

**S P E A K E R** : "Admonish the idlers, encourage the faint-hearted, help the weak, be patient with them all".  
I Thesolinians 5:14.

We will take up starred question. Let us call upon Pu Lalduhoma to ask Starred Question No. 204.

**PU LALDUHOMA** : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, will the Hon'ble Minister Public Works Department be pleased to state whether widening of Thingfal to Mamte PMGSY road has been completed. Which has been published by Public Works Department on its booklet printed in March, 2004.

**S P E A K E R** : Let us call upon Pu Zoramthanga, Chief Minister to give answer to the above question.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA  
CHIEF MINISTER** : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, the answer is 'yes', but pavement is not yet completed.

**PU LALDUHOMA** : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, we come to know that number of roads are reported as completed of its widening but not yet completed nor motorable. Also maintenance of some roads has been reported as new construction. If I give the report to the Hon'ble Minister, will the Hon'ble Minister be pleased to give me assurance to take action?

**PU H. ROHLUNA** : Supplementary question. My supplementary question is also about PMGSY road between E.Phaileng and Rungdil. It is 20 Km. When tender is called, the estimated amount is Rs. 194 lakhs. But it is only Rs. 94 lakhs when work order is issued. For what purpose the Rs. 100/- lakhs is used?

**PU F.LALTHANZUALA** : Regarding Hnahthial to Tumtukawn NABARD road construction - Why is Tuiphai to Tumbukawn and Pu Rawna's fountain main curve to Lunglei road is proposed for Departmental work ? (b) Whether it can be included in the tender? What's the reason. ?.

**PU R.LALZIRLIANA** : Supplementary Question, in the work portion of Pu Nghaka (brother of Chief Minister) between Kawkulh and Rullam road, the contractor did not benefit from it. But Bill is issued in cheque, what is the reason?.

And a duplicate copy of the bill is made for audit objection. Will it be enquired?

**PU P.P.THAWLLA** : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, whether the width of PMGSY road constructed in Mizoram are the same? Will Village Council President make complain against the width of the roads constructed under PMGSY ?

**PU ZODINTLUANGA** : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, tender of PMGSY road between E.Phaileng and Suangpuilawn road is opened on 14th December last year. Only document bid is opened, financial bid is not yet opened till date. What is the reason for its delay ?

**S P E A K E R** : Let us call upon the Hon'ble Minister to give answer whatever he could.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA  
CHIEF MINISTER** : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I will answer as far as possible. First of all, question raised by Pu Lalduhawma - we will take action as needed.

The funding authority of PMGSY is very careful in this work. We have black listed contractors and engineers who are suspended and who did not do the work as specified.

Pu Rohluna's question is technical. In the construction of road, there are various steps like formation cutting, permanent work like side drain, Hume Pipe curvert and retaining wall. In the first tender, the fund involved may reach Rs. 195 lakhs. Anyhow, we will see the matter with the concerned department.

Regarding Hnahthial to Tumtukawn road, we will see the problem and try to solve it.

In regards to cheque issued in duplicate from Kawlkuh to Rullam road. We will see the matter.

Answer to Pu P.P.Thawlla, the width of PMGSY road should be the same. If he wide of the road is inadequate, the contractors are requested to do it again as desired.

Regarding incomplete tender being opened, I could not give answer as it is so technical.

**PU R. LALZIRLIANA** : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, it is very pleasing that the Chief Minister has an open heart to the Members. It appears that contractors are responsible but there is mistaken conception regarding my question.

Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I would like to add more questions. Firstly, will the Hon'ble Chief Minister be pleased to state the names of contractors black listed and engineers suspended.

Secondly, I would like to know the reason why PMGSY road between Suangpuilawn to Vanbawng to Khawlek is so narrowed comparing to other PMGSY roads ?

Thirdly, for Suangpuilawn, poor quality of hume pipe i.e NP2 is used even though it is proposed to use NP3 . Will the Hon'ble Chief Minister be pleased to take action so that NP2 may be changed with NP3 Hume Pipe.

**S P E A K E R** : Let us now, call upon Pu Lalduhoma to reflect on his supplementary question which had not yet been answered.

**PU LALDUHOMA** : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, a Truckable road which has already been completed in 1999 is being reported as of newly construction. If information is furnished in written form, will the Hon'ble Chief Minister take action ?

**PU, LALTHLEGLIANA** : Hon'ble Speaker sir, Mamit District Headquarter had no good communication. As a result of this, no petrol pump can be set up. Will the road between Dapchhuah and Dampui be constructed immediately ?

**S P E A K E R** : Now, let us call upon the Hon'ble Chief Minister to give answer to the question.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA  
CHIEF MINISTER** : Hon'ble Speaker sir, one SDO is suspended and one contractor is black-listed for six months and order is not yet issued. I will not tell you by name as order issue is now at hand. And, tender for black-topping and widening of Suangpuilawn road is now being issued. Culvert is also to be repaired. But the work could not be done easily. Some contractors already received final bill. But we were given fund for maintenance of road for 5 years. By means of this fund, the work will be done again. But we need time for making adjustment. The contractor is further black-listed and the concerned Engineer is suspended due poor quality of work.

Regarding PMGSY road which had been constructed, the road has various qualities before. Some of them are Jeepable road and Truckable while some of them are newly constructed. Anyway, such roads usually need formation cutting. But such roads are to be black topped. The rate of construction too varies from place to place. There is different amount as a result of survey.

And survey of approach road to Mamit is completed. It is expected to be done in the near future.

**S P E A K E R** : Let us call upon Pu R.Lalzirliana to ask Starred Question No. 205.

**PU R.LALZIRLIANA** : Will the Hon'ble Minister, Horticulture Department be pleased to state -

- (a) How many quintals of passion fruit had been produced by Horticulture Department within this Financial Year?
- (b) At what rate did the Department purchase the passion fruit per quintal from farmers?
- (c) After processing the passion fruit what amount did the Government profit from it?

**S P E A K E R** : Let us call upon Pu H. Rammawi, Minister to give answer.

**PU H. RAMMAWI  
MINISTER** : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I think the question (a) Meant the total production of passion fruit in the State as Horticulture Department has no farm for cultivation of passion fruit. Government of Mizoram did not purchased it from farmers at the rate of Rs. 10/- per Kg. The MIFCO purchased 549 quintals from farmers within this financial year. That is answer to question (a) + (b).

Regarding question (e) Government of Mizoram has not profit but MIFCO processed it at Chhingchhip. The MIFCO believed that it has a profit of Rs. 5/- per bottle.

**PU R. LALZIRLIANA** : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, MIFCO will not get success if marketing is not researched properly. It is noted that passion fruit growers could not receive iron wire for fencing of passion fruit gardens? Will this problem be enquired?.

**PU F. LALTHANZUALA** : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, what amount of money is earned by farmers of Orange, Bannana and Ginger during 2005?.

**S P E A K E R** : The Hon'ble Minister to give answer.

**PU H. RAMMAWI  
MINISTER** : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, MIFCO is starting to use better machine for processing. Mizoram did not yet passion fruit for commercial purpose. We are in trial stage. The MIFCO purchased it at the spot at the rate of Rs.10/- per kg.

Secondly, Marketting of passion fruit is not taken up by Government. Government has no intention of taking up as commercial purpose. It may be better to privatise its processing also. Anyhow, as passion fruit is Horticulture plant we see about the problem faced by the planters. Anyway, the fruit could ripe the whole year. That's why, it is difficult to know the exact amount of production in a year.

- PU R.LALZIRLIANA** : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, Government of Mizoram purchased only 549 quintals, no other purchase was made. What is the reason ?
- PU H.RAMMAWI MINISTER** : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, Department did not purchase it.....
- PU SAIKAPTHIANGA** : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, Horticulture Department encourages passion fruit to farmers. MIFCO purchased it from the farmers, while it is exported to the plain people privately. Therefore, the Hon'ble Minister may not know about it clearly.
- PU H.RAMMAWI MINISTER** : It is not possible to know in detail, Pu Speaker
- PU SAIKAPTHIANGA** : That is our question you did not know about it as it is not under the Hon'ble Minister's responsibility.
- PU H.RAMMAWI MINISTER** : Mr Speaker Sir, MIFCO purchased it from Chawngtlai Village only. The quantity of sale at different places differ from one another. Anyway, it is very pleasing for we have awareness in it. Manipur produced more than Mizoram. We will try our best to produce higher than Manipur State whether we have or have no fund.

Thank You.

- S P E A K E R** : Pu Sailothanga Sailo, to ask Starred Question no. 206.
- PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO** : Will the Hon'ble Minister Tourism Department be pleased to state - How did Government of Mizoram has taken step for the progress of Tourism in the State.

Secondly, How many foreigners visited Mizoram within a year ?

- S P E A K E R** : Pu Z.H.Ropuia, Minister of Tourism to give answers.

**PU Z.H.ROPUIA  
MINISTER**

: Hon'ble Speaker Sir, answer of (a) Government of Mizoram does its best. It constructed Tourists Lodge and Highway Restaurants for accomodation of Tourists at different places. It also observed Chapchar Kut and Thalfavang Kut in Co-operation with NGO's for Tourists attraction. It also propagates Tourist information and literature to outside Mizoram. It also displays about Mizoram in the fair and festivals conducted by other states or foreign countries Government of Mizoram also sent educated youth to undergo training in food production and Hotel management to cater Tourists as desirable as possible.

Secondly, in 2000-2001, 276 Tourists visited Mizoram, 2001-2002, 197 tourists, 269 tourists in 2002-2003, 266 tourists in 2003-2004, 304 tourists in 2004-2005 and 248 tourists in 2005-2006.

**PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO**

: Hon'ble Speaker Sir, it is commonly noted that Foreign Tourists used to have problem in accomodations our Guest House and Hotels seemed to be inadequate. My question is that whether Government of Mizoram has an intention to construct Tourists Lodge or a standard Hotel for foreign Tourists or others ?.

**PU LALDUHOMA**

: Hon'ble Speaker Sir, it appears that Foreign Tourists have problem as Restricted Area Permit System (RAP) is prevailed. Will the concerned department take initiate to abolish Restrict Area Permit System ?.

**PU LALTHLEGLIANA**

: Hon'ble Speaker Sir, It appears that Reiek Tourist Place is the most profitable mong other Lodges. What I want to ask is that what is the total income of Tourists Lodge at Reiek within the last financial year ? Secondly, is there any proposal for further improvement of Reiek Tourist Lodge ?.

**S P E A K E R**

: Pu Z.H.Ropuia, Minister to give answer to the above questions.

**PU Z.H.ROPUIA  
MINISTER**

: Hon'ble Speaker Sir, it is true that Foreign Tourists have complain in regards to lodges and accomodations etc. We do our best for further improvement. We are concentrating on Chaltlang Tourist Lodge. We therefore, formulate a project amounting to Rs. 5/- crores. Not only that, but we also try to have improvement of our work quality and accomodation system. We are expecting to have an international standard level of accomodation.

Regarding Restricted Area Permission, it is true that it has side effect for Tourism Department. Chief Minister and Member of Parliaments of Mizoram also said this to the Central Government. But, it is believed that it may not be the best thing for us to delete the Restricted Area Permission. So we asked the central Governmend to have relaxation.

Regarding typical village and resorts Modern Village is opened at Reiek Tourism Department had earned about Rs. 1,32,000/-. For improvement of typical Village, we also do our best. Anthurium Festival is to be observed here. Before this, black topping of the road and vehicle parking is also to be completed. These works are now under completion.

Under Tourism Department 2 kms long foot-path and shed is now being constructed and we have now been approached by the central government for construction of Rest House and View Tower at the top of this mountain.

Thank You.

**S P E A K E R** : Our firsts question for today is of Pu Lalhmingthanga who is not able to attend today's session due to unavoidable circumstances. Since the member does not authorise any one to ask the question on his behalf, we may now take up the next question to be asked by Pu H. Rohluna.

**PU H. ROHLUNA** : Mr Speaker Sir, here is starred question No.208, answer to be given by Hon'ble Minister for Vigilance Department

- (a) How many of the Officers, Public Servants Minister and MLAs. Who are having vigilance case due to discrepancy in the value of their assets with that of their income ?
- (b) If so, (i) How many category are there among public servants(ii) What is the number of those who are having that case in each category ? If the answer is nil, it will be of the best means for detecting the practice of corruption in Mizoram. Whether the Government intend to file a vigilance case if there is any ?

**S P E A K E R** : I now call upon Pu Zoramthanga, the concern Minister for Vigilance Department.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA  
CHIEF MINISTER** : Mr Speaker Sir, here is the answer  
(a) Members of cases found during the year 2003-2004 - Nil, 2004-2005 - 1, 2005-2006- Nil. (b) No such cases is found except in one category. Regarding the question of filling of a vigilance case, necessary action will be taken by the government if any complaint is received.

**S P E A K E R** : Starred Question No.209 and Pu Andrew Lalherliana to ask.

**PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA** : Mr Speaker Sir, here is the question for favour of answer to be given by Minister for Horticulture. Whether planters of Passion Fruit of Khawzawl have fully received financial aid from Technology Mission ? (b) If not, is there any plan to do so ?.

**S P E A K E R** : Mr Rammawi, Minister for Horticulture to answer the question.

**PU H.RAMMAWI  
MINISTER** : Mr Speaker Sir, most of the beneficiaries except Khawzawl have already received as the latter needs to be verified. (b) Yes, but only after verification.

**PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA** : Mr Speaker Sir, in regard to selection of beneficiary - wrong method can be applied by the concern beneficiary and the department as well. For instance, plantation under trees can fail after giving all effort by the concern planters for which the department too have responsibility. It may be important for the government to determine compensation to that effect. Besides, it may also be wise for the concern authority to favour those beneficiaries in other schemes of BAFFACOS keeping in mind their previous failure.

**PU H. ROHLUNA** : Mr Speaker Sir, in what ways the department support the concern planters? Whether wire-mesh is provided to the plants as it is the urgent need of the planters? Whether plantation of grape too can still be included under Technology Mission ?

**PU K. VANLALAUVA** : Supplementary question please. By providing wire-mesh to beneficiaries, are wire-mesh posts included?

**PU SAIKAPTHIANGA** : Supplementary Question Mr Speaker Sir, regarding supply of wire-mesh, is a galvanised-wire, the first choice of the department? Is it true that this type of wire-mesh is harmful for the plant as it can cause breaking of the stem in the wind? If so, may the department determine supply of other type of wire ?

**S P E A K E R** : I now call upon the Minister for Horticulture department to answer the question.

**PU H.RAMMAWI  
MINISTER** : Mr Speaker Sir, it is to be noted that those persons who claimed for the beneficiary of this project are of different where some come do not even deserve to be included in the beneficiary list. Not only this, there are certain beneficiaries who ignore instruction of the concern department. Anyway, it is the policy of the department to determine the problem of passion fruits planters/farmers.



In the previous year, beneficiaries for this plantation is selected by Technology Mission Establishment. Cost for the plantation is in a way very high as it takes 5 quintals of Goat Proof Wire and therefore, difficult for the department to cover except those who were trained. It is to be noted that the department conducted verification carefully before issue of aids to the planters.

Regarding supply of wire-mesh post, it is given only on exceptional case and is not included in the scheme of aids. And of wire-mesh, as far as our experiences is concern Alluminium wire-mesh is still the best.

Thank You.

**S P E A K E R** : Pu Sailothanga Sailo to ask Starred Question No. 211.

**PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO** : Thank You Mr Speaker Sir, Answer kindly be given by Minister for Higher and Technology.

(a) Is there any plan to close down certain colleges who are not having enough students or amalgamate them with other college ?

(b) What is the qualification for Mizoram college Principal and, whether only those qualified held the post ?

**S P E A K E R** : Question hour is over. I now call upon the Minister to answer the question.

**DR LALZAMA MINISTER** : Regarding closing of certain colleges, there is no such plan at present. Yet there is a plan for amalgamation and this policy is now being carried out. The question of qualification for college Principal, he or she should have Doctorate Degree under Direct Recruitment of Government College and should also be a Reader with atleast 10 years of teaching experience. To be a reader, it is necessary to have 11 years of teaching experience, a PH.D and must attend refresher course atleast twice the question of the post of principal there are certain principals who are now only in-charge.

Thank You.

**S P E A K E R** : Question hour is over. Before moving on to the next business, Pu R.Lalzirliana have asked time for special mention and let me call upon him to take his chance.

**PU R.LALZIRLIANA**

: Thank You Mr Speaker Sir, It is struction known to us all that Chhimtuipui students union protested against show progress of con

struction of road of Aizawl - Sialsuk - Thenzawl under world Bank because of this they are planning to block this road from 6 A.M. to 6 P.M. today.

Here, the contract work is taken up by Bagaththa for which 16 crores rupees is given in advance before even doing appropriate work. Besides, there is a complaint that the quality of boulder stone used here is very poor and hence to verify. I personally visited the spot and found the allegation to be true. I am further informed that only 2 trippers and one JCB is deployed here in the work. Apparently, the work will not be completed before the coming rainy season.

Knowing the situation, students union put pressure on the concern authority for immediate completion by making road block. In doing so, one student is being beaten brutally by the police. Mr Speaker Sir, if the police have to act like this, the Government will not get the support of any NGO's. The Government have to pay attention to the grievances of those students. Moreover, contractor or Public Works Department should execute the work keeping in mind the importance of people Act.

**S P E A K E R**

: Let me call upon Hon'ble Chief Minister to express his opinion of this special mention.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA  
CHIEF MINISTER**

: Mr Speaker Sir, this matter is of a recent incident and I have no knowledge of this incident in detail. Yet, let me give few points of what we have to know in this regard.

As already pointed out, the saud contract work is given to Baligatha Company. Since, the work is funded by World Bank, it is not appropriate for Public Works Department to get involved in the monitoring work. Due to poor performance, a replacement was made and then it was given to three companies. The first position is given to Valechan Engineer Ltd. Presently, surveying work of 6 Kms long is being completed. There is a Project Manager for this contract work with Field-staff, Chief Engineer, 40 Staff and 66 labourers Black Topping work will be started from Ngaizel Quarry.

The second portion from Falkawn to Sialsuk is given to Raitany Construction. Here 4500 cubic stone has already been in store. This company is working with 40 machineries, and not less 70 labourers and the work is being executed with their best effort.

On the other hand, students activity in this connection may be taken for granted but the people in this areas are facing various problems due to blockade of the main road. It is deeply

regretted that one student is seriously hurt in the incident, yet I have not received any information in that regard.

Thank You.

**S P E A K E R** : We will now move to our next Business. To start with, discussion on voting on demands for grants which consists of the demand of three Ministers such as Pu B.Lalthlengliana, Pu R.Tlanghmingthanga and Dr Lalzama. I call upon Pu B.Lalthlengliana, the Minister to move his demand No. 6, No.8, No. 18 and No. 35.

**PU B.LALTHLENGLIANA MINISTER** : Mr Speaker Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission Sir, I move the Demand No. 6, No. 8, No.18, and No. 35 for Rs. 22,06,85,000/- only for meeting expenses during 2006-2007 in respect of the following departments. Demand No. 6 Land Revenue and Reforms Rs. 10,96,10,000/- Demand No.8 Taxation Rs.82,25,000/- Demand No.18 Printing and Stationery - Rs.6,04,40,000/- Demand No. 35 Fisheries - Rs.2,22,80,000/- Total = Rs. 22,06,85,000/-

Thank You.

**S P E A K E R** : I now call upon Mr R.Tlanghmingthanga, Minister to move his demands No. 11, No.24, and No. 29 to this House.

**PU R.TLANGHMINGTHANGA MINISTER** : Mr Speaker Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission Sir, I move the demands No. 11, No.24 and No.29 for Rs. 122,64,31,000/- only for meeting expenses during 2006-2007 in respect of the following departments - Demand No. 11, Secretariat Administration Departments - Rs. 28,94,01,000/- Demand No. 24 - Health and Family Welfare Department Rs. 18,61,85,000/- Total - Rs. 122,64,31,000/-

Thank You.

**S P E A K E R** : I now call upon Dr Lalzama to move his demand -No. 7, No. 21 and No. 23 to this House.

**DR LALZAMA MINISTER** : Mr Speaker Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission sir, I move the demand No. 7, No.12 and No. 23 for Rs. 44,48,44,000/- Only for meeting expenses during 2006-2007 in respect of the following departments. Demand No. 7 - State Excise, Rs. 8,35,58,000/- Demand No. 21 - Higher and Technical Education - Rs. 30,07,26,000/- Demand No. 23 - Art and Culture - Rs. 6,05,60,000/- Total Rs. 44,48,44,000/-

Thank You.

**S P E A K E R** : The three Ministers have now moved their respective Demands. We will now take up discussion 10 minutes each will be allotted to each members, and 15 minutes to leaders. To start with, let me call upon Pu Sailothanga Sailo.

**PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO**

: Thank you Mr Speaker Sir. to start my speech with my demand, Health Department purchased 20 nos of toilet vans in November-

December, 2003 at the rate of 6,30,000/- per van amounting to Rs. 126,00,000/-. At the same time, 3 Mobile Clinic Vans have also been purchased at the rate of Rs. 125 lakhs the total of which is amounting to Rs. 375 lakhs. For purchase of the said toilet vans and mobile clinic vans Rs. 501 lakhs is utilised from the fund coming from PMGY for Rural Health Service. Mr Speaker Sir, utilisation of fund for such equipments is much regretted as it causes various problems in the maintenance of our hospitals.

Relating to this matter, I want to point out the need to acquire more Mosque Vans as only two hardly serve our purposes. It is unfortunate that we are not in the condition to produce utilisation certificate for purchase of mobile clinic vans and toilet vans.

Pu Speaker, coming to Social Welfare Department, I would like to thank for the increase in fund allocation for nutrition supply and the over all increase in fund allocation for the department.

Demand No. 11, S.A.D. - Pu Speaker, I request the Hon'ble Minister to visit, the Secretariat, Directorates and District Offices, in order to improve the cleanliness and Sanitation conditions.

Demand No. 6 Land Revenue and Reform - I would like to request the authorities to cut down the Revenue tax.

Demand No. 8 Taxation Department I would like to request the government to fill up the post of commissioner of Taxation. Also, to reduce the tax rate of various taxes imposed by the department.

Demand No. 7 Excise - I would like to thank for the increase in the budget allocation for the department.

Pu Speaker, I would like to thank for the increase in the budget allocation in various departments like, Higher and Technical Education, Art and Culture, State Excise and Fishery.

Demand No. 24 - Pu Speaker, it is disheartening to mention that, the government is able to divert fund from Rural Health Service. The government should give priority to Rural Health Service, as it is the priority of the central government.

Thank You.

**S P E A K E R**

: We will now call Pu R. Lalzirliana.

**PU R. LALZIRLIANA**

: Mr Speaker Sir, thank you. First of all I would like to speak about Land Revenue and Reform under the Demand No.6. Mizoram

Lands, Building and Revenue Assessment Act, 2004, was passed in the House. And the Land, Building and Revenue Assessment Rules, 2005 was completed. We numbers of the House did not

discuss the flat rate per square meter. It is the official who pronounced the flat rate. Pu Speaker, it is regretting to note that we members did not have the opportunity to discuss the flat rate. Further, Pu Speaker, it is regretting to note that, the government does not abide by its own rules, like the Revenue Assessment Rules 2005, Chapter-III Rules 5-14. There are many such cases, I may not be able to name all. Pu Speaker, we acquired land not for compensation/loan, but for residence. Therefore, I do not deny that we advocate to the people not to pay the extra high rate of tax. There was a big relief after the Hon'ble Chief Minister stated that they will review the flat rate. However, till date, no step has been taken so far. The government is quick to react to whatever matters it gives priority, but in regard to tax, why are they taking so long to review. I would therefore, request the government to withdraw the present rules, and follow the old rules.

Demand - 24 I agree with what the hon'ble member from Kawnpui, but what I would like to state is that Aizawl Civil Hospital is still the best for the poorer section of the people. I visited Civil Hospitals of our neighbouring states, and the condition of their hospitals is far unhygienic and dirty. Therefore, our hospital serves the poorer people much better. Our Doctors and Nurses are graceful. Pu Speaker, with whatever little fund allocation received, I feel the hospital is well looked after. I give thanks to the Hon'ble Minister.

Thank You.

**PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA**

: Mr Speaker Sir, thank you. First of all I would like to start with Revenue and Reform and Taxation. Pu Speaker, looking from the

way the Revenue Department has raised various taxes recently, it seems that, the government does not seek the opinion of various political parties including the ruling M.N.F. Party, because some of my friends from M.N.F Party agreed that, the various tax rates introduced is far too high. As per the previous provision, Rs. 83/- is paid for Aizawl City Grade-I standard size, but as of now, it has been raised to Rs. 4460.90. Rs. 78 was paid for grade-II, but now according to the new rate it is Rs. 3345, Grade-III is Rs. 61, and the new rate is Rs. 1672. Pu Speaker, if we look at the rural areas, revenue tax has also gone up tremendously, like in Champhai District, Rs. 50.18 was paid for Grade-I, but now in the new rate, it has gone up to Rs. 1672.86 likewise from Rs. 44.60 to Rs. 697 in Grade-II percentage wise, it has gone up by 1000%. Pu Speaker, I will not further mention the rates. I request the hon'ble Minister, to review the rates as he has mentioned earlier. The rural people are facing great difficulties. I recieved a phone call this morning from Khawzawl in this regard.. Pu Speaker the Minister should give priority. As we are aware, being a citizen, it is our duty to pay tax. But what we are expressing here is the extreme high rate. I would further like to suggest that in future, the government should not raise from the existing rate, but from the government's plan. The government has Revenue earning units like Bamboo processing, Animal feed, and various corporations. If there units are developed, and up-graded it will mobilise revenue for the government.

Coming to Taxation, I would like to suggest that tax may be exempted from locally produced items from poultry and vegetables as it could be an incentive to the local farmers. At the same time, items coming from outside the state should be made taxable.

Another, point I would like to emphasize is Article on schedule II 'B'. Here, the list of goods taxable at 1% are gold, precious stone, silver and platinum. These articles are mostly possessed by the rich people. Under VAT, only 1% is to be collected from these articles. Therefore, fixation of tax to be collected under VAT should be adjusted in accordance with the state's economy. Thank you.

**PU ZODINTLUANGA**

: Thank you, Pu Speaker, today we have various demands from three Ministers I would like to start from Printing & Stationery department.

In the last budget session, the hon'ble Minister begged all department to buy their requirements through Printing & Stationery department. We, the MLA'S also supported his request. But, today we know from the answer to questions that there have been 10 departments which never approach Printing & Stationery department in buying office materials. Among such 10 departments taxation department is also included. It is surprising to know that, the said two departments are under the same Minister. While the requests other department to approach Printing & Stationery, he himself ignores his request.

Coming to demand No. 8 It is said that the rate of central sales tax would be reduced year by year after VAT. is introduced. Now, one financial year had already been completed. However, the rate of C.S.T. is still the same. The traders in Mizoram pay double taxes. The government's sole purpose is to collect tax from all possible sources. In spite of this, tax clearance certificate is never insisted by Health department from its suppliers.

Regarding land Revenue and settlement department Pu Speaker, as per the answer given to the question I made, the department stated that, the hand -book was not printed in the Press, however. I would like to point out that, it is not possible to be printed in the department's Office. Further, It can not be drafted by the officials, the wording were aggressive, the hon'ble Minister should accept that, it is drafted by himself.

**PU S. HIATO**

: Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, let me speak about demand No. 36. Fisheries department is working hard and giving

aids to fish farmers. Rs. 100 lakhs has been invested to supply fish seeds. However, the department has only 12 fish farms out of which five are enactive. It is desirable that fisheries department, take further step to produce more fish seeds. During the year 2002-2003, 41 lakh fish seeds was released in 18 different riverines, but the number of fish in such rivers has not increased. During this year Rs. 115 lakhs is allotted for fisheries from BAFFACOS. If the said fund is utilised to develop irrigation system, more fish ponds could be made.

Regarding demand no. 29, I would like to request the Government the demand simpler process for giving out assistance to handicapped persons. The long and detail process become trouble some for those who come from rural areas.

In Saiha town, Social Welfare Department Constructed office building. Still, private building is rented by the department. I have mentioned this for the notice of the Authority. The department is also urged to give more attention forwards improvement of de-addiction Centres.

A resolution has recently been passed by the House that medical centres as the same standard of district headquarter should be set up in Mamit, Lawngtlai and Kolasib. At the sametime, the government is reminded not to neglect other District Headquarters such as Saiha, Serchhip and Champhai, so that various health programmes launched could be more effective

Mr Speaker, if PHC. and SHC (Subsidiary Health Centre) are not well-equipped, the health policy in Mizoram cannot be carried out.

In case of Malaria, rural population should be educated with necessary information.

It is pleasing that BPL families are allocated fund under BAFFACOS for medical re-imburement. But, as soon as they are admitted to hospitals they need money to buy Medicines and injections. Therefore, fund may be provided for purchase of medicine.

Coming to Higher & Technical, due to shortage of lecturere, certain departments are still left unopened. At Saiha College, 5 lecturers posts are lying vacant. And the building also needs reconstruction. I request the hon'ble Minister to note this and take positive action.

**PU K. LALRINLIANA**

: Thank you, Mr, Speaker I will start with demand no. 35 ; Fisheries. It is important to boost up fish production

us the demand is increasing in the State. Realising this, the Government priveded assistance to fish farmers through BAFFACOS and Fish farmers Development Agency. Priority should be given to the potential areas like Mamit and Kolasib districts. At the same time, I would like to remind the hon'ble Minister to open District Fisheries office at Kolasib.

Coming to Taxation Department, shortage of staff at Kolasib District hampered office works especially tax collection. The hon'ble Minister is requested to note this.

Under demand no. 24, the Government has made continued efforts towards improvement of healthcare. More member of Doctors, nurses and Health workers are being employed in order to provide better health care facilities to the people of the State. It is a great acheivement that bio-medical waste Management at Kolasib and Saiha has been taken up. I express my appreciation to the Government on behalf of my Constituency.

Another great step taken by the Government which I appreciate is the Construction of Accident and Trauma centres at Serchhip and Kolasib under the funding of NEC. The introduction of Mobile Clinic Van has been highly appreciated as it serves the purpose well for rural people where there are no good doctor.

I agree with the hon'ble member from Saitual that the States Civil Hospitals are superior compared to other States hospitals in terms of hygiene, cleanliness and dedication of doctors and nurses.

Next, I would like to commend on the performance made by Social Welfare Department. With the objective of providing a wider scope of rehabilitation in the State, the existing De-addiction - cum - Rehabilitation Centre at Sethawn has been converted into a full-fledge 'After - care Centre'. I am proud to say that different trades have been started in the centre in order to provide skills to the recovering addicts. Mention may also be made that the department Anganwadi Centres are being set up and ICDS scheme and Special Nutrition Programme are also implemented. In this way, this department is committed dto provide assistance to the needy.

Regarding Higher & Technical Education, We can see that the hon'ble Minister has taken vigorous steps for improvement. In response to our request for reconstruction of College buildings in different places, schemes are made to the DONER. It is learnt that we are about to receive positive outcome from DONER. We are very grateful to the Minister for his efforts. It is also a matter of pride that this department is able to sent a number fo students to outside the State to undergo training in Engineer and Medical fields.

Coming to Art & Culture Department, I come to know that District Library building is proposed to be constructed at Kolasib. I would like to say that the people of the District are happy with this and it is hoped that the District Library would serve its purpose well.

I would like to mention one point concerning Health & Family Welfare. The PHE building at Bairabi has become old and even unfit for human accommodation. The building is in need of reconstruction. Therefore the authority is requested to take this into priority.

Regarding Health Sub-Center, there is no health Center and anganwadi Center at Meidum Village. It would be appreciated if the hon'ble Minister can earmark this when the next budget is prepared.

Thank you.

**S P E A K E R** : It is 1:00 PM. The House will have a recess till 2:00 PM.

2.00 PM.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : The House will resume business. Pu Vanlalthaliana.

**PU VANLALTHALIANA** : Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker Sir. at the outset, I would like to say matter concerning Higher & Technical Education. It is remarkably good to see the various steps taken by the Government for the development and upgradation of over Colleges. It is also pleasing that IGFAI university is passed by the Government. Not only this I am proud to have a Government that can set up State quality Assurance Cell- We also heard that several Schools and Colleges have been provincialised. This is indeed an achievement.

Under demand no - 23 there is Art & Culture Literacy rate has increased in the State. To provide reading facilities to rural people the Government has set up District Libraries in many places. It is anticipated that District Libraries would also be opened in the newly declared District headquarters.

The role played by Social Welfare department, as the name implies, is very important. This department concerns the welfare of infant to the aged. Hence, the Government should give more interest to this department.

We have heard from the members that Anganwadi Centres have been opened in most of the Villages. It is necessary for the Government to have Anganwadi Centres in all the Villages within Mizoram.

Emphasizing on the State's Revenue system. I appreciate the decision taken by the Government in regard to collection of land revenue. However, there is one point that I would like to bring to the notice of the hon'ble Minister. As stated earlier the people are not simply hesitating to pay land revenue according to the existing rate. But, if the rate is to be fixed on square. metre basis, it will be too heavy for the public. Even for the member of this House who earns Rs. 24,500/- a month, it is beyond one affords. So, the rate of land revenue should be fixed according to our economic condition.



Coming to Fisheries department as a result of the efforts rendered by the hon'ble Minister and the concern authorities, this department has now played a significant role in the economic life of the people of Mizoram. Many families have taken fish farming as their occupation. The installation of cold storage unit has also become an encouragement to the farmers. I advise the Government to keep up the good work.

I will conclude my speech with Health & Family Welfare department. Compare to other State's Hospital, the Civil Hospital in Mizoram is superior in terms of doctors and nurses. But our hospital lacks good medical equipments. The needs for different kinds of equipments will be increasing. Therefore, the Government. Should give concentration towards procurement of medical equipments.

During the previous Ministry a number of Health Sub Centres was constructed but not yet made functional. I request the hon'ble to note this for fast action. And I support the passing of this demand.

Thank you.

**PU H. LIANSILOVA** : Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, I will start with demand under excise department. During the month of January, number of vehicle accident between Phunchawng and Aizawl was 14. The cause of accident were mainly due to drunken driving and not engine failure. As this is the case, I would like to urge Excise department to make greater effort for successful implementation of prohibition law.

Coming to Fisheries, I would like to emphasize that it is casier to become self sufficient in fish farming than jhuming cultivation. There is one thing I would like to suggest in regard to the supply of fish seeds. The department has distributed fish seeds to fish farmers. These fish seeds are purchased from outside the State. It is learnt that during 2003. an amount of Rs. 120 lakhs was spent for procurement of fish seeds from outside. In order to save fund, the existing seeds may be multiplied in a particular fish farm. So that the farmers can get fish seeds from that particular farm. If this policy is taken up, the Government would save lot of money.

I have certain points to highlight in regard to Health and Family Welfare. The effort given by the hon'ble Health Minister for the Welfare of Homoeopathic doctors for their regular appointment is highly appreciated.

With an objective of providing better health care to the people of Mizoram emphasis has been laid on development of health sector infrastructures. One of the achievements made is the installation of radiation center for Cancer patients within the State. But, due to poor condition of the building where the machine was installed, the instrument is unfit for radiation. Another problem which I would like to bring to the notice of the hon'ble Minister is the approached road to Radiotherapy Centre for cancer patients. The approached road is bumpy and steep and can be tiresome for cancer patients. Therefore, the hon'ble Minister is requested to note this and see that the problems faced by cancer patients are solve. I would further like to suggest that a recovery room which can accommodate 20/30 patients may also be constructed nearby.

It is also important to follow a proper policy for the selection of post graduate training at RIIMS. (Imphal).

I would like to say a few words for the welfare of people with HIV. positive. These patients have approached me with their problem. According to them, they are beginning to find it difficult to afford their Medicine. Therefore, the hon'ble Minister is requested to consider the remedy of their proplem.

It is a matter of appreciation that Land Revenue and Settlement department receive generous amount of revenue. It seems that this is the only department that can manage itself in regard to revenue. It performs tremendously well in regard to revenue collection. However, there is one thing that needs reconsideration. The new rate of land revenue is found to be rather high for the masses. This brought quite a burden to the people. Those who affect the most are the under, privileged group as they have to surrender their land as they could not afford to pay the revenue. And those without property could not afford to buy new land either. Therefore, the new rate of revenue is too repressive for the people though the Act itself is acceptable. It will be appreciated if the hon'ble Minister reconsider the matter.

Thank you.

**PU SAIKAPTHIANGA**

: Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, today we are taking demands of three Minister under discussion. I will highlight only a few. First on Social

Welfare department Despite the progress it has made, this department has some improvement to be made particularly relating to old age. Old age pension has been given to a number of old age persons. But, the number of recipients has not been increased for some time due to the limited fund received from the Central. Hence, I want to suggest that the State Government contribute some portion.

I would like to emphasize the need for better health Centre within my constituency. It is pleasing to note that there is proposal to set up District hospital within my Constituency. Meanwhile, there are hospitals in my area where there are no doctor. The patients had to go to Mamit hospitals which is also without proper Medical facilities. If doctor can be posted even at Kawrtethawveng the people would be most delighted.

Several new posts have been sanctioned recently. But, the Government decided to select only local people for the respective post. If this is so, it would be a complicated thing. Therefore, I request the hon'ble Minister to review this decision.

Coming to Demand No. 35, Fisheries Department. This Department now seemed to be a tiny Department. But it will become one of the most important Departments in future, as it provides early matured livelihood to the people. In spite of this, its budget is quite meagre. I, therefore, request more fund for this Department in the Revised Estimates. Meanwhile, I am sorry for there is no proper place in the markets for those who sell local fish. Better method of fish farming and its marketing is very important step to be taken by the Government.

In regard to Tourism Department, we listened that we have more tourists than we expected. The Central Government also seemed to be interested in this sphere. I, therefore, request the Government to pay more attention to this Department. Much more fund would also be given to develop this Department.

Lastly, I would like to mention about Excise Department. As we know, we work very hard to prevent liquor and abusive drugs. However, It is now found out that much liquor can

easily enter into Mizoram from Tripura. Meanwhile, there is not any Excise post in the whole district of Mamit. Therefore, I request the Government to think about this and also to take positive action for eradication of liquor and abusive drugs in the said area.

Thank you.

**PU H. ROHLUNA**

: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, Let me speak about various taxes first. The increasing taxes becomes now the talk of the town. It becomes a great burden for the people. We have listened here in this House the assurance that the rate of various taxes would be revised. In this regard, I would like to mention that the concerned Department have to follow The Mizoram (Land, Building and Assessment of Revenue) Act, 2004 in the collection of various taxes.

If the rate of taxes is reduced, will the Government reimburse the excess amount to those who have paid taxes as pre-revised rates? Besides, if the rate is to be revised I would like to request the Government to suspend the on-going collection of taxes. It would be good to collect various taxes after affixing the new rates. In regard to C.S.T. (Central sales Tax) the hon'ble Minister had said last year that C.S.T. at the rate of 4% would be reduced to 2% after introducing VAT (Value Added Tax) for one year and which would further be reduced to zero after two years. However, C.S.T. is still 4%. Therefore, I request the Government to reduce the rate of VAT until CST. is reduced. So that we can relieve the people from heavy burden.

Coming to Social Welfare Department, I would like to express my thanks to this Department for working very hard. However, I suggest that we work harder in selecting the beneficiaries of old age pension. In the matter of prevention of Alcoholic drinks and abusive drugs, I opine that much more fund would be allotted to assist NGO'S.

In regard to Demand No. 24. I would like to raise the Report of CAG. The Audit Report pages 27-44 contain Health Department. I therefore, wish this Department to read the said pages carefully. Meanwhile, I suggest more fund under the head of State Illness fund which is very useful for the poor people. I also want to express my gratitude to the staff of Health Department for rendering good services.

In the matter of Higher & Technical Education Department I would like to request the Government to take steps to help those who want to take Educational Loan for higher studies.

Thank you.

**PU F. LAL THANZUALA**

: Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, I would like to mention first about Health Department. There are many points in appreciation of steps taken by this Department. Health Department is, in short, very improved now a day. From the speech of the hon'ble Minister on the day of General Discussion, we know that our hospitals are greatly improved in facilities and equipments as well as in man power. Various hospitals in rural areas would also be equipped to be able to carry out minor surgery, so that refer case from rural villages to Aizawl on medical ground would be less. Meanwhile, we seemed to neglect awareness campaign on health. As we know, cancer case has been increasing in Mizoram. I opine that we need to carry out research to find out the reason for prevalence of Cancer. If we give education

to the public, we can prevent Cancer disease to some extent. I, therefore, suggest proper Education to the people to improve our health condition, Besides, I would like to point out about smoking inside the Hospital campus. We need to enforce rules and regulations in this matter.

In regard to Higher & Technical Education Department. I would like to express my thanks to the hon'ble Minister for working very hard to make improvement in the said Department. ICFAI University is introduced in Mizoram to import business education to the students and many colleges have now been provincialised. In this regard, I would like to mention that every College needs to put more emphasis on English.

In regard to taxation Department, we have heard about complaint on the rate of various taxes. However, I opine that, the rate of our taxes are not too high. Nowadays, our economic condition becomes good, almost every family has a television set. Therefore, the new rate of taxes as assessed by the Department is not unaffordable for most families. The rate of taxes in other developed countries are very high. We have to remember that all taxes would be used to develop our state. Comparing to the past years in the sphere of buying power, the rate of taxes today are not too much. So, let us motivate the people to be interested in paying taxes regularly.

Thank you.

**PU LIANSUAMA**

: Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, of all the demands for today Health Department would be the most important. As I had stated on the day

when I moved resolution. I appreciate the services rendered by the staff of Government Hospitals and various PHC's (Primary Health Centres). Among the hospitals owned by the Government, I found no hospitals in other states better than Mizoram Hospitals. In spite of this the budget allocated for Health Department seems to be quite meagre than how much I desire. Therefore, it will be good to give more fund in the Revised Estimates. I appreciate mobile clinic in various rural areas. If we can equip this Department to be able to undergo mobile clinics more frequently as well as to cover more and more Villages I hope we would be able to relieve the burden of the people on the ground of health.

Coming to Social Welfare Department, various NGO's and even we, the MLA's depend on this Department to some extent. Therefore, I want more budget to allocate for this Department. At the sametime. I would like to point out that nutrition and other sanctions from the Department are said to be tampered very often which is very prevalent especially in my constituency. I am sorry for such practice.

In regard to taxation, let me take up Demand No. 6 and 8 together. We are not interested in paying taxes since a very long time. But, we need to collect taxes to run the Government. Therefore, it is very difficult to make good reputation for the concerned Minister and the staff of this Department. Their position is really pitiful. We, therefore need to solve their problem on shortage of staff. Taxation Department have no a full fledged Commissioner.

It is important to strengthen Fisheries Department also. It renders direct services to the people. Therefore, I want much more money than today's demand for this Department as it can give permanent occupation to the people. If we can utilise all potential areas in Mizoram there will be great improvement in our economy.

Now, coming to Health Department, there is Purchasing Board under this Department. While we need Homeopathic medicines, the Department bought Ayurvedic Medicines. There is no demand for such medicines. Why do we buy such useless medicines. other than the needed medicines?

Whereas Homoeopathic doctor is needed as nodal officer, doctor is appointed. Allopathic. This mistake has to be corrected so that Homoeopathic doctor could be appointed as nodal officer.

Another undesirable thing that happend in Mizoram is the supply of sub-standard medicines from unreputed firms. We have spent lots of money on medicine but to no avail because sub-standard medicine is prevalent in the market. We need laboratory to check the quality of medicine. Laboratory should be taken as top priority when preparing the budget.

I would like to enquire the intention of the Government in regard to the new hospital charges.

Inadequacy of morgue Van has often been mentioned in the House. In stead of Purchasing mobile toilet, morgue van is more important. I suggest that at least 10 morgue Vans should be purchased.

The revenue tax has tremendously been increased. So, a total badh was even organised to press the Government. The Government then reviewed the revenue rate but was still lather high. Presently, we are awaiting the final decision of the Cabinet.

In regard to Fisheries, if we really have the policy to become self sufficient in fish, a separate place for selling local fish should be made.

On Excise department I have the opinion that NGO's should be given a kind of authority to search or seize liquor & abusive drugs. A promotion should be made for this. So that their efforts could be more effective.

Under Social Welfare, I request the authority ti arrange for disbursement of old age pension within their respective villages.

Lastly, what is the reaction of the Government to the petition of East Phaileng MUP to provide fund for Construction of "Phing Pa leh Phing nu in" as a Historical muniment?

Thank you.

**PU LALTHLENGLIANA**

: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker, Most of the members have negatively mentioned the introduction of VAT and the new rate of land revenue. The Hon'ble House Leader has admitted that certain portions of the new rate of tax was rather high. And we were assured that it would be reviewed. Hence, it may not be the most appropriate to form a critical opinion on the House regarding taxes. I would like to inform the members that the hon'ble Chief Minister is always open to reduce the rate of tax if found extremely high.

In the matter of Printing and Stationery Department. I am sorry for hearing that many Departments use private firms other than Government Printing press. If we use it to print various Government documents including schools text books, this Department can earn more revenue.

Next, I would like to appreciate various steps taken by the hon'ble Minister for Higher & Technical Education Department. We now have ICFAI University to impart business education to the students. Besides, it is important to search for ways to send as much students as possible to get management and technical education. I also join hands with my fellow Members, in the matter of Excise Department and Art & Culture Department, let us strengthen them with better facilities and equipments.

Lastly, I would like to mention about SAD. It is an important Department as it controls every Departments. However, I request its staff to keep up regularity and punctuality better than today. Otherwise, the staff of Directorate office and District office will copy them.

Thank you.

**PU LALDUHOMA**

: Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, Let me start from Taxation Department. When we discussed about the Mizoram VAT Act some years back, we were frightened that prices would be increased. But the then Minister for Taxation Department gave assurance that prices would not be risen. He stated that it would rather be lowered after introducing VAT in Mizoram. In spite of this all the people of Mizoram are now the victims of price rising. I am sorry for telling the people a lie. VAT might not affect prices of commodities in other states. But in Mizoram there are no huge factories and all our requirements are imported from other states, introduction of VAT greatly affects price of commodities since our businessmen cannot claim ITC against the Government. Their taxes cannot be refunded. The Main victims are the poor people. To solve this problem we have two options (1) reduction of the rate of VAT and (2) Permission to refund ITC (Input tax credit). If we agree to refund ITC, there will be great loss from Government's side. I, therefore suggest lowering of rate of VAT to be affordable for all.

I further suggest modification of Presumptive Tax as we have no production in our state. All the Merchants in Mizoram are dealing with commodities imported from other states. If we can modify the said tax we will do great works for the small businessmen and also for the people. Besides, I would like to Mention that corruption can easily involve under the Mizoram VAT Act. Therefore, we need to check its enforcement strictly.

In Section 25 of the said Act it is written that Tax Clearance Certificate would be insisted on every contract and Supply works. But, Many Department do not follow this provision. They give contract works to many non-Mizo Contractors and Suppliers without insistig on Tax clearance Certificate to be obtained from Commissioner of Taxes. I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to enquire this.

Again VAT is also imposed on Medicines. In the past years before VAT is introduced, Sales Tax was not imposed in Medicines. Imposition of tax on Medicines is the burden of the poor people and poor patients. Is it not good to abolish tax on medicinal items ?

Next, I would like to comment on the department of Printing & Stationery which has received the highest revenue income amongst all the Departments. Despite the Government's order there are Departments that do not purchase office stationeries from Printing & Stationeries Department. These departments have even negotiated with private firms for printing of official matters instead of sending the materials to Printing & Stationery Department. Despite all these, the department could exceed the targetted revenue income.

Coming to demand no. 35 to achieve self-sufficiency, by the State, fish farming played an important role. Even the fish produces from Mamit, Zawlnuam and Kawrthah is enough to cater the need of the whole population. Regarding fish seeds, there is a private farmer who takes up artificial insimulation without the intervention of the Government with this method, this farmer has produced fish seeds. The fish farmers in the area preferred this seeds to that supplied by the Government. Meanwhile it is a pleasing matter that financial assistance for making fish farm has been available through BAFFACOS.

Under demand no. 21 there is Higher & Technical Education. Till recently, the Government terminated all deficit States at Middle and High School levels. But, the Colleges of Lawngtlai, Hnahtthial and Mamit are still under a deficit status. Since, there is no extra financial involvement, the Government is advised to upgreade the said College to a provinciallyised States.

I am happy to repeat that the Government made a decision to upgrade the CHC of Mamit, Lawngtlai and Kolasib to District Hospital. It is a great progress to have due anticipation in regard to health care.

Thank you.

**PU D. THANGLIANA**

: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I am glad that we could have an opportunity to discuss the demands of the hon'ble Minister. For being the seniormost in age. I request the hon'ble Speaker to allot an extra time for me.

I will start with Revenue department found under demand no. 6. This department earned lots of debate of late. We cannot deny, the fact that Revenue department is one of the most important departments. This department has carried out summary survey of lands and also keep up all land records. The task undertaken by this department in regard to revenue collection is also remarkable. Despite shortage of staff, the department has made progress in many ways. Mizoram has also seen progress in giving tax to the Government. The people have now acknowledged that it is their duty and responsibility to pay taxes. However, it is regrettable that there are some politicians who tried to impart in the minds of the people that they should not give tax to the Government.

The department of Taxation has rarely been commended. However, it is only due to the dedication and hard work of the officers and staff of this department that the Government could run smoothly to some extend. It is our duty to appreciate the achievement made by the department.

As we are all aware, the department of Social Welfare has been a parent department for the aged, persons with disability and the under-privileged people. I am proud to see the various works and services rendered by the department for the welfare of the people. The focus of this department has been on programmes relating to the rehabilitation of the needy.

The Government has also acknowledged the performance of this department and these by increased the budget provision by 250 lakhs.

In regard to Higher & Technical education adequate emphasis is laid on development of academic excellence and high level of technical and professional literacy. It is a pleasing matter to see the relentless efforts made by the hon'ble Minister. It is great that ICFAI Bill has been passed by the House which is expected to serve the educational needs of the up coming youths of the State.

Under demand no. 35, Fisheries, Mizoram has not yet achieved self-sufficiency in the production of fish. Due to the recentless efforts rendered by the hon'ble Minister and the department steps have been taken for the construction of fish ponds and renovation of the existing ones under BAFFACOS. It is learnt that fish farming is more profitable than ordinary farming. Realising this, the Government has assigned priority to fisheries. We are fortunate to have a Government that concerns over the rural cultivators. I would further like to advise the Government to supply only standard quality of fish seeds to farmers.

Despite the many points I want to say in regard to Health & Family Welfare. I will state only a few due to shortage of time. All the innumerable steps taken by the Department for rural healthcare and the emphasis laid on development of health sector infrastructures have been praiseworthy and commendable. We should therefore continue to appreciate all the good works performed by the Government through Health & Family Welfare Department.

It is im[portant to appreciate the performance of Art & Culture department for the development of the rich culture and traditions of Mizoram. Therefore, Mr Deputy Speaker, I request this House to pass the demands of the three Ministers.

Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Let us now call upon the opposition Leader.

**PU LAL THANHAWLA** : Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker At the outset, I request the hon'ble Deputy Speaker, to allot longer duration of time for me.

I will strt with Fisheries, which the members have mentioned many points on the subject. If we read the report of the C & AG, we find wordings such as unnecessary expenditure and 'incorrect tender'. It is pleasing to hear from the members that self-sufficiency could be achieved through fisheries. If we relly want to pursue the task of self-sefficiency. honesty is the key. It is shameful for the Government that the C & AG Report has highlighted the dishonesty and

pertiality of the authority. The hon'ble Minister may not be involved, but it is his responsibility to check such undesirable matters.

Coming to Printing and Stationery. This department is supposed to cater the needs of other departments. But, number of items are not necessity items. Hence, adjustments has to be made in this regard. As stated by the members, some department donot procure stationeries from the department of Printing and Stationery. The hon'ble Minister is requested to enquire into this.



In regard to Social Welfare Department the Union Finance Minister is generous towards the progress of ICDS. The Central has taken up a policy for strengthening of the existing Anganwadis and solving the problem of mal nutrition amongst children. There is also scheme for providing mid day meal to Primary School Children. However, the CAG Report mentioned misappropriation of the department in regard to the selection of supplier for midday meal. It is learnt from the Report that the lowest bidder declined for no specific reason and the third lowest bidder of the tender was selected. Due to this, the children seemed to have received less nutritious food. It is clear from the CAG report that the concerned department needs to reform itself.

As done in the Central government, the old age pension may also be increased in the State as well.

Coming to Higher & Technical Education, it is pleasing to have an University. Due to the inefficiency of the first Vice-Chancellor, the University is below up to the mark. Presently, a new Vice-Chancellor is being searched. Here, I would like to urge the government to involve and fight that the post is occupied by a Mizo

I would like to suggest to the hon'ble Minister, to take up rapid step to promote technical Education. Further, I would like to suggest that, the government should be careful in dealing with ICFAI. In India, we have heard of private universities booming at the start, but gradually comes to a silent end. Therefore, if we are not careful at the beginning it may not be up to our expectation.

Regarding National Rural Health mission, if we look at C & AG Report, the toilet Van is regarded as wasteful expenditure. Therefore, we should take careful step not to repeat such an act. As we are aware, the central government is specific in Rural Health Mission. This year the fund allocation has gone from 8420 crore to 10,420 crore. It is pleasing to note that the hon'ble Health Minister is taking step from the grassroot level in rural areas. However, there are still space for development, and certain acts which needs rectification in the future.

As for tax, Deputy Speaker, we have never advocate the people to stop paying taxes. Instead, what we are stating is that the present proposal of the government is a kind of extortion. Therefore we are requesting the government to withdraw the present proposal.

As for tax, Pu Deputy Speaker, we have never advocate the people to stop paying tax. Instead, what we are stating is, the present proposal of the government is a kind of extortion and that, the percentage of the jump is too high. It is 500 % to 300 %. Therefore, we submitted a Memorandum to the ho'ble Chief Minister, received our delegates, he suggested to the delegates to submit a specific suggestion there by which a committee was constituted, headed by a Rtd Revenue Director. Pu Deputy Speaker, we have submitted the suggestion. We request for rectification of the rate. It is unlikely that, the government will act against its own rules and regulation. But as of now it is regretting to state that the government in spite of rectification there is a notification that, if a person refuses to pay tax, the tax amount will be doubled and L.S.C. cancelled. Pu Speaker, therefore, we cannot stay and help in passing this Revenue demand.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER**

: We have come to the end of the discussion.  
We will have a tea-break, meeting will resume  
at 4.30 P.M.

**4 : 30 P.M.**

**DEPUTY SPEAKER**

: We will now call hon'ble Minister. Pu B. Lalthlengliana to wind-up his demand.

**PU B. LALTHLENGLIANA  
MINISTER**

: Pu Deputy Speaker, first of all I would like to start with Printing & Stationery department. This Department was once an extensive de-

partment, but fade away gradually, therefore, we are reviving the department. In the year 2005-2006. the fund allocation for the department was Rs. 50 lakhs, and Rs. 30 lakhs in R.E. However, it was not enough to meet the demand of all the department. Therefore, the government is taking step as far as possible to solve the problem.

The hon'ble members mentioned that, all the department does not acquire their requirements from Printing & Stationery. Pu Deputy Speaker it is true, the main reason is the quality of the materials and the distant of the depot Pu Deputy Speaker, Knowing this, we have given notification to suppliers to supply papers and other materials as per prescription, therefore the quality of the papers has improved. Pu Deputy Speaker, we have opened sales out-let below controller's office for the convience of other department.

The Revenue target in Printing & stationery for the year 2005-2006 is, Rs 55 lakhs, and 60 lakhs in revised estimate. Pu Deputy Speaker, we have collected Rs. 55 lakhs plus and there is liabilities in 4 department. Once we receive there liabilities. we will cross the target. The hon'ble opposition leader mentioned about the items. Pu Deputy Speaker, we have decentralised 52 items. However, we have not given notification since, we have not cleared the stock from our depot. Once these items are cleared, it will be decentralised. Then, regarding the law revenue in Printing, it is mainly due to the fact that printing is given to private press by various departments. But with the Co-operation of Finance department, we have requested these departments to stop this practise, except for some exceptional case. This has resulted to the climb in revenue. Pu Deputy Speaker, if the government could make an arrangement for us to print, the MBSE text book from class I to IV, it could make a great difference in the revenue income.

In the previous financial year, we acquired image setter colour seperator, through craficom technologies Kolakata, to support the image setter, the department requires four colour of set machine. Now, there is fund allocation of Rs.80 lakhs for the machines, we are very grateful. Once this machine is procured we will be able to print the colour Mizoram Calendear, and we expect to be a sound revenue earning department. This is all I want to speak about Printing & Stationery.

Coming to Fishery department, 11 Members have spoken about Fishery department. Pu Deputy Speaker, there is a saying that, an acre of water pays more than an acre of land. It present we have 5000 fish farmers, there are several families having WRC who wished toconvert into fish farming. In Mizoram, we have the potential, but we are still not sufficient and fishes are import from Andra Pradesh. In order to develop fishery, there is still a long way to go. Under BAFFACOS, we have distributed aids for new ponds to 100 persons, and 29 persons. are given aids for renovation and repair. these aids are given under spicific criteria and norms. Instructions are given to complete the work before the rainy season.

During the year 2004-2005 we received Rs. 92.54 lakhs from NEC. From this fund we distributed 393.38 lakhs fish seeds, and 55 metric ton of fish feed. Pu Deputy Speaker,

we also received 37.5 lakhs from fish farmer Development Agency scheme, Government of India. From this fund, 764 persons are given aid for renovation. The rate per person is 22,500/- per hectare. We further received Rs. 50 lakhs 1<sup>st</sup> instalment from central government, from which the matching share is Rs. 16,70,000/-. The fund will be utilised for repair/renovation of ponds, we are expecting to cover 266.8 hectare. The list of beneficiaries is yet to be selected. Pu Speaker, from non-lapsable central Pool of Resources fund, fish seed farm has been set-up. However, since there is no maintenance fund, we are intending to privatised the fish seed farms except for Laldenga fish seed farms, Zobawk and Tamdil fish seed farm. In this manner, Pu Deputy Speaker, we are taking steps in every possible way to acquire better quality of seeds from Kolkata and Tripura. with the collaboration of central Land Fisheries Education we are carefully studying the proceeding. therefore, very soon we are trying to be self-sufficiency in fish. As for the market, talk is held with Trade & Commerce department, to allocate seat in the new market buildings for fish farmers. Ice-plant has been constructed at Bilkhawthlir and Kolasib. And, cold storage at Aizawl - Bawngkawn road for those farmers who aims Aizawl Market and their fishes are being stored at cold storage Bawngkawn. There is a plan to make cold storage and Ice Plant available in every potential areas.

In replay to the complain about non-coverage of some areas by BAFFACOS, I have to state that priority is given to a potential area and will then be extended to other places as necessary.

Coming now to taxation, let me point out that VAT is introduced in Mizoram from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2005. and a number of complaint is being received to that effect. However, the government insists on doing with a view of the need to bring Mizoram towards progress. The concern Official or the Minister may not be mastered with this subject, yet the knowledge can be acquired from day-to-day experiences with the official works, since introduction of VAT, the department is making certain achievements. Collection of VAT is done from June and up till this January, the total collection as far is amounting to Rs. 42,44,005,694/-. The total collection within a year is amounting to Rs. 12,14,97,999/- Where as percentage of increase rate happened to be 40.11 % Since introduction of VAT, member of collecting centre are opened by the department such as Melbuk border trade, Lengpui Airport, Kanhmun, Tlabung by recruiting member of workers, as per instruction from the Central to Maintain uniformity.

**PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO** : Mr Speaker Sir, whether the government put any pressure on the Central government for reduction of tax atleast by 8 %.

Secondly, since there is an instruction to fix uniform rate from the Central, it will be pleasing if our government implore the central government to reduce certain taxes so as to keep up uniformity.

**PU B. LALTHLENGLIANA MINISTER** : Mr Speaker Sir, it is to be noted that our problem in this connection has been forwarded to empowered committee on a regular interval but no final decision has yet been made till date. The main reason for introduction of uniform rate is to evade problem of enter-state trade relation and on the basis of it the government will take necessary action. Regarding recruitment of employees, it has to be done with the approval of GAD

Keeping in mind the importance of having a full-fledged Director for Taxation department, a demand for it is now being moved and will soon be discussed in the cabinet meeting.

In regard to introduction of VAT in Mizoram, there are opinions against it as it has not yet been introduced in most of the states for which I have to state that there is nothing wrong in taking the lead as it is what we have to do sooner or later. Furthermore, we have the decision of empowered committee that the rate fixed at 4% will be reduce to 3% from 1st April this year and at 2% by the following year, and is expected to drop down at 0 by 2009.

As VAT is introduced in Mizoram, it is necessary to computerise every work for which central government provides Hardware and software at free of cost supply of the said materials is done by TATA consultancy Service Ltd. and network construction too is now being completed.

Regarding requirement of vehicle for the work, though the government introduced privatisation of Government Motor vehicle, it is to be noted that if taxatio department is accepted as one of the Enforcement departments in our state the needs for motor vehicle of the department has to be given a special consideration

Mr Speaker sir, it is further to be noted that even in the absence of trading regulation in Mizoram, we have appropriate system of registration under VAT.

Regarding the question of 'D' Form of CST Act, Rules for collection of revenue and restriction and penalty for evasion of tax is being prescribed. It is meant to give way for the department to be able to purchase the requirements at suitable rate.

**PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO** : Mr Speaker Sir, it is to be noted that the absence of Trading Regulation is of a great loss for the state government as it gives illegal traders free movement within Mizoram as the statement "Failure to register 29 "dealers led to evasion of tax of 60.93 Lakhs" indicates existence of illegal traders. It may, therefore be important for the government to give priority to introduction of Trading Regulation in Mizoram, otherwise illegal traders will increase at fast pace.

It is grateful that the government is giving priority to collection of revenue yet, we are having 60.93 lakhs of loss and is expecting to rise still unless Trading regulation is not made available with immediate effect.

**PU ZODINTLUANGA** : Mr Speaker Sir, re-selling of any supply Contract order is strictly prohibited and this rule gives opportunity for local suppliers. Is there any way to change the system so that local suppliers get favour from the concern authority?

**PU B. LALTHLENGLIANA  
MINISTER** : Mr Speaker Sir, it is against the rule if 'D' form is used for purchase of non-other than

Departmental purchase and are liable for penalty under section 10 of CST 1956 which is of 6 years imprisonment. The department may need some sort of understandings of the concerned people as we are now having a problem due to a lack of enough staff.

Regarding increase rate of VAT as pointed out by Pu Andrew Lalherliana necessary step will be taken by the government

**PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA** : Mr Speaker Sir, What is the reason for exemption of VAT on certain vegetables? Is it possible to include at least imported vegetables?

**PU B. LALTHLENGLIANA MINISTER** : Mr Speaker Sir, sorry that I am not familiar with the possibility yet we will look into the matter.

Regarding suggestion made by Pu Duhoma for exemption of VAT on certain medicines, it is to be noted that it is already done on certain Life saving Drugs and only 4% is taken for the vest where as in other states it is 6%.

In reply to the idea of inflation being resulted out of failure to produce ITC, it is to be noted that VAT is not given for purchase of things outside the state but only of within Mizoram. The demand for reduction of rate of VAT has often been made to empower Committee yet it has not been finalised.

**PU LALDUHOMA** : Mr speaker Sir, it is pleasing to learn that only 4% is taken on medicines here in Mizoram, where as in other states it is 6% speaking of the reduction of rate of VAT, it is to be noted that the Government of West Bengal too can reduce it so if the necessity arises why can't we? It is therefore obvious that our Government too can make reduction if the necessity is felt.

**PU SAIKAPTHIANGA** : Mr Speaker Sir, What is the reason for exemption of VAT in West Bengal particularly on certain items?

**PU B. LALTHLENGLIANA MINISTER** : Mr Speaker Sir, I cannot explain the reason as it is not of Mizoram.

**PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO** : Mr Speaker sir, The rate is not uniform with other states. For instance, goods purchased from Kolkatta at Rs. 100 has to be sold at Rs. 120 for which the rate is fixed from selling rate where as only Rs. 100 is taken in other places. Which one is to be applied?

**PU B. LALTHLENGLIANA  
MINISTER**

: Mr Speaker sir, It has to be determined from the rate of purchase and its Capital and the same is being applied in Mizoram too.

Lastly, I want to express my appreciation to the constructive speeches made by 10 members. Matter that concern collection of revenue always causes a heated debate here in the House and it indicates our there concern for the welfare of the people and of the department our government too will determine each of the suggestion so that the best possible outcome is achieved. In pursuance of initiative taken during congress Ministry, building tax is slightly raised.

There is one good achievement which our opposition members do not mention. It is mutation. If the land is inherited from father to son for example, we fix a flat rate of Rs100/- whereas 5 % of land value was taken earlier.

Hon'ble member Pu Zodintluanga alleged that list of tax rate shown may have been initiated from party office. It was only after three sittings that the draf was printed. But, as the rate was shown with comparative statement the book was so thick that we have it reprint without comparative statement. When various rates were fixed and considered, no political party gets involved. It was done so under my guidance.

**PU ZODINTLUANGA**

: Mr Deputy Speaker sir, the Minister is also, in charge of Printing & Stationery. But, I regret to say that he is not aware of the

number of order copy printed and he may also clarify as to which press is used to print those notification.

**PU B. LALTHLENGLIANA  
MINISTER**

: Mr Deputy Speaker, the Directorate is in charge of Printing and how it was printed may be clarified later when question is replied.

I therefore request the House to pass my Demand for Land Revenue and Reforms amounting to Rs. 8,96,10,000/- and Taxation Rs. 3,82,55,000/- and Printing and Stationery Rs. 6,04,40,000/- and also my demand for Fisheries Rs. 4,23,80,000/- the total amount is Rs. 23,06,85,000/-.

Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER**

: The Hon'ble Minister has moved his Demands. Those who agree to pass may say 'agree'. (The members said 'agree'). Pu B.

Lalthlengliana's Demands amounting to the total of Rs. 23,06,85,000/- is being passed by the House. Now we will call upon Pu R. Tlanghmingthanga, Minister

**PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA  
MINISTER**

: Mr Deputy speaker, let me start with SAD. SAD is operate with five Major Heads such as Council of Minister, secretariat General

Service, Secretariat social service, secretariat Economic service and other social services. From the

said major Heads. Pay of IV Grade upto Chief Ministers, TA/DA and vehicle Maintenance of officers and staff, Bill of electric, Phone and stationery is given Secretariat comprises of 194-Group-A Officers, 225-Group-B, 385 Group C, 338 Group D and 429 Muster Roll employees. Under SAD, there are 72 LMV and 7 Two-wheelers with quarterly Expenditure of POL amounting to 12.82 lakhs and almost the same amount for their maintenances. Since privatisation of Government Motor vehicle, our problem is being supplemented as neither driver nor fund is being improved.

Regarding maintenance of Telephone under SAD, there are 246 connections with the total bill for 2 months generally amounting to Rs. 400,000. In order to stop writing-off of telephone Connection due to delay of payment of Bill. I have approached officials of Telecom department to stop this practice and is now being considered. Besides, in order to reduce one consumption on telephone bill. We proposed to use EPABX to connect all telephone users when the New secretariat Complex is made functional, Financial Authority also agreed with the proposal.

All pay bills of Government servants is submitted to Aizawl 'S' Treasury before 5 days of last working day each month. Pay is usually drawn late, which is out of the authority of SAD. Some departments stay out of SAD complex as the complex could not confine all. The SAD does its best to keep cleanliness of the complex. The secretariat usually has office expenses for maintenance of the Secretariat complex as the concerned financial department could not take up such responsibility on ground of non-availability of fund for maintenance of the complex.

Demand no 29. Social Welfare Department, hon'ble Members had spoken about it. The purview of the Department is so wide that the State Government transplants Sethawn De-Addiction Centre into Referral Centre. Various training courses are conducted from time to time so that those healed may have profession to have self-sufficiency on this own. Instructors for various trades are required. A large scale project is now submitted to the Central Government for these purposes. If this project is granted by the central Government, Government's land at Thingdawl will be prepared for rehabilitation and training centre.

We will not be able to cover all steps taken by the Social Welfare Department. As this Department is connected with the Central Government, the state budget for it, was reduced for some years but now, it is raised up to Rs. 17 lakhs. I think we will know that we are inferior to Congress Ministry in the budget provision. Rs. 20 lakhs of budget provision is reduced to Rs. 5 lakhs. This causes difficulty to the Members in distribution of various articles from Social welfare Department.

And there is one scheme for socia-economic programme especially for poor and deprived women. Under this programme, such deprived woman are aided in cash or in kind. The Department also gives training on knitting and tailoring to such women. Such trainies are given Knitting or scroing machine after completion of their course. If the Department has enough fund Knitting and Sewing Machines can be provided to such poor women. Social Welfare department also has swamsida ? Project for establishing women. The project is being started at Lunglei, Serchhip and Thenzawl Block. 601 self Help group have also been set up who engage in silk farming, gardening etc. State level steering committee has been established to quide such groups and women commission had been established since 1996-1997. And Women Commission Bill, 2004 has also been passed last year in the moth of November.

Various steps are also taken for the welfare of children especially among the Pre-Primary School who have no one to take care of them. Assistance is given to 28 motherles baby

Homes and 8 branch YMA is also given assistance for those who have books for reading of the children Adoption Cell of this Department.

Different kinds of handicapped are given assistance. Not only that, but vocational training is also given to the handicapped person like Tailoring, knitting and shoe repairing. Training Centre for such skill is opened in Aizawl and Lunglei District. 863 students of handicapped is given assistance and 200 handicapped children are given pension. Unemployed allowance of Rs. 100 each is given per month to the registered handicapped children if they are not employed after two or three years. Resource Centre is set up from 2001 State Referral Centre and District Centre also had been set up. Through such centres study is conducted on various kinds of handicapped.

Welfare of old age and Destitute persons are also observed at old aged home at Luangmual. The work is carried on till date. Fine old aged is confined and looked after by the Department. And old aged pension of Rs. 100/- each is given to 10525 old aged. The amount of pension is proposed to be raised at Rs. 200/- by the Central Government.

Under National family benefit scheme, when a bread earner of a family died, Rs. 10,000/- is given to the deceased family. 757 families are given such assistance during 2004-2006.

Remand Home is also set for the delinquent youths. The Home could cater 300 persons. It is specially prepared for under 18 years old. Various De-Addiction Centres are given Financial Assistance. Demand is now made to the Central Government for such assistance Poultry farming, Piggery, electronic and motor mechanic training is given to them for After Care Centre.

Under Integrated Child Development scheme we, now, have 23 ICDS Project in the State. We also have 1592 Anganwadi now. The Central Building of Anganwadi are now improved. The Central Government wondered the quality of Anganwadi Centres. Good Nutrition is also given to children under 6 years and 1,65,122 pregnant women.

Under Tribal Welfare as per article 275 (1) of the constitution of India, various works have been completed in the State.

Hon'ble Speaker Sir, when I begin to look after Health Department. I informed Doctors and Nurses that we are not to neglect our duty as any other Department. I also informed them that they should inform me what the patients as well as the Hospital needed as I will not know what their requirements are as I am not a technician, and that they should use me as a tool for such thing. The Hon'ble Chief Minister and the Central Government too give importance to Health Department. I also informed them that it is needed to improve Aizawl Civil Hospital as the Referral Hospital has not yet functioned properly. Seventy nine (79) items have been purchased within the last two years that we are so proud of. But we need more improvement in different ways.

Regarding Public Health - State Government is responsible. The Department takes step earnestly for prevention and curing of the patients. The position of health care in Mizoram is the best of all in India. Now, we have 351 sub-centres. The criteria of Sub-Centre and PHC is 3000 population in the rural area and 7210 in the urban area. But in Mizoram, we have one sub-Centre per 2532 population. The criteria of PHC. is also 44,511 population but 15,589 population have a PHC. It is very pleasing to know such result.



The main problem of this Department is Building and Quarter. The Central Government informed us to make Project urgently for building and quarter knowing our problem. We also have 12 CHC. Some of them will be promoted to District Hospital. Then we will have 9 CHC. four Specialists Doctor each is proposed to be posted to each CHC. of which one specialist will be Anensthesian Doctor. Knowing the problem of PHC, 26 doctors are newly employed a few days ago

We want to make posting of doctors to PHC, but we could not do so now. Inadequacy of doctors and staff nurse is so high in the State as no post is created for seven years. Knowing the problem of the Department, the Ho'ble Chief Minister requested me to make proposal as early as possible.

And 214 persons are newly recruited today. Out of which 28 are employed on regular basis and 136 on contract basis, Preference is given to the concerned Village people but not to doctors and nurses.

We know inadequacy of Medicine supply we expect that it will be improved this year as Rs. 3 crores is provided in the budget this year.

Regarding Baffacos, the Department is taking initiative that can break out due to the increase in rat population on ground of bamboo flowering. The Documentary Film is prepared in detail to teach people.

Under Malaria Control Programme, the Department takes various steps to control Malaria and step is taken for spraying DDT in time. The department also distributes DDT soaked Mosquito net to the poor. Besides this, tablets for treating malaria is freely distributed to each District. The concerned officers will give the pills to the trustees person for further distribution.

Under T.B. Control programme, Twenty Seven Microscopic Centre is set up and medicine for T.B. is also freely given to the patients.

And Village Health Committee is also to be set up at each Sub-Centre under the Chairmanship of VCP. Health worker will be the Secretary and Treasurer of the Committee. Rs. 10,000/- will be given to the Committee every year.

And Rs. 20 lakhs is given to each of 9 CHC. By means of this fund tools and medicine will be improved.

I also want to inform the members that Rs. 52 crores is proposed for construction and repairing of quarters and office building. The Project Report has been submitted to the National Rural health Mission Bairabi Hospital will be re-constructed by means of this fund as desired by Pu Rintea.

Now, we are waiting sanction amounting to Rs. 135 lakhs for construction of four CHC. and Rs. 35 lakhs for construction of 12 PHC. 130 Sub-Centre Cum Quarters will be constructed at an estimate cost of Rs. 7.2 lakhs each

Proposal for upgradation of Health Worker Training School at Kulikawn, Aizawl is now under processed. Rs. 8.46 Crore is estimated for this proposal Hospital building and staff

quarters are proposed to be upgraded and the internal road will also be repaired. We expect approval of the said proposal from the Central Government shortly. There is another proposal for construction of State ware House, which will be used to preserve Medicines and equipments in which loading, unloading and packing facilities and cold storage will be there. Rs. 4.46 crore is estimated for this proposal. Detailed Project Report has also been submitted now.

Under NRHM (National Rural Health Mission) there are various schemes for BPL families. According to which Rs. 500/- will be given to a mother who gives birth to young ones upto two children, besides this, additional Rs. 250/- can be given if Maternity is undergone in the Government Hospital. The said assistance can also be given to a mother upto third pregnancy if she is willing to be sterilised after giving birth to a baby. Another sanction of Rs. 1500/- is also there for those who borne a child through surgery. The following amount of financial assistance will also be given to a member from BPL Family.

(1)	Diarhoea	-	Rs. 400/-	(2)	Pneumonia	-	Rs. 500/-
(3)	Anaemia	-	Rs. 600/-	(4)	Fever	-	Rs. 400/-

Health Camp is also organised in various rural villages. Rs. 20,000/- is estimated for each Health Camp. Rs. 200/- can be sanctioned for referral Transport if a patient is referred from Health Camp to PHC. or bigger Hospital.

For implementation of national Cancer Control Programme, we now have oncology wing in the Civil Hospital Aizawl. We have bought new equipment for manography (breast Cancer). Cancer therapy unit will also be commissioned shortly. Rs 75 lakh had also been received from central to constitute Regional Cancer Society. We have submitted many new proposals to the Central Government relating to Cancer Control policy.

Steps for constitution of Accident and Trauma Centre is now going on at Serchhip and Kolasib Sanction had already arrived here. Telemedicine centre is also inaugurated by the hon'ble Chief Minister on 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2005, proposal for instalation of such centre at Lunglei, Saiha and Champhai is going on. In regard to Referral Hospital, the Ministry of DONOR have released 35.39 Crore out of 40 crore. We are now waiting for the last instalment only. In this regard, 96 % of the physical work had been completed.

Upgradation of Civil Hospital. Lunglei upto two hundred bedded Hospital and Civil Hospital Saiha upto 100 bedded. Hospital is under processed.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, I have noted various points raised by the members in the matter of nutritions and I will enquire them. Today. I beg leave of the House to pass my demands :

(1)	Demand No. 11, S.A.D.	-	Rs. 28, 94, 01, 000/-
(2)	Demand No. 24, Health & Family Welfare	-	Rs. 75, 08, 45,000/-
(3)	Demand No 25, Social Welfare Department	-	Rs. 18, 61, 85,000/-
			<u>TOTAL - Rs. 1,12,64,31,000/=</u>

**DEPUTY SPEAKER**

: Pu R. Tlanghmingthanga, hon'ble Minister now explained his Demands and he begged leave of the House to pass them. Those who agree

to pass Demand Nos, 11,24 and 29 with a total amount of Rs. 122,64,31,000/- will say 'yes' and those who disagree to pass will say 'No' (Members say 'yes'). Pu R. Tlanghmingthanga's Demands are passed by the House unanimously.

**PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA** : Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker Sir.  
**MINISTER**

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Now, we will call upon Dr. Lalzama, hon'ble Minister to wind up his demands and let him beg leave of the House to pass them.

**DR LALZAMA** : Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, I would like to express my thanks to Members who speak about my demands. First of all let me speak  
**MINISTER**

about Higher & Technical Education Department The budget allocated for this Department is greatly increased due to the efforts of the hon'ble Chief Minister. I, therefore, hope that many problems due to lack of money will be solved. As we know that we have passed ICFAI university Bill to introduce various technical and job oriented educations in Mizoram. As I have said on the day when we discussed the said Bill, precautionary Measures would be taken in this regard. In regard to filling up of Vice Chancellor's post of Mizoram University we try our level best for early filling up of this post. We have made recommendation of Mizo professor to occupy this important post.

In regard to quality Education, we have constituted State level Quality Assurance Co-ordination Committee for the whole state. Besides this, we have Quality Assurance cell within the Directorate office and Internal Quality Assurance cell in various colleges. We have approached the National Assessment and Accreditation Council at Bangalore to make assessment of various Colleges in Mizoram According to which, Government Aizawl College, Government Champhai College and Aizawl West College had become Accredited Colleges. We are proud of them. Assessment is expected for other Colleges also. In regard to permanent affiliation, all Government colleges have had affiliation and step is still being taken for other 12 deficit colleges also. Permanent affiliation and is very important to be able to get aid from U.G.C.

Scholarship is given to students. During the year 2005-2006 Rs. 876 lakh is sanctioned to 21277 students Rs. 130 lakh is now awaited. We hope that sanction would be made in the month of April this year. Besides this, there is Post Matric Merit Scholarship, during this year Rs 8.8 lakh is spent for Merit Scholarship. Incentive cash award of Rs. 5000/- each is given to those who get through Preliminary examination of Central Civil services. During this current year, Rs. 3 lakh has been spent for this purpose. Hindi Training College is also shifted to Durtlang Vengthar at its own building. Additional grant to complete the building has now been released by the Central Government

In regard to Technical Education we have Technical cell in the Directorate office which conducted entrance test to join various technical courses every year. We heard about the condition of college building at Saiha, Steps are taken now to construct new building. We have submitted proposal to the central Government and now sanction is still awaited. In Serchhip College and Kolasib College Bachelor of Computer Application (BCA) course is introduced from

this year and approval has also been received from the University for this purpose. The said course will be funded by N.E.C.

Now, coming to Excise Department, according to Section 55 of MLTP Act, everybody has right to arrest drunkards, Liquor sellers and those who involve in abusive drugs. The Department works very hard to enforce Total Prohibition Act, inspite of this we ask for help and coordination from various NGO'S and Churches. Such good coordination greatly help the Government to enforce the said MLTP Act better than before. This Department has no a building of its own, private building has been rented for many years. But, now, construction of building for Excise Department is going on quickly. It will have a separate building of its own shortly. Recently we received aid from the central Government to strengthen Excise Department, such as 3 Gypsy King vehicles, 5 Motorcycles, 5 Radio repeater sets and 5 Motorola handsets. All these new equipments greatly help us to work better.

Next, coming to Art & Culture Department, various steps are taken to preserve our culture. Cultural Meet have been organised at various places. Chapchar Kut is also organised every year to revive our culture. Rs. 7,89,215/- has been given during last year to 23 writers through the Mizoram Publication Board. A Mizo Pavillion is also created at shilpagram in Guwahati to display and sell Mizo handicraft products, which is inaugurated by the hon'ble Prime Minister on 17.1.2006. Besides the above, Seminar had also been organised many times, Hollow Guitter, P.A. Set, Gong Set, Vakiria, Traditional Dress set, etc. are also subsidised for various NGO'S and Cultural organisations. Rs. 1,01,500/- is spent to preserve historical sites.

During last year, Chief Minister Running Trophy Cultural Dance competition was organised in which Rs. 1,45,000/- was spent. To promote Mizo youths in the sphere of Drama and for promotion of National integration, Drama clubs and Cultural Troops were sent out to other states which were totally funded by the Central Government through NEZCC. When the President of India visited Mizoram last year, Cultural Programme was organised. He was very pleased and he sent Rs. 50,000/- to us.

Our ongoing project is construction of cultural complex at Berawtlang funded by the Cultural Ministry of the Central Government. 98% of the construction work has been completed now. We are given a site for State Library at new Capital complex, we have received a sanction of Rs. 1.25 crore from Rajaram Moha Roy Library foundation. Construction of Library building will be started shortly. Besides, construction of a building for State Museum at Berawtlang will also be started during this coming financial year.

Under R.R.L.F. (Rajaram Mohan Roy Library Foundation) 425 Libraries in Mizoram are provided furnitures at the cost of Rs. 2,50,000/- Such Libraries are mostly ran by various Y.M.A. Branches. Our state Museum is also greatly enriched by the Indian Museum, Kolkata. Gandhi Memorial Higher Secondary School Museum at Champhai will also be equipped by the Indian Museum, Kolkata. The work has now been started. During last year, the same agency had developed Museum Gallery at Saikuti Hall, Lunglei to become District Museum. This Museum will be inaugurated shortly.

The highest award in India in the sphere of singing and dancing called Sangeet Natak Academy Award in Folk Music is awarded to Pu J. Lalhluna of Tlangnuam, Aizawl. I am proud of him the said award is accompanied by certificate, citation and Rs. 50,000 in cash

Although there are many other achievements and progresses in the Department of Art & Culture, let me conclude my speech here. Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, I beg leave of the House to pass my demands.

(1) Demand No. 7; Excise Department	-	Rs. 8,35,58,000/-
(2) Demand No.. 21; Higher & Technical Education Department	-	Rs. 30,07,26,000/-
(3) Demand No. 23; Art & Culture Department	-	<u>Rs. 6,05,60,000/-</u>
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Rs. 44,48,44,000/-</u>

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Dr Lalzama, the hon'ble Minister for Excise Department, Higher & Technical Education Department and Art and Culture Department now begged leave of the House to pass various demands under his charges. Those who agree to pass will say 'yes' and those who disagree will say 'No'. (Members say yes). Yes, Dr. Lalzama, Minister's demand are passed unanimously in this House.

**DR. LALZAMA** : Thank you. Mr Deputy Speaker Sir.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : We now have finished our business for today. We will have a break and Meeting will be resumed tommorow on 29.3.2006 (Wednesday) at 10 ;30 AM.

Sitting is adjourned : 7 : 25 PM