

11TH SITTING OF THE 8TH SESSION HELD ON MARCH 26, 1982

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

**BUSINESS**

1. Question entered in separate list to be asked and answer given.

**VOTING ON DEMANDS**

2. Brig. Thenphunga, Sailo, Chief Minister to submit to the vote of the house various Demands under his charge.

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

Bill to be introduced, considered and passed.

3. Pu Lalhmingthanga, Finance Minister to be leave -

- a) to introduce the Mizoram Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1982;  
b) that the Bill be taken into consideration;  
c) that the Bill be passed.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER :** "Ye are the salt of the earth; but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on the hill cannot be hid, Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light be shine before, men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

MATTHEW 5:13-16

Now, we will proceed to our Business Pu Lalsanga's Question. If he did not entrust anyone to ask his question, we will take up our next business which is Voting on Demands. Now, Pu Thenphunga to move his Demands.

**BRIG THENPHUNGA SAILO CHIEF MINISTER :** Pu Deputy Speaker, on the recommendation of Administrator of Mizoram and with your permission, I move demand Nos : 2,3,4,8,9,10,11,13,14,21,24 and 25 of Rs. 10, 18,31,000.00 only to meet expense during the year 1982-83 in respect of the following Departments -

Administrator	-	Rs.	85,000.00
Council of Ministers	-	Rs.	8,00,000.00
Administration of Justice	-	Rs.	18,00,000.00
Secretariat	-	Rs.	1,21,48,000.00
District Administration	-	Rs.	1,36,40,000.00
Police	-	Rs.	4,94,06,000.00
Jails	-	Rs.	36,50,000.00
Stationery & Printing	-	Rs.	69,80,000.00
Information & Publicity	-	Rs.	30,45,000.00
District Councils	-	Rs.	73,05,000.00
Relief on Account of Natural Calamities	-	Rs.	16,72,000.00

**DEPUTY SPEAKER :** Is there any member who wish to speak on this demand ?

PU ELLIS SAIDENGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, what we are going to discuss today is quite important. I would first of all, like to say certain things on demand No. 21 which is Information and Publicity. I feel that Information and Publicity is not yet upto over expectations. They are the ones who give the people important informations and they are also link between Mizoram and other States besides being important link between the people and the Government. But, I feel that they are not quick enough particularly in giving the people necessary informations. It may be noted that due to lack of proper information, the people, particularly of distant areas, have always missed knowing important and necessary informations they should know. It is therefore, necessary to speed up information works.

It may also be noted that since the unfortunate expiry of Pu Thanhranga Lunglei District have not had another District Information and Public Relation Officer. Sometimes B.D.O/C.O. are entrusted to take charge in addition to their normal duties. It appears that the Department is also falling behind as they have no their own department Officer to guide and administrate them. It is, therefore, necessary to have DIPRO posted at Lunglei immediately.

As I often said before, Calendars and Diaries made by Information and Publicity Department have never been distributed at the right time that is at the beginning of the year. It is our desire that the Department takes necessary steps to be able to have Calendars and Diaries distributed at the beginning of the year.

Much had been said regarding Police Organisation noted at Demand No. 10. Provision made is also quite reasonable. In his speech, the Lieutenant Governor mentioned about recruitment of additional MAP. I therefore, want to repeat what I have often stated in the previous sessions. It is necessary to have Police outpost in bordered Villages particularly in the Indo-Burma border which is one of the main escape roads for criminals. I feel that immediate steps should be taken in this regard.

I feel that Discretionary Fund is far from adequate. There used to be many occasions when the Ministerial have to help or give financial assistance to the people when they go on tour in Villages. It is not only the Ministers, but the MLAs also have been facing many of such occasion. It is therefore, necessary to provide more fund for this.

Demand No. 8 is quite important as it concerns the Department which is one of the most important instruments of the Government. However, I feel that Appointment Department is not perhaps strong enough as there are many posts sanctioned and created but which lay vacant in various departments. Because of this, the departments as well as the Government suffer immensely. I therefore, urge the Department to execute works more expeditiously so that there may be better improvement of work in different Departments. That is all I want to say.

Thank you.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I want to say few things regarding Demand No. 10. I am glad that certain amount of fund is provided for Police Organisation. I believe that the Government also will take necessary steps to improve and facilitate them better. What I want to say most today is treatment of the Police. I think we all know that treatment given to the Police is not good enough while at the same time they are expected to discharge duties efficiently. I feel that Government should take steps in this regard. I also feel that perhaps the Government is not attentive enough to the conditions of Police posted in Villages. As I have said the other day, Police are posted in Mamit, Bairabi and Lokicherra but not

in bordered Villages. One thing I am ashamed of to say but which I want to say is that in my constituency, there are two groups of criminal. Recently, there were robbery in five different houses. Some of the culprits were arrested. At the moment, 9 of them are in prison. However, there had still been robbery in this part of area even after this massive arrest. Had there been Police outpost in bordered Villages such as in Tuipuibari, this part of area may not turn into criminals sanctuary. I therefore, urge the Government to have Police outpost at Tuipuibari at the earliest convenience. These are not the only criminal groups we have in this part of area. In the area at Cachar - Tripura border, there is another group of criminal.

Recently, one Tuikuk woman who went to collect leaves was ill-treated shamefully. As the Police posted at Mamit or Lokicherra have not paid much attention to this part of area, the criminals become very daring as they could have a good hide-out. I therefore, want to urge the Government to despatch a group of special Police to arrest these criminals and we, the people of this part of area are also willing to co-operate the Government in this regard as these criminals have now been great menance to us. Because of them, many innocents have been behind the Bar. Particularly, more backward tribes living in this part of area are too ignorant and innocent to defend themselves when confronted with Police. Hence, I want the Government to pay special attention to this part of area and the many problems we face because of the many criminals who are on the prowl.

Lastly, I want to remind the Government that the Police posted in Villages and outpost are facing living-quarter problem. Thank you.

\*PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I intend to speak bluntly. I am glad that there is improvement in the administration of justice. There is now less pending of court cases. However, in view of their load of works, I feel that this establishment should be strengthened with additional staff and fund.

There is organization of Police under Demand No. 10. Police, as popularly known in Mizoram are good players and sportsmen. It is fortunate for the people and the Government to have a Police who give us a good name in the Playgrounds. But, I feel that these players are not honoured enough. When I asked as to who had been given promotion among our Police Hockey Players who won championship in the North Eastern Hockey Tournament, none of them could give me direct answer. I truly regret that they are not given due honour they deserved as this may kill their incentive. I do not however, blame the Department for I know that they are making much efforts for improvement in various ways. Nevertheless, I feel that these players, who bring good name to Mizoram should be given promotion. We may remember that Naga players who came to Aizawl recently are all the rank of not lower than S.I. whereas our players were only L/nk. I feel that they should be given priority in case of promotion. I appreciate the services of the Police. But, they too have many difficulties. Their Vehicles are not in a good condition. It is therefore, necessary to give them new Vehicles and provide more fund for maintenance of Vehicles. As we know, Vehicle problems always crop up whenever they have to escort VIPs or when they have to go elsewhere on assignment. I desire that more attention be given to their Welfare so that they may discharge their duties more efficiently.

Some of the members mentioned about Information and Publicity. Though they work hard, it is but difficult to execute works expeditiously and satisfactorily. However, as stated earlier, it seems that their activity did not cover enough rural areas. I think Information Centre or branch will have to be open in rural areas and it is also necessary to employ a number of persons to distribute information pamphlets and bulletins in rural areas so that necessary informations may reach the people of Villages.

The campus of Fire Protection and Control is so congested that they have no space where to practise fire control. I think this partly hindered their services. In Shillong for example - they have good playground where they could have good practice.

As their service requires regular practice, more spacious area should be acquired for our Fire Service Organisation.

I do not know what steps should the Government take but, I feel that more attention should be given to District Councils' Affairs. We know that the Ministers could not pay full attention to them due to heavy schedule of works entrusted to them in different fields. But, if separate Secretary have been detailed to look after District Council affairs, adequate staff should be given to him so that our District Councils affairs may be looked after better. During the erstwhile Assam Government Mizoram was not looked after well. But now, we have had our own Government. Keeping in mind that we, ourselves had faced, more attention should be given to our District Councils so that they too may have better improvement.

\* PI L. THANMAWII : Pu Deputy Speaker, first thing I want to say is about Demand No. 10 which is Police Organisation. The hon'ble Member from Kawrthah Constituency mentioned about the conditions of Police outposts in Villages. It appears that we do not have adequate number of police to be posted even in important places. Considering the present requirement for their services, I feel that Police organisation should be strengthened immediately. We should also do well to conduct recruitment of Police more frequently so as to be able to increase the present strength of this organisation.

Under the same Demand, there is a provision of 3.38 for anti-corruption. May be because of my ignorant that I never knew there is Anti-Corruption Branch in the Police Organisation. If there is one, will it be possible to use the fund more effectively ?

There is meagre provision of 2.39 for Police Hospital. I do not know about other places but, one thing, our Police require is Hospital where they could get good medical treatment. If fund provided in the Demand is for this purpose, it will be far from adequate. Hence, it will be interesting to know for what purpose will this meagre provision be utilized.

Pu Ngurdawla stated about the conditions of Police sportsmen. This, I would like to make few additions. As we know, Police are the ones who bring good name to Mizoram in Football and Hockey. This being so, it is hard not to emulate other states. Considering what they have achieved for Mizoram, I feel that they deserved to be honoured and given promotion. If we do so, I think they too, will continue to uphold the good name they have achieved for Mizoram more eagerly.

Jail, as we know, is a place where criminals are confined for punishment. Nevertheless, to use Jail as only for a place of punishment is not strictly just. Generally in Mizoram, one who had once been confined in Jail usually becomes worse than before when he comes out of Jail. Is it not therefore possible to have Reformatory school as in the case of other states ? Actually, it is very difficult to reform criminals merely by imprisonment. This does not mean that we should do away with Jails. We should certainly have Jails, but, in addition to this, it will be good to have Reformatory Schools.

As stated by the member, District Councils are important functionaries in their respective areas. But, I am surprise that the Chakmas have not had well-established District Council till now. If theirs is as such as one can move to wherever place he likes, I began to think that it may be better to

take it away from them for the time being. It appears that they are not yet in a position to cope with District Council.

It also appears that they have not had well-established or solid moveable property. In some way, their ability to carry the council and its properties from place to place was quite admirable.

The other day, I have partly mentioned about Information & Publicity. It will be highly appreciated if 'Mizoram Today' or 'Zoram Today Magazine' is published at least quarterly. The publication of this magazine is so few and far between that when we actually get the copy, the news or information items are no more today's news. Considering important role Magazine plays, I feel that 'Mizoram Today' also should be published more frequently that is, at least quarterly. I also think that more care should be taken at the time of making Mizoram Calendar. For example - this Year's Calendar is quite beautiful. But, on closer scrutiny, you will see that the picture of Vaube (one type of tree having beautiful flowers) that blooms in the month of April was pasted in the month of December. Such small but important things should be taken care of at the time of making the Calendar. It will be good to select appropriate picture for each month of the year in the Calendar. It will also be appreciated if New Year's Cards are issued a bit earlier.

Thank you.

\*PU C. VULLUAIA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I will say few things since there is not much time left.

Under Demand No. 10, there is MPRO (Mizoram Police Radio Organisation). I have once stated here in the House that we, the MLAs and the people could not make use of Police Wireless even in times of emergency. But now, it is not so. I want to express my thanks now that W.T. could be used by the Government as well as the public in emergency. I am truly glad that interior and far-flung Villages also could now be communicated in Wireless.

Police Organization have small provision for building under their schedule of works. As stated earlier, more Police outpost are required and the outposts we have had need to be facilitated. For example - Mamit is Police District Headquarters but their building is so shabby that they themselves went to collect sungrass and bamboos from the jungle. I have stated about this in the previous session, yet, no improvement is there to this Sub-Divisional building till now. If we expect them to discharge their duties, it is our responsibility to facilitate them with building. On the other hand, it is pleasing to know that there is intention to create another Battalion of Police besides the one we already had. I am glad that Police Organisation is going to be strengthened.

As noted, preparation is on its way for further development in various fields. In the course of our developmental works, what we, the people, particularly of cultivators require is Apex Bank. In Aizawl, Apex Bank is going to be opened. But when the leaders approached IFP and Chief Secretary to provide guards for this Bank, they said that they have no Police to spare. I don't think this should be the answer. It is understood that they will require more number in cornered areas. But, for Bank, only a few numbers will be required because this Bank is going to be located in Aizawl town itself. It is one hindrance to further progress not to have even few numbers of police to guard Bank. If we are going to pass large provision of fund for Police Organisation, we may do well to remember what we need.

At Demand No. 11, there is Jail. I am glad that there is some improvement here. Since there is new IGP, let us hope that there will be better improvement. It seems, however, that there is lack of discipline somewhere within, for, we have now often received threatening and letter of criticism of someone or the others coming from Jail. When I was in Jail, all the letters even the ones coming from our wives were all censored. Hence, I am wondering whether we are doing right by legalising free correspondence for prisoners.

Regarding Information and Publicity at Demand No. 21 - the hon'ble member from Aizawl East Constituency have stated all that which I want to say. I am therefore, saying 'eye' to all she said. It is a fact that our Calendar, Dairy and Mizoram Today are not utmost importance. They are rather instruments for, advertising Mizoram to outside world. But, may be there are not enough copies, for, most of them are distributed away in Mizoram itself. Let us therefore, spent more fund for making Mizoram Today, Calendar and Diary and it will also be appreciated if Mizoram Today is issued more frequently that is, at least quarterly.

Fund is provided for Relief on account of natural calamities. But, I want the authorities concerned to pay more attention to the grievances of persons affected by natural calamities so that fund we have for this may be utilized more usefully.

Thank you.

PU C.L. RUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, it appears that we are going to have an additional amount of about Rs. 4 lakhs for Information and Publicity. But, before I go further, I am not clear about the new advertisement policy of Mizoram Government. I could understand paragraph two of the policy which runs thus 'Advertisement is being naturally be withheld from paper who are openly sympathetic to the hostiles'. After this wording there is 'or' which is followed by 'without in malicious propoganda which support them or bring the Government into discredit'. It is further worded that political affiliation will not be taken into account in placing Government advertisement. By theory, we have made it obvious that political affiliation will not be taken into account. However, it is almost believable that the Government do not abide by this new policy, for, in 1981 'Harhna', P.C. Party paper was given Advertisement Bill of over Rs. 30,000/- whereas 'Zoram Tlangau', Congress Paper received only Rs. 6,000/- for the same.

It appears that party affiliation is taken into account. I want the Government to look into this matter. I also feel that there is much wastage of fund in this Department for Example - We publish National Press round up which, only some people could read. As there are not many who could read, it is not so useful to have this publication. As I have said the other day, I feel that so much paper and money had been used for publishing propogandas. It will be better if fund is utilized for making essential information to mass of the people.

Provision for Administration of Justice is larger this year than last year. I hope that the court will now be able to execute more works. What Mizoram requires is High Court Bench. Our neighbouring states such as Nagaland, Manipur and Meghalaya have High Court Bench. In Mizoram, however, there is no such which makes thing complicate for the people. Whenever one wants to take up a case at High Court level, he/she will have to go down to Gauhati spending lots of money besides wasting much time. I, therefore, desire that High Court Bench be placed in Aizawl and the authorities concerned may please take immediate action.

As noted at Demand No. 10, the Police Department is going to have additional amount of over one crore of rupees from last year's provision. It is pleasing to know that they could have now better place and buildings to live in. As often stated, I feel that more attention should be paid to Police Department. It may be noted that since last May, they have not received regular supply of ration, clothing, uniform and no T.A. Police are the instruments for maintenance of law and order. If they are not provided with what they should get, they will not be able to discharge their duties. Considering the importance of their assignment, they should be well-cared for. It will be highly appreciated if they are given T.A., D.A., Ration, Uniform and etc in time. I want the Minister in charge to note this.

At Demand No. 11, there is Jail. Normally, there used to be quite a handsome provision made every year for Jails. But as I have often stated earlier, our Jail Manual is too old that it should be revised and made up to-date so that there may be better administration and better provision for prisoners.

There is General Administration under the head of Secretariat. As we all know Pu Deputy Speaker, there is now much corruption in Mizoram. Churches also have been awoken to this fact and various steps are being taken to fight against it. It is well and good that our Churches take measures to fight against corruptions. But, so long as General Administration remain weak and in-effective, more of all kinds of evils will crop up in the society. Hence, it is important that this Department take more vigorous steps. To fight off corruptions, we need to have strong general Administration. The morale of the public in general is as such that many of us now do not regard corruption as evil. To do away with this, it is necessary to take stern action against any Government employee who indulge in corruption. We have often reported the case of corruptions. But, no action was taken in many cases. If the government do not take strong measures to strengthen General Administration the efforts and co-operation of other organizations may not be effective enough to check corruption and other social evils which are in prevalence in the Mizo society. Being law-markers, anti-corruption law was made last year. Its effectiveness depends on the strength of General Administration. To ensure that fund provided for Agriculture are utilized properly, we decided to constitute Enquiry Board. But, this was declined. Consultative Committee was constituted for legislature to help the Departments. execute works more expeditiously and honestly. But, Consultative Committee never had a sitting. If there is no sitting, there could not be consultation. It is therefore, necessary to make arrangement for consultative committee to have sitting so that we may come to better arrangement for utilization of funds in various departments.

\*PU H.K. CHAKMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I will start with Demand No. 10 which is Police. On 7th there was incident at Marpara. On this day, the Chakmas were having wedding ceremony where tea was served. While tea was served, one un-invited guest named Hrangnghaka, ASI come and asked for liquor. So, Marpara VCP, named Nilambora explained to him that no liquor was made or sold in Marpara as it was prohibited. The ASI was angry at this and he started to beat the Chakmas who were there including the V.C.P. At last, when he did not stop beating them, the V.C.P. went to the Post Commander. I wonder why the Police who should maintain law and order asked for prohibited thing and got angry with the Chakmas for not making liquor. The matter did not end here. When the Police come, they said that they will collect Rs. 40/- everyday from the people of Marpara because Milambora, V.C.P reported them to the Post Commander. If they do not give the money, they were threatened for murder. I have made complaint to SP and IGP in this connection. How will there be good administration if the innocents are often beaten black and blue ? Pu Deputy Speaker, the innocent people should be well-looked

after. It is not only in Marpara where the innocents are beaten. In other Chakma areas such as in Borapansuri, the people always bear the atrocities of the Police. I want the Government to look into this matter and immediate action should be taken.

Regarding Demand No. 9 - District Administration - It is not only in Chhimituipui District, but, also in Lunglei District that A.Os posted to take up administration always lack discipline. The Chakmas are always beaten by A.Os as well as by the Police. If both the A.Os and Police often beat them, how will the people of Chakma live? Instead of beating them, they should be well looked after. There is one incident near Lawngtlai. The A.O. who has already had a wife courted a widow in the place where he was posted. This, the people do not like, If the A.Os who are to administer the people behave in such an indisciplined manner, there will always be trouble between them and the public. This being the case, the A.Os at Kozaisuri and Puankhai also should be transferred immediately. Pu Deputy Speaker, it is not legal to beat the innocent people. How will the people of Chakma live in peace if they are subject to beating both from the Police and the A.Os?

In regard to Information and Publicity at Demand No. 21 - as stated, there is no DIPRO in Lunglei District. It is therefore, desired that the post be filled up immediately. The members have stated the weakness of publicity in Aizawl and Lunglei District. If it is the case both in Aizawl and Lunglei, you can well imagine how it will be in Chakma area. If the Department could arrange study tour on agriculture, Industry, Education etc. for the people of Chakma, I think there will be lots of improvement in our area. It is a pity that the people of Chakma are too ignorant to make improvement. They have no food or education. There is no way for them to go to other parts of India of their own. I therefore, request the Government to pay more attention to the improvement of the people of Chakma areas.

In Demand No. 24, there is District Council, The hon'ble member from Sangau Constituency made a statement for clarification. But, due to the absence of our hon'ble Chief Minister, no clarification was made. It may be noted that in this matter, the statement of the Chief Minister was not consistent with the statement of Executive Member. I will be glad if the Minister concerned make clarification.

\*PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, please let me stand up again for me being Deputy Chief Whip as I want to give the House one important information. One of the hon'ble members mentioned about advertisement, policy of the Government regarding Information and Publicity. As stated it is necessary to explain the policy with its implications, what needs to explain is also the rate of advertisement. I think we remember that advertisement rates are not always the same so has printing rate. The length and breath of paper used by local dailies are also not similar. If the paper is cyclostyled, the rate may be lesser than that of the printed paper. I do not know on what level the Government will decide the rates, but it is necessary to have fixed rate.

\*PU C.VULLUAIA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I also want to inform the House that during the Congress Ministry, Advertisement, Bill, for 'Harhna' was only Rs. 300/- whereas 'Romei' has Rs. 30,000/-.

\*PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Deputy Speaker, Is it not possible for the Minister in-charge to inform the House the particulars of different Papers to whom advertisement Bill was given during the year, 1981.



**BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO, CHIEF MINISTER :** Pu Deputy Speaker, the hon'ble Members stated about various departments and they also pointed out many thing which needs to be done. As I have often stated before, what they said are constructive suggestion for further progress. Being a newly created state, Mizoram has still a long way to go to keep pace with other states. Our main difficulty is that we are too young to make much progress within a short span of time. Considering the many task that lay ahead of us, it is necessary to exert our utmost ability. However, I think we should not so much depreciate ourselves or Government's functionaries. Considering the span of year we have functioned as a separate Government, our improvements are quite impressive. At this stage, Mizoram is not comparable to other states which had been created 20 years or so back. Generally speaking, we assembly here in the Hall to speak out what needs to be done and what should be done for further development.

I think we are all anxious to have works executed expeditiously. If everyone works hard with sincerity and enthusiasm, I am sure there will be faster improvement.

In the course of our discussion, the Members pointed out the role of the people and what they should do in the attempt to develop the country. As often stated, the people have important role to play for further progress. But, what the members said should not end here in the House. It should be said wherever there is gathering, for, it is encouragement. It is not only the people, but Government employees also need encouragement. It is the duty of the MLAs to encourage them to work hard. I strongly believe that there will be better and more expeditious improvement if we encourage each other.

The non'ble members raised many points for clarification. Though I may not be able to clarify all of them but, I have noted them down.

What the members said about the condition of vehicles in Police Department were true, I do not doubt that the Department requires new Vehicles. But, there are some reasons why new Vehicles could not be allotted to them though their Vehicles are not in good condition. I think we know that Government have certain rules and condition for disposal of Vehicles. Unless condemnation Board condemns, old Vehicles could not simply be disposed of when one wishes. Most of the Vehicles we have in Police Department were purchased at the time when there was much killing in Mizoram around the year 1975. May be because of the prevailing circumstances at the time, many Vehicles were purchased and the Department also did not have Vehicle problem. Perhaps because there is no proper maintenance, many of these Vehicles are now out of running condition. But, because of the conditions I have stated, we cannot simply dispose of and purchase of new Vehicles. Central Government also could not provide fund for making large-scale purchase of Vehicles and it is also not proper to make large-scale condemnation of Vehicle at a time. I hope however, that things will improve gradually. Generally speaking, drivers in Mizoram are not well-disciplined in maintenance of their Vehicles. But, I think they too will improve.

Regarding Police accommodation - truly speaking, no serious measure have yet been taken in this regard. It is only since 2/3 years back attention was given to Police accommodation. We have just began the work. Due to their heavy schedule of works in various fields, PWD could not give concentrated effort. But, within the financial power of Department head i.e. IGP, some buildings are constructed. Before this, a number of houses were also constructed. Many more buildings are still required. But, works could not be executed expeditiously due to various reasons.

The necessity of having more Police outpost was mentioned. As stated, there are many places in Mizoram where Police outpost needs to be open. Our main difficulty is this that if more police outposts are to be open, more police staff will be required plus accommodation for them. When the matter for additional Police was brought up at Central level, they have reason for objecting our demand besides financial complication involved. When they count the number of different forces present in Mizoram and the expenditure incurred every year for their maintenance, they could not quite agree to having more additional Police and Police outpost. In spite of this however, four hundred additional Police was recruited last year and 26 additional Police station were opened. It is not that Mizoram Government is not taking steps to more Central Government for additional Police, but that Central Government see thing from different aspects. While we could not afford to have proper accommodation for the Police we have already employed, to have more additional Police may be quite a task as they too will have to be provided with accommodation. Besides financial complication, we will have difficulty in construction of building, for, we all know that we could not have houses/buildings constructed quickly. Anyway, let us hope that there will be improvement in this case. Things have to be done step by step.

Some members stated about the salary of Police Drivers. It is a fact that the pay drawn by Police drivers are Rs. 50/- less than the salary of other Department's drivers. Mizoram Government have made repeated effort at Central level to have their salary raised. But, their reply was that Police drivers have promotion chance unlike other drivers which compensates them. The matter did not end here and continuous effort was made. However, there is another reason why we could not persist the Government to agree to our demand. It is this that the Mizoram Police Drivers unlike other states Police drivers are being issued ration since disturbances broke out in Mizoram. If their salary is raised, their ration has to be stopped. The previous IGP have in fact, threatened to have himself transferred if the Police ration was stopped. If their ration is turned into cash, it is quite an amount. As we do not want to stop their ration, the matter is quite complicate. However, we continue to make effort and I hope that we will be successful some day.

Regarding Anti-corruption Branch - some of the members said that investigation launched in connection with corruptions is not satisfactory which is true. However, there are reasons for this. Firstly, the present strength of Investigation Branch is not adequate. Secondly, the Police Department is young and they have yet many things to learn.

Thirdly, we, the public are also responsible. If we do not co-operate the Investigation Party, there is always difficulty for them to find facts and evidents. When the Department make enquiry on certain subjects, the public used to hesitate to give evident for fear of getting involved in the case or retaliation from somewhere. We, the Mizos are not in general straight-forward in giving evident against others which makes it difficult for investigators to collect facts and necessary information. Another difficulty which fronts Investigation Branch is that when they investigate the case of one man for example, that man has relatives in some circles. One of his relatives, for example - an Inspector came on his behalf and begged for the mercy of those handling the case. After his relatives interfered in different circles, it is quite difficult for investigators to revive the case or take action may be because of their regard for the society. Such being the complications, it is obvious that the public also needs to be educated.

The members stated about congestion of site occupy by Fire Service Organization. As they have said, their place is so congested that they have no space or ground where to practise. Unfortunately however, Aizawl is so

congested that there is no site even for a small stall not to speak of good site for Fire Service. We are like sardines packed in a tin. Unless Aizawl is extended, there can be no solution to this problem. Being aware of this situation that Aizawl extension programme is initiated and Secretariat complex is placed at Luangmual. There is no site to be acquired in Aizawl area. So long as we remain adamant in accepting Luangmual area for extension of Aizawl, there is nowhere else where Fire Service also could be installed.

The necessity of having High Court bench in Mizoram was mentioned. I also feel that it is just what we need and we have in fact, taken up the matter. But, two important things are required to have High Court Bench. Firstly, we have to have the field with Central Government's approval. This matter is now under procession. It has been more than a year since this matter was pursued. Another important thing we require is Building. When one High Court Judge who is also in-charge of Mizoram came to Aizawl, he asked where he will sit and which Building will he be allotted had High Court Bench been set up in Mizoram. He said he will not sit in ordinary building such as we have been using as this will degrade the dignity of the Court. Hence, the first necessary step for us to take us to have good-enough Building where High Court could be held. But, where shall we build the required Building? Considering all these that we have to depend on Luangmual area.

Paucity of fund for Discretionary fund and Entertainment allowances of Ministers was mentioned. What we should always remember is that we are U.T. and additional fund we may require for this will have to be sanctioned from Central Government. Being U.T. Government, we have no financial power. We may also do well to remember that Central Government do not grant whatever we demand. As we have no resources or income, it is difficult to have additional fund for this unless additional provision is made at Central Government.

As we all seem to be aware, Information and Publicity is a small establishment. Even the Gazetted Officers in the Department enjoy only Rs. 900/- pay of scale. But, this was increased to Rs. 1000/- since last year. Considering the strength of the Department, their achievement is quite impressive. As stated by the members, the activities of the Department do not cover enough Villages. But, effort is being made to strengthen the Department and continuous effort should also be made.

It was stated that proper attention was not given to District Councils affairs at Secretariat level. This may be true to some extent. Previously, Secretary and Under Secretary were entrusted to look-after district councils affairs in addition to their normal duties. But, as this was found to be not convenient, it was decided that one post of Under Secretary should be created. However, due to shortage of officers from MCB Cadre, the post could not be filled up for sometimes. But now, it had been filled up and the officer is entrusted to look-after D/C affairs exclusively. The Government is also aware of shortage of staff not only in the Secretariat Branch of District Council Affairs but also in various branches of departments. There had been post sanctioned for this branch of Secretariat. Re-organization scheme have in fact, affected this.

Due to the pressing need, new posts are being created every now and then. There is, however, one thing we should remember in this context. It is this that efficiency will not be achieved merely by creating more and more post. If the staff work hard with sincerity, concentration and enthusiasm, there will be better improvement even with the present strength of staff. This does not also mean that we should not increase creation of post. We should certainly increase the post if necessary. But, what I feel

we should do well to remember is that efficiency does not depend alone on the strength of staff. If the working staff and officers in the Department do the works sincerely and enthusiastically, only their will come by efficiency. In Mizoram, office working hour is from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. But, in more advanced states and countries, they work longer than office hours. If other states who are much more advanced than us also work with such enthusiasm, do not you think Mizoram have much more to do? If we are to work only during office hours, how will we ever make progress? If we want to work more, we the members; the people and Government employees should be educated each other in this direction. At the same time we point out works to be done, we should encourage each other to work more.

Regarding recruitment of Police - it appears that the members want to have the process of recruitment be cut short. I thought I have finished clarifying matters connected with Police Organization. But, there is one more thing which is regarding Police Hospital. May be there is Police Hospital somewhere but, generally speaking, there has never been separate hospital for Police. In normal circumstances, they attend Civil Hospital when they need medical care. In Aizawl, however, there is Police Hospital at Armed Veng. I do not know how it came into existence but, if the audit come, they may object it. Anyway, let us hope that it will continue to be there and we will also try to fight it off even if the audit object.

The hon'ble members said that Jail should not only be the place of punishment but it should also be character reformatory. The main difficulty lies in the congestion of Jail itself which makes thing difficult for Jail authorities to initiate anything. I think we all know how congested in Aizawl Jail. No real activities could be pursued in such a congested place. The only solution to this problem is to have bigger Jail. But, do we have any site in Aizawl where Jail could be constructed? As there is no space even for a stall, it is necessary to extend Aizawl town. At present new Jails are being constructed in Luangmual, Tanhril and Bungtlang.

One of the hon'ble members mentioned the difficulty involved in getting armed guards for Bank. This is an important matter I want to note down. To provide Police guards for Bank may be difficult. In other states, Bank guards are not Police personnel. Bank staff are detailed for guards. In Mizoram however, we cannot follow the same practice. In Mizoram, we need to have Police Guards for Bank.

I also want to clarify certain matters regarding natural calamities and NREP. As stated, it is necessary to have large provision of fund under the head of Natural Calamities. Though there is more provision for this in the current year's budget, we have not but satisfied with it. It is difficult to acquire enough fund we want to have.

There is still certain thing we have not fully understood regarding implementation of NREP. Fund allotted for Famine Relief under NREP are used for construction of Godowns though it cannot be used solely for this purpose. Our main difficulty in implementing NREP is not to know its implications. However, our Chief Secretary and his staff have made simplify subsidiary which I believe will make implementation easier. If anyone has difficulty regarding implementation of this programme, you should directly approach D.C. For famine relief we have a provision of rupees three and half crore. If the members found thing not as reported to me by the Secretariat, you should report the matter to D.C. and make copy to Development Commissioner and have a spare copy sent to me.

I think our Deputy Chief Whip had made some clarifications to matters connected with advertisement. As we are aware, 'Zoram Tlangau' is still cyclostyled paper. The rate of cyclostyled paper is half of printed rate. I think it has not been long since it becomes an approved paper.

I regret that consultative Committee rarely have meeting. In the Committee where I am the chairman, I used to call for a meeting but only one member used to turn up. Once, two members turned up. If there is no attendance, there is no way to have a meeting. Even in the case of consultative Committee, meeting should be called and the committee members also should attend it.

In the course of our discussion the other day, some members made a point-raise. Though I myself is not clear about Departmental finance affairs, but I feel that this matter should be examined and I have it also noted down for further pursuance. The hon'ble members raised may points for clarification. I think I have clarified what is there to clarify.

**PU C.L.RUALA :** Pu Deputy Speaker, let me raise a question. According to the clarification made by our House Leader regarding anticorruption, it appears that many cases are obsorbed into thin air due to interference from relatives. Is there any specific case in what he said or that the House Leader spoke in general. If there is specific case, what action had been taken ?

**BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO, CHIEF MINISTER :** Pu Deputy Speaker, I was speaking in general. I was merely telling the House some of the difficulties faced by Anti-corruption Branch, some of which was caused by the public. That is all may be what I would say.

As I have moved, I request the House to agree to pass Demands I made for various departments.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER :** The hon'ble Chief Minister requests the House to pass his demands - 2,3,4,8,9,10,11,13,14,21,24, and 25 for grant amounting to Rs. 10,18,31,000.00. Those who agree to pass may raise your hands and say 'agree'. (The Members said 'agree'). The Demands for grant for the following departments is passed :—

2. Administrator	— Rs.	85,000.00
3. Council of Ministers	— Rs.	8,00,000.00
4. Administration of Justice	— Rs.	18,00,000.00
8. Secretariat	— Rs.	1,21,48,000.00
9. District Administration	— Rs.	1,36,40,000.00
10. Police	— Rs.	4,94,06,000.00
11. Jails	— Rs.	36,50,000.00
13. Stationery & Printing	— Rs.	69,80,000.00
14. Fire Protection & Control	— Rs.	13,00,000.00
21. Information and Publicity	— Rs.	30,45,000.00
24. District Council	— Rs.	73,05,000.00
25. Relief on account of Natural Calamities	— Rs.	16,72,000.00

The grant total of Demand for grant we passed is Rs. 10,18,31,000.00. Demands for grants moved by the hon'ble Ministers have been passed. Appropriation No. 1 Bill moved by Pu Lalhmingthanga had also been passed. Now, he may move Appropriation No. 2. Bill.

\* **PU LALHMINGTHANGA, MINISTER :** Pu Deputy Speaker, with your permission, I beg the House to allow me to introduce Appropriation No. 2. Bill.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER :** If no one objects, he may introduce the Appropriation No. 2. Bill in the House.

\* **PU LALHMINGTHANGA, MINISTER :** Pu Deputy Speaker, with your permission, I hereby, introduce Appropriation No. 2. Bill of 1982 in the House.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER :** The copy of the Bill may be distributed to the members and the Secretary may read out the title of the Bill ( Secretary read out ). Is there any member who have anything to say ?

**PU ELLIS SAIDENGA :** Pu Deputy Speaker, is it not necessary to write the member of the Bill and the date on which it was introduced ?

**DEPUTY SPEAKER :** It will be written in the official copy.

**PU C.L. RUALA :** Pu Deputy Speaker, I think it will be necessary to put in the paper the number of the Bill because it was introduced without the number.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER :** The Office Bill number is Appropriation Bill No. 4 of 1982. Now, he may move for passing.

**PU LALHMINGTHANGA MINISTER :** Pu Deputy Speaker, as you have explained, this Bill needs to be passed to enable us to utilize fund we have in the Budget. The total outlay of the Budget is Rs. 91,47,78,000.00. The same figure is shown in the Appropriation Bill. I request the House to pass this Bill.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER :** Those who agree to pass Appropriation No. 2 Bill of 1982, may please raise your hands and say 'agree' (Members said 'agree'). The Budget for 1982-83 amounting to Rs. 91,47,78,000.00 had been passed. Now, we will call upon the hon'ble Speaker to make a speech.

**SPEAKER :** The Budget Session has now been concluded without any interruption. The hon'ble members participated in the discussions as well as in making important questionnaires. I will briefly go through Business transacted during this session,

There were 20 starred questions, of which 19 were admitted and one was rejected. All of the starred questions admitted were replied. Two short Notice questions were both admitted and one un-starred question was admitted and answered.

Of the five private Member's Resolutions, two were not moved due to the absence of the movers and the other three were rejected.

Two official Resolutions admitted were both passed.

Questions admitted Department-wise- P.W.D-Three Questions, which were all answered. Power and Electricity - One. It was answered. Supply & Transport - Three. All answered. Forest Department - Two. Both answered. G.A.D - One. it was answered. Education - four. All were answered. There was Short Notice question from Education Department which was also answered. Industries Department. One. It was answered. Community Development - One. It was answered. DIPR&T - One and it was answered. Law & Judicial D/C Affairs - Two, which were both answered. No Question raised from Agri. Department. All the starred questions were replied and 2 short Notice questions were sent to the Departments concerned to furnish the replies.

As I have said, the current Budget Session has come to end. It was held smoothly for which I am thankful. It is also pleasing that the Budget is passed.

\* PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, in other sessions the L.G. used to communicate again after motion of thanks is moved on his Address. Is there no communication from him or that we are satisfied with the copy we have given ?

SPEAKER : We have published this in the Bulletin. Instead of reading it out here, we have it published in the Bulletin for the members to see. I think it is no more necessary to read it out in the House since we have it published in the Bulletin.

We have now finished all the Business for this session. The House will be adjourned now.

Meeting adjourned, Sine-die at 12:35 (Noon).

J. MALSAWMA  
SECRETARY