

**FIFTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MIZORAM  
( TENTH SESSION )**

**LIST OF BUSINESS  
FOR ELEVENTH SITTING ON TUESDAY , THE 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2007  
( Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)**

**PRESENT**

1. Speaker at the Chair, Deputy Speaker, 12 Ministers and 22 Members were present.

**QUESTIONS**

2. Questions entered in separate list to be asked and oral answers given.

**FINANCIAL BUSINESS  
DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMAND FOR GRANTS**

3. **PU R.TLANGHMINGTHANGA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
4. **PU B. LALTHLENGLIANA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
5. **DR. R. LALZAMA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.

**SPEAKER**

“When pride comes, then comes  
disgrace, but with the humble is  
wisdom”.

Proverb 12: 2

Starred Question No. 161 to be asked by Pu H. Rohluna.

Not only this Mr. Speaker Sir, Telephone Dialing Facilities has also been planted in 31 Police Stations to improve inter communication between the police stations. MPRO will then be headed by an SP from their line of service.

As of the matter concerning Fire Department we are making some sorts of improvement as six nos. of fire tenders plus 2 nos. of water boozers and Mini-Fire tender. Files for the purchase are now being moved. Presently, we are having Fire Station at Lawngtlai, Tlabung, Kolasib, Serchhip, Saiha, Lunglei and Aizawl and construction for the same has already been completed at Champhai, Khawzawl, Hnahthial and Vairengte. Yet it cannot be made to function right now due to lack of enough man - power. Hopefully the problem will be resolved in the near future.

**PU R. LALZIRLIANA**

: Mr. Speaker Sir, my question regarding rail warrant for Police Force may also be answered?

**PU TAWNLUIA  
MINISTER**

: Mr. Speaker Sir, to answer the question, there is a procedure for issue of warrant in Railways and I

have even discussed the matter with Home Minister and DGP of Chhattisgarh and they had given their assurance to do so. But this cannot be resolved instantly due to unavailability of warrant form at their out-post for which alternative measure is being taken for immediate outcome.

**PU H. ROHLUNA**

: Mr. Speaker Sir, before leaving the matter concerning Fire Services, I have to mention that installation of

emergency water supply within Aizawl City had already been discussed in the previous Budget Session and was pointed out that 15 convenient sites has already been identified. Is the said work has already been completed?

**PU TAWNLUIA  
MINISTER**

: Mr. Speaker Sir, it is true that sites for the said has already been identified. But due to lack of fund

by PHE, it is supposed to be provided by Fire Services for which it will be done soon and it may be completed by the coming year.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I am proud to mention that the record of our police is quite well at All India level and they even ranks No. I in the country at case detection and is highly appreciated where as 80% case is being solved at All India level, the performance of Mizoram Police is 85.73% in case detection and as a result, crime rate in Mizoram is falling down tremendously within the last couple of years. Thanks to the support of our NGO'S. Not only this, Mr. Speaker Sir, in combat against illegal use of drugs, our police are making remarkable achievement. Thanks to valuable co-operation of the same NGO'S



As a result of valuable ideas and diplomacy of our Chief Minister, the Government is proud to be able to convince certain insurgent groups such as MAIDA, HRF, BLFM and BNLF to lay down their arms and surrender themselves to police.

The question of duration of deployment of Mizoram I.R. Battalion at Chhatisgarh, arrangement has been made for changing over of our police at Chhatisgarh at a regular interval of 2 years. Pulling back of such forces completely from that place is not possible as they are bound to do so as Reserve Police Force.

Regarding Insurance Policy in respect to the said forces, the concerned personnel's are necessitates to deposit at LIC a sum of Rs.105 per month as Insurance out of which 35% of the amount deposited and 8% of its interest will be determined as compound interest. We have decided to follow the policy so the concerned police can make profitable income out of their services.

Besides, Mr. Speaker Sir, I have to inform the House that 404 nos. of certain kinds of vehicle has already been received during the on going Ministry and 63 more had been purchased from fund received under Police Modernization Scheme. Besides, 2350 nos. of different types of guns has also been procured under the same scheme, yet there is a proposal to acquire more as necessary.

Not only this, Mr. Speaker Sir, construction of 135 nos. of quarters has also been completed with the total expenditure of Rs.1380 lakh and 350 nos. are constructed from Plan Fund of the Police within the last 3 or 4 years. Besides, number of buildings such as SP Quarters, District SP offices, Battalion Commandant office and their quarters are now under construction from Modernization scheme and Plan Fund of the Department. Again, improvement of Police Training Centre at Thenzawl has also been made in which construction of 30 nos. of buildings/quarter of various types is now in full swing so as to accommodate training for 3<sup>rd</sup> I.R. Battalion.

Keeping in mind of the importance of Police Reforms, there is a proposal for amendment of Police Act of the British period and a copy of that draft has also been received from the central for further study. In this connection, every states are instructed to set up State Security Commission to implement necessary judgement of the Supreme Court of India and we also have set up that said commission under the Chairmanship of Home Minister.

Regarding selection of minimum tenure of DGP, the matter is not actually of the purview of the state Government, yet atleast 2 years is deem necessary for minimum tenure of IGP and other officials. As of suggestion of separation of investigation from Law and Order, the Government hardly felt the necessity to do so in condition now. In this connection, Police Establishment Board is now being set up to maintain transfer and posting of Police. Besides, in compliance of instruction of Central authority, Police Complaint Authority has also been set up at District headquarters and the State Capital for which, a retired High Court Judge and Supreme Court Judge are necessitated to be appointed as it chairman respectively. As we are not in the condition to appoint the desired person, we moved an Affidavit to the Supreme Court. This is our situation relating to this matter.

In order to maintain an uniform strength of each Police Battalion and DEF of each District, file is now being moved for making arrangement without necessitating creation

PU H. ROHLUNA : Mr Speaker Sir, Starred Question No. 161 for favour of answer to be given by hon'ble Minister Public Works Department -

(a) Is there a plan for construction of underground road below Aizawl City ?

(b) If so, what steps has been taken so far in pursuance of this plan ?

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, here is my answer.  
CHIEF MINISTER (a) The Government is not yet having such plan. (b) No step is taken as there is no plan to do so.

PU H. ROHLUNA : Mr Speaker Sir, it is surprising to hear that answer as the hon'ble Chief Minister himself stressed the need for construction of under ground road in order to alleviate traffic problem. His 'must' may now be perceived as 'must not' from now on as he is in the habit of giving false hopes to the people and is much regretted. He further states in the last Budget session of his plan of elevated road and construction of Fly-over bridge. What step has been taken so far in that regard ? What is the Government's plan for construction of Car parking which is learnt to be given to private by providing him loan for the work ?

PU ZODINTLUANGA : Thank you Mr Speaker Sir. Here is a supplementary question - Which of the plans be given priority by the Government construction of fly-over bridge or underground road ?

PU H. LALSANGZUALA : Mr Speaker Sir, I have a question relating to plan for construction of parking. This notification is gazetted 6 times as was applied by various contractors with the amount ranging from Rs.30,000/- to Rs. 40,000/-. How will the Government deal with this matter, and will the amount deposited be lose by the concern persons ?

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, in reply to the question  
CHIEF MINISTER of construction of elevated road, visiting zoological survey group elaborated the possibility of construction of



underground road and the estimate expenditure, it is believed that our Government could not afford to do so in condition now. But instead, we prefer to give attention on the idea of elevated road as it will involve less expenditure. Project has also been prepared for the same and tender has already been floated. I have to mention that the Government too is intending to take up this project with immediate effect,

As of construction of Car Parking, I have to inform the House that serious attention is given in this regard, and discussion has already taken place in between the Government and those who offers the tendered work. But the problem arises in connection with the process of loan for the construction, yet effort is given for immediate resolve and the project will continue depending on financial assistance from the Government.

**S P E A K E R** : Starred Question No. 162 to be asked by  
Pu Sailothanga Sailo.

**PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO** : Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir Starred  
Question No. 162 -

- (a) In which places Tourism is having Tourist Lodge and Restaurant ?
- (b) What is the charge for lodging ?
- (c) What is their revenue income during the year 2006 - 2007 ?
- (d) Is the income sufficient to provide pay for its staff ?

**PU Z.H. ROPUIA** : Mr Speaker Sir, here is the answer for  
**MINISTER** Starred Question No. 162 - (a) Tourism  
is having Tourist Lodge, Wayside  
Restaurant at the following places :-

- 1) Tourist Lodge - Chaltlang, Aizawl.
- 2) Travellers Inn - Vairengte.
- 3) Tourist Lodge - Kolasib.
- 4) Tourist Lodge - Bairabi.
- 5) Highway Restaurant - Thingdawl.
- 6) Tourist Home - Luangmual.
- 7) Tourist Resort - Lengpui.
- 8) Tourist Complex - Beraw Tlang.
- 9) Tourist Lodge - Saitual.

- 10) Tourist Cottage - Tamdil.
- 11) Highway Restaurant - Kawlkulh.
- 12) Tourist Lodge - Champhai.
- 13) Tourist Lodge - Khawbung.
- 14) Highway Restaurant - Chhiahtlang.
- 15) Tourist Lodge - Thenzawl.
- 16) Highway Restaurant - Hnahthial.
- 17) Tourist Lodge - Zotlang, Lunglei.
- 18) Tourist Lodge - Sangau.
- 19) Tourist Lodge - Saiha.
- 20) Tourist Lodge - Lawngtlai.
- 21) Tourist Lodge - Vawmbuk.
- 22) Tourist Lodge - Pangzawl.
- 23) Tourist Lodge - Mamit.
- 24) Tourist Lodge - Reiek.
- 25) Tourist Lodge - Ngopa.
- 26) Tourist Lodge - Hrangchalkawn.
- 27) Wayside Amenities - New Maubawk.
- 28) Tourist Lodge - West Phaileng.
- 29) Tourist Lodge - Saipum.
- 30) Tourist Lodge - Tawipui.
- 31) Tourist Lodge - Tlabung.

(b) As for lodging charge, it is as follows - :



Sl. No.	Centre	No. of Rooms	No. of Beds	Suit	Room Rate				
					Deluxe	Double	Single	Dormitory	Cottage
1	Tourist Lodge, Chaltlang, Aizawl	41	74	700/-		350/-	250/-	50/-	
2	Travellers' Inn, Vairengte	11	28		350/-	200/-		50/-	
3	Tourist Lodge, Kolasib	10	23		300/-	200/-		50/-	
4	Tourist Lodge, Bairabi	7	18	300/-				50/-	
5.	Highway Restaurant, Thingdawl	5	10			200/-			300/-
6.	Tourist Home, Luangmual	15	42			200/-		50/-	
7.	Tourist Resort, Lengpui	9	18		500/-	350/-			500/-
8	Tourist Complex, Berawtlang	21	42		500/-	350/-			500/-
9	Tourist Lodge, Saitual	5	10		200/-	200/-		50/-	
10	Tourist Cottage, Tamdil	7	14	800/- (for picnic)		200/-			300/-
11.	Highway Restaurant, Kawlkuih	5	14			200/-			
12	Tourist Lodge, Champhai	25	46	700/- (VIP)		350/-	250/-	50/-	500/-
13	Tourist Lodge, Khawbung	7	15			200/-		50/-	
14.	Highway Restaurant, Chhiabtlang	7	16			200/-			300/-
15	Tourist Lodge, Thenzawl	8	16			250 Triple			300/-
16	Highway Restaurant, Hnabhlial	8	16			200/-			

Sl. No.	Centre	No. of Rooms	No. of Beds	Suit	Room Rate				
					Deluxe	Double	Single	Dormitory	Cottage
17	Touorist Lodge, Zotlang, Lunglei	17	40	700/-		350/-		50/-	
18	Tourist Lodge, Sangau	10	24		250/-	200/-			
19	Tourist Lodge, Saiha	9	22		500/-	350/-		50/-	
20	Tourist Lodge, Lawngtlai	9	25		250/-	200/-		50/-	350/- (Delluxe Cott.)
21	Touorist Lodge, Vawmbuk	7	22						
22	Tourist Lodge, Pangzawl	5	10						
23	Tourist Lodge, Mamit	9	18						
24	Tourist Resort, Reiek	16	32		300/-	250/-	250/-	50/-	
25	Touorist Lodge, Ngopa	9	20			250/-	150/-		500/-, 250/-
26	Tourist Lodge, Hrangchalkawn	6	12						
27	Wayside Amenities, New Maubawk	4	8						
28	Tourist Lodge, W.Phaileng	2	4						
29	Tourist Lodge, Saipum	5	15						
30	Tourist Lodge, Tawipui	2	4						
31	Tourist Lodge, Tlabung	5	10			200/-	150/-		



- (c) As of our revenue income during the year 2006 – 2007 (upto January ) is Rs. 71,90,216.00.
- (d) Yes, the revenue income is sufficient for pay of its staff where as the revenue income upto January, 2007 is Rs. 71,90,216 and pay for its staff amounting to Rs. 62,94,820/- It means that Rs. 8,16,396/- is profited.

PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO :

Supplementary question Mr Speaker Sir. What is the expected time of completion of Chalfilh Tourist Lodge ? If completed, what facilities will be provided ?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA :

Mr Speaker Sir, most of the staff at the aforesaid Tourist Lodge/Restaurant are of temporary employees. If the Department is making sufficient revenue income as mentioned by the concerned Minister, is there a way to regularize the said staff ?

PU Z.H. ROPUIA  
of MINISTER :

Mr Speaker Sir, to answer the question Chalfilh Tourist Resort, Public Works Department is now preparing detail estimate and drawing as the sanction is received lately and facilities will be provided as accommodated by its building.

The question of regularization of Muster Roll employees under Tourism Department, I have to mention that generating employment through Government is kind of difficult in a privatized world like todays yet effort is given by the Government of Mizoram to generate employment as much as possible. Keeping in mind of this policy, the Government is giving full concentration to provide infrastructure so as to generate employment. Since the Government could not afford to maintain infrastructure under Tourism Department, the work will then be operated by the up-coming educated youths. Presently there is no plan to regularize Muster Roll employees under Tourism Department.

S P E A K E R :

Starred Question No. 163 to be asked by Pu Lalduhoma.

PU LALDUHOMA : Mr Speaker Sir, Starred Question No. 163 for favour of answer to be given by Pu H. Rammawi, the concerned Minister.

- a) What is the number of Hawaiiin Solo Papaya which has already been planted ?
- b) How many of them had already been procured by Sun Fruit Ltd. and,
- c) At what rate ?

S P E A K E R : Pu H. Rammawi, the concerned Minister to answer the question.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Mr Speaker Sir, here is the answer -  
MINISTER

- a) 3,16,080 Nos of Papaya (Hawaiiin Solo Variety) has already been planted by 450 selected families.
- b) More than 100 Kgs has already been purchased by Sun Fruit Ltd.
- c) At the rate of Rs. 5 per Kg.

PU LALDUHOMA : Mr Speaker Sir, the amount sold to Sun Fruit Ltd. is not worth mentioning because it can be sold to open markets at preferably higher rate, Is it because of the product itself is not sufficient to meet the demand ?

In relation, I would like to point out that certain Department are engaged in plantation of plants of their respective Departmental interests as Anthurium by Social Welfare Department ; Coffee and tea by Soil and others by Horticulture and Agriculture Department and it is confusing which Department concern with which plant. May the Government make some sorts of arrangement so that it is easy to understand for the general people ?

Regarding plantation of Anthurium, it may be wise for the concern Department to distribute Cocopeat only after the concern family is ready to do plantation. Presently, the market of anthurium is monopolized by Zopar in which various problems arises with the process. It will be more appreciative if the Department called for an open competition among the persons interest in this production instead of monopolizing by one. It is not appropriate to restrict selling of that plant by other local producers.



Besides Mr Speaker Sir, it is learnt that rotten seeds of potato is being distributed in various places. It will be pleasing if the Government give attention to it.

Lastly, the concern Minister, in reply to the question stated that Rs. 64,32,300 is spent for purchase of 5 varieties of seeds such as potato, Garlic, Corn, Gram and Mustard even though the policy of the Government is not to cause expenditure unnecessarily. Is there any plan to maintain the system in appropriate manner ?

Thank you

PU ZODINTLUANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, supplementary question, may the concern Minister clarify from which fund turmeric seeds is purchased ?

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Mr Speaker Sir, Sun Fruit Ltd, the company that concern with purchase of the said Hawaii Papaya is based on which company and from which place and State ? It is stated that the product is 100 Kgs given at the rate of Rs.5 per Kg. and 450 families are selected to do the plantation. Relating to this, I would like to know whether the plantation is done in a compact area. Is the plantation is done on buy-back agreement ?

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Thank you, Mr Speaker Sir, I opine it is necessary to prevail careful selection of seed of the said variety of Papaya and so with Banana.

As of plantation of Anthurium, even though Memorandum of Understanding is signed with Godrej Agarwal, I do not think it is necessary to give the product only to this company as they have done nothing much to support the plantation. May the concern farmers be allowed to give their products at an open market too ?

SPEAKER : The concern Minister to answer the question.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Mr Speaker Sir, at the out set, let me answer the question of the rate of Papaya fruit.

As already pointed out, the existing rate is Rs.5/-. Since this variety is found to be more attractive than expected, it can be sold at the rate of 30 rupees at open market. In fact, it is not fair to make restriction towards the producers. Yet, I must say that the production is quite small to feed the demand. As of the area of plantation, it is to be noted that there is a provision for a particular project in every Ministry and it is a common practice in India. The system with this plantation too is done by following that practice.

As of plantation of Anthurium, it is to be noted that the Department called any concern farmers for briefing and Training for that plantation before starting of the work. There are some who are not willing to attend briefing or Training session yet interested in the plantation. And it is difficult for the Department to identify those persons.

As of selection of the Company to purchase the product, we have received only one application and we have no other choice than select this company we have been urged by this Company to improve our production so as to meet their demands. In this regard, the main reason for our deficiency to feed the demand is the demand at the Local Market too is high and the Department have no reason to make restriction towards the concern producers. Yet, encouragement is made for improvement of the products.

As of distribution of rotten potato seeds as stated by our fellow member, it is possible as vehicles that carries such potato might have been held up due to bandh. In this regard, it is to be noted that the seed is already been certified by the National Seed Corporation and was in good condition while receiving.

As of the question of Pu Zodintluanga regarding Turmeric seeds, keeping in viewed making the best use of fund of IWDP which also concerns for farmers target, we discussed the matter with our Chief Minister and Rural Development Minister and all agreed to utilize it.

The Horticulture Department has been able to procure turmeric seeds solely due to the support of NGOs like MUP and YMA. The support of Farmer's Union has been sought. Without the support of these Organisations the Department would not dare to carry on with turmeric plantation.

Regarding the question raised by Pu Lalrinliana Sailo, the name of the Company that purchase Hawaiiin solo Papaya from Mizoram is Bombay based Sun Fruits Ltd. The Government of Mizoram has made buy - back agreement with the Company.



PU LIANSILOVA : Mr Speaker Sir, we have heard from the Hon'ble Minister that turmeric seed rhizomes were purchased under MIP to combat famine. If turmeric cultivation is encouraged to combat MAUTAM famine why does not the Government spend BAFFACOS fund.

S P E A K E R : The members are reminded to make their question in relevant to the Original question.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Mr Speaker, I am not fully satisfied with the replies furnished by the hon'ble Minister in regard to the selling of Anthurium. He should have assured the members that the matter would be thoroughly checked.

PU H. RAMMAWI  
MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, I would like to remind the members that my replies in regard to Anthurium market is true. However, if there are deficits in the market system I will personally look into it.

PU LALDUHOMA : Mr Speaker Sir, when Anthurium growers have delivered Anthurium - cut - flowers to the Department, they were given receipt - according to the member of cut- flowers. Therefore, they do not know the amount of cash they should received.

PU H. RAMMAWI  
MINISTER : Mr Speaker, I have checked the account of the growers and see that the receipts have shown the amount.

PU LALDUHOMA : Mr Speaker, the growers are given in cash only after the materials are sold out. Hence, the growers can not tell the amount to be expected when they delivered the cut-flowers.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Mr Speaker, I will enquire the  
MINISTER matter.

S P E A K E R : Starred question No. 164 to be asked by  
Pu Sailothanga Sailo.

PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO : Mr Speaker, I ask Starred question  
No. 164. Will the Hon'ble Minister for  
Higher & Technical Education be  
pleased to state -

- a) When will the proposal for provincialisation of Mizoram Colleges be materialized.
- b) The number of Colleges proposed to be provincialised.

Dr LALZAMA : Mr Speaker, the answer to Starred  
MINISTER question No. 164 is furnished below -

There has been proposal for the provincialisation of Mizoram  
Colleges. Presently, 12 Colleges have been processed for provincialisation.

PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO : Mr. Speaker, can the Minister tell us the  
names of these Colleges ?

Secondly, what is the necessary qualification for College  
Principal ? When will Zirtiri Residential Science College be provided with hostel  
facilities ?

Thirdly, the present rate of Tribal Scholarship has been used  
quite some time. Therefore, the Government is advised to review the same.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr Speaker, I would like to remind the  
Hon'ble Minister to include Saitual  
College for provincialisation.



PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Mr Speaker, is it true that four persons have been newly appointed as the Staff of Mizoram Law College without floating advertisement ? It has been further said that one of the persons Sanglianmawii is the daughter of the concerned Minister. The Hon'ble Minister may please clarify this allegation.

S P E A K E R : Let us now call upon Dr Lalzama to give his replies.

Dr LALZAMA : Mr Speaker. First, I will react with the question raised by Pu R. Lalzirliana. Saitual College is also selected to be provincialised. The Government has been making vigorous steps for the provincialisation of the selected 12 Colleges before the end of the current financial year.

In reaction to the question regarding the qualification of College Principal, a person should be Ph. D. with 10 years teaching experience and should also possess Reader Grade.

As for the Tribal Scholarship, the Government is also aware that the rate requires review. The revision of the rate of Post Matric Scholarship is not within the purview of the State but of the Central Government. It was revised in 2004 and it is believed that the Central Government would make a revision shortly.

PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO : Mr Speaker, can the Hon'ble Minister furnish the names of the Colleges selected for provincialisation.

Dr LALZAMA : Mr Speaker, the Colleges processed for provincialisation are Hnahthial College, Lawngtlai College, J. Buana College, Saitual College, Mamit College, Aizawl West College, North College, Zawlnuama College, Khawzawl College, Johnson College, T. Romana College and J. Thankima College

Regarding Law College I would like to inform the House that the Board has recruited 4 persons on Muster Roll basis without floating an advertisement.

**SPEAKER** : Question hour is over and we shall go on to the next business which is discussion on the demands of the three Minister.

Let us now call upon Pu R.Tlanghmingthanga, Minister to move his Demands.

**PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA MINISTER** : On the recommendation of the Governor I move the Demands Nos. 11,24,29, for Rs. 163,59,80,000/- only for meeting No. 11 Secretariat Administration Department – Rs. 51,39,30,000/- No. 24. Health & Family Welfare Department – Rs. 87,23,00,000/-, Demand No. 29 – Social Welfare Department – Rs. 24,97,50,000/- Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Let us now call upon Pu B. Lalthlengliana to move his Demands.

**PU B. LALTHLENGLIANA MINISTER** : On the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission sir, I move the Demands No. 6,8,18 and 35 for Rs. 25,12,00,000/- only for meeting expenses during 2007-2008 in respect of the following Departments. Demand No. 6 Land Revenue and Reforms – Rs. 10,21,50,000/-, Demand No. 8 Taxation – Rs. 4,19,35,000/-, Demand No. 18 Printing and Stationery – Rs.6,36,15,00,000/-, Demand No. 35 Fisheries Rs. 4,35,00,000/- Total Rs. 25,12,00,000.- Thank you.

**Dr LALZAMA MINISTER** : Mr Speaker sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, sir, I move the Demands No. 7, 21 and 23 for Rs.47,34,35,000/- Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : The three Ministers have moved their respective Demands. The House will have a discussion in which the members will be allotted 10 minutes each.

**PU R. LALZIRLIANA** : Mr Speaker, at the outset, I would like to ask your permission for leave of absence for tomorrow as I have to attend unavoidable family matters.



I will start with Demand No.23 that is Social Welfare Department. It is a matter of appreciation that the pension amount per beneficiary under the National Old Age Pension has been raised from Rs. 75/- to Rs.250/- per month with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2006. However, the beneficiaries have one problem regarding the distribution system. Old Age Pension has been disbursed only through Directorate which caused problem for beneficiaries outside Aizawl. Here I would like to suggest that old age pension be disbursed through the CDPOs in each Blocks.

Coming to Art and Culture Department, I would like to emphasize that the Government should be more generous in the budget allotment for this Department. As we know Art and Culture Department is striving hard to protect and promote our proud traditions and culture. It is the only Department that popularize our traditional music and folk dances to the world. Therefore, it is vital to strengthen this department by allotting larger budget.

It is a matter of appreciation that State Museum extension work is coming up for which an amount of Rs. 3 crores has been sanctioned by the Central Government. However, I would like to enquire why the construction work has not been started till date. The Government is reminded to start the project as we have been looking forward to it.

I will move on to Demand No. 24. It is a great news that Nursing School, Aizawl has been up-graded to Mizoram College of Nursing. However, I would like to request the Minister and the Department to take immediate steps for adhoc basis with retrospective effect.

Regarding Pescutenus refulgescens, I have mentioned about it to the Hon'ble Minister, I would like to request the Hon'ble Minister to take enquiry as the machine is still not available in civil Hospital. Mr Speaker, regarding the purchase of Holder Monitor for Rs.10 lakhs from the information given to me by a Computer Engineer, the cost of Holder Monitor cannot exceed Rs. 5 lakhs. Thus, why is the Government purchasing with such high price ? Thank you.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Mr. Speaker, thank you. First of all I would like to discuss Higher Education. I thank for the provincialisation of Khawzawl College. But, what I would like to mention is, since it is provincialised, there will be inspection for grading of College. Therefore, I would like to request the Hon'ble Minister if, the construction of the building could be taken up.

Art and Culture Demand No. 23. This Department upholds the culture of our State, thus, this Department needs special attention. What I would like to ask is - Is it possible to appoint Librarian in Kolasib Library, since the Library is being taken care by alone L.D.C. ? Further, Lunglei District Art and Culture office is

headed by District Research Officer which is group 'B' Officer. Thus, what I would like to request is to upgrade to Senior Research Officer.

Coming to Health & Family Welfare. Yesterday I have mentioned in 'Special Mention', but I would like to repeat that, the Health Department should take immediate step for the welfare of the patient.

Demand No. 8, Taxation. From the Financial Statement, the Government is to collect Rs.64 crores tax from Taxation and Commodities Services. Mr Speaker, I would like to speak VAT system in a business friendly manner. The Government has adopted the uniform floor rate of 12% which is very high. 80% of goods from the State is imported from the neighbouring VAT paying States, which means that, it is VAT upon VAT, there by increasing the rates of goods. Thus, I would like to suggest that, the uniform floor rate of 12% should be decreased to 8% Mr Speaker, I would also like to suggest that the flying businessman should be cut down to a certain extend as they do not pay VAT. Instead the Government should purchase goods from Registered Contractors as far as possible. Thank you.

PU P.P. THAWLLA

: Mr Speaker, thank you. Today we are discussing three Ministers demands number of Members have participated in the discussion. I would also like to discuss few points. First of all I would like to discuss demand No. 24. Health and Family Welfare Department.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to speak about Saiha Hospital. Saiha Hospital is one of the oldest District headquarters of the State. The poorer section of the people of the area who are unable to reach Lunglei and Aizawl are catered by this Hospital, thus this Hospital needs special care and attention in terms of facilities and man-power.

Mr. Speaker, in Saiha Hospital there is only one X-Ray machine which is only 20 MA . Mini Ampere and which is unfunctional at present. I would therefore, request for a larger and higher ampere X-Ray machine for the Hospital. Further, I would also request for the construction of new Hospital building.

Social Welfare Department Mr. Speaker, since Tuipang is a remote area, usually Officer of Social Welfare Department monitor Tuipang from Lawngtlai and Lunglei, which led to great set back in the various benefits of the Department in Tuipang. But, we were lucky to have a very responsible Officer who help the Department function accordingly as it should be. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, this Officer has been transferred elsewhere, as the people are understanding the importance and the value of this Department. Thus, I would like to request if it will be possible to post the same Officer in Tuipang.



Demand No. 21 and 23. Higher and Technical, I would like to ask if there is any proposal for the construction of new College and hostel building at Saiha.

Regarding Public Address Sets and Guitars from Art and Culture, Mr. Speaker, the fund allocation should be increased so as we M.L.A. will have enough P.A. sets and Guitars to distribute in our constituencies. Mr. Speaker, thank you for allotting me time to speak. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : We will now call Pu Sailothanga Sailo.

P U S A I L O T H A N G A S A I L O :

Mr. Speaker, thank you. Today we have to pass 10 demands, which means we have only 1 minute to discuss one demand. First of all I would like to discuss demand No. 24 Health & Family Welfare. I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to take note that, Lungdai Primary Health Centre has been without a Doctor since May last year, and also remind the authorities for the repair of office building at Lungdai and Bukpui Primary Health Centre with its approach road.

Coming to Subsidiary Health Centre Kawnpui, I have mentioned several times in this House, I would once again like to request for the upgradation of S.H.C to Community Health Centre. Also for additional post of Doctor, Sister and IV Grade. Further, I would request for Health Worker at Hmarchaltlang and Lungmuat. Mr Speaker, I would also like to request the authorities for Malaria detecting apparatus at Hortoki. Lastly, regarding Health Department is there any proposal to purchase additional Morgue Van ?

Demand No. 29 - Social Welfare Department, first of all I would like to thank for the two Anganwadi Centre allotted for Kawnpui. Mr Speaker, I request for the increase in grant-in-aid for Kawnpui.

Demand No. 17 Excise and Narcotic. I would like to request for Excise post at Pukpui area.

Demand No. 21 Higher & Technical. Mr. Speaker, I pray for the increase in Tribal Scholarship, and urge the authorities to take rapid step for the construction of Shillong College Hostel.

In Art & Culture, I would like to thank the hon'ble Minister for his effort in the up-gradation of Survey Institute.

Demand No.8- In short, I request the Government to review Value Added Tax.

Demand No. 8, Printing and Stationery. I request the Government to clear all Supply bills in the coming year.

Demand No. 35, I urged the Department to release Grant-in-aid for fish farmers in my constituency. Thank you.

PU LALCHHANDAMA RALTE : Mr. Speaker, thank you. I straight away start with Demand No.24 Health & Family Welfare Department. Under the able of the hon'ble Minister, huge development is visible in this Department in terms of equipments, buildings and congeniality of staffs.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask, when Civil Hospital Out Patient Department building and Lunglei Civil Hospital be commissioned ?

I would like to thank for the up-gradation of Thingsulthliah Primary Health Centre to Community Health Centre, 30 bedded. Mr. Speaker, I request for a Doctor at Sesawng CTI. And the repair of Primary Health Centre Kitchen at Khawruhlian.

Mr. Speaker, inspite of the awareness and campaign against Malaria, the dead percentage of Malaria is still very high, it is interesting to know the reason.

Demand No. 29, Social Welfare, as we are all aware, the Department looks after the welfare of children and old age. I would, therefore, like to know if the Department could look after the welfare of youth as well ? Further, I would also like to know if there is any rules and regulations in the opening of Homes/Centres and its admission ?

Demand No. 60 Land Revenue Reforms - When will cadastral survey begins in Aizawl area ? Is the percentage of Soil tax paid by each house hold satisfactory ? What is the penalty for house hold who does not pay tax upto 3 years ?

Demand No. 7 Taxation. This Department collects more than 50 % of the State revenue. It is pleasing to note that the Department is developed by the Government. But, it is unfortunate to note that, the Department is still without a building of its own. I therefore, personally feel that the Government should give priority.

Demand No. 18 - Printing & Stationery. I would like to know if, there is any proposal by the various Department to purchase their requirements only from Printing & Stationery ?



Demand No. 7 Excise & Narcotics. It is pleasing to note the huge development taking place in Excise Department. However, there is great shortage of manpower. Also, there is only 6 District office. Thus, I would like to know if there is any proposal to create District Office at Mamit and Lawngtlai ?

Demand No. 21. Higher & Technical Education. Is there any proposal to up-grade higher & Technical Directorate to full fledged Directorate ?

Demand No. 23. Art & Culture, this Department looks after the culture of the State, therefore, priority should be given in all aspect. Mr. Speaker, the fund allocation for Chapchar Kut for various District is too less, the fund should be increased in the coming financial year.

Mr. Speaker, the Typical Village at Falkawn should be reconstructed.

PU ZODINTLUANGA : Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. Let me begin with Demand No. 7, which is Excise & Narcotic Department. As we know MLTP Act has been enforced in Mizoram. In this regard shortage of staff is our main problem. It is said that an interview for recruitment of staff for this Department has been postponed because of one of the Secretaries to Government of Mizoram. I, therefore, request the Minister to explain this matter. Besides the above, I am sorry for we are greatly depending on NGOs. The hon'ble Chief Minister told the Central YMA that the Government will support it in this regard. This shows the weakness of the Government. I opine that the NGO should rather support the Department.

Coming to Demand No. 24, Health & Family Welfare Department. Shortage of X-ray caused great problem to the patients. Many patients need to go to private clinic for X-ray. I request the Government to take quick step to solve this problem. Being a member from rural constituency I need to visit Civil Hospital very often I found that the Doctors and staff are working very hard. However, I am sorry for there is no free supply of medical facilities like bandage and cotton. Why cannot we allot more fund for this purpose ? It is much more necessary than buying toilet van and rodent traps.

In regard to distribution of medicine for prevention of Malaria, it is said in my constituency that the medicine is suitable for those who are above 14 years only. Children also can be suffered from Malaria, what medicines will be given to them ? I, therefore, request the hon'ble Minister to explain this.

Again, I would like to repeat the same question as raised by the hon'ble Member from Saitual constituency regarding the lost machine where is it now ?

In regard to Taxation Department, the hon'ble member from Tlungvel constituency had raised about Taxation Check-gate at Melbuk village. However, this check-gate has not been functioned till date. Many goods are coming from the east. So, the said check-gate would be functioned as early as possible. If it cannot start functioning at Melbuk it is better to shift it to Seling so that Taxation Department can collect revenue. We all know that Taxation Department is very important. In the year 2005, there was a proposal to upgrade the post of Joint Commissioner of this Department to the rank of Commissioner. Two years have been passed now. When can we implement such proposal ?

To conclude my speech I would like to raise about Demand No. 29, as far as my knowledge is concerned the De-addiction centre at Sethawn is proposed to hand over to private or Salvation Army. Knowing the importance of this centre and the hard working efforts of the staff, I request the Government to withdraw such proposal and to take steps for its improvement. Thank you.

PU LALDUHOMA

Mr. Speaker, let me begin with the matter about culture. In the year, 1910 Mr Paucin Hau of Tiddim region had formulate Zo A, AW, B which is known as Pau-Cin Hau script. By using such script the 'British and Foreign Bible Society' had translated 'Sermon on the mount' in 1931. I, therefore, request the Art & Culture Department to re-discover this script to enrich our culture. For this purpose the following hints can be provided.

1. Pu Lalbika of Rawpuichhip village still understand this script.
2. Pau-Cin Hau script census of India, 1931 Part-I, Chapter 10 ; page No. 194 by J.J. Beninson.
3. Brief History of Laipian-Pau Cin Hau and his Religion by N. Ngin Suan in Chin Literature and Cultural Committee Magazine, 1968-1969 Published by Rangoon University.
4. Pau-Cin Hau movement, History of American Baptist Chin Mission Valley Force, 1988 by Robert C. Johnson.

Now - a - days, the Mizo students greatly need to have improvement in Mizo Grammer. They need to know how to use punctuation, otherwise our literature cannot be improved. Language is very important for integration. Therefore, I suggest the Government to constitute a particular committee to enrich our language. For this purpose, Art & Culture Department is to be enlarged and much more budget will also be allocated for this Department.



Coming to Demand No. 24, Health & Family Welfare Department. I would like to express my thanks first to the hon'ble Minister for drawing our recommendations for the newly recruitment of Health Workers. Such practice will promote better cooperation among us. It is also important to conduct a systematic research on the main reason for prevalence of cancer disease in Mizoram.

Under the National Rural Health Mission, the Central Government and the Government of Mizoram had signed an agreement that all the Hospitals in Mizoram including Primary Health Centre and Community Health Centre will be developed to level Indian Public Health standard. According to which all the Hospitals in various Districts Headquarters are declared to be District Hospital. However, our existing standard in this matter is quite far from the National standard. It is, therefore, important to make a pressure to the Central Government to take rapid action for the improvement of our Hospitals to be able to achieve National standard. Hospital Management Committee for every hospital would also be constituted upto village level. What steps have been taken for this purpose? It will be appreciated if the Department can take steps for availability of morgue van and for early completion of Referral Hospital.

Under the Universal Health Scheme there is a way for non-Government servants to reimburse their medical expenses by giving annual premium of Rs. 100 or 120. I strongly suggest the Government to take steps to cover all BPL families in Mizoram under the said scheme.

In regard to Social Welfare Department. I would like to raise a question that is growing of Anthurium the purview of this Department? The Remand Home at Durtlang requires better water supply. Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to point out the name of Pu Sangthankima I appreciate his valuable efforts for social works. Is there any possible way to aid him?

Lastly, I would like to mention about Fisheries Department. I request the Government to make a suitable market for selling our local fish. It is urgently needed to solve the problem faced by the Mizo fish farmers. Thank you.

S P E A K E R

: Who will speak now? Yes, Pu K. Lalrinliana.

P U K . L A L R I N L I A N A

: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, First of all I would like to mention Demand No. 24, Health & Family Welfare Department. For better functioning, this Department has now been bifurcated into two Directorates. There is great progresses in the sphere of Health Services. Many new buildings have been constructed and our hospitals are still equipped with better facilities which minimizes Refer Cases to some extent. Under the National Rural Health Mission all the hospitals in District Capitals are now to be upgraded to District

Hospital. In Kolasib also we are eagerly waiting for 100 bedded Hospital. I really appreciate various progressive steps taken by the Government under the National Mental Health Programme, Nation Cancer Control Programme and School Health Programme and School Health Programme. Cancer patients can be treated now in Mizoram. Malaria Control Programme and TB Control Programme are also carried on properly.

Free clinic for students had been organized at 1526 Schools in which more than 26,000 students have been checked now. I opine that Free Clinic and Free Medical Camp Programme will be continued as much as possible. In my constituency, at least Health Sub-Centre is greatly needed in Meidum Village, besides, the building of PHC at Bairabi is also greatly required to be reconstructed.

Coming to Demand No. 29, Social Welfare Department, I would like to praise various steps taken by this Department for the welfare of Handicapped persons, women, children and old age. There is a proposal to increase the amount of Disability Pension, which is eagerly awaited by many disabled persons. Various Anganwadi Centres also performs their duties well under various ICDS Projects.

In regard to Land Revenue and Reforms, computerized land holding record is now maintained. In Kolasib we have ASO - II and we want to have ASO - I, I, therefore, request the hon'ble Minister to note this.

In regard to Taxation Department my Starred Question had been replied that Rs.4608.70 lakhs had been collected for various taxes upto 31.1.2007. It is said that Taxation Department exceeds its target for this financial year.

In the matter of Fisheries, Mr. Speaker Sir, we greatly need to have District Fisheries Office at Kolasib as this District is a potential area for fish farming. Under Demand No. 21 also, 12 Colleges are now proposed to be provincialised. Sanction for reconstruction of Kolasib College Building is now still processed. There are many other progresses in Art & Culture Department too. Proposals for improvement of State Library and State Museum are still processed. Mr. Speaker Sir, I agree to pass various demands proposed by the three Ministers today. Thank you.

S P E A K E R

: Our time for morning shift is over now. We will have a break and sitting will be resumed at 2 : 00 PM.

Sitting Adjourned at 1 : 05 PM.



2 : 00 P.M.

DEPUTY SPEAKER

: We will continue our business. Now, let us call upon Pu H. Liansailova.

PU H. LIANSILOVA

: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, First of all let me speak about Demand No. 24, Health & Family Welfare Department. I would like to express my thanks to this Department. Two Health Workers from my constituency are given appointment recently. I congratulate them. Maternity Centre is also inaugurated at Ramhlun North last year which is very useful for the people of Aizawl North area. I, therefore, repeat my thanks again.

The other point which I would like to raise is the upgradation of the Nursing School to a status of College level. The upgradation order had been issued in 2005 and inspection from the Indian Nursing Council had also been done. If so, I request the Government to take rapid action for early implementation of the said upgradation in the matter of Recruitment Rules, and other necessary equipments to be able to function as a full fledged Nursing College. Further, I also want to facilitate our PHC with better facilities as well as more staff as mentioned by other members.

In regard to Social Welfare Department under Demand No. 29, I would like to raise a question that what is the present condition of Mizoram Social Defence Board ? Is it still functioning ? Under Social Welfare Department, some amount of money is allocated in the Budget for the purpose of National Benefit Scheme. This is very useful to rehabilitate poor families who lost their bread-earner due to death. There are now about four to five families in my constituency who are waiting for this scheme. I wish all of them to get this benefit as early as possible as this scheme is very useful for poor families.

In the matter of Land Revenue and Settlement Department. I would like to mention that land is acquired by PWD within the area of New Capital Complex from 26 families. Compensation had been given to them. The said land is for the purpose of internal road. But, after completion of the construction of road, about six persons had taken back their L.S.C again after getting compensation of Rs. 20 lakh each. I request the hon'ble Minister to note this. Similarly, some poor families are allowed by the Officers of the Pushpak Projects to settle in the area around Falkland and Zemabawk. However, taking advantage of this, some prominent persons made L.S.C for their own by replacing the said poor families. The objection made by the C.E of Pushpak Project was ignored to issue those L.S.Cs. This also needs an enquiry. Thank you.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Thank you, Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir. Today, we are going to discuss very important Demands. First of all let me begin with Demand No. 24 - Health and Family

Welfare Department. There is great progresses in every sphere under this Department. We still have better facilities and the staff render better services. I appreciate very much. However, I would like to state that we need to develop the people especially those who are in rural areas to be able to afford treatment given by the Department. As progresses are still going on various apparatuses and equipments are involved for giving treatment to the patients. Therefore, thousands of money and times are needed to spent. Our patients are, therefore, exhausted before getting proper treatment. So, I opine that we need to develop our people to be able to afford treatment of such standard first.

Being a member from rural constituency, we never think about Referral Hospital. Our main problem is lack of Doctors and staff in our PHC's. Therefore, I request the Government to develop Kawrthah Hospital as early as possible.

There are many good points to express our thanks to this Department. As we had listened earlier, I also thank the Government for making regular appointment to Health Workers.

Coming to Demand No. 29 - Social Welfare Department. There are many officers and staff who work very hard and serve the people with good faith. Meanwhile, there are some staff who neglect their duties. I, therefore, request all of them to render better service. I request the Department to provide equal service provided in Aizawl city. There are still many villages in my constituency which do not have Anganwadi Centre. I, therefore, hope that the Department will take necessary action quickly.

In regard to Demand No. 18 - Printing & Stationery Department. I opine that there is no problem on Printing in particular, but in the matter of Stationery various Departments are blaming each other. Therefore, I request the Minister to enquire this matter.

I would like to emphasize Demand No. 35 - Fisheries Department. We always talk about development of fish farming. Our target is to achieve self sufficiency. But today, the Government does not care for the benefit of the local fish farmers. There is no place allotted for selling local products in all the markets. Fisheries Department alone cannot take responsibility in this matter. The ministry as a whole should pay heed to this matter. I, therefore, request the Government to take initiative step as early as possible.

Regarding Demand No. 7, I have said so many times here in this House that it is very regretting for there is no Excise Force in the Western area. Too much intoxicating drinks come from Damchera through Kanhmun village. It is important to constitute Excise Office here to check the coming of undesirable items



from the neighbouring state, so that voluntary organizations can render better support to the Government in the enforcement of Total Prohibition Act. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, Pu S. Hiato.

PU S. HIATO : Thank you, Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, I would like to mention about Demand No. 29- Social Welfare Department first. There are many disabled persons who lost their hands or legs due to various reasons. To provide artificial limbs for them and also to provide hearing aids to the deaf, they need to come to Aizawl and a very long procedure is needed. They have to take passport size photo, fill up the form and obtain verification from Doctors. This long procedure makes problem to the beneficiaries. I, therefore, request the Department to authorize its subordinate offices in villages to be able to do this. So that many poor disabled persons in rural areas can avoid various problems and expensive procedures.

Next, in regard to Demand No. 24 - Health & Family Welfare Department, we see great improvement in Health Services. To give treatment to patients investigation through various instruments is needed which, however, requires too much expense. This becomes a problem for the patients specially for those who come from rural areas. Therefore, I request the Government to facilitate District Hospitals with better equipments such as endoscopy, ultrasound, X-Ray and Blood Test instruments. I also make a request to the Government to allow re-imbusement of medical expense for Government servants even in the case of out - patient.

I appreciate various steps taken for control and prevention of Malaria. The Department had organized a very useful seminar for MLAs in this matter. I, therefore, request the Department to organize the same seminar for rural villages as much as possible.

I have stated so many times that the building of Saiha Hospital is greatly in need of repair. I was replied very often that shortage of money was the main problem. But today, I expect a positive reply from the Minister. There are too much fund under the National Rural Health Mission in addition to our normal budget. I also request for posting of doctors to every PHC and CHC.

In regard to Land Revenue and Settlement Department, I would like to point out that the MLAs from rural constituencies were given house site near Remna Run in 1988. But, cases were filled in High Court for cancellation of our sites. Consequently we are defeated. In this matter I opine that the Government's Advocate did try his level best. So, I would like to ask a question that would an alternative site be allotted for us ? or should we be given a compensation ?

In regard to Fisheries Department, the main problem faced by our fish farmers are shortage of seed supply and fish feed. I request the Government to try its level best to solve the said problems.

PU S. HIATO : Lecturers in Higher and Technical Education are shifted and attached to different colleges that caused difficulties for the students.

Art and Culture Department too used to assist printing of books to the individual writers. The Department needs more fund in the Budget. Thank you.

PU F. LAL THANZUALA : Hon'ble Dy. Speaker Sir, I'll start from Health Department. First of all, I would like to thank the concerned Minister for CHC Hnahtial which is my constituency headquarter for giving Rs. 30 lakhs to qualify for Indian Public Health Standard.

Now, Rs. 56 lakhs is received for maintenance of Sub-Centres. The Sub-Centres in my constituency also need such fund, I hope that some of them would reach my constituency.

It is regretting to point out about the inadequacy of doctors in the Hospitals and various Health Centres. But it is due to higher study, it is expected that it will be better for the people as a whole. We are surrounded by various diseases like hypertension, diabetes, cancer, malaria etc. It is also shameful that we are unhealthy state.

In Higher & Technical Education, the list of colleges to be provincialised has been announced, it is very pleasing for Hnahtial College is number one. Whilst, will the lecturers reciprocate their responsibilities to improve the qualities of their teaching skill. In this connection, I would like to point out that it appears that a lot of corruption is involved in regard to post matric scholarship. It is to be examined whether the Rules and Regulations are followed properly in the state.

When selection of students of B.E and Medical College, 95 % is selected from Aizawl. Students from remote villages are rarely selected which is unsatisfactory for development of our state. It seemed that it is necessary to uplift the village in education. In regard to mother tongue it seemed that it is necessary to uplift Lusei tawng. Thank you.



PU H. ROHLUNA : Thank you, hon'ble Speaker Sir, in Health & Family Welfare Department, I want to say that Government servants who go on medical treatment have serious difficulties to reimburse their medical expenses. It seemed that it is necessary to follow the guidelines of MOU in regards to medical reimbursement.

And I would like to point out that blood bank at Ngopa could not function till date. This retarded the progress of Rural Health Mission Programme in that area.

In Social Welfare Department, various Orphanage Home have been set up in the state by private entrepreneurship. It seemed that it is important to look after their financial management and administration. I feel that orphanage home is too much comparing to the population of the state. I also want to point out that only Rs. 5 lakhs had been provided for Grant-in-aid like Dekchi, Cup etc. in the preceding years. But now, Rs. 15 lakhs has been provided in the Budget today, the supply of such articles have not increase any more. It seemed that the concerned Minister has to revise himself in that regard.

Excise and Narcotic is a very important Department, almost all the people in the state are cooperating with it. Now, the Budget amount is decreased by Rs. 60.9 lakhs. It seemed that it is not to be decreased but increase more and more. In the preceding years, there was a proposal to set up out-posts at Ngopa, Lawngtlai and Mamit. It is necessary to implement such proposals, now. Ngopa is specially important for setting up of the said out-post as it is situated at the border area of Manipur state, from which various liquor and drugs come.

Just like that Budget allocation for Art and Culture demand is also deducted and decreased in this year by more than one crore.

Demand of Fisheries Department is very low, it appears that there is no proposal of improvement. It seemed that it is needed to make improvement in regard to the system of seedling distribution too. The system of the distribution of seeds is unsatisfactory.

Regarding Land Revenue and Settlement Department I would like to ask the hon'ble Minister whether Land Revenue has been adjusted with the high rate of revenue in the preceding year.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu K. Vanlalaiva.

PU K. VANLALAUVA : Thank you hon'ble Dy. Speaker Sir, first of all, I would like to thank Social Welfare Department who had given us good ICDS. Khawbung constituency is looked after from Lungdar and Khawzawl Block, which is not enough for smooth functioning as it is controlled from afar. Now, Sub-Go-down is to be constructed at Khawbung. But the workers are to be deployed on contract basis which is inadequate for that area.

Excise and Narcotic Department is a new name of Excise Department. It has a new building. The building is a very good building. It is expected that a new system in the field of administration and stepping as commissariat is formed.

Demand No. 18 - Printing and Stationery Department. It is very pleasing to say that the image setter printer with four colour printer is purchased. The progress of printing is expected to be flourished in the State.

In Art and Culture Department, I would like to point out that the House of Mizo Chief, Zawlbuk and the House of Cabinet Ministers of Mizo Chief were burnt down. But I think that the concerned Minister will know how to set them up again at the same place.

Demand No. 24 - Health and Family Welfare Department, PHC building is constructed at Khawbung. I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to give priority for the building is to be inaugurated as soon as the construction work is completed.

Taxation Department Demand No. 8. It is the source of income for the Government of Mizoram. Various taxes including VAT have been collected under this Department. I would like to point out that it is very pleasing for the Department earned more than the expected target.

In short, let us pass the three Demands discussed today unanimously. Thank you.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Thank you hon'ble Speaker Sir. Five members had said about Art & Culture Department. I also will speak about it first. I am very sorry for the amount of the Demand could not be increased. What I give most importance is library development. The Department is worthy to have a big library building at Aizawl and also at each District headquarters. I think this will increase writers as well as the books.



Mr. Chairman, 12<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission gave Rs. 5 crores for North East Region for heritage conservation. Mizoram has to receive Rs. 1.25 crores. Whether the State receive the fund. I feel that library building could be set up by means of such fund.

In this connection, the latest sahlam i.e. a post where a dead man's head hanged is found at Lungtan and also the latest head hunting place in Mizoram is situated at a hill nearby Khawhai village. It is also known that the exact location of Muallungthu, I feel that they are to be conserved for tourist attraction by means of those fund.

In Health Department, Hospital is constructed at Sialhok, the then Speaker of the House inaugurated the building, but now the building has been broken. Meanwhile, I knew that we have to receive Rs. 1 crore. Do we receive such fund from Twelfth Finance Commission as other state had received.

I also want to point out that a number of private hospitals has been set up in the capital. Many doctors are connected with Civil Hospital which is the poor peoples' hospital. I am afraid that the Civil Hospital will be neglected by those doctors. Thank you.

PU LALTHLEGLIANA

: Thank you Mr. Chairman, I will start from Health & Family Welfare Department. I feel that the concerned Minister is praiseworthy. Many PHC are promoted to CHC and CHC to DHO. In my constituency Lengpui and Mamit PHC are promoted to CHC and Mamit CHC to District Hospital. While, the building of Lengpui CHC is very good, it could not function properly. I, therefore, want to request the hon'ble Minister to take steps for the said CHC and Mamit Hospital could function smoothly.

I would like to thank the progress of Printing and Stationery Department, Fisheries Department, Taxation Department and Excise Department. While I would like to request Excise Department to take more steps to the Western Inter State route to check importing goods like liquor and drugs.

In Higher and Technical Education it is pleasing that 12 colleges have been provincialised. The GPF of those staffs are to be entered into Government Account and the income tax / professional tax is to be imposed on them. It is clear that state revenue is going to increases more. I feel that no query is to be made in regard to the movement of file for such fund. In short, there is much to say about the demands. I would like to pass the demands without further criticism. Thank you.

PU VANLALTHALIANA : Thank you hon'ble Chairman. First of all, I would like to thank the SAD for very good buildings are constructed at the New Capital Complex.

Secondly, Health & Family Welfare Department Demand No. 24. It has now been two or three years since I was becoming a member in this august House. We used to visit the patients in the Hospital on Sunday. I would like to point out that I appreciate the progress of Civil Hospital. Not only the building but also the doctors and nurses and the Laboratories. In the meantime, the number of cabin i.e. 12 (twelve) is too little for State Capital's Civil Hospital. It will be pleasing if there can be a way to increase the number of such cabins. I would like to add that Lawngtlai CHC has been upgraded to District Hospital. I, on behalf of the people of that District thanks to the hon'ble Minister for it. Besides a very good specialized Doctor had been posted at it.

I am also very happy and pleasing to a bill concerning for the guidelines of private hospitals set up in the state has been laid during this session.

Social Welfare Department is a Department which cares for the weak and handicapped people. The Department is very useful for the people. It seemed that it is necessary to look after it to have more improvements. And I feel that the steps taken by Land Revenue & Settlement Department is good enough in solving of usual land dispute in the state. I expect them to carry on their works for the whole state.

In Taxation Department Government of Mizoram imposed taxes without much burden to the people. Various taxes are imposed now under VAT. It seemed that it has meaning for the State Government. More than Rs. 4000 lakhs is collected in a year. This highly encourageous to get more fund from the Central Government. I would like to encourage the Department to carry on the VAT system in the state.

In Printing and Stationery Department, I feel that it is very grateful to have four colour Printing Press and hope that these will meet the need of journalists and writers in the state.

In Demand No. 35, it seemed that Fisheries Department is not given importance as required. We have a large potential area in the State. Many farmers with industrious mind are generally successful. That's why, this Department needs improvement to assist more farmers. Besides this, the farmers need more bigger fish seeds for further success.

In Excise and Narcotic Department, Six District Offices have been set up since MLTP Act has been applied in the state. However, Chhingtuipei District seems to be neglected by the State Government because MLTP Act does not include it. But the area needs it. I would like to request the State Government to set up one more office at Lawngtlai. Thank you.



SPEAKER : Pu Liansuama.

PU LIANSUAMA : Thank you hon'ble Speaker Sir for sparing me time to speak the Demands. I will start from Health & Family Welfare Department. We, the western region have good buildings for PHC and Health Sub-Center. The region is very grateful for it and expect the Government to provide staffs for these centres. One thing what I want to point out is that the Presbyterian Church today teaches its subjects to bear more children. It seemed that it contradicts the Government's policy. I would like to request the hon'ble Minister and the Department to decide what policy is to be followed in the matter.

In Higher and Technical Education, what I want to say is that incentive cash award is given to the successful candidates of All India Services. I feel that it is necessary to increase the amount to those candidates. About Rs. 3 lakhs has been given for those candidates in this year. It is very pleasing for it. Various institution for coaching class have now been set up in the state as a private enterprise, some youths joined such coaching class even outside the state. It seemed that more fund is needed for those students. In fact, employment problem prevails in the state and opportunity is so great in Central Secretariat, Railways and Income Tax under tribal concession. I feel that it is so important to set up such coaching class in the state for the State Government holds higher position in India. Truly speaking, Mizoram does no more hold superiority in education among the tribal people in India.

In Excise Department, Champhai and Hnahlan have desire to make alteration about the MLTP Act for their own opportunity in a few days back. I, therefore, would like to ask the hon'ble Minister whether such bill has been prepared to be discussed during this Session.

Many members discussed about Fisheries Department. I think that it is suitable to solve the problem of famine to be broken due to bamboo flowering. The financial assistance for fish farmers is very less. Besides this, it seemed that the Department needs full fledged director. It appears that if the revenue earning Departments are made bigger, the state will be more prosper in economic position. That's why, it is good to pass the Demand, and it is good to give more fund when Revise Estimate is made.

VAT needs Head of Department, which does not mean it is not good to administer by a particular Department. Comparing to Excise Department it is older to the said Department. It is very important to have Head of Department. That's why, it needs improvement as it is revenue earning Department. Meanwhile, I would like to add that more check gates be set up at Tuipuibari or Phaileng for imposing taxes and checking illegal import commodities.

In Revenue Department, what I want to say is that there are too many double LSCs within the city and its adjoining villages. While border fencing is done by Home Department, it seems the quantity of surveyors is so inadequate in the Department. It is therefore, appears that the Department needs enlargement.

PU H. LALSANGZUALA : Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, let me start with Demand No. 24 - Health & Family Welfare

Department. Last month, an epidemic broke out in Tualvawng village and a number of people lost their life. The Department immediately sent certain doctors to take preventive measure on the spot. It was then found out that the disease was pneumonia. Five persons who were affected by the disease were immediately brought to Aizawl for further treatments. I, therefore, have to extend my appreciation to the concerned Department for their timely action without which the number of death toll will be increasing in a village of just 90 households.

Relating to this matter, it is much appreciated to learn that doctors and staff of Civil Hospital make contribution from their own pockets for purchase of medicines for those patients who do not afford to do so and their motives is praiseworthy.

Relating to Blood Bank, I have to ask the concerned Minister if whether an incentive cash is given to those staff under Blood Bank section of Civil Hospital for their services outside the office ? whether overtime allowances is given to those staff for their overtime services at Blood Donation camp ? If not, it may be appreciated if the concerned Minister consider the matter. Secondly, I have to ask if the donated bloods by YMA and other organizations have also been supplied in various Nursing Homes. If so, whether an incentive cash is given to the concerned NGOs or the concern Department. If not, is there a plan to do so ? Thirdly, whether the laboratory technicians are made available to be called on emergency cases whenever blood is needed ? In this regard, I opine it is inappropriate to supply to any other private hospital since the business is of private.

Coming now to the problem within my constituency, it is much appreciated that Health Sub-centre of Suangpuilawn is being upgraded to PHC. Yet, Health Sub-centre at Thanglailung the building which has already been constructed during the previous ministry is still lying unoccupied. The concerned Minister may please consider inauguration of this Health Sub-centre. In this connection, I have to state that my constituency demands Health Sub-centre as much as possible. Even if it is difficult to fulfill each and every Demand, it may be much appreciated if Health Workers are posted as requirement as majority of the people in my constituency hardly afford to avail medical treatment at Aizawl due to remoteness of their villages. Thank you.

PU D. THANGLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I first of all have to express my appreciation regarding improvement of the Government in



Budget Management in which our financial outstanding in respect of medical reimbursement / treatment during the year 2006 – 2007 amounting to Rs. 36 lakh is remarkably falling down by the year 2007 – 2008 due to the efforts of our Finance Minister.

Coming now to Demand No. 11 - SAD, I must say that the concerned Minister deserves appreciation for his achievement in meeting financial demand of the Department in keeping the administration up-to-date.

Secondly, I have to stress the need of preservation of our language while discussing the Demand of Art & Culture. In order to do so, I opine it is necessary for the concerned Department to give concentration to our youths today by giving awareness of the importance of our cultural heritage and language. Yet, I am extending my appreciation to the step which has already been taken so far.

Coming now to Demand No. 21 - Higher & Technical Education, I have to say that we the Mizos are having the quality of intelligence in nature in respect of which steps taken by the concerned Minister is highly appreciated specially the achievement of ICICI Bill that concerns with provision for further education for the students.

Regarding Demand No. 7 Excise & Narcotics, it is grateful that we have been experiencing a positive outcome of the effort put forward by Excise & Narcotics with the help of various NGOs in controlling drugs and alcohol.

As of the Demand of Fisheries Department, Demand No. 35, I opine it is important for the Department to put more effort so that our fish farms are safe from the attack of up surge rodents.

Next Demand No. 18 - Printing & Stationery, it is grateful that the Department has now acquired coloured Printing Press of C – 7 Czechos and an image setter which happened to be a remarkable achievement for the Department.

Now Demand No. 8 - Taxation Department, the performance of the Department is quite well despite the insufficiency of staff. This indicates efficiency of the concerned Minister.

Even though various members have already spoken on matters concerning Health & Family Welfare, I have to add few points. We have frequently heard of criticism against the Department in dealing with administration of Civil Hospital. Yet, thanks to the effort of the concerned Minister it is greatly improved. In relation, I have to mention that the Minister recently visited various Health Centres within my constituency and noted down their respective requirement for immediate supply. But till today nothing is done whereas five PHCs out of nine, recently up graded are of constituencies of the opposition members. I, therefore, earnestly request the concerned Minister to do the same in my constituency.

Like Health Department, Social Welfare Department is having its own importance as it concerns with improvement of the condition of a person physically and mentally. The Department too is performing well in doing their duties. Thanks to the efforts of the concerned Minister. It is much appreciated that the Department at a frequent interval, issue items to every MLA for distribution in their respective constituency.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA

: Mr. Speaker Sir, let me start with the Demand No. 24 - Health & Family Welfare Department. It

is sad to learn that the on going project for construction of Referral Hospital is on the verge of failure despite the relentless efforts put by the previous leaders for having a selected super specialists. As one of the members in the discussion of this project, we have made a plan of constituting a Governing Board consisting of selected super specialists, when Dr. Madhu Dandavate was vice chairman of the Planning Commission. But the main reason for stagnation of this project seems to be of the ignorance of the previous Congress Ministry as well as MNF during their two successive ministries to follow appropriate plan laid down for the project. The existing problem for this project too seems to be of our own creation.

It may be much appreciated if the matter is again discussed in the cabinet meeting for more appropriate outcome since it is an urgent need by the people of Mizoram. I strongly hope that the Central Government too will open for us if an approach is made by our Government by submitting appropriate plan and detail record of number of cancer patients during the last fifteen years.

In relation to this matter, I opine introduction of the new system with ICICI Lombard is hardly appropriate. It is stated that the Government expenditure on refer case will certainly be reduced after introduction of the new system. But it is regretted to learn that this practice creates various hardships to the concerned patients as non-Mizo's mentality is not in compatible with that of ours and it affects the credibility of the Government too.

It may therefore be wise for the Government to cancel the agreement with ICICI Lombard as number of patients are now suffering outside Mizoram due to mounting of credit to their concerned hospitals. In particular, heart patients are now facing that problem due to ceiling of sanction is fixed at 2.5 lakhs only and the demand for their treatment exceeds that ceiling. The system may be suggestive in economic sense but some improvements is necessary in referral case as it concerns for the cause of life saving.

Relating to this matter, I have to express my opinion regarding Family Planning in Mizo society. I don't think it is necessary as our population still needs to increase so as to protect our society from assimilation and it is important to maintain optimum requirement of population in such a way to maintain appropriate divisions of labour.



Coming now to Demand of Taxation Department, it is appreciated that our Government is giving concentration on Local Resources Mobilization. Yet, it may be important to determine clearly of inclusion of tolls on road & bridges in the Budget Speech which, in my opinion, is quite early to take such step. Besides, land reform and development will never be achieved unless importance is given to minor irrigation. I am afraid that the concerned people are discouraged by introduction of direct tax on road and bridges. The matter, therefore may pleased be reconsidered so as not to supplement the burden of the concern people. Thank you.

PU R. KHAWPUITHANGA

: Mr. Speaker Sir, let me start my speech with the Demand of GAD and SAD. This Department is very important as they are responsible in setting an example to all other Departments in maintaining punctuality and efficiency in their respective office duties. It is much appreciated that the Department is able to maintain such quality with the effort of the concerned Minister and deserves to receive their Demands.

Secondly, Health & Family Welfare Department in which measures for protection of HIV /AIDS is being taken in full-swing. Thanks to their efforts, the disease is now under control with the help of certain developed instruments that have been acquired by the Department.

Coming now to Demand No. 29 - Social Welfare Department in which 29 crore rupees is allotted. The performances of the Department in keeping up the welfare of infants, old ages, disabled persons and even youths having drugs-related problem, particularly in drugs related problem which is being suffered almost in every family, it may be important for the Department to give awareness so that NGOs as well as churches could cooperate in combating against this problem.

As of Demand No. 6 - Land Revenue & Reforms Department, it is learnt that insufficiency of staff is occurred in dealing with cadastral survey. It may be appreciated if their problem is resolved with immediate effect as the Department concerns for improvement of revenue of the Government. It may also be important to give priority to setting up of survey Training Institute.

Regarding Demand No. 8, Taxation Department, revenue income of the Government is increasing greatly with the introduction of VAT. Thanks to the effort of the concerned Minister and the Department. Hence it is important for the Government to consider their Demand.

As of Printing & Stationery Demand, it is grateful that the Department has now acquired image setter which is much essential for the working of the Department. It may be pleased if other machineries too are acquired as desired by the Department.

Regarding Fisheries Department, I opine it is important to put more effort on Fish seed Farming so as to make fresh fish available at the market.

Coming now to Demand No. 21 - Higher & Technical Education, it is much appreciated that training for Accounting, Financial Analyst and Management, Law Education, Insurance, Medical Science and Engineering is introduced as a result of the visit of the concerned Minister to London.

Regarding the performance of Excise Department, it is much grateful that remarkable achievement has been made in controlling supply of liquor and illegal drugs. Thanks to the support of various NGOs and churches. Besides, one and a half crore of revenue has been collected within this financial year. Yet, it is desirable if no collection is made as it will indicate we are free from such illegal business.

I, therefore, wish all the Demands today is pass by the House unanimously. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : We will now take a recess and the meeting will be resumed at 5 : 15 PM.

S P E A K E R : In continuation of our sitting we will now take up winding up of the Demands of our Ministers. To start with, let me call upon Pu R. Tlanghmingthanga to have his time.

P U R. T L A N G H M I N G T H A N G A  
M I N I S T E R : Mr. Speaker Sir, I will not make reaction to all the points raised by the members due to limit of time yet, it have been noted down for further action.

Regarding up-gradation of Civil Hospital Aizawl, it is appreciated that the Central Government approved the sanction of 54 crore rupees which will enable us to take step for that up-gradation. Not only this, provision for construction of District Hospital Champhai amounting to Rs. 26 crore has already been passed. Relating to this matter, there is a plan for construction of extended hospital in the area to be vacated by the Secretariat for which DPR and scheme have already been achieved. Not only this, it is appreciated that there is a plan for construction of Hospital at Champhai. Again, for construction of the building of sub-centre at various places, the Central Government already sanctioned Rs. 7,28,000/- out of which it will be started with the amount of 5.8 lakh at the first phase and the rest will be released as soon as utilization certificate of the said first phase is produced. In this relation, it is to be noted that there is a sanction for up gradation of CHC with the amount of Rs. 40,00,000/- and Rs. 20,00,000/- in respect to PHC.



Regarding the Demand raised by a member from Kawnpui constituency, it is to be noted that allotment of 4 nurses is the usual norm of the Department yet, PHC of Kawnpui exceeds that number. And, PHC is not having the scale to avail the service of sister.

It is also grateful to learn that there is a proposal for creation of 56 posts of specialist. If the present Medical Officers occupy the new posts to be created, there will be 56 new posts of MBBS so that 4 doctors will then be allotted to each CHC. Recently, we have recruited 10 Ayush doctors so that each of the District will be allotted where as their posting have already been arranged.

As of establishment of Nursing College, it is first necessary to study norms and regulations set out by the Central Nursing Council and it is not possible to take immediate step ; yet progress has been made in the dealing.

Keeping in mind the need for concentration of cancer in our state, it is grateful to learn that Central Government has now approved establishment of Regional Cancer Centre in Mizoram in respect of which Rs. 75 lakhs is sanctioned by the Central for purchase of equipments for treatment of cancer and Rs. 300 lakh for construction of its building for which the site near TB Hospital of Zembavai is being proposed.

Mr. Speaker Sir, achievement of MSACS too is worth mentioning as the number of HIV /AIDS affected patients is remarkably decreasing, thanks to the efforts of the Department. On the other hand, while the Department is making effective steps in controlling cancer and HIV / AIDS, it is surprising to learn that most of the deaths as recorded were from malaria. Hence, I opine it is important for the concerned Department to give more efforts on preventive measures for this deadly disease.

As of the question of payment of incentive to staff working under Blood Donation Cell, it is to be noted that detailment of duty of the concerned technicians and staff is done with appropriate roster of one technician on each alternate day and no overtime duty is happening. As of donation of blood, the Government is maintaining a particular condition in receiving the blood. Presently, we are having only two qualified Blood Banks such as Civil Hospital of Aizawl and Lunglei whereas license of qualification is now being applied for Kohlasib and Serchhip.

As of the Demand of PHC for Bungtlang 'S', an approach has been made to the Central Government for permission of allotment of doctor on need basis but not on population basis. In addition, number of buildings of Sub Centre is now under construction from fund received from the Central Government.

As of insufficiency of doctor in various places, it is to be noted that 7 doctors are now under going training and they will soon be back on their respective posts.

Regarding the Demand for more Sub-centres, the hon'ble Chief Minister is now approaching the Central authority to give at least 101 Sub-Centres more and it is not possible to foretell the outcome as the matter concerns both with Planning Commission and Central Finance Department.

As of the question of the where-about of some equipments acquired for Referral Hospital, they are now being used in the Civil Hospital which seems to be more beneficial than being kept unused.

The Social Welfare Department has been implementing various welfare activities in regard to giving assistance to children and the aged ; old age pension is also given to a number of beneficiaries with the objective of providing a wider scope of rehabilitation in the state, De-addiction centres and Protective Homes have been set up. Since 2001 Mizoram Social Welfare Department has secured first position in regard to its works toward providing nutrition. Being the Minister for Social Welfare, I have taken initiative for the upliftment of the present Anganwadis. With the assistance of Central Government, 600 Anganwadi Centres have already been constructed and another 500 is being set for construction. Regarding the construction of Anganwadi Centres, I would like to inform the people through this House that the local inhabitants have taken up the construction work. Contractors have never been involved in this matter.

The Social Welfare Department has also been engaged in tribal affairs as well. The State Government has been trying to convince the Central Government to raise tribal scholarship for students and also to sanction placement for the training of commercial pilot for North East States.

Under Secretariat Administration Department, there are several Civil Secretariat Departments. Ministers, Officials and Staff totaling 1577 in number. The function of this Department is very important. However, due to lack of proper plan in the administration there has been many problems faced by the Department. As stated before, this Department looks after Ministers, and other high Officials and VIPs, it demands a great deal of service of fund. Sometimes, the Department need to go beyond the rules in regard to the purchase of stationeries due to urgency. Here I request the understanding of the members.

The construction of New Capital Complex is almost completed. It is assumed that 2 blocks of the Secretariat could be shifted to the new Secretariat Complex. The problem that arises out of the privatization of Government vehicles has also been settled.

Some of the members have emphasized the need for Health Worker in various Sub-Centres. The Department has been processing for recruitment of Health Workers in the near future. Let us anticipate that all the Health Centre in rural areas are equiped with the adequate staff.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I request this august House to pass my Demand No. 11 - SAD for Rs.51,39,30,000/-, Demand No. 24, Health & Family



Welfare Department for Rs. 87,230,000/-, Demand No. 29 – Social Welfare Department – Rs. 2,49,750,000/- totaling Rs. 1,63,59,80,000/- . Thank you

**S P E A K E R** : Members who agree to pass Demands No. 11,24,29 may say 'yes' and those who are against it may say 'nay'. The House has passed the Demands of Pu R. Tlangmingthanga unanimously). Let us now call upon the Hon'ble Minister Pu B. Lalthlengliana to wind up the discussion.

**P U B. L A L T H L E N G L I A N A** : Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At the outset, I would like to express my appreciation to the members for their constructive suggestions and criticisms regarding the Departments under my demands.

First, I would like to react to the questions concerning Land Revenue and Reforms. Pu Lalthhandama Ralte has raised the question if cadastral survey has been started within Aizawl city area. The Department has completed cadastral survey in 22 areas within Aizawl city and land records so prepared are also computerized for efficient land management and tax administration.

Regarding land tax the Government has reviewed the tax so as to bring about satisfaction amongst the people.

Pu H. Liansailova, MLA has raised the question if LSC has been issued within the Village Council area of Falkland near BRTF compound. In this regard, I would like to clarify that the BRTF has been occupying their present place since 1963. But, it has been later found that the area had been occupied without a land lease. When the MNF came into power in 1987 there was an order to issue land lease in favour of the BRTF. But, that has not been materialized. No one has taken notice that the occupied area of the BRTF was not legally owned by the BRTF themselves. However, many people have applied for the allotment of the surrounding area. The team of officials have issued allotment to a number of persons if provided that there is technical clearance. So far, 25 LSCs have been issued without showing any favour or partiality. As for the BRTF, steps have been taken to provide proper land lease.

Regarding land acquisition, the Revenue Department has taken sole responsibility. Due to lack of proper co-ordination with other Department there can be a good chance of re-issue of LSC against the land that had already been acquired by the Government. Therefore, it is important for the Departments to associate Revenue Department so that the LSC of land acquired would immediately be cancelled.

The member from Kolasib, has asked whether ASO I could be posted at Kolasib. The Hon'ble Chief Minister is also concerned with this case and therefore, under his advice the matter would be moved. If this case has been successfully processed ASO I would be posted in Champhai, Serchhip, Mamit, Kolasib. As per Government notification of 2004 the ASO I are not authorized to issue Land Settlement Certificate. This order has been enforce till date.

In reaction to the suggestion raised by Pu P.P. Thawlla that each MLAs should be allotted house sites, I would like to state that the Government has concerned over this matter. The existing house site plan is rather narrow. Anyhow, steps will be taken accordingly.

As for the question raised by Pu H.Rohluna, I would like to inform the House that the Government has been reviewing the system of tax in the state.

Coming to border fencing, the Government has decided to give cash compensation to the families whose lands have been destroyed due to the construction of border fencing. However, cash compensation cannot be disbursed now as the Deputy Commissioners of Mamit, Lunglei and Lawngtlai have not yet completed the survey. As soon as survey and selection of beneficiaries are completed disbursement would be taken up.

In reaction to matters concerning Revenue Department the Government is aware of the prevalence of double issue of LSC particularly in Luangmual Village Council area. The Department has now been working vigorously to clean up this problem.

The Hon'ble member Pu R. Khawpuithanga has suggested for the setting up of Training Institute and creation of more posts for surveyor. The Government is concerned with the shortage of surveyor and has decided to take positive actions. After the current Assembly session is over, this matter would be moved.

As I have stated earlier, Revenue Department has computerized the land records and so far 315660 land holdings have been completed. An aerial survey on Aizawl city is also being done. It is a matter of appreciation that the Government has realized the various problems and obstacles and thereby created the post of Joint Director for Surveyor wing.

Coming to Demand No. 8, I will react to the points raised by the members. Realising the problem of collection of Sales Tax arising out of the non-uniformity of rate in different states, the Empower Committee of State has recently resolved to introduce uniform rate under VAT. However, we are in a transition period and hence, hasty decision cannot be made for now. At the same time, I would like to inform the members that the Government does not reject any decision if it is for the welfare of the state.



The Government has no knowledge that there has been double payment of VAT in the state. It seems that there is misinformation in this regard.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Mr. Speaker, I have heard from the merchants and traders within the state that VAT has been paid in double.

PU B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Mr. Speaker, if goods are purchased for personal use, VAT is to be paid. However, if the goods purchased are to be sold the buyer is not liable to pay VAT.

It is the objective of the Department to enforce VAT Acts and Rules. It has even been witnessed that the number of non-Mizo flying businessmen has greatly decreased after the Department enforced this provision.

As for the Vairengte stop gate, proposal is on to introduce stock transfer system. In fact, 50 persons have already given such transfer forms.

As for the reviewed of VAT the Department is taking every possible step for its enforcement, since the revenue has increased enormously. Regarding flying businessman, who possesses ILP for more than 2 years are liable for VAT registration. The registration is given after careful screening by Taxation Department. Mr Speaker, at present there are 145 non-Tribal registered and 3659 in all registered in Taxation Department.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Mr. Speaker, regarding the purchase of vehicle from outside the state, it so happen that due to VAT the Department purchased vehicle from outside the state, thereby causing great loss for local dealers. Thus, I would like to ask the Government could impose Motor Vehicle tax so as to avoid the purchase of vehicle from outside.

PU LALDUHOMA : Mr. Speaker, I would like to know the names of non-tribal who possess ILP. I would further like to know the number of persons who are given ILP by the present Government. Also, if there could be any apprehension in regard to ILP.

PU B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Mr Speaker, so far, there is nothing to be apprehensive of ILP. As for the number of ILP issued, I cannot give the correct figure at present.

It is pleasing to note that, some of the hon'ble members mentioned the various development that took place in the Department. As for the question made by Pu Hminga, I cannot give the answers as it is not the purview of the Department.

Mr. Speaker, as for the up-gradation of the Department to full fledge commissioner and the construction of taxation check-gate mentioned by the hon'ble member, proposal is going on.

Mr. Speaker, my answer to the hon'ble member Pu Zodintluanga is – Melbuk check gate is suspended for 2 months in order to study the prospective of the function of the Check-gate.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to mention few points in regard to the growth in revenue collected by the Department. As per 2006-2007 revised estimate the target is 55 crore and 65 lakhs. The Department, so far, till February has collected Rs.55 crore, 19,15,000 lakhs. Thus, by March end we expect to cross the target. Mr. Speaker, there is a total of 20.8% increased in the revenue collection. Knowing the importance of the Department, the hon'ble Chief Minister has agreed to the creation of various new posts. Mr. Speaker, 30 Inspectors will be recruited through Public Service Commission and 6 Superintendents by promotion.

The answer to hon'ble member Pu Andrew Lalherliana's question in regard to the collection of tax at Lengpui Airport is, taxable items are recorded by taxation Inspector at Lengpui Airport from businessman in order to stop the evasion of paying tax.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Mr. Speaker, when we received friends from outside the state at the Airport, there are times when their personal luggages are questioned by taxation staff. Mr Speaker, it is indeed quite embarrassing as such practice is not found in any other states.

PU B. LALTHLEGLIANA : Mr Speaker, it is enough to inform the staff that they are not businessman. For the information of the hon'ble members, the rate of CST has been reduced to 1% from April. Further, as per the provision made by the empower committee, the rate is expected to fall at 0% by 2010.

Fisheries Department. Mr Speaker, after careful study of this Department. I realized that it is a potential Department for self-sufficiency. A person is able to earn 2/3 lakhs from 20 quintals of fish a year. There are 600 families who are earning their livelihood through fish farming. 37,500 quintal of fish is produced a



year as per the office record. Mr. Speaker, the hon'ble members spoke about seat in the market for fish farmers, we are aware, talks is going on with Trade & Commerce. Thus, we are expecting for seat in the market.

Mr. Speaker, due to aids distributed to 393 families under BAFFACOS scheme., the production of fish rose by 1482 quintal. The beneficiaries are selected by Board members. The Department has 13 fish farms at present. But, there is a proposal to privatize the fish farms except for Lengpui, Zobawk and Tamdil farm.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to point out that, whenever aids is distributed, the beneficiaries are given training. There is a proposal to create training centre at Lengpui and Saiha.

In regard to fish-seed, it is my desire to distribute high quality of fish seed, but unfortunately we are unable to beat the non-Mizos in quoting rates, thus, we are still facing problem in regard to fish seed. However, there are Mizo Heachari and we expect to get fish seeds from them very soon.

PU LALDUHOMA : Mr. Speaker, I would like to remind the hon'ble Minister that, for the past 4 years Zohmun Fisheries Association has not receive fish seed.

PU B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Mr. Speaker, I will look in to the matter. MINISTER : Coming to Printing & Stationery Department, huge development has taken place in this Department due to the effort of the hon'ble Chief Minister Mr. Speaker, the Department acquired new machinery such as Image setter and colour off-set Printer which has helped in the revenue collection of the Department. The revenue target of the Department is 65 lakhs. I am delighted to point out that we are expecting by March end we will cross the target. Further the Department is expected to function without any liabilities in the coming financial year.

The answer to hon'ble member Pu Saikapthiang is all damageable items is decentralized and sales outlet has started functioning by mallan system.

Mr. Speaker, I now beg this august House that the following demands – Demand No. 6 Land Revenue & Reforms Rs. 10,21,50,000/- Demand No.8 Taxation Rs. 4,19,35,000/- Demand No.18 Printing & Stationery Rs.6,36,15,000/- Demand No.35 Fisheries Rs.4,35,00,000/- Total Rs.25,12,00,000/- be passed. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Now that the hon'ble Minister has begged the august House to pass his demand totally Rs.25,12,00,000/- all those who agree say 'agree', and those who does not agree say 'disagree'. The House has unanimously passed the Demands for the hon'ble Minister Pu B.Lalthlengliana.

We will now call Dr. R.Lalzama to wind-up his demands.

**Dr. R. LALZAMA MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker Sir, it is pleasing to note that 11 members spoke about Higher & Technical Education.

First of all I would like to highlight some of the important achievements of Higher & Technical Education. Step is taken for permanent affiliation under UGC Act, 1956 for all Mizoram colleges. If these colleges get the recognition under 2F & 12B, coaching centre could be established. As such, recognised college like Aizawl Government College have established coaching centre and has conducted examination successfully. Further, recognised colleges like, Lawngtlai and J.B College have received library and building extension grant, for which we are very grateful. Mr Speaker, Post Matric Scholarship has also been distributed to 38752 students and also to Ph.D and M.Phil research students. Mr. Speaker, incentive cash award has also been distributed to students who has gone through Indian Civil Service and Indian Army force exam.

Quality Assurance cell has been established, under National Assessment Accreditation Council for quality drive. State Quality Assurance Co-ordination Committee has been constituted under the chairmanship of the Director.

**PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA** : Mr. Speaker, regarding the building grant, I mentioned for Khawzawl College. I would like to ask the hon'ble Minister if assurance could be given in this regard.

**Dr LALZAMA MINISTER** : Mr.Speaker, we will look into the matter. Regarding 12 colleges proposed for provincialisation which I mentioned this morning, nothing has been finalized, it has to get the approval of the Cabinet Meeting.



Mr. Speaker, knowing the shortage of fund in Higher & Technical Education Department, the Government has sanctioned additional fund for which we are very grateful. This additional fund has enable us to create 92 Lecturer post on contract basis. Mr Speaker, we also received Rs.60 lakhs for construction of Boy's Hostel at Shillong and Rs.45 lakhs for the construction of B.Ed College at Republic.

Mr. Speaker, several college buildings has been constructed, and Boys Hostel Shillong is also under construction with an estimate of Rs 60 lakhs. Further, it is pleasing to note that, under UGC funding Vocational Subject like, Early Childhood care & Education has been introduced in Government Kalasib College, and Rs. 72 lakhs has been sanctioned for completion of Mizoram Hindi Training College.

Regarding IGFAI University it was notified in the Mizoram Gazette on 10.4.2006 that Higher & Technical Education Commissioner, Mizoram is among the board member along with Dr. L.N. Tluanga and Dr. Sangkima.

Coming to hon'ble Pu Lalhmingthanga's question in regard to the establishment of B. Tech, proposal is going on, it is in the stage of finalisation.

As for BBA and MBA classes, for the information of the House, classes has began, and the fees has been reduced in the North Eastern States.

I would like to highlight about Technical Education Cell. Mizoram State Technical Education cell. conducts entrance exam for Polytechnic and RIPAN. Also, NERIST and DOEACC. Last year, Mizoram State Technical Education cell sent out 121 students for different course at different universities.

We also received Rs. 26 lakhs for development of the site for Zirtiri Residential Science College at Mualpui. I hope that fund will be coming for starting construction of the building.

In regard to Art & Culture Department, we heard speeches from 13 members. The main objective of this Department is preservation of our culture, custom, customary Law and cultural dances. Cultural meet had been organized at various places for this purpose. Rs. 5,62,000/- was also spent for organizing Chapchar Kut at all District capitals. A typical village at Falkawn was burnt recently, there is proposal to renovate this during the financial year.

Replying to Pu Lalduhoma, hon'ble member from Ratu constituency regarding preservation of Phingnu & Phingpa Lung at E. Phaileng there is different idea between MUP and the Department. The MUP wanted to build a house or waiting shed over this site while the Department advocates preservation in its natural form.

PU LALDUHOMA

: Mr Speaker Sir, the said historic monument has been exposed under direct sun light and rains for many years. Therefore, the MUP wanted to make shades on it by constructing a simple building for better preservation. Otherwise, it will be deteriorating day by day. The main problem as stated by the MUP is shortage of fund. Is there a new excuse ?

Dr R. LALZAMA  
MINISTER

: Mr. Speaker Sir, let me continue my speech, our objective is preservation of our historic heritage and sites. Construction of retaining wall to prevent the site from landslide and making seats near the site without destroying the natural form of the heritage are steps taken by the Department. Anyway, preservative steps will be taken for this site.

Regarding the Mizo script as mentioned by Pu Lalduhoma, we have heard about this and the said script as curved on a stone is now kept in the museum. We will enquire this and beg help from the hon'ble member. Regarding Cultural Meet held at Zohmun, I would like to state that cultural meet programmes have been scheduled in the beginning of the year. It is therefore, difficult to finance every cultural meet which is not included in the annual schedule of the Department. In regard to State Museum as stated by Pu Lalrinliana, hon'ble member from Khawhai constituency, the building is now under construction at New Capital Complex, Khatla with an estimate of Rs.1.25 lakhs. Anyway, we will have a good building shortly.

Construction of the building for District Library at Kolasib is still going on. There is a proposal to build the same in other districts too. There have been 425 recognised libraries ran by voluntary organizations. Our expenditure for construction of buildings is funded by Rajaram Mohan Roy Foundation. Various steps for conservation of cultural heritage have been taken during the 11<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission and another 20 heritages have been proposed to be preserved under the 12<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission. Organisation of Drama Festival and right application of grammar to Mizo language is another important steps taken by this Department. A proposal for constitution of Language Board is still under consideration.

Competition on Cultural Dance, Lengkhawm Zai ( Group singing) and Painting had been organized successfully. The following cultural materials had also been distributed to voluntary organizations :

- 1) Darkhuang ( Mizo Gong ) - 16
- 2) P.A. Set - 63
- 3) Hollow Guiter - 33
- 4) Puanchei - 195
- 5) Kawrchei ( Mizo Traditional Dress ) - 200
- 6) Vakiria - 94.



- 7) Darbu - 5 sets.
- 8) Darbenthek - 1 set.
- 9) Ngotekherh - 124
- 10) Pawndum - 128
- 11) Mara suit - 136
- 12) Thangchhuah kawr - 15.

We want to sanction grant-in-aid to various NGOs as much as possible however, our fund is limited. It is our desire to allocate much more fund for this purpose in the Budget. Besides the above, the Mizo Cultural Troop had participated in various cultural meet in many places outside Mizoram.

Replying to Pu Andrew Lalherliana, hon'ble member from Khawzawl constituency there is a proposal to post adequate staff to our offices in Lunglei, Kolasib and other District capitals. During the year 2006-2007 Tribal Research Institute had published 3 books.

PU S. HIATO : Mr. Speaker Sir, discussion about the Budget on Demand will be continued for a whole week. Is it needed to mention all matters in details ?

Dr LALZAMA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, 1000 copies of three books ; (1) Mizo Inneih, (2) Mizo Folktales, (3) Pang of Mizoram have been published. Anyway, I would like to reflect various achievements of the Departments under my charge. In regard to Library Act, the Act had already been passed in 1993, we also want to constitute separate Directorate but shortage of fund is our main problem.

The Indian Museum, Kolkata had made galleries at Likuti Hall, Lunglei inaugurated on August 3, 2006 in which 364 items are displayed. The museum building of Gandhi Memorial High School, Champhai is also now under construction, the expenditure will be funded by the Indian Museum, Kolkata.

Coming to Excise and Narcotic Department, at present there are 595 posts in this Department of which 38 posts are lying vacant. Steps are being taken to fill up such vacant posts. Regarding the amount of budget for this Department, the budget for the year 2007-2008 is Rs.818 lakhs which is more than last year's budget of Rs.836.58 lakhs. However, Rs. 50 lakhs was allocated for Medical Re-imburement in the last year's budget which will not be required now. So, our budget is, in fact, increased by some amount.

It is our desire to post District Officers at Mamit, Lunglei and other important places like Ngopa, Kawrthah, etc. but shortage of staff is still there. Anyway, let us hope that the said problem will be solved gradually. Construction of the building for Commissionerate office is in progress. We expect that this Department will have its own office building shortly. Regarding our

achievements, during the year 2006-2007, Excise Department earned a revenue of Rs.1,41,48,541/-. Besides this, too much intoxicating drinks – IMLF and local, drugs vehicles and persons involved in such prohibited items are seized. At the same time, we got aids in cash and in kind as shown below –

- (1) During the year 2004-2005 –
  - (a) Rs. 5,90,000/-
  - (b) Motorcycles – 7 Nos.
  - (c) Computer – 4 sets.
- (2) During the year 2005-2006 –
  - (a) Rs. 24,36,500/-
  - (b) Gypsy – 3 Nos.
  - (c) Car – 5 Nos.
  - (d) Hand set – 5 Nos.

In addition to these we still expect another aids from the Central Government.

PU ZODINTLUANGA :

Mr. Speaker Sir, when will the interview for filling up of various vacant posts under Excise Department be done. Written Test had already been conducted for this purpose? Can the Minister explain the postponement of the date of interview as directed by the Secretary?

Dr LALZAMA  
MINISTER :

Mr. Speaker Sir, file is still moving to constitute DPC. which will be passed through DP & AR. It is under process. Interview will be conducted shortly.

Mr Speaker sir, I beg leave of the House to pass my Demands –

- (1) Demand No. 7; Excise & Narcotic Department – Rs.8,18,65,000/-
  - (2) Demand No. 21; Higher & Technical Education Department – Rs.34,15,10,000/-
  - (3) Demand No. 23; Art & Culture Department – Rs.5,00,60,000/-
- Total : Rs. 47,34,35,000/-

S P E A K E R :

Dr Lalzama, hon'ble Minister has now wind up the discussion on his demands and he begged leave of the House to pass his demands. Those who agree to pass may say 'yes' and those who disagree may say 'No' (Members say 'Yes' ). Dr Lalzama's Demands Rs. 818,65,000/- for Excise and Narcotic Department – Rs.34,15,10,000/- for Higher & Technical Education Department – Rs. 5,00,60,000/- for Art & Culture Department. Total : Rs. 47,34,35,000/- is passed unanimously by the House.

Now, we have finished our business for today and our sitting will be resumed tomorrow i.e. 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2007 at 10:30 A.M. Sitting is adjourned 7:55 P.M.