

9th SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 1982 AT 10:30 A.M.

Pu C. Chawngkunga, Deputy Speaker at the Chair, Chief Minister, Four Ministers and 17 Members were present.

BUSINESS

QUESTIONS

1. Questions entered in separate list to be answered and answers given.
Paper to be laid on the Table
2. Pu Zairemthanga to lay on the Table a copy each of the following :-
 - (i) The Mizoram Detention (Prevention of Black Marketing and Maintenance of suppliers of Essential Commodities, Order, 1981.
 - (ii) The Mizoram Vehicle (Amendment) Rules 1981.

DISCUSSION & VOTING ON SUPPLEMENTARY DEMANDS

3. PU LALHMINGTHANGA, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Supplementary Demands for 1981-82 relating to different Departments under the Government of Mizoram.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Bill to be introduced, considered and passed.

4. PU LALHMINGTHANGA, Minister to beg leave
 - (a) to introduce the Mizoram Appropriation Bill 1982 also to introduce the Bill
 - (b) to move that the Bill be taken into consideration.
 - (c) to move that the Bill be passed.

VOTING ON DEMANDS

5. PU P.B.ROSANGA, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various demands under his charge.
6. PU F.MALSAWMA, Minister to submit the vote of the House various demands under his charge.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Who hath woe ?
 Who hath sorrow ?
 Who hath contentions ?
 Who hath babbling ?
 Who hath wounds without cause ?
 Who hath redness of eyes ?

They that tarry long at the wine,
 They that go to seek mixed wine,

Proverbs 23:29-30.

Our first business is Question and answer. However, the answers are not yet received. We shall no item no 2 - Pu Zairemthanga may please lay this paper.

PU ZAIREMTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I beg to lay the following papers :—

- (i) The Mizoram Detention (Prevention of Black Marketing and Maintenance of Supplies of Essential Commodities) Order, 1981.
- (ii) The Mizoram Vehicle (Amendment Rules, 1981)

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let the copy be given to the Members (It was given). Now, Business item No. 3 - Discussion & Voting on Supplementary Demands. I call upon Pu Lahmingthanga to move Supplementary Demands 1981-82 for various departments.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA, MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, with your permission, I move Supplementary Demands of Mizoram for 1981-82.

Demand No.	1	Legislative Assembly	-	3.30 lakhs
" "	2	Administrator	-	0.60 "
" "	3	Council of Ministers	-	3.00 "
" "	4	Administration of Justice	-	2.50 "
" "	5	Election	-	4.51 "
" "	6	Revenue	-	2.33 "
" "	7	Secretariat	-	16.05 "
" "	9	District Administration	-	26.80 "
" "	10		-	71.94 "
" "	11		-	3.00 "
" "	12	Supply & Disposal	-	12.04 "
" "	13	Stationery & Printing	-	5.75 "
" "	14	Fire Protection & Control	-	0.26 "
" "	15	Other Administrative Service	-	2.01 "
" "	16	Retirement Benefit	-	5.55 "
" "	17		-	128.71 "
" "	18	Medical	-	64.92 "
" "	19	Public Works	-	266.80 "
" "	20	Housing	-	44.81 "
" "	21	Development	-	6.89 "
" "	22	Information & Publicity	-	2.00 "
" "	23	Labour & Employment	-	1.22 "
" "	24	Social Security & Welfare	-	7.46 "
" "	25	Autonomous District Council	-	7.24 "
" "	26	Relief on Account of Natural Calamities	-	1.99 "
" "	27	Co-operation	-	2.27 "
" "	28	Special and Backward Areas	-	123.75 "
" "	29	Miscellaneous Exo. Services-	-	7.41 "
" "	30	Agriculture	-	32.34 "
" "	32	Forest	-	15.20 "
" "	33	Community Development	-	194.20 "
" "	34	Industries	-	39.67 "
" "	35	Electricity	-	101.00 "
" "	36	Road & Water Transport	-	17.86 "
" "	37	Law	-	25.36 "
				98.07 "
		Total	-	1348.81 Lakhs

The copy of Supplementary Demand for grant, 1981-82 was given to the Members along with the Budget and its allied papers when Budget was introduced. I am now requesting the House to pass it.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Do you have anything to say about this ?

PU C.L.RUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I thought we are going to have at least one day for discussion of Supplementary Demands. Rules of Procedure and conduct of Business 53 section 17 sub-section 2 says speaker or Administrator will allot one or more days for discussion of supplementary Demands. Are we not going to follow this ? (Deputy Speaker : Business Advisory Committee prepared our programmes in advance) Pu Deputy Speaker, we do not often follow our programmes exactly.

Any way, I still think it would be better if we could have at least some discussion for the reason that I have some thing to ask for clarification.

In Demand No. 1, we have 2.57 for purchasing and maintaining Vehicles in Legislative Assembly Secretariat. As we all know, we are short of Vehicles. We hardly have Pool Vehicle. Even during Assembly Sessions we cannot have it. But the Speaker uses one Jeep for carrying building materials all the time. Deputy Speaker is also keeping one Jeep in addition to his Car for going to Sairang. If we don't have any proper rule, we shall be short of Vehicles all the time.

Demand no. 8 says 'Not supplementary Demand', in which no (f) shows an Additional Provision as 2 lakhs is required for meeting the bills of Ministry of Defence for deployment of helicopter for official purposes of this Administration. Was there no provision for this beforehand that now we have to pay Rs. 2 lakhs to Ministry of Defence ?

Demand No. 17 (b) says an additional amount of Rs. 58.45 lakhs is required for payment of grants-in-aid to the Non-Government aided Schools for Meeting pay and allowances of the Staff. I am afraid our budget is prepared without provision for grants-in-aid to the non-Government aided Schools. Was there no provision at all last year for this ? Rs. 58 lakhs is no small amount for Supplementary.

It seems we require about more than 2 lakhs for making voters' identity card. Were the identity Cards prepared this year ?

Demand No. 19 says an additional provisions of Rs. 35.00 lakhs is required to be made for meeting the cost of Water Supply in some towns by truck carriage. Last year also, we had this Water Supply by trucks included in the budget. However, some towns could not be supplied because they are not included in the budget. Is it possible to include Thingsulthiah Town to be supplied since we have about 35 lakhs? I would like to know why we require so much money for Water supply.

Although there could be many to be clarified, I won't say long. Just one more Pu Deputy Speaker, we require Rs. 2.87 lakhs for voters Identity Card. Were there any Voter's 'identity Card' prepared for this amount?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Minister will clarify them.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA, MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, the questions are very important.

Regarding Assembly Vehicles, we cannot say the number of Vehicles, to be purchased just now, obviously the members find pool Vehicles in Assembly Secretariat not sufficient.

The Government is also aware of it. The Speaker is also worrying about this. Because of this, last year and the year before last, we purchased one or two Vehicles for reappropriation.

The matter has been notified to the Home Ministry several times, that the members of Mizoram Legislative Assembly are facing problems due to shortage of Vehicles and we need special consideration. However, as I have mentioned before, our fund is part of Home Ministry's Budget and whatever we want to include cannot go through always. Even last year, Finance Secretary, Secretary Mizoram CIA, and I, under the chairmanship of the Speaker had a meeting and discussed if there could be any enhancement for this. That was also notified to the Central Government. In spite of that, we cannot be very successful to have more pool Vehicles in Mizoram Assembly.

Except in Nagaland, U.T. Governments have no authority, Central Government holds the key. This does not mean we should lost hope. We shall try harder.

Regarding bills for deployment of helicopter to Defence Ministry we have Rs.5.26 lakhs in the budget, which becomes Rs.7.26 lakhs when revised. This includes arrear payment.

As for identity Card, this was Government of India's proposal, 'not only for Mizoram but also for other States. However, we cannot afford to issue identity Cards to all Voters in each and every constituency. And the need for it in interior Villages seems not too urgent. As such it shall be introduced in Aizawl Town and Lunglei and such places when population is denser than other places. We shall continue this step by step. Government of India was informed about this, some states may cover more than 20 constituencies at a time, but we cannot.

We have discussed how supplementary demand could be made. We submit Budget Estimate in the House and when we have a general discussion the opinion of different Members can be summed up. This is noted down. We cannot help giving importance to the general opinion of the Members. At the same time, we cannot put anything we want in the Budget. So, it is reviewed in the Revised Budget Estimate. There also, our discussion in the House has a bearing.

We must all admit how much we have yet to do in development work and how backward we still are. As for water supply, there is a difficulty beyond our budget control. The Government cannot give sufficient water to the people. The Government of India finds it difficult to believe we do supply water to the people by truck. We have discussed it so many times.

These provisions have to be transferred or shifted according to the need and requirement of the people and departments.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Finance Minister may please ask for voting on supplementary demands with the amount.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA, MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, I have read it out with their amounts. Now, I ask for voting as follows :

Demand No. 1 Rs. 3.30 lakhs becomes 3.20 lakhs
 Demand No. 36 becomes Rs. 13 lakhs.
 Public Department Rs. 12.5064
 Demand No. 37- Rs. 84.54.

The total supplementary demand is 1250.64 lakhs. The Members may consult the index. I ask the House to pass Supplementary Demand.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Do we agree to pass Supplementary Budget amounting to Rs. 12,50,64,000 as asked by the Finance Minister. Anyone who

agrees to it may raise your right hand. (Members raised their hands). We all agree to pass it. If so, this House has passed Supplementary Demand for 1981-82 for Rs. 12,50,64,000/- we still have to pass Appropriation Bill. Let Pu Lalhmingshanga ask for permission to introduce, the Appropriation Bill.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA, MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, I ask for permission of the House to introduce the Appropriation Bill, 1982.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Do we allow him to introduce the Bill ? Yes ? All right, let him introduce it.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA, MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, with your permission and the House's, I introduce Mizoram Appropriation Bill, 1982.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon'ble Minister has introduced the Mizoram Appropriation Bill, 1982. There seems to be no need of much discussion. Let the copies be given to the Members and the title be read out by the Secretary, so that the Minister may ask for adoption. (the copies were distributed to the Members and the Secretary read out the title) Now, the Minister may ask for its passing.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I ask the Bill be passed as was introduced with your permission.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Minister has asked the bill be passed. Do the Members agree to pass it? Anyone willing to pass may raise our hands (Members raised their hands) we all agree to pass it. Therefore this House passed the Mizoram Appropriation Bill for supplementary demands amounting to Rs. 12,50,64,000/-.

Now, we shall move on to Business Item No. 5. I call upon Pu P.B. Rosanga, Minister to move supplementary demands of his departments.

PU P.B.ROSANGA, MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, on the recommendation of the Administrator of Mizoram and with your kind permission, I move demand nos : 18,27,28,29,30,31 and 32 for Rs. 15,83,44,000.00 only to meet expenditure during the years 1982 and 1983 in respect of the following Departments :-

Medical	Rs. 4,16,99,000.00
Special & Backward Areas	Rs. 1,82,99,000.00
Miscellaneous Economic Services	Rs. 21,77,000.00
Agriculture	Rs. 4,53,70,000.00
Animal Husbandry	Rs. 1,79,93,000.00
Forests	Rs. 2,32,02,000.00
Community Development	Rs. 96,04,000.00

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu P.B. Rosanga has moved his demand Nos. 18, 27,28,29,30,31 and 32 for Rs. 15,83,44,000.00. The Members would like to say some thing on these demands. Let us fix the devotion of discussion otherwise it would take too much time. Do we find 5 minutes enough ? Yes, now, any member who wants to say on demand mentioned before may start.

PU ELLIS SAIDENGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I'll try to make it brief.

First of all, Demand No. 18 (Medical) is very important, and provision is also large; though I'm afraid it might still be too small to cover all their requirements.

The Civil Hospital at Lunglei was constructed in 1956 and never been reconstructed ever since. I was expecting to find provision for reconstruction of the same. But it does not appear. It may be noted down for next year at least.

We have several Health - Sub-Centres and they are increased occasionally. However, supply of medicines to this sub-Centres is not very regular. They held looked after better.

There are lots to say in Forest Department, Regarding preservation of Wild Animals, it looks a new Division of Wild Life Sanctuary is to be opened. This should be pursued immediately, otherwise we are losing many of our wild animals every day. Provision should also be large.

DEMAND NO. 32 :- Community Hall is very important. It is one of the best factors for developing interior Villages. Compared to nineteen sixties and before 1960, our people have made a good progress in sports, music, etc. Almost every Village could use a microphone in public meetings and other social gatherings. They have good guitars, drum sets and other musical instruments, Community Development is doing very well, though they still have many to do in sort of thing.

I am glad the government sanctioned funds for construction of playgrounds. However, I would like to suggest one thing. If we want to construct a playground for any Village, let us do it well, not by giving small sums, but to complete it nicely. For example, the government has spent a lot of money for construction of Lunglei, Chandmary playground but not yet complete it. Let us complete what we have started and spent a lot of money, otherwise it is of no use and the money is wasted. Only one playground is not enough for a district headquarter because it slackens the students in sports.

PU B. LALCHUNGNUNGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the provision for Medical is large. I do not know whether mobile clinic arrears in the budget or not. Anyway, I find it very important to have efficient mobile clinic. Many people cannot go to the hospitals yet they suffer from different diseases which cannot be detected by Health Workers. In these cases, the doctors need to go out. When I discussed the matter with some of our doctors, they told me they are willing to go, but not without medicines because they cannot do anything without it. If we have no sufficient fund, I suppose we can make arrangements somehow.

I have often said about Agriculture Department. Though we used to say that there is no progress in Agriculture Department. I would like to say we have made some progress. One of the most important instrument for wet cultivation is Bulldozer, Agriculture Department, has no sufficient number of it at present. At the same time I am afraid the more bulldozer is purchased, the more is the damaged ones. It seems there are few government servant who looks after government properties as their own.

What I would like to suggest is to provide a bulldozer to the farmers of a compact areas. Those who want to use on hire basis could use it on hire basis. If they look after it as their own, it will last longer.

Not only I, but other Members, too, are asking to bifurcate soil conservation department from Agriculture Department. So, I'll leave it for now.

Regarding Forest Department, demand No. 31, it is an important department which preserves our forests and animals. We are grateful to them for preserving forests and animals. However, I would like to say that they are spending too much time in creating new forests instead of keeping our natural forests well. I wish they could afforest new ones as well as preserve the natural forests at the same time. Our Artificial forests will be mature in 30 years or 50 years only. If the natural forests are neglected we cannot say we shall not be having any raw material for building purposes, etc., which we get from our forests.

As for Community Development, interior Villages are favoured. However, their provision is too small. We can hardly expect them to do any big work with annual Rs. 96 lakhs. It should not be only this much.

Thank you.

PI L.THANMAWII : Pu Deputy Speaker, one hon'ble Member has said about mobile Dispensary. It was maintained for some time. The only excuse for its termination was shortage of doctor. I support the Member's suggestion for better maintenance of mobile Dispensaries since we have more doctors now. These are better utilized by the rural people and they regard it as a real blessing.

I also support the idea of the Member who just spoke before me regarding Community Development. As regards to construction of Community Halls, almost every Village wants to have Indoor stadium. I think there should be proper specification as to how they should be given, because we cannot yet afford to give Indoor stadium to all Villages big or small all the same.

Medical instruments are also issued to them. However, what they need in every Community Hall is a microphone.

Lastly, I request our hon'ble Minister i/c Agriculture to clarify the rumour regarding Agriculture Department that this department used to draw a lot of lapsed money.

PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I'll start with Medical Department. As I have said before. I was hoping a new Primary Health Central would be opened in one of the interior Villages of the east. I would like to inform the government that the people are depending on PHCs as far as Medical facilities are concerned. The only ones opened at Khawbung and other few places are doing very well and the people are praising their good work. The Villages specially where there is no proper Communication are more important. It is desired that Primary Health Centre at Khawbung be provided with a Jeep for carrying medicines. The Staff are facing lots of problems due to this.

Sub Health Centres are also very important particularly in the area along Burma border because medical facilities are not there. As a consequence, they are using different kinds of medicines from Burma and which are not advisable.

One hon'ble Member has said about Agriculture Department. Apparently they do know how to spend their fund. The Minister will clarify and will know it better. There are some projects like Saitum Project, Tiakam, Bilkhawthir, etc. I have one proposal here. Let us set up a steering Committee, in each project which would act as a communication centre for all of them. I also would involve in it. There are some people who are very interested in Agriculture. If these Committees are constituted, their various problems would be attached in a more influential way.

Regarding Animal Husbandry, I request the hon'ble Minister to clarify Vety Loan. It looks as if we are not going to have its benefit any more, however, the need is worse. It has been only a short while ago since Vety Loan was introduced in Mizoram. In spite of this, many people are benefited from the loan. The loan is quite successful in eastern part of our territory. Is there any intention for its re-introduction. If so, I wish animal rearing areas are better considered.

I have few points to say on Forest Department. I request the Minister incharge to tell us exactly the area forest Department is maintaining. It is the general opinion of the public that the peoples's share is very much less in forest now, since the department is preserving the forests better than before.

PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I support what the Member from Khawbung constituency has said. In some places, Forest Department are maintaining virgin forests. But they are posing lots of problems for the people.

Forest Department are having a large provision. However, they reserve too much and since Agriculture Department cannot do setting the people down, as fast, the people are facing as to their Jhuming. I wish the Minister incharge would consider this very carefully and note it down to work according to the need and in pace with Agriculture Department.

Some of the Members have said about the importance of Medical Department. Primary Health Centre was also mentioned. It appears only 3 new Centres are to be opened this year. As it has been stated the importance of the Centres is needless to say. It is one of the objectives of Central Government to open a Centres in each place where a B.D.O. is posted. But here in Aizawl, it is not yet opened at Tlangnuam. It is desired that the government should give priority to the Central Government's police in this regard.

There is a Rs. 30,000/- provision for approach road to Kulikawn Dispensary. I did not know there was such Dispensary at Kulikawn. It has been mentioned almost every session, during Congress Ministry, a vast plot of land was acquired. However, this could not be used for Nursing Home or a Hospital, because it is the property of North Eastern Council. It was said in last session that it was for Regional Centre for physically handicapped persons. If I remember correctly, the Minister incharge said it has been pursued. But now, GAD is constructing staff quarters there. What is the present situation ?.

PU C. VULLUAIA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I have two points to say on demand no 18 - Medical department. Firstly, I can't stop finding too expensive to have demanded photograph for ANM applicants.

Secondly, Government of Mizoram has sent 4 doctors for post graduate studies. However, after 4 months they have not been able to get accommodation. I suggest we prepare everything for their comfort beforehand.

Demand No. 29 - Agriculture Department we depend on Agriculture for our livelyhood. Is not yet time Agriculture Department headquarters looked after by at least 4 D.A.Os and not only 2 D.A.Os. Besides, in our agricultural system, I find it very necessary to send trainees better production. At present there is one Mizo boy who is undergoing training this. He grows super fine rice and ordinary rice together in Gauhati University. It harvests in 90 days to medium rice but very fine. Those who tasted say it was tasty.

We have a suitable place for growing this rice at K.V.K. and I.C.A.R. near Kolasib. The grant for this K.V.K. is too meagre for successful production. And it is needless to say our usual system is not enough.

Soil Conservation Department is under Agriculture Department, Soil Conservation, Agriculture and Forest Departments are doing very well. Actually some of the works which appear as the handiwork of Forest Department are Soil Conservation's. Soil Department are planting coffee and other plants which preserves the soil. Since their work is very good, I wish the government would strengthen the department.

Regarding Community Development, the system of distribution of grants to each Village is Rs. 5000s is not sufficient for construction of Indoor Stadium and Playground. Since I am given some responsibilities in NREP, I have been urging the Government to increase it. I suggest only one playground/Indoor Stadium in one Community Block to be completed in a year. At present, there are several playgrounds, Indoor Stadium incomplete everywhere.

Although we have distributed quite a lot, we hardly get any fish sold from the grant of the Government. Let us help only those who are likely to be successful. If we make one fishpond a year it is good.

I have one point in Animal Husbandry Selesih Farm which is under Animal Husbandry earns a good name to Mizoram. I did not see any provision for extension of this Farm. It is very important to extend the farm especially chicken's. So as to produce sufficient eggs for us all whenever we visit the farm.

More Cattle should be reared in the farm as well. The provision for purchasing Cattle could be used for purchasing the cows from that farm and distributed to the farmers at different places. So that our money will not go to other states, and the people will be better beautiful.

Lastly, staffing pattern does not appear in the budget. Although it may be a little trouble-some for Economic and Statistics Department, it would be much better if they could show it in the budget book next time.

Thank you.

PU C.L. RUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I do not think I can finish in 5 minutes. Any way, I'll try to make it brief. Before I start on demands, I would like to say that we have Rules of procedure and conduct of Business, regarding time fixation. Discussion of Demand for grant and Voting on Demands etc should be decided by the Leader of the House in consultation with the Leader by the Opposition Party. We do not consult our Guide Book, and fix the devotion of discussion from the Chair. I wish we do not ignore the rules anymore.

DEMAND NO. 31 - FORESTS

We don't seem to be very careful in re-provision. There is one lakh provision in Research and Statistics, whereas there is 3 lakh for Orchid shed. I used to say that it is necessary to conduct a Research survey or have a separate division to conduct the research to find out forest wealth which can be a source of income. It seems there is no proposal for that. Although it is very important to preserve our orchids. We put Rs. 50,000/- for orchid House/Orchidarium and with that amount we cannot build even an ordinary house whereas orchid House should be a Glass house. So

Central government knew we could never build a Glass House with Rs. 50,000/- and dropped it. This year Rs. 3,30,000/- is put and others are neglected.

Last year we had Rs. 19.50 lakhs for social Forest Scheme which is nil this year. I wonder why is this because it is under Central Government Scheme, and N.R.E.P, which we were not so clear about, is nil. However, if every department wants to increase, will it be better if we hear at least something in N.R.E.P.

Though there are many to say on Community Development, I will say only one. Last year, young boys and girls used to do Roller skating, and the government organised a competition without preparing anything for their preparation. They had to do in the streets and main roads and got hurt. If we are going to encourage this, we shall have to arrange the place where they could do it. It need not be very wide. As I have seen at Shillong, they concreted the place. Even if there is no provision, we owe it to them.

Demand No. 30 shows amount of money required by Animal Husbandry. Loan and Grant have been given to several people. However, many of them do not utilise their loan as they should. Why? Because we give to those who just want the money. When the department sends to do spot verification, they recommend those who served them with chicken or who killed goat/etc. If you really want to help who deserves, please consult us, their MLAs, if you do not want to consult us, at least give us the list of grantees/wonees, and we shall review it. We would like to know how you distribute it. So that we can truly utilise it.

Even in the distribution of cows, let us give the rearers 10 cows, not in Rs. 5000s. Let us not give Rs. 2500/- by forged signature of Ghurung. Their budget provision is quite large if they know how to utilise properly.

Demand No. 18 is for ANM training. Yet, it is quite small, can we give a good training with this amount? What I have in mind is why can't we ever have X-Ray in our Civil Hospital? We all know how important X-Ray is. Many come from far off places for treatment. I wish our Minister incharge would spend some thought over it.

Demand No- 29 - we have less provision for Soil Conservation Department which is under Agriculture Department. I wonder if they would be able to maintain their garden colonies, let alone to open new garden colonies. Besides, there are many new programmes to look after. So it will be necessary to put more in the revised estimate.

What is most important in Soil and Agriculture Department is to supply seeds and seedlings in time, otherwise we waste lots of money.

PU H.RAMMAWI : Pu Deputy Speaker, we have said about Demand No. 18 when we discussed Budget Regarding photograph attached by the ANM candidates in their applications, personally I find it very important to attach their photographs in their applications although it is a little more expensive.

Demand No. 29 - Agriculture Department both Agriculture staff and the public have faults in their respective capacities in development works. The farmers or the public in general should help the government in every possible way.

Forest department demand No. 31 is a very important department. Even the Prime Minister gives it priority, Pamphlets/booklets have been

published regarding forestry. In our Forest Department, our ACFs are taking D.F.O. charge in Kolajib, Mamit and Lunglei, but they are not delegated the power of D.F.O. As such it is difficult for them. We do not give them adhoc promotion? They do not have financial power also.

Besides, no financial power is delegated to the Principal of Forest Training School. However, whenever, a problem crops up in the institution, he is liable to take the responsibility. So, I would like to suggest financial powers be delegated to the Principal of Forest Training School and the ACFs for better functioning of the department. Not only that, it is very important that they should be given more administrative powers. Only the Secretary-cum-Director is the DDO in Forest department. This is a big problem for the staff because even a small amount, say T.A. of one of the staff, has to be signed by the Director, and the Director, being the only authorised person to do that has a lot to sign as a consequence. In this way it is a block on the way of development. This should be remedied by delegating financial powers to District Officers.

In our last session, the hon'ble member from Aizawl South Constituency had shown us one photograph when we discussed timber. Though the Forest Department did not sell any timber, some were tripped down to Silchar by Government Vehicles. The Government should not be silent about this. Besides, Director of Forests goes to Delhi twice a month. No other Officer and Ministers do not go to Delhi like this. Why does he have to go to Delhi so many times? His department truly suffers this.

In 1979, the same Director went to Phawngpui Mountain. It seems he found Phawngpui Mountain very pleasant to climb, and he promised the people to sanction Rs. 1,00,000/- for construction of its approach road. And when those 50 people constructed the road and came to him for money, he said he sanctioned only Rs. 30,000. Those people whom he bluffed submitted their grievance to the Minister concerned. But even the Minister could not do anything as the Director denied having sanctioned Rs. 1,00,000/.

However, one thing became very clear. Forest Department moved this sanction since 7.11.79. Their file no. is TF. 11/79-80/5824-31. It was reminded in January 12, 1980. This was petition for sanction for Phawngpui approach road. The third reminder was February 4, 1980 and lastly on June 2, 1980. To all these, the Director was saying he sanctioned only Rs. 30,000/-. However, the government of Mizoram sanctioning Rs. 1,30,5000/- on 17th September, 1980. Sanctioning letter no was FOR -12/4/78-79/35 dt. 17th September, Where is the remaining Rs. 1,00,500/-?. I demand proper investigation of the matter with immediate effect.

That was not the last - In 1980, Dingdi par Enterprise in Shillong was given Supply of 500 gtl's of Barbed wire on the condition that if they could not do within March, it would be regarded lapse. On 23rd March, the Enterprise asked for extension of time upto the end of March since he was unable to supply the required material. But on 25.3.80 the Director told him to first submit the bill which he obliged. The same day the Enterprise was informed that his petition for extension cannot be considered. However, his advance bill for Rs. 3,33,000/- was drawn. What is the meaning of this? Not a single inch of barbed wire was received by the Department. Where is the department going to place that sum?

Forest Department needs to be properly checked Result of. Then conducted interview for grade IV last year has not been declared till now. Before 1979, Revenue collected by this Department used to be about Rs. 1,50,000/- but now it is decreasing, Why?

PU H.K. CHAKMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I'll start with Demand No. 29 Agriculture. Garden Colonies are having many problems one of which is fencing. Will the department be able to provide barbed wire to the colonies?

There is neither Agriculture Department staff nor water in Chakma District Council. We do not get Agriculture rehabilitation subsidy and minor irrigation subsidy. It is desired that it is arranged that the cultivators get them.

If any post of Agriculture Demonstrator lies vacant, a Chakma candidate should be given preference for Chakma area.

The government should be careful in selecting a contractor to supply seeds. The contractor should be able to supply seeds in time, otherwise the cultivators would suffer.

During Congress Ministry, if anyone was given subsidy grant, the MLA or, A.O or V.C.P, or Chairman of the Garden Colony used to be informed by letter. No one has been granted this year. If the Agriculture Demonstrator only is entrusted to do, anyone may come and sign, but if A.O., B.D.O, MLA or V.C.P. are entrusted, no one will practise corruption. Let the department please examine how things are going on. And it is also necessary to see that the cultivators really get the amount granted to them. The official entrusted always expected to get at least half of the amount from the grantees and they do not know how to complain it. If these continue to be practised, in what way shall we develop our agriculture ?

DEMAND No. 18 - MEDICAL

The whole area of Chakma is Malaria area. We don't get medicines in interior Village. Even in dispensaries. What are you going to do about this? Are we going to let them die just like this? Is not it possible to open sub-Health Centres, and appoint Health Workers for Chakma areas. If no medicine is sent for these poor people, how are we going to save their lives? Even the list should be sent to V.C.P/A.O. or public leaders, otherwise it may be sold at black market by some people. Even Health Workers may not want to join their duty in the area. This possibility also be seen that only those who are willing to work there are appointed otherwise it will be a problem to the people.

Regarding Community Development, is it because we do not have a Community Development that we do not get any grant for Community Hall, Playground, etc. Will the Minister consider this ?

As for Forest Department, it is becoming worse every year. Instead of doing their work Foresters are eager to disturb the cultivators, sometimes they demand rice, money and pocketed them. They frighten the farmers that they are farming in Forest land. Pillar posts should be made at demarcation line of forest reserve. The cultivators do not know the demarcation line and grow anything they please, but often disturbs them when they find that they are growing such things in their area. If the department objects every suggestion made for solving this problem, there is no way how to settle the dispute between them, that is the farmers and the department. As a consequence, what can we produce in such atmosphere? We are very much unself-sufficient in Agriculture.

In Chakma area, no one has been granted Cattle loan. It is desired that Vety. Department would have the way for Chakmas so that they will also be granted Cattle loans and poultry Loan etc.

Thank you.

PU K.LALSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I am going to say only on demand no. 18, 31st and 32nd. I could not finish the day when we had General Discussion as there was no time.

DEMAND No. 18.

Earlier, mention was made regarding irregularity of X-Ray in Aizawl Civil Hospital. In Lunglei, it is still worse than that. It has been a long time since X-Ray was installed in Lunglei Civil Hospital. However, it is always out of order. The only consolation we have is Serkawn Hospital, but theirs is not so good either. This should be examined immediately.

DEMAND No. 31.

Forest - the hon'ble Member from Tlabung constituency said about this department. It is truly necessary that the department should do their level best to prevent floating down a lot of timber and bamboos to Bangladesh from this area. Actually, this is much worse than that of carrying down timber to Silchar. If we do not watch to the river day and night, we will rest have anything.

DEMAND No. 32 - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

It is very difficult for us to get guitars, petromax, etc for our people which seems to be the only thing we can give to them. They do expect such small things from us. Petromax and pots may be available. The reason seems to be shortage of fund for it, can't we include more for these in our Supplementary Budget. Let us do better than this.

PU K.BIAKCHUNGNUNGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the hon'ble Member from Sangau Constituency said about Agriculture. If there was fault on both sides, that is, the people and the department, the Government has to take a new approach for Agriculture Department in Mizoram. I do not know which approach would be best for our country, yet, our present system has to be definitely changed, or improved somehow. It is also necessary to employ more machineries. At the same time we must remember that we, Mizos cannot use government properties as our own. It might be better if the Government would provide individual farmers with the machineries - for example, bulldozer and trucktors. And instead of giving money for ploughing to the farmer, it should be given to the owner of the bulldozer and he would do the ploughing for the farmer. In this way, it may be better utilized.

PI K. THANSIAMI : Pu Deputy Speaker, there is a large provision in Agriculture as stated by the hon'ble Members. I also heard that a large amount of money is going to be lapsed because no work can be expediated. I wish that situation be explained.

Secondly, why is no Agriculture loan has been granted any more ?

Regarding medical, mention was made regarding X-Ray. I would like to say that X-Ray film in Aizawl Civil Hospital are hardly readable for which reason many has to go to Silchar. It is very important that any possible improvement be made at the earliest convenience.

The hon'ble Member from Tlungvel Constituency said about Community Development. In a growing state like ours, we should be growing in sports, too. Our children are also doing skating. The Government is also giving importance to this and organised the Competition. We do need the skating ground very badly. For this purpose, our present children's Park may be prepared or School Playgrounds may also be made. If I am not mistaken, about 33 playgrounds have been constructed within last year. Since we

have no suitable playground for stating ground, we can make use of some of these school playgrounds.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : If you all have finished, we shall call upon the Minister.

PU P.B. ROSANGA, MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, since our time is rather limited, I'll try to make clarifications in demand wise from our discussion, from which we have heard good suggestions.

Demand No. 18 - the main aim of the budget is to provide better health facilities even to the most interior Villages. I would like to clarify the suggestions made by the hon'ble Members for implementation of the programme for this task. There is a proper guide line from Government of India in the maintenance of our various institutions such as Primary Health Centres, Subsidiary Health Centres and Health Sub-Centres. For example, there should be one Primary Health Centre in one Community Block. At present, there are 14 Primary Health Centres which are functioning smoothly. Besides, six (6) other such Centres are to proposed to be opened within the 6th five year Plan. There is provision for each plan outlay in the 6th plan from which our annual plans are designed.

Generally, there is a basic principle followed in opening the Health Centres. In the plains, they follow that the total population should be not less than 1,00,000 to share one subsidiary Health Centre of 10 beds. In tribal belt, the required population for such health centre is 30,000. However, in Mizoram, there are few such Centres without the required size of population. Likewise, it is prescribed by Central Government that 3000 people should share 1 sub-centre. But in Mizoram are 260 such Centres are smoothly functioning.

One of the things that the Members found very important is Mobile Clinic. Though the item was shown in the budget no provision was there. However, we have already this under Central Scheme. Presently, we are having Mobile Clinic sterilisation programme under state plan. Occasionally, Doctors and Staff used to visit interior Villages. These Sub Centres and Clinics are mostly used for family welfare matters. We are not more backward than any other place of the country as far as medical facilities are concerned.

Mention was also made for provision of Vehicle to the more remote areas. However, we cannot give Vehicle to all Sub Health Centres and Primary Health Centres. Besides, Primary Health Centres are supposed to be given Vehicles by UNICEF which they cannot fulfill as yet. For example, the hon'ble member pointed out Khawbung Subsidiary Health Centre which is under our state plan. Yet, we cannot afford to provide them with the Vehicle for the time being. The existing policy of the Government is to give priority to the interior Villages where communication is there. We shall try to follow this as far as possible.

At the some time, we cannot give sufficient supply of medicine to all sub centres, subsidiary Centres and Primary Health Centres. It may be said that sub Centres are not meant for treatment. Theirs is not curative programme but preventive programme. But we are having good medicines for malaria under NMEP. They are short of medicine supply sometimes because they do not make indent demand often enough, and sometimes the stock may not be sufficient.

Not only for Mizoram, even in other parts of the Country, patients complain about their having to buy medicines from the stores. Anyway, I

suppose Mizoram, among the states of North East Region, is having the best supply of medicine. We shall try to improve it all the same.

The opinion of the Members is contradictory regarding the ANM applicants having to fix their passport size photograph in their application form. It was only to see that the real applicant appears in the exams and before interview board. This exam was conducted at Aizawl, Lunglei and Saiha. At Lunglei, three persons were caught doing unfair means (impersonation). It was felt to take preventive measures.

As for Medical Compound at Kulikawn, it was said like this last year. The NEC had a plan for Institute for Handi-cap person. And the NEC sent it to the Government of India for approval. However, it was not very easy. The Government of India could agree to open one such Institute in the North East Region to be Regional Institute. For this reason, the Council and Central could not agree to open the institutfon at Kulikawn. As a result, our Artificial Limb Centre at Aizawl is regarded as one of the branches of that Centre. All the states in the North east region claims the Centre to be established in their own state. A meeting of Medical Departments in the different states under the Council was held.

Without the knowledge of Health Department, SAD has constructed a building at the site. It nearly spoiled the atmosphere between the two departments. However, the department found it necessary to take immediate steps and made proposals, for Postpartum sterilisation unit having 10 beds and a nursing school. Negotiation is going on with PWD regarding construction of buildings.

And X'Ray is very very important, because without is no diagnosis can be clear enough. A new X'Ray Unit is proposed to be installed at Aizawl Civil Hospital and the building is being completed. X'Ray cannot function properly due to bad condition of the transformance. And there is no X'ray technician who could repair it. Only the Engineers of the firm who supplied us the X'ray could tackle it. For this reason, it was decided recently to have a state Transformer Stock. (Deputy Speaker : Our time is up, what are we going to do ?) Let me finish at least demand No. 18, I have only one more point.

Chakma area is very important, as stated by 'the Hon'ble Members. Our problem is we hardly have workers in Chakma areas. We have Medical Institutes at Chawngte (PHC) which is proposed to be upgraded in our current plan. There is also Plan for 10 beded Subsidiary Health Centre at Vaseitlang. Besides, we have several sub-Centres. Our Mizo staff could not work properly due to language problems. We collected Chakma youths (boys & girls) to be sent to Calcutta for special training.

The Government is aware of their grievances and is trying to solve their problems.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us have an hour recess now till 2 P.M.

Recess till 2 P.M.

2 P.M.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now I shall call upon Pu P.B. Rosanga to begin from Demand No. 27.

Pu P.B.ROSANGA, MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, Demand No. 27 "Special & Backward Areas" page 163-174 of the Budget book was not much

discussed while we had budget discussion. The head 'Special' and Backward areas used to be regarded by the Members to mean Autonomous Districts. It is the areas where the funds we received from NEC are spent. If you look at page 163-174, you will see fund distribution to different departments. The funds have to be reflected in the budget though we receive it from the NEC.

Demand No. 28 is Miscellaneous Economic Services. The Members especially the Member from Sairang Constituency found it very important. Even the provision is not sufficient. However, we have to build an infrastructure for this. Since we are still at the building stage, we could not make huge demands as yet.

Demand No. 29 is agriculture. In each session agriculture demands used to be discussed mostly. The Members as well as the Government find it important. However, I would like to tell the House that the department is facing lots of problems. Our biggest stumbling block is misuse of funds. The Members have pointed out that not only the department is misusing the funds but also the people. That was very true. To remove all these, we have to do a lot. It is a technical department and like PWD, there should be more divisions. Two divisions of Aizawl District is not enough. I am glad the hon'ble Members pointed out those things.

Two hon'ble Members wanted to know whether the department have a large amount of surplus money which was surrendered. This was also written twice in two local newspapers. Since then, I took the matter up personally. I would like to tell the House that the department did not have any amount to surrender. It can be easily seen from the Revised Estimate which we adopted this morning. The Department has no surplus money but the fund it has is insufficient. We can hardly give grant to the farmers also due to shortage of fund. The main aim of the government is to increase production of foodstuff. One of the most important measure to achieve this objective is to encourage wet cultivation instead of jhuming. However, as I said while discussing Administrator's Address, the success of Agriculture development does not depend entirely on the soil, but also on the good will of the people. The Government is aware of the fact stated by the hon'ble Member from Tlabung Constituency. The people and the Members are also aware of this too. The Government is taking necessary preventive measures of misuse of funds.

It was suggested distribution be done by giving allotment order and the recipient with the amount to A.O., President, FMC, UCD. And the staff were instructed to give the subsidy or grant to the A.O., or FMC without giving directly to the farmers. It may be a little troublesome for the people. However, this has been arranged for better distribution of funds to those who deserve.

From Government point of view, since there are many defects in the way we used to help our farmers it would be better if we have a major project and help the farmers in every possible way in each stage. Accordingly, such major projects have been selected one of which is Bilkhawthir. One Project Officer along with complementary staff has been appointed to look after Champhai, Saiphai area, and at the western side, Phaisen, Buhchang area and the agricultural potentials of that area. This Project Officer is Group 'A' Officer. He is provided with necessary materials and funds.

Another such project has been set up at Mat Valley and Thenzawl area. Besides, Irrigation projects have been set up at Saikhum Valley, Tiau Valley near Hnahlan and Tiau Valley, etc. It is hoped that these could be successful.

As we have heard, Soil Conservation and Agriculture are under one directorate. Since long time back, consultative Committee suggested in the House to bifurcate the two departments. The Government will pursue the matter. At the same time, due to technical difficulties and administrative problems, immediate steps cannot be taken. Anyway, it is the policy of the government to bifurcate these two departments at the earliest convenience.

Soil Conservation has been working hard and produce memorable achievements and the people regard it highly. During the last financial year, several families have been helped to have settled with terracing under settlement programmes. Within a short year, their products can be seen and are quite successful. Most of the provision is for increase foodstuff production as well as to change our jhuming system to wet cultivation. Though the fund may not be sufficient, it is hoped that we will be able to achieve something with it.

DEMAND NO. 30 - ANIMAL HUSBANDRY

Although it is not a large department, our plan out-lay this year is quite larger than that of last year's. Even if we do not say much about the department, the people can see what they are doing and how far they have done. And most of the suggestions made by the hon'ble Members were the wish to make better progress which is the aim and objective of the government and for which the budget will be spent.

We have heard a lot about loans. We have only Rs. 1 lakh for 1982-83 for loan which is much less than last year's. As we have heard, some members said that the loanees in their constituencies utilize their loans very usefully whereas some Members said the loanees in their Constituencies do not. It is needless to say that the success of loan granted to anyone depends largely on the loanee. If they misuse it, it is a heavy burden to them because whether they use it wisely or wrongly, they still have to repay. The Government is interested only that the loanees should use it properly. And the big problem it is facing is the government is receiving poor repayment from the loanees. And it is difficult to keep much for the same.

Not only that, since Finance Department has complained as to how the loan has been utilized, we could have only one lakh for the same. Some Members have suggested to strengthen Selesih Farm and sell cattle and other animals to the individual rearers on subsidy. However, these department farms are like demonstration farms to encourage interested persons. To do these or Co-operation will have to undertake as they do in other states.

A new programme under the budget is proposal for poultry-farming. Piggery at Lunglei and Thenzawl are also to be included. The department found that most loanees have utilised their loan and although everything does not go as desired, it is clear that we are making progress in Animal Husbandry. Let us not forget that the present demand is also for making further progress.

DEMAND NO. 31 - FOREST

I know some Members would like to know clarifications regarding Forest Department. The Prime Minister is also giving much importance to this department. Due to climatic changes in the country, forest preservation is found absolute necessity and as a result it is placed among the national politics. Prime minister had written to our Government twice emphasizing the same and many letters have been received from Ministry of Agriculture on the same subject.

It is one of the most important points of 20 Point Programme. I am sorry to hear that, while such is the policy, some Members almost bound as if they find Forest Department as unwanted department especially from Opposition bench. What the Prime Minister find very important cannot be ignored by state governments.

One hon'ble Member wanted to know the specific Forest reserved area in Mizoram. The area of forest reserved in Mizoram is 7,122.77 sq Km. which is 34% of the total area. According to National policy 60% of total area has to be under forest area. We have to do quite a lot to achieve this target and during the last two-three years, its achievement was not small. New Divisions have been opened at Mamit and Ratu and we are trying to open new ones in Chhimtuipui area.

Hon'ble Members wanted to know if our Riverine Reserve area and Agriculture Development programmes are contradictory. It is true that many cultivable land are within Inner line Forest reserved area and the banks of rivers. However, the government has a clear policy regarding the matter. According to Cabinet decision, any cultivable land and where permanent cultivation can be made in any area within Riverine Reserved area and Inner Line Reserved area, could be released since are require more land for cultivation so as to produce more foodstuff.

The hon'ble Member from Tlabung Constituency said that Forest Department did not allow to clear Forest along the river at Chakma area. In fact, there is a big problem over there. The Chakma do not give much thought to forest reserved area or non-reserved areas. They just clear it and make Villages anywhere they want. Since our forest properties could be our best source of income, the department cannot allow to do jhuming operation everywhere.

As for plantation, we hear that jhuming areas are too congested because of forest plantation. This is true. However, the government has no strict policy. It depends on the Village Council concerned only.

The hon'ble member from Sangau Constituency has said about administrative side of the department.

In some of our new divisions, A.C.Fs are posted taking charge of Divisional Forest Officer. However, they are not yet appointed real DCFs, so financial powers cannot be delegated to them. Some of these DCFs. Their cases have been referred to Appointment department for promotion. Let us hope these problems will be automatically solved as soon as this status is defined.

Mention was also made regarding how we spent the money like purchase of barbed wire. I suppose the hon'ble member must have misunderstood. What he said about Rs. 3.35 lakhs being sanctioned for barbed wire and not a single inch has been supplied to the department, it was promptly examined and nothing has been found out.

Let me explain this in detail, Quotation was floated and Dingdi par Enterprise, Shillong was selected to Supply. After all necessary deposits were done, due to the end of financial year, they were instructed to make the bill in advance. After that, the Enterprise selected could not supply on account of the rate and asked to be excused. And with the same money, a fresh quotation was floated. Another firm got it and now more than 450 qtls. have been received which have been distributed to different divisions.

It was also said that Director of Forest used to fly between Aizawl and Delhi twice or thrice a month. It may be noted down that Heads of Departments cannot go anywhere without their tour programmes being

approved by the government. It is against the rules. The Director of Forest cannot go anywhere either. He goes to Delhi or some other places attending meetings and other important purposes. Recently he went twice and during this Assembly, he was sent, regarding agriculture matter, Government of Mizoram was instructed to intimate their requirements to Central Government as they have additional fund, he was sent to do that.

All the tour programmes for one year have been properly recorded by the Government. I inform the House that his going twice or thrice a month was wrong information.

What the Member said regarding Phawngpui mountain road was true to same extent. Let us keep in mind that Government has not made final decision over the matter.

As I have said, there is large difference between last year's annual plan and this year's. Last year we had about 90 lakhs, this year it is 170 lakhs. We cannot say this does not depend on the achievement of the department, because it does.

Lastly, demand No. 32 - Community Development - We have a small demand here. I have something to say as forward regarding this department.

This department originates from Multipurpose Community Development Project for the simple reason that India, when she got independence, was very backward. This department existed to take the sole responsibility. Under it, various activities were undertaken like Extension Officers were appointed for Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Industry, etc. Because of this, it was called Multipurpose Community Development Project. When the country makes gradual development, its multipurposeness was decreased and now it is a small department. As such Budget allotment cannot be very large. If we look at this very carefully, we will see that our own state fund is very small - only 20 or 30 lakhs. It looks bigger because of Centrally sponsored Schemes. By carefully studying the budget you will see that taken provisions in some places. Those were placed for the funds we expect from Central Sponsor Schemes for Community Hall and Playgrounds.

As the Members have pointed out, the achievements made by the Department under Social service Head are quite good, and we still require better Community Halls, better playgrounds, more musical instruments, more sports goods and public utilities - cups, dekshi, kettle, etc. We have only 7 1/2 lakhs under this head. However, it's all we could make from sixth Plan out-lay. In 1980-81, we were very much short of it, we were given Rs. 14 lakhs in re-appropriated. It is understood that we will need more for 1982-83. I wish Planning Department and Finance Department will help this in mind. To say the importance of this department, there can be many to say.

From our Plan fund, we have 20 Blocks to be looked after. All these blocks deal with Inter-Village footpath, playground, Community Hall, Village wells, etc. Because of this, it is clear that more fund is what we need. Specially, Chakma areas - as mentioned by the Member from there; they need a new block. We have one Block headquarters at Chawngte, (Deputy Speaker : You have taken almost two hours) Pu Deputy Speaker, don't we have two more days ? (Deputy Speaker : Yet, we have to finish Pu F. Malsawma's demands). Alright, I'll try to finish soon. There is no discrimination with other areas. Each and every allotment is not less than other areas.

I may not have answered all you wanted to know. Yet, I suppose I have covered the more important points. So I request the House to approve demand No. 18,27,28,29,30,31,32 for Rs. 15,83,44,000/-.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Minister has clearly clarified the points in demand item-wise. We all know the figures and 12 or 13 Members have participated. The Minister asked for approval. Any member who want to pass it may raise your right hand (Members raise their hands) We all agree.

This House, therefore pass -

Demand No. 18 - Medical	-	Rs.	4,16,99,000/-
Demand No. 27 - Special & Backward Areas	-	Rs.	1,82,99,000/-
Demand No. 28 - Misc. Eco. Services.	-	Rs.	21,77,000/-
Demand No. 29 - Agriculture	-	Rs.	4,53,70,000/-
Demand No. 30 - Animal Husbandry	-	Rs.	1,79,93,000/-
Demand No. 31 - Forests	-	Rs.	2,32,02,000/-
Demand No. 32 - Community Development	-	Rs.	96,04,000/-
Total			- Rs. 15,83,44,000/-

Now, I shall call upon Pu F.Malsawma, to move demands for his departments.

PU F.MALSAWMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, with recommendation and your permission. I move Demand Nos. 17,23,26,33 for Rs. 12,03,26,000/- for the following departments.

Demand No. 17 - Education etc.	-	Rs.	7,53,75,000/-
Demand No. 23 - Social Security & Welfare	-	Rs.	1,11,49,000/-
Demand No. 26 - Co-operation	-	Rs.	1,09,47,000/-
Demand No. 33 - Industries	-	Rs.	2,28,55,000/-
Total			- Rs. 12,03,26,000/-

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Education Minister has moved his 4 demands. Any Member who have something to say on it may say.

PU H.RAMMAWI : Pu Deputy Speaker, there are many to say on demand No. 17 - Education Department. Before that, for point of information - regarding demand No 31, stated by the hon'ble Minister, the money was drawn in the name of Dingdipar Enterprise. It was in the year 1979. Now it's 1982, and I did not say it was from 1980-81 provision.

And Sangau to Phawngpui Mountain road ... (Deputy Speaker : Let's not go back to what we have done) Na, its only for information. (Deputy Speaker : You had better go to the Minister's office and tell him, for he has already answered them). Pu Deputy Speaker, it's clarification. It is financial irregularity.

Considering their present financial position and how they are functioning, it is really high time to give proper thought to Education Department. Mizos are rather forward in Education and even Central Government knows our good position in literacy. Because of this, they do not find it that important to allot more fund to this department. However, it is needless to say much more we require. This year we have Rs. 7,53,75,000.00. This department clearly requires not less than 10 crores. The Department is

utilising the funds correctly and because of this, it is not yet bankrupt. The people are enjoying the benefit of their work. If their provision is not increased at R.E. they would not be able to cover their works. Now, Thlawhbawks are allowed to have Village Councils and they would surely need schools, all of them. And majority of them would require Middle Schools too. And many would require High Schools. Not to say how much should they require for the salary of all the teachers in these schools and construction of their buildings, just to maintain the existing schools the provision is too meagre. I was wondering if there is any possible way from Finance Department to make the provision more. In their present fund, our education would surely suffer. If they are not given some more at R.E. it will be too difficult for the department, and no one will suffer other than our own children.

In spite of this, the fund are given to the department is always too small. Even if the department dare not increase their demands, is it not possible for Finance Department to try to give them more ?

Thank you.

PU B.LALCHUNGNUNGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, when we discussed L.G. Address, I have said about demand No. 17 - Education mostly Primary Education. Now I would like to say about other Schools.

The hon'ble Member Pu H.Rammawi has just said the provision for Education Department is too small and only because they utilise it wisely they could manage. However, Education Department is not free from corruption. Even if they do not corrupt financially, they practice corruption in terms of time lays scale, specially who are posted outside the towns. In many Primary Schools, they go to school three days, five days, 10 days or so in a month. Let us examine those a little more carefully.

What I really wanted to say is about Middle School. We have different types of Middle and High Schools - Private, Recognised, Aided, Deficit and Provincialised Schools. It seems to be very troublesome for the Government to look after so many types of Schools. Anyway, I heard the Government is intending to specialise them into two types-private and government. I find this very important, and wish they could hasten it. I wish the government would take immediate steps to this effect, and I request the hon'ble Minister, when he answers our questions, to tell us what steps have been taken towards this. It is also desired that High Schools are better managed. One thing I want to point out is this - Tawipui South High School is to be shifted to Mualkhang - a place between south and North Tawipui, Government Order was issued. The building was Pull Down lately but till now it has not been shifted, they were given Rs. 10,000/- for shifting change, though. And that School was not so bad, and many of the Materials could still be used. And that is one of the causes of our backwardness in Education in that area. This School was shared by 3 Villages and that is very important.

Demand No. 23 - State Social Welfare Department is a very important department. I have never given much thought about their work before. But I realise they have done quite a lot of useful works for physically handicapped persons and for the old. However, most of the grants given to these handicaps are received by townspeople. Only few received from interior Villages. This should be examined carefully. We, MLAs know who deserves it and who does not. If the heads of departments would consult us, they would be doing better in their distribution. In my constituency, there is a girl of 18 years who has no legs. I went to social Welfare Department and they said they would do it at the earliest possible time. I do not know, who is making Artificial Limb - Medical or Social Welfare.

I believe all MLAs know their people fairly well. If the department would consider our advise, they would be more successful.

Demand No. 26 - Co-operation - I never paid much attention to this department before. I started paying attention to it since they said this department lost Rs. 4 lakhs. I find they lost much less than Education Department. Though their budget is quite large, we cannot expect any return from it. We can get the return from our children having good education, good school building. Our lost will be our give Co-operation Department, by opening shops at different places, check the juice of commodities.

Demand No. 33 - Industries Department -

I said earlier that the government should give sesam - machine to rural areas. After I said that - I realised that they have given several machineries to rural areas - but not properly utilised. What I suggest now is different instead of giving machineries to rural areas and transform them to rice-hullers, let the machinery be installed at Tuichang where sesam oil can be most produced. It will also sew as demonstration centre. It will not an example for the rural people which would encourage them to grow sesame, and we could be self-supporting in edible oil. I advise the government to be open-minded to this.

Thank you.

PU ELLIS SAIDENGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, our time is rather tight. I would like to suggest one thing. It seems we are making our speeches too brief, would it be possible to extend our session till Monday or longer ? Our discussion is a matter of fund and is not suitable to such it too much. (Deputy Speaker : It depends on the BAC. we have accepted the calendar proposed by the B.A.C. What is the opinion of the Members ?.)

Mention has been made by several Members on Education Department. I wish the hon'ble Minister would note the points down. From the discussion provision for Education Department seems to be too small. Last year also they had to make additional demands. This year's budget is 91 lakh short of last year's. I wonder how they are going to manage themselves.

At Lunglei, our only provincialised College in Mizoram is there. I wish Readership could be given to the deserving lecturers. We do not have DEOs at Lunglei and Saiha for some time. We ask for the same to be posted soon.

Demand No. 33 - Industries Department is very important. It is obvious that many have witnessed the usefulness of the department. We have different kinds of loan in Mizoram. I wonder if what I have in mind could be included among these. In course of our development in different ways, educated people have been making books of different types including school text books. I suppose our government has not introduced any financial of support to these authors. I do not know if we could do from Industries department. If not, could there be any way to introduce this. I do not think we have a Publication Loan Provision. I wish the government would start making provision for the same so that our authors will be encouraged and their work will be improved as a consequence.

Demand No. 23 - Social Security and welfare is very important specially for physically handicapped persons. Besides, old people have allowance from the government.

I do not know whether our Government is practising this or not - when I visited Goa, I saw that they were employing blind men in factories. I wish we could do the same, and I think this department may take responsibility for that. Many physically handicapped persons can do many useful work to earn their living. The Government may arrange their work whatever they could do. So that we will have less beggars in Mizoram.

PU C. VULLUAIA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to add a few words to what I had said in the absence of the Minister in-charge but has to be noted down. It may be boxing for those who have heard, but I know this is important.

About three years ago, I submitted a resolution for introduction of Research Fellowship in Education Department. I would like to know how far the department has gone to implement the resolution. We shouted in the House for its being passed, and we all agreed to pass it. It is not very nice to have said all those without any result.

Demand No. 23 is Social Welfare, whose function is to work for the Welfare of the Society. When we visit Villages, the leaders of voluntary organisations who work hard for their people used to ask us for Petromax etc, and we promised them to give as soon as possible. When we ask for the same from the Department, it is not very nice. Provision for Social Welfare, Department is too meagre. We cannot simply ignore this important and useful department.

Coming to Co-operation Department, I was very much disappointed to see that provision was nil for point-farming Co-operation. We have nine such societies in Mizoram. Yet we ignore their aid and strengthening, but simply registered them. We often said we depend on Agriculture, but we do not show our earnestness. I even thought there is no cooperative spirit in our programme for implementing the project for development of the whole territory. We just say loudly the necessity of improving our Agriculture systems yet we ignore the provision for it

I have said it is necessary to liquidate Service Society who just draws money and enjoy without the Villages benefiting any firm it. Department is rather slow in taking actions in this regard. There are lots and lots taken by individual families, yet those are sanctioned by the Government for public. I also believe that there are some people who lost interest in this department because they are informed that this department goes on deficit by Rs. 10,00,000/- whereas the total loss was only Rs. 4,00,000/-. The person who gave this wrong information to the House and misguided the House should be traced out. It is necessary to remove misconception about this department.

INDUSTRIES DEPARTMENT : There are many vacant posts of Officers in DIC. These should be filled up immediately. The loanees are not fast enough in repaying their loan. They should also utilise their loan properly. If the department urge them and recovers the loans fast, development work will be more steady. Not only this department, but also other departments, if they lack cooperation with the representatives of the people, their work would suffer. For example, each of the three districts are represented by 3 MLAs, Yet, the last sitting of the industrial Loan Board sat without the MLAs. The officials should not ignore the Legislators. I would remind the Department not to repeat this. It is necessary that the representatives of the people and the Officers work together.

PU BUALHRANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, Education entered my mind. I agree with the Members about the fund being too small for the department. I am glad that the department emphasizes what is most necessary

in our present condition. They emphasize the used for study of science and Mathematics which is most important for Mizoram. It may be said that if we have more graduates in general line, unemployment problem is more.

Education Department is encouraging the students to study science and Mathematics. However, they are short of laboratory equipments in many schools. I also find quite good to employ non-Mizo science and Maths teachers for the time being where there are no local science graduates. I wish more fund be spent on science laboratories so that the students will be motivated and encouraged to take this subject.

Earlier, the hon'ble Member from Tlungvel Constituency said that our education standard is low. I don't find it lower than other states. Presently, we are using Northern Indian Public School Textbooks in science and Mathematics.

There are several Secondary School Boards in North-East India, and Mizoram Board is one of the best among them in different aspects - conduct of examination, leakage of questions, marking system, declaration of results, etc.

Pre-Primary Schools should not be neglected because they are the first school attended by our children and it is important that they give a good impression to the children. Their service condition should also be improved.

PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I am sure demand for education department is too small, from the total expenditure of last year. I thought the budget will be increased from this amount of expenditure of the previous year. It is needless to say that it shall have to be added. Education department has to be enlarged.

Departments like Education and Co-operation should be careful in appointing Officers, for example, a few days ago, there was vacancy in Co-operative Department. They advertised and conducted open interview. This discouraged departmental Officers because they were hoping that they would be promoted some day. But when the vacancy was filled up by direct appointment, they were not pleased about it. There can be no incentive in the Officers. So, this should be carefully examined.

I was the founder - Chairman of Co-operative Union. Though it is a good and useful organisation, it could be easily misused. And to give wrong information about this department losing Rs 10 lakhs was not good. It defames the department. It was not better when we heard they deficit by Rs 4.0 lakhs. What action has been taken ? It is not same with Education Department spending 4 lakhs?

This department has done a lot checking price of commodities. We have said in the House that we cannot expect to make a large profit from this Department because it was often said that even other states have experienced the same. Any way, the government has to think of something to improve it. It is sewing its purpose in rural area.

INDUSTRIES DEPARTMENT : We are making progress in industries. As stated by the hon'ble Members, Assam Government could grant Loans for printing books that enables them to publish books at lower rate. But here, though we write, and publish occasionally, we can hardly print them, and they look inferior even from the cover. So we can take new steps to improve this side.

PU C.L. RUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, it is difficult to make our speeches brief because we had no good preparation that reminds me of a letter I received from a friend - I am afraid this letter may be too long. It happens I have no time to make it short. If we had good preparation, we could cover many subjects within 5 minutes.

I was searching for one thing in Education Department I could not find it. There was a rumour that PMG College may be taken back by Mizoram Government. I moved a resolution for that, but it was dropped. After that it was said that NEHU agreed to give back P.M.G. College to Mizoram. The lecturers of this College also choose Mizoram service. If so I thought the Government of Mizoram would have tried to take it back. I was searching for that document, and did not find any. I wondered if so I thought the Government of Mizoram would have tried to take it back. I was searching for that document, and did not find any. I wondered why ?

DEMAND NO. 17 - There is Rs. 5000/- provision for University. I do not know what can be done with Rs. 5000/-, though it seems the government cannot yet allot site for the University. If we are going to make progress in Education, University campus is a must. Unlike other department, there is no provision for maintenance of Vehicles and Motor Vehicle. But they have travelling expenditures. Perhaps they are not going to use their Vehicles this year. It may be necessary to spend some of school grants for maintaining their Vehicles.

Yesterday I said about handwork, but the Minister was absent. So I would like to say it again now. Some school introduced craft (hand work) and the students are to produce their handwork say, chicken cage, stool for example. But the students, not making the cage themselves, purchased ready made from market and produced it. If the one he bought is good, he secured higher marks. So, you can never evaluate it accurately. Let this type not be included in the School Syllabus.

As for our standard of education being low, I did not mean that our academic standard in our school is low. However, our First Division holders are often found to be getting lower division when they go to College. Entrance Tests are often held to test our products. Let us find out if standard of our examiners are lower or not.

When a New Pattern of Education is to be introduced, Education Department should prepare everything beforehand. Even now, class IV is to be attached to Primary School, no arrangement was made for their teachers. This slackens the progress.

Coming to Co-operative Department, there is one drawback in the department. Demand No. 33 shows Major head 298 in which you will find Industry Co-operation had Rs. 50,000/- last year but only Rs. 10,000/- this year. Paper Pulp Factory had Rs 2 lakhs last year and only 1.5 lakhs this year. It may be thought that are we going to lose interest in Paper Pulp Industry. Likewise we had Rs 1.0 lakh for Plywood Factory last year and the same amount this year. However only Rs. 0.10 lakh was spent last year.

Yesterday the hon'ble Member from Sairang Constituency said they were going to open Co-operative Apex Bank for which we should be glad. But when I looked for provision, I did not see any Investment loan. I wonder if it was a mistake. There are some places where there is no transport subsidy for this year but where there were last year. If there is no transport subsidy, I am afraid Co-operative Department would not be able to give us things at lower price.

DEMAND NO. 31 - INDUSTRY : We have Village small scale Industry under Major head 321. We had Rs. 20 lakhs for this last year. But only Rs. 5,000/- is there this year. Are we not going to encourage it any more. If the hon'ble Minister would explain this, I shall be glad.

Budget Session is very important and it is necessary that we should have sufficient time for studying the Budget. We are learning everything and there are many to know about budget preparation. If the Members could have more time for discussion, departments may know how to utilise their fund better.

PU H.K.CHAKMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I'll start with Demand No. 17. Much have been said about Schools to be up-graded, recruitment of Pre-Primary School Teachers in the general discussion. To add one more, one Chakma was appointed as a substitute Hindi Teacher last year at Borapansuri School. After he left the School he was called for an interview but till now, he has not found a Job. Is it because he is a Chakma ? When is he to be appointed ? I wish the Education Minister would tell me. There are several educated Chakmas and only one Matriculate is there as Hindi Teacher. How can only one teacher can teach ?

Secondly, we have not received any letter from the Government for doing Research and Culture of Chakmas. Arrangements may please be made for Research work among Chakmas.

DEMAND NO. 23 - SOCIAL WELFARE

There are many Chakmas who are physically handicapped. I wish the government could find there employment in Industry etc. somehow.

DEMAND NO. 26 - CO-OPERATION :

Co-operation Department is very important even in my Constituency. I wish Large Scale Multipurpose Co-operative Society be installed at Demagiri or Nunsuri, Sesame, Chillies, etc are produced in Chakma area, but the growers, of these cash crops cannot sell their products at a good price and this discourages the other would be growers. If a non-Mizo businessman comes from other states, the benefit is only one-side. Last year I submitted our position in Chakma area to the Education Minister with a request to open a LAMP Society.

DEMAND NO. 33 - INDUSTRIES :

Sugar Mills have been supplied to several people, but no improvement have been found so far. Were the fund spent for nothing ? If fund is not used for the people, it does not serve the purpose.

PU F.MALSAWMA, MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker. I'll have to exceed the time. (Deputy Speaker : you may be allowed) What the Members have said are quite enlightening. However, we cannot explain everything in detail.

The members are aware of the fact that there is no sufficient provision for Education Department. Actual expenditure is higher than the Budget after Revised Estimate. This is happening in other department, too, we shall try to make it better in R.E.

Every Member is worrying his/her own Constituency. If all the constituencies are developed as desired, the whole territory would be highly developed.

In spite of the shortage of fund, we have opened 268 more Primary Schools after 1979. We employ about 230 teachers with Grant-in-aid in Villages. Let us not be too disheartened. Planning Board are coming here soon and let's hope we could have a good discussion.

Although Central Government no longer gives priority to Education. We cannot but give the same over here. I expect it would be meaningful to discuss it with the Board. Mention has been made about poor attendance of students and teachers, etc. The Government is aware of this, and about 12 teachers have been dismissed from service because of this. The Government is paying attention to what the Members said in the House and improvements are going on. Let us not forget what the Department is facing when the teachers are transferred and cooperate with the Department.

Regarding Co-operative Department, it does not sound nice when some Members said the department to have gone deficit. However, all the wings are not deficit. In fact when chartered Accountants worked out, the net profit of Apex Marketing & wholesale was amounting to nearly one lakh.

The main object of Co-operative Department is not to make a profit but also give employment to many people, to check the price of commodities of a local market.

The hon'ble Member from Tawipui Constituency said sesamer tillers should be supplied to Chawngte. As he himself knows, the same have been supplied to 28 persons. After 1973, the total amount spent for it is about Rs. 5,10,830/-. He said that all the tillers have been turned to Rice Hullers. Although it is learnt this is so, no spot verification has been conducted so far. The Government will try to implement about installation of machineries at Tuichawng area.

And some of the requests made by Pu Hari Kristo are being undertaken by the Government already. There is no discrimination between urban and rural areas.

I have noted down your suggestions. Our time is very tight and I think Pu Deputy Speaker to finish it now. We shall pursue them. So, I request the House to pass the following demands :

Demand No. 17 Education	Rs. 7,53,57,000.00
Demand No. 23 Social Security & Social Welfare	Rs. 1,10,49,000.00
Demand No. 26 Co-operation	Rs. 1,09,47,000.00
Demand No. 33 Industry	Rs. 2,28,55,000.00
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Total -	Rs. 12,03,26,000.00
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DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Minister, after explaining his demands, asked for passing there. He also assured the House that the suggestions made by the Members will be pursued. Any Member who agrees to pass demand No. 17,23,26,33 may raise your hands and say 'Agree'. (Members say 'Agree').

This House passed :

Demand No. 17 - Education	-	Rs. 7,53,75,000.00
Demand No. 23 - Social Security & Social Welfare	-	Rs. 1,11,49,000.00
Demand No. 26 - Co-operation	-	Rs. 1,09,47,000.00
Demand No. 33 - Industries	-	Rs. 2,28,55,000.00
Total		- Rs. 12,03,26,000.00

We have finished our business for today and the House is adjourned till 10:30 till 25.3.'82.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4 P.M.

J.MALSAWMA
SECRETARY.