

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

**LIST OF BUSINESS**

**EIGHTH SITTING ON TUESDAY, THE 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2008  
( Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM )**

**PRESENT**

Pu Lalchamliana, Speaker at the Chair, Chief Minister, Deputy Speaker, 14 Ministers and 23 members were present.

**QUESTIONS**

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

**LAYING OF PAPERS**

2. **PU H.VANLALAUVA** to lay on the Table of the House a copy of the 'Order of the Governor of Mizoram' (under paragraph 16 of the Sixth Schedule to the Constitution)

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

*Bills for introduction*

3. **PU ZORAMTHANGA** to beg leave of the House to introduce "The Mizoram Transparency in Public Procurement Bill, 2008"

*Also  
to introduce the Bill.*

**FINANCIAL BUSINESS**

**DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS**

4. **PU TAWNLUIA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
5. **PU AICHHINGA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the Houe various Demands under his charge.

S P E A K E R : He will judge the world with righteousness and the people with his truth.

Psalm 96 : 13

We will begin Question and Answer, now question No.101, let us invite the hon'ble member, Mr.Andrew Lalherliana.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the hon'ble Minister for Home Department be pleased to state:- Have the government made solid decision in regard to how Rev.Chanchinmawia died?

S P E A K E R : Minister Tawnluia may provide the reply.

PU TAWNLUIA  
MINISTER : Mr. Speaker, on the case of Rev. Chanchinmawia's death, the special investigation team did not find any clues to suggest that it was a homicide.

As a result, they concluded their final report on 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2007 and the hon'ble ADM(J) court had also accepted this report. The government therefore, had done its task.

PU LALDUHAWMA : Mr. Speaker, what are the proof that led to the conclusion that it was suicide? From inquiries made through the RTI, the investigation took only 5days and it seems that the final report was simply submitted late. Is this true? Why are the statements of those who do not believe it was a homicide, such as Mr.Thanhlira's rejected, and why was the public prosecutor suddenly changed? Why was the public prosecutor allowed to talk about the case on Cable T.V.?

Moreover, by the new order that was released, there are several information that could no longer be obtained through RTI. Why have this become

necessary? If the people cannot receive the information they want, doesn't that defeat its basic objective?

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is that the report of the government investigation team does not seem to hold water with the synod, the people or the intellectual circle. Can the case, therefore, be reopened so that speculations about the involvement of underground elements may also be verified?

PU H.ROHLUNA : A supplementary question please Mr. Speaker. Why did the Public Prosecutor talk about the case through the media? Is he trying to influence the public opinion? Is it because the government told him to do so?

The medical officer who performed the Autopsy said in his report that the wound was inflicted using strong pressure and also said that the wound on his neck was received first, followed by the one on his left chest which ruptured his aorta tube and which may have been the cause of death. Why did the medical officer write about his personal deduction in the report? How is he so sure of the sequence of events?

It also crossed my mind that there could be someone influencing the judgement of the medical officer because the public prosecutor mentioned that in the book HWV CAX, those people with suicidal tendencies, after making tentative or trial cuts normally resort to poison or hanging. By not directly mentioning this except as a passing remark, Is the public prosecutor trying to sway the opinion of the people towards considering it as a case of suicide. Is there pressure from the government to proceed like this ?

S P E A K E R : There are many of the members with of questions. We will be given some time each and let's try to keep our questions short. Mr.Lalhmingthanga.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : It is apparent, Mr. Speaker that the people are not satisfied by the investigation report. If such is the case, can the state government hand over the case to Central Investigating Agencies such as the CBI?

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Mr. Speaker, thank you. From what I have heard, the IT report was concluded with the remark that anybody can have their say about the case. Is this true? Had the exact time of his death been determined? Only the length and width of his wounds were reported, why was the depth not mentioned was that normal procedure? It was said that the senior police who arrived on the scene first, cleaned all the possible material evidences what was the reason for such behaviour?

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : A supplementary question Mr. Speaker. In the report given by the Public Prosecutor, the knife recovered by the police and the wound did not match except maybe the one on the neck. What is the meaning of that?

Furthermore, why are the MNF hard-core loyalists insisted that it was a genuine case of suicide? Why is the medical officer who performed the Post-mortem using the exact terminology referred as the police in his report? Are post-mortem examinations done by any qualified doctor of a person's choice? Was he paid a fee? Is the government trying to engineer it as a case of suicide?

S P E A K E R : We'll hear Mr. R. Lalzirliana's supplementary question and that will be all for now.

PU R.LALZIRLIANA : The case I.O. H.Lalnunmawia said on the day of Chanchinmawia's death before the court that the time of death appears to be between 1 and 2 a.m. but when the final report was released, it said that the time of death was around 5, 6 a.m. What is the meaning of this? The case I.O. is low ranked to handle this type of case and is there pressure from higher to rephrase his statement?

Almost immediately after the incident, I spoke with someone very close to the victim at the Senior Executive Office and he said that Chanchinmawia had a wound on his leg but the police report did not mention this wound at all and was the wife of the Public Prosecutor who announced the report, found hanged with broken bones and signs of physical abuse? Is the government employing someone who had a case in connection with murder?

The Medical Jurisprudence Toxicology, page 295 says that persons who tries to commit suicide normally make 'tentative' or 'trial cuts' but ultimately resort to other methods. Why did the Public Prosecutor mention these trial/tentative cuts but did not point out the the victim resort to other means?

S P E A K E R : There are some points that are not necessarily relevant. We'll take another question from the right rows, Mr.Lalchhandama Ralte.

P U L A L C H H A N D A M A R A L T E : Mr. Speaker, at what time was Rev.Chanchinmawia's corpse found? Is it true that the Pastor quarter was locked from the inside? Did the NGO and Church leaders who tended to his corpse first, files an FIR immediately? Is it true that the Church Committee and the NGO's set the time for the funeral as 2 P.M. ? When was the FIR submitted and in whose name? Is there any one who appealed to higher authorities after the Special Investigation report was released? Is there an appeal from his immediate family to re-start the investigation?

S P E A K E R : There are lots of irrelevant points. However, let us request the Home Minister to furnish the reply as best as possible.

P U T A W N L U I A M I N I S T E R : The S.P. of Aizawl, LT. Hrangchal received a call from ASIM, Baby Vanlalmazmiani and later from Mr.Lallianmawia, security on the 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2008, around 8 a.m. informing him about the death of Rev.Chanchinmawia. He then sent Inspector PC.Lianhmingthanga to investigate the matter but when the

inspector arrived on the scene, the corpse and everything else were cleaned up by those who arrived first. Additional S.P. Pu Rodingliana Chawngthu and Mr.Lalringdika SDPO South, filed a case on 11:30 a.m. and the corpse was sent to Civil Hospital for Post-mortem while a Special Investigation team was set up under 'Unnatural Death Case' No.12/17 date 1.10.2008 under section 174 Cr.PC. The team then investigated the scene and seized the weapons suspected as used by the murderer. The family members were also thoroughly questioned apart from other 32 witnesses. Their statements were carefully recorded and the medical history of the victim was also meticulously researched. Since the evidences and the Post mortem result did not indicate that it was homicide, the Investigating team submitted the final report to ADLM(J) Aizawl Court on 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2007 which the court duly accepted.

The most common question: who perpetrated the act? Was it suicide? The report of the investigation team had been published in the newspapers through the RTI Act. In regard to if investigations can be started anew, we mentioned in the final report that it is possible.

The investigation team informed the court that if fresh evidences were recovered, they are ready to resume investigation if there are any complaints and questions regarding the case, it may be addressed through the court.

The clause which deals with exemption from disclosure of information under RTI Act, 2005 Section 8 is designed to withhold critical, sensitive informations. The government felt it necessary to use the clause and ultimately approved it and the exemption list was subsequently made.

PU LALDUHAWMA : Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question was why the exemption included negotiations and settlements with extremists and insurgents. Are we supposed to have an opaque Home Department? In the present case also, there is no evidence which indicates that it was an act of suicide.

S P E A K E R : If there are supplementary questions please feel free. Mr.R.Lalzirliana.

PU R.LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, why was the wound on the leg of Rev.Chanchinmawia neglected? Can the case be handed over to the CBI? Can the government formally accept that the appointed Public Prosecutor is not suitable to handle such a high profile case ?

S P E A K E R : We're all laymen, please let us be careful about the choice of words.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Is it a crime to sabotage a crime scene. It is a possibility that there was some kind of struggle because the daughter of the victim, Rinpuui said that she found blood at the kitchen sink and near the gas stove. But the police officers cleaned all the blood and the crime scene was completely botched up. Is this normal procedure?

The length of the knife as reported by the Public Prosecutor and the police differed considerably. Which is to be trusted?

The matter of the door being locked from the inside was also insisted vehemently by the police. Is this another strategy to convince the people that it was suicide?

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Is there any way to re-open the case without depending on the decision of the court too much? Can the government take its own initiatives and re-investigate the case so that the real story may emerge?

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Mr. Speaker, it is apparent that the final report of the police was not accepted by the general masses. If such is the situation, can the case be re-opened privately instead of waiting for the government?

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker, as I have said before, the Special Police Investigation Team informed the court that they are ready to pursue the case if fresh evidences are found when they submitted their final report. The case, therefore, is in the hands of the court now, and if anyone have fresh informations or complaints, they should approach the court first.

The statement made by the Public Prosecutor was prepared by himself of his own accord. If there are doubts or questions pertaining to the case, the court should be approached.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Mr. Speaker, the Synod Church evidently doesn't believe that Rev.Chanchinmawia committed suicide because it included his writings for Sunday school syllabus. As the general opinion of the people is such that, can the government re-open the case or hand it over to better established agencies like CBI etc?

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker, the case had been handed over to the court and the government also have reiterated its readiness to pursue the case if fresh evidence emerge. Therefore, the court should be approached regarding any necessary clarifications.

S P E A K E R : Pu H. Lalsangzuala to ask Starred Question No.102.

PU H.LALSANGZUALA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the hon'ble Minister for Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Minister be pleased to state –

- (a) Is there any intention to construct new supply godowns?
- (b) Is the government aware of the newly built godowns being un-usable?
- (c) If it is aware, what measures will be taken in the face of the situation?

S P E A K E R : Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Minister, K.Sangthuama may enlighten us on that matter.

PU K.SANGTHUAMA MINISTER : (a) Yes. (b) The government had no knowledge of unusable newly constructed supply buildings. (c) As such is the case, there are no measures taken.

PU H.LALSANGZUALA : A supplementary question Mr. Speaker. Some of the godowns constructed by the government during last year were extremely in a poor state. The godown in my constituency is unusable and there had been no repair or maintenance work done to improve its state. Whom do the government depend on to give reports on compensation? Did they not prepare the report? It is surprising therefore, that the government is unaware of such thing.

Secondly, the government informed us to arrange for a place for stocking food during monsoon but the people do not receive sufficient food supply and they have even requested for Air drops of supplies in their desperation. Is there any intention to build new godowns at Tuivai or other areas to provide sustenance during the rainy seasons when the roads are inaccessible?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker, is the Minister aware that retailers distributes only 27 or 30 kgs of rice even though the amount allotted for BPL families is 35 kgs on the ration card? Isn't this suppression of the rights of the poor? Can the government look into this at the earliest?

PU R.LALZIRLIANA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Can the Minister stop the distribution of 'Food for work' only to MNF. It is reported that this had been done because the Minister intends to contest from the constituency. If that is so, I challenge him to contest against me.

S P E A K E R : 2minutes left. The next questions will be asked by Mr.Lalchhandama Ralte and then Mr.Lalduhoma and please keep it short.

PU LALCHHANDAMA RALTE : The supply trucks are afraid to cross the Tuirini Bridge and the areas beyond the bridge do not receive supply as a result. Can the Minister see to it that those areas receive sufficient supplies of food?

S P E A K E R : Even if Mr. Duhoma exceeds the time limit, the Minister will deliver the reply as time permits.

PU LALDUHAWMA : Mr. Speaker thank you. I mention in the House earlier that the retailers cut 1 kg from BPL share which the Minister pursued immediately. However, the actual inquiry was made by a Grade-IV which worries me immensely. I'd like to know what progress had been made so far? The residents of Sunhluchhip village complained this morning that they received only 8 kgs of rice instead of their allotted share of 10 kgs. Can the Minister attend to this. The Emergency Relief Committee decided that apart from the regular supply of 35 kgs for BPL families, if there are any left overs, they may receive through APL. However, their APL cards are being held by the authorities. Can the Minister explain to me how they will avail supplies through the APL if such is the case?

S P E A K E R : The concerned Minister may give the replies.

PU K.SANGTHUAMA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The problems mentioned by the MLAs will be looked into at the earliest.

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The completion reports are accepted after the concerned inspectors approved of it. If there are any misappropriations it will be dealt with. We have enough stock of rice at Saitual to provide for their need during the rainy seasons and I'd like to remind the MLA's that there are still 2 months before monsoon, so we are confident that we will have sufficient stock by on set of the rainy seasons.

In response to Mr.Lalhmingthanga's question, I have no official knowledge of the BPL share being distributed less than the allotted amount but I'd like to assure him that the matter will be looked into.

As to Mr.Lalzirliana's question, I cannot offer much information regarding Food for work as the R.D. Department handle all transactions. Hence, my reply is that Supply Department is not involved in the matter. Whether I'll contest the elections from Saitual Constituency depends on our party leadership. But I just want to mention that I am not shaken by the challenge.

In reply to Mr.Lalchhandama's question, the Tuirini bridge was built and maintained by PWD and it is able to withstand the weight of only 100 quintals. As trucks normally carry weighs around 200 quintals, we are faced with a dilemma which I have broached with PWD Chief-Engineers. We are currently mulling over if payment should be made for the loading and unloading so that the remaining 100 quintals which could not be carried over the bridge may still reach the areas beyond the river.

I do not think there is a cut of Rs.1 as Mr.Lalduhawma said. Anyway, the matter will be looked into.

PU LALDUHAWMA : Mr. Speaker, the list had already been prepared but the inquiry was done by a IV Grade, which seems to be the reason why progress was not made. I, therefore, request the Minister to kindly look into it once again.

PU K.SANGTHUAMA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, please give me the list and I will send the concerned DCSO to verify. The report of distribution of 8 kgs at Sunhluchhip will also be verified immediately.

Regarding allocation of 35 kgs of rice to BPL family, the order had already been issued last year and it should have been implemented immediately. In case the concerned family is of 10 members or more, they are entitled to receive

allotted amount for additional members. Instruction will again be given if this is not implemented in certain areas. Regarding production of double ration card, immediate instruction may be given to the department to sort out the problem so that no more confusion is there.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : We will now move to next business Pu.H.Vanlalaauva, the hon'ble Minister may now take his time to lay the paper "Order of the Governor of Mizoram (Under paragraph 16 of the sixth schedule to the constitution)". He may now lay the paper on the table of the House.

PU H.VANLALAUVA MINISTER : Thank you, Mr.Speaker Sir. With your permission and of the House, I now lay on the table of the House " Order of the Governor of Mizoram ( Under paragraph 16 of the sixth schedule to the constitution).

S P E A K E R : All right, let the copy be distributed. I now call upon the hon'ble Chief Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce "The Mizoram Transparency in Public Procurement Bill, 2008".

PU ZORAMTHANGA CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I now beg leave of the House to introduce "The Mizoram Transparency in Public Procurement Bill, 2008".

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Do we agree? If so, he may now introduce the Bill.

PU ZORAMTHANGA CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I now introduce “The Mizoram Transparency in Public Procurement Bill, 2008” here in the House.

S P E A K E R : The Mizoram Transparency in Public Procurement Bill, 2008” is now being introduced. Let the copy be distributed to the members.

We will now take up Financial Business i.e. Discussion and Voting on Demand for Grant. As shown in the list of business for today, we are having demand from two Ministers which will be decided by vote on account after discussion. To start with let me call upon Pu Tawnluia, Minister to lay on the table of this House his demands no.13, 16 and 25

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission sir, I move the demand nos. 13, 16 and 25 for Rs.251,07,000/- for meeting expenses during 2008-2009 in respect of the following departments –

Demand No.13- Personnel & Administrative Reforms-	Rs.1,30,07,000/-
Demand No.16- Home (Excluding Jail) -	Rs.167,13,05,000/-
Demand No.25- Water Supply and Sanitation -	Rs.82,85,95,000/-
	Total Rs.251,29,07,000/-

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : As usual, 10 minutes will be allotted to each member and Pu K.Lalrinliana will start.

PU K.LALRINLIANA : Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. Let me start with Demand No.33 – Soil and Water Conservation. The department is now taking step towards River Valley Project funded by National Research Management, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India which covers cash crop plantation, Nursing development, Waste land development, Forest development and some engineering works. In this connection, I have to point out that there are number of areas destroyed by landslide as a result of receded floods on the bank of Bairabi and such lands required Engineering works. Will this problem be attended by the coming year?

In the same way, it may be pleased if action is taken along the bank of Tlawng as much as possible as it is not safe for the people living in such areas.

Coming now to Demand No.44 – Trade & Commerce, favourable achievement had been made by the department with a collection of revenue amounting to Rs.56,85,000/- during 2006 and Rs.56,04,000/- during 2007-2008. Yet, it is regretting to learn that official works of the department is hampered by insufficiency of staff. Collection of revenue could have been more if this problem is solved. Relating to this matter, I opine it is much necessary to speed up step taken in regard to Border Trade of Indo-Myanmar and more staff may be given to do the work effectively.

Pu Speaker, it is much appreciating that the programme - “The Mizoram State Agricultural Produce Marketing Development” is being laid here in the House and step being taken by the department in this regard is praiseworthy.

In regard to Demand No.46 – Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation, achievements made by the department is much appreciated considering that it starts functioning only a year or so since its bifurcation from LAD. It is pleasing that effective step had been taken in regard to UIDSSMT and IHSDP under the project of JNNURM following memorandum of agreement signed in June, 2007 and Rs.2011 crore is being processed in regard to Aizawl city development plan. Hopefully, appearance of Aizawl city will change positively if the fund is utilized accordingly.

Not only this Mr.Speaker, detailed project is being prepared in regard to UIDSSMT and IHSDP for district headquarters by organizing a separate committee in every district and achievement will certainly come.

In the meantime, remarkable achievement had been made with the plan of slum improvement/upgradation as a number of houses are under construction to provide housing to the poors who cannot afford to have on their own.

On behalf of the people of Kolasib, I would like to extend my gratitude to the government for taking up strengthening roads within Kolasib town with a provision of 24 crore rupees and work order had already been issued to the concerned contractor.

Not only this, detail project report of the same for Champhai and Saitual have also been submitted for which financial sanction had already been issued and is much appreciated. There are number of achievements made by Town & Country Planning Wing like master plan prepared for improvement of road of various district headquarters. Particularly for Kolasib, surveying work of Sector I and II (A) had already been completed where as the work for sector I (A) is already being approved by the government.

Pu Speaker, there had been so much allegations against Home Department in connection with investigation of certain cases and Law & Order situations. Even so, our status as the most peaceful state in the country can be regarded as the achievement of the department. Moreover, it is pleasing to learn that Mizoram Police manual is now being prepared and Life Insurance is being prevailed to our police personels so as to provide job satisfaction to their duties.

In the meantime, I have to express my deepest condolence to the police personels. Who lost their life in their service in Chhatisgarh. In this connection, I have to praise the government for being able to send 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion of I.R. to Chhatisgarh and for achieving peace settlement with insurgent groups such as MAIDA, BNLf, HRF, ZFF and HPC(D). Not only this, improvement of police quarters and office of S.P. is done in every districts and is much appreciated.

Coming now to demand no.25, steps taken by Water Supply & Sanitation to provide clean water to every village is highly appreciated. Not only in rural areas, the same step is being taken in urban areas by providing clean drinking water to the people and even in schools. Besides, water quality monitoring and surveyance programme is being taken up effectively and laboratory for testing of the quality of water is being set up much to the satisfaction of the concerned people.

Hence, Pu Speaker, I fully support passing of this demand by this august House.

Thank you.

PU H.LIANSILOVA : Pu Speaker, while discussing Demand No.25, I want to extend my gratitude to the concerned Minister for fulfilling my request for regular supply of water in my locality. In this connection, it may be important for the department to verify of whether workers who are in charge of distribution of water maintain uniform supply to the consumers.

Coming now to Demand No.46 – Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation, 2 Rules concerning municipal have now been put forward by the Minister. It is expected that municipal particularly for Aizawl will be accomplished

immediately but sad to consider that enough budget provision is not seen to accommodate the need to that effect. Yet, it may be important for the concerned authority to determine how to carry out in accordance with the existing norms of village council and social structure of a particular locality.

Pu Speaker, Aizawl Development Authority had now come into existence where – budget provision too is being allotted to that effect. But the problem is that detail plan and estimate of the department is not shown. It may be pleasing if appropriate programme is made so that the department execute works effectively.

Moreover, JNNURM and NERUDP is now coming from the central and in this connection. I have to point out the problem in my constituency that there is other road in addition to main road which greatly obstructs the progress of this area. Hence, YMA and Welfare Committee put an effort for construction of approach road to graveyard on which 400, 500 metres is completed. Thanks to valuable concern of the Minister, rest of the construction work will now be taken up from the aforesaid fund for which I extend my gratitude to the concerned Minister. I further request him to give importance to the problem of some families that we may refer to the government for assistance in the future.

Regarding town link drainage constructed by NBCC near Greenwood Hospital, it is much important for the concerned authority to pay attention as drain flows across the main road particularly in rainy season which is found to be unhealthy for people in the areas around.

Comparing to other portions of Aizawl such as South-I, West and East, I must say that my constituency – Aizawl North seems to be the last that benefits fund from JNNURM. I, therefore request the concerned Minister to give special attention towards construction of steps, link drain and approach roads within my constituency.

Coming now to Demand No.44, I opine it is necessary to reconsider transaction of business between Trades & Commerce Department and Agriculture Department as seedlings, plantation and further maintenance of plants concerns with agriculture whereas only marketing of such production is taken up by Trade & Commerce despite the knowledge of the process from the initial stage. Considering the importance of its role, budget size of the department of Trade & Commerce too is very small. It may, therefore be important for the concerned authority to reconsider the matter.

In the same manner, it may be more effective for MAMCO if their work tied up more with Agriculture or Horticulture Department. Regarding much repeated topic of support price also, no provision to that effect is seen in the budget yet it is necessary to have identified crops beforehand and enough efforts had not yet been made in that regard. Besides, in order to make the best benefit for the concerned farmers, it may be wise for the concerned authority to determine whether our process relating to agriculture produce market is good enough.

Last but not least, I have to mention that Apex is the main foundation of Agricultural marketing. In fact, it can function smoothly with the help of this bank. Budget provision of the government may not be necessary if Apex Bank play appropriate role in developing Agricultural marketing and it will be of great benefit for the bank itself if such marketing is operated with the help of C.C.A. It is, therefore important for the government to determine this problem and so of co-operation of Agriculture and Horticulture Department with MAMCO.

Thank you.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Pu Chairman, let me get straight to the point so as to save times. It surely is a remarkable achievement of the government for being able to recruit new battalion of IR and MAP which comprises mostly of our Mizo youths. Mizoram police are said to be one of the best police in the country. Yet, we can be the best if effort is made to achieve the best considering the talent of our youths, I opine it is time for us to have the State Rifle of our own, Mizo Rifle or Mizo Regiment.

Relating to this matter, I opine it is necessary to establish Police Headquarters at Mamit district being the area at the border of Tripura, Assam and Bangladesh. I don't think it will be of a problem provided that the hon'ble Home Minister is elected from this constituency.

Coming now to demand No.25 – Water Supply, I must say that western belt of Mizoram is having favourable achievement with Rural Water Supply scheme yet, there are more steps to be taken for the concerned department and it may be much appreciating if water supply for the remaining areas is completed before rainy season.

Regarding the demand of LAD, I opine it is time for us to privatize sanitation instead of squandering large amount of fund with the existing practice. Besides, privatization will bring sufficient source of revenue for the government.

In regard to demand No.33, Soil & Water Conservation, projects that had been started in the area of Zawlnuam is now being neglected despite the safety it provided for the people in the vicinity. Not only this, PWD roads in this area are destroyed due to lack of appropriate retaining system. It will be much appreciated if the concerned authority give attention for renewal of the project.

Coming now to demand No.42 – Urban Development, I opine it is time for the concerned authority to determine extention of Aizawl city towards Lengpui area so as to resolve the problem of congestion of Aizawl, the largest urban in Mizoram. No altenative development can be done for Aizawl at the present condition even though large amount of budget provision is given every year and this

only causes the problem of congestion more serious. Hence, it may be appreciated if the concerned authority turns its attention towards solution of this problem.

In this connection, I opine it is time to determine shifting of AR Ground outside the city in order to solve the said problem.

Last but not least Mr.Speaker Sir, I opine it is necessary to change the system of Trade & Commerce particularly with marketing of our agricultural productions. It may also be important to give awareness to the public the importance of appropriate marketing system.

Thank you.

PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO : Thank you Pu Speaker. Let me point out at the out set regarding shifting of sanitation under the maintenance of PHE which had already been gazetted but not implemented till today. The delay is deeply regretted as it concerns with drainage system, solid waste drainage and sewage system. PHE, on the otherhand is ready to take up the work by setting up a separate S.E. Circle called Water and Sanitation (WATSAN) but LAD continue maintenance of sanitation which should have been handed over to PHE with immediate effect. Obviously the system of sewage, solid waste management and drainage will be much improved under the maintenance of PHE engineered by number of experts.

Regarding Demand No.16, obviously the government had not yet issued ex-gratia grant fully to those police soldiers who have lost their life at Chhatisgarh. It may be appreciated if the matter is considered immediately.

Relating to this matter, I have to stress the need to give priority to the problem of our police forces. It is regretted to learn that there are large amount of fund for TA/DA which had not yet been paid due to the fact that barely 80 to 90 lakhs is usually allotted to that effect whereas actual requirement is 230 to 300 lakh rupees. It may, therefore, be pleasing if the allotment is increased.

Coming now to the demand of PHE, I owe much credit to the concerned Minister for the works done within my constituency. Not only this, pumping centre at Lungdai is now ready for commission, thanks to valuable efforts of the department. Still, there is plan to repair pipe-line and supply tank to improve water supply in rural areas and is highly appreciated.

In demand No.13 – Personnel Administration & Reforms, it is important for the government to keep aware of the fact that there are number of

eligible youths among the Mizos therefore it is necessary to reduce reemployment of pensioner so as to provide job opportunity to those youths.

Next in Demand No.33 – Soil & Water Conservation Department, I would like to inform the House that coffee plantation belonging to more than 55 families of Lungdai is being destroyed by rats and the total cost of the destruction amounts to Rs.60,154. The same report had already been submitted to the concerned Minister on 8.1.2008 and will be much appreciated if necessary action is taken immediately.

Regarding Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation i.e. Demand No.16, since the department is newly established, it is hopeful that the allotted budget could be utilized satisfactorily. Keeping in mind of the excessive work loading of PWD, it may be wise to include maintenance of towns, roads and buildings to this newly department for which immediate enhancement of Engineer cell may be given priority by the government.

Coming now to the demand of Trade & Commerce Department, it is much necessary for the government to give utmost effort towards Look East Policy that concerns construction of sea way to Akyab (Myanmar) through Chhimtuipui river keeping in mind the importance of Trade & Commerce to develop any state.

Next, Pu Chairman, in order to improve sanitation, I opine it is necessary to handover provision from 12<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission amounting to Rs.20 crore to PHE as already been Gazetted and a separate S.E. Circle with 2 divisions had already been set up to that effect. It is inconvenient to put that sanction at the disposal of LAD department keeping in mind of the need to maintain sanitation of Aizawl city and District Headquarters more effectively.

Thank you.

PU LALCHHANDAMA RALTE : Thank you, Pu Chairman. At the out set, I would like to point out that there had been so much allegations as no new post had been created due to the existence of MOU between the central and state government. On enquiring various departments, it is learnt that 5925 new posts had already been created out of which 4323 posts being filled up during this on-going ministry much to the satisfaction of hundreds of job hunting youths in Mizoram. Particularly of Group 'A' post, more than 500 posts of MCS and MPS have already been filled up through MPSC without giving any chance of political interference. The concerned Minister had even turned down suggestion for the appointment of veterinary doctor due to the fact that Central

Reservation Policy to physically handicapped had not been followed appropriately and is being held up for further review.

In this connection, I would like to state that Gazetted posts have never been created in the department of Sports & Youth Services despite the interest of today's youths. If promotion system is based only on departmental promotion, it is the present coaches who will become Director of the department in the near future and it will certainly bring negative effect in the administration of the department. It is, therefore, important for the concerned authority to give opportunity to the talented youths to enter into the service.

Again, I would like to remind that the department of DP & AR that the department of Labour & Employment is now functioning without its Joint Director for which immediate action may be taken. Since DP & AR concerns with personal matter of officers, it is important for the department to maintain strict order in regard to transfer and posting of the officers and in keeping confidential matters.

Coming now to Demand No.26 – Home Department, we all have learnt from the Governor's Address that the department is making improvement in controlling crime rate in the state, Law & Order situation, investigation of crime and internal security on which this House had even discussed motion of thanks to that address. In addition, I would like to state my appreciation to the department for reducing crime rate during the year 2007 at the rate of 6.95% whereas in the neighbouring states the rate is increasing than the previous years. Not only this, it is highly appreciated that the department successfully recruited 2 battalions of Police including numbers of MPRO recently.

In this connection, it is learnt that the government is planning to improve Fire & Emergency Department. Keeping in mind rapidly increasing size of our city and of its population, it may be important for the department to set up emergency station at least at 3 or more places in order to control any situation in time.

Coming now to the problem within my constituency, our major towns such as Seling, Thingsulthliah, Tlungvel and Sesawng are included under Bawngkawn Police station. There is a problem for our police to arrive the spot in due time when there is problem concerning Law and Order. It may, therefore, be much appreciated if the concerned authority set up an outpost in this area.

Regarding water sanitation i.e.Demand No.25, steps taken by PHE Department are truly praiseworthy as we are now having 2 divisions under one Chief Engineer. Yet, it may be much appreciated if the concerned authority find means to provide 40 litres to every households.

In this connection, I would like to point out that the quantity received by each household from Chalfil point is now deteriorating as a result of deforestation. The same problem had also been faced by consumers of Tlungvel water

supply scheme. It may, therefore, be much appreciated if the concerned department pay attention towards solution of their problems. In the meantime, I would like to ask the concerned Minister the expected time of completion of Sesawng water supply scheme and whether SDO, PHE office will be made functional from April this year.

Demand No.33 – Soil & Water Conservation, the department which was once regarded as a major department is now becoming very small. It is, therefore, important for the government to make clear decision on whether the department should be strengthened or be clubbed with other related departments.

Demand No.46 – Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation, this newly department concerns with 60% of the total population of Mizoram since there are 20 notified towns. In regard to the idea of Master plan for Aizawl city, I opine it is necessary for the concerned authority to give attention to extension of the city towards unoccupied places instead of finding roads in congested areas of the city. In this connection, I would like to request the concerned authority to take immediate action on construction of central road as named by the local people and spaces contributed by certain zealous people with a view to improve their locality.

Again, it is necessary for the department to pay attention to problem created by motor workshops in the heart of the city as they are in the habit of doing the works on roadside instead of inside their workshops and spills dirty oil on the road which invades the security of the public. It will be much appreciated if immediate action is taken.

Last but not the least, it is learnt that there is a plan for Housing to BPL families in urban areas for which certain families in the locality of Lawipu are being selected. The hon'ble Chief Minister may clarify the situation of that scheme.

Thank you.

PU ZODINTLUANGA : Thank you Pu Chairman. Let me start my speech from demand No.13 – DP & AR and will be much appreciated if the hon'ble Minister clarify the points I have to make in his wind up speech. It is learnt that there are number of posts that had not been considered by the concerned authority during fixation of pay w.e.f. 1.7.2007. My question is, whether such posts were deliberately missed out or it was done so accidentally. Since the matter concerns with the welfare of a particular government employee, it may be necessary for the concerned authority to give immediate attention.

Next, demand No.25 – PHE Department. I opine it is necessary to reconsider water connection charge within Aizawl which is excessively high as the cost of pipe and fitting charge is borne by the consumer. Not only this, Rs.500 is

charged for application form with Rs.50 for treasury challan. Yet, for the new applicant, it is necessary to pay Rs.2221/- for fitting and fixing of water metre despite the statement of the then concerned Minister here in this august House that there will be no charge for fitting and fixing of water metre. Moreover, Pu Chairman, it is surprising to learn that Rs.10 is again charged as rental of water metre when monthly bill comes. It will be much appreciated if the system is reconsidered.

Coming now to Demand No.16 – Home Department, we have a discussion on our Governors Speech particularly of our state as being the most peaceful state in the country. Members from the opposition bench criticized the government for collecting 3% from the contractors and the decision to collect 12% of the constituency fund from each member so as to strengthen their particular party. Yet, some of the works which had already been allotted were cancelled for failing to make contribution of 3% to MNF party. The main reason behind all these decisions is to raise fund for this particular party so as to win the next general election once again. Not only this Pu Chairman, with the help of insurgent group some people were being forced to make contribution and some who decline to follow their demands were kidnapped by those armed insurgent group. Hence, it is necessary to reiterate the main reason for the achievement of peace settlement in Mizoram as some of the members seemed to have forgotten it. In this relation, I insist on our Home Minister to clarify the statement of the hon'ble Chief Minister at Remna Run on the 28.6.2007 that the government obtained the support of those militants as requested by the central government headed by UPA and Mizoram as being proclaimed as the most peaceful and most stabilized state in financial management in the country. Again, I insist clarification from the Home Minister of his statement regarding our police as the best in the country. If so, what is the criteria and which state ranked no.2? It may be pleasing if the answer is made in detail.

Thank you.

PU H.ROHLUNA : Only 5 minutes remain and the time now is 1:00 PM. It may be more convenient to have a recess now and discussion will be resumed at 2:00 PM.

Sitting adjourned

1 : 00 P.M.

**2 : 00 P.M.**

PU C.LALRINSANGA : We will resume our business, let us  
DEPUTY SPEAKER call upon Pu D.Thangliana to start.

PU D.THANGLIANA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, I am very happy  
to learn that two of our Minister's  
demand is going to be discussed today  
and I am going to be the first to discuss  
it.

First, I want to discuss about demand No.16 – Home Department. Regarding Law & Order, it had been maintained very well because of our police hardwork and their dedication. They are praiseworthy in all India level. Our state is the most peaceful in India especially in the north-east state. Decrease in crime rate while our neighbouring state's increases is also praiseworthy. It is creditable for us as we are known as Christian state. It is also pleasing that we received great favour from the point of view of our population.

Regarding Armed Battalion, we already have 3 MAP Battalions and now we have IR Battalion, if 4<sup>th</sup> IR Bn. is raise, we will have 7 Battalions in total. All our police personel now have life insurance. Formerly we used to follow Assam Police manual, now with the initiative of our Home Minister, Mizoram Police Manual will soon be introduced.

On demand No.46 – Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation Department. It is established only in 2006, now after two years they become Directorate and it will pave a way for development of rural areas. Their progress in Aizawl and District Capital are praiseworthy and their works include project like sanitation, ADA, Clean Mizoram and Municipalities are going to be useful for the development of Mizoram. In regard to clean Mizoram programme, they give prize for the cleanest area and villages and this leads us to have healthy environment and compete ourselves in cleanliness. They also have a plan on housing development for the homeless and it is going to be one of the most important departments, for the development of the backward classes.

On demand No.25 – Water Supply & Sanitation Department water plays the most important part in our lives. It is praiseworthy of them to take great measure to provide drinking water to rural and urban areas and the opening of Phase-II. For all of us to get a regular supply of drinking water, we have to put enough fund in the budget and if needed, increase their fund in R.E. as we are going to need it in every constituency. Regarding Tuipui pump, enough fund should be put

to be successful. Mr. Deputy Speaker, I want to request all members to pass this important demand.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let's call upon Pu H.Rohluna.

PU H.ROHLUNA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, thank you. First I will discuss about demand No.46 – UD & PA Department. They received fund from JNNURM, this should be executed in the right direction. In sectoral allocation, rupees 11 thousand and 12 lakhs had been put for externally aided project for Aizawl Water Supply Phase-I, in this regard I request the hon'ble Minister to clarify it in his wind-up speech.

We received fund from NREGS for upliftment of backward classes while UD & PA Department also have fund in this respect, we have to classify it properly. If not, municipality Act we already passed cannot come into force accordingly.

Regarding UD & PA Department. We have large amount of fund, but our work execution needs improvement, many accident occur because of careless work execution and lives had been lost in some places. Our government had to take an initiative to improve our work quality. They have to take action if necessary and watch over properly.

Regarding Trade and Commerce, our biggest issue is still ginger. It is the main source of income for many farmers in our state. We are facing mautam now, our government had to take an initiative and make plan for its market. EIRI, the main buyer stopped, but will continue after this session according to gossip. The concern department and MAMCO had to have a definite plan for the welfare of the farmers. If not, many of our farmers are going to face hardship as ginger is their main source of income. We have to stop Vairengte check-gate and welcome other buyers to have a better competition.

On demand No.13 – DR & AR. Answer to my question regarding employment in government and under CSS is 3000 vacancy in different post. According to our hon'ble Chief Minister. MOU we signed can be neglected and recruitment can be done as many as we please. If this is the situation, we have to make recruitment as there are so many educated unemployed registered in Employment Exchange Department.

Regarding Water Supply and Sanitation, we received fund from central and this result, in progression of work. Meanwhile, many rural villages do not get enough supply of water, this is the result of bad work by the contractor, enough care is not given while constructing the intake part.

On demand No.16 – Home Department. Fire service needs upgrading in and out of Aizawl city. We have to upgrade their working equipments and should open at least two new stations in the northern and southern part.

Regarding crime rate, while we are boasting the decrease in crime rate, many incidents like murder, robbery etc. cases are not solved and doubt arised among the people. The government had to take an initiative to put our mind at rest.

Thank you.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Mr. Speaker, thank you. Today we are discussing many great demand. I want to discuss it from grass - root level. Mizoram became the place where the rich and poor are differentiated. Our government also give extra care to the demand made by the officers while neglecting the lower group. While they are pleasing its upper group, the lower group feel insulted as they cannot make any demand for their benefit.

On demand No.16 – Home Department. Under this department their IV Grade are afraid to make demand of their own right, while their duty are the same as others, they received no ration and have no holiday and did not receive 13 months salary as others. While going on duty in many unsafe places, they did not get mosquito net and bed clothes and are being neglected while they are the poorest. The government had to upgrade their position as necessary. Compensation of our heroes from the IR. Bn. should be given to their families as soon as possible.

On water supply, the PHE Department fixed water metre in every household, but this is unuseable. We are giving Rs.10/- extra in every bill. I want to know when will this be stopped. Aizawl Water Supply Scheme is estimated to supply about 3600 lakh litres every day, but because of mishandling of fund it can only supply about 1200 lakh litre per day.

Regarding Trade & Commerce, ginger marketing had been taken up by EIRI but now they also pull-out. We don't have a definite policy in this regard. Marketting should be taken up by Agriculture Department by making Agriculture Marketing, Corporation instead of Trade & Commerce. We need to have comprehensive scheme so that 70% of our cultivator's income will be established. Price support also should be put in our budget to support them.

Today, we face the problem created by EIRI as they have no sufficient place and worker to support the flowing supply. Out of 50 trip, only 10 trip can be dispose off, they have to wait for a long time and this increased their expenditure in motor hiring etc. If the government really give their interest they have to put fund in the budget for ginger marketing instead of using syndicate from Silchar, if not, our cultivators problem will not be solved.

Thank you.

PU K.VANLALAUVA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. I want to discuss about DP & AR and ATI. They are not large department, but are very important. They supervise all posting and transfer of government servants. Regarding promotion I request them to maintain the right procedure and not show partiality to someone who appease their superiors.

Regarding ATI, I want to request them to give us training on different subjects like RTI Act, administration and file movement with this House permission. Training of IV Grade, not only officers had been well benefited.

Next on PHE, Phase-II had been the main topic by every member. This year, our budget estimate had been cut down, this may be the cause of last year Revise Estimate. The increase rate in plan is Rs.9,301/- and Rs.2,036/- in non-plan. This is the result of recruitment of many government servant and I think it is very good. We have to give priority to the western part of Aizawl in water supply also.

Regarding rural water supply programme, we may have Rs.1000 lakhs but the area is vast because of this we have to think of it as a token. Within my constituency, we received sufficient supply of water because of the hardwork of the concerned department.

On demand No.44 – Trade & Commerce. I want to know the reason why their budget had been cut down. Regarding ginger, the whole of Vairengte village suffered because of misconduct of the traders as they are blinded by money. They are prepared to do anything to get money. Truck owners are also having a demand, increasing their rate and stopping the supply, if their demand is not met. As there are many problems among the traders and truck owners, it is not the sole responsibility of the concerned department, it is very hard for them to make the right decision.

Therefore, the village council association should intimate every village council to announce that they should have a clean and fresh ginger and be sincere in their packaging, if not, they will face trouble in the market with the buyer. We have to be sincere in our work and not blame others to gain privilege among the

people. It is the duty of every member to maintain sincerity and give our best for better marketing of ginger.

Last of all Mr. Deputy Speaker, regarding demand No.46 – Chite Mini Sport complex – Rs.1005 lakhs had been sanctioned in the budget and 50% of work had been done from this, is it going to be continued? When will it be finished? This House needs clarification in this regard.

Thank you.

PU R.LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker, regarding demand No.44 – Trade & Commerce, the government should give four or five company the right to buy ginger instead of one company so that all our problem will be solved. Practice of corruption brought trouble and decreased the value of the rate.

On demand no.46 – Urban Development, every household had septic tank and face the problem in its draining. The government had to find way to solve this problem. If not, the law abiding citizens will always break the law.

On demand no.16 – Home Department. It appears that approval for establishment of 2<sup>nd</sup> IR Bn. had been given to us by the central government not because of favouritism. The death gratuity for 10 IR personnel who give their lives for the country should be finalized as soon as possible with their pension.

Regarding mis-use of power among our Police Officers the 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn. Commandant still employs 6 I.R. personnel in his vast garden. This is against the rule and should be stopped. If the concerned Minister cannot stop this, he should resign. If not, other office will follow suite. Action should be taken accordingly.

Regarding the death of Rev.Chanchinmawia, the government announced it as suicide but this does not satisfy the people's interest. Investigation had not been done to find out the real reason. Freedom had been given to the culprit now. If the real reason is found out, the government may be afraid to be humiliated as Pu Chanchinmawia was a leader who tried his best to rebuilt Zoram politic and who had boldly criticized the practice of corruption, deception and deceit among our politicians and who had opposed the use of rebels and money to gain ground. He is also the President of MPF (Mizoram People Forum). May be because of these that he was eliminated.

The investigation does not satisfy the people. I want the government to investigate the real reason to put our mind at rest. The statement of Lalhriatpuii, who is their maid servant clashed with the police investigation report. Because of this, there is something hidden in this case according to the people. So, the

government is responsible to find out the real culprit and satisfy our curiosity. Mr.Speaker, I want to request the government to hire CBI in this case, and request our Home Minister to give his assurance in this House.

PU C.LALRINSANGA : Let us invite Pu H.Vanlalthaliana.  
DEPUTY SPEAKER

PU H.VANLALTHALIANA : Thank you, Deputy Speaker Sir. I would like to speak about Demand No.13 – DP & AR first. I am very happy to see that the Government of Mizoram recruited several MCS and MPS Officers since 2004 even though an MOU had been signed not to make any more fresh appointments. I would like to commend the DP & AR Department for providing jobs to the youths and organizing these examinations through the MPSC.

The DP & AR also arrange trainings for government servants through the ATI which in my opinion, is extremely helpful in developing one's own acumen in each line of work. I am also thankful that the New Capital Complex had been constructed and I am sure it will bring about change in terms of progress.

The Demand No.16 – Home which include the Police Department had set up two new I.R. Battalions which is crucial not only for security but also as an opportunity for generating employment for the youths. There are 4 districts that do not have a battalion headquarter in Mizoram. These districts are Mamit, Serchhip, Lawngtlai and Saiha and these two new battalions are requested strongly by each districts. The placement of the new battalions will be chosen with the security perspective in mind. As our neighbouring countries Myanmar and Bangladesh are under political turmoil it is important that the state government place the new battalions where they can keep check of the sparks that fly from these 2 countries.

The reason why our state is one of the most peaceful in the country is because of the diligent work done by the police department and the concerned minister. The police personnels are very friendly and polite. The state government should provide their needs and encourage them to work even harder for the people.

I'd like to mention the dilemma faced by the Home Guards. Even though their salary had been raised, they have no security in case of death. It would be extremely welcome if the government could provide them with some sort of security.

Regarding Demand No.25 – Water Supply and Sanitation, some time back, I went with the concerned Minister to Ngopa Hills upto North Vanlaiphai and I am deeply thankful that there are no villages without proper water supply. But as winter sets in, or time passes by, some of the water sources dries up and creates problems for the villages which is why I would like to speak about demand No.33 – Soil & Water Conservation along with Demand No.25. I have been wondering if the two departments could be managed together as it appears that Soil Department had been neglected in the recent years. If they could be combined with Agriculture Department, it would be even better. I do not know how it would be done but looking at the condition of our land, I believe something surely needs to be done.

It gladdens me that the crime rate in Mizoram decreased considerably and I would also like to point out that our DGP had been appointed as a Board of Director at National Police Academy, Hyderabad. This is a recognition of the good work done by our state police.

In matters pertaining to Lawngtlai Greater Water Supply Scheme, the JNNURM had taken the initiatives and as we are technically not a town, we are very grateful that the government found other means to develop us. I would also like to take this opportunity to request the Minister to start work from the next financial year.

The next demand I'd like to speak about is Demand No.44- Trade & Commerce. This is a department I believe will be much important in the coming years because we have recently started Border Trade at Zokhawthar and Tlabung as well as the Kolodyne Multi Model Transport together with the Look East Policy of India. If this is successfully implemented, the North East will be the main trade route and which is why we need to upgrade the department. I believe the government is looking into its Recruitment Rules and I think it's a great initiative.

The building at Zokhawthar which was built by the BRTF had been taken over by the government and I suggest the Minister to look into it so that it will be able to function as soon as possible. In the meantime, Tlabung which was an important trade point of the British, should also be renovated and made to function fully. The lay of the land is suitable for stock-piling ginger and other vegetables and if it is properly channeled we can make better use of the markets in the plain. It is through this department that such endeavour can be embarked upon and I am of the opinion that the government should act swiftly upon it. Therefore, I would like to extend my support to pass the demand unanimously.

Thank you.

PU C.LALRINSANGA : Mr.Lalduhawma will speak upon the  
DEPUTY SPEAKER matter next. As a group leader he will be  
given more time than usual.

PU LALDUHAWMA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, I would like to start  
from the IR Battalion which the Home  
Minister will hopefully clarify later on.  
Firstly, I would like to have a copy of

the letter of correspondence by which the IR Battalion was requested and approved. Secondly, it is rumoured that the central government will only provide the funds for establishing the Battalion and the state will be responsible for its maintenance. On deployment also, since they can be deployed anywhere, other states refused it if they can and recruit additional police personnels if they can afford it. It is said that the central government imposed upon the state government to set up the battalion and threatened in a veiled tone that they will not provide security assistance in case of disruption in law and order if the present man-power is not sufficient. Therefore I would like all the MLA's to have copies of the documents so that we may know the facts surrounding it. If the rumours are true and the new battalions are to be maintained by the state government, it would be extremely sad and disappointing because it would mean that the state government does not care about the future burden it incurred on the state and cares only about strengthening its selfish political hold. If this is true, it would be much better to recruit more state police personnels than setting up a new IR Battalion which would tax the state financially.

On the previous IR recruitment, 9 ex-convicts and 11 medically unfit candidates were among those selected and 66 of the candidates selected have already left the service. It is sad to see such carelessness and selection of candidates based on party feelings should be done away with because those selected through political favours are unable to go through the training or discipline in any case. I would like to advise the government, therefore, to be more cautious regarding recruitment of IR's.

I am thankful that we are now able to have Mizo DGP and I am personally grateful because the current DGP is a batchmate I trained with. In the meantime, I am sorry to see that we have a House Leader and Home Minister who are unable to provide sufficient information. They are a disgrace to the Police department and the way the House Leader missed the whole point of debate during the previous session was extremely deplorable.

Half of our questions regarding Rev.Chanchinmawia's case were left unanswered this morning also and we were merely told to approach the court if we need clarifications which led me to believe that the government is trying to guide the state with half truths. If the final report had been submitted, it technically

means that the investigation had been closed and hence the court had nothing more to do about it except to accept the report. Therefore, to try and evade our questions by telling us to approach the court if we have doubts is nothing but an attempt to send us on a wild goose chase.

If the government really wants to, it can not only reopen the case but hand it over to the CBI as well. Therefore I would like to remind the government not to try and evade responsibility by telling us to go to the court for answers.

In any case, you would not dare to answer the questions in the House and instead furnish it later on from either party office or let police officers take the responsibility. This is surely a detriment to the respectability of the House. Moreover, there are lots of people who have got things to say regarding the evidence as I do. The investigators told the friend of the victim whom he was with the night before his death, that they will hear his prospective of the case, but when they actually went to him, they told him to read a previously recorded statement of a woman and requested him to give a statement in support of it. Why did they tell him to say that no wound was found on his leg? Why was the statement of this person not included in the report? It is apparent from these actions that there is some mischief at hand and my desire for the truth is left unappeased. The case clearly needs to be reopened and which is why I would like to reiterate the demand for re-investigation.

A divorcee, Sangkhumi was shot dead with a 9mm Pistol at W.Phaileng on November 10, 2000, about which I presented a question this morning, but nobody dared answer my query. One of our leaders Mr.S.Lianzuala also died under mysterious circumstances some time back and nothing had been heard about how investigation had progressed. The incidence at Suangpuilawn had also been – mentioned in the House on numerous occasions but it had been neglected by our Ministers. It finally came to light that it was all staged. Still, no action had been taken about the matter. If people like these are incharge of the Police department, we will never have a strong police network and their moral will suffer tremendously. The new order about the RTI had included 6 instances where the process of the government may not be revealed to the public. Well, I agree with 2 of the points they have provided and the rest are completely nonsensical. I am not inclined to pass the demand because it literally means that the public are barred from inquiring about all the police dealings. We are not safe even in our own homes anymore and we will not be able to canvass for vote freely during – elections and all the while, saying that we are the most peaceful state in the country is extremely disgraceful.

We are informed from the Governor's speech that the amount of Rs.479 lakhs had been sanctioned for purchase of vehicles. If that is so, why is it necessary for policemen to travel by sumo or passenger buses after they pursued and apprehended trespassers and culprits from villages. Travelling with criminals in the same bus with civilians is not only dangerous but also inappropriate and outdated.

A lot had been said about the Life Insurance, and I am of the opinion that insurance should be done willingly. It is not right that all the police personnels are compelled to be insured. Why does the government force them to do so?

In matters concerning Trade and Commerce, why are the police involved in the order to stay the sale of agricultural products ? Who gave them the orders to involve themselves excessively as such? I would like to have a copy of the order. The Trade and Commerce Minister turns down offers to buy the goods at higher prices and negotiate with them to buy at the present rate. A check gate was built at Serkhan to restrict illegal sale but it was brought down by the Serkhan VC later. If we continue restriction of these transactions it is apparent that there is no profitable business future in this sector.

Thank you, Mr.Deputy Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Very well, who will continue?  
Mr.R.Khawpuithanga.

PU R.KHAWPUITHANGA : Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. The first thing I want to speak about is Demand No.16 – Home. As we are aware, we are geographically located near an International Border at the eastern and western side while our – neighbouring states are teeming with insurgent forces. It is imperative, therefore, that we have a reliable security system for the safety of our state from internal as well as external forces. As we are in a strategic point in case war breaks out, we need to prepare ourselves and set up an elaborate security system to meet whatever challenges comes our way. I am thankful therefore that the government recognized this necessity and set up two new armed battalions recently.

Apart from this, the existing battalions are also equipped with the latest technologies and weaponsies to meet the growing challenges and the government and the concerned Minister deserves praise for realizing this need.

As the Governor’s reports said, there is no glaring breach of law and order in the state and we are one of the most peaceful states as identified by the magazine – ‘India Today’. Hence, even if we try to politically blacken the situation in this regard, this is how we are seen from outside the state and it is basically due to good administrative machinery of the government.

The reason could also be attributed to the good nature and mentality of the citizens. In the meantime, It is also because the government is

working hand in hand with NGO's and also because of the commendable leadership of our Chief Minister. It is due to all these factors that the security in the state had been one of the best and also why insurrection no longer exists in the state.

We no longer hear about insurgent forces such as MAIDA, HRA, BNLD, BLFM.2FF and HPC(D) or read about them in the newspaper. The reason for this is simply because of good governance and development reaches every strata of the society. These dissident forces believe in the government of the Chief Minister Zoramthanga and no longer saw the need to take up arms and fight for the welfare of the minorities.

In investigation works also, even though there are instances where we may not be satisfied with the progresses made, it is because of our insistent demand for efficiency and consistency rather than failure of the investigating agency. As a matter of fact, Mizoram had one of the best record in investigation and crime rate had decreased drastically. One thing I would like to invite the attention of our leaders to, is the installation of a five station at the north and southern part of the state capital. Mr.Speaker, there is a good place to set up a fire sub-station at Kulikawn and I would like to request the government to do whatever is necessary at the earliest. Moreover, I am wondering if the Police sub-station at Kulikawn is not equipped well enough to look after such a large area. They are extremely efficient even though overworked and if they could be provided with vehicles and other equipments it would be very welcome.

Upon the demand No.25, i.e. Public Health Engineering Department, I would like to say that, during the last 10 years, extensive progress had been made and there are hardly any villages without good water connections now. As the PHE Minister said, there are 2 – 3 water connection points to be inaugurated after this very session.

In the meantime, there are some places in Mission veng area that does not receive sufficient water supply. The pipe used at the Kulikawn Dam veng road distribution point is far too small, but as I have said before, can share the Phase-II distribution system.

(SPEAKER : That should be enough for the time being)  
Mr.Speaker, a lot of work had been done under Urban Department. I only wish there is time to highlight their achievement during such a short span of time. Finally, I would like to request the members to pass the demand unanimously.

Thank you.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : I would like to start from Demand No.46 – Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation. What Aizawl and Lunglei looked forward to the most is a Municipal Corporation and a Municipal Board but the government had been very slow in implementing it. A group called ‘Chhimbial Chhantu’ was even set up in Lunglei to demand its implementation and a request was made to all the MLA’s and Ministers through the Chief Minister’s address. However, looking at the budget provision led me to believe that the avenue for its successful – implementation is very small. I would also like to request a non-discriminating attitude towards Lunglei and see to it that it is implemented at the same time with Aizawl.

Moreover, Lunglei is a fast growing town and hence attention should be paid to the drains while it is still possible.

Next, I want to speak about Demand No.44. The government had been very slow in establishing a border trade with Bangladesh and it seems as though it is not doing its best. There used to be a trade route along the Tlabung – Karmaphuli river which is currently used by Meghalaya, Tripura and Bengal profitably. The state government should take the initiative to establish trade with Bangladesh without waiting for the central government to take action. If a trade route could be established, it would be extremely beneficial for the whole of Mizoram. We could export our bamboo and timber as well as ginger, Chilli and turmeric at cheaper expenses and create opportunities for farmers. I would like to request the government, therefore, to do its utmost to establish trade with Bangladesh.

The first thing I would like speak about Demand 16 – Home is that the central usually provides fund for the initial set up of IR Battalions but the state will bear the cost of maintenance later on. It is the opinion of our Legislature party and our party that the endeavour to set up an IR Battalion should be discontinued as the present number of armed forces are sufficient. It might be better if, like the other states, a Mizo Regiment or Mizo Rifles is set up under the Defence Ministry and all the maintenance costs would be provided by the Central Defence Ministry. It would appear as though the government had not taken any step toward this. The government should, I believe, cease its endeavour to set up a IR Battalion and focus on setting up a Mizo Rifles or a Mizo Regiment which would provide job opportunities for the Mizo youths.

Finally, the hon’ble Home Minister’s explanation regarding the death of Rev.Chanchinmawia was extremely vague and misleading. It is the sincere wish of the Mizo people and the hon’ble members of the House to find out the truth about the case and if necessary, reopen the investigation with an independent body. If the minister cannot furnish a positive answer to the requests we may pass a demand such a controversial death of a spiritual Minister under mysterious circumstances is an embarrassment to the government and hence Mr.Speaker, I would like to request once again that the case be re-opened. Thank you.

PU LALTHLENGLIANA : Thank you, Mr.Speaker. I would like to delve into the Demand No.25 – Water Supply & Sanitation Department, PHE. The department have made enormous progress and the remotest villages are now starting to receive sufficient water supply while water is being pumped for consumption in the bigger towns and city. In the meantime, I would like to request that water be pumped in the western range of Kangmun and Reiek. The hon'ble minister promised to accomplish this during the first session and I am eager to know how much work had been done so far.

Coming to the Demand No.16 – Home Department, the Police personnels are working tirelessly for our security and ease of mind yet their Rifle Allowance remains the same as the time of the British occupation, which is Rs.4/-. Is there a way to raise the allowance as also the allowances of Ration Money which is Rs.350/-.

In regard to crime detection, there are several cases during the term of the present opposition which faded into obscurity such as the death of Evan. Lalthlamuana, the rape and murder of missionary, Miss Rohmingliani and the mysterious case of Mr.S.Lianzuala. We are also debating now on Rev.Chanchinmawia's death and it is obvious that the investigators are doing their utmost. If there is any – foul play involved, they would not hesitate to apprehend the culprit(s) and give them their due punishment. However, their finding turned out to be as it is and nothing more could be done in that respect.

In matters pertaining to Trade and Commerce – Demand No.44, we are now able to sell our agricultural products as far as Australia which had – hitherto never been done. As the government took control of trade transactions it was able to dictate the price. But due to public demand, free private trade had once again been introduced though I wonder if the Bagha businessmen refuse to buy our ginger at no more than Rs.5/6, what will happen exactly?

As have been said time and again about the Demand No.46 – Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation, the Minister should take a speculative survey of Aizawl city and inspite of the proposed Aizawl By-pass, Lawipu to Tanhril Road, etc., the core of the problem remains in the very city itself. Roads and steps have already been constructed wherever they are needed and a new construction would mean expensive compensations. Therefore, it would be nigh impossible to beautify and renovate the city because there was no proper plan from the beginning.

The youths are no longer satisfied with the present condition of the city and it is imperative that we built a new city to attract more tourists. We should think of planning a new city at Lengpui which would include Buichali Bank, Hmunpui to Serzawl and from Lengte. Diakdawk to Nghalchawm and instead of troubling ourselves about the Assam Rifles ground, why not build a sports complex at Lengpui?

Thank you, Mr.Speaker.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will begin from Demand No.16. I believe we need to modernize and equip the Forensic Department to meet the challenges of the ever rising crime. I am also confused as to the claim of the government that crime rate had dropped in comparison to the previous year. The police have always been very quick in tackling crime and they are, in my opinion, very consistent in their duties.

Mr.Speaker, I would also like to emphasize the importance of recruiting police personnels and teachers without favouritism and biased party feelings. The recruitment should be done based on merit and performance during recruitment tests. It is shameful to see that several candidates were selected even though they do not qualify for the job in various aspects.

In the department of Trade and Commerce, I think that the Vairengte check gate should be maintained with better control. The present situation reveals that it is merely a front to pocket some of the support price in times of rich agricultural produce. Last year the support price allocated was Rs.203,00,50,424/- yet how much of the fund actually reached the ginger grower remains a big question. As it appears, the farmers did not receive even half the amount due them. Mr.Speaker, the farmers should be given the freedom to sell their produce of their own accord. I am sure they can find their own way better than being restrained. It is impractical to promise them that their produce would be collected at their doorstep at the rate of Rs.10/- such empty promises should be stopped immediately.

One other thing I would like to point out is that the Soil department is extremely sidetracked from its original objective and is getting smaller and smaller. The budget increase for this financial year had also been very little. Therefore, assistance should be given them wherever necessary and its budget should also be proposed again in the R.E. Rubber is profitable source of income and intercropping is also possible with banana, pineapple, turmeric, ginger etc. while it contributes to the development of forests. The Soil department should focus on this and if necessary, they should be assisted with better fundings.

I have said this before in regard to Urban Development. The 12<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission had sanctioned 10 crores for municipalities for the year 2008-2009. I would like to know how and exactly where they are used? Are they for its intended purpose? Can it lapse? I am dis-appointed to see that the fund received from the 12<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission are not used as they are intended. Hence, I would like to request information on how the Rs.10 crores was used.

S P E A K E R : You have 1 minute remaining, please continue.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Moving on to Demand No. 13, I am afraid we are not giving due attention to the ATI as it deserve. Several trainings are required for good governance. The secret lies in various trainings and programmes where we can gather information about the workings of the government machinery which will ultimately result in better coordination among the departments as well as with other governments. As a result, I think training is a must for officers as well as non-officers for better administration, Thank you.

S P E A K E R : We will take a break and resume session at 4 : 30 PM.

**4 : 30 P M.**

S P E A K E R : Mr. Lal Thanhawla.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Mr. Speaker, first of all, the murderers of Rohmingthangi, mentioned earlier by the hon'ble MLA were Chakmas and were apprehended 2/3 days after the crime was committed. There was nothing we could do about the death of S.Lianzuala as we lost power soon after and Evan. Lalthlamuana died because of drowning.

Mr.Speaker, Soil and Water Conservation Department is growing smaller even though it is an important department in this day and age. As the MLA of Kawrthah mentioned, we need to take swift and appropriate action to prevent erosion at the border with Tripura through the department. To prevent scarcity of water, we also need to take decisive and inclusion action which could be effective only if we provide the department with better funding.

Just beyond the border pass what I have mentioned is the Mat Valley Project proposed to be built at the cost of Rs.40 crores. This project was never completed and I would like to know what developments have been made so far. If the project is completed, it would be used not only for irrigation but also for generating power upto one and half mega-watt. Therefore, I would very much like to hear what progresses have been made.

The Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation Department have received a huge amount of sanction. These funds have been designed by the central government to assist those in the rural areas without their own homes as well as for Slum Area Development. Therefore, to make use of these funds to its fullest potential and to make faster progresses, Mr.Speaker, we need a municipality as soon as possible. In this regard though a bill had been introduced already, the actual implementation had been very slow and looking at our Budget, it would appear as though there is no intention to implement it this year. We sincerely need to push for its quick implementation as it would benefit the whole society.

In Trade and Commerce, I am aghast at the manner in which the government pushes the farmers around. They need to find a better system for the farmers. Control of prices is unthinkable in any competitive market, setting up of check points and letting the police pursue them as though they are criminals is even more atrocious.

On the matter of water supply and sanitation, Mr.Speaker, the government was able to open the Greater Aizawl Water Supply Scheme-II after 10 long years. During our time, we managed to release the tender but decided later not to choose it because of the manner in which it was recommended. The honble Minister said that it was inaugurated even though it had not been completed fully. I wonder why it was inaugurated at all if it wasn't ready yet.

If we walk around Aizawl city, we can see garbage trailers – placed at several places. Who thought of such an idea? He must be either very stupid or very greedy. When I think of how much money is wasted, it pains me to see that most of them are no longer usable.

Furthermore, the Greater Aizawl Water Supply Phase-II is a component of an Integrated scheme which was approved during our time. The other components include waste disposal, storm, etc. Which I have repeatedly mentioned in the House. The present government seems to have dropped these components. Hence, I would like to know what happened to them as the city clearly needs them.

We have made several references regarding Urban Development about how congested Aizawl city is and the creation of New Aizawl, which I support whole heartedly. However, even if the reason for our current – condition is due to the short sightedness of our former leaders, we must accept the fact that it is also mainly because of our greed. We build our houses without any consideration for public roads or our neighbours. We would not even spare space for a garage which leads to parking of vehicles on the road. The government should Mr.Speaker, be strict and issue an order to build a garage which would ease our problem immensely. To prevent congestion especially traffic, the government should make arrangement to close some of the roads for vehicles excluding VVIP's, Governor and the Chief-Minister.

Speaking upon Home Department related matters, we have repeatedly claimed that our state is the most peaceful in the country. But it would appear as though some of our leaders do not share that notion judging from their behaviour. I do not think it is that peaceful either. There is no check on the movement and activities of the underground forces. We have also witnessed a murder at the doorstep of the ruling party office. Therefore, it is absurd to keep calling ourselves the most peaceful state. As we have heard just now, the horrifying killings at W.Phaileng, the naked corps of a young lady found at Beraw Tlang, the case of Isaac Hmar, and now, Rev.Chanchinmawia, murdered at his own home, these are indications of just how security is kept up. Mr.Speaker, the government should not think it below them to try their utmost to bring the culprits to justice. If the police were given free reins to make their own investigation, I am sure they will apprehend the perpetrators in no time at all. It is imperative that we find out the truth and – assure the people on what exactly happened. If the police cannot have a free hand, why not let a separate Investigating Agency such as the CBI take charge? Finding out the truth is vital for our peace of mind and it would be good for the name of the government as well. I do not agree with the claim that the crime rate had decreased considerably. The reason for the dip in crime rate could be attributed to the fact that the people would not report crimes. They fail trust in the police because they are aware that the authorities would not succeed anyway.

There are lots of arms smuggling and though efficient, the police force dare not capture them. The government should stop restraining them and try to convince the people that the police are trustworthy. If all these going ons are not checked Mr.Speaker, even if there are no insurgent forces among the Mizos, it would never be completely peaceful.

S P E A K E R : We will now begin the wind up and let us invite the hon'ble Minister Pu Aichhinga to wind up and request the House to pass his Demands.

PU AICHHINGA : Thank you Mr. Speaker. We have heard the members' comments regarding my department and as they are mostly encouragements and well - wished pointers / suggestions, I am deeply grateful.

Starting with Soil & Water Conservation Department, as the hon'ble members have pointed out, the department may have retrograded somehow since some time in the past. This is because the system of administration had been mishandled for so long. We are presently trying to restructure the whole system

which the cabinet had passed as well. Moreover, the previous 8 divisions were also redesigned to function like the districts. The department used to be extremely efficient and terraced the land wherever necessary. But as time goes on, it began to degenerate and lost its motivations. We are now trying to instill a sense of purpose and have embarked upon such projects as making coffee, cardamom, tea and rubber plantations. The Rubber Board had also identified several hectares of land for rubber plantation. Though there is no significant increase in the department's budget, we are working in coordination with the rubber board and are aiming to start several projects from this year.

We are also working with the coffee board and are focused on 11 demonstration plantations.

The River Valley Project is considered as one of our most important undertakings and have started work at the places identified as suitable by the All India Survey and the soil survey. Funds are also received based on the recommendations of the All India Survey and we have submitted DPR at the areas approved by the survey.

The observations of the Opposition Leader were correct in regard to Mat Valley but as we are faced with a problem due to the Atomic test, the Soil department withdraw from the project and it was taken over by the Agriculture Department.

I would also like to mention some of the undertakings of Trade and Commerce. The department is very small and had not grown much since its establishment. Even though it is an independent department, we only have around 4/5 officers and we are requesting for creation of a new post which the DP & AR and the Finance Department had already approved and will be deliberated upon by the cabinet later.

As I have said before, there are only around 50 employees under the department and we are responsible for the whole of Mizoram, which means we lack the man-power to look after markets administration in every village or areas and we manage these markets in coordination with the VC's while we rely solely on the VC's in the smaller villages.

We are unable to make much progress as we are a small department. Though we have a Directorate, the district offices at Champhai, Lunglei and Kolasib are unable to function normally as we do not have a District Officer.

The Border Trade which was initiated by the previous government had almost been completed and is in need of only the final touches. It cannot function yet because Champhai had been specified as the Land Custom Centre. Although the necessary infrastructure had been prepared, we cannot simply open the trade as the Burmese Government have to set up its own centre as well. The employees' quarter had been constructed at Melbuk and if the Land Custom station is shifted to Zokhawthar we can commence work at any time.

In response to Mr.Hminga's suggestion, the Chief Minister had tried his utmost for the purpose but Bangladesh is simply not interested. Moreover, it is a central level negotiation and there is not much we can do as a state. The Central Government had sanctioned Rs.3 crores to set up a trade infrastructure at Tlabung but the PWD had not started any work which leaves us at our wits end.

In the matter of exporting ginger to other states, the government had decided not to intervene but as the MIFFAS requested to buy them during December, we decided to allow their request. They were unable to keep up with their proposal and withdraw later on. As the price kept on falling afterwards we decided to control the price and sought markets other than Bagha. From this point on the price began to rise and managed to reach Rs.9.25 p but the Bagha businessmen put pressure on some of the Mizos and insisted on buying it at the same price. So did the ZNP president but we refused his request as they are not a business group but a political party.

PU LALDUHAWMA : Mr. Speaker, this is a Press Release by MAMCO wherein it is stated that the rate will be even rising as ginger is sold to foreign countries and companies. However, not a kg of ginger is sold beyond Bagha and Silchar. Such monopoly of the market will never push the rate up if there is no competition. It is also said that the son of the Minister elicits a commission of 25p on every kg of ginger.

PU AICHHINGA MINISTER : That's a lie, I do not have a son who would do something like that.

PU LALDUHAWMA : The present minister refused the bid of Mr.Lalchhanhima to buy it for Rs.17/- per kg some time in the past. I have a copy of that document right here.

PU AICHHINGA MINISTER : May be you discuss this at length with the Bagha businessmen I did not profit from this at all and we have never done anything as you surmised. You wait and see, very soon at the price of Rs.4/-.....

PU LALDUHAWMA : You keep saying that but you closed the gate and when the price receded, you sell it at lower prices. This had been the trend you followed from the beginning.

PU AICHHINGA MINISTER : The main difference between us is that you are trying to do business with the Bagha traders while we have been trying to by-pass that level.

PU LALDUHAWMA : And where exactly did you sell it? Bangalore? I have the Challan right here and you never sold it beyond Bagha.

PU AICHHINGA MINISTER : I thought we are going to discuss this as gentlemen and use parliamentary words. In any case, we have opened all the trade routes so there can be a free sale. Our only concern is that the people will face the same predicament. But if this is the way they want it, we will involve ourselves only when it is necessary.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Mr. Speaker, will they give the support price on ginger again?

PU AICHHINGA MINISTER : We are unable to fix a support price at the moment as we have no funds.

I would like to highlight some points regarding Urban Development which as we all know is a new department. It had a proper directorate and a secretariat while it lacks a district office. It's employees have been extremely enthusiastic and are dedicated to developing the department. The amount of Rs.11 crores had been allocated in the Budget under 'major work' last year but was utilized mostly for PHE development works. In the meantime, the fund is also intended for solid waste management and urban development projects.

PU R.LALZIRLIANA : Hon'ble Speaker, it is now necessary to take initiative to dispose of waste liquid of septic tank of the city.

PU AICHHINGA MINISTER : Yes, it is the purview of the sanitation department we will see the matter and take necessary action.

The fund used under Urban Development came from North Eastern Development Lumpsum fund, JNNURM, Non-Lapsable Pool. Fund and we have two Housing scheme that is, Aizawl and district capitals, but the amount is not the same. Four hundred houses respectively at Chite and Lawipu, Aizawl will be constructed in a cluster and 500 houses in Lunglei.

PU R.LALZIRLIANA : Is the fund diverted?

PU AICHHINGA MINISTER : No, that is different head, families to occupy such houses will be selected by the select committee. Then the selected family will occupy the houses.

The funds are received from the central government under Urban Development from different heads.

We also have taken steps for construction of roads by widening roads unfit for vehicles with a little sum of money in each districts. Besides these, we have to construct roads in each district headquarters.

PU R.LALZIRLIANA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I would like to know clearly about the houses to be constructed in cluster at Chite. Was the location proposed for sports stadium secretly?

PU K.LALRINLIANA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, regarding construction of houses for the poor families the state government had a proposal to construct 500 houses at Lunglei. Do you have any proposal for construction of houses in other districts?

PU AICHHINGA : Yes, the number of houses to be  
MINISTER constructed in each district is proposed proportionately in accordance with the number of houses in the district. Likewise Champhai 450 houses, Lawngtlai-300, and so on. We have regulation to construct such houses. That is, the beneficiary must be a citizen of India and he should be a person permanently residing not less than five years at such district.

PU H.LIANSILOVA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, it seemed that the state government had given loan to private entrepreneur during the last two or three years to solve traffic problems. Whether the policy had been followed?

PU AICHHINGA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I cannot give the  
MINISTER answer as the matter is taken up by ZIDCO.

PU H.LIANSILOVA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, Urban Development Department is responsible for arranging parking in the city. If the policy is being followed will the Urban Development Department be pleased to make arrangement for parking place at the site of Directorate of Transport Department?

PU AICHHINGA MINISTER : Yes, we will see the matter if Urban Development Department is responsible. Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I beg the House to pass my demands – Soil and Water Conservation – Rs.10,11,00,000/-, Trade and Commerce – Rs.3,45,35,000/- and Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation – Rs.1,35,20,65,000/- Total – Rs.1,48,77,000/-.

S P E A K E R : The hon'ble Minister had wind up his demands and begged the House to pass them. May we pass his demands? ( The demand is voted and passed).

PU AICHHINGA MINISTER : Thank you hon'ble Speaker Sir.

S P E A K E R : Now, let us call upon Pu Tawnluia, Minister to wind up his demands and to beg the House to pass it.

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : Thank you hon'ble Speaker Sir. Let me start from DP & AR. There are several wings under this department. What I want to say is about ATI (Administrative Training Institute). It was established in 1983. ATI had now its own building at Khatla. It is to be occupied on 1<sup>st</sup> April this year. Disaster Management Cell had been set up under this ATI having three associate professors. I also want to say that RTI awareness campaign had been done under ATI. And IT Cell had also been set up under its wing. More than 13000 government servants had been trained to help boost up their efficiency.

And government servants from group A – group D are permanently employed they are approximately 46500 all together. About 1800 vacant posts have been filled up. About 1118 contract appointment have been made. While co-terminus appointment had been made for 1400 persons and about 1700 work charge and about 9700 muster roll.

The state government also decided to set up Information Technology Department. Minor Irrigation Department had also been separated from Agriculture Department and Higher and Technical Education Department are also being separated. Regarding separation of Judiciary, judiciary is under DP & AR, but now it had been separated from DP & AR. That is the progress of separation of judiciary Information Commission is also set up and is functioning. And I would like to inform the House that 47 MCS personnels have been so far been appointed through MPSC. And 10 MPSC Officers have been recruited recently. Now, 10 Officers are proposed to be recruited directly.

PU H.ROHLUNA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, 15/16 Vety Doctors are appointed through MPSC but could not join their post till date. What is the reason?

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker, I am not clear about it. But it is due to the problem of seat reservation of 3% for disable persons.

PU R.LALZIRLIANA : Hon'ble Speaker, why did the said seat reservation is applied only to AH & Vety Department?

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, the matter may be clarified by the Minister i/c Social Welfare Department. It is very pleasing to inform the House that A.O. non-gazetted officers were inducted to MCS. Six officers in the department are also inducted to MCS. And nine MCS officers are also inducted to IAS and five MCS officers are also inducted to IPS. I also want to inform the House that the cabinet meeting had decided that the state service and MPS are to be given promotion opportunity. And the three senior most MCS were to be promoted to the Secretary. Again 4 MCS are now to be given super time grade for the post of Additional Secretary. Seventeen MCS are also to be posted for Joint Secretary and 27 MCS for Deputy Secretary. And 58 senior grade MCS will be reduced to 57 because one senior most will be promoted. Then the Junior grade will be 87 in number. That is the result of showing favour to the MCS and MPS. We hope that this will improve the state government service.

In the Mizoram Secretariat Service, Secretary pool is made now. The Additional Secretary could now be promoted to the secretary. One more Additional Secretary, Joint Secretary and Deputy Secretary post will be created in a department. And Group 'D' to Group 'A' of the government services are upgraded to higher level. While group D are upgraded at the higher two stages. Therefore, the lowest salary will be fixed at Rs.3040/-. Those are the facilities made to the government servants.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, whether pay revision could be made especially for Excise force as they have no uniform pay as that of the police personnels working in jail?

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, representatives of the Excise had come in this connection. Government will see what can be done.

PU H.LIANSILOVA : Pu Speaker, regarding the pay of government servants – some group 'A' officers in the scale of pay of Rs.8000/- are left out while they are supposed to be in the next stage i.e. at Rs.12,000/-. Besides this, some SDOs in the scale of Rs.8000/- per month who hold their posts more than 20 years also need to be considered. Whether such two problems could be taken up for consideration at the same time?

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the representation had been received and we are actively considering about it. In this connection I would like to say that the state government had more than seven hundred contract employees. The state government also had decided to raise their salary at 50% as the pay of M.R. employees had been raised last year.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, it seemed that work charge employees are not considered. Some of them served for the same year, not less than 30 years. While they made demand for pension the Chief Minister recommended regularization. But, the cabinet meeting refused regularization, what is their present position?

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the matter is also actively considered and they are now given pay like regular appointment but not have pension. Even their pension benefits are under consideration.

Pu Speaker, the hon'ble members said that we have no sufficient water even after Phase-II is commissioned. The reason is that the department had no improvement in the water distribution system. But now the department distribute water every day formulating distribution routine at each village properly. After Phase-II is commissioned daily routine of water distribution is carried out. Now, the department is trying to supply water to Lungleng, Falkawn and Sihphir villages. But there is some problem in construction of pipe line at Ngaizel due to road construction by a private company. The department expected to complete Insolation sub-station which will improve water pump.

P.H.E. Department is pleased to have improvement in its administration. That is, it had two C.E. of Monitoring and Investigation having separate circle.

Rural Water Supply Scheme is expected to cover from Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission. 777 villages have been assessed for this scheme. The Rural Water Supply constructed in many different villages have never been dismantled. But due to the fall back of the sources during dry season. Some villages could have sufficient drinking water. A few villages are not yet covered. But the department is going to cover fully all villages by 2009. During this financial year 173 villages are expected to be covered fully.

Regarding improvement of water quality, the department had water quality monitoring and surveyance programme. The department had Divisional Office and Village Water and Sanitation Committee. They are given Field Testing Kit. Accordingly they, themselves could test their water quality. The department also had new programme to investigate the case whether the water is sustainable and also to take necessary action if necessary.

The PHE Department also had communication capacity unit under the control of a Director. It had a good communication with the central government by making on line of communication.

The department also makes water shed wherever possible. Besides these, Rain Water harvesting scheme is carried out properly. The department also had 401 villages in which water supply had been done by means of Gravity Pull.

Further, the department also had Impounding Reserved Water Scheme, Pumping scheme and Total Sanitation campaign from 2005 and a scheme for community sanity complex.

PU H.ROHLUNA : Pu Speaker, many people did not yet received cash under the said Total Sanitation campaign. At what time will the cash be disbursed?

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the funding pattern is that 60% of the expenditure of septic tank is met by the central, while 40% is to be met by the beneficiaries. One septic tank is estimated to be costing Rs.1500/-. If the fund is not yet received they will be given when sanction is allotted.

Pu Speaker, it seemed that it is also necessary to inform the House about the funding and water supply situation of some towns. Pumping is used at Kawnpui which had been commissioned in 2006, it is 60LPCB. Lengpui is by gravity, it is commissioned in 2005, It is 570 LPCB. Greater Kolasib is commissioned in 1999, it is 70 LPCB. Thenzawl is by gravity, Commissioned in 2007. Saiha is both by pumping and gravity. Bairabi is by gravity and commissioned in 2002, it is 45 LPCB. Vairengte is by pumping, commissioned in 2002, it is 70 LPCB. That is our achievement. I have mentioned some of the informations to know by the hon'ble members a few days back. Estimate had been already made for West Phaileng which was submitted to DoNER. Tuidam and Kawrtethawveng water supply is expected to be commissioned within this dry period. Bilkhawthlir pumping scheme is earmarked within this financial year. Lungdai water supply may be commissioned after this session. Sesawng is also proposed to be commissioned within this financial year.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, whether the hon'ble Minister said about water supply scheme for polytechnic and Hrangchalkawn ? The estimate had been sent to the DoNER.

PU TAWNLUIA : That is what we are waiting for. It is believed that the fund will be received within this financial year (2008-2009). Saiha and Tlungvel Division are now proposed to be set up.

Pumping is also done at Hnahthial but not yet commissioned. And water reservoir is also constructed both at N.E.Khawdungsei and Chiahpui. Pumping scheme is also made for Mimbung, Khuangphah, Zokhawsang, Vaikhawsang, Tlangnuam, Vapar and Biate. And Lungsen is also expected to be commissioned within this financial year.

I was alleged as saying that the Mizoram Police are the best police in India, a few times back. That is not true. But the Mizoram police are the best in crime investigation. As recorded by DP & AR & C Mizoram police are the best in investigation of robbery, cheating case, molestation and rape case. The Mizoram police also holds second best in burglary and theft. It also holds third in murder detection seeing above records, the Mizoram police holds the best position in crime investigation.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, what is the position of Mizoram police in murder case particularly with the percentage of its detection?

PU TAWNLUIA : Pu Speaker, Mizoram police holds third position in murder case detection and it had detected 88.5%. Accordingly, we so appreciate the records of the Mizoram police at central level.

Regarding T.A. Bill, it is about Rs.3 lakhs with vehicle bill. It is not clear in the ending of financial year, we are now making demand for this T.A. and Vehicle bill.

Regarding ex-gratia grant to be given to the families of Indian Reserve Police personnels who died while in Chhattisgarh, I do not know whether the ex-gratia grant had been given. Now, the central government had to pay Rs.10 lakhs and Rs.5 lakhs from Government of Chhattisgarh. But no ex-gratia grant had yet been given. The central government had made a demand for grant for this purpose. In this connection, IGP will be sent to Chhattisgarh to have necessary documents or certificates from that state government.

The need to increase the amount of ex-gratia grant was mentioned. It is true that the state government also increased from Rs.1 lakh to Rs.3 lakhs. That is to be given as early as possible.

Under police modernization scheme the police department had 485 servicable vehicle. Out of which 63 vehicles are purchased from state plan fund.

In regard to police insurance no one is forced to take life insurance scheme. After explaining the policy, the insurance scheme is taken by them with their own consent.

The department is also taking step for police housing both from state plan and modernization. Rs.6-7 crores is annually received for this. About 400 police quarters are constructed. Besides these, Forensic Science Laboratory office and SP (Security) office are constructed from police housing scheme.

Regarding the recruitment of I.R. battalion, we tried to set up Mizo Regiment or Mizo Rifle during the former ministry, but was not allowed by the central. Hence, IR Battalion was set up. That is agreed by the central government as they are to be deployed anywhere in India. Their salaries and equipments expenditures are to be met by the central government. Accordingly the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion are allowed to be set up by the central government. Passing out parade of the 3<sup>rd</sup> I.R. Battalion will be observed on 30<sup>th</sup> April and 8<sup>th</sup> May of this year. That's why, police training will not be started in April.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Pu Speaker, whether I.R. Battalion in Chhattisgarh will still remain? Will the state government take them out?

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : If the central government ordered to do so, we can not refuse the central government. But the I.R. battalion are to be changed two yearly. The present I.R. Battalion deployed there are to be taken out around September this year.

PU LALDUHAWMA : Pu Speaker, can you give us the formation of I.R. Battalion in written document?

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : Yes, we will. But the documents are not yet completed. As we said before, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> I.R. battalions have been recruited. But we received offer from the central while we were formulating the 4<sup>th</sup> I.R. battalion. We were requested to inform the central if the 4<sup>th</sup> I.R. battalion is to be created. But the Territorial Army will be set up later on. That is the programme of the state.

Regarding the recruitment, appointment was made temporarily. After that, fitness and character antecedent were checked, the appointment are usually rejected on ground of criminal record, fake document, tattoo and drugs abuse. That is the system of recruitment.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Pu Speaker, the position of some IV Grade is against natural justice. Do you have any consideration about them?

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I will enquire about them in the police department.

Pu Speaker, it is said that the case of Rev.Chanchinmawia be revived. As I said before, it is ever ready for such revival. The government is also ever ready to revive the case if there is new evidence.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, is it the answer that the concerned magistrate is ever ready? Does the government appoint the magistrate for Enquiry officer?

S P E A K E R : Your attention please, does he not mean the state government is ever ready in case of new evidence and the Magistrate is also ever ready or welcomes any advice?

PU TAWNLUIA : That is what I meant. All evidences have been submitted to the Magistrate. Anyway, any other new evidence is welcomed by the Magistrate.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Pu Speaker, my question is whether the government is ready to investigate the case again without waiting for the evidences to be received?

PU TAWNLUIA : Pu Speaker, the state government already submitted the case to the magistrate. It is therefore, all upto the magistrate about that.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, police submitted the investigation report to the magistrate. But it is said that no charge sheet had been imposed to anyone. That is our dissatisfaction. Reinvestigation of the case is to be done. What we demand is that let the government do investigation properly in the eyes of the people, then we will be satisfied with it if the investigation is done in detail.

And all the statements showed clearly that the investigation team did not try to find out the wrong-doers. We therefore, request that the

government to conduct enquiry properly. If proper enquiry is conducted, the government or the police may obtain confidence of the people. It is unfortunate that the government refused to call CBI or parliamentary inquiry to investigate the case. I also feel that the demand discussed on this is unfit for passing. Pu Speaker, we will leave the House while the demand is passed.

PU TAWNLUIA : Pu Speaker, the final report submitted  
MINISTER by the Special Investigation Team is accepted by the ADM (J). No complaint is received from anyone else.

Upa Ngurthantluanga and his colleagues signed on the FIR submitted on behalf of the Church of Khatla who are given the true copy of the final report. The government is ever ready if the magistrate had power to do reinvestigation. It is clear that one had to advise the magistrate anything connected with this case.

Pu Speaker, I beg the House to pass my demands – 1) Demand No.13 – Personal and Administration Reforms – Rs.1,30,07,000/-, 2) Demand No.16 – Home (Excluding jail) – Rs.1,67,13,05,000/-, 3) Demand No.25 – Water Supply and Sanitation – Rs.82,85,95,000/- Total – Rs.2,51,29,07,000/-.

S P E A K E R : Pu Tawnluia, hon'ble Minister had wind up his demands and begged the House to pass it as said before. Do you agree with it?

( The demand is voted and passed).

PU TAWNLUIA : Thank you, Pu Speaker.  
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S P E A K E R : Now, business for today is finished we will have recess. The next business will be taken up on 25.3.2008 at 10 : 30 AM tomorrow.

Sitting is adjourned.  
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