

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

**LIST OF BUSINESS
TENTH SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 26TH MARCH, 2008
(Time 10:30 Am to 1:00 Pm and 2:00 Pm to 4:00 Pm)**

PRESENT

1. **SPEAKER** at the chair, Chief Minister, Deputy Speaker, 11 Ministers and 25 members were present.

QUESTIONS

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

LAYING OF PAPERS

3. **PU H. VANLALAUVA** to lay on the table of the House a copy of "The Mizoram Rural Employment Guarantee Rules, 2007"

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Bill for introduction

4. **Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA** to beg leave of the House to introduce "The Mizoram Board of Schools Education (Second Amendment) Bill, 2008".

**Also
to introduce the Bill**

5. **Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA** , to beg leave of the House to introduce "The Mizoram (Land Survey and Settlement Operation Amendment)Bill, 2008".

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMAND FOR GRANTS.

6. **PU Z.H. ROPUIA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various demands under his charge.
7. **PU ZORAMTHANGA**, Chief Minister to submit to the vote of the House various demands under his charge.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Bill for introduction, consideration and passing.

8. **PU ZORAMTHANGA**, Chief Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce "The Mizoram Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 2008".

*Also
to introduce the Bill
to move that the Bill be taken into consideration
And
to move that the Bill be passed*

SPEAKER : A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stir up anger.

Proverbs 15:1

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Thank you Pu Speaker. Starred Question No. 141 - will the hon'ble Minister for Health & Family Welfare Department be pleased to state - Whether the government is Planning to sale Referral Hospital and the location? Thank you.

SPEAKER : Minister for Health & Family Welfare Department to give the answer.

PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, the answer is, "No".
MINISTER

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Thank you Pu Speaker. It is learnt from local news papers that negotiation had taken place between the hon'ble Chief Minster and leaders of Catholic Church and on learning the situation, demonstration is organized by various NGOs of the surrounding areas in protest against that plan.

In this connection, I would like to mention that the total amount sanctioned for the project from Non-lapsable pool of Central Resources is 4.5 crore rupees. As provided by the guidelines section 6, expenditure should not exceed amount sanctioned even if cost of escalation is prevailed. Pu Speaker, it is regretted to learn that there is violation of the guideline with the practice of corruption and excessive expenditure and as a result, central authority seems to hesitate to release the remaining sanction. It may, therefore, be important for the government to determine alternative measure like submitting a separate scheme so that Referral hospital is achieved by any means.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Supplementary question Pu Speaker. According to Presbyterian Standing Committee, number of Presbyterian members from Muallungthu, Falkawn and Centenary Church totally 49 members enrolled their names in Roman Catholic Church with a view to get a job under the said establishment. It indicates negotiation existed between the Government and the Catholic Church. The concerned minister may later explain the whole situation.

SPEAKER : The concerned minister to answer the question.

PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, there is no intention as pointed out and if the said families registered themselves into Catholic Church for some reasons, they should be informed that the government is not involved in such negotiations.

Regarding delayed works on Referral Hospital due to lack of fund, I have to inform the House that it is not true. The truth is that out of the total requirement as assessed by PWD, only 35 lakh rupees is obtained and consequently an approach is made to the central to release the sanction as per requirement. In reply, central authority demanded construction be proceed to accommodate at least 50 beds. We are, therefore, bound to comply with the instruction. Pu Speaker, the remaining sanction had now been released with 10% as matching share of the state. Due to escalation of price, PWD submitted re-assessment amounting to 70/80 crore rupees but in vain. Yet, the remaining sanction had now been received after following their instructions. Effort had now been made to the central for provision to clear up our liability so as to take up the finishing touch of this establishment.

Thank you.

SPEAKER : The original question is whether there is an intention to sell the said hospital and what you are asking now is of completely different matter. The concerned minister may give the answer if he is willing to do so.

PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, it is obvious that the government is not able to run the said hospital by itself. Fund received from the central government is meant for construction of its building and infrastructure in which 317.77 lakh rupees for civil works, 18.2 lakhs for water distribution system, 36.33 lakhs for electrification and 90.53 lakhs for Hospital equipment and the total is amounting to 462 lakh rupees. It does not include fund for running the hospital and it may be determined as soon as construction of the building is completed. Yet, there was an intention to divert the major plan for running the hospital but the government have to consider whether it is a wise decision. Since the central government have given provision for construction of the said hospital, provision for running the hospital is expected to be there. Yet, I cannot tell at the present situation whether that will be made possible by the central authority.

Pu Speaker, I would like to inform the House that Rama Krishna Hospital Association too approached us for purchase of the said hospital and so by others not only for running hospital but also for Medical College. In the same way, a leader of Roman Catholic Church approached the hon'ble Chief Minister during his visit to New Delhi and informed him of their willingness to purchase and run that hospital and they will not have any problem with the faculty as they are now running 6 hospitals in various parts of India. That discussion with the hon'ble Chief Minister had not yet been known to the department officially even though spot visit had already been made by the said Catholic Church and no discussion had yet been made with the department since then. We have also learnt reaction of the concerned locality and the Directorate referred the case for discussion with Secretary.

Pu Speaker, it is to be noted that there is no plan to sell the said to Roman Catholic Church but they only showed their willingness to take over the building for establishment of Medical College besides running the hospital. If further information is needed, it may be obtained from PWD and GAD.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, my question is whether 10% state matching share had already been released ? If so, we are in a condition to approach central authority to sanction more provision for its running. If it is not successful, we may approach the same to be taken up from NRHM.

SPEAKER : The House Leader may give the answer.

PU ZORAMTHANGA CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, if you allow, I would like to make more clarification regarding this matter. Thank you. I supposed the previous ministry headed by Congress party knows better of the origin of this plan as 40 crore of the provision had already been released during that ministry. Since DoNER has not existed at that time, it was the authority of Planning Commission to sanction the provision. Hence, DoNER had no reason to determine whether the estimate is exceeded or not but to continue with the original estimate.

Pu Speaker, it is absolutely impossible to achieve this hospital with the original estimate of 40 crore rupees. We are, therefore, expecting more provision. Hence, approach had been made to the central authority to release the remaining sanction so that we may proceed with the project. But even after the concerned Secretary issued an order to release the sanction, it had been delayed at the Jt. Secretary level. After making an enquiry by the said Secretary, it was then released ultimately.

In the discussion with central Health Minister and a representative of DoNER, I have even pointed out the impossibility of achieving the project with the original sanction of 40 crore rupees on which they have expressed their acceptance. I, therefore, asked them to help us find the way for completion of the project. In reply to my request, the minister stated that there is no problem to comply with my request but depends on whether we are able to find anyone to run the hospital since we are not in a condition to do on our own. Again, with the help of some experts from Health Ministry we some how came to know the interest of St. John Hospital of Madras and Roman Catholic Association to run our hospital. After discussing the matter with them, we are informed of their capability to run the said hospital if there is appropriate building to do so.

On learning the negotiation between our government and the said institution, there was a reaction from the concerned locality. Hence, I explained the matter to them to normalize the situation that its building to be constructed by our government will only be given on rented and not to be sold.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Pu Speaker, it is quite pleasing to hear clarification of the hon'ble Chief Minister. Yet, it is regretting to learn that the present system of this project seriously violates the NLCPR guidelines. What is the reason for central authority to delay the remaining sanction?

PU ZODINTLUANGA : Pu Speaker, only one question, please. Explanation given by the concerned Minister and the hon'ble Chief Minister are inconsistent. I, therefore, insist the concerned minister to set right the answer he had given since it is for the record of the House.

SPEAKER : I do not think their points are inconsistent. It is clearly pointed out that the said hospital is not to be sold but they are only looking for some well-to-do business institution to run it.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Pu Speaker, if you allow, I would like to make clarification on the statement of Pu Andrew Lalherliana. I have to mention that offering only 40 crore rupees for construction of the said hospital is like giving an air rifle for shooting the elephant. This petty amount of 40 crore for that construction may not be good enough as an excuse for that. The main problem seems to be holding back of the file at the Jt. Secretary's level.

And Pu Speaker, I find no inconsistency with the statement of the concerned Minister and of mine. There is no plan to sell that hospital but only we've been looking for someone who are able to run it and we are following suggestion of Health Ministry of the Central government.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, the original estimate for construction of the said hospital is 40.53 crore rupees and I supposed the amount is sufficient for the purpose.

For that reason a tender had been floated during my ministry. But due to lack of enough stones and water for the construction, the department had to be selective in choosing the contractor and decision cannot be made instantly. The ministry was then changed and the new government offered the work to some block president, unit president of their party with illiterate contractor and that is the main reason for failure of the project.

SPEAKER : Starred Question No. 142 and Pu R. Lalzirliana to ask.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Starred Question No. 142 – Will the hon'ble minister for Land Revenue and Settlement Department be pleased to state -

- a) What is expected time of completion for Cadastral Survey ?
- b) What is the expenditure of the government in respect of Cadastral Survey during the year 2005-2006, 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 ?
- c) Whether LSC/pass can be issued to those who obtained fresh LSC from the areas where Cadastral Survey is completed ?

SPEAKER : Minister for Land Revenue & Settlement Department to answer the question.

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, here is the answer.
MINISTER a) Every year, the Government takes up this programme in accordance with financial position of the department. It is expected to be completed by 2010 if enough fund and equipments is made available.

b) Expenditure of the government in respect of Cadastral Survey of the following financial years: During 2005-2006, 16 lakh rupees, during 2006-2007 - 16 lakh rupees and during 2007-2008 - 22 lakh rupees. The total amounted to 54 lakh rupees.

c) LSC is issued as soon as the concerned person obtained clearance of LSC pass.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, when LSC is mortgaged by a person while taking financial loans, it is necessary for Revenue department to press the department's seal as a mark that his LSC is being mortgaged for taking financial loans. In doing so, the department charges 1% of loan acquired. On what basis of the rule this charge is made? How can the department charge on the basis of percent of the amount of loans taken where as any amount of loan taken by a person is supposed to be kept confidential?

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, site for Luangmual Industry was donated by the concerned V/C 21 years ago for which demarcation and sketches had already been produced to Revenue Department for favour of issue of pass. Why does the department keep this pending till today?

PU H. LIANSILOVA : Pu Speaker, provision for cadastral survey seems to be less sufficient. On the other hand, it is learnt that central authority always gives importance to any approach concerning land reforms. If so, is there any approach from our government to central authority concerning this matter?

In this connection, I would like to point out that Land Revenue Assessment Rules is too complicate to fully understand by ordinary people. It may be put in a simplified form so that any one can understand the whole content.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Pu Speaker, relating to the point raised by a member from Ratu constituency, it may be wise for the government not to give away any government-owned land to private.

Secondly, I support the opinion that adequate provision had not been given for cadastral survey. It may be appreciated if more fund is given so that the government property plan the concerned towns and roads before a particular site is occupied.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Pu Speaker, Supplementary Question, please. In reply to my question last year, the concerned Minister of Forest Department assured this House that the government will look into the matter that some officers of Forest Department and Secretariat of Revenue Department allotted certain plot of lands within Zoological garden of Bethlehem in the name of their closed relatives. What step had been taken in that regard?

PU LALCHHANDAMA RALTE : Pu Speaker, relating to plots of land benefited from the government by privates, may the concerned minister produce list of persons who benefited government-owned land since 1972 ? It seems that quite an extensive area of government-owned lands had already been allotted to private and it can be proved from houses surrounding Gov't High School field, Mizo High School and Circuit House.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Pu Speaker, it is regretting to learn that beneficiary of house site within the said area includes number of well-to-do family who are living in their own houses with private cars and even JCB despite the criteria of selection mainly targeted families who are not having house site yet. It indicates corruption evolved in the selection. It may be appreciated if the government can give assurance to this House that correction will be made with the selection and cancel the allotment if necessary.

PU ZODINTLUANGA : Regarding the request of our fellow member to produce list of beneficiaries of house site from the government since 1972, it may, as well be produced names of persons who benefited from government owned land of Thenzawl.

SPEAKER : The concerned minister to answer the questions.

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, regarding of Luangmual area, I am not prepared for that answer as it's been barely two months since I have held this charge and I may later produce it in written. As of the question of Pu R. Lalthandama, I do not think there will be a problem to do so as transparency is one of our policies. But some of the records is of District Council, it may take times to collect information and we may be able to produce by the end of this session.

The question of Lalthmingthanga, regarding mortgage of LSC, I want to inform the House that it is done so on the basis of Rules Section 7(2) of The Mizo District Transfer of Land Act, 1963. It is not a fabricated procedure as the record too is kept by the department.

Regarding provision for cadastral survey, it is true that the amount sanction is inadequate. I doubt the work is completed within 10 years and I have to say that it is the main drawback for the progress of work. I, therefore, strongly support the idea of increasing provision for the said work. We have already discussed the matter with the department's officers and some sorts of improvement is expected by the coming year.

Pu Speaker, presently there are only 7 Head Surveyors, 25 Surveyor-1 and 139 ordinary Surveyors, totally 171 only. Since there are on-going works to up-date besides cadastral works, the department greatly suffered insufficiency of staff. If number of surveyor is increased at least to 600, the work may be completed by 2012 or 2013. Not only this, Pu Speaker, it may also be necessary to improve our budget estimate so as to procure instruments for control survey at the cost of not less than 1 lakh.

Again Pu Speaker, the department also have another project under the Ministry of Land Resources which is called computerization of Land Records. For this project, we already have number of instruments yet, more staff is needed to maintain the work particularly for surveying work.

Lastly Pu Speaker, I do support the opinion to simplify Building Assessment Acts & Rules and we will re-examine the matter.

Thank You.

SPEAKER : Starred Question No. 143 and Pu Sailothanga Sailo to ask.

PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO : Thank you Pu Speaker. Starred Question No.143 – Will the hon'ble Minister for Industries Department be pleased for state – What development had taken place at Industrial Growth Centre of Sakawrtuichhun?

PU B. LALTHLENGLIANA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, here is the answer. Black-topping of approached road and internal road of Industrial Growth Centre of Sakawrtuichhun is now being completed and 47 culverts posted at various places. Besides, construction of 3.20 kms footpath, 1 Rest House, 7 Nos of Staff Quarter, 6 Nos of work-shed and laboratory building is now being completed. Installation of electric transformer and water connection is completed. 50 plots is now ready for some industrial units where as permission had already been given for 2.

PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO : Pu Speaker, Supplementary Question, please. Whether there is any sanction recently for Industrial Growth Centre? If so, for what purpose it will be used?

PU LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, number of private land within the said area and who are the owners, please?

SPEAKER : The concerned minister to answer the question.

PU B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, Industrial Growth Center of Luangmual is established from centrally sponsored scheme. In 1988 – 1999 311 acres of land is acquired from 239 private persons at the cost of 99.15 lakh. With a view to achieve the project, an empowered committee was formed with Chief Secretary, Finance Commissioner, Secretary of Industry Department, Director of Industry Department, Chief Engineers PWD, PHE, P&E, Telecom District Manager, Representatives of Ministry of Industry, Government of India and Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion as its members. Fund coming from the central is utilized in agreement with this committee.

Pu Speaker the Government of India, on 26.3.1997 sanctioned Rs. 50 lakh for achievement of the said project out of which Rs. 880 lakh had already been spent and the remaining Rs. 400 lakh is kept to be utilized for the works to be selected by empowered committee. Besides, final sanction for 2 crore rupees is now being applied to NEPFI of Guwahati.

SPEAKER : Before coming into List of Business, let me read out to the Members an application to make Statement in this session from the hon'ble Home Minister regarding explosion at Hnam Run on 25th March.2008. "Pu Speaker, as provided by Rules 60 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly and with your permission, I am glad to have an opportunity to make statement in this august House.

That Pu Speaker, "Last night, at 7:55 PM of 25th March, 2008, unidentified persons blasted a bomb at the corner of Hnam Run. Fortunately, no one was hurt. Yet, some properties and the nearby buildings too were effected due to intensive explosion. Buildings which had been damaged were: Hnam Run, Vanapa Hall, Pu Sangthuama's building and Public Laboratory of Central YMA.

Regarding Hnam Run, ground floor of main road level, left side of rolling shutter and hinges were broken. As of Public Laboratory of Central YMA, 5 wooden benches, 2 cupboard doors, 5 plastic chairs, 1 wall clock, 2 sound boxes, 2 blackboards, 1 switchboard and 41 glasses of window pane of ground floor building were broken. From the first floor, 33 glasses of window pane, 33 potrait frames, 1 frame-work and from the second floor, 19 glasses of window pane and 2 window frames were damaged.

Regarding Rajdoot Hotel building, 2 window panes of Room No.1, 6 window panes of Room No.6, 1 window pane of Room No.5 and 2 window

panes of Reception Counter. Due to that explosion, 9 window panes of Vanapa Hall opposite to Rajdoot Hotel were broken.

Besides, properties of R.D Enterprise, proprietor Pu V.L. Chhawna s/o Saihranga (L), B 26/A Electric Veng, Aizawl including PCO and mobile hand set Phone No. 9862277116 were broken into pieces. Not only this, 4 tiles of the office, 40 glasses of window panes too were broken. As of damage report of Restaurant, proprietor Pi Aichhungi w/o R. Zolawma, only 1 GCI sheet was broken.

One Maxi Cab Registration No. MZ-05/3143 servicing Kolasib-Aizawl incidentally was running in the area where explosion occurred and his vehicle too is reported to be effected as left side glasses, rubber ceiling and rain guards of left side door, it's front wheel cap including all mud caps and lighting system of the vehicle were damaged.

As soon as report of the explosion is received, DGP, other police officers and forensic expert rushed to the place where explosion took place and a case was filed at Aizawl Police Station with case No. 101/08 dated 25.3.2008 under section 436 IPC with section 3 of Explosive Substances Act, 1908. In the same manner, MNF Party submitted FIR at Aizawl Police Station. Since that explosion was intensive, it can be heard from the Assembly House where session is in progress. The hon'ble Chief Minister accompanied by other Ministers and MLAs had even visited the spot after session.

The government deeply regrets the incident and showed its concern to those who suffered due to this explosion. It strongly condemns this unlawful act that threatens the life and peaceful atmosphere of our state. The government will take immediate and necessary action in regard to this case.

Thank you.

LAYING OF PAPERS

PU H. VANLALAUVA
MINISTER

: Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I lay on the Table of the House "The Mizoram Rural Employment Guarantee Rules, 2007".
Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed to the members. We will now take up Legislative Business. I call upon Dr. R. Lalthangliana, the hon'ble minister to beg leave of the House to introduce "The Mizoram Board of School Education (Second Amendment) Bill, 2008.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I beg leave of the House to introduce "The Mizoram Board of School Education (Second Amendment) Bill, 2008.

SPEAKER : Do we agree? If so, he may now introduce the Bill.

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with you permission and of the House, I now introduce " The Mizoram Board of School Education (Second Amendment) Bill, 2008."

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. I now call upon the same minister to introduce "The Mizoram Land Survey and Settlement Operation (Amendment) Bill, 2008.

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I beg leave of the House to introduce "The Mizoram Land Survey & Settlement Operation (Amendment) Bill, 2008.

SPEAKER : Do we agree? If so, he may now introduce the Bill.

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with you permission and of the House, I introduce to the House, "The Mizoram Land Survey And Settlement Operation (Amendment) Bill, 2008.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS (Demand for Grants)

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. We will now take up voting on Demand for Grants. We will discuss the demand of Leader of the House and one Minister. As it is done so the other day, we will take up the two demands at the same time. Now, let me call upon Pu Z.H. Ropuia, the hon'ble Minister to lay on the table of the House the Demand Nos. 22, 28, and 43.

PU Z.H. ROPUIA
MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission Sir, I moved the Demand Nos. 22, 28 and 43 for Rs. 2082,44,000/- only for expenses during 2008-2009 in respect of the following Departments:-

1)	Demand No. 22 - Sports & Youth Services	-	Rs.12,58,55,000/-
2)	Demand No. 28 - Labour & Employment	-	Rs. 3,89,24,000/-
3)	Demand No. 43 - Tourism	-	Rs. 4,34,65,000/-
	TOTAL	-	Rs.20,82,44,000/-

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Hon'ble Chief Minister will now move his Demands.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, on the recommendation
CHIEF MINISTER of the Governor of Mizoram and
with your permission Sir, I moved
the Demand Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 14, 15, 39
and 45 for Rs. 643,37,91,,000/- only for expenses during 2008-2009 in respect of
the following Departments:-

1)	Legislative Assembly	-	Rs. 7,80,50,000/-
2)	Governor	-	Rs. 10,6,0000/-
3)	Council of Ministers	-	Rs. 3,34,90,000/-
4)	Vigilance	-	Rs. 1,35,95,000/-
5)	Finance	-	Rs.123,23,95,000/-
6)	Planning & Programme Implementation-		Rs.130,35,56,000/-
7)	GAD	-	Rs. 36,87,25,000/-
8)	Power & Electricity Department	-	Rs.188,90,90,000/-
9)	Public Works Departments	-	Rs.151,25,15,000/-
	TOTAL-		Rs.643,37,91,000/-

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Two Ministers had moved their
respective demands. To start our
discussion, let me call upon Pu P.P.
Thawla to have his speech.

PU P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, let me start with Demand
No. 22 of the hon'ble Minister for
Sports & Youths Services. At the
outset, I want to express my thanks to
the Minister for providing sport materials to be distributed on my tour to my
constituency as it is done to other members too.

Regarding various projects under Sports Department, I want to
point out that we, the people in Saiha District also need Sports Complex, Indoor
Stadium and Field which is seen in other districts. It may be much appreciated if the
concerned authority give importance to our needs as pointed out. In this relation,
approach had been made to Minister for DoNER to provide District Sports Complex
at Tuipang, the headquarter of my constituency and we are informed that the state
government had to give priority to our demand first. I, therefore, earnestly request
the concerned authority to determine the welfare of youths in the remote area.

Coming now to Demand No. 43 - Tourism Department, we have seen the department's Wayside Restaurant and Lodge in various places of Mizoram which indicates achievement of the department. It may, therefore, be important for the government to give priority to the needs of Tourism Department.

Relating to this matter, I opine it is important for the department to construct Rest House at Serkawr, the place where our missionaries settled and laid down their lives. This place is frequently visited by visitors from inside and outside Mizoram. In fact, Rest House is an urgent need and priority may please be given by the concerned authority.

Moreover Pu Speaker, Zawngling, a village in my constituency is having historical background as the chief of Zawngling was the last chief defeated by the British. It will be much appreciated if Tourism Department could have a lodge here.

Pu Speaker, as a result of the effort by the government, Saiha District too is having ITI which is greatly benefited by the people in that area. Yet, it is located at the outskirts of Saiha town and there is a problem for the concerned students to attend the class regularly. It will be much appreciated if a mini-bus is provided.

Regarding projects under PWD, it is pleasing that our House Leader had made great effort for the success of my resolution for construction of Kawlchaw-Tongkolong road. The work is now going in full swing thanks to the efforts of the concerned department and our strong leaders. As for construction of Serkawr-Tuipang road, there had been so much complain regarding size of the road and irregularity of works. It may be much appreciated if the concerned department consider immediate solution to these problems.

Coming now to Power & Electricity Department, I must say that problem with power supply of the people in Saiha District particularly of the remote villages is due to non-existence of power line between Lawngtlai-Saiha-Tuipang. It will be much appreciated if the department concerned consider for the welfare of the people in this region by providing power-line with immediate effect. Thank you.

PU H. LIANSILOVA : Pu Speaker, let me start with Demand No.22-Sports & Youths Services Department. I, first of all want to give thanks for the Bill concerning Youth Commission. I strongly hope and pray that the government keep up this commission for the benefit of today's youths and generations to come.

Secondly, obviously the government is indecisive about construction of Ramhlun Indoor Stadium as the matter had been delayed almost for a decade. It will be much appreciated if the concerned minister had given attention to that effect.

Pu Speaker, it is known to us all that Labour & Employment department plays an important role in shaping up youths. Despite its important role, allocation of budget fund in respect of this department is the least amongst other departments. It is, therefore difficult for the department to make improvement. Hence, the government may give priority to this department.

Coming now to the demand of our Chief Minister, I opine it is of utmost importance for the government to find solution for traffic problems of Bawngkawn junction that links with Sairang road, Chaltlang road, Ramhlun road and Lunglei road. Leaders of Bawngkawn locality often approached our Chief Minister in this case and as a result, it is learnt that private land is extended for this junction on compensation basis. While the people are awaiting for a favourable outcome, it is learnt that LSC of the concerned land is now kept in MNF Party Headquarters and the same people collected the rent. It is further learnt that the work cannot be started for this reason. It will be much appreciated if the said work is started immediately.

Pu Speaker, it is also learnt that Bawngkawn Brigade are now moving out and PIL case which had been submitted to High Court against persons who are having LSC in the area is now referred to Revenue Department for immediate clearance. In this regard, it is wise for the government to allot that land for construction of stadium as soon as the case is cleared. In the meantime, it may also be important for the concerned authority to improve Bawngkawn-College Road as last year, retaining wall constructed by Urban Development fell down and killed one person. It may be important to take action before rainy season otherwise the same incident may happen again.

Coming now to Finance, the government, in order to choke out problems with pay, set up expert Committee and Sub-Cabinet Committee and as a result, we now have a favourable outcome particularly with pay of MCS officers. On the contrary, pay of other department Group-A officers, Engineering Services and doctors in Medical and Veterinary remains unresolved. It is, therefore important for the concerned authority to determine solution for their problems. Thank you.

PU. F. LALTHANZUALA : Pu Speaker, I, first of all have to extend my appreciation on the works of PWD particularly in my constituency. With their effort we are able to have North Vanlaiphai to Thingsai road, yet, construction of Hnahthial-Chawngtui road is being included in the work schedules. Many a time before,

approach had been made to the concerned authority to put E.E. of PWD and Power & Electricity respectively but to no avail. But as soon as our Chief Minister is in power, our demand is now being fulfilled, thanks to the active effort of the hon'ble Chief Minister.

Next, I have to mention about the demand of District Council by the people of Hnahthial. I opine it is time for us to put intensive pressure to the concerned authority so as to achieve our demand as it's been a decade since our fellow community who demands the same were given District Council.

We, the people of Hnahthial insists on the government to provide a separate administration for Hnahthial and the surrounding area due to the fact that Lunglei District is too large for the government to run administration effectively. I, therefore earnestly request the government to fulfill the said demand for separation before agitation that may be brought by the concerned people. It is not a matter of threatening, but I strongly believe that the day will come unless the demand is fulfilled.

Thank you.

PU ZODINTLUANGA : Thank you, Pu Chairman. At the outset, I want to express my thanks to the officers and staff of Legislative Assembly for their loyalty towards MLAs. As new members in this House, our knowledge of the system and procedure of legislative business is very limited. In any matter, the department attends to us politely so that we may come to know what every member supposed to know. With their valuable supports, we are now coming into the last portion of our 5 years term and they truly deserve praise of the members.

Secondly, Demand No. 22 - Sports & Youths Services. Pu Speaker, as a Chief Guest of Tennis Tournament which was held last year, the Minister assured the concerned players to provide rubberized Court, 2008 is almost over. It will be much appreciated if his assurance is fulfilled within this financial year. It is learnt that provision which had already been made had been diverted to Hnahthial. Since, his assurance is reiterated even in this august House, we are strongly convinced this will be achieved sooner or later.

Relating to this matter Pu Chairman, I may say that infrastructure and development projects of the department seems to turn backward. For example, it is sad to learn that Volley-ball Court, Tennis Court and Football Ground of Zotlang Lunglei were reportedly destroyed by heavy rains. But it is regretted to learn that the government fails to notice any damage of such infrastructures even if information is given.

As an in-law of Ramhlun North locality, the hon'ble Chief minister once relayed his dreams to the people that a standard Indoor Stadium with accommodation for parking lot at ground floor will be constructed. All his speeches now become history. It indicates failure of the government to consider the needs of youths today.

Pu Chairman, upgradation of AR ground is a common topic of every political party during pre-election time. It is ridiculous to mention at this time that Rajiv Gandhi Sports Complex is to be constructed at AR ground. Pu Chairman, the hon'ble Chief Minister is deceiving our youths. In reply to my question, the hon'ble Chief Minister stated that amount estimated to that effect is 136 crore rupees whereas 25 crores had already been approved by 12th Finance Commission. But in reply to my request to produce sanctioning letter, he further stated that no such letter is received since notification on November, 2004 of the Report of 12th Finance Commission, 2005-2010. Pu Chairman, why did he deceive the people that tender as being flown whereas no sanctioning letter is existed? It is sad to learn that the hon'ble Chief Minister is deceiving the people with this project which will never be achieved.

Not only this Pu Chairman, it is learnt that 73 lakh rupees for construction of stadium at Khatla had already been spent where as nothing is done to that effect except retaining wall which is now covered by garbage. It is much desirable if the said sanction is used for completion of Ramhlun Stadium instead of wasting it for the project which will not be accomplished.

Coming now to Demand No. 9, the hon'ble Chief Minister who is in charge of Finance distributed list of financial outstanding of various states. Here, I would like to mention that during the ministry of Congress Party that was in 1997, financial outstanding of the Government of Mizoram happened to be Rs. 574 and the then Finance Minister had even spoken out here in the House his concern for that escalated amount of outstanding and I remember members from the opposition made fun of it. It is true that the government at that time was in deep trouble but confident of its regularisation to the extent of possibility. On the contrary, this government seems to feel comfortable with this exorbitant amount of outstanding during this MNF Ministry i.e Rs. 3611,2008/- and this amazes me and so others. Obviously they do not feel sense of responsibility for it or it might have been ignored deliberately with a view of their hopeless future for the next general election.

Regarding Demand No.45, I would like to request the concerned minister to reconsider additional charge of 2% on contractor as it is necessary for them to submit 2% of VAT to Revenue Department.

Pu Chairman, I must say that under Power & Electricity Department, no project is made during this 10 years ministry of MNF except Serlui `B` as other projects are being initiated during the ministry of Congress Party. Regarding failure of Tuirial and Bairabi Hydel Projects, let me quote the statement of NEEPCO, that sir, 'Onwards camp 2 construction stopped w.e.f. 9.6.2004 on account of agitation announced by Tuirial Crops Compensation Payment Association demand

payment against crops compensation in the said forest areas which is not payable as per the Gov't of India norms'. Pu Chairman, the said agitation was initiated by younger brother of the hon'ble Chief Minister and it is clear that the said project was stopped due to the demand of compensation. Thank you.

PU LALCHHANDAMA RALTE : Pu Chairman, I thank our leaders and officials for their efforts in upgrading the status of sports in Mizoram. Yet, I think it is important to re-examine the set up of the department since the department is having an autonomous body, there is no chance for other sports enthusiast persons to enter into the service. Hence, the department is heading to an uncertain future. The concerned authority may, therefore determine opportunity for any qualified outsiders to enter into the service.

It is appreciated that budget allotment on Sports Department for this year is increasing by 70% and even earmarked by 12th Finance Commission. Including additional amount given with the effort of Sports Association, the total is amounting to Rs. 2,625 lakh.

Regarding Youth Commission, it is pleasing that it now becomes reality as now seen in the department's budget head. The efforts of the concerned minister and officers is highly praiseworthy as it is the thing that other prominent states in the country cannot achieve.

Regarding the answer to question of plan for construction of Rajiv Gandhi Sports Stadium at A.R. Ground, shared by Pu Zodintluanga and me, we learnt that architecture design is completed and the contract work is allotted to M/S Mathur & Kabre Associate Pvt. Ltd. New Delhi. Despite the statement of the hon'ble Chief Minister and keeping in mind of achieving infrastructure for today's youths and generations to come, it is sad to learn that certain members expressed their opinion against it. I think such opinion could never be counted as determination for a better Mizoram, Pu Chairman.

Coming now to the Demand of Labour & Employment Department, no improvement is yet to be seen in the department since the previous ministry of Congress party till today. The concerned authority therefore, have to give attention towards its system that hampered the progress.

Achievement under ITI, it is much appreciated that qualified students under ITI are now given All India Trade Certificate. In this relation, I opine it is important for the government to determine improvement of Labour Wing. Recently, the department absorbed one Labour Officer thanks to the effort of the concerned authority. Yet, it may not be possible for one officer to take care of all the

works and more post is therefore needed. As for the post of Labour Inspector, proposal is now being processed which may kindly be given importance by the concerned authority.

Again Pu Chairman, out of 8 posts of Employment Officer being created, only 2 had now been filled up. The government may give attention to this. It may also be necessary for the concerned authority to review Minimum Wages Act & Rules and also Workmen Compensation.

Regarding the Demand of Legislative Assembly, it is learnt that the department is approaching the hon'ble Chief Minister through the Speaker of Assembly in regard to demand for more post of Committee Officer. Considering work loads of the department particularly of those Committee Officers, the department truly deserved the demand and it will be much appreciated if the hon'ble Chief Minister considers the matter.

Lastly, I would like to make few points on Demand No. 45 - PWD. Pu Chairman, condition of Tuirini Bridge is now very poor and in need of immediate repair. Since this bridge is very important for transportation of goods as well as foods, the people in the concerned areas are now facing various problems. It may, therefore, be given priority by the hon'ble Chief Minister and by concerned officials of PWD to resolve the problem immediately.

Thank you.

PU S. HIATO : Thank you, Pu Chairman. I first of all would like to ask the hon,ble Chief Minister when will provision for medical re-imbusement for non-government servant be introduced. It is learnt that the scheme is made available with effect from 1st April, 2008. Regarding the system that necessitated every household to make their contribution to that project, I don't think it is appropriate as there are number of families who are not in the condition to make contribution. It may, therefore, be important for the government to reconsider the matter.

Pu Chairman, it is further learnt that the scheme is to be funded by Asian Development Bank on loan. When will that loan be obtained? I have visited their website yesterday and found that no sanction is given till date. Hence, it is obvious that the sanction may not be made available as on the given date. The hon'ble Chief Minister may please clarify the situation.

Regarding newly announced Civil Sub-Division at various places, it is surprising to learn that no provision is put for construction of buildings

and recruitment of staff etc. This is obviously because the government does not put those newly opened sub-divisions at the level of other sub-divisions.

Relating to this matter, I would like to point out that circuit house at certain places are not maintained properly. Particularly speaking, the hon'ble Chief Minister assured that construction building of Circuit House at Saiha will be taken up immediately and in pursuance, we have now seen here in the budget provision that 21 lakh is allotted. In this regard, I would like to request the hon'ble Chief Minister to clarify the purpose of that provision since the allotted amount is hardly adequate for the construction.

Coming now to the Demand No. 1 - Legislative Assembly, I have to extend my appreciation to the hon'ble Speaker for his impartial judgement here in this august House. Likewise, the service rendered by the staff specially to members of the opposition is highly praiseworthy. As a member of certain committees of Assembly, I have witnessed inadequacy of staff to maintain various committees and the demand of more staff is truly deserved by the department. I, therefore, earnestly request the hon'ble Chief Minister to give priority to their demand.

Coming now to PWD, I have to make point of appreciation to the department for achieving construction of roads of Kawlchaw-Latawh, Zawngling-Chapui, Theiri-Tuisih and Phairuang-Lungpher. But Pu Chairman, we, the people in that areas prefer BRTF to PWD as the aforesaid roads constructed by PWD endure barely a year and black-topping of certain roads have now cracked off. I, therefore, request the hon'ble Chief Minister to determine deployment of BRTF on construction of that particular road as member from Tuipang constituency too have made the same demand.

Pu Chairman, it is sad that in this ministry, no improvement is seen in regard to power supply. The hon'ble Chief Minister in reply to my question stated that 400 to 600 mega watts project of Chhimituipui will be taken up. What is the condition now?

Regarding Sports & Youth Department, no project is taken up within Autonomous District Council areas. Particularly in Saiha District, proposal for construction of Indoor Stadium, Playground and Badminton Court were withdrawn which really hurt the feelings of the concerned people. Pu Chairman, considering performance of boxers from my district, I must say we deserve certain projects for promotion of boxing. It is regretted that no attention is received from the concerned department.

Last, but not least Pu Chairman, it is pleasing that there is a plan to put Tourist Lodge at Tuipang. Yet my question in that regard is to whom the contract work is allotted? I was informed that in complain against allotment of that contract work to Pu Thawla, MLA elected from this constituency, 21 units of Tuipang MNF Block returned their respective party seals to Pu Khawpuithanga while he visited Saiha. I opine it is not fair for MNF party to ignore the importance of the

said MLA while forming this government. What is the reason for objection to the allotment of that work to the said MLA?

Thank you.

PU LIANSUAMA : The time now is 1:00 PM. We will
CHAIRMAN : have recess now and discussion will
be resumed at 2:00 PM.

2:00 PM

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will now resume the discussion.
To start with, let me call upon
Pu Saikapthianga.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. As
known to us all, today we are discussing
the demand of hon'ble Chief Minister
which concerns the welfare of youths.

Let me start with Demand No.22 - Sports & Youths Services.

I opine it is important for us to determine whether the government is getting along with the progress of our youths today in making remarkable achievements in the field of sports.

The topic of upgradation of A.R ground had often been raised here in the House. Today, it is learnt that tender had been floated for construction of indoor stadium at A.R. Ground. The question here is, whether permission is given by the concerned authority of Assam Rifles to that effect. Yet, it is obvious that financial sanction for that purpose is given whereas Rs.98.315 lakhs is being allotted at the expense of consultancy firm and Rs.3,96,68,500/- for construction of Rajiv Gandhi Sports Complex. I personally have no doubt about the existence of the said sanction. If so, it may be wise for the government to shift the place to Mualpui instead of waiting for an indecisive opinion. Even if the Assam Rifles have to leave this place in future, we still have the opportunity to avail that place for other purpose.

Secondly, Demand of Agriculture and Horticulture. As a representative of my constituency, I give thanks to the hon'ble Chief Minister and

Horticulture Minister for giving MIP fund to farmers in my constituency for procurement of seedlings of betel nuts.

Regarding the Demand of Legislative Assembly, I opine it is necessary for the concerned authority to fulfill the demand for more staff by the Assembly Secretariat in order to set up effective legislature.

Coming now to Demand No. 39, Power & Electricity, I want to criticize fund allocation of the department. Pu Dy. Speaker huge amount of fund is utilized for construction of power line even though there is no source for adequate supply of power. It may, therefore be important for the department to give concentration on setting up of power sources so as to evade wastage of fund.

In Demand No. 45 - PWD, the performance of the department in taking up new projects is good to a certain extent. In this connection, it may also be important for the department to give attention towards the repair of roads in my constituency such as Tuilut to Kawrtethawveng and Tuipuibari to Tripura, the only road that linked Mizoram and Tripura.

Lastly, I would like to mention few points regarding the newly created department that is Chief Information Commission. It is learnt that a relative of head of this department who is not qualified in computer typing got appointment with the help of authenticated typing of one officer. Not only this, appointment was made by the same officer for his closed relative by ignoring recommendation of DPC which degrades status of the government. It is obvious that the system and administration of this department is very poor considering the said points. I, therefore, strongly suggest dissolution of the department and be started all over again.

PU H. ROHLUNA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. At the outset, I have to express my appreciation to the officers and staff of Legislative Assembly for their service towards MLAs. The said officers and staff rendered their respective duties on the events of various committees and programmes of field visit to certain places outside Aizawl accordingly. Their loyalty towards the members is highly appreciated especially by the members from the opposition parties. Hence, it is important for the government to give priority to the demands which may be made by this Secretariat

Secondly, Demand No. 14 - Planning & Programme Implementation. The government, on 17th May, 2007 formed Planning Board in every districts. As for undivided Aizawl district, no meeting had yet been called since issue of order to form the same last year. My question is, for what purpose this board is being set up? Is it possible for the government to proceed without this board? If not, I

opine it will be much effective if the said Board is functioning in accordance with the policy of the government.

Coming now to Demand No. 39 - Power & Electricity, I would like to point out that there are number of villages which are not yet been electrified. In reply to my question last year, the concerned minister pointed out that there are 149 villages to that effect. From the Governor's statement, it is obvious that there is an unspent balance of provision of 102 crore rupees from RGGVY during last year. I am afraid the sanction will lapse because the concerned authority do not determine its utilization for the benefit of the people in the remote areas during this financial year.

Regarding Tuivai Hydel Project, the concerned minister said this project is to be taken up from PPP fund and supposed to be the best among the projects for which clearance had already been obtained. But Pu Dy. Speaker, it is sad that no step had yet been taken till today despite the fact that more sources of power is badly needed. It is, therefore, much important for the government to determine immediate solution to this problem.

Regarding Demand No. 45 PWD - I would like to point out the necessity for Road Protection Squad to put more active effort in clearing up disarrayed materials on roadside. In particular, there are cubic stones being deposited on roadside in number of places between Ramthar Veng and Ramhlun South. As this road is limited in size, it will be much appreciated if Road Protection Squad clear up such materials with immediate effect.

Coming now to Demand No. 22, some members emphasized the need to have a qualified stadium in our state. In determining means to that effect, it is unfortunate to learn that various objections are arising. As pointed out by a member from Kawrthah constituency, it may be important for the concerned authority to determine alternative in other convenient places available at Bawngkawn Brigade Ground and Mualpui. It is just a waste of time to put pressure on A.R Ground for the location even information received from Director General of Assam Rifles dated 18th December stated their objection to evacuate this place and their problem to move to Zokhawsang. Despite the knowledge of this problem, the government deliberately floated tender for construction of the said stadium which seems to be intended to attract youths on their side in the general election to be held by the end of this year. Hence, I believe this project will end up in smoke.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu K. Lalrinliana.

PU K. LALRINLIANA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. Let me start with Demand No. 22 - Sports & Youth Services. It is sad to learn the allegation against this government as being unfaithful to the youths. I opine it is not true as various achievement is seen during this 2 succeeding terms of MNF Ministry. Under the efficient leadership of the hon'ble Chief Minister, we are witnessing number of opportunities being set up for the youths. Moreover, the increasing size of budget allotted to the department indicates the government had concern for youths' welfare.

Besides development projects taken up by Sports & Youth Services Department, Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation Department constructed a stadium at Chite and also by Social Welfare Department at Tanhril. Yet, the government with a view of making remarkable achievement for the state is now struggling to have one at our very home ground 'Lammual' which other called it as A.R. Ground. Financial sanction to that effect had already been obtained and tender is now being floated for the construction. Allegation in this connection therefore, is intolerable particularly for the concerned officials who give all the efforts to achieve it. It is, therefore, important for the people as a whole to understand the fact that the government is doing its best for youths' welfare.

Relating to this matter, I have to point out that as per instruction of central authority, step is being taken for construction of District Sports Complex at every districts for which matching share of the state government i.e. 25% to each district had already been allocated. But the problem is that financial sanction to that effect cannot be obtained and the reason, in my opinion is that certain people, out of jealousy of the popularity of the ruling MNF party, convinced central authority not to issue sanctioning order instantly. In the midst of various problems on the way, the government still did its best efforts to achieve the project and the people too are well aware of the fact that the government is truly concerned with their welfare.

Coming now to Demand No. 28 - Labour & Employment Department, the department as a guide for job hunting youths, makes various achievements through ITI of Aizawl, Lunglei and Saiha. In fact, the department needs the government's concern to achieve its demands for filling up the remaining 6 posts of Employment Officers. Hence, it may be appreciated if priority is given to the department.

Regarding Demand No. 43 - Tourism, I must say that achievement of this department is beyond expectation. Number of Guest Houses had been constructed during this 10 years term including recently inaugurated Tourist Lodges at Tlabung, Sakawrdai, Kanhmun, Zokhawthar and Haulawng. It indicates the government is making favourable achievement through Tourism Department and is much appreciated.

Coming now to Demand No. 1 - Legislative Assembly, it is learnt that the department is having problem due to shortage of staff in various

committees of Legislative Assembly. Hence, I support the idea for creation of more post of committee officer to resolve the problem.

Regarding Demand No. 39 - Power & Electricity Department, I opine performance of this MNF ministry is the best comparing to all other previous ministries where as projects taken up in the ministry of PC and Congress party were left unfinished after spending large sum of money. Under MNF party, Thermal Power Plant of 21 megawatts is completed during their ministry and is now being utilized satisfactorily and Serlui 'B' Project which had already been neglected by Congress ministry is now almost completed. Not only this Pu Dy. Speaker, project of Tuivai too will soon be started as already pointed out in the Budget Speech.

Pu Dy. Speaker, regarding the Demand of PWD, it is learnt that number of transmission lines is now being upgraded, thanks to the efforts of the concerned minister and of the staff. Not only this, the department makes remarkable achievement by upgrading the department's work load from 92 crores in 1993 to 370 crores in 2007 which is highly appreciated. Various steps had also been taken up from centrally sponsored schemes such as NEC, NLCPR, and NABARD. 2004 kms of road is completed within 9 years and construction of 11 bridges is completed whereas step is now being taken up for construction of more bridges. Furthermore, as a result of outstanding performance of the department, there is a plan to hand over construction work of National Highway 54 to PWD for which surveying work is almost completed. Hence, I opine it is wise for every member to vote in favour of passing this demand unanimously.

PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO : Pu Dy. Speaker, let me start with my appreciation to the officers and staff of Legislative Assembly as there is nothing I could do in return except showing my support to the idea of fulfilling their demands.

Secondly, Demand No. 39 - Power & Electricity. I would like to request leader of the House to determine solution for debt incurred on 1st I.R. Battalion of Mualvum as a charge of their electric power consumption amounting to not less than one lakh rupees that had already been informed to the concerned officials a couple of times but in vain.

Coming now to Demand No. 15 - General Administration Department, I would like to share my desire to the House Leader to include Lungdai within Aizawl District as it is only half an hour travel from Aizawl whereas Kolasib is much further and, therefore, less convenient for the concerned people of Lungdai. Hence, I earnestly ask the the House Leader to consider the demand of the people of Lungdai.

Regarding Sports & Youth Services, Demand No. 22, we all seem to be aware of the fact that Mizoram needs a qualified stadium here at the state capital. In order to achieve it, it takes unanimous decision of each of the member. It is not a matter to misuse the issue for attacking a particular political party or persons. It is just that our desire to that effect is so high and is our responsibility as sitting members, to come into one opinion. In order to achieve it, we have to consider another convenient places available at Mualpui and Bawgkawn Brigade beside Assam Rifle Ground.

Furthermore Pu Dy. Speaker, regarding Sports Centre to be established from the provision of SSA at Bualpui, I opine it is a good idea to include programmes for hockey, track and field in addition to football. In doing so, I would also like to make an appeal to the people in the surrounding areas to support the said establishment so as to obtain favourable result.

Regarding Demand No. 45 - PWD, the people in my constituency and the areas around feel the need to achieve Kawnpui-Hortoki road which is now under construction. It is not possible to speed up progress of work as the existing road does not accommodate transportation of heavy machineries to be utilized for road construction and the work, therefore, is said to be handed over to ONGC. So Pu Dy. Speaker, I do earnestly request leader of the House to consider immediate resumption of that construction and further en-route Bairabi by that road.

As of construction of Serkhan-Bagha road, I have repeatedly pointed the need in every session. I, again earnestly request the concerned authority to include the project in work scheduled for this year.

Moreover Pu Dy. Speaker, application for improvement of internal road of 1st IR Battalion Headquarter Mualvum, Kawnpui, Hortoki and Thingdawl had already been submitted and may, therefore, be included in the work scheduled.

Coming now to the Demand No. 43 - Tourism Department, I have to express my appreciation to the achievements made by the department with building infrastructures in various places.

Regarding Demand No. 9 - Finance Department, in reply to my question of the total amount of monthly expenditure incurred by the government on house rent inside and outside Mizoram, the concerned Minister pointed out that it is Rs. 1749440/- lakhs per annum. On the other hand, it is learnt that number of buildings at Government Complex of New Capital are now lying unoccupied. The House Leader may later clarify the whole situation including wasting of large amount of public money on that construction which are now lying unoccupied.

To speak of Demand No. 39 - P&E, the concerned minister, in reply to my question pointed out that total amount of power required ranges from 60

to 65 mega watt at peak hour whereas total amount of production is 12.45 mega watt only. Even by including 22.92 mega watt produced from Bairabi Thermal Plant, the total amount happened to be only 35.47 mega watt. Hence, total monthly expenditure for meeting additional power requirement amounts to Rs. 602crore, 37013.48 lakh per annum. Despite the need for construction of more power sources, it is sad to learn that projects such as 60 mega watt project of Tuirial, 210 mega watt of Tuivai, 80 mega watt of Bairabi, 12 mega watt of Serlui B and projects under investigation such as Kolodyne, Tuipui, Tuichang and Tuirial are all being left unaccomplished.

Last but not the least, I want to make few points regarding the demand of Labour & Employment Department. I opine it is much important for the government to determine immediate solution to the problem of shortage of staff in Directorate of Labour & Employment and shortage of officer at the field level. Secondly, it is regretted to learn that Ex-gratia grant in respect of 10 heroic Mizo Army personnels who lost their lives while in service for the country at Chhatisgarh had not yet been given till today. It may be appreciated if the government determines this problem with immediate effect so as to relief problems of those bereaved families.

Furthermore, Pu Dy. Speaker, I have to inform the House that in my constituency, there are 370 nos. of disabled persons under the maintenance of DC Kolasib for which grant-in-aids is provided since the last two years. But Pu Dy, Speaker, the amount granted is too small and may please be increased.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Liansuama

PU LIANSUAMA : Pu Dy. Speaker, I first of all want to request the hon'ble Chief Minister to explain in his wind up speech the reason for decrease of budget allotment of two important departments such as PWD and P&E department.

Secondly, what I would like to speak in regard to Tourism department is that there are number of establishments in various parts of Mizoram with various names such as Wayside restaurant, Tourist Lodge, Tourist Cottage etc. Pu Dy. Speaker, it may be easy for the department to construct one but there is a problem of shortage of staff to run such establishments accordingly. It may, therefore, be more profitable if its management is taken up as public-private joint partnership with government servants to manage it.

Regarding Power & Electricity department, I have to relate with the demand of IT. We all seem to accept that Call Centre and Business Process Outsources is much adaptive to the talented youths to earn their livelihood. In doing so, it will be a good idea for the hon'ble Chief Minister to approach TATA Consultancy Service or INFOSYS to enter into Mizoram so as to provide job opportunity for the youths. I frequently visited a website 'misual.com' constructed by our very own mizo youths and come to learn that we are having number of talented persons who are capable of running IT related businesses.

But the problem, Pu Dy. Speaker is that even if there are number of talented youths with IT related business prospects, it is not possible to accommodate with the existing strength of power supply and there is no chance for them to make the best use of their talents.

Pu Dy. Speaker, certain members emphasized shortage of staff in some departments whereas number of departments are said to be having problems due to over staff. It is, in fact, necessary for the concerned authority to determine deployment of such staff to the departments that need more staff so as to resolve our fiscal problem. It is a shame that there are number of staff who are expert in computer games sitting before computer without any purpose for the office.

Lastly, I thank the government for Youth Commission Bill. In the meantime, I would like to request the hon'ble Chief Minister to inform the House regarding expected time of the said Bill be made effective as number of youths are now anxiously waiting for the opportunity that could be brought by this Commission.

Thank you.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Thank you Pu Dy. Speaker. Let me start with my appreciation to PWD for achieving road construction in my constituency for which black topping works yet to be done. It may be pleased if the remaining work is done immediately. Besides, construction of internal road of Tlangpui and Rianglei are on its way and it will be much appreciated if it is extended upto Khawbung which is an important place in my constituency.

Regarding development work under building division, it is learnt that fake Bill is now being processed for construction of building of 50 lakh rupees value. Not only this, the same process is applied as if Type-IV building at Block-1 and Type-IV at Block-II, are constructed though such construction are not seen within the area of Capital Complex. The reason for such missing buildings may please be clarified by the hon'ble Chief Minister in his wind up speech.

Coming now to Finance & Planning, I would like to mention that the department fails to execute its duty in regard to allotment of fund amounting to Rs. 59 crore to Farmers Information Centre without floating any tender and without giving information to Purchase Advisory Board. This indicates the weakness of the department in financial control. Pu Dy. Speaker, what is more surprising still in the system of Finance & Planning is allocation of 1 crore rupees for service charge for fund generated under the head of Schedule of Charges Activity. For what purpose the said allocation is made ? Obviously there is an intention to bribe certain officials in the central with this allocation. It is regretted that the government degrades the status of our efficient officers by compelling to give signature on matter which is regarded as inappropriate.

Regarding Power & Electricity, I must say that I personally visited most of the projects under P&E department not only to find defectives in the process but also to make effective approaches. As a member from the opposition bench, an interesting process which had been found is that Rs. 38,27,500 lakh is allotted for clearance of comparatively small area of forest. Obviously due to exposure of this defective process, only 2 or more lakh rupees is spent for the work whereas the remaining is saved. It indicates that positive approach is maintained by the concerned committee.

Another surprising fact in the process is that after Kau-Tlabung project is fully completed and the concerned office too moved back to Sikulpuikawn, our findings to that effect is that expenditure for construction of the said project exceeds the sanction amount by a margin of 735 crore rupees. On the other hand, it is learnt that the concerned contractors have not yet received their bill till today despite the occurrence of excessive expenditure. Pu Dy. Speaker, a brother-in-law of the hon'ble Chief Minister Pu Zoramthanga to whom construction work of Four Bay is allotted, too claimed exceed amount of 17 lakh rupees. It is much regretted to learn about the practice of extravagance use of budget fund by the government of this ministry.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Dy. Speaker, let me start with the Demand of Sports & Youth Services. From answer to unstarred question of Pu Sailothanga Sailo, it is surprising to learn that the government have not yet formed particular sports policy to follow till today. Achievements made by today's Sports enthusiast youths, therefore, deserved much appreciation since it is their sole confidence that made it possible to achieve what they had achieved.

Regarding plan for construction of Rajiv Gandhi Stadium at A.R. Ground, my knowledge is very limited as I am convinced that we are now going to achieve a qualified stadium very soon. We see in local news papers that the hon'ble

Chief Minister have already made negotiation with Assam Rifles' D.G at New Delhi. If so, is there any other objection to carry out the project? The hon'ble Chief Minister may explain it in detail including expected time for evacuation of the said place by the Assam Rifle.

Pu Speaker, it is further pointed out that the 12th Finance Commission sanctioned 25 crore rupees for the project. If so, the concerned authority should have floated the tender long before hand so that the sanction does not lapse as we are now standing at the end of this financial year. What is the reason for the delay of the said tender ? Besides, Pu Speaker, it is further pointed out that few crores from that sanction had already been spent for architectural design. How could such a huge amount be spent even before the work is started ? I, therefore, request the hon'ble Chief Minister to explain in detail expenditure from that sanction.

Pu Speaker, I must say that it is the impression of the people that a qualified stadium will soon be achieved as the government seems to make intensive effort to that concern. Yet, it is sad to learn that this will not be achieved as expected since tender had been floated only for 1 and 2 portions out of 16 sectors. It may, therefore, be wise for the concerned authority to inform the people of the exact condition otherwise the people will lose confident in the government. The hon'ble Chief Minister may later give the detail report and how to proceed with this plan. Hence, the government should determine immediate solution to the problem so that the sanction is utilized before it lapse.

Coming now to Planning, I would like to mention that it is the duty of Chairman or Vice Chairman to make appropriate examination of each and every plan submitted by the departments. During this 10 years term of MNF Ministry, plan for improvement of bridges have never come to my notice despite poor conditions of bridges such as Tuirini, Tut, Tuichang, Tuivawl and Tuirial. Hence, it is necessary for the concerned authority to determine immediate preparation for such major scheme and submit them to Planning eventually.

As of Power & Electricity, during 36 years since Mizoram attained UT, the total power production happened to be 12 mega watts. It means that 1 mega watt only is produced in every three years. Here, production from Bairabi Hydel Project is not included as it is hardly reliable even though the inaugural function was extra-ordinary.

Moreover Pu Speaker, I do not think it is enough to make verbal assurance to the people that cargo facilities will be achieved so as to pave ways for marketing of local agricultural products. In this relation, failure of the government to determine marketing for fish production within Mizoram indicates inefficiency of the government in financial planning. Likewise, assurance made by leader of the House had not been achieved due to in efficiency of the gov't. in financial management.

As of the problem with implementation, it is necessary for the government to give importance to achieve proper planning system. Pu Speaker, we have Quality Control Division and active PAC with number of reports. Yet, only few are implemented and the rest ended in wastepaper basket. In this regard, I want to mention that too much involvement of a particular party in the committee degrades work quality which further caused problems in the system of implementation. For example, IWDP selection committee of Ratu constituency selected 80 beneficiaries from which some were deleted by the concerned MNF Group to make replacement with the names of their personal favourites. Pu Speaker, that kind of conducts often hamper development of certain areas as it gives rise to the practice of polarization.

In this connection, it is important for the member to be aware of our responsible for creating favourable relationship between certain neighborhoods as a result of political rivalry. The main reason for all these could be due to prevalent of partiality and it can only be erased if the system of implementation is improved by the members.

Last but not the least, Finance Department. On behalf of Legislature Party, a member from Khawzawl constituency once moved in the House Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Bill which had been prepared on the basis of the system introduced in the Parliament. Unfortunately, it was rejected by the House. However, we are compelled to pass the same since it is necessary for reducing our budget outstanding, yet, it does not make any difference as our budgeting system remains the same. Unless and until the system applied in the Parliament such as Medium Term Fiscal Policy, Fiscal Policy Strategic Statement and Macro-Economic Frame is introduced, no improvement will be made. I, therefore, suggest introduction of the said system in our fiscal policy.

Thank you.

PU H. LALSANGZUALA : Pu Speaker, let me start with the demand No. 1 - Legislative Assembly. I want to extend my appreciation to the hon'ble Speaker, hon'ble Dy. Speaker, Secretary and his staff for their loyal service to the government particularly towards members of the opposition. The department, therefore, deserves special attention of the concerned authority in turn. It may be much appreciated if their demands for improvement of the Legislative Assembly Secretariat is fulfilled.

Secondly, Sports & Youth Services Demand No. 22. It is learnt that interest of our youths today are very high in the field of sports and as a result, their performances in various disciplines at the state as well as national level is quite remarkable. In fact, it is much necessary for the concerned authority to consider increase of budget allotment to Sports & Youth department as there was an incident

in the department that a young man from Chhinga Veng who was being selected to represent the national level competition at Malayasia could not proceed due to financial problem and it is regretful that he had missed the greatest opportunity for his career and for the state, it was a disgrace for the state.

Regarding construction of stadium, it is learnt that there had been so much accusations between various political parties. In this regard, I opine it is important for us to keep aside such accusations but to make positive approach for the achievement as the need is genuine and urgent. In this connection, I happened to meet President - Pratibha Patil during my visit to New Delhi and shared our need for sports stadium while submitting a memorandum to that concern. I was much delighted to receive a warm welcome of the President as she further stated her willingness to support us on that matter.

As for the site of stadium, I do support the idea of selecting Brigade Field, Bawngkawn or Mualpui area if there is a problem to do so at A.R. ground so as not to supplement the existing traffic problems. It is, therefore, just a waste of time to debate on this matter but to take immediate decision to select other convenient places.

Coming now to Demand No. 21 of PWD, I would like to extend my appreciation to the steps taken by the department particularly in my constituency as road construction of Phase I and Phase II is now being taken up. In this connection Pu Speaker, I want to inform the House that some portions of completed works destroyed by land-slip remains un-attended till today despite agreement for its maintenance signed by the concerned contractor while work tender was applied. I, therefore, earnestly request the hon'ble Chief Minister to look into the matter. It is regretting that most of the contract works are being favoured to party workers who are intending to save larger portion of the fund allotted for the work and it is difficult to expect favourable result of work.

One thing I would also like to point out is relating to kidnapping at Suangpuilawn back in 2003. We all seem to be aware of the fact that everyone including various NGOs were shocked as no finding had yet been made in that regard. Hence, I would like to question the government here in this august House whether the concerned authority arrested the miscreants since RTI had already been introduced to help the investigation ? If RTI is used for that purpose, whether the government pursue the reports made by RTI and how to deal with the on-going case ? Pu Speaker, in order to make Mizoram a peaceful state, I opine it is necessary for the government to make strong effort in solving any criminal case.

In this connection, we witnessed unfavourable incident last night as an unidentified person blasted explosive bomb near Remna Run which threatened the life of Aizawl city. This incident indicates failure of the government in keeping peace and security in our state and the hon'ble Chief Minister too must not hesitate to step down from power if solution cannot be found to that effect. Thank you.

PU H. VANLALTHALIANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Let me start with the Demand No.22 - Sports & Youth Services Department. I must say that the department in determining the welfare of youths takes various steps through Sports Council such as construction of playground in every districts which is much appreciated. Not only this Pu Speaker, we now have Youth Commission Bill being introduced in this House, thanks to the efforts of our leaders and the concerned officials. It is, therefore, wise for each of the member to support passing of this Bill.

Speaking of Sports and Youth Department, I want to mention about Sports Organiser of Saiha, Chhimtuipui District moved out of Saiha after his promotion to Sports Officer and the vacated post now remains unoccupied. It may be appreciated if the said is filled with immediate effect.

Next, I would like to mention about plan for construction of stadium at A.R. ground. Some members expressed their opinion on selection of alternate places for the said stadium and it may be true to a certain extent. Yet, majority of the people accepted A.R. ground as the one and only place for it. It is, therefore, important for the concerned authority to consider the desire of the majority.

Coming now to Demand No. 28 i.e. Labour & Employment Department. I opine the department is one of the most disregarded departments by the government despite its importance in shaping careers of many people. It is sad that the department keeps on running without adequate support from the government much to hurt the feelings of not only members of the opposition but also of ruling party. Matters concerning improvement of this department had always been a popular topic in every session. It is much important for the concerned minister and the government to give priority to improve the department.

In regard to the demand of Tourism department i.e. No. 43, only few years passed since its bifurcation, the department takes number of steps in various parts of Mizoram. Establishment of Tourists Lodges and Wayside Restaurant particularly at the southern part is greatly benefited by travelers. Yet, rent for accommodation may be reduced considering economic condition of our state as a whole. It is necessary for the government to give the best attention towards maintenance of the said infrastructure in order to eke out regular income for the state.

Next, the demand of Legislative Assembly. Obviously due to the fact that the department is not disturbed by the problem of posting & transfer that brings its officers and staff to be the most efficient employees among all other departments in Mizoram. Yet, it is learnt that the department have its own problem of inadequacy of staff particularly Committee Officer. I opine it is necessary to create more posts as demanded in order to maintain each of the committee in the department more effectively.

Coming now to Planning & Programme Implementation, it is appreciating for the members as we are now having MLA LAD and for the start, a provision of 5 crore rupees is sanctioned for this year which may be increased to 10 crores by next year and 15 crores the following year. Obviously this provision is the most impartial decision taken up by this government for which I have to extend my thanks to the hon'ble Chief Minister.

Regarding Demand No. 33 - Power & Electricity, I must say that my constituency and Chawngte are having the highest number of un-electrified villages as such, it will be interesting if the hon'ble Chief Minister later, in his wind up speech explain the programme of RGGVY.

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Before calling other members, let me inform the members that this House does not admit any question relating to officers and staff of the Legislative Assembly. We have already submitted the demands of the Legislative Assembly to the concerned authority and we are now waiting for a positive outcome.

Now, let me call upon Pu R. Lalzirliana to have his speech.

R. LALZIRLIANA : Thank you Pu Speaker. To begin my point, let me start with matter concerning Power & Electricity Department. Pu Hmingdailova of Saitual is caught by electric current while felling trees and unfortunately his limbs had to be cut-off. It may be appreciated if compensation is given for his medical expenses. In the same manner, 5 years old boy from my constituency who is caught by electric transformer while playing is now in a critical condition. We will be grateful if some sort of relief is given as his family are financially poor to provide his medical needs.

In this connection, the department of P&E had felled down number of teak plants without permission of the owner while clearing 132 KV line to Thingsul, Seling and Keifang. Approach had been made to the department to provide compensation as estimated value of those felled trees is not less to be ignored. It may be pleasing if the concerned authority consider compensation as demanded.

Coming now to the demand of PWD, I have to state that with the approaching of Mautam famine, it is necessary for the department to see that our roads are in good condition in order to maintain regular supply of food in every corners. In doing so, it is necessary to make diversion of road linking Keifang quarry as this portion causes blockage of communication periodically. It may be appreciated if immediate action is taken in that regard.

Next, work-charge employees under technical departments, while approaching the hon'ble Chief Minister for regularization of their service are delighted to receive positive responses, but no result is yet to be seen till today. If the government is able to resolve the problem of provincialisation of certain schools and colleges, I find no reason for the concerned authority to delay regularization of the service of the said work-charge employees as assurance is given by the hon'ble Chief Minister to consider the two matters at the same time.

Regarding the demand of Statistic Department, I do not think it is necessary to reiterate the importance of this department, yet it is important for the government to determine its improvement. Here, I have to point out that even though the post of Sub-Inspector is a graduate entry post, its status is now lower than that of Sub-Inspector in other departments. It is, therefore, important for the concerned authority to determine its improvement and their pay be increased at the level of Sub-Inspector of other departments. Likewise, qualification required for the post of Machine-man is HSLC as in other departments but it had a lower status. Since fixation of pay to that effect is of commitment of a serious error, I earnestly request the concerned minister to consider this problem of inequality with the said posts of the same level.

Regarding plan for construction of stadium, I think it is necessary to inform this House the exact situation. As far as my knowledge is concerned, Shri Paramjit Singh, Director General of Assam Rifle already informed Pu Haukhum Hauzel, Chief Secretary on 18.12.2007 that evacuation of the Assam Rifle is not possible in the present situation as there is no alternative places for them. But C.E (Building Division) deliberately floated tender for the said project which obviously is inappropriate and an Adviser to C.M should know that it is against the rules to float the said tender whereas the problem for the location remains unresolved. Press Release from Hnam Run stated that negotiation with the Assam Rifle had already been obtained. It is ridiculous to learn that leader of the Assam Rifle make a statement that it was not true.

Pu Speaker, it is unfortunate to learn that explosion occurred near Hnam Run last night. It will be appreciating if the concerned authority instantly takes action so that the miscreant is caught on time. Thank you.

PU R. KHAWPUITHANGA : Thank you Pu Speaker. Let me start my speech with Demand No 48 - Tourism Department. As Mizoram is moving towards progress, Tourism department is making number of achievements like setting up tourists attraction in various places, wayside restaurants and lodges. In this regard, I opine it is also important for the department to set up more tourists attraction in the outskirts of Aizawl so that the visiting tourists can observe the view of our city and the surrounding areas. It is appreciated that revenue collected by the department within this financial year amounts to Rs. 84 lakh.

Coming now to Sports & Youths Department, various members have pointed out about plan for construction of sports stadium but it is regretted that there are members who stand against this plan and for this reason the process cannot be taken up in full swing. I strongly hope this can be achieved if every party have common opinion on it. Even if problem arises on the way, our leaders are efficient enough to resolve it. It is, therefore, important for each of us to give our support to the decision of the government in regard to construction of sports stadium.

Besides Pu Speaker, considering the interest of today youths, we are in need of more grounds for practice for which the concerned authority may give thought to it. Particularly in my constituency, we are not having appropriate playground. It will be much much pleasing if the government determined construction of the said within my constituency.

Regarding Labour & Employment Department, I have to point out that the department established training centre at Lunglei and Saiha besides Aizawl and are being maintained effectively. Since they are job-oriented training institutes, 851 trainees have now got suitable jobs thanks to the efforts of our leaders.

Coming now to the demands of Power & Electricity Department, I have to state that since the previous ministries, the government gives priority to the problem of power supply for which various projects are being taken up. This ministry in the same manner, gives priority to that effect and 35.47 megawatts had already been achieved from the existing installed capacity of Serlui Hydel Project in which power requirement during peak hour happened to be 60 to 65 megawatts and 30 to 35 megawatts during off-period. It indicates that the government is progressing to a certain extent.

Regarding PWD, considering work load of the department in the previous years, the existing work load is considerably high, thanks to the efforts of our leaders and the concerned officials. As known to us all, most of the provisions are of centrally sponsored scheme and their concern for us is very much appreciated.

Hence Pu Speaker, I strongly hope our demand are unanimously passed by the House.

Thank you.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, let me start with the demand of Legislative Assembly, the department demanded creation of more posts of Committee Officers.

Considering work-load of various committees in the department, I opine it is important for the concerned authority to fulfill the demand. In addition, it may also be important to create the post of Additional Secretary to maintain various committees in the department more effectively.

Next, Demand No. 22 - Sports & Youths Department, let me point out that the government established Sports Complex at Electric Veng, Lunglei for which land had already been acquired. Pu Speaker, the problem is that the work is now being stopped. Is it because payment had not been made for purchase of the selected land? It will be pleasing if the concerned Minister clarify the situation.

Regarding the demands of Labour & Employment Department, it is learnt that instructors of ITI at Aizawl, Lunglei and Saiha are having problem of drawing their pay in due time. It will be important for the concerned authority to consider their case with immediate effect.

In this connection, I opine the department is not receiving enough attention of the government despite its achievement in promoting the status of Mizoram at no. 1 position in literacy rate. During my visit to Kolkata, I met the concerned minister for Employment to discuss matters relating to employment opportunity for the youths today. The minister pointed out that the government of West Bengal set up Search Committee which concerns employment registration, searching vacancy of posts and determining national and international linkage with the same type of organizations inside and abroad. Hence, I opine it is important for our government too to follow the same system so as to alleviate unemployment problem in Mizoram.

Coming now to Demand No. 14 i.e. Planning and Programme Implementation Department, as known to us all, one of the major programmes of the government of Mizoram is Micro-economic framework and the main problem with it

is lack of economic sustainability by the state government. Out of the three sectors pointed out in the budget paper, it may not be necessary to emphasize on government servant sector as it is the best contribute sector. Hence, Planning and Programme Implementation mainly emphasised on the necessity of taking care of agriculture & alliance and labour & employment sector. Obviously, planning is initiated from the reports collected from the departments. It is, therefore, necessary for the government to consider changing the pattern of our planning system and the condition of contributing sector.

Besides, Pu Speaker, it is important for the government to establish co-ordination of Agriculture Allied Department such as Agriculture, Veterinary, Soil & Water Conservation Department, Fisheries and Sericulture with appropriate framework so as to achieve economic sustainability and this may be initiated from Planning & Programme Implementation.

In regard to Demand No. 39 - Power & Electricity Department, it is obvious from the speech made by various members that the existing system of maintenance of the department is not satisfactory and therefore, necessary for the concerned authority to give more efforts for its upgradation.

During my ministership in a coalition government of MPC and MNF, I was favoured with maintenance of Power & Electric Department and various questions were being raised from the opposition bench that concerned with projects for power production. In the meantime, there was a determination to revise an abandoned project of Serlui 'B' Hydel project. Since it is inappropriate to produce the previous project report to the central authority, our engineers had even taken up an overhauling study of the detail project and then found out dependability percentage of 9 megawatts which needs to be raised at 12. Since then, the said project somehow is running till today.

Not only this, plan had been made to introduce the system of PPP and transition lines for Bawktlang and Melriat Sub-station and obviously concentration is not given for completion even though seven years have already passed. In this connection, it is to be noted that unless the government achieved sufficiency in power supply, introduction of favourable policies of the government such as e-governance and other I.T Technology will not be possible. It is, therefore necessary for the government to give priority to the problem of power supply.

Thank you.

PU B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Thank you Pu Speaker. As Pu H. Lalsangzuala had pointed out his grievances over undesirable incident during the last 4 years of this ministry, I do have my own grievances as we have witnessed number of undesirable incidents such as restraining of Pu Tlanghmingthanga, the hon'ble Minister from attending his office with his vehicle being burnt-up, poisoning of a fish pond, explosions at Revenue office transformer and recently at Remna Run and no one claim their responsibility for such actions. Yet, it is obvious that such incidents are the handiwork of the same group of insurgents. Pu Speaker, certain members alleged the supporters of MNF party as being responsible for such actions and the people are losing their confidence in this government. In this regard, I dare to point out that every political parties of the opposition will not stand united against MNF unless the government is strong enough to serve the people. (SPEAKER : It may be appreciated if any speech is addressed to the Speaker). I apologise Pu Speaker. Sometimes while giving full attention to a particular subject, it is kind of hard to remember addressing your chair.

Coming now to Demand No. 22, it is sad to learn that there are certain parties who are willing to obstruct any plan for construction of stadium at A.R. Ground initiated by the government. In the present situation also, efforts have been made by certain political party to delay the work that is initiated during MNF Ministry despite co-operation from Lt. General of the Assam Rifle. It seems that they are trying to obstruct the government of this ministry by any means even by causing destabilisation of the unity of the people as a whole. It will be of a great progress if member on your left give up that mentality.

Regarding Demand No. 45 - PWD, it is necessary to point out that during this ministry alone, construction of 2,427 kms road had already been completed whereas 500.17 kms is under construction. Moreover, large number of assets had also been made during this ministry such as construction of buildings at New Capital Complex, Millenium Trade Centre, Ch. Chhunga Bus Terminal and upgradation of Durtlang road that greatly changes glimpses of Aizawl city. I, therefore, proud to mention that the government is making remarkable achievements within this ministry run by sober leaders. Not only in Aizawl, achievement of the department can be seen across the state, east and west or north and south as never seen in the previous ministries. The people too are well aware of the fact that MNF is the best considering achievements which had been made so far.

Thank you.

SPEAKER : We will now have a recess and the discussion will be resumed at 5 PM.

5:00 PM

SPEAKER : To resume our discussion, let me call upon Pu Andrew Lalherliana to have his speech .

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Thank you Pu Speaker. Let me start with matter that concerns PWD as well as Sports Department. 12th Finance Commission earmarked 25 crore rupees for construction of a stadium at A.R. ground. But the project report indicates requirement for the same as 136 crore rupees. Since the report had not been submitted, there is no reason for the concerned authority to determine its approval as it is necessary to compare the report and the amount earmarked by the concerned authority. It seems that we are having the same kind of problem with Referral Hospital. Obviously the concerned authority of the Assam Rifles is not fully agreed with giving away the site as in the present condition now for which, I supposed we should rather be happy as we still have problem with financial provision to be solved beforehand. We, therefore, have no reason to hurry with the project. In the meantime, it is important for the concerned official to prepare realistic project report corresponding to the amount earmarked and, by keeping in mind that no chance arises to include cost escalation.

If we look into the guidelines of any centrally sponsored schemes such as JNNURM and NLCPR, the 12th Finance Commission issued financial provision provided with appropriate guidelines and instruction to the state government to submit realistic detail report of the project and project sustainability. Cost escalation including year-wise rate of increase if any, should also be earmarked from the initial stage. Otherwise, it will not be achieved. It is to be noted that Turrial Hydel Project cannot be achieved due to additional number of compensation being claimed after submission of the detail. It is regretted that the government is not having vision to that concern except determination of future outstanding of the state which is 3,509 crore rupees.

Not only this Pu Speaker, we have not seen programme for Power & Electricity Department which determines mean for self sufficiency in power supply, how to create employment opportunity nor any scheme for employment generation. The government must feel the necessity to lay appropriate plan and provision for the benefit of youths of today and generations to come. As pointed out by Pu Liansuama, it is wise to make plans for setting up infrastructure by determining

self sufficiency in power supply so that the youths of today and tomorrow may make the best use of computer related technology for employment generation.

Thank you.

PU D. THANGLIANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I, first of all, want to express my appreciation to your impartial guidance of the House. We, the members are fortunate to have a God-fearing leader to lead this House. Much as well, it is pleased to have an efficient leader of the House who had given relentless efforts for the welfare of the members. Thanks to his efficient leadership, We, the members are able to benefit constituency fund, a provision which had never been given in the previous terms.

Next, Sports & Youths Department. Opposition members alleged MNF party as ignoring the welfare of youths. In this regard Pu Speaker, it is to be noted that keeping in mind of the welfare of youths, the hon'ble Chief Minister rendered relentless effort for the achievement of Youth Commission and acknowledging his effort, more than 50 graduated youths recently joined MNF party. Hence, I am proud to mention that my party is leading in paving the way for the welfare of youths and the efforts of our leaders is highly appreciated.

Coming now to Demand No. 28 - Labour & Employment Department, I have to inform the House that the people in my constituency are having problems with employment registration at Serchhip, the district capital. The concerned people from the remote areas of the district are coming to Serchhip in vain for registration due to the problem of insufficiency of staff. Hence, it will be much appreciated if the concerned authority immediately resolve the demand for more staff for this particular district.

Regarding Demand No. 43 - Tourism Department, I must say that Mizoram is blessed with number of spots to be furnished as tourist attractions. In this regard, the department of tourism deserves so much appreciation for the steps taken so far. I opine revenue collection from this department can be improved if more effort is made and the department can also be generated for resolving employment problems among the youths.

Regarding Demand No. 15, I want to inform the House that plan for placing of SDO Civil at North Vanlaiphai had not yet been achieved till today. It will be much appreciated if it is done within this financial year.

Coming now to PWD, I have many reasons to appreciate the steps taken by the department. Thanks to the efforts and concern of the government, we are now having reliable roads between Keitum-North Vanlaiphai which is 35 kms,

East Lungdar-Sailulak 15 kms, Chekawn-Vanlaiphai 20 kms and Vanlaiphai-Lungkawlh 12 kms all with black-topped. Hence, I have to extend appreciation to the department on behalf of the people of my constituency. Pu Speaker, it will also be highly appreciated if Biate-Vanlaiphai road too is improved from the provision of Asian Development Bank.

Pu Speaker, we are having 46 nos. of link-roads which need to be taken up under PMGSY. Will the works be included in the next schedule? It is also learnt that construction of Keitum-Artahkawn is planned to be taken up by the coming year for which steps taken by the government for construction of Tuichang Lei is much appreciated. Yet, it is desirable if it is done with RCC as it is an important route for trade relation with the neighbouring country Myanmar.

Lastly Pu Speaker, I would like to request each member to support passing of the demands of the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

Thank you.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Thank you Pu Speaker. I first of all would like to inform the House that due to limit of time, we hardly have chance to express our support to some portions of the demands which are agreeable and it does not mean that we do not appreciate. It is also to be noted that any suggestions which have been made are of constructive approach and not to be taken in bad sense.

Pu Speaker, it is clear without saying that candidates from Champhai and Khawbung in the last election won due to deployment of ZRA and the major party somehow managed to form the ministry with the help of defector and independent candidates. The common people knew very well that the ruling MNF party lack mandate of the people at that time. Hence, it is ridiculous to show some boastful actions towards other members here in the House.

Incident last night near Hnam Run is much regretted. Due to unavoidable circumstances, I had to leave the House before discussion was over and I was driving in the vicinity when explosion occurred and witnessed number of busy policemen in the area. Pu Speaker, I must say that I personally hate this kind of incident as I have often been threatened with explosive during my tours. It surely is of a coward action that threatens peaceful atmosphere of our state and the police should, therefore, take necessary action in time to apprehend the miscreants immediately.

Regarding the demand of Power & Electricity Department, it is regretted that various projects such as Bairabi Thermal Project, Kau-Tlabung and Tuipang Lui which had already been inaugurated hardly produce power as estimated

due to poor system of its maintenance. It is sad that the government abandoned certain projects which are expected to become valuable assets for the state. In this regard, I have to point out that approach had been made to the central authority to help resumption of certain project on which positive outcome is expected. Yet, it may be important for the state government to sacrifice itself by making some concession for continuation of the abandoned programme. Unless enough power supply is made available by the government, interests of today's youths could not be achieved.

In this connection, I would like to point out that investigation regarding Kau-Tlabung Project is now in full swing. The case is much interesting as the hon'ble Chief Minister included my name in it and he will be an witness in that case. I strongly hope the case to yield a favourable result so that self sufficiency in power supply will then be achieved.

Pu Speaker, it is regretted that PWD is not having its own manual till today. In fact, maintenance of Serchhip-Thenzawl and Thenzawl-Buarpui road cannot be carried out. Besides, the condition of Mat bridge between Thenzawl and Serchhip is now becoming considerably poor as Tuirini bridge as reported by my fellow members hardly accommodate a full-loaded truck. Report had been made to the concerned authority more than a couple of time but failed to get attention. Pu Speaker, it is doubtful that plan for construction of Four Lane National Highway from Silchar to Aizawl and even beyond Tuipang, the remote southern corner will be achieved by this government who cannot even carry out maintenance of the finished projects appropriately. It is, therefore wise for this ministry to vacate seat to other party who are truly interest in building assets for the state instead of taking personal advantage to any project.

Pu Speaker, I am afraid that explosive is repeatedly heard in protest against the practice among our ministers of construction of expensive garden-shed. It is, therefore, necessary to keep aware of such life threatening practice. I have already metioned in the House that Manipur undergrounds, discussing through cell phone on how to circulate their boxes of explosive was incidentally captured in one cell phone at Lunglei. Action was taken by the police instantly and such persons were apprehended. On asking the detail, it is learnt that such explosives were not meant to be used in Mizoram but operation is made within Mizoram since it is a safe haven for underground activities. Hence, it is of utmost important for the government to strengthen our police forces so that any such operation is curbed in time in order to maintain peace in our state.

Regarding Youth Commission, I do not understand why it is necessary to make another effort to set up whereas it is already done so previously and also read in the gazette and news papers. Why the bill is laid only today? Is it possible that the said was being set up previously without any knowledge of the necessary procedure? Anyway, I hope that the commission is maintained effectively and be utilised for the best purpose.

Thank you.

Pu SAIKAPTHIANGA : Pu Speaker, here is appoint for clarification. My predecessor alleged this ministry as being constituted with independent members and defectors. But as for me, I find no defector here in this ministry. Is there any defector among us, Pu Speaker?

PU LAL THANHAWLA : What I meant is of defector from M.P.C. Party and it does not indicate to any member from other party.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker.

PU F. LAL THANZUALA : Pu Speaker, am I a defector?

SPEAKER : You are not, as per Anti-defection Law.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Of course you are since you left the party from which you were elected.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Do you think you are safe with that fabricated law?

SPEAKER : It is not a fabrication but the original.

PU F. LAL THANZUALA : Pu Speaker, I should not be framed as a defector as I follow the constitution accordingly.

SPEAKER : You are right and you are not a defector.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Any member who left the party from which he was elected and joined other party is a defector.

PU LALDUHOMA : Mizoram is in a grave situation Pu Speaker, and the people needs another leader to save them.

SPEAKER : The truth is that when there was not any party to claim majority, Pu P.P. Thawla gave his support to MNF party to form the government which brought us to form a stable ministry till today.

Let us now close that topic and call upon the ministers to wind up their respective demands. first, Pu Z.H. Ropuia.

PU Z.H. ROPUIA : Pu Speaker, thank you Pu Speaker, MINISTER at the out set, I would like to extend my appreciation to the members who are giving their valuable thoughts for improvement of my departments. It is pleasing to learn that most of the members seem to understand problems which caused stagnation for the progress of Labour & Employment Department

Pu Speaker, there are 94 number of associations registered under this department for which setting up of Labour Wing is of utmost necessary. Yet, this cannot be achieved due to insufficiency of staff as vacant post of Labour Officer, Assistant Labour Officer and Industry Inspector Officer remain unfulfilled. It is much appreciated that the post of Labour Officer had now been filled up, thanks to the concern of our leaders and the members.

Regarding Training Wing, Industrial Training Institute is being set up in three districts such as Aizawl, Lunglei and Saiha. Efforts are made for improvement of this training wing by determining extension of Training Institute at Aizawl. Out of various trades under this training institute such as Carpentry, Motor

Vehicle Mechanic, Dress making etc, there are 851 students at present. In addition to the said trades, there are training for Electrician, Motor Vehicle Mechanic, IT, ESM and Skin-care trade under ITI Saiha. (PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, point of clarification. It is learnt that trainees under ITI have not yet received their stipend till today. Why, and how to deal with the problem?)

Regarding stipend for trainees, approach had been made to the concerned authority to expedite fund for that payment and to determine regular sanction of that fund thereafter. The file is now under processed at the cabinet committee level.

Regarding problem of conveyance for trainees under ITI, Saiha as pointed out by Pu P.P. Thawla, we have once decided to purchase one bus but could not be achieved due to the policy of Privatization of Government Vehicles for which we regret.

Pu Speaker, I would also like to point out that out of 8 posts of E.C. under Labour & Employment Department, only 2 is now being filled up and the rest are now lying vacant due to retirement and the demise of the concerned employees.

Regarding points raised by members from Tlungvel and N. Vanlaiphai constituency, it is the desire of the department to have D.E.O. in each district for which concurrence had not yet been received from higher authority in reply to approach being made and it may be pleasing if Finance and Planning department too is aware of the situation beforehand.

Regarding the post of Joint Director, I want to inform the House that the department is now functioning with its Director, Dy. Director, Employment Officers and other staff and we frequently met problems with movement of certain files due to absence of the post of Joint Director. Approach had been made to higher authority and is now under examination and a positive outcome is expected.

Coming now to projects under the department, step is now taken to upgrade our employment status at world class level under which project of Central for Excellence amounting to 3 and half crore rupees is being applied and will be aided by World Bank. The fund is meant to be utilized for Information & Technology. I hope the importance of this project may be seen in future if the House agrees to pass this bill of Youth Commission.

Secondly, Sports & Youth Services Department. This time, most of the members seemed to be concern with the welfare of youths as well as promotion of the department that indicates one of the achievements among the members. First, it is necessary to clarify the problem relating to plan for construction of a stadium at AR Ground. As a result of approach that had been made to the central authority to sanction 50 crore rupees for the project, 25 crore rupees is received.

Detail project was then prepared with 25 crore rupees by consulting some experts and various NGOs of their opinion of the site. Since 80% of sports enthusiasts prefer AR ground to other options, a committee of the Assam Rifle Ground Co-ordination with representatives from the Assam Rifle was then formed to pursue the matter. The committee then decided AR Ground for the site and Detail Project Report be prepared. Representatives from the Assam Rifle too agreed with the decision of the committee. Since no objection is there from both sides, a tender was floated on the basis of DPR. I, therefore, would like to inform the House that information as tender being floated without the knowledge of higher authority of Assam Rifle is not true.

Regarding financial provision for the project, a member from Saitual constituency questioned the House regarding the report that only 25 crores rupees as being obtained where as the amount according to DPR is 136 crores. It is to be noted that 25 crore rupees is sanctioned only for tender for Phase I and II.

Pu Speaker, I want to inform the House that at present, expenditure sanction of 98 lakh rupees is being cleared and administrative approval for 495 lakhs has already been obtained. It is, therefore, ridiculous to make fabricated point regarding tender of work just to distract the opinion of the common people.

Regarding suggestion of Mualpui or Brigade field for the site of the said stadium, it is not appropriate for the government to opt Brigade field as it is known as a controversial site and Mualpui, due to problems of traffic and communication. Besides, AR Ground is much preferable to others due to its location in the heart of the city.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, the concerned Minister claimed that a tender had been floated without the knowledge of document from D.G. If so, what is the content of that document?

PU Z.H. ROPUIA : Pu Speaker, the said document is
MINISTER addressed to the Chief Secretary and if necessary, a copy may be produced to the House.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Pu Speaker, it is learnt that out of 25 crore rupees already sanctioned, 6.25 crore rupees is diverted to Sports Department. Whether the remaining amount is sufficient for the construction?

Z.H. ROPUIA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, there is no diversion as claimed by my fellow member. As per instruction of 12th Finance Commission, no payment had yet been made from expenditure sanction except for preparation of DPR.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, this matter needs to be considered very seriously as it concerns our welfare as Mizos. If the government needs the support of every member, we are ready but they should indicate clear direction to that effect. If no possibility arises for the first option, they have to admit it so that alternative measure can be determined. It is just a waste of time to keep discussing the matter that cannot become reality. What is important for us is to determine achievement of the growing interest of the youths of today. Hence, it is wise for the concerned Minister to make courageous decision by giving firm direction to the members and we are ready to give unanimous support.

PU Z.H. ROPUIA MINISTER : It is much appreciated, Pu Speaker, we did not expect that there will be problem and involvement from any particular party to against it. We are confident that nothing is impossible as long as we are united for a common goal. In this connection, it is to be noted that we did not put any pressure on the Assam Rifle to move out of that place but they expressed their desire to do so, but not possible yet as it will take two or more years to keep the place ready for moving in. That is the detail of the problem for construction of a stadium.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, if the existing problem could be solved, my party too, fully support the plan and we only expressed our doubt of the possibility as the hon'ble Chief Minister seems to be compelled by the situation to invite co-operation of Sports Persons Administrators to put pressure on the concerned authority for immediate solution to the problem of the site. Even the Minister of Sports himself suggested yesterday to organize mass procession to pressurize the concerned authority which arouse our doubt of the possibility. So, Pu Speaker, if the problem is solved, my party is ready to give full support.

SPEAKER : Suggestion made by a member from Ratu Constituency is acceptable. If not accepted as assured, the matter deserves attention. Let the Minister continue his speech.

PU Z.H. ROPUIA : Pu Speaker, we will look into the matter as necessary. Yet, I would like to clarify the point raised by Leader of the Opposition that I did not make an appeal to NGOs to organize procession but they only expressed their concern of the problem.

Regarding performance of our youths in the field of football, there are number of players who use football as profession and by the grace of God, number of medals is won by those players at the national level tournaments. Hence, the government too increases the amount of financial assistance given to them. Moreover, in order to promote sport, the department spent Rs. 110 lakhs for purchase of sport materials and equipments and distributed to various disciplines.

In this connection, I have to inform the House that it is a problem for the department to make accurate estimate for unforeseen expenditure as it is not possible to tell whether our teams or players would reach final of the competition and whether an individual players will be selected to represent the nation. Hence, it is not possible to flash such expenditure in the budget beforehand.

Pu Speaker, it is also to be noted that there are various Games & Sports Associations which discipline does not include in Olympic but needs to be given Adhoc approval of Sports Council. It is regretted that the concerned players often failed to participate in some competitions as fund could not be provided as

demanded. I have discussed all the problems with the Hon'ble Chief Minister and Officials from Planning Department and I am glad that they had given full attention to it. I am, therefore, confident that budget allotment of the department too will be increased as necessary.

Coming now to Youths Services, the department is willing to give attention to the movement of Scouts & Guides intensively keeping in mind the need to instill sincerity, honesty and selflessness in the minds of the youths as our previous leaders and parents did who were devoted to Scouts & Guides movements. Thanks to the efforts of officers and staff of the department, the department received award for most progressing number of enlisted members in Scouts & Guides.

In the same manner, attention is given to promote Association's activities in Youths' Hostel by organizing trekking programme for which 480 members from outside came to Mizoram to participate. The programme is considerably successful as outsiders witnessed the beauty and peaceful atmosphere of our state which further happened to be a kind of exposure for tourism.

Moreover, Pu Speaker, effort had also been made for the progress of NCC which comprises Boys Cadet, Girls Cadet and Navy Wing now being set up. Presently, there is a plan to set up Air Wing for which Hangar is now under construction by PWD at Lengpui so that youths who are interested in pilot may get pre-training lesson from it.

Regarding setting up of Youth Commission, it is true that we have initiated the matter blindly as the same is not found in any other states. Report had already been submitted to the central authority but no action has yet been taken obviously due to the unavailability of a model state with this kind of Commission.

PU ZODINTLUANGA : Pu Speaker, the Minister dare not to stand by the statement he made earlier in 2006 as the same is also being set up in the central.

PU Z.H. ROPUIA : Pu Speaker, what I have stated at that time was of setting up Study Group in the Central but not of Youths Commission.
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PU ZODINTLUANGA : Pu Speaker, as recorded in the proceeding, the Minister clearly stated that Central Government set up Youth Commission. We may accept the record as incorrect then.

SPEAKER : The office too could have made some errors and so does the Minister. It may be wise to accept the latest report from the Minister.

PU Z.H. ROPUIA : Pu Speaker, I would also like to mention
MINISTER that the department set up State Sports Academy at Thenzawl and after learning the progress of this Academy, Sports Council of India offers its interest to take over the maintenance and was accepted. In pursuance of its maintenance, plan for laying Astro-turf on the ground was taken up for which tender for boulder laying work was floated in the central and then allotted to one contractor from Nagaland whose address could not be located till date. As of Astro-turf material, it had already been procured and ready for use as soon as boulder is laid. Here, Coaching Wing had also been set up which is greatly helpful in coaching of the concerned disciplines across the state.

Besides, step had also been taken for establishment of Football Academy at Kolasib and Boys Hockey Academy at Kawnpui. As of provision of scholarship, I am proud to mention that it had already been given to 162 trainees during this ministry only. The same provision given out since 2001 amounts to Rs. 40,83,000/-.

Still, there are many points to mention but have to stop due to limit of time.

Thank you.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, only one more question
before leaving. It is learnt that Pu Lalhmuaka have not yet fully received payment for the land he had sold for Sports Complex, Lunglei. Is it true?

PU ZODINTLUANGA : Pu Speaker, the hon'ble Minister pointed out that provision for rubberizing tennis court had already been obtained in 2006. If so, it may be pleasing if he assure this House once again that this will be achieved as no step is taken till today even though assurance had once been given in the previous session. Besides, no reaction is made by the Minister for the point relating to Khatla Sports Complex in which not less than 73 lakhs rupees is spent. Will it be abandoned? If not, how to deal with the matter? And lastly, the Minister may clarify whether plan for construction of Ramhlun Indoor Stadium be abandoned?

PU Z.H. ROPUIA : Pu Speaker, as this Ministry started, MINISTER the government made an approach to the central for Sports Complex and approval was obtained on condition that 25% is matching share of the state. Detail condition and instruction was then obtained to utilize 50% of the provision which will be released immediately. But due to the decision of the central government to put every states in a concurrent list, any project which had already been approved were cancelled. Even though pressure had been put to the central authority to determine alternative means, no favourable outcome had yet been received. It is regretted that the aforesaid projects too are all included in that mess. Yet, the matter had now been processed under Internal Finance Development for technical clearance.

Due to the same problem, unpaid balance for purchase of site for LDSC too is being delayed and it may be given as soon as the problem is cleared. Regarding rubberizing Tennis Court, financial sanction had been delayed due to misunderstanding of deduction of 5% of the provision. Yet, action is now being taken for immediate release of that fund.

Problem relating to the project for construction of Khatla Sports Complex, detail project cannot be given now as it is direct funding from NEC with a separate committee and if necessary, it may be given to the member later on.

Regarding the question of Sports Organiser raised by a member from Lawngtlai Constituency, Pu C. Ropianga, Lunglei District Sports & Youths Officer is Grade-1 coach and he is only a designated Sports Organiser as there is no post for it. Question from member of Saiha Constituency we have now prepared to open District Sports Office at Saiha as it is already approved by the Cabinet. Since the site could not accommodate enough space for hostel and gym, we have purchased another site in which the said is being prepared for immediate inauguration.

As known to us all, Pu Speaker, there are number of sport persons who had made achievement in their respective disciplines who truly deserved

credits. In this connection, I would like to express my appreciation to Home Department for providing employment opportunity to such promising sport persons, a good number of them were accommodated in police services. It does not only give incentive to our youths but also plays effective role in social reforms as rate of drug abuse in Mizoram is decreasing remarkably which is the result of the efforts made by the members and the concerned departments.

Pu Speaker, a remarkable achievement had also been made in Tourism with Tourist Lodge inaugurated at Sakawrdai on 8.6.2007, at Chawngte on 6.12.2007, at Kanhmun on 8.12.2007, at Zokhawthar on 15.2.2008 and at Saichho on 17.3.2008. Besides, Tourist Resort at Hmuifang inaugurated on 14.3.2008 and picnic cottage at Sairang soon to be inaugurated. Provision received for construction of Southern Tourist Circuit Phase-II amounting to Rs. 706, 670/- lakh and tender now is being processed by PWD. Again, provision amounting to Rs. 472,07,000, had also been obtained for development of Tourist Destination at Sakawrdai, Darlawn, Khanpui and Thingsulthliah and estimate for which is under processed and its tender is soon to be floated.

Pu Speaker, I would also like to inform the House that we have received 162 nos. of tourists from abroad and 47,149 nos. of domestic tourists during last year. To improve reception quality of Tourism, the department used to send persons to Guwahati to undergo training in Hotel Management and Food Caterings at a regular interval. But with the efforts of our leaders and official concerns, central approval is obtained for setting up of Training Institute in Mizoram for which DPR is submitted. As a result, Rs. 8 crore is sanctioned for building up the infrastructures and Rs. 2 crore for procurement of the equipments. Presently, PWD is taking up surveying work in various places and approval had already been obtained.

One of the most remarkable achievements of the government is establishment of Tourism Board and Tourism Agency to resolve any problems of the department for which Regulations and Rules is now being prepared.

Not only this Mr. Speaker Sir, the department organized Anthurium Festival and Bamboo Festival every year with a plan to expose our talents as well as culture and tradition of the Mizos to the out side world. Besides, the department decided to organize celebration of 'Thalfavang Kut' in one particular district and it was started at Lawngtlai District.

Regarding the opinion to privatize celebration of 'Thalfavang Kut', we may not afford to do so in the present situation, yet plan is going on by tying up with Tourism Agency and Tour Operator so as to generate employment opportunity. Last year, the department collected revenues from the said sources amounting to Rs. 60,95,500/- after deducting all expenditures.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, obviously no approach had been made regarding privatization opportunity even though financial aids could be availed by private from NEC for construction of picnic spot. It may be wise for the government to determine privatization of the said so as to create competition side by side.

PU Z.H. ROPUIA : Pu Speaker, suggestion made by MINISTER Pu Lalduhoma is much appreciated as work out plan for the same had been prepared following the instruction of the hon'ble Chief Minister for which 148 persons are being employed on M.R. basis to work out that plan.

PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO : Pu Speaker, whether Tourist Lodge had also been constructed at Khamrang ? If so, when will it be completed?

PU Z.H. ROPUIA : Pu Speaker, regarding construction of MINISTER Tourist Lodge at Khamrang, there is a problem due to lack of provision for water connection. Yet, there is a plan to continue from remaining provisions of other sources and it will soon be inaugurated.

So, Pu Speaker, I, now beg leave of the House to pass Rs. 12,58,55,000/- in respect of Demand No. 22 - Sports & Youth Services Department, Rs. 3,89,24,000/-, Demand No. 28 - Labour & Employment and Rs. 4,34,65,000/-, Demand No. 43 - Tourism Department, totally Rs. 20,82,24,000/-

SPEAKER : The Minister had now begged leave of the House to pass the demand of his departments such as Demand No.22 – Sports & Youth Services amounting to Rs. 12,58,55,000/-, Demand No. 28 - Labour & Employment Department amounting to Rs. 3,89,24,000/- and Demand No. 43 - Tourism Department amounting to Rs. 4,34,65,000/- totally Rs. 20,82,24,000/-. The member who agree to pass may say, 'Yes' and those who don't may say 'No'. (The Members : 'Yes') The House unanimously passed the demands.

Lastly, let me call upon the hon'ble Chief Minister to wind up his demands and then beg leave of the House to pass them.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. It is pleasing
CHIEF MINISTER that we are now in the last portion of our Budget discussion even though it is not possible to react to each and every points made by the members due to limit of time. Yet, we will try our best to follow suggestions made by the members.

Keeping in mind of the necessity to improve the status of our Legislature, members have pointed out suggestions and various problems faced by the Legislative Assembly. I do support the idea of solving the problem of shortage of staff in the department for which the government too, determines to take step as necessary.

Secondly, most of the members are aware of the fact that their pay and the pay of the ministers are not excessively high as the highest pay i.e. the Chief Minister is drawing less than Rs.30,000/- p.m. which is not equivalent to the pay of Deputy Secretary. It is, therefore, important for the members to let the people know the truth about it so as to evade misconception. Even pay of MP is raised with the coming of Sixth Pay Commission but keeping in mind of the economic condition of our state, it is not wise for us to demand increase with the same margin.

As already stated in my wind up speech of the general discussion, our financial condition is improving along with the central and what is important now is to improve our system of financial management. As known to us all, financial outstanding of the state is increasing with the increase of development fund for the state as we are necessitated to avail loan from some sources. As of the condition of financial outstanding, it is to be noted that most of the states, big or small have its own financial outstanding. In reply to the question of the total amount of liability of our government, according to our assessment, the amount happened to be Rs. 2,900 crore approximately and the same as assessed by RBI up to February is amounting to Rs. 3,000 crore.

In the mean time, I want to thank the legislators, officers and staffs of the government of Mizoram for rendering their effort to improve the revenue of our government as we are now able to go without any deficit. As a result of the efforts of the government and the concerned officials, pay anomaly for government servants of Group A, B, C, D is completed. The outcome may not be hundred percent perfect yet the work is in progress for some portions which may need re-examination of an expert committee. The situation will again be improved as soon as Sixth Pay Commission is implemented.

Regarding point raised by our fellow member stating that Budget Provision for Mara District Council as comparatively less. Here, it is to be noted that the amount is determined on the basis of population from now.

Coming now to Power & Electricity, it is true that sufficiency in power supply had not yet been achieved even though potential effort is given. But as already pointed out, the cost for power generation in Mizoram is excessively high due to cost of transportation of machineries. Likewise, generation of Hydel Project is having the same problem. However, the condition is improving with the effort of the concerned department whereas 12 megawatts of Serlui B and Maicham Phase II is due to commission during this calendar year. Besides, project for 7 No. Mini-Hydel is being submitted and a positive outcome is expected.

As of expenditure for purchase of Power Supply, 70 to 80 crore rupees is spent every year out of which payment from consumers is barely 2 crore rupees. Regarding introduction of Aerial Cable Ban System, instruction had been given to the concerned department since the last 3 or 4 years to search for rubberized wire. At last, the company concerned with production of the said material is located and approach had now been made.

Regarding the problem with construction of Tuivai Hydel Project, there is an intention to introduce PPP system for which our application of viable gap funding system is being approved in principle. Being the first to apply the system, it is not possible for the concerned officials to take immediate step as there are certain matters to resolve first and negotiation is now in progress and a positive outcome is expected.

LALDUHAWMA : Mr. Speaker, these are rare precious opportunities for the opposition MLA's. We have waited eagerly for the implementation of the RGGVY for quite a while now. Several villages in the Ratu constituency have been electrified while the electrification of some villages was rescinded because they happen to be within areas of insurgency. Therefore, when we heard that rural areas will be electrified through the RGGVY programme, I implore the authorities to give us priority and if the House Leader could reassure me, I would be very grateful.

I would also like to know how much megawatt should be purchased every month now that the Tuivai Project had been renewed. As it appears, you think that it would not be erroneous to commit yourself to buy 1 unit for Rs. 3 but we have to be careful so as to avoid making the wrong decision in the future.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Mr. Speaker, the electric accident mentioned by the Saitual MLA appears to be the fault of the government. If such is the case, can the give with compensations and other necessary assistance?

During our ministry, the state had authority over 3 megawatt, which was increased to 5 megawatt. I want to know how much megawatt is under the state authority at present.

PU ZORAMTHANGA,
CHIEF MINISTER : Well, the amount depends on the guidelines of the MMES and presently we have authority up to 25 megawatt, Mr. Speaker. Unfortunately, there are no provisions to extend assistance to the victim of the electric accident but I would like to assure the Opposition Leader that we will look into it.

Regarding Mr. Lalduhawma's request, when the RGGVY is implemented you will be among the first areas to be electrified. Regarding NEEPCO Tuirial, we consider it safe to commit Rs. 3 for 1 unit. We are trying our best to have the Tuirial dam built but we have refused their proposal to sacrifice the 12 per cent and we have informed them of our decision as well.

LALDUHAWMA : One more thing, Mr. Speaker. I understand that the 12 per cent promised to us is only about 8 megawatt. If such is the case, why are we so eager to have the dam build? Why don't we abandon the project and propose a fresh project which would be more profitable for the state?

K. LALRINLIANA : Mr. Speaker, supposing we find deposit reserves of gas at Hortoki, can we use them to generate power?

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER : Yes, 12 per cent is hardly sufficient. It would be foolish not to levy some sort of fee as all the other states have done the same. It is certain that we will not have any problem in regard to marketing as the demand for power is constantly on the rise.

In the meantime, we are looking for exploration sites and dam sites which will not create too many problems in relation to compensations and other complications. We have allocated only a small amount of fund for the Power Department because the department goes hand in hand much of the time and a separate fund is usually allocated from the central for special projects.

The fund allocated for the PWD might also appear to be less than the previous year but the simple reason is that several projects which inflated their previous budget had been completed. In reality, their budget for the construction of bridges and roads had increased by as much as 500 lakhs this year.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Mr. Speaker, it is rumoured that the hon'ble member, Khawpuithanga collects 3 per cent from every contract given. If the contribution could be collected at the end of the project rather than at the beginning, I am sure the contractors will have less issues.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER : As you are all aware, we collect contributions for the construction and maintenance of the Martyr Cemetery. The percentage differs in relation to the size of the contract.

PU P.P. THAWLA : Mr. Speaker, why is the condition of the road to Tuipang worse than other roads? Is there any solution?

PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO : Mr. Speaker, how did the negotiation with the ONGC regarding the Hortoki road development?

PU ZORAMTHANGA,
CHIEF MINISTER : Mr. Speaker, the ONGC offered to provide the necessary fund and we have decided to widen the road between Kawnpui and Hortoki instead of Bairabi/Pangbal to Hortoki.

PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO : That may be true Mr. Speaker, but the local residents wished that the road would be constructed via Bairabi although it might cost a little bit more.

PU ZORAMTHANGA,
CHIEF MINISTER : That is what we thought at first but the construction of the bridge would certainly tax our fund. However, since the ONGC is going to take care of the funding, it is also possible that the road would be constructed via Bairabi. The first priority would be the construction of the road as quickly as possible.

We expect to complete the road construction of Serkawn-Tuipang by the onset of this winter season.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker, I heard that the BRO took up 'formation cutting' easily enough but they are having problem with the rest of the work. Can you clarify what you mean by - looking for constructors at the central.

PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO : Mr. Speaker, I would like to know if the Serkhan – Bagha road could be included in this project.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER : We are doing our best to measure the road you mentioned, but we are facing problems due to the unfinished work done by BRTF. Now that the PWD had taken over responsibility, we will try our best to improve the road condition.

PU ZODINTLUANGA : Mr. Speaker, we talked briefly about 2 per cent VAT this morning. The taxation department seems to be confused because after the contractors have already received certification from the dealers they are required to go through the taxation department all over again. Is there any way to solve this issue from the side of the PWD?

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER : I will discuss this with the departments of taxation and PWD and we will look for a solution. In regard to the BRO, it is true that after the first Phase they disengaged themselves from the maintenance but we will try to improve this condition. Pertaining to the matter of quarries, we have decided to disallow giving permits unless it is completely unavoidable.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker, the quarry mentioned had been operated for too long. Even if the operation is stopped today, the rock formation will be unstable for at least 10 years.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER : We have discussed that point as well. Whether it is the Tlungvel or Keifang quarry, we will examine it.

- PU R. LALZIRLIANA : A sanction was already made for Tlungvel quarry before the by-election yet no work had been done so far. Does the MLA have anything to say about this?
- PU ZORAMTHANGA,
CHIEF MINISTER : Work had been initiated. In any case, we feel that the Tlungvel quarry should no longer be operated.
- PU LALDUHAWMA : Mr. Speaker, contracts are sold for 25 per cent while 2 per cent had to be paid for VAT and another 3 per cent for the MNF fund. I personally feel that this is a source of corruption because the actual contractor would have to pay around 30 per cent before any work is done. Normally, the contractor will try to amass a profit of 20 per cent which leads to inferior finished work. Would not it be better if we let the BRO do the work instead?
- PU ZORAMTHANGA,
CHIEF MINISTER : Even if we try to give them work the BRO will no longer take it. They are on the verge of withdrawing. It is indeed sad that contracts are sold for certain percentages. The most important thing should be the quality of the work.
- PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO : Mr. Speaker, we should not favour those who are going to sell their contracts anyway. They are the reason that the quality of the work had suffered.
- PU ZORAMTHANGA,
CHIEF MINISTER : Mr. Speaker, I would like to delve in the matter regarding GAD, if you will allow me. The hon'ble Member from Hnahthial mentioned the request to make Hnahthial District and he is completely right. However, I merely said that if it is the collective wish of Hnahthial and the areas around it, it would not be that much of

a problem for the government to make Hnahthial a district. In the meantime, it would be impossible to create a district from a single constituency and the villages from the area could not appear to make a compromise.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : I would like a clarification on that point, Mr. Speaker. Are you really committed to creating a district with Hnahthial as the headquarter? You have assured Khawzawl that it would be the district headquarter and I am sure you will fulfill your promise.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER : The first thing you must understand is that the people must agree to the creation of a new district headquarter. The population must also be big enough and as I keep telling the committee, you have to play your part first of all.

Coming back to GAD, we have constructed a new Mizoram House at Shillong along with quarters which will be completed shortly. The government of West Bengal had fortunately allowed us to buy a plot of land near the TATA cancer hospital at Kolkata, the price of which will be paid in installments.

We have also tendered a plot of land in the VIP area of Chanakyapuri in New Delhi but we had to re-tender it as the price was too steep. I have discussed the rumour surrounding Mizoram State Information Commission with the Governor and we have decided to try our best to make it an efficient department. We have also created a new IT department and efforts are made to enable it to function as soon as possible.

In regard to medical reimbursement, we already have Rs. 50 crores under the plan fund and the officials have recommended to us to accept the lowest and most suitable offer. It would be the first of its kind in Mizoram and it will be practiced from the month of April.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : I am very happy to hear all that Mr. Speaker, but till 2 pm yesterday, there was no file under process at the ADB vision of the Ministry of Finance.

It means that the 50 crores of rupees we will allocate for the scheme will be taken from the loan of Rs. 150 million we are going to borrow from the Public Resources

and Development Programme and the scheme is only at the proposal stage. It is still uncertain if we will successfully obtain the loan and hence we must do everything we can to make sure that the scheme is launch as planned.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER : What the hon'ble Member had pointed out is true to some extent. But the Planning Commission assured us that we will be given the necessary fund and I am positive we will find a way to go ahead and implement the scheme.

PU LALDUHAWMA : Mr. Speaker, how much can a patient avail from the scheme? Will the patient have to make any contribution?If it pertains only to referred cases, what will happen to the rest of the patients?

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER : The Cabinet had approved an agent to implement the scheme and we have decided that a single family may avail up to 1 lakh within a year if they are hospitalized. We have also decided not to fix the amount a patient will have to contribute but rest assured it will not be burdensome for anyone.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take the opportunity to talk about improving the Assam Rifles playground with your permission, of course. This is a serious matter because the playground is the best we have and all the biggest events are held there. The Assam Rifles authorities were also very enthusiastic about it and as we received Rs. 25 crores for improvement and upgrade of the ground, we have set up a committee to find a way to chalk out how to proceed. We have decided to upgrade the eastern side pavilion as the first Phase of the project but the new Director General made an objection saying that it was necessary to hold new talks with relevant document which goes back up to 4 years. I called the Director General at Shillong and he promised to take a look at the playground before any decision is made and I am sure we can convince the Assam Rifles to withdraw their objection. In the meantime, I will take up this matter with the Home Minister because it could be interpreted as lack of respect for the people of Mizoram.

As the ground would be named after the late Rajiv Gandhi, we have also invited Mrs. Sonia Gandhi to lay the foundation stone which she duly accepted.

- PU R.LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker, there was hint that the objection was made due to pressure from a third party. Could you clarify that point, please?
- PU ZORAMTHANGA,
CHIEF MINISTER : Exactly. It is imperative to find out the truth for the sake of the people of Mizoram.
- PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker, this is not merely a political issue. This is a serious accusation and we must find out the truth.
- PU ZORAMTHANGA,
CHIEF MINISTER : I am not accusing anyone. As far as I know, the Director General of Assam Rifles...
- PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : The Director General of Assam Rifles have no authority to give or take any contract. This is not just a political issue and we will also do our best.
- PU ZORAMTHANGA,
CHIEF MINISTER : I am pleased to have your support. This is what we want all along.
- PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Mr. Speaker, the 25 crores you said we are going to receive was mentioned in the 12th Finance Commission report but it seems that there was no actual sanction as yet. Is it necessary to submit a detailed project report to obtain the approval?

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER : Mr. Speaker, the 12th Finance Commission had given us the fund and it cannot lapse. Even if it was not used last year, we may use it when we want to. We have also received a sanction and the amount of 4 crores had already been released.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Pu Speaker, it is not a matter of doubt. He only made a complaint about the error on the official copy of Starred Question as it can be implicated as a contempt of this august House. Answer to that question does not indicate any expenditure. If so, what you have just stated is not applicable to the given answer.

PU LALCHHANDAMA RALTE : That is true, Pu Speaker. As an owner of that question, I am confused too as the answer is 'NIL' as statement of the concerned Minister clearly indicates that there is expenditure to that effect. I have made that question out of suspicion that some lapses is there.

PU R. LALZIRLAINA : Pu Speaker, regarding selection for A.R. ground, I do not think it is a matter to lay the blame to each other as the site is a common interest of every party and so the general people. But from political point of view, I opine it is unnecessary for the government to put pressure on the Assam Rifle to vacate the place.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, when the central Minister for Commerce - Mr. Jairam Ramesh visited Mizoram as a Chief Guest and myself, as a Guest of Honour of a function implored the Minister in my speech to give provision as a 'Peace Bonus' for construction of dam of one of the major rivers so as to generate sufficient power supply. From his seat, he made a commitment to do so and the people applauded in appreciation. But at a Press Conference on the next day, the

Minister withdrew from what he had mentioned earlier obviously due to pressure from our fellow political party leader. I, therefore, opine that it is unfortunate if the problem of Indoor Stadium is used as a bone of contention between the political parties.

Hence, we, the members from the ZNP Legislature Party are willing to give any possible effort so as to disclose the exact situation of this problem.

PU ZORAMTHANGA CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, this problem needs unanimous effort of every political parties. It is to be noted that the said General Director of the Assam Rifles does not know the detail of this place to give or not to give permission but the process is going on till today due to permission given by the former General Director. I do not think it is a good idea to cast a doubt on the availability of fund as it is pointed out repeatedly.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : That is the point Pu Speaker. I am afraid that is of a verbal issue.

PU ZORAMTHANGA CHIEF MINISTER : As per agreement, as already pointed out Pu Speaker, the site is now under the possession of the government of Mizoram and had even legislated not to give away any portion to private. Even so, RCC building is now under construction without giving any information to the government but it does not make the difference of ownership. But the problem started as the new Director made an objection and so, we are been planning to approach Home Ministry on that matter.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Pu Speaker, it is regretted that there is no written document to that effect and assurance made by the hon'ble Chief Minister too is hardly reliable as there was precedent like his assurances to give district to Hnahthial, Khawzawl and Saitual.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, I opine our confusion can be cleared by asking the Director General himself on who had made influence on him to make objection.

PU ZORAMTHANGA CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, on our telephonic conversation, the Director General stated that the problem between us is cleared and the Assam Rifles never had made objection to that effect and he should have been informed of the matter earlier.

PU ZODINTLUANGA : Pu Speaker, Assam Rifles authority made objection in December last year whereas the tender is of this year. Clarification may be made that objection. In that regard . In my opinion, tender is made after objection.

PU ZORAMTHANGA CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the process had already been started since long before with my instruction. I, therefore, straight away asked the Director General his reason in making objection as soon as I received the letter. In reply, he told me that he will look into the matter as he was confused. However, it is necessary for us to give potential effort since this is the urgent need and the provision is lapsable. What we should do now is to approach the central authority not to make objection to this concern for which all the members as well as NGOs are invited to join the force.

So Pu Speaker, I, now beg leave of the House to pass demands of the following departments:-

1.	Legislative Assembly	Rs.	7,80,50,000/-
2.	Governor	Rs.	10,66,000/-
3.	Council of Ministers	Rs.	3,34,90,000/-
4.	Vigilance	Rs.	1,35,56,000/-
5.	Finance	Rs.	123,23,95,000/-
6.	Planning & Programme Implementation	Rs.	36,87,25,000/-

7.	Power & Electricity Department	Rs.	188,90,90,000/-
8.	Public Work Department	Rs.	151,25,15,000/-
	TOTAL	Rs.	643,37,91,000/-

SPEAKER : Pu Zoramthanga, the hon'ble Chief Minister had now begged leave of the House to pass the demands of the following departments:-

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TOTAL Rs. 643,37,91,000/-

The members who agree to pass may say, 'Yes' and those who do not may say, 'No' [The Members : Yes]

Alright. The demands of the hon'ble Chief Minister such as Demand Nos. 1,2,3,5,9,14,15,39 and 45 had now been passed

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

We will now take up the last Business for today. As known to us all, most of the demands had already been passed. I, now call upon the hon'ble Chief Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 2008.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : With your permission and of the House, CHIEF MINISTER Pu Speaker, I beg leave of the House to introduce Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 2008.

SPEAKER : Do we agree? If so, let him introduce the Bill.

PU ZORAMTHANGA CHIEF MINISTER : With your permission and of the House, Pu Speaker, I, now introduce to the House Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 2008.

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. Since discussion is not necessary for this kind of Bill, I, may call upon the hon'ble Chief Minister to ask permission of the House to exercise the Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 2008.

PU ZORAMTHANGA CHIEF MINISTER : With your permission and of the House, I ask permission of the House to exercise Mizoram Appropriation (No.3) Bill, 2008.

SPEAKER : The hon'ble Chief Minister had moved to this House, permission to exercise Mizoram Appropriation (No.3) Bill, 2008. The members who agree to pass may say, 'Yes' and those who do not, may say 'No'. [The Members : Yes]

We have now finished discussion on various demands. Our discussion will be closed for today . The meeting will be resumed on Thursday, the 27.3.2008 at 10:30 AM.

SITTING ADJOURNED AT 8:30 PM