers' salary' they got their salary for January and February of this year only yesterday. We do not know if they would get their salary for March & April in the last week of May. That was for consideration of the Ministers.

Regarding Public Works Department, there is provisions of Rs 4,00,000/- for construction of Tuichang bridge which is not its head nor sub-head. We have opened the same bridge recently. We do not know how to utilize the provisions. We spend too much on propaganda. We spent quite a lot for petrol, money, etc for opening the bridge. I wish we had spent it for repairing culverts at different places including my constituency. Though there is provision for construction of a bridge, there is a provision for opening feast.

Public Works Department is trying to make progress. However, the process opening new divisions is not proper. Mamit division was opened last year or the year before last. But it is functioning at Sairang, Lungsen, Kawrthah and Khawzawl Divisions are also opened. But there is no head clerk in any of these divisions till now. There is no performance budgetting. For example - a jeep is required to look after a farm. But before the farm is there, department purchases the jeep.

There is large provision for construction of buildings in Police Department. It will be necessary that the Department sees that a good building is constructed, otherwise they might construct them like the ones at Lunglei, having no toilet, etc. At the same time, those buildings at Hnahthial are having, V.I.P. room. The buildings in Aizawl are mostly occupied by borrowed battalion CRPF. Besides, it is used for repairing Headquarters. For these reasons, it is imperative that the provision are properly utilised.

Coming to Soil Conservation Department, we had Rs 146.50 lakhs last year, but only Rs 146.36 is there this year. It seems we are not going to make any progress. Even Garden Colonies which are supposed to be looked after for 5 years are rather troublesome for us in the third year. I am afraid we shall make lots of people lose their hopes.

Forest Department is emphasizing Wild-Life Sanctuaries this year. I do not think other states have that much. To have Wildlife Sanctuary, we

require vast land for grazing ground which automatically affects our cultivable land. Personally, I think we should give more importance to human being than animals.

Last, regarding Cooperative Department, I think the government misunderstands one thing. It seems we regard State level Cooperative Society as one of Government Departments. A few months ago, the Chief Minister said to one State Level Cooperative Society that they would be watched for a certain number of months and if they are found making no progress, they shall be abolished. State level Co-operative Societies are like YMA, to which we give grants and aids but not interfere in their administration. If the government regards it as one of departments, it will interfere in their administration too far. They should function independently.

**PU. G. VULLAIA :** Pu. Deputy Speaker, we heard complaints against the interior quality of the budget. I thought it was prepared like this so as to make the books lighter since we have no good transportation.

I would like to say on demand no. 17- Education. It has been learnt from the discussion that we give importance to Education Department at the same time they are having no sufficient fund. This year also the provision is not more than last year's. It means we cannot make appointment to even one Pre-Primary teacher. Considering the rising price of Commodities, I wonder how this could be. I suggest this department be favoured in Revised Estimate.

#### DEMAND NO 18 - MEDICAL :

I am glad Health Department is doing fine and many good works of theirs can be seen at different places. One thing I would like to point out is this. Some 30 ANMs are going to be recruited and about 1000 girls have applied. The department prescribed that the applicants should fix their passport size photograph. This means are the applicants should pay Rs 15/- for their photograph. Considering the post and the expensiveness of applying for it, it seems to be very unreasonable.

#### DEMAND NO. 25 - RELIEF ON ACCOUNT OF NATURAL CALAMITY :

This is a relief for those suffering from fire, flood, cyclone, etc. Recently, half of Hmuntha village which is Pu K. Biakchungnunga's constituency was on fire and as soon as they knew, the MLA, Chief Minister and the D.C. went up and give relief from this provision. There is less provision for the same this year than last year. I find it necessary to consider it very carefully, because due to increasing population, there is no less probability that this sort of accident would happen.

#### DEMAND NO. 26 - CO-OPERATION :

In the last Session, it was said that this department was deficit by Rs. 10,00,000/- but when it was carefully examined with the Treasury Accountant in Gauhati, it was found that only Rs 4,00,000 and was deficit. However, we still looking at this department as a corrupt department including the staff as corrupted men. I feel sorry for them.

As they do in other states, there is a Federation to switch together all the various branches of this department into one. At present only Board of Directors is yet to be constituted. The previous board was abolished and a new Federation has since been formed. There is a stumbling block to get it ready to function.

Apex Bank, which was said to be opened but not till now is going to be opened now under this department. It is expected to have Apex Bank to be very useful for all people. In spite of this, the provision for the same is too small this year. It is only Rs 2,00,000/-. I do not blame anyone. It must have been very difficult to give more after giving such a large provision with no result. When it really works, it will be most beneficial for the general public.

Pi Thanmawii has stated about Economics and Statistics Department. It has become a large department headed by a Joint Director. However, only Joint Director is there and there is no immediate subordinate officer. So the set up is not at all proper. The department needs better care and consideration.

Regarding State Transport, I would like to point out one bus plying between Aizawl and Phaileng. It leaves Phaileng at about 6/7 A.M. Instead of this, it would be better if it could depart from Phaileng at 10/11 A.M. because other villages like Lallen, Saitan etc. wants to catch the bus, too. If it could be arranged as I suggested they won't have to stay the night at Phaileng.

Public Works Department is also working hard and we are grateful to them. However, it is necessary to ask for one thing for so many times. I used to ask until I am granted.

I would like to point out one thing more from Public Works Department. I asked for Rs 2,00,000/- for construction of Tlawng-Reiek road. When I enquired in the Minister, I was informed that they are waiting for sanction and Rs 1,00,000/- is kept for it. I am glad they could spare such amount amidst many other important works.

In General, we thought the budget too small for Mizoram. However, after careful study, I find it sufficient from the programme scheduled for the whole year. About 190 villages are going to be given water supply. Besides, there is provision for continuing construction of Community Hall at Aizawl. I wonder, if there is any such building at Aizawl. The only Hall under construction is Vana Pa Hall.

PU H.K. CHAKMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, our Budget Book this year is very bad, it can hardly be readable.

I'll start with Education Department. Even among Chakmas it is introduced. There are many Private Schools in the area and they are very much neglected by the government. When I said to the authorities, they said they will do it later. But they never did them do so far. If the Chakmas are left like this for ever, they'll never be developed. They are still very very backward. There are Private Schools at Baniachhora, Mantisora, Kalapani, Devasora, Bindasora and other grouping centres. However, there are no properly appointed teachers in these schools.

There are 120 students in Nunsury School and a new pattern is applied, but these is only one teacher. I request Education Department to give more teachers for this school.

There are private Middle Schools too. But this year they could not do it properly due to circumstances. I request Education department to carefully examine their problems and try to solve it as soon as possible.

Coming to Agriculture Department, food production is very important everywhere. I submitted a memorandum to Lieutenant Governor regarding wet rice cultivable land in Chakma area. If this area is well-looked after,

the area will be self-sufficient. The Field Management Committee of Demagiri area has made a thorough survey 4/5 years ago. However, no step has been taken for improvement of agriculture in this area. No subsidy has been granted by the government. There is one Extension Officer in Agriculture Department and he is doing nothing. Sometimes he would go away for a long time.

Last year I recommended one person for appointment of Agriculture Demonstrator. The Director said he would consider it. However, he was not appointed. If there is no one to look after the land, who will do it? Can not the government post an Agriculture SDO for Demagiri area?

Pu Deputy Speaker, when we came to the area with yourself, you saw that there was vast cultivable land in the area. But Agriculture Department has no office, staff there. I request the department concerned to work harder from now in order to produce foodstuff better. If they could not do this, it means they do not mind if the people are getting poorer. If a special development scheme programme is not arranged, the fate of the people in remote areas is unthinkable.

Fortunately, the government used to give employment under EGS Scheme, but now, NREP is doing the work and they do not know how to do it. I wish the programme under NREP be utilised for the people. Their economic condition, too, is poor, even if they are given rice, they would have no money to buy with.

Regarding Soil Conservation Department, Plantation seed suppliers supplied the seeds till after rainy season. They are sure to die if planted. If the seeds are supplied in the wrong season, it has no meaning.

I have something to say on Fishery department, too. I had said this last year also. There are good ponds which can be made into fish-ponds in our area. Why does not the department post any fishery demonstrator in this area till now? If we cannot produce sufficient fish for the whole state, we have to bring in from other states which we have to buy at high costs.

Veterinary department grants loan to many people in Aizawl District. Why can't we be given the same? Pu Deputy Speaker, I am going to say lots of our grievances now, (Deputy Speaker: wait, time is up you may say first in the afternoon.) Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Our morning session is over, we shall sit again at 2 p.m.

Recess till 2:00 p.m.

2:00 P.M.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Now we shall continue our general discussion on the Budget. Pu H.K. Chakma may have 5 mins.

PU H.K. CHAKMA: Pu Deputy Speaker, I start with Community Development. There is not a single block in Chakma area to develop the area. Is there anything that can be done? Let the Minister concerned please tell us.

As for Co-operative Society, why is Higher Multipurpose Co-operative Society not established? Whenever a businessmen comes, he would have to buy salt, chilli etc. in black market. If this large scale Multipurpose Coop. Society is established, they would buy products from the farmers at any corner and they could sell in other states. This will encourage the people to grow more. I have said about this in the last budget session.

In spite of lack of help from the government department, and non-existence of Industries department itself in the area, various industrial products are made. Cotton Industry could be set up successfully.

It would be very useful if the Public Relation Department could arrange Agriculture tour for village farmers. Cinema shows may be arranged in interior villages showing agricultural developments in other states and others which will inspire and encourage them in their occupation.

Revenue Department is short of staff in Demagiri side. There is one supervisor. He cannot do everything for the area. If you could post more staff in Chakma area it will be better. (Deputy Speaker - it is enough, you have said in the morning quite a lot). Pu Deputy Speaker, let me say about Education Department again. (Deputy Speaker : Only one Department). I have submitted a memorandum for construction of road 165 Km long, at Bangladesh border. It is very important for security and it is essential for the people as well. BRTF road is important at the west. It seems there is a scheme for BRTF road from Demagiri to Borapansuri. However, it has not reached even-Pharva. The government may request for BRTF from Central Government to take up construction of work in this area. In the absence of good communication, production of foodstuff, and other products cannot be transported to other parts of the state and it goes wasted.

No officer, Minister has visited this area except hon'ble Deputy Speaker, I would be happy if you could witness the problems faced by Chakma people. You will never know from here. Pu Deputy Speaker, you have gone on foot and I hope you would help us to have good roads soon.

There is no Rest House in our area. Public works Department may please take up this matter.

We are short of Medical staff, too. You know how difficult is to spare bus fare for going to Aizawl/Lunglei for the poorer section. So, I wish you could give us a hospital.

Demarcation has not been made in the MLA Hostel. There is no quarter-guard. We are staying with Children in MLA Hostel rooms and they make noise. It is desired quarter-guard be built soon.

Thank you.

PI K.THANSIAMI : Pu Deputy Speaker, I'll try to make my speech brief. Our Budget book was much criticized. Had the prints been better it would have been better.

I would like to say a few words on Assembly. In Demand No 1. there is a provision of Rs 5,000/- under MLA Head 'Wages'; Miscellaneous Rs 20,000/-; and under the head of Assembly Secretariat, we thought we are going to have 8 vehicles. For the maintenance of this vehicles Rs 1,00,000/- is provided. Last year the provision was Rs 1,50,000/- and they asked for another Rs 1,50,000/-. All the above provisions are too small for the whole establishment and they had better be increased in the future. One thing more regarding Assembly is the post of Senior Committee Officer which is not yet filled up, can't we fill it up soon ?

This morning some Members wondered why it was necessary to fix a photograph in application for ANM training. Personally, I think this is very important because some people never hesitates to practise unfair means. They sit in the examination hall, for their relative or friends and so on. To prevent this, photograph is necessary.

There is Rs 22.32 lakhs in Community Development. Since, we have no proper play ground in Aizawl town, I wish we could shift Assam Rifles to Khatla Assam Rifles area so that we could have their play ground.

Yesterday some Members said Sewing Machines given on Grant-in-aid Basis by Industries Department are of inferior quality and are of no use and suggested to stop. However, I oppose this ideas. The machines are quite useful for many people and many are using them as their main occupation. I wish the department could give it to more people. Last year DIC spent about Rs 1,75,000/- for this grant.

Central investment Subsidy is shown here for which I am glad, and I wish they could give Transport subsidy, Power subsidy, Interest subsidy, etc. These were supposed to be included but not yet done.

Demand No 17 shows Education in which a provision of Rs 9.94 lakhs is shown for scholarship. However, if I am not mistaken, primary students are given Rs 15/- per head and Rs 25/- for Middle students per head. Could they be increase ?

In Housing, Rs 86 lakhs was given for 442 MIG & LIG last year. This includes the three districts in Mizoram. Whereas there are many who could easily build a good house, there are many who cannot afford good houses but are anxious to have one. When I was appointed as a Member of the Housing Loan Board. I realised how important it was to give loan to those people. So, it would be much better for the people if we could increase the amount to Rs 150 lakhs or 200 lakhs.

Another important thing is pension wages of government pensioners - They have to do themselves in Accountant General's Office, Shillong. This is a difficult problem for the pensioners. To go to Shillong is firstly very expensive and all of us cannot go whenever we like. For this reason, can arrangement be made for the department to clarify the pension of their respective staff ?

We are getting all our provision from Central Government and it is rather shameful to contribute Rs 11 lakhs for our own state and it is our responsibility to do better to produce more.

I feel I ought to be grateful. Last year I suggested to have Women Police. It would solve unemployment problem to some extent. That was implemented and I am very very glad.

Thank you.

**PU. K. BIAKCHUNGUNGA :** Pu Deputy Speaker, I am sorry our attendance is poor today including our Opposition Members. Generally we are having a lively discussion on the budget. Although there are many thing to be grateful for yet there are many that have to be done. We cannot do anything at a time.

I am grateful to our Lieutenant Governor and Central Government. They let us use such a lot of money which we do not earn, and if we spend wisely and usefully, they would let us use more. The most important thing is to spend it for the right purpose. I also hope if we spend all this in their rightful purpose, it would do quite a lot for our country.

There are many programmes to be implemented in rural areas. It shows various departments are not sitting idle. I'll try to make my speech as brief as possible.



## EDUCATION DEPARTMENT :

Regarding College Education, it does not seem fit to have only one Government College in Mizoram and that also situated outside the headquarters of the Government. In a developing country like ours, we should emphasize Science education as much as possible, because it is imperative for real development.

The amount of Scholarship/Stipend given to our students at different places is quite small compared to other states. We shall have to give proper thought. Besides, Research Scholarship was mentioned in the session last year. It is very important to pursue it to UGC by the Government.

When our discussion is going on smoothly, our opposition members complain that our Government is showing partiality on party basis. In the Government point of view, there is no partiality in any matter. The Government is doing what it thinks best for the whole territory. This sort of thing has been known long before this Ministry and we cannot say to what extent the accusations were true. Anyway, in our present Ministry, the members themselves know very well how it is. The Government is doing things systematically and there is always a sound reason in every step they take in development works.

Well, coming to various departments, if I remember correctly, I was the one who spoke first about this department in the House ever since this P.C. Ministry was formed in 1978. However, I discouraged because the Government did not pursue necessary steps to be taken to develop the department. We all know how important Statistics Department is. I thought the Speeches we made in the House were completely ignored by the Government. But when the Government took some steps to pursue what I said, I was happy and I heard the Government cannot do everything at a time. I also would like to tell my fellow MLAs to realise this, too.

Demand 25 - Relief on Account of Natural Calamity was said earlier. As you all know, one Village in my constituency, Hmuntha was burnt to the ground. I am very grateful to the Government for helping them in so many ways. Even now, reports will come from them regarding their loss, and I request the government to give them special consideration in Education, Health and so on as far as possible.

Hmuntha Village has other advantages, too. It has good water supply from its round and it is quite good for the soil Department to grow what ever they want. It will be also necessary to think of something to help them settle and earn their living in some way or the other. They want to have a good harvest themselves.

I am sorry some department cannot undertake some development works due to shortage of staff and skilled workers.

The hon'ble member from Saitual Constituency mentioned about Housing Loan. I do not know why it is better that Finance Department is looking after it. Anyway, the best way shall be sought.

Several members have said about this Secretariat. It is bad enough that this Assembly Secretariat is short of staff. What steps have been taken to fill up the post of Senior Committee Officer and Committee Officer?

I find what Pu C.L. Ruala said about the link between the Executive and the Legislature very important. As he has said we have no Parliament Affairs Department to deal with the Committee matters. It seems not so difficult to set up this department and let us have one fast so that the resolutions of various Committees could be pursued faster.

Lastly, one of our serious problems is Text book. The Government had better examine it fast. It is not only too costly, but also unavailable. At the same time the teachers told their students not to come to class without text books. It is our responsibility to make sufficient supply of text book for all the children.

Thank you.

PU ELLIS SAIDENGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, there are many things I, would like to say, I won't be able to say all since time is short. Generally our budget is satisfactory. Opposition Members always find the demands unsatisfactory.

Looking at Demand No. 1. I find provision for Legislative Assembly very small, Considering the importance of this Office, they ought to be allotted more. They are always short of fund. I am satisfied with MLAs Salary and allowances.

As we are know, we MLAs are supposed to know something of the world, well informed and upto date with the world. If arrangements could be made for our touring over India and abroad we could given a lot. This may please be kept in mind next year while preparing budget.

We are grateful for having a good MLA Hostel. However, it is not yet furnished properly. There is no kitchen, receptionist quarter, etc. This may be seen to.

Demand No. 29 - Agriculture Department is very important. The Government is aware of this fact. Provision for the same is also large as a result, self-sufficiency in food production is one of the policies of the Government. It is also one of the 20 point Programmes of Prime Minister Mrs Indira Gandhi. Our Government is trying to emphasize this. Even if there is a lot of money for the project, the success of the work largely depends on how it is spent. We are giving Grant-in-aid to several people and we had better be careful in future.

Indian Council of Agricultural Research is proposed to be set up in Mizoram. Two Villages namely Zanlawn and Leite have been selected for the same. However, after two years have gone, nothing has been done so far. I shall be very glad if you could let me know what is the Government's intention regarding the same.

Regarding Administration at district level, I would like to say that administrative breakdown is a disgrace for the Government. We have A.Os to look after the well-being of the Villages. They have lots of problems in administering their power, and the Government should examine these and help them. At the same time, it is necessary to see that they execute their works. In my Constituency one A.O. purchased a Jeep soon after he joined his duty. I wonder from where he got that much amount. At present we have one B.D.O. and no A.O. I am afraid we shall be backward in development matters.

Mention has been made on Education by several members. I, too, find it very important to keep up our progress. It is one of the 20 Point Programmes of the Prime Minister Mrs Indira Gandhi. We must remember how Education Department was short of fund. We also have a Revised Budget, and it is necessary to plan very carefully as to how we spend our fund.

We have one Government College at Lunglei and it is the only Government College we have presently. The lecturers in this college have lots of problems. I wish they could be promoted to Professor or Readers.

Regarding Middle Schools, after recognition, they used to be aided Deficit and finally provincialised. At the Deficit Stage, the Government has to spend a large amount of money on them, however, the Managing Board is still the sole authority. If we provincialise all the Deficit Schools, the Government will take all the responsibilities instead of the Board.

There is one Teachers' Training Institute at Lunglei. It is also learnt that it is going to be enlarged. Even the site has been settled and Public Works Department has made estimates for its construction. However, even after three years no step has been taken to construct the building. I wish it is no longer neglected by the Government.

I have been thinking about Forest Department since last year. I think preservation of Forest is very important. To keep our wild animals, it is also necessary to preserve the forests.

Though I do not know exactly where the administration goes wrong. The DFO at Lunglei Division is also the DFO at Aizawl working Plan Division. He is also the Principal of Forest Education and Research, Aizawl. To hold such posts by a single person at different districts is too difficult, I am afraid the department would suffer.

Demand No. 21 - Information & Publicity is very important. It is an important communication between the government and the people, state and state. Considering its importance, we should give more fund to the department. In his Budget speech, the Finance Minister said Tourist Lodge and Rest Houses are to be constructed at different places. In Lunglei, we have one Circuit House having 5 small rooms. It is too congested and we do need a new Tourist Lodge & Rest House. This is a must.

Industries Department : Sewing Machines distributed by this Department is very useful. This year, I find the provision for Grant-in-aid too small. To develop rural people more fund is needed by the department (Deputy Speaker : could you brief it ? Otherwise we won't be able to finish it today. ?) I wish it could be made more.

Among other things, I am glad about the progress made by P.W.D. in electricity and communications, etc. However, Thingsai - Hnahthial road in my Constituency is not yet constructed. I wish it could be hastened a little.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Bualhranga.

PU BUALHRANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, as a Chief Whip, I was going to ask for about 10 minutes. However, I am glad I didn't have to ask you. I should like to continue what I said before. I ended with Text books. The hon'ble member Pu K. Biakchungnunga said about the problems faced by the students so far as the text book is concerned. To stop searching for non-available text books in the market, it would be much better if the school Board or the Directorate of Education could give instructions to the teachers, not to demand text books from the students if that particular text book is not available in the market.

Social Welfare Department is doing very good works. They provided Hearing aids to many persons and also artificial limbs to several people. Besides they have been working on other fields also. However, there are some people who use the name of good people for their duty work. For example, one carol party came to our house saying that they were doing for orphanage at Electric Veng. And we helped them. So we enquired at the Orphanager about it after two months, but they did not know anything about it. To prevent this sort of thing I suggest any party who wants to do these things, they should take D.C's approval.

Though it is not popularly known, we have a side Clinic in Mizoram. This is a very important thing. To be a matured nation, we should preserve our documents and old reports so that an expert or researchers could study when the need arise. This Department is supposed to be headed by an Assistant Director having 27 Staff and sufficient provision. However, at present, it is looked after by a superintendent better.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER :** It is time for Ministers. However, we have a short time. Will it be better if the Ministers would answer the questions just before voting ? The Finance Minister may please explain the points we do not understand in the Budget Book.

**PU LALHMINGTHANGA, MNISTER :** Pu Deputy Speaker, we have a lively discussion on the Budget. It was good to hear the contribution of each and every member on different subjects. They all said for the country not for their personal benefit. Their good wish for the country was clearly shown from their speeches and I think our discussion was quite successful.

The Members complaint the book. I don't deny that, we shall try to use better papers. Anyway, all the staff, from the smallest to the, biggest used to be very busy while preparing the budget to be able to present it in time. We never have sufficient time for preparing this book. The only Government Press we have is too busy to print all the figures etc in such short notice. We are anxious for the time when we could print it nicely including all the connected papers. By that time it will be easier to read and the formal in general will be better.

There are some clarifications to made, LTC at demand Book page no. 2 should be "other allowances". You please correct your own, copies. And also at page 95, "construction of Bungtlang" should be "Construction of Building".

Demand No. 5 shows about Elections to MPs & MLAs. One hon'ble Member said about election to Districts Council not being included here. Demand No. 5 deals with only U.T./State level elections. District Council Elections are put under Demand No. 7.

The hon'ble member from Tlungvel Constituency suggested to have a key to the Budget. It is a good suggestion. Budget key is necessary for technical terms. We shall try to make it next time. If you read the budget in general, you will find that all the departments are very important.

Members have said that the provision in each department were too meagre. As such adjustment could hardly be made. However, if there is any surplus in any department, after they implemented their work, the fund could be transferred to other departments as permissible under Financial Rules, All the discussion was recorded, and the government is paying attention to them. Whatever the members said as urgent and important are paid attention by the Government as soon as possible.

Apart from clarification, we have 29 crores for plan Budget this year. It is nearly 90 crores including non-plans. That is the budget estimate. It will be more with Revised Budget. The amount we can contribute is only in terms of 'lakhs' not in crores. If you think it very carefully you will see that Central Government is very kind to us.

As mentioned by the hon'ble member from Tlungvel Constituency, our budget is much more than the amount in 1972 when we had U.T. Since the population is not so large, per - capita expenditure is higher than other big states. Although Central Government is very generous to us, their financial capacity has limitations.

It is a general practice that Budget is prepared according to budget any rule and Financial Rule, we cannot put the required amount anywhere we want for the departments, House Ministry cannot approve that. Though it is not strictly maintained, there is a fixed percentage of growth before and after economic . . . is introduced in the Plan and non-plan schemes. However in Plan Budget, Central Government and Planning Commission regard Mizoram as special category/Backward area, and they are not very strict as in other states.

The value of money is most when it is fully utilised for the true purpose. The success does not depend only on the Ministry or the Head of the departments. The people are responsible to a great extent.

I remember what my teacher said when I was in College that any plan programme is people's programme which means the people are the executive agency. If the citizens have no sense of responsibility, the Ministry, however strong would never succeed. It is the responsibility of we, the Members to teach our people this responsibility to develop our country.

Some Members said that Government development programmes do not cover rural areas. It covers. The Government is making its programmes systematically. Mostly the plans are made by experts and there is no partiality is inflicted while distributing development programmes in various places. However, the Government has its own principle. It is also the Government's policy to give a chance to interior Villages and pay attention to their needs.

There are some works which does not require infrastructure but could be started most project straight-away. However, infrastructure is required for Taking Electricity Supply for example, Ngopa range are needing it very badly because they are lying at the boundary line of Manipur. However, due to communication problems, we cannot do it. There are also other places in which we are facing the same problem.

One power house is needed very badly at Binghamun and its surrounding areas. But due to the same problem of communication we cannot do anything yet. Anyway, they would get light when the time comes.

Many Members have expressed their need for Rest Houses. In general, PWD Rest Houses are built at 14 kms away from the other. However, it depends on the work we are undertaking, since we are in space Era, we cannot find all the developments fast enough although we are making quite a lot of progress in the last few years.

We are a developing country and we need patience because we cannot do everything at once. We all want to have those things other advanced states are already having and not only that, we want to be ahead of them. What we have discussed will be remembered in the process of our development works.

One thing I would like to say is - we have no much product in our country because of which everything is very costly. We must work harder to product and as such prevent this sudden rise and fall of price of commodities. The success of this depends on public education. Even if we have big industries if one people are not educated, they would not be aware of the necessities of these new things. There are also some vegetables which can be grown in Mizoram but not in other states.

If you look at the trucks coming and going to Mizoram, almost all the trucks leave Mizoram without loads, but all the trucks come with full load. This means we are importing everything from other states. No other state

will work for us so as to help us not to import these, but we, the people are responsible. We have to emphasize the importance of this to our people. Those are important points in our present discussion. When we take up different demands, hope we shall have time for discussion. I'll ask you to vote this Budget later on. I find our two-day discussion very successful.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER :** It's 4:00 P.M. I'll call upon Pu Rosanga. Pu Ngurdawla also has one thing to say.

**PU P.B.ROSANGA, MINISTER :** Pu Deputy Speaker, it seems Members do not know our Plan Budget very clearly. It can be said in three ways. One is our own plan Budget, our allotment which is most. Another is centrally sponsored, however looked after by us. The last one is those we get from NEC. Why I want to say this is, some members wondered, why Demand No. 27. Special & Backward Areas was placed under Major Head 299 instead of 288. However, this is received from NEC. If we look at Demand No. 27, there are different programmes all of which are under NEC. Like wise one member said yesterday about Community Hall, Play Ground, which are not placed under C.D. Department. They are placed under Demand No. 32, Major Head- 314 and are having sub-heads. Though we do not know the exact figures, we can put a taken provision. There are under centrally sponsor scheme, NREP. If we know all the three resources the discussion would be more meaningful.

**PU JOE NGURDAWLA :** Pu Deputy Speaker, I hope hon'ble Finance Minister may clarify my question. How is the Government going to do with those Rural Water Supply Investigation Scheme under PHE Irrigation. but are no longer included in 1982-83 budget ?.

**PU LALHMINGTHANGA, MINISTER:** Pu Deputy Speaker, it is difficult to say now. Anyway, provision is made for investigation firstly, and when the investigation is completed, the amount is increased, some scheme as longer appears in 1982-83 probably because the investigation stage is over.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER :** We finished our general discussion of the annual budget for 1982-83. We will continue general discussion tomorrow. The Ministers will answer department wise questions.

Session is adjourned till 10:30 tomorrow.

Meeting adjourned at 4:07 P.M.

**J. MALSAWMA  
SECRETARY.**