

TWELFTH SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 28TH MARCH, 2007
(Time : 10:30 A.M to 1: 00 P.M., 2 : 00 P.M. to 4 :00 P.M)

LIST OF BUSINESS

MEMBERS PRESENT

1. Pu Lalchamliana, Speaker at the Chair, Pu Zoramthanga, Chief Minister, Pu C.Lalrinsanga, Deputy Speaker, 11 Ministers and 25 Members were present.

QUESTIONS

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

LAYING OF PAPERS

3. PU AICHHINGA to lay on the Table of the House a copy of correction of reply to Unstarred Question No. 18 put by Pu Lalrinliana Sailo on 17/10/2006.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

4. PU Z.H. ROPUIA, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
5. PU ZORAMTHANGA, Chief Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Bill for introduction, consideration and passing.

6. PU ZORAMTHANGA, Chief Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce " The Mizoram Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 2007"

ALSO

to introduce the Bill

to move that the Bill be taken into consideration

AND

to move that the Bill be passed.

SPEAKER : "Poverty and disgrace come to him who ignores instruction, but he who heeds reproof is honoured".

We will take up questions, Starred Question No.181 is a common question put by Pu D. Thangliana and Pu Lalchhandama Ralte, who will ask it? Yes, Pu D. Thangliana.

PU D. THANGLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Will the hon'ble Minister for Sports and Youth Services Department be pleased to reply the following questions.

(a) Is there any proposal to constitute Youth Commission? What steps have so far been taken by the Government?

(b) Will the Government distribute incentive cash award to those sports persons who made good achievements in state level, national level and international level sports.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu Z.H. Ropuia, hon'ble Minister to give answers.

**PU Z.H. ROPUIA
MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker Sir, answer to Starred Question No. 181 asked by Pu D. Thangliana and Pu Lalchhandama Ralte are as follows :

(a) Youth Commission is to be constituted shortly. The Director of Sports & Youth Services Department had gone to New Delhi to study how the Central Government carried on this matter. According to which a study group for this purpose had been constituted. Now the final report is in the hand of the Drafting Committee.

(b) The Government of Mizoram will give incentive cash award to those who got 1st to 3rd position in various sports discipline in National and International levels. Notification had been issued for this purpose Vide Letter No. B. 13019/1/88-SYS Dated 5th September, 2001. However, there is no proposal to award such incentive in state level sports.

PU LALCHHANDAMA RALTE : Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary questions. (1) Has Youth Commission been constituted in other states? (2) Is there national level Youth Commission in the Central Government? Does the Central Government notice or request all states to constitute Youth Commission in their respective states? (3) Is there a uniform rate of incentive cash award for various sports disciplines? (4) Have we awarded the said incentive cash award so far?

PU H. LIANSILOVA : Mr. Speaker Sir, what will be the main purpose for constitution of Youth Commission? What will be its objective? Is there any terms of reference?

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, constitution of Youth Commission is one of the manifesto of MNF Party during 2003 General Election. If there is proposal to implement this shortly what amount of money is allocated in the budget for 2007-2008 for this purpose?

PU Z.H. ROPUIA : Mr. Speaker Sir, reply to Pu Lalchhandama Ralte, no states in India, as far as my knowledge is concerned, have not constituted Youth Commission even in the national level too, a full fledged Youth Commission has not been constituted. When we studied about this we found that merely a study group is there in the Central level which had now been defunct after presenting Reports. Here we keep the reports of the said study group. It is a detail and voluminous Report and is being under examination. Regarding his third question there is not any notice or instruction issued by the Central Government to the states to constitute Youth Commission in every state.

Regarding the rate of incentive cash award there is a uniform rate. So, there is no any discrimination among various sports disciplines.

Replying to Pu H.Liansailova, the study group constituted by the Central Government had drafted terms of reference for constitution of Youth Commission, which are : (1) Taking steps for development of youth services specially with reference to those who live in N.E. Region. (2) Amalgamation of various programmes for development of youth services made by different departments to be put under a single ministry. (3) Searching for better co-ordination between the State Government and NGO's.

In regard to Pu R. Lalzirliana's question, constitution of Youth Commission has now been under consideration and since it has not been constituted actually, no allocation for this purpose is made in the budget. When we have finished all necessary steps to be taken we will request Planning Department to make sanction. We further hope that Planning Department can issue adequate sanction for this purpose.

S P E A K E R : Let us now call upon Pu Andrew Lalherliana to ask Starred Question No. 182.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Will the hon'ble Chief Minister and Minister for Industries Department be pleased to reply my question.

- (1) How many share holder from Mizoram are there in Venus Bamboo Processing Industry ?
- (2) What amount of money had been spent by the Government of Mizoram to aid the said industry. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Let us call upon Chief Minister and Industries Minister to reply the questions.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA
CHIEF MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker Sir, the answer to Starred Questions asked by Pu Andrew Lalherliana are as the following :

- (1) Bamboo Development Agency, a Government undertaking society is the only share holder from Mizoram in Venus Bamboo Processing Industry Ltd.
- (2) No grant had been provided to aid this industry. However, investments as given below are made.
 - (a) Rs. 190 lakh for equity participation.
 - (b) Rs. 190.24 lakh for infrastructure.
 - (c) Rs. 209.50 lakh as short loan for purchasing machinery.
 - (d) Rs. 245 lakh as term loan.
 - (e) Rs. 2.71 lakh for miscellaneous expense.Total : Rs. 907.50 lakh only.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. As far as my knowledge is concerned the total expenditure to establish this Industry is Rs. 13 crore. The share holders with the value of their respective shares are - Mizoram Bamboo Development Agency with a share of 40 % K.K. Shah Group of Industry with a share of 40% and Borke Machinery Ltd. Taiwan with a share of 20%.

The contribution made by the Government of Mizoram has been stated and the Borke Machinery had contributed about Rs. 80 lakhs and K.K.Shah Group of Industry had contributed their old machineries which was estimated to a value of Rs.1.55 crore. Besides this, K.K. Shah Group of Industry has a liability of more than Rs.2 crore to the Central Bank of India, which was liquidated by the Government of Mizoram. I was amazed to know that the Government of Mizoram which contributed Rs.907.56 and K.K. Shah Group of Industry which contributed a very old machine have equal share of 40% each. It is further said that BAFFACOS fund is also used for the Industry. Therefore, the Government of Mizoram would make a great loss. Anyway, my supplementary questions are when will this industry be inaugurated ? When will it start production ?

PU ZODINTLUANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary questions please.

- (1) Does the Government of Mizoram satisfy with the Venus Bamboo Processing Industry.
- (2) We have heard that the total investment made by the Government of Mizoram. What amount of money had been recovered from this industry as profit.
- (3) What percentage of share is expected as a return of investment by the Government of Mizoram ?
- (4) What amount of money has been invested by K.K. Shah Group of Industry in this joint venture ?

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Mr Speaker Sir, supplementary question : I am aware that Gangulia was also participated in Venus Bamboo Processing Project in the beginning it is said that he was excluded soon as he did not support MNF Party. Can this matter be clarify by the hon'ble Chief Minister ? Secondly, In Biate, equity participation money was given to the Tea Planters in the past years. But now -a - days, the said money is ceased. Can the Government continue distribution of the said equity participation money as the tea planters depend on it ?

PU LALDUHOMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, we have heard about the ratio contributions made by various share holders. Does the Government take care the ratio of shares when this industry can make a profit? Secondly, Industry Department subsidise various machines for cottage industries such as sewing machine, carpentry tools etc. in which being a M.L.A. we have a quota. During this year we have submitted our recommended list in the month of August, but selection had not been done till date. Can this selection be done as early as possible? Can our quota also be increased?

S P E A K E R : Our question started from Bamboo Industry further goes to sewing machines etc. Now let us call upon the hon'ble Chief Minister to reply our questions.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, replying to Pu Andrew
CHIEF MINISTER Lalherliana, we have not too much experience in Bamboo Processing Industry. K.K. Shah Group of Industry is the first and the only agency in India. This agency started to work at Kolkata recently. But when the bamboo from Mizoram is transported to Kolkata for processing transportation cost is too much. Therefore, we suggest them to set up their machines here in Mizoram to avoid too much expense for transportation charge. Their machines are not so old as stated by Pu Andrew Lalherliana. Regarding distribution of share among the share holders. K.K. Shah Group and Mizoram BDA will get 40% share each and Borke Company will get 20%.

Regarding the question raised by Pu Lalrinliana Sailo, as far as my knowledge is concerned Mr Gangulia and Mr K.K. Shah had started a joint venture company, but I do not know the matter between them in detail.

Replying to Pu Zodintluanga, the Government of Mizoram does not satisfy with the production made by this industry. Our desire is to produce more and more products. We will work harder to develop this industry as much as possible. But now-a-days, due to bamboo flowering shortage of raw materials is our main problem. When we can have adequate supply of raw material, this industry would be able to produce various kinds of bamboo products.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I opine a variety of bamboo known as 'rua' is preferable than that of ordinary as it is thicker and is available within Mizoram.

PU ZORAMTHANGA
CHIEF MINISTER

: Mr. Speaker Sir, a variety we have in Mizoram too is applicable yet it is not profitable as it is small in size. As of a variety of 'rua', it is our first choice but there is a problem in collecting it considering the area where it grows.

As of the question of profit which has been made so far, some sorts of profit is made from the trial process but is not much since it is not of large production. The size of our investment may be taken as 40 %.

The question of issue of equity participation in respect to tea growers of Biate, I have already made countersign in approval (Pu Andrew Lalherliana : Mr Speaker Sir, this House may take note of the fact that the Government makes a recovery to Central Bank of India in favour of K.K. Shah . If this is accepted as of our share to the project, does that mean that we are making double payment ?).

The question of Pu Duhoma of how to determine that share it will be done in proportion of our loan and investment which has been made.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO

: Mr Speaker Sir, from our source through the Right to Information Act, payment amounting to 402 lakh is made to Venus Bamboo Processing Industry ? How come such payment is made from BAFFACOS fund.

PU ZORAMTHANGA
CHIEF MINISTER

: Mr Speaker Sir, we are having various financial sources relating to this matter and BAFFACOS is one of it. The said investment of Industries Department might have also included this BAFFACOS fund.

S P E A K E R

: Pu Lalduhoma to ask question No. 183.

PU LALDUHOMA

: Mr Speaker Sir, here is my question for favour of answer from the Minister, Health & Family Welfare Department

- (a) Is there any medical proof that DDT is harmful to human health ?
- (b) If so, is there any plan to give awareness to the people relating to its use ?

PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, since DDT is an
MINISTER insecticide, it is poisonous and it can be
harmful if it enters into human blood.

PU LALDUHOMA : Supplementary question Mr Speaker Sir,
DDT sprayed in our households are
washed away by rain and then effect the
garden in the areas around. It is believed
that increase of cancer in Mizoram is due to this factor. It is, therefore, important to
give awareness to the people.

Besides, Mr. Speaker Sir, it is learnt that there is an
opportunity of free medical treatment for non-Government Servant under the
scheme of Swasthya Bhima Policy. Will the Government take immediate step so
that the said opportunity is made available to the concerned people ?

PU S. HIATO : Mr Speaker Sir, relating to the negative
outcome of using DDT, it is also
necessary to consider the problem caused
by the practice of using numbers of
farmers in the neighbouring areas of Aizawl. In this regard, I opine it is necessary to
give awareness to the concerned farmers so that it is used only for the very purposes.
In this relation, I have to mention that consumption of plants or fruits grown with
the help of DDT can cause cancer if it enters into vital organs of human being and
the fact is proved by various research institutes in the world. It may, therefore, be
important to give awareness in that concern also. Will this be possible for the
Government ?

S P E A K E R : The concerned Minister to answer the
question.

PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, points raised by
MINISTER various members in connection with
technical matters of Health Department
is very informative. In particular, I
support the idea of giving awareness to the concerned people. It is also necessary to
determine the idea of Pu Lalduhoma relating to the possible effect of DDT in garden
plants and the Government will take necessary step in that regard.

S P E A K E R : Starred Question No. 184 and Pu
R. Lalzirliana to ask.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker, for favour of answer to be given by Minister, Transport Department, here is my question, Starred Question No. 184.

- (a) Numbers of Maxi-Cab registration under Transport Department.
- (b) Whether authorization fee is compulsory ?
- (c) If so, how much ?
- (d) Total amount of collection of authorization fee ?
- (e) Is there any which has not been submitted with challan during last year ?
- (f) If so, for which year and in respect of how many Maxi-cab ?

S P E A K E R : Let me call upon Pu Lalrinchhana, the concerned Minister to give the answer.

PU LALRINCHHANA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker, there is the answer. (a) No of Maxi-cab registration under Transport Department presently is 1068. (b) Yes, payment of Maxi-cab registration is compulsory. (c) For All Mizoram Maxi-cab, the amount is Rs.4 000/- and for Inter-State Maxi-cab - (Tourist Maxi-cab) Rs. 1,500/- (d) The amount which has already been collected is Rs.128,55,885/- (e) The amount which has not been submitted by using challan during the last financial year does not exist. (f) Since it does not exist it is not necessary to answer.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, in Mizoram, what is the reason for exemption of vehicle other than Maxi-cab from charging authorization fee. Secondly, it seems that the main reason for increase of accident of Maxi-cab service of Aizawl - Shillong - Guwahati is due to the absence of second driver. Is it a must to have a second driver to any Maxi-cab services on the said route ? If not, I opine it is necessary to determine appropriate rules for enforcement so as to provide safety of the concerned passengers.

PU LALDUHOMA : Mr Speaker, I would also like to mention regarding insurance. It is learnt that insurance company in Mizoram rejected certain vehicles from insuring and as a matter of fact, the concerned people often faced problem when checked by enforcement. It is, therefore, important for the Government to determine solution of this problem.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Mr. Speaker, supplementary question. It is grateful that Transport Department is having various achievement yet they still have to make more in regard to improvement of cell for submitting fees as the existing location is congested and is not able to afford all the customers. Is there a way to improve that cell ?

Regarding the problem of insurance of certain vehicles, if the problem is not the purview of Transport Department, it may be wise for the Minister of Transport to discuss the matter with Insurance Company so as to solve the problem.

S P E A K E R : I now call upon the concerned Minister to give the answer.

PU LALRINCHHANA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker, the question of Pu R.Lalzirliana of on what basis payment of fee is made, it is to be noted that in Haryana, notification is made for this purpose and is maintained with appropriate rules. In the same manner the Government of Mizoram too collected authorization fee and I may produce later the copy of on what basis collection is made.

As of the question of second driver for Maxi-cab service of Aizawl-Shillong-Guwahati, I have not receive any such complain yet step will be taken so as to maintain security.

Regarding the question of Insurance Company, it is to be noted that it does not concern only for vehicle but also of other assets. It is, therefore necessary for Finance Department to follow the practice of Central Government in dealing with this matter for which the concerned official are expected to take immediate step in that regard.

Regarding the problem of cell for payment of fees for vehicle as pointed out by Pu Rinliana, I have discussed the matter with Director of Transport and will soon be solved. As of authorization fee of Maxi-cab, every state have its own practice where as Rs.150 is taken in Haryana per month and in other states it is usually Rs.500 per annum. We are, therefore, intended to make the discussion after careful examination of practice of other states.

S P E A K E R : Question No.185 and Pu Sailothanga to ask ?

PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO : Mr Speaker, Starred Question No.185
(a) Is it possible to fix the wages of manual labourer on the basis of their respective skill ? (b) If so, whether the Government is willing to do so ?

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

PU Z.H. ROPUIA :
MINISTER Mr Speaker, answer to starred Question No. 185. (a) No. (b) Yes.

PU SAILOTHANG SAILO : Mr Speaker, we all seems to experience that various mannual labourers are having their respective rate which I think is necessary for the Government to fix the wages in accordance with their skill and specialized field. It may be pleased if the Government determined a uniform rate in respect to those labourers.

PU Z.H. ROPUIA :
MINISTER Mr Speaker, the problem is that the Government is not having proper Rule to control over those unorganized labourers. Yet formulation of a uniform rate is felt to be necessary. As of variation of rate of labourers, I opine the concerned employers are responsible for it as they are ready to employ the concerned labourers as per their demand. The Government determines to control the rate by Minimum Wages Act yet it is first necessary to implement Labour Wing, the importance of which has been ignored since long before. Today, it is much appreciated that various members are taking interest in the problem of Labour & Employment concerns. Presently, there is a plan for establishment of Labour Wing in which approach has been made to fill up the vacant post of Labour Officer and Assistant Labour Officer and we are expecting a positive result.

S P E A K E R : Time for question hour is over. Application of Pu Aichhinga Minister which has been submitted on the 18th October for correction of his answer on Unstarred Question No. 18 is being admitted. He may now lay on the Table of the House.

PU AICHHINGA MINISTER : Mr Speaker, since answer to Unstarred Question of Pu Lalrinliana Sailo on 17.10.2006 is no longer correct, I hereby lay the correction here in the House.

S P E A K E R : May the copy be distributed. Today, we will discuss the demand of the hon'ble Chief Minister and Pu Z.H. Ropuia. To start with, let me call upon Pu Z.H.Ropuia to lay his Demand Nos. 22, 28 and 43 on the Table of the House.

PU Z.H. ROPUIA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission Sir, I move the Demand Nos. 22, 28 and 43 for Rs.25,04,60,000/- for meeting expenses during 2007-2008 in respect of the following Departments. Details of the Demand, Demand No. 22 Sports & Youth Services - Rs.17,65,35,000/- Demand No. 28 Labour & Employment - Rs.3,40,95,000/-, Tourism Department Rs. 3,98,30,000/- Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Next, let me call upon the hon'ble Chief Minister to lay the Demand Nos. 1,2,3,5,9,14,15,39,40, 45 and 46 in the House.

PU ZORAMTHANGA CHIEF MINISTER : Mr Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I move the demand of the following Departments -

Demand No.	1) Legislative Assembly	-	Rs. 6,48,30,000.00
	2) Governor	-	Rs. 10,00,000.00
	3) Council of Ministers	-	Rs. 3,22,75,000.00
	5) Vigilance	-	Rs. 11,67,000.00
	9) Finance	-	Rs.122,89,20,000.00
	14) Planning and Programme- Implementation.	-	Rs. 75,66,48,000.00
	15)General Administration	-	Rs. 26,51,20,000.00
	39) Power & Electricity	-	Rs. 191,21,65,000.00
	40) Industries	-	Rs. 25,02,69,000.00
	45) Public Works Department	-	Rs. 224,73,23,000.00
	46) Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation.	-	Rs. 53,54,25,000.00
	Total	-	Rs.730,57,06,000.00

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Two Ministers have now laid their respective demands. To start the discussion, let me call upon Pu Lalhmingthanga.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr Speaker, let me start my speech with the demand of the hon'ble Chief Minister. The Government laid down appropriate plan for this Budget put forward by the hon'ble Chief Minister so that it is followed Fiscal Responsibilities and Budget Management Act is much appreciated.

The hon'ble Chief Minister has pointed out in the statement that "another remarkable feature of this Budget is that we have an estimated revenue surplus to the tune of Rs.162.84 crore. This trend is in keeping with the revenue surplus we had to the tune of Rs.135.06 crore in the budget estimate for 2006-2007". It is grateful that the people are now in the condition to enjoy financial freedom as Government servants are suffering long enough for not able to enjoy their G.P.F. in time of need due to restriction made by the Government.

Not only this Mr Speaker Sir, it is known to us all that it is a common practice of the Government to control public money by keeping at K Deposit and cannot be withdrawn by the concerned Department when needed as it is centralized by the Government. This practice causes great problem at Directorate level of the Government. In the same manner, ceiling made for payment at Treasury too is being suffered by the concerned people and the people are surrounded by certain restrictions in every corner. It is the desire of the people as a whole that our budget this year would set them free from all financial restrictions.

Not only this Mr Speaker Sir, it is regretted that there has been intensive misuses of LOC in matter of our credit system. We have even experienced that LOC is issued by the names of someone who is in good term with the concerned officials which indicates financed dictatorship of this Government. As for this reason, it is important for the Government to determine the best use of this act so that financial freedom is given to the concerned people.

Secondly, Demand No.39 Public Works Department Mr Speaker Sir, let me point out that out of the three Engineer Departments there are more than 1800 work-charge employees who are the back-bone of the Department in field works. Maintenance of power supply and roads would no way be carried on unless the service of the said work-charge employees. Mr Speaker Sir, the average year of the service of work-charge employees is 20 to 30, yet regularization of post has never been made to that respect even though their pays is categorized in the same scale with that of a regular post. Will the Government determine regularization of those work-charge employees who are sitting in a desperate situation ?

Coming now to Demand No. 39 Power & Electricity, I wonder why matter regarding Bairabi Hydel Project has never been brought. What is the progress of the work? It is known to this House that our party is going first priority to this Project. Does it mean that plan for construction of rail road from Bairabi to Sairang eliminated this Bairabi Hydel Project? I do not think this to be necessary as the two places could be linked by inland water way if the said Hydel Project is achieved where as permission for clearance has already been obtained and the only thing to do now is start the work. What is the main reason for the delay?

PU ALOK BIKASH CHAKMA : Thank you Mr Speaker Sir. To begin my speech from the demand No. 43, Tourism, Let me mention first about my constituency. I have already made a question regarding an unoccupied Tourist Lodge at Chawngte. It is much grateful that Tourism Minister and his Director have given importance of my request as the said has now been inaugurated.

Regarding Labour & Employment, I have to point out that the office of Labour & Employment office at Chawngte has not been run since a couple of years back even though Assistant Employment Officer has been posted here. There is one Grade-IV employee who is taking charge of registration yet calling letter for interview has never been received in this area. I therefore, requests the concerned Minister to look into this matter.

Coming now to the demand of Power & Electricity, the people in my area is having an immense problem due to lack of power supply. It is learned that electrification of rural areas will be done under the project of RGGVY within 2007-2008. Among the selected area in my constituency it is mentioned that the areas such as Borkalok and Ajasara are already being electrified. Mr Speaker Sir, I have to inform the House that it is not true as the said areas are not having even electric post and this may pleased be corrected.

In this connection, we may consider the fact that most of the Towns and Villages within Chakma District are named after certain rivers but not a single Mini-Hydel project is available in this area. I therefore request the concern Minister to determine construction of Mini - Hydel Project in this area as we are having number of convenient places for the project.

Regarding the demand of Finance Department, this Government deserves so much appreciation as we are now having SBI Branch in my constituency thanks to the efforts of the hon'ble Chief Minister. But, the problem is that in order to do transaction of Chakma District Council it is necessary to go through Treasury at Lawngtlai. It may, therefore be much pleasing if Sub-Treasury is placed at Chawngte to alleviate our problem.

Thank you

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Thank you Mr Speaker Sir, It is learned that our fellow member Pu K. Lianzuala has undergone Kidney Transplant at Vellore and it is believed that the operation is done successfully. In doing so, it is learned that he is having financial problem despite the support from Assembly Secretariat. It may therefore be much appreciated if the Government give attention to his problems.

Coming now to the point, I have to express my desire for the Government servants to receive their due share for the work they have rendered for the Government. In this relation I have to mention regarding privatization of Medical Re-imbusement. It is learned that the contract is allotted to ICICI Lombard without calling of tender and this violates Insurance Regulatory Development Authority Guidelines. In doing so, notification is given to compare ICICI Lombard with its contender Bajaj Alliance. The two companies then offers 20 points of their respective condition for 'specification'. After comparison something wrong is evolves in the selection.

Firstly, when notification is given to Bajaj Alliance to offer its specification, the guideline is provided with an instruction to make its offer by necessitating contribution from the Government servants but this very point is used as the reason for their objection. In examining specification of the two contenders, offers made by the Bajaj Alliance is much preferable to the other from various points of view. Selection of ICICI Lombard is therefore much surprising for the Government servants. I, therefore, request the concern authority to prevail appropriate selection for the next period as the existing agreement is soon to be expired. Demand No.14 and 40 . There are some mistakes regarding Information Technology. It is undertaken by Planning Department. Now Information Technology is a wing in Planning Department. It seemed that it is better to be taken up by Industries Department as it is its nodal Department. Information Technology development can not function properly. There is much to say about it. But I will not speak much about it. I therefore, earnestly request the hon'ble Minister to shift Information Technology under Industries Department for the smooth functioning of Information Technology Development in the State. Thank you sir.

PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO : Thank you hon'ble Speaker Sir. As we are to say two demands on this day, there is much to say about it. I will speak them shortly as far as possible.

First of all Demand No.9 Finance Department, BAFFACOS is largely disbursed to various Departments. What I want to say is that the fund be used for relief of occurence of famine in the State.

Demand No. 39 Power & Electricity with the increase of development in the State the need of power also increases day by day. I feel that it is needed to produce more power through Minor project in the State. It seemed that the State Government is so hurry to distribute power and spent a lot of fund for it. In stead of it, it is better to spend more fund for producing power projects.

Many paddy field like wet rice cultivation area adjoining to village are in plenty which needs electrification I would like to request the Government to take step for such electrification.

Demand No. 45 Public Works Department. Rs.675 lakhs has been given from BAFFACOS. It seemed that it shall be used for Departmental work. What I want to say is that the bridge over Teirei river has been dismantled. It needs improvement as early as possible. On the way, I want to say that all roads other than National High Way in Western areas are now rugged road. I would like to request the Government to black topped the road between Kawrthah and Tuilut within this year.

Demand No.28 Labour & Employment Department. The importance of Labour & Employment Department had been discussed many times. But no step has been taken till date, which causes spending of fund in luxury. Even the post of Labour Inspector is not filled up till date. Without it, Labour system in the State cannot function properly. In this connection, I would like to suggest let Deputy Commissioner of each District be appointed to hold this post. And I would like to request the State Government to enlarge SREO to take up coaching class of Central Service in the State. Thank you.

PU ZODINTLUANGA : Thank you, hon'ble Speaker Sir. I will raise questions on this day. First of all, demand No. 1, Assembly Secretariat. I would like to thank the Assembly Secretariat for running the Session without any interruption.

In Sports and Youth Services Department, it seemed that Government has no policy properly. The Department could not function smoothly. For example dismantlement of Ramhlun Indoor Stadium and Lunglei LDSC ground No.2 at Baja Mual. It is not to be dismantled if the fund is not sanctioned yet for its re-construction. It is unsatisfactory to demolished such infrastructure without having prior sanction of fund for the construction.

Fortunately, NBCC entered in our State and have projects at Lunglei Dhobi field and Chite at Aizawl. It seemed that the plan made by the State Government have been changed by the contractors to comply with their convenience. I feel that the work must be completed as desired by the State government. I think it will be better to advice the contractors to work out as desired by the State Government.

Rs. 3,32,15,138/- has been used for construction of District Sports Complex and State Level Sports Complex during 2006-2007. I wonder that how such amount of money has been used without using for construction of Lunglei District Sports Complex. I request the hon'ble Minister to clarify the matter, with the location of State Level Sports Complex as a lot of fund has been used for it. I also want to request him to tell me when the only Tennis Court at the Centre of Aizawl will be rubberized as assured by the hon'ble Minister in 2005 at the Tennis Court.

It would be pleasing if the Sports Department could have talent search programme properly in various Sports disciplines.

Demand No. 45, no roads linked two villages of Kawnpui west and Darngawn. No electrification has been made at the two villages. I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to give electric light to the two villages within this dry season.

Lastly, I would like to request the concerned Minister to examine the work of NBCC between Temple to Tanhril road. Thank you.

PU K.LALRINLIANA : Thank you, hon'ble Speaker Sir. I will start from demand No. 46. Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation Department. It is a new Department. Under this head, more than Rs.5000/- lakhs is provided in the budget. It is very pleasing for development of District Headquarters may come into existence.

Industries Department demand No. 20, it appears that God will revealed the mineral resources of Mizoram today. ONGC had investigation of Oil and Natural Gas in Mizoram. Around 5000 Sq.Km Phase-I had been completed and phase -II will be started soon. Economic Times News Published that "Mizoram to become Kuwait of North East". I felt that it is needed to make improvement for Geology and Mining Wing to become a separate Department in the State.

Demand No. 45 Public Works Department. 2826 Km of roads have been constructed under Public Works Department and 624.89 Km is to be constructed in the coming year. Generally, the Mizoram Engineers are now becoming worthy to improve road quality. They are now preferable to BRTF/BRO. It seemed that it is needed to be undertaken all roads by Mizoram Public Works Department instead of BRTF/BRO.

In this connection, I would like to say that Kolasib town is very poor. Rs.30 lakhs has been recommended for maintenance of 34 Km of the Kolasib town. But we could not receive sanction properly. I therefore earnestly request the hon'ble Chief Minister to satisfy my want within this working season.

Demand No. 22 Sports and Youth Services Department. It is very pleasing that the youths of the State won medals in National and International level. It is pleasing for the proposals of District Sports Complex and a proposal of full fledged Stadium at A.R. Ground Aizawl.

And it is also pleasing to know the steps taken by Finance Department for new construction of District Treasury Office and the steps taken by Aviation Wing under General Administration Department as it is very important for comfortable journey.

Demand No. 39 Power & Electricity Department. It is very pleasing to say that Thermal Plan at Bairabi and Mini Hydel Project have been completed to increase Power supply. Besides these, Serlui 'B' Hydel Project has been taken up by the State and many projects like Kolodyne, Tuirini, Tuivai and Bairabi Hydel Project have been proposed to have more Power. I therefore request you to pass the demands in good faith. Thank you.

PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO

: Thank you hon'ble Speaker Sir. First of all Demand No. 1. We, the members are proud of you for leading the House.

In Labour & Employment Department, I would like to request the State Government to have the posts under Public Sector and Private Sector as much as possible which has been reserved by the Central Government for Tribals. I also request the Government to take steps for the youths may have post under Tourism, Hospitality and Armed forces. Not only that but also in foreign employment be contacted by the Government for the youths.

In Finance Department, I would like to request the Government to enquire the problem of the beneficiaries of PMRY against the Bank.

In demand No. 45, Public Works Department, it is very pleasing to say that the quality of their work has been highly improved. Not only that but the black topping between Serkhan and Bagha has been completed. While Kawnpui to Hortoki road is also under construction.

In Industry Department, I want to say that the Government of Mizoram is very interest to excavate oil and natural gas. It is expected that the State will not be in poverty for ever.

In Sports & Youth Services Department, I would like to give thanks to the Hon'ble Minister for he has given me favour in my constituency by constructing playground at Sentlang. I would like to request him to construct more playgrounds at Kawnpui, Lungmuat, Lungdai, Khamrang, Mualkhang and Zanlawn.

In demand No. 43, I do support the hon'ble Chief Minister's interest to construct Tourist Lodge at Chalfilh. We expect it to be an attractive tourist place.

Lastly, I would like to thank God for depositing oil and natural gas in the soil of Mizoram State. If it is excavated it will be the basic source of income for the State. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : It is very pleasing for you have been spent your time truly. We will now have a recess and resume the discussion at 2 :00 PM.
2 :00 P.M.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The discussion will be resumed. Mr. S. Hiato will start the discussion.

PU S. HIATO : Thank you hon'ble Deputy Speaker sir, The hon'ble Speaker unfortunately absents from the House. I would like to thank him for his present to all members which is a very good quality of bag. Not only that he also led the House with a bad health. I also would like to commend that the staffs of Assembly Secretariat are so polite. It would be pleasing if the staff of other Departments are like them.

In General Administration Department, I would like to say that a number of Civil Sub-Divisions have been created but no office has been function at some places like Tuipang. I also want to say that the Circuit Houses need repair and renovation.

Regarding Election, it seemed that no electronic voting machine cannot be used in election. The reason is that it is needed to amend constitution and conduct Business Rules. I therefore request the hon'ble Minister to have amendment proposal of the said Rules so that electronic voting machine can be used.

In Public Works Department, it seemed that it has no proper fund other than PMGSY and World Bank fund etc. The roads within the District Headquarters are so poor and unfit for vehicles. While Budget provision for Kawlchaw to Phura Road is expected no provision has been made. In the year 2006-2007, Rs. 135 lakhs has been provided for investigation of Kolodyne water way survey. But no investigation has been done for it. I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to note down the matters.

In Power and Electricity, I feel that it is not good to concentrate only to Mini Hydel Project. If we have no bigger projects how will the development progress. We also have large potential power project just like Arunachal Pradesh. It is now needed to concentrate on such project.

In Sports & Youth Services Department, it seemed that the Government could not taken proper step for Sports Promotion especially in Saiha, Lunglei and Aizawl Districts. The construction of Indoor Stadium has been started at Saiha but it has been flopped on ground of unqualified contractor. Just like that work order has been issued for construction of Table Tennis, Volley Ball and Tennis Court at Saiha II. This work too flopped.

In Tourism Department, I want to say that no Tourist Lodge has been constructed at Tuipang and Saiha Tourist Lodge has not improved nor extended.

In Industries Department, the proprietors of Industries in Saiha had never benefit the subsidy received by Industrialists. I feel so sorry that the subsidy could not reach Saiha District and the recommendations made by MLAs for the Educated Unemployed Loans could not success. I would like to request the hon'ble Chief Minister to note down the matter. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu D. Thangliana.

PU D. THANGLIANA : Thank you Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir, I have to give thanks in this Session on three things. First of all, the hon'ble Members are interested on the election manifesto of MNF party. It is also very pleasing to say that the hon'ble Chief Minister allowed Local Area Development Fund of Rs.15 lakhs for each MLA in a year. Besides these, it is very pleasing that the hon'ble Speaker presents brief case to all Members.

In Tourism Department, I would like to give thanks to the hon'ble Minister in his Look East Policy. For this sake, Tourist Houses have been constructed at East Lungdar and North Vanlaiphai.

Sports Department, it is very pleasing to say that Mizoram won a number of Gold especially in Boxing during this term. I would like to thank the hon'ble Ministers achievement. On the way I would like to request him to construct Mini-Sports Complex at East Lungdar. And I also request him to promote and encourage Boxing for we can win Gold even in International level.

In Power & Electricity Department, it is very pleasing that power supply is distributed equally reducing mom-bati. In my constituency, Maicham

phase-I has been commissioned, Maicham phase-II has been running. I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to commission Maicham phase-II at the proposed time.

In Industries Department, Passion processing Industry has been running. Now Septic packaging is also planted. We may produce passion juice to be fit for all within this year.

In Industries Department, the State Government established Agro-Forest base Industry as provided in the election Manifesto.

In Public Works Department, it seemed that Public Works Department constructed many roads in the State. I would like to request the concerned Minister to slow down the progress of road construction other than the two roads to be constructed in my constituency. Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, I would like to say such things. Thank you.

PU H. VANLALTHALIANA : Thank you hon'ble Deputy Speaker. What I want to speak in the first place is that Sports & Youth Services Department, demand No. 22. It appears that this Government gave importance to this Department as the provision of this budget increased more and more. I am highly impressed that the State has a champion of the world in Boxing. Also we see Mizo Football players in the national level we are proud of them. On the way, it is highly appreciable that each District headquarters has a good Sports Complex. In this connection I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to carry on the work of construction of playground at Lawngtlai College Veng along with new construction of playground at Chawngte'P' and Vathuampui village.

Next to this, demand No. 28, Labour & Employment Department, It is very pleasing to know that the Government had been set up Labour and Employment office at Lawngtlai. But, it has no power to call interview from the office. All callings for interview has been done from Saiha. All persons registered are out of free in the calling from Saiha Employment Exchange office a few days back. I earnestly request the hon'ble Minister to upgrade the Lawngtlai Employment Exchange office to be a full fledged office to have power.

In Tourism Department, I want to say that the progress of Tourism increased day by day and the income from it increased higher and higher. In this connection what I want to say is that Bungtlang South has no Tourist Lodge to accommodate VIP officials. I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to construct Tourist Lodge at the said place.

Demand No. 1, Legislative Assembly Secretariat. The Secretariat has new Additional Secretary within this year. Besides this, a number of promotion has been made. It is very pleasing to do such post as the Secretariat is the most prominent in efficiency.

What I want to say in Demand No. 9 Finance Department is that the financial management of the Minister is good enough. Mr Lalhmingthanga a

good ex-Finance Minister too praise him for the management. That revealed the financial position of the Government of Mizoram.

In Planning and Programme Implementation the most important policy being implemented is Local Area Development Fund of MLAs. It displayed the heartiest desire of the hon'ble Chief Minister in developing the State equally. I would like to give thank as it is very important for the people. I also want to thank for the scheme of the BAFFACOS as it provides opportunity to the people of the State.

In Power & Electricity Department, the Department does its best for Serlui 'B' Hydro Electricity. It is expected to be commissioned in December, 2007. It is very pleasing for the river water is preparing for electric Power. While, it is unfortunate to know Government could not have DPR of Kolodyne Phase-II. Several years have gone now. I would like to request the Hon'ble Chief Minister to have DPR of Kolodyne phase-II as early as possible. And I would like to say that Lawngtlai is a new District having various needs. It is very pleasing that the Government of Mizoram is ready for the needs. In this connection, I would like to point out that there is much stagnation in promotion of the officers and staffs. I would like to request the Hon'ble Chief Minister to take step for this purpose too.

In Industries Department, I would like to thank the Department for setting up of Bamboo Industry in the State. It is the most abundant raw material in the State. I think the Chief Minister will be highly praised after ten years for this.

In Public Works Department, I do highly appreciate the construction of roads in the State. It is the most important means of communication. I feel that it is to be continued for each village may be connected with road.

Lastly, I also highly appreciated Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation Department which has been newly set up. I have a desire to cover all District Headquarters. In short, Mr Deputy Speaker, I would like to request all members to pass these demands on this day without opposing it. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER

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Let us call upon Mr H.Liansailova.

PU H. LIANSILOVA

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Thank you hon'ble Deputy Speaker. I hope you would grant me additional time as I used to speak slowly. Demand No.22, Ramhlun Indoor Stadium is a project of Rs.120 lakhs. Out of which Rs.46 lakhs has been spent for the construction.

While Rs.60 lakhs from Central and Rs.20 lakhs from State share has been sanctioned. In answering to my question it is to be continued the construction immediately but no continuation had been found till date. I would like to request you that whether the construction be continued immediately. In this connection, I would like to inform you to get the confidence of YMA and Joint Village Council for the construction.

I also would like to give my thanks for Ramhlun Sports Complex has been inaugurated. It is very useful. But Power supply is inadequate for day and night. I also want to know whether grass carpeting will be carried out to meet the desire of the youths.

Under demand No.28, Labour & Employment Department. I feel that it is needed to apply the Compulsory Notification of Vacancies Act in the State. This will be very good for all. It seemed that this Department is not given priority. The District Employment Exchange offices too needed full fledged function. It is therefore necessary to provide fund in the budget to meet the requirement of the State. And it seemed that ITI is neglected. It is necessary to provide more tools and materials for it may get more profitable knowledge.

Under the Hon'ble Chief Minister's demand I would like to request to do black topping of Edenthar road before general election and the construction of culvert nearby Greenwood Hospital at Bawngkawn.

Between Sairang Road and Edenthar more than 100 truck used to stand there. It is so bad to have no street light there. I had spoken two times about it. This caused many crimes. It is called 'New Bagha'.

In Zemabawk also the people who live in Middle School Veng have a problem on electrification, they need to take electric connection from about 200 meters far. They are very pitiful.

Regarding Planning Department though we have a State Planning Board and the Vice Chairman. Does it work properly? It is good to utilize it better. District Planning Board is also important to be revived. We need to work harder to have Man power Planning. We always talk about Youth Commission. I would like to express my view on this matter. Youth Commission would be constituted to deal with various problem faced by the youths on employment, Social life and other spheres. It should be an agency to explore the potential of our youths in various fields.

Regarding the newly constituted Department, called Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation Department, the budget reflects Urban Development only. There is no proposal for Poverty Alleviation. Here in Aizawl

there are many poor people who greatly require poverty alleviation schemes. I, therefore, request the hon'ble Chief Minister to take necessary steps in this regard.

Lastly, the working period of CIC staff has been ceased in February, 2007. They are 52 persons and they do not know what steps are taken by the Government for their continuation in their respective services. We talk about the importance of their service very often therefore, it is also important to aware the importance of the staff too. Thank you.

PU LALCHHANDAMA RALTE : Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker Sir. Let me begin with Demand No. 22, which is Sports & Youth Services Department. We all know that there is great development in Sports. We have sports persons who won Gold Medal even in international level. Meanwhile, I would like to raise a question that what steps have been taken by the Government to construct a modernized Sports Stadium ?

The office of Sports Authority of India (SAI) in Mizoram is headed by the Assistant Director under the Directorate of Manipur State. I opine that we need to take steps to have a separate Directorate for our State. There are many steps to be taken to promote various sports disciplines.

I would like to convey my thanks to the hon'ble Chief Minister for his untiring efforts to renovate Ramhlun Sports Complex. At the same time, I opine that we need to revise our existing system. Much more budget is required to solve our problem. The Department is also needed to be improved.

Next, priority should also be given to Labour & Employment Department. To function better, this Department needs more staff. Now, this Department has no Joint Director. We need to create new post for Joint Director. So, that it can render better services to the people. The Minimum Wages Acts and its concerned Rules is also be important to implement as early as possible.

In regard to Finance Department, I was satisfied with the financial management under the Leadership of the hon'ble Chief Minister. I, therefore, express my thanks to the Chief Minister as well as the staff of this Department.

Coming to Demands under the Public Works Department. There are many new works and projects under this Department. I was satisfied with various steps taken by this Department. However, I request this Department to work harder in maintenance of roads in our Capital and other towns and sub-towns. In regard to Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation Department I would like to request the Government to put even Sub-towns under this Department. In my constituency we have Thingsulthliah Sub-town, we are eagerly waiting for Urban Development schemes.

Regarding Demand No. 5, which is vigilance, I request the Government to revise the functions of this Department especially in the inquiry of misappropriation of Public money otherwise, people might blame legislators other than those who involve in such bad practice.

Lastly, in regard to Demand No. 39, Power & Electricity Department I was pleased to know that Serlui 'B' Hydel Project which will generate 12 Megawatt of electricity would be commissioned shortly within the year 2007. Meanwhile I would like to request this Department to work harder in electrification of various sub-urban areas in Aizawl and other towns. Anyway, I support our demands today to pass unanimously. Thank you.

PU H. LALSANGZUALA : Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker Sir. First of all let me speak about Demand No. 45, which is Public Works Department which is under the charge of the hon'ble Chief Minister. As we know that monsoon will be coming shortly, there may be monsoon damage in various places. Therefore, I want to allocate more fund for the repair of internal roads within Aizawl and other towns. So that the victims of the said monsoon damage can be assisted promptly. Besides this, I would like to request the Public Works Department to do better maintenance of roads.

Coming to the matters in my constituency, I would like to express my thanks to the Government for doing too much development works. Almost all villages have now been communicable by road under the PMGSY scheme. Meanwhile, I request the Government to monitor various contract works better. For instance let me point out one contract works. The culvert which was constructed near Khawlian village with an estimate of nearly Rs.10 lakhs has now been damaged. The black topping work on the road between Suangpuilawn and Lamherh was also damaged after only one week of completion. This is very bad and I have informed the concerned Department too.

Next, I would like to request the Government to construct a reliable bridge across Tuivai river. Otherwise, various villages beyond this river would be uncommunicable during monsoon period every year. I request the hon'ble Chief Minister to note this.

Regarding Demand No. 22, Sports & Youth Services Department, as we know from the speech of other members there is great progress among the sportspersons. Gold Medal can be won by Mizos even in international level. However, we are backsliding now a days. We greatly need to revise our system to make better progress. I want to allocate more fund in the budget to promote various sports disciplines as well as to inspire our sports persons. Lastly, I support our demands today to pass unanimously. Thank you

PU P.P. THAWLLA

: Thank you Mr Speaker Sir, let me begin with Demand No. 43, which is Tourism Department. From the answer given by the hon'ble Minister we can know that Tourist Lodge will be constructed at Tuipang village. I, therefore, thank the hon'ble Minister for this proposal. Tuipang becomes one of the most important villages in Saiha District since the British period. I therefore, request the Government to implement the said proposal as early as possible.

Next, I would like to express my thanks to the hon'ble Minister for Sports & Youth Services Department for providing various Sports materials such as Football, Volleyball and Net etc. to MLAs such sports materials are eagerly awaited by sporting clubs in our respective constituencies under BADP scheme, one playground is now under construction at Tuipang. When I visit the village recently I found that the sanction of Rs.3 lakhs was spent successfully. But,

the sanction was inadequate to construct a desirable playground. We will be very pleased if another sanction of Rs.4-5 lakhs can be made. I, therefore, request the hon'ble Minister to note this.

Regarding Demand No.9, I want to allocate much more money for Parliamentary Affairs Department. Only Rs. 6 lakhs is allocated for Office Expenses and Traveling expense which is surely inadequate as many members are coming from very far and remote areas.

In the matter of Power & Electricity Department under Demand No. 39. Although Tuipang Hydro-Electric Project had been commissioned it cannot function properly. This is due to the bad quality of Power line. At least 33 KV tower line is required to distribute power from the Hydel project. So, I request the hon'ble Chief Minister to take step for installation of 33 KV tower line between Tuipang and Saiha and even upto Lawngtlai, so that the said hydel Project can be functioned better. Otherwise, our electric poles would be damaged again during monsoon season.

Next, I would like to state about Kolodyne River Navigation Project. I, on behalf of the people of South Mizoram thank the Government for sanctioning Rs.135 lakhs for Bed Improvement of the said Project. Now steps are being taken to implement at least Speed Boat Service between Kawlchaw and Lungdar villages. Meanwhile, I would like to request the Government to monitor the said work properly for better implementation of the project. Lastly, the Inspection Bungalow at Serkawr village which is built by the British Government many years ago is now greatly in need of renovation. Since Serkawr is one of the Missionary Stations in South Mizoram, the said Inspection Bungalow is the only lodging house in the village, we will be very pleased if it can be re-constructed. I request the hon'ble Chief Minister to note this. Thank you.

PU LALDUHOMA

: Thank you Mr Speaker Sir, First of all, I would like to mention about Memorandum of Understanding signed by the Government of Mizoram with the Central Government. I opine that it is time to dissolve the MOU. Most of our problem raised by various members are due to the shortage of staff in every Department. But creation of new posts is banned by the MOU. I, therefore, suggest dissolution of the MOU now.

Coming to Demand No. 49, Power & Electricity Department. Many years have passed since the submission of DPR (Detailed Project Reports) for Tipaimukh Dam, in which 8585 Sq Km of land would be included in the catchment area on the side of Mizoram State. The Government of Mizoram had issued No Objection Certificate for this purpose on 3rd August, 2001. I have made complaint against the wording of the said No Objection Certificate, it is written that 'Land will be handed over to NEEPCO, This means that vast area of land will be sacrificed to one Company. I, therefore, requested the Government to use the word 'lease' instead

of 'handed over' in the consultative Meeting and Assembly Committee. The matter was then referred to Law Department. I request the hon'ble Chief Minister to explain what progresses are there in this regard. Besides, I have said many times that land survey should be done as early as possible. To avoid false claim of land compensation. Otherwise, this project will also be failed like Tuirial hydel Project. This is my question that what steps have been taken by the Government on land survey? I demand the Government of Mizoram to pay attention to this project. Today, I would like to state that Government of Mizoram is responsible for the failure of Tuirial hydel Project. It is due to the over expenditure for compensation.

We know from the answer of unstarred question that there are 149 villages without electrification in Mizoram. To electrify such villages the Government of Mizoram have signed an agreement with REC Limited on August 24, 2005, the hon'ble Chief Minister also promised total electrification of all villages within five years. However, there is no progress on this programme. I am afraid that every village would not be electrified during the promised period.

It is also said that Power & Electricity Department will be converted into corporation in the year 2007. Memorandum of Agreement had already been signed by the Government for this purpose. Can the Government furnish a copy of such Agreement to members of this House. We also want to study the terms of that Agreement.

Various steps have been taken for Tipaimukh Dam and Tuirial hydel Project which will be shared with our neighbouring States. Meanwhile, we have another river like Tlawng which runs in the middle of our State. The former Chief Minister greatly interested in Bairabi Hydel Project. What is the reason for not taking steps for Bairabi Hydel Project. In September, 2003 we have celebrated

clearance for Bairabi Hydel Project at 'Hnam Run' But many years had passed now we made many questions on this Project. Why cannot we start this Project ?

I, myself have made a request to Pu Jairam Ramesh, the Central Minister when he visited Mizoram to make a power Project in Mizoram. He immediately replied my request and made a promised. But, it is regretting that the Government of Mizoram do not want to take steps for this purpose.

To conclude my speech, Mr Speaker sir, there is a bridge near Khawruhlian village, which may be able to collapse in the monsoon season, I have mentioned about this bridge last year. It is so dangerous. I, therefore, request the Government to take steps before it collapse. So that we can avoid great disaster. Thank you.

PU LIANSUAMA :

Mr Speaker Sir, Tuirum Small Hydel Project had been inaugurated in 1999 by the hon'ble Chief Minister. This Project is very useful and it can easily be upgraded to produce more electricity under Public Private Partnership system. Can the Government take steps in this direction ? Meanwhile, four villages in my constituency- Silsuri, Hnahva, Hruiduk and Parvatui are said to be electrified only in the matter of Census record, but, they have not been electrified in practical. I, therefore, request the Government to electrify the said villages as early as possible.

Under technical Departments like Public Works Department, Public Health Engineering and Power & Electricity Departments about 83 Section Assistants are still there who have not undergone training. Promotion cannot be given to untrained S.A. But now, S.A. Training Institute had already been closed. Can any one of such Departments conduct Training for the remaining untrained Section Assistants ?

As we heard from the hon'ble member from Tlungvel constituency some fake agencies are started to emerge in Mizoram. Some of them collect money from the people by promising too much interest. They have no permission from RBI or the Government of Mizoram. This matter is urgently needed to consider. Besides, some registered Financial Institutions and Insurance Company come to establish themselves in Mizoram can the Government of Mizoram collect turnover tax or such type of revenue from them ? I request the hon'ble Chief Minister to look upon this matter.

In the matter of Industry, Urban Development and Power & Electricity Departments I would like to mention that electricity is very important to improve Industries. These two Departments are now under the charge of the hon'ble Chief Minister. So, progressive steps are needed to be taken to improve

various Industrial Estates at Zuangtui Aizawl, Lunglei, Kolasib etc. Regarding extraction of Oil and Natural Gas, the ONGC has to start the work of drilling. The Government has to take advantage of this to make better opportunity for the youths of Mizoram to solve unemployment problem as much as possible.

Today, I would like to emphasize that I also share the view of the hon'ble Chief Minister. I admit that we can make our State to become Switzerland of the East. We have good potential in agriculture and high literacy percentage to achieve such goal we have to make good plan. Luckily, we are now entering to the 11th Plan, we should not miss this opportunity. We need to make a vision for our future at least upto 2020 A.D. from now on. Let us work together to make Mizoram State fully developed as well as to become a State without BPL family in 2020 A.D. Thank you.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Thank you Mr Speaker Sir, we know that the economy of India becomes better now a days. This is due to the efforts of our Leaders like Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister, Montek Singh, P. Chidambaram and the Chairperson of the United Progressive Alliance Government Mrs Sonia Gandhi. In regard to Demand No. 22 and No. 43, I also support the speech of the hon'ble member from North Vanlaiphai constituency. There are many cultural heritage sites to be conserved in the area around Biata, Khawhai and their surrounding places. We are waiting for the Government to take various steps in this regard. In regard to Demand No. 28 also, the budget for Labour & Employment which amount to Rs. 180 lakhs only is seemed to be quite less to be able to made progresses. Therefore, I want to allocate more fund for this Department in revised estimates. Like this, the Economic & Statistic Department is also greatly needed to be upgraded.

In the matter of Finance, I would like to speak about ICICI Lombard. This company is a commercial company so that they want to make profit. But, there is great problem in the matter of reimbursement of Medical expenditure. Therefore, as mentioned by the hon'ble member from Lunglei North constituency, I also want to cancel our agreement with this company. If so, many problems faced by the people can be solved. If I am not mistaken our agreement is for a period of one year only. So, I request the Government not to extend this period. Meanwhile, I would like to raise one point which I do not understand. In Demand No. 39 we see that Rs.107,05,000/- is allocated by Power & Electricity Department for medical expense within their own budget. Does this Department enjoy separate Medical Rules?

In the matter of Power & Electricity Department, I also support Pu Liansuama, hon'ble member from Phuldungsei constituency. Our Power Projects are good to hand over to Private firm or Public Private Partnership. So that our power projects will be functioned better. Besides, it is good for employment Generation too.

I would like to speak about Zoram Electronic Development Agency (ZEDA) also, which is under the charge of the hon'ble Chief Minister. Last year, tender had been issued by this Agency in which, the lowest bidder Galili Enterprise, which did not fulfil the terms and conditions of such tender was selected. Besides, ZEDA has received Rs.90 lakhs for the purpose of State Energy Park. How will it utilize this amount of money? I opine that the Government does not know how to utilize this Agency. In other States like Meghalaya their electricity development Agency plays many valuable roles to generate energy. Solar lighting and Home lighting are some of their contribution in the sphere of electricity development.

Lastly, I would like to repeat my question which I have asked on 16.3.2006 under the Department of Industry. To whom Rs.50 lakhs is sanctioned as a subsidy for Bamboo Development Industry? Which Financial Institution is involved? I am sorry for sanctioning such money to those who do not run Bamboo Industry. At the same time, I do not against sanctioning of subsidy for industrial Development if such industries works for employment generation. But I do not understand sanctioning of money to fake industries. I am afraid that such bad practice will close the door for those who really interested in Industry. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Time is nearly 4:00 P.M. now shall we continue our business? If yes, about 7 members are still remaining. Let us continue our business and try to have a break at 5:00 P.M. Now Pu K. Vanlalauva.

PU K. VANLALAUVA : Thank you Mr Speaker Sir, First of all let me speak about my constituency. Bad communication is still our big problem. So, I would like to request the Government to improve the road between Champhai and Khawbung. We have many new roads constructed under the PMGSY. I therefore, express my thanks to the Government. Besides this, Tuipui bridge, between Biate and Khawbung has now been completed, all vehicles including Truck Full load can use this bridge. So, all the people of Khawbung constituency are pleased for construction of this bridge. Another road between Bungzung and Zawngtetui had already been completed now. We are very happy for this. Meanwhile, the road from Champhai to Farkawn is now handed over to Public Works Department by the Border Road Task Force. I, therefore request the Government to create separate Sub-Division under Public Works Department for better maintenance of the said road, otherwise the road is quite long and too far from Champhai. We greatly expect Sub-Division to look after this road.

Coming to Power & Electricity Department, 26 villages in Khawbung constituency had been electrified now, only one village named Saikhumpui is still left. This is due to the absence of the name of this village in the map of Mizoram. So, we will be very grateful to this Department if Saikhumpui village is also electrified. This village lies only 5 Km far from Vaphai we are eagerly waiting for early electrification of Saikhumpui village.

Now, Lamsial Hydel Project which appeared in the unstarred question is said to be almost completed. I hope this will be completed soon. In connection to this, I would like the concern Minister to clarify Lamsial Phase-II also. I believe Khawbung constituency deserve a Sub-Division of Power & Electricity Department.

In Industry, Bamboo chipping and Bambo related machines continue to face misfortunes, Bamboo flowered this year, and in three years time, the regrowth bamboo will be available for use. Then, our new machines would be able to harness substantial income for the State. Taikantia and Balkua varieties are also good, but I would like the Industries Department to make the most use of what we product indigeneously and procures it most profitably.

Demand No. 44 - Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation. The people of Mizoram are looking forward to this department. We know how the small scale industries give problems to the people within the Aizawl City and various district headquarters. So, strong and bold steps have to be taken in the creation of this department. Let this Urban Development do what it has to do, then, I believe, the people will support it.

Lastly, hon'ble Speaker sir, Demand No. 22 - Sports & Youth Services. I believe the Department keep a record of it. In Khawbung constituency, about 30 minutes ride from Champhai, there is a playground about the size of Assam Rifle Lammual (Ground). In this playground where not even a single bulldozer has been put to work, it appears a major playground can be made with only a small sum of money. The Sports Department also seems to take up too many disciplines. There are several disciplines where we underperform with only bronze medals. I feel we need to promote and give special consideration in those where we get Gold Medals. So, Hon'ble Speaker sir, let me end my speech with my support for a stronger Youth Services Department. Thank you.

PU H. ROHLUNA : Thank you Mr Speaker Sir. First, I would like to express my gratitude for the brief case presented to us and the Assembly Secretariat under your leadership, for their outstanding and exemplary work during the Budget Session and others. And I believe you have looked after us the ruling and opposition without any discrimination.

I have something to say about the Labour and Employment. I feel the Government have been neglecting Labour Welfare and the Minister also seemed to be distressed about it. So, let the Government give more importance to Labour Welfare. The Government alone cannot provide jobs for all the young people. So, they will continue to work under private enterprises and institutions. They work without any security and the possibility of termination at any time. So, the Government need to give more consideration on Labour welfare and create post as required. Now, we know there are 4940 jobs lying vacant under the Government. It is unthinkable that new jobs will be created while even these vacant posts cannot be filled up. The Youths will go on working in these private institutions. So, the Government needs to spend more thoughts on the welfare of these workers. We have Labour Ministry at the Central and it gives great importance to it. Even now we are going to introduce bill in some department on compulsory basis. We are introducing Municipality Bill because we want fund from JNNURM. Whether or not compelled by Central or Court, we are moving into Labour welfare. We already have several Labour Law like Maximum wages Act, workmen compensation. Mizoram Contract Labour Regulation and Abolition Act. I want to mention that these cannot function as they should be because the Department is being neglected.

In Sports & Youth Services. Tuipang constituency representative could give away Ball, Net in his area. But, we on your left side never see such things. So, I want to mention today there is a form of discrimination here.

It is pleasing that our current budget is introduced with Economic Survey. The fact that we are going in accordance with the newly passed Fiscal Management with the recommendation of the 12th Finance Commission has greatly benefited us. We often fail to do work schedule alongwith the introduction of the budget and I feel this is detrimental. The Technical Department used to prepare performance budget but now they have remained quiet on it. I feel we are moving backward instead of going forward.

It is desirable to have work schedule Annual Action Plan to have better understanding of the expenditure. It is also time to reform the Financial system to do a way with the last minute push at the end of the financial year.

I would also like to urge the Finance Minister and the Nodal Department Rural Development to push for quick implementation of BAFFACOS. A large number of people particularly from Ngopa area are anxiously waiting for it, I feel we ought to help the victims of Mautam (Bamboo Flowering) with this BAFFACOS.

In Public Works Department, the road from Ngopa to Mimbang is being constructed with Rs.94 lakhs. I want the Public Works Department Minister and Department heads to look into this so that the construction work go smoothly and a splendid road be constructed. I also urge the quick drying of our bamboos and try to find ways of utilizing them. Otherwise, a huge amount of money would be lost.

In Industry, our Government gives numerous subsidies and we invest a huge amount of money. But, not many major industries are there to be seen. So, the Department has to look into this. It is time to do away with those who only want the profit from subsidies. This is important for the development of our State. In order to make way for our youths, we need to go with our industries as they should be. That's all I can say. Mr Speaker, thank you.

PU F. LAL THANZUALA : Mr Speaker Sir, I have spoken to our hon'ble Chief Minister about Soil Division, and he has agreed not to transfer it from Hnahthial to Saiha. It is not difficult to create a new division in Saiha and this is also good for the department. So, I feel it would be best if it goes as the head of the Government has suggested.

This time I am going to speak mainly about my constituency. I am happy about the Public Works Department work in constructing the road to Hnahthial from Thingsai and the PMGSY road from North Vanlaiphai to Thingsai. I would also like to thank the Public Works Department for the projects in Ngharchhip, Bualpui and Chawngtui. However, there seemed to be some diversions in the proposed road which can end up in a landslide prone road. I would like this to be redirected as initially proposed.

Secondly, I would like to mention about Power Department. I am happy that there is comparatively adequate power supply in my constituency. However, there seemed to be a critical problem in the estimate and Bill of Maicham Phase II. After completion of the work a part of the bill was kept aside. What is the meaning of this? This is not right and needs to be rectified. In any work if the heads or leaders are corrupt, nothing can go right. So, I feel this also has to be investigated.

Our hon'ble Chief Minister has frequently mentioned about bamboos. But only little progress has been made. However, we know great things cannot be achieved in the short run. Even though bamboos flower now, our land will be covered with bamboos again very short. As stated by the hon'ble members from Khawbung constituency, these would eventually become our major source of income.

About sports, our progress in the national and international level is vivid. I feel the Sports Minister is praise worthy in this regards. I would like to make a request that we need three grounds in Hnahthial. The southernmost started with Pu Hiphei's M.P. fund has not been completed, in the north, it is being prepared with the permission of the Chief Minister. I wish this complex can be finished without disturbance. However, we have a large ground near BDO office. I would be happy if the Minister can have a look. In Power, Tuichang near Hnahthial may be investigated. This has a potential to generate 120 MW with no compensation liabilities and very low cost.

SPEAKER : Two from my right have not spoken, so let us call from them Pu Lalthlengliana.

PU LALTHLENGLIANA : Thank you Mr Speaker Sir, in connection to Demand No. 40. I would like to bring out a good news about my Department ZIDCO. We gave out a number of ginger loan amounting to Rs.300 lakhs. With the initiatives and relentless efforts of our hon'ble Chief Minister, the Central Government has finally pardoned all our debts. We have received the letter with the token number. (Speaker : Excuse me, please clarify that 'pardoned'. Is it that the Central Government requited our debts ?) Yes, it appears that way. This will be highlighted by our House leaders in his wind-up speech. We particularly at ZIDCO are extremely happy about this because we can now give out the mortgaged land to the desperate farmers who cannot repay their loans. Under Industry, we have completed IIDC at Lunglei with Rs.4 crore and 6 lakhs, it has also been started at Champhai. The Industries Project of Rs.28 crore at Lengte, once completed would be a source of blessing for Mizoram. Car parking Loan is being taken up by ZIDCO. At present, large car parkings are being constructed in ¾ places within the city.

In Demand No. 45 Public Works Department. The steps taken by the Public Works Department is praiseworthy with the on-going road construction works in 112 villages stretching 2876.98 Km in length not mentioning the several bridges constructed, I would like to request the hon'ble Chief Minister for the construction of Inspection Bungalow in Mamit since the Tourist Lodge cannot accommodate all the guests. Town improvement may also be placed in Lengpui Airfield for the improvement of the different link roads.

In Demand No. 39, Power & Electricity Department, I am happy with the steps taken by the department. The project under RGGVY with an estimate of Rs. 102 crore is worth mentioning. This will enhance power supply and its distribution in rural areas like Rawpuichhip and others. In Sports and Tourism, Demand No. 40, I would like to praise the efforts of the department. The fact that they earned 70 lakhs with a profit of 8 lakhs is a great achievement. Besides, several Tourist Lodges like at Lengpui and Mamit are in excellent condition. The achievement in Reiek which attracts 500 to 1000 visitors per day is nothing but great.

Our achievement in Sports & Youth Services is also great. Looking back at the fund allocation in 1989, our achievement now is tremendous particularly in Boxing. All these are the manifestation of a strong and progressive Government. So, let's pass the bill with a grateful heart. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Let's call upon Congress Legislative Party Deputy Leader. Pu R. Lalzirliana. The same duration of time will be allotted to him as the Group Leader since the Group Leader is absent due to illness.

P U R. L A L Z I R L I A N A : Thank you, Mr Speaker. Pu Thlenga made a statement due to his ever-excitement. The Indian Government rarely pardon loans. But, it used to requite/repay State's Agricultural loans out of concern for the poor. So, this should be further explained. I feel the Chief Minister should clarify it later. Mr Speaker, in Demand No. 28 Labour & Employment, I want to say a few things about Legacy saving Corporation. In the past also there used to be fake financial institutions. I am happy with the alertness of the Government and the steps taken by our Chief Secretary. At the same time, I feel we cannot completely blame them since we give them recognition through Labour & Employment. The customers have invested several crores in this institution. If we tackle this problem without any consideration and patience, the customers who will suffer the consequences. Knowing this let the Government handle it with caution and for the benefits of the customers. If they need license from Reserve Bank of India, let the Government be supportive and opened towards it. Although there are complaints about money transactions and payment of interest, it has not been reported to me or to any newspaper. So, we need to make sure that a serious crisis has not happened.

In Demand No. 22 Sports & Youth Services the hon'ble Minister has positively answered to the question for the formation of Youth Commission. But not even a token provision for its formation can be found in the budget. Since there is no money set aside for it. The Minister's answer may sound pleasing for the moment but it will end up in disappointment and disgrace. After a brief study in other places, we give due importance to this Youth Commission. It also appeared in the manifesto of the MNF in 2003. So, I would like the Minister to give his assurance to the members for the formation within this term.

In Industry, we are grateful that our Chief Minister has called for recommendations for 4 persons. At the same time other Ministers including Local Administration Department can do the same since its given out without call of tender. Before, the Social Welfare Minister gave us cups for the Young Mizo Association and we were profoundly delighted. Last year we are to have 15 lakhs. May be we are too anxious, the Minister continues keeping it for next year, we are the rightful representative of our people and should not be expected to bow and beg for mercy for our people. Then, I believe our cooperation can be better. We are extremely happy with Pu Rinchhana and our Chief Minister.

Moving on to our Chief Minister's Demand, we calculated that the total Demand of our Chief Minister at more than 7300 lakhs is greater than the aggregate demand of all the other Ministers which is 692,25,40,000/-. As such some of his burdens need to be relieved. This is because in Maite when large vehicles have not entered our Public Works Department Minister Pu Tlanghmingthanga in his visit in 2002 had promised bus would be plying at Christmas time marketing. The jubilant Maite people received him with exaltation. It was plausible to simply promise, many of us know about it.

Urban Development and Poverty, the name itself is appealing. But, there is no provision for the poor in the budget. What can our Government do for the many poor living in rented houses besides giving work as BPL. I understand this department is still new and has not done much. There is nothing for it in the budget. So, it is important that the Government formulate some schemes for these poor people at least something like the special Development Scheme during the Congress Ministry.

In Public Works Department, we have Church leaders, Adviser to Chief Minister and other. They are also human beings and we know to err is human. I believe they are appointed by our Chief Minister to be the guiding factors from deviation. However, Mr Speaker, please there are far too many tenders without call of tender. It is strange and too much. That's not all, when they give out tender, under mining the Engineers and making no room for competition, the Executive Engineer/Chief Engineer are given orders. The tender has no value. So, its time our leaders work out better ways to deal with such tenders from now onwards. I am happy that I am given more time. Thank you.

PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, what Pu Zira said will
MINISTER be in the record. That was a false statement. There is no such promise like going to market in a bus in 2002. But, when I visited there I said trucks will be running there, and I made no promise about the time. For this purpose truck road had been constructed upto Mualpheng. But, I did not promise for the bus in 2002. It is completely a false statement.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr Speaker, if he said it is false we cannot say it is true. However, the people of Maite are the witness on it. If he say it is false let it be. Mr Speaker, all the people not from Maite are the ones who do not believe it. To be exact, Mr Speaker, he promised many things. But, he cannot fulfill them. He is the one who disgraded the MNF Ministry. He did what others did not want to do. (Pu R.Tlanghmingthanga : It is not right to accuse wrongly, that is lie. There are witnesses and a record to it). In my case also he was too proud and brought to court but was defeated. (Pu R.Tlanghmingthanga : It is not good to tell a lie. This House is respectable).

PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Mr Speaker, this House is respectable. I
MINISTER cannot accept that I am being accused of
what I did not say.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr Speaker, I do not accuse him
wrongly. Maite people know this clearly.

SPEAKER : Alright, it can be assumed that Pu Zira
has been misinformed. Whatever, no
large vehicles have entered Maite till
now. There is a proposal for it, let's
consider it that the concerned MLA is eager to see it happen. Let's call upon
Pu R.Khawpuithanga

PU R. KHAWPUITHANGA : Mr Speaker, the Sports and Youth
Services has developed its speciality this
year. Their zeal and endeavour has
achieved top spot in the world of Sports.
It is great we have Gold Medalist Jenny R. Lalremliani in world Women Boxing
Mizoram and its government is honoured and brings a sense of pride to the Mizos.
So, I feel we ought to give thank to the concerned department.

In Tourism, words cannot express their achievements and
infrastructure development with their efforts Mizoram has become a better place. I
would like to encourage them to develop such places of attraction that can generate
revenue.

Mr Speaker, under your leadership we have almost completed
this term with a happy heart. In the different Committees that we have see that the
employees at the Legislative Assembly are working diligently and we rarely see
empty seats. They work efficiently and respectfully earning the blessing of God that
our proceedings have also gone smoothly.

We have an excellent Governor and his speech was also great.
We are surrounded by disturbed areas and the name of our Governor is already
formidable enough. So, we ought to pass his demand No. 2 unanimously.

The Council of Ministers are working hard worthy of blessing.
So, one cannot deny the fact that we receive the blessings of God because of their
sacrifice.

In Demand No. 9, Finance, we only heard negative comments about ICICI Lombard. But, in my constituency I know of a critically ill person who has largely benefited from it. It will not be right if we view it from one side only. So, I feel discarding ICICI Lombard is questionable. Let this be investigated further.

In Finance, due to proper Financial Management, many of our financial problems have been tackled. Since, 2002, Mizoram have earned top rank in the North East. We also earn high position in Budget Management & Prosperity among the various States. Although, there has been a drop recently we could still attain third place in the North East. How our hon'ble Chief Minister manages finance is outstanding.

In General Administration Department, as already heard, we have an airport which needs to be upgraded continually. If we develop it into a large and good airport, it will enhance the Look East Policy. Now, under the supervision of our Chief Minister, the Public Works Department is taking up several works there.

In Power & Electricity, the department undertake several projects like Serlui 'B' Mini Hydel Project with a capacity of 12 MW while efforts are on-going for big projects like Kolodyne. Tuirial and Tuivai, it is a good thing that we give priority to these small projects where all the power generated can go to the State's share. We have several programmes in this respect and I hope they can be accomplished without any problem about finance from the Central Government.

In Industry, the steps taken by the ONGC regarding supply of gas is applaudable, the department officials have reported that during their visit in Delhi, they were told that there is plenty of Gas and Petroleum deposits in Mizoram. We are fortunate to receive such blessings from above. Our Member of Parliament

Pu Zawma had also mentioned about this and urged the people not to create hurdles in its exploration. I have also visited the work in Hortoki, we need care for the workers and refrain from unwanted activities like collecting donations.

In Public Works Department, mention may be made of the several buildings being constructed like Vasant Vihara building, Chanyakapuri with an estimate of 7 crores. Guwahati and in Shillong. Countless Buildings in Mizoram. Construction of bridges and PMGSY roads are simply great. There are untold blessings here. So, the various demands should be passed today for the development and progress of our State and its people.

S P E A K E R : We have finished our discussion. Before recess, I would like to inform the members that 4 bills have been introduced so far with another two

remaining – The Mizoram Liquor Total Prohibition (Amendment) Bill, 2007 which will be introduced tomorrow and the Mizoram Compulsory Registration of Marriage Bill to be discussed later today. In consultation with the Legislature Parties under Parliamentary Affairs the tentative list of Business have been put forward as follows. The Court Fees (Mizoram Amendment) (Amendment) Bill, 2007, to be discussed together. Then, 'The Mizoram Liquor Total Prohibition (Amendment) Bill, 2007' and 'The Mizoram Road Fund Bill, 2007'. After that 'The Mizoram Compulsory Registration of Marriages Bill, 2007' and 'The Mizoram Clinical and Health Establishment Regulation Bill, 2006 will follow. Sitting will resume at 5:40 P.M. (Recess)

5 : 40 P.M.

S P E A K E R : We now call Pu Z.H. Ropuia to wind-up his demand.

PU Z.H.ROPUIA MINISTER : Thank you, Mr Speaker. I am extremely happy that 19 members have participated in the discussion of my demand. I believe there are few things to clarify from the discussion.

Firstly, about what Pu A.B. Chakma had said regarding absence of SDEO at Chawngte. With the District newly formed, and the District Headquarters being Lawngtlai, we face problems in taking up the administration from the District Headquarters. Employment Officer and other staff are supposed to be there. We only have three Government servants there while 5 posts are vacant. These posts have not been filled up. For better performance, the administration is transferred to Lawngtlai.

About what Lawngtlai MLA had said, we have kept Upper Division Clerk's at Lawngtlai in accordance with the proposed of the Employment Exchange. About the Excise, those who are in the list were not called because we go by seniority basis. The list from Lawngtlai were considered too junior at the moment.

As Pu Saikapthianga has mentioned the Central Scheme for upgrading the Unemployment Labour Ministry can not be filled up. So, we have filled with a DEO as a deputation from our side. We have continued to push for this at the Central Government also.

As the Buarpui MLA has asked, although there is no Sports Policy in the Mizoram Government, we have a well defined policy at the Central. It is kept in the concurrent list. The Central has consulted all the States in making proposals. But the Central policy seems mostly about Cricket only. So, almost all the States rejected the proposals. Disappointed, they have decided not to sanction any infrastructure plans from the Central. Thus, we face difficulties in improving the

projects of the Central infrastructure. As a result, Ramhlun Indoor Stadium which is under CSS Scheme cannot be continued as we would liked. We are now facing problem with the Planning Commission at the Central.

PU ZODINTLUANGA : Mr Speaker, in this very House, the hon'ble Minister has answered to the question that 80 lakhs has been approved by the Central for Ramhlun Indoor Stadium. If we sanction 60 lakhs, 20 lakhs will be State's share. Can not it be completed with 34 lakhs ?

PU Z.H. ROPUIA MINISTER : Mr Speaker, I am going to speak about that some amount has been released but we are facing difficulties in the release of the remaining balance. Somebody has lodged a complain about quality control and the danger posed by the building. We have visited the premise with our hon'ble Chief Minister to find ways of strengthening the building, the Engineers from the Central have also come and declared that it is safe. Then, we discussed this with our Chief Minister and proposed to the Public Works Department to find measures for strengthening the construction.

PU S. HIATO : Mr Speaker Sir, I would like to suggest that the on-going project be terminated and start afresh.

PU Z.H. ROPUIA MINISTER : Mr Speaker, it may not be appropriate for the House to make final decision in this regard. As mentioned before, the Engineers have inspected the project and confirmed that the project work was not that bad.

PU H. LIANSILOVA : Mr Speaker, out of the final sanction of 80 lakhs, 46 lakhs has reportedly been spent. If that is the case, can the project be continued with the remaining 34 lakhs ?

PU Z. H. ROPUIA MINISTER : Mr Speaker, the Government has been deliberating whether the project should be continued or not. However, even if the project is to be continued new archaeological design has to be prepared.

Mention has been made on LDSC ground II, District Sports Complex and State Level Sports Complex. In this regard, I would like to say that the Government intends to continue these projects when the Centre release financial sanctions for the same. I am glad to hear that the people of Lunglei have great concern over it.

PU ZODINTLUANGA :

Mr Speaker, in the replies of the Hon'ble Minister furnished on 21.3.2007, there is no mention of fund meant for the construction of Lunglei District Sports Complex please clarify this.

PU Z. H. ROPUIA
MINISTER :

Mr Speaker, whereas other Districts have received an amount of Rs.216 lakhs Lunglei District have received only 16 lakhs. According to the Central Government, this is because a large portion of the State's share had already been spent for the construction of LDSC Ground I. Therefore, the Centre has no remaining fund to be released for the year 2006-2007.

Amongst the various programmes of the Government for the promotion of Sports in the State, there are project to rubberise Aizawl Tennis Court which is to be undertaken when there is fund and talent search in the association level. The Department has also make trekking programmes and Cycling programmes.

PU S. HIATO :

Mr Speaker, the MPP of Saiha has informed me through correspondence that if the existing Indoor Stadium was dismantled and reconstructed the LSC of the same would be handed over to the Government. What is the reaction of the Government to this offer ?

I would further like to ask the hon'ble Minister to explain the condition of ECM playground.

PU Z. H. ROPUIA
MINISTER :

Mr Speaker, the construction of Saiha Indoor Stadium would be started as soon as the LSC is handed over to the Government. The hon'ble member of Saiha is requested to understand this.

Regarding the construction of ECM playground, we have met certain obstacles with the authority of ECM High School. Therefore, the on-going

work is being terminated for the time being. The work has not been abandoned but will be continued as soon as our disputes with the ECM High School is settled. Another playground earmarked at New Saiha will also be taken up when the Centre release the fund.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Mr Speaker Sir, according to the Twelfth Finance Commission Report 192 crores has been awarded for the construction of Sports Complex in Aizawl. However, Finance Department has not yet release this fund despite the fact that it was sanctioned last year. Again, this year the Finance Commission has highlighted the same head on page 192 of its report. Here, I would like to inform the House that this is not fresh sanction, but the same head has been merely reflected in the report as the fund has not yet spent.

PU Z.H. ROPUIA : Mr Speaker Sir, referring to the point mentioned by the Member who stood before me I would like to clarify that the Finance Commission has not made fresh sanction for the construction of Sports Complex in Aizawl as the State Government has not yet submitted the required report demanded by the Commission.

I will go on to matters concerning Lammual Committee. This Committee has resolved to set up Co-ordination Committee with the Assam Rifles under the Chairmanship of the hon'ble Chief Minister. The Committee has been functioning smoothly having good co-ordination with the Assam Rifles. Further, financial allocations has been made by the Twelfth Finance Commission for the development of A.R. Ground into a public playground. Consultancy firm has also been selected for the project.

In regard to sports I would like to take this opportunity to reflect the various achievements made by the sports person of the state. During the last financial year the sports person have earned several medals in various sports disciplines for which we are very proud. The Department of Sports & Youth Services will also continue to promote Sports and Youth activities and will give its best efforts in developing sports infrastructure in Mizoram

The state Hockey Academy set up by the Department for the improvement of hockey training has been going on smoothly. Sports Authority of India has even made sanction with an amount of 4 crores for the implementation and upgradation of the said hockey training ground at Thenzawl. Steps have also been taken for renovation of Ramhlun Sports complex. The North Eastern Council has agreed to sanction 40 lakhs for the same.

The Mizoram Olympic Association which has been dying is also revived. Thus, a number of sportsperson were sent to Doha to participate in the Asian Games. All India Rural Sports Meets was also held in Mizoram where 1080 sportsperson from outside the state have participated. This is considered as an improvement in sport services.

We should be well aware that Youth Programme does not cover sports alone but youth service like Bharat Scouts and Guides activities should not be ignored. In this field, this Department has been doing very well by enrolling more and more members during the last financial year. Recognising one performance in Bharat Scouts & Guides activities the Commissioner has even visited Mizoram. The statue of Lord Baden Powell and his wife who are the founders of Scouts and Guides respectively have been erected at Tanhril Training Centre. It is also a matter of pride that Miss Lalmuanpuii of Kolasib has been selected to represent in the coming World Scouts & Guides Meet which is scheduled to be held in London on 19.7.2007. I would like to inform the House that Mizoram has been awarded first position towards Scouts & Guides movement. Steps have also been taken for the progress of National Cadet Corps. The department is being engaged in establishing an Air Wing under NCC by using Lengpui Airport as a training centre. A new NCC battalion or an independent company is set to be opened in Lunglei.

Emphasis should also be laid on various Youth Adventure Programme by the concerned Department. I am proud to state that the increasing rate of NSS in Mizoram has been regarded as the highest in India. Under the performance of 53 units of NSS, 96 special camping have been organized, 14 water points, 27 urinal sheds, 16 waiting sheds, 35 park benches, 4 bazar sheds have already been completed. This is indeed a great achievement and I am quite proud to mention it.

The contribution made by NSS units towards donation of blood deserve special mention. The NSS units have become the highest donor by donating 3275 units so far.

Various youth programmes and activities have also been taken up under Youth Hostel Association programmes.

Coming to Labour & Employment Department. I appreciate the concern showed by the members on the importance of Labour Wing. The Government has been working vigorously for successful implementation of various acts concerning this Department.

There are three wings under Employment Department which are Labour Wing, Employment Wing and Government Training Wing. Government Training Wing has been popularly known as Industrial Training Institute (ITI). Presently, there is proposal to upgrade ITI into a status of Centre of Excellence World Bank has agreed to sanction 120 lakhs project for the same.

I would further like to remind the House that new Training Centres have been opened recently in Saiha and Lunglei. Altogether there are 660 trainees in Lunglei, Saiha and Aizawl centres.

Due importance has been given to the development of tourism in the state. The Department has also making progress extensively. With a view to attract travelers Thalfavang Kut and if Festivals have been organized every year. I am proud to state that Tourism Department progress towards the promotion of tourism in the state. Moreover, the revenue collection has also been increased each year.

PU LALDUHOMA : Mr Speaker, there is Art and Culture Department under which festivals should be organized. I think it is not the purview of Tourism Department to organize Thalfavang Kut and other festivals. Allocation of business should clearly be made between the two departments.

PU Z.H. ROPUIA : Mr Speaker, Thalfavang Kut and other MINISTERS festivals are organized to attract and entertain tourists. It is also the policy of the Centre to organize festivals to promote tourism. Our cultural dancers have enriched the festivals. Our culture and tourism have been promoted through festivals in the state.

Vigorous steps have been taken towards construction of tourists lodges and centres throughout the state. There is also proposal for the construction of wayside restaurants in various places. I am pleased to inform the House that the Central Government has made financial sanctions for the construction of tourists lodges and renovation of the existing ones.

For the construction of Circuit Houses 28 lakhs has been allotted for Hrangchalkawn, Rs.625000/- for Tawipui, 105 lakhs for Lawngtlai, 60 lakhs for Paithar, 6210000/- for Saiha. Rs. 47,50,000/- for Sangau. Besides these, there are various programmes for the development of tourist centre in various places.

Therefore, Mr Speaker, I request this august House to pass my demands totaling Rs. 25,04,60,000/- Thank you.

S P E A K E R : The Minister has wind-up the discussion of his demands. We shall now take voice vote. Members who agree to pass the Demands may say 'yes' and those who disagree may say 'No'. (Members agree).

The House has pass the Demands of Pu Z.H. Ropuia unanimously.

Let us now call upon the hon'ble Chief Minister to wind-up his demands.

PU ZORAMTHANGA
CHIEF MINISTER

Thank you, Mr Speaker. As mentioned by our respected members, my demands, 11 in numbers is quite many. 7

Demands which come as automatic for a Chief Minister such as Legislative Assembly, Governor, Council of Minister, Vigilance, Finance, Planning and General Administration have already amount to more than 237 crores. This along with pension and other can push the amount higher than expected.

The budget nature of Finance and Planning has already been discussed in my wind-up speech of the General Discussion. The Plan and Non-Plan demands exceed last year by 286 crores and 22 lakhs. However, since our opening deficit was 104 cores, we still have a closing deficit of 28.86 crores despite some surplus on the receipt.

I am happy that ginger loan of 6 crores have been repaid as we had requested during plan discussion last year. Steps have also been taken for better and difficult insurance in transports and other.

There is no need for putting an end to Memorandum of Understanding as proposed by Pu Duhoma. More than 1000 jobs have been filled up despite the Memorandum of Understanding. So, there is no need to end the Memorandum of Understanding.

PU LALDUHOMA

Mr Speaker, the Minister said police drivers who are desperate are not allowed voluntary retirement because the post itself will also be terminated. We

are also aware that PMO has allowed post creation in two departments only. If post creation is that easy as the Chief Minister has said, there should be no problem.

PU ZORAMTHANGA
CHIEF MINISTER

Mr Speaker, police are different. It is not economical for the Government to give pension and create a new post at the same time. We have not implemented

vehicle privatization on this department. Dubious financial institutions are being investigated cautiously. We have also urged different departments to withdraw their K. Deposit. Now it is kept nominally for Financial Year ending. Treasury ceiling has also been increased since 2006. Disbursement of 62 lakhs per day previously has been moved up to 150 lakhs. Thus, the big problems we used to have are solved.

We have notified the departments on GPF as to the amount they can forward and furnish without the interference of the Finance fiscal ones are taken up by finance. It is the on going policy of the Government to make withdrawal of GPF somewhat different. (Pu Lalrinliana Sailo : We have already mentioned that someone in Mamawii School had withdrawn GPF four times. Let them be careful about withdrawing someone else's GPF). The Department heads will look into that affair.

About our choice for ICICI Lombard over Bajaj Allianz was made on the basis of the first offer they made – not requiring the Government servants to made contribution, with the consent of the federation leaders and the employees. Since it is the first time, there are undoubtedly several problems that need to be redressed. I hope we can go about it with better performance and efficiency in the second year.

There are several projects under the newly formed Urban Development for our state capital, districts and other towns. We have received 24.9 crores for road improvement in Aizawl City and Kolasib town.

Under General Administration Department, steps are being taken towards the formation of Youth Commission although none is to be found in other states and at the Central. This will look into the affairs and welfare of our youths.

We are trying to find ways and make it possible for the use of Electronic Voting Machine in Mara District Council Election. We have also asked our Election Officers to send suggestions to the Chief Election Commission to put date of birth instead of age in the Electoral Roll to do away with the problem of updating the age.

We need several Rest House in rural areas. It may be feasible to construct such rest house and keep the maintenance under the supervision of the local authority. Our Circuit Houses are also improved and more Mizoram houses have been constructed. A plot of Land, 80ft X 90ft in area has been purchased from the proposed site of TATA Cancer Hospital in Kolkata.

Due to high rate of cancellation of flights in our airport, we have been working tirelessly and leaving no stone unturned for the installation of Instrumental Landing System (ILS). I am happy to say that one of the largest planes used in India, Airbus 320 is to land at Lengpui Airport once a week probably from today.

Our bamboo industry at Sairang has been set to working condition with the help of the manufacturers from Taiwan. However, the drying of bamboos has rendered it idle at the moment.

Oil survey under ONGC is underway in Hortoki. Global tender was called for the exploration stretching upto Hnahthial and the work is being carried out presently by a foreign company. If things go smoothly and at the time of extraction of royalty of 20% will be state's share. This could push our economy to a much higher level.

PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO : Mr Speaker, do you know about the talk of uranium being found. ?

PU ZORAMTHANGA CHIEF MINISTER : Mr Speaker, it is known that there is uranium deposits. We are about to notify it to the Indian Government.

PU LIANSUAMA : Mr Speaker, can our Chief Minister enlighten us on the reports that the Indo-Myanmar Gas Pipeline is being opposed by some sabotage and the possible element of gas and oil deposit we have in Mizoram ? Can we have the report of the survey done in the past ?

PU ZORAMTHANGA CHIEF MINISTER : Mr Speaker, previous surveys were done based on satellite imaginary only. The exact spot could not be established with certainly. Now it is done more scientifically with the help of computers. The records are then sent to Delhi for further studies. So, we are somewhat certain of the presence of oil and gas deposit. Although there are rumours, I do not think there are any acts of sabotage.

The Indian Government is keen on the gas pipe line. If this pass through Mizoram, we can get huge benefits from it. However, Burma may turn towards China as the later have offered better bargain.

About Border Trade, our Land Custom station at Zokhawthar needs immense improvement. For this our architects are working on the plan. Our counterpart, Burma also have to do the same to materialize for this trade. So, with the assent of Mr Jairam Ramesh, the scheme is being prepared with the provision of construction on the other side of the border if required.

Efforts are on for the same at Chittagong Hill Tract and Tlabung site. However, due to absence of a stable Government in Bangladesh we face difficulties in making any further progress. Construction of road linking Kolodyne River about 60 Km inside Burma will be taken up as soon as clearance

from Prime Minister's Office (P.M.O.) is received. This will enhance transport of goods at a comparatively low cost. Once materialized, this will hugely benefit us and the neighbouring states like Tripura, Assam and Manipur.

In power, we have received sanction of Rs.102 crore under RGVVY for Rural Electrification. We have also received more than Rs.400 lakhs from North Eastern Council for replacement of the naked electric wire with insulated wire within the city. This will reduce the chance of accidental electric shock.

Our hon'ble members have brought up RGS and I want to reassure that it is still functional. In 2006-2007, it was given to 1163 persons. It can be requested to the authority as the need arises.

We have given the maintenance of Teirei Hydel Project to private and we see positive results. We evaluate that we earn more by purchasing at less than Re.1/- per unit. Now, Kau Tuipang rivers are also proposed to be tendered in this manner. (Pu Lalrinliana Sailo : The side engineer told me that they bought it at 97 paise. Do not we buy it from them at Rs.3 ?). It will be unprofitable to buy at Rs.3 while 97 paise is our purchasing price. So, it will be more feasible to privatize the maintenance of even the Aizawl Water Supply Scheme in the future.

PU LIANSUAMA : Mr Speaker Sir, can the height of the dam be increased for greater generation ? This can be done easily with Private Public Participation. The production cost per unit is much cheaper with the private which is a great advantage for the state.

PU H. LIANSILOVA : Mr Speaker Sir, there are a number of unemployed electrical engineers. Can we give them some projects once they form a sort of society at least on a trial basis instead of giving it to outsiders ?

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, that's exactly what we had in mind. Let them organize themselves and we would be much obliged.

CHIEF MINISTER

We have forwarded seven small Hydel projects. These can be done easily with finance from MNES and others. The initial estimate of 234 crore could eventually come up to 300 plus. Since, we have full received 102 crore under RGGVY from REC, they would be approved sometime later, we are told. As Pu Suama had mentioned, efforts are going on to upgrade Kau and Tuipang rivers under Phase-II for cheaper generation of power.

We are fortunate that we have Bairabi Thermal Plant to compensate our demand when there is shortage of power supply from outside, although the generation cost is comparatively higher.

We are introducing Computerized Bill in Aizawl city. This will facilitate paying of bills without having to form a queue. However, a monthly fee of Rs.7/- may have to be paid to avail the service.

In connection to what hon'ble member Pu Duhoma had mentioned, forest clearance on Tipaimukh Project has not been acquired so far. There are problems from different corners. Nevertheless, let them go ahead with the construction as our members have suggested we will see that it does not pose any difficulties on our part.

It is the central policy to give hydel projects and others to P.P.P. (Public Private Partnership). Interested company found Tuivai Project near Ngopa abandoned by NEEPCO attractive. Since the generation cost would be high, we apply for viability gap funding at DEA (Departmental Economical Affairs) under Parliamentary Affairs.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Mr Speaker, if Public Private Partnership is as we see in Venus Bamboo Project, it would require extreme care and caution if we are to hope for any profit. There is no way to earn profit/revenue from Venus because they contributed Rs. 9,07,56,000/- lakhs, you repaid their debts and now you accepted their old machineries for 155 lakh. Then, you made share holders of 40 % each. This is meaningless. So, PPP system is not profitable at all if it goes like, this we have to be careful .

PU ZORAMTHANGA : However, this Bamboo Project is a pilot project in our state. Eventhough we may not earn revenues at the moment. I believe we would eventually get revenues in the long run. That 900 lakhs is an investment, a loan, our share here is simply 40-40- 20. The company had already estimated the unit generation cost. If we get 20% viability gap funding from Department of Economic Package, it will amount to above 200 crore in the form of grant, it becomes viable, it is profitable.

Fortunately, Mr Chidambaram, Finance Minister sent me a letter last night. He urged me to apply for this viability gap funding since several other states have received it. Others were for roads and others, and I believe we are the first to apply for power. We have done the analysis and are all set to send it to DEA at the Finance Ministry. If things go as planned, we hope that we can do something meaningful about Tuivai Project within this calendar year.

As already mentioned by respected members from the south, the Central Water Commission had taken quite a long time on Kolodyne. While the project investigation is expected to be completed by March, this year, they have come up with a new proposal to move the water outlet upto 3 Km below which could increase the power generation by 620/630 megawatt. We are now waiting for this as the survey can be done only in the month of December.

Likewise, other projects like Bairabi Hydel Project can be done in the same manner. The only thing we have to do on our part is the funding. While introducing PPP, the companies have some apprehension about Bairabi which has only 80 Megawatt capacity. Taking into account the compensation cost for Hortoki and other villages, the unit generation cost could be quite high. Anyway, we are working tirelessly to find a solution to this problem. Meanwhile, I would like to mention that Bairabi to Sairang railway may be quite debatable.

PU H. LIANSILOVA : Mr Speaker, I would like to further question the share distribution in Venus Bamboo Project. Our share contribution there amounts to about 9 crore. The paid up capital come up to 22 ½ crore. Has the company's share of 40 % in the form of K.K. amounting to about 900 lakhs been deposited ?

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, I do not know the exact
CHIEF MINISTER details, but this amount in crore is our investment, it is different when we purchased an additional and bigger machine from Taiwan we had to invest in it since it exceeded our current share. So, our investment was given out as loan.

PU H. LIANSILOVA : Mr Speaker, we have unequal shares or investments in the overhead cost. However, to make the share/investment of 40% in the paid up capital, the Finance has to make the contribution. It is obvious that we have to pay for their contribution. That is what I can not fully understand.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr Speaker, the machine is quite
CHIEF MINISTER : expensive. They have contributed and
installed several crore worth machine
full set. I can not calculate the exact
amount at the moment, but, it is 40%, 20% . Expenses beyond this are in the form of
investment.

About railway, I feel respected members will have to spend
their thoughts and contribute their ideas. The visiting Addl. Secretary, Railway
casually suggested for better roads instead of constructing a railway from Bairabi. Let
that be enough for power section. Mr Speaker, let me add few more words in Public
Works Department then, I will be able to conclude.

PU LIANSUAMA : Mr Speaker, hon'ble member from Ratu
constituency had mentioned that with the
completion of Tipaimukh Dam, our
share would be 9 Megawatt. The overall
power generation will be 1500 Megawatt considering that we are in the catchment
area, 9 Megawatt is too low, only as good as 9 Megawatt Serlui 'B'. Could there be a
miscalculation about the percentage. We used to consider 10% to be our share which
means our quota would be 150 Megawatt, which of them is true ?

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr Speaker, we would get 12% free
CHIEF MINISTER : power had the dam been constructed
inside our state. Since, only a very tiny
area of Mizoram will be affected, our
share would be about 9 Megawatt.

Moving on to Public Works Department, our current
engagement under PMGSY is the fifth phase we have submitted the proposal for the
sixth phase, which we hope to be sanctioned within this calendar year, would amount
to Rs. 154 crore.

We take utmost care in giving out tender and try our best to
make it competitive, the bridge at Khawruhlian, as mentioned by hon'ble member Pu
Duha, is under consideration and an estimate of Rs.104 lakh has been sent to Delhi.
We hope to get the sanction soon. The Ramhlun South - Ramhlun Vengthar road,
mentioned by hon'ble member Pu Liansailova, is now in its early part of construction.
Likewise, Mualpheng and Maite are also included to be undertaken shortly. The
difficult part for Public Works Department is the black topping which requires a huge
fund. So, we are doing our best within our resource.

Lastly, coming to Sports, it is my idea and initiative to
introduce grass in our fields on experimental basis. I have asked the Sport Director
and our engineers to experiment on those playgrounds which are not very busy.
Reconditioning of the ground itself will also go along with it.

PU H. LIANSILOVA : Mr Speaker, our Chief Minister is also the Power Minister. Can we have a better power supply ? In the past, I hinted we might have to ask the help of the Ministers of Local Administration Department. If we push for it with your assent I believe he would agree. How about that ?

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr Speaker, we will seek for the possibilities. We will try to include it under RGBBY which is supposed to cover all towns and rural areas.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr Speaker, how about regularization of the Work Charge in the three Engineering Departments such as Power & Electricity, Public Health Engineering and Public Works Department ?

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr Speaker, it is desirable to regularize at least some of them even if we can not regularize all of them. As our financial condition improves, we will look into that.

PU LALDUHOMA : Mr Speaker, I have some misunderstandings adding together the 46 demands of the Departments, I found that it is less than the budget as it appeared in the Budget Speech by 433 crore. Is it because the Central Schemes are not included ? Let that be clarified.

About that Legacy Finance Corporation, it is a business loan undertaking Limited. It has been checked and inspected. If this corporation comes up with a crises, it will affect a number of people. It will amount to public interest. So, let's recommend it to RBI. If we have RBI affiliated corporations, they will hugely benefit our people by ways of loans and advances.

We do not afford to give loans to others for projects like Venus Project. Can not we apply for Gap Funding instead of giving loans to this Venus Project ? I feel it is good to relax the strict and stringent procedures we have in claiming GPF to do away with fake wedding cards and doctor's certificate.

The information we receive is that the Finance Commission had sanctioned 23 crores for Sports Complex. From this, last year and this year, 6.25 crore each has been diverted for other purposes. This is extremely annoying for our youths. I want to know if this is true.

I want to request our House Leader to clarify as to who did the designing and architectural work for our Mizoram House in Delhi.

PU ZORAMTHANGA
CHIEF MINISTER

Mr Speaker, we encourage and appreciate such financial institutions that are established under proper rules and regulations. However, there have been several mishap/incidents in the past. We need to be very cautious. Besides, the Government of India is careful regarding this and can not accept if their deposit do not exceed crores of rupees.

The low figure of the amount in the demand is because those charge like 39 in High Court, 163 in MPSC and 4805 lakhs in Public Debts are excluded. Thus, a sum total of 413,5809 crore does not appear in the demands. That is the difference with the Budget.

I will look into that Sports Complex later since I do not have much information at present. Let us hope the concerned Department would be more careful regarding withdrawal of General Provident Fund.

I was talking about the conceptual design about the Mizoram House at Delhi. I worked out the users requirement and then the architectural design will be made by the architect. Regarding that Gap funding, it would be a good thing if its applicable for industries. In Delhi and other big states it is applied for roads. So, we will see if it is applicable for industries. So, now, Mr Speaker, can I move the demands for considerations ?

PU LIANSUAMA

Mr Speaker, I believe you know about those non-progressive S.A. with no increment in pay and about industrial estate. We enjoy your speech.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr Speaker, we are aware of that and we
CHIEF MINISTER : are trying to provide for their training.
Then Mr Speaker, I beg the House to
pass my demands - (1) Legislative
Assembly - Rs. 6,48,30,000/- (2) Governor - Rs. 10,60,000/- (3) Council of
Ministers - Rs. 3,22,75,000/- (4) Vigilance - Rs. 1,16,71,000/- (5) Finance -
Rs. 122,89,20,000/- (5) Planning & Programme Implementation -
Rs.75,66,48,000/- (7) General Administration - Rs. 26,51,20,000/- (8) Power &
Electricity - Rs. 191,21,65,000/- (9) Industries - Rs. 25,02,69,000/- (10) Public
Works Department - Rs. 224,73,23,000/- (11) Urban Development and Poverty
Alleviation - Rs. 53,54,25,000/- with the sum total of Rs.730,57,06,000/-.
Thank you.

S P E A K E R : The demands will be voted now by voice
vote (Members voted and the demands
passed). The House unanimously passed
our Hon'ble Chief Minister
Pu Zoramthanga's Demand No. 1, 2, 5, 9, 14, 15, 39, 40 and 45 with a sum of
Rs. 730,57,06,000/-s

Alright, we now go to to our last business. Let's call upon our
hon'ble Chief Minister Pu Zoramthanga, also the Finance Minister to introduce in the
House 'The Mizoram Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 2007'.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr Speaker, with the permission and
CHIEF MINISTER : approval of the House, I beg to
introduce 'The Mizoram Appropriation
(No.2) Bill, 2007' in this House.

S P E A K E R : Let the copy be distributed. The amount
of Bill for appropriation is
Rs. 23,22,92,26,000/- and charged
Rs. 4,13,58,09,000/-. Let us call upon
our Hon'ble Chief Minister to move the Bill.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr Speaker, with your permission I beg
CHIEF MINISTER : leave of the House to pass 'The
Mizoram Appropriation (No.2) Bill,
2007'.

SPEAKER : The hon'ble Chief Minister Pu Zoramthanga has begged leave of the House to pass the Bill. Any members who agree with it may say 'Yes' and those who are against it may say 'Nay'.

Alright, 'The Mizoram Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 2007' is passed by the House unanimously. Thus, today's business is completed. The next sitting will be tomorrow, 29 March, (Thursday), 10 : 30 A.M.

Sitting adjourned. (8:05 P.M.).