

**SEVENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MIZORAM
(FOURTH SESSION)**

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR EIGHTH SITTING ON THURSDAY, THE 20th NOVEMBER, 2014
(Time 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.)

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SPEAKER : Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves.

Philippians 2:3

To start our business, we will take up Starred Question No. 111 to be asked by Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. Starred Question No. 111 for the Minister of Printing & Stationery is: -

- a) How many Departments maintain transaction with the Printing & Stationery Department during the year 2013-2014?
- b) What is the amount of transaction?

SPEAKER : Pu C. Ngunlianchunga to answer the question.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA, MINISTER: Mr. Speaker, Sir, my answer to Er. Lalrinawma is: -

- a) 62 Departments.
- b) The amount of transaction is ₹96,16,694.00.

SPEAKER : Any Supplementary question?

Er. LALRINAWMA : Mr. Speaker, Sir, my Supplementary question is: - Is there any department who has not transaction with Printing & Stationery and if there is any attempt to improve the process?

SPEAKER : The Hon'ble Minister to answer the question.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA, MINISTER: Mr. Speaker, Sir, there are many departments who have no transaction with Stationery department. We have a stock suspense on our stationery worth ₹360 lakh in the current situation. There are also some items which became useless amounting to worth ₹90 lakh. With the Chief Minister's approval, we are trying to sell out the remaining items to different departments as notice has also been given to all the departments who have not yet traded with us. At the same time, we are trying to expend all those stocks suspense with a plan for new direction. The Department also bought a pick-up truck (Mahindra) for delivery and we are also planning to get better materials by indent.

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question from Pu. T. Sangkunga.

PU T. SANGKUNGA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. It is a good that the Printing & Stationery Department exists as it very prevents the practice of corruption. From my experience in the department for a short period of time, I knew very well that purchasing

stationery items from private firms invites corruption as it is easy for concerned persons to take in cash from such firms in the stead of the item which may be required by the department. It is learned that there are many departments who have not trade with the Stationery department despite notifications being issued with the approval of the Chief Minister. Regarding number of department in our state as mentioned by the Hon'ble concerned Minister; I believe the implication is in DDO-wise. In order to resolve the problem which has been faced, I opine it is important to place outlet in some convenient places so that any department who may need stationery item may deliver it from such places. At the same time, it is necessary to impose ourselves forcefully in this time of serious financial constraints and it is wrong to use excessive money on stationery items during this time of tight budgets. So, I am asking whether the outlet had already been constructed and what action had already been taken against the department who did not obey instruction for purchase of stationery items only from the government stationery department only.

SPEAKER : Pu R.L. Pianmawia to ask the question.

PU R.L. PIANMAWIA : Mr. Speaker, my Supplementary question is: - Is it true that the Mizoram Calendar for the coming year is printed at Printing & Stationery Department but not outside?

SPEAKER : Pu Hmingdailova Kiangte to ask the question.

PU HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE: Pu Speaker, my question is: - Indenting stationery item from private firms without taking no-objection from Printing & stationery absolutely is against the rule but it seems that any department indents stationery from any firm. Is such practice permissible lately?

SPEAKER : Hon'ble minister to answer the question.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, to answer the supplementary question of Pu T. Sangkunga, it is a fact and here is the list of such departments who does not follow the instruction but I may not read it out due to limit of time.

There are some departments who indented stationery items of little amount from the Stationery department just to keep itself saved from criticism. As we have heard from our Finance Minister's statement that our financial problem is not good, it is regretted to mention that large amount of stock suspense is there in my department as well and the department is giving intensive effort to dispose such stockade. In the meantime, I would also like to point out that we have a building which now becomes quite old as approach has been made to the Hon'ble Chief Minister for renovation. If we are able to renovate the building, we will include plan for setting up stationery outlet. Besides, purchase of indent vehicle is under consideration.

Pu Speaker, as mentioned by Pu R.L. Pianmawia, this year's Mizoram Calendar is printed by Printing & Stationery Department as we almost face problem as there were some opinions within the department to print it outside; but I insisted to do it ourselves so that the benefit, if any, will come to us. Pu Speaker, we have a large Printing Press being constructed at Luangmual and hopefully, it will be commissioned by January, next year. Since then, we will be able to print out various text books for education department. The Printing & Stationery Department has a project worth ₹8 crore as a result of the effort of the former Ministers and leaders. Regarding NOC, all the departments are instructed to acquire stationery materials from Stationery Department only yet, we have our limitations in being the controller and this gave us various problems. In order to have a settled and well defined finance, the Printing & Stationery Department should be used suitably and it is a good source for the entire departments where stationery materials can be bought at cheaper rate. I want our Leaders, the Ministers and all Head of Departments to know that we should not just look for opportunities for it is important to find ways to make ourselves self-reliant and independent. Despite notification with the approval of the Hon'ble Chief minister, there are many departments who make excuses so as to not trade with the Printing & Stationery Department. In short, our situation is that we have only ₹100 lakh a year for supply of Printing & Stationeries where as there are large amount of stock suspense on the other hand. That is my answer, Mr. Speaker, Sir. Thank you.

SPEAKER : The Hon'ble Chief Minister.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the main reason why various departments did not want to buy stationery items from the Printing & Stationery Department for the quality of the materials is not good enough. So, from now on, the department may collect items of better quality which is in used at every office. Now that we have vehicles to deliver the supply and so is mandatory that every department buys stationery items for Stationery department and we can think of ways to punish those who do not follow the rules.

Regarding printing of last year's Mizoram Calendar, the department though claimed that they were able to print the Calendar; I have learned from a reliable source that it was outsourced. For this year also, I have summoned the officials and told them that it will be much regretted if it is again outsourced for the department is said to be able to print here.

SPEAKER : Any question from Pu Zoram Sangliana?

PU P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA: I rather ask not as the House Leader explained it all.

SPEAKER : Starred Question No. 112, to be asked by the hon'ble member Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma.

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA: Mr. Speaker, Sir, Starred Question No.112 is for the hon'ble Education Minister: -

- a) How many regular teachers are there under Malsuri UPS (SSA) excluding EV teachers and Hindi Teachers?
- b) Who are they?
- c) How many students are there in each class?

SPEAKER : The Education Minister, Pu H. Rohluna to answer the question.

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is: -

- a) There is no upgraded School at Malsuri but of SSA School with 1 teacher for Class - VIII.
- b) The teacher is named Shanti Lal Chakma, who was appointed on 22nd December, 2009.
- c) There are 23 students in Class-V, 23 students in Class-VI, 36 students in Class-VII, totally 82 students.

Apart from this, I would like to mention that SSA School aimed at setting up Alternative and Innovative Centre at places where there are no school. So, it has also been set up at Malsuri in 2006. In order to be upgrade such school at UPS, approval of the central and PAB is required. Since no approval is obtained from the said, such school cannot be upgraded to UPS till now. The school also has a Hindi teacher as well.

SPEAKER : Any Supplementary Question? Dr. K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Mr. Speaker, Sir, my Supplementary question is: - For how long teachers under SSA including Hindi teachers have not been paid their salary? Is there a plan to pay now?

SPEAKER : Concerned Minister to give the answer.

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I believe the salary in respect to 1305 Nos. Hindi teachers under CSS will be paid this month as financial sanction has already been obtained where as SSA teachers were paid up to July. Direct funding of the provision to SSA has now comes through Finance Department where as ₹29 crore has already been released from the Central. We will than able to release their pay for August - October as soon as the Finance Department processed the case.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is now July; for how long it will be detained?

SPEAKER : The Minister to answer the question.

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: As said earlier, Pu Speaker, the fund does not come directly to SSA; it may take some times for the process.

SPEAKER : Let us go to Starred Question No.113 and Pu Lalthanliana to ask.

PU LALTHANLIANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My question to the Hon'ble Minister is: -

- a) How much did the Soil & Water Conservation Department spend on NLUP during 2008 - 2013?
- b) How much is spent on broom?

SPEAKER : Pu Lalrinmawia Ralte, concerned Minister to answer the question.

PU LALRINMAWIA RALTE, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. My answer is: -

- a) During the year 2008 – 2013, ₹8,137.91 lakhs is spent by Soil & Water Conservation Department for implementation of NLUP.
- b) ₹5,990.80 lakhs is spent on broom.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Starred Question No. 114 is for the Hon'ble Minister of General Administration Department: -

- a) When was the rate for lodging in Mizoram House made?
- b) How much is fixed for the various accommodations?

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is: -

- a) The rate is amended on 17.4.2014 with some portions again amended afterwards. Accommodation in Mizoram House is divided into 5 categories such as: -
 - i) VIP Suite
 - ii) AC Room
 - iii) Ordinary
 - iv) AC, Dormitory
 - v) Ordinary Dormitory.

Lodging charge is again divided into 4 categories depending on the status of guest: -

- i) Officials on Duty.
 - ii) Officials not on Duty.
 - iii) Private referred as medical patients.
 - iv) Other Privates.
- b) The accommodation charge in 7 Mizoram Houses varies from place to place.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, What is the reason for the difference of accommodation charge in Mizoram House? It is the national policy that priority is given to the old-aged and handicapped where as the struggling students and medical patients usually are accommodated at dormitory at the rate of ₹350 per night. Pu Speaker, we have regularly sent some people from Mizoram to represent trade-fares at the capital or else. Is there a way to review accommodation charge of dormitory in the case of such representatives?

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Mr. Speaker, it is reassuring for us to have a Guest House in different states. It is necessary to categorize accommodation charge particularly in Mumbai in which there are many students or medical patients who cannot afford to stay far from the Hospital. So, we built a Guest House near Cancer Institute which is meant only for medical patients and their attendants but not for the officials or ministers. For that reason, the rate is different from place to place. The size of rooms in a particular Mizoram House is different as well whereas uniform accommodation charge is used in Mizoram House of New Delhi, Kolkata, Bangalore, Shillong, Guwahati and Silchar. The Mahipal Hospital of Bangalore provides us a land during the previous term for which contractor has already been selected for the construction. However, the foundation stone which has been laid went missing but the reason is unknown.

I visited Bangalore at the beginning of this ministry as the mizos community there approached me for wants of Mizoram House at Bangalore as well. As I approached the then Chief Minister of Karnataka, I had received an affirmative and polite response from him much to my surprise but the case ended up in vain. However, we have been trying our best to achieve the plan as we now have a favorable site for that. For that reason, we decide to rent a house for accommodation.

As of the rent, a new rent for Mizoram House particular of metropolitan cities may be introduced but of different rate from place to place for such buildings and its facilities are not the same. While fixing the room rents, concession also has also been considered so that pensioners, students, accredited journalists etc. may be accommodated at a cheaper rate with a condition that if a room is rented for more than 15 days, the days beyond the 15th days should be paid in double. For cancer patient who is referred by the Medical Boards, the period of lodging may be extended up to 30 days. A separate rate is fixed for former legislator and FLAM member as they may be treated as official on duty. In the meantime, rate for Kolkata and Guwahati has been reduced when a new rent is fixed. Since most of the visitors from Mizoram expected accommodation at Mizoram House, the rooms are usually limited and fully occupied which often worried concerned Liaison Officers and our Resident Commissioners. Since there are some persistent people who are trying to stay for more than 15 days, we all need to have mutual understanding.

We used to provide a Bus for medical patients in Guwahati but shipped to Kolkata for use in the Mizoram House. Since Mizoram House of Ballygunge, Kolkata is meant for students, ordinary travelers and medical patients, we often requested the officials not to lodge in there but

some refused to obey. So, in order not to invite any official visitor, Refrigerators and A/C etc were being removed so that the students and ordinary travelers may rent it exclusively. Besides, we also keep nurses at Guwahati and Kolkata so that any medical patient may feel more buoyant.

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question from Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Mr. Speaker, nowadays it is learned that the Accredited Journalists frequently face problem relating to priority which may be given to their accommodation in any Mizoram House. So, may the Minister take the step so that their problem is resolved? Also, may the vehicle be provided once again for the medical patients at Mizoram House Guwahati?

SPEAKER : Pu Lalrobiaka.

PU LALROBIAKA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. Like the House Leader has mentioned, The Mizoram House at Mumbai is being maintained with much hardships due to lack of enough fund. Even though Mumbai is hardly visited by the officials, Mizoram House is a must there. In 2010, I went to attend a meeting at Mumbai and thereby attended the proposed site of Mizoram House at Navi, Mumbai. How about the agreement signed with the U.S. Roofs Company for construction of the new Mizoram House?

SPEAKER : Hon'ble Chief Minister to answer the question.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, in reference to the main question, we have shown our favor as much as we could while there are also many who do not earn such favoritism. Being medical patients, we still and will continue to favor them. There are often complaints on lodging when one is egotistic. During the times of PC ministry, all my belongings were thrown out of my room as the Chief Minister and I was left without a room to stay; but I made no complain. Again, as the MNF came into power, the Chief Minister forbids me to stay at my favorite place that is the Teen Murti House but instead allotted me VIP Room No.2 at Chanakyapuri. We were forced to leave as the Finance Minister and the Speaker were arriving; then we left the House around 9:30 pm; but still, I made not complain. So, Pu Speaker, I would like to mention in this connection that we will continue to receive complaint due to egotistic behavior of some persons but if we endure the problems bravely, then the problem may be abated.

Apart from this, we have given priority as much as possible to the physically disabled and the old-aged in the hospital as we have even planned to construct a special hospital for them. For information of the House, Mizoram House has already been started at Mumbai and I believe construction of its building will soon be started, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : We can now go to Starred Question No.115 and Pu Lalruatkima to ask the question.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My Starred Question No.115 to the Minister of General Administration Department is: -

- a) When was the Development Board/Council of Sialkal hill Range formed?
- b) Who are the leaders of the Board/Council?
- c) How many meetings were called so far after its formation?
- d) What are the functions?
- e) What is the amount of fund being allotted since its formation? What is the amount in year-wise?

SPEAKER : The Hon'ble Chief Minister to answer the question.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, Sialkal hill range Development Board was formed on 24.2.2012 with any concerned MLA as its Chairman. The post of Vice-Chairman should be by filled up by concerned V/C from different villages of the concerned area on alternate basis where as the Secretary is concerned SDO (Civil), Ngopa and concerned BDO is its Joint Secretary. The members comprise all the V/C members from that constituency in respect of party affiliation. There is a meeting once every year and this is the 2nd year and so there have been two meetings since its formation.

Sialkal Hill-range Development Works covers various works such as construction of steps, toilet, bridge, retaining walls etc. The amounts of fund allotted since the Board was formed are ₹50 lakh in 2012-2013 and ₹50 lakh in 2013-2014. Concerned MLA of this particular constituency has gained ₹50 lakh apart from his ₹30 lakh of MLA Fund.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, I believe Acts and Rules have not yet been formulated to that effect; will it be made soon? What is the criteria of allotment of fund in this regard and if it is done on population base?

SPEAKER : Hon'ble Chief Minister to answer the question.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, we do not use any criteria; the amount may be increased if enough funds are available. Pu Speaker, whether it is an Act or Rule, we do not intend to take up its maintenance as a full-fledged subject of the government.

SPEAKER : Pu K. Sangthuama to ask Starred Question No. 116.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Starred Question No. 116 for the Hon'ble Minister, School Education: -

Is the Government aware of problems faced by the doubled Adhoc Aided High School and RMSA School?

SPEAKER : Hon'ble Minister, Pu H. Rohluna to answer the question.

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the government indeed witnesses the problems faced by such schools and steps are being taken to resolve the case.

SPEAKER : Starred Question No.117 to be asked by our hon'ble member, Dr. K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. My question to the Hon'ble Minister of GAD is: -

What is the reason for the delay of posting of SDO (Civil) at Tuipang Block which has already been upgraded to Sub-Divisional?

SPEAKER : Hon'ble Chief Minister to answer the question.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the reason why we could not afford to place SDO (Civil) at the cited division is due to lack of officers. For this reason, many BDO's have taken dual charges just like BDO Tuipang has combined the charge of SDO (Civil).

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question from the hon'ble member Dr. K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, we have number of sub-divisional places such as Khawzawl, Saitual, Vairengte, Kawnpui, Sakawrdai, N. Vanlaiphai, Hnahthial, West Phaileng, Kawrthah and Ngopa etc. Earlier, I went to Champhai and learned that Saitual and Khawzawl have a separate SDO and I feel grateful for them; but in a way, I envy such status.

Like we have mentioned yesterday, I am deeply concerned that there are no doctors at Tuipang for a long time even though it is the headquarters of the Hon'ble Speaker's constituency. My question, Pu Speaker, is: - Does it mean that such divisions where a separate BDO and SDO (Civil) are given less important than the others? If so, what is the reason to consider such divisions as less important?

SPEAKER : Hon'ble Chief Minister to answer the question.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, depending on the places, there are some which are convenient to combine the charges while some are not. For example, Serchhip District is combined with North Vanlaiphai though it not quite convenient. So, the people of North Vanlaiphai have often asked to combine their division with other convenient location. Since SDO Civil takes senior grade MCS officer, we are in short of qualified officers as we have only 52 against 65 posts. As in Tuipang, the charge of BDO Sangau is combined with

SDO (Civil) which is opined as quite convenient. Such posts are combined for the work load of concerned officers is considered as reasonable.

SPEAKER : I wish there are more questions about Tuipang but since there are no more, we will go to Starred Question No. 118 which will be asked by the hon'ble member Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Starred Question No. 118 is for the hon'ble Minister of School Education, such as: -

- a) Is it permissible to deploy a substitute teacher?
- b) How many are being deployed as a substitute teacher?
- c) What is the main reason for deploying a substitute teacher?

SPEAKER : The Hon'ble Minister Pu H. Rohluna to answer the question.

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, my answer is: -

- a) According to the rules, it is not permissible to deploy a substitute teacher.
- b) It is learned that there are more than 545 substitute teachers being deployed.
- c) According to RTE Act and NCTE Norms (GOI), class should not be taken by a teacher without proper trainings as on 2015. So, trainings are given to untrained teachers as many as possible. So, some substitute teachers are being deployed so that the concerned schools are not affected by the absence of its teachers who are under trained. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, B. Ed training is necessitated to High School teachers who are employed on contract basis at the rate of ₹15,000 per month where as a substitute teacher is employed at the rate of ₹3,000 to ₹5,000 by the teachers of such concerned schools. Even so, such schools remains in short of teaching staff for the deployed substitute teachers are attached to non-teaching staff and I do not understand the whole process.

Apart from that Pu Speaker, training is again necessitated to contractual teachers of SSA with a condition to share their little amount salary for deployment of their substitute teacher. Such teachers were in grief for they have no choice. May the concerned authority determine a better plan in this regard like increasing the salary of teacher on contractual basis as well as substitute?

SPEAKER : The Hon'ble Minister to answer the Supplementary question.

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Mr. Speaker, Sir, we frequently face problems in the Department but according to the norms of RTE Act and NCTE, all the teachers should undergo training and those who have not should not be allowed to take classes as on 2015. Such norm is existed since 2005 but due to various circumstances, it cannot be fully implemented. Since 2015 is approaching, we are afraid that many schools may be affected due to training of its teachers. With that in mind, the concerned School Managing Committee (SMC) and VEC have made conclusion for the solution without much knowledge of the department. If a High School teacher on contract basis failed to undergo B. Ed training, it will be mandatory for them to be fired as the government did not have enough funds for alternative arrangements like hiring their substitutes. Regarding training of SSA teachers on contract basis at DIET, I think their salary is not just ₹7,000 as regular teachers are paid above ₹10,000.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : The Education Minister, in the previous session pointed out that there was a plan to regularize the High School teachers on contract basis. If so, what step has been taken so far? When will it be achieved? And, regarding posting and transfer of teachers, it is said that the concerned MLA should be consulted prior to making any decision but numbers of teacher in my constituency too were transferred without my knowledge. I wonder if the Hon'ble Minister regarded the Opposition members hardly as an MLA.

SPEAKER : Hon'ble Minister to answer the question.

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the Department has planned to regularize those High School contract teachers who have completed 5 years services but we cannot move forward as planned due to financial problems and other reasons.

Regarding postings and transferring of teachers, notification of concerned MLA particularly of rural areas is required as most of the teachers in such areas are willing to be posted at Aizawl my making various excuses despite insufficiency of teaching staff in rural areas. In dealing with the case, it is concerned MLA himself who knows best the condition of schools within his constituency. In fact, it is difficult for the directorate to maintain appropriate record. As for schools within Aizawl, we have enough teachers from Primary to Higher Secondary Schools. I believe our educational system will improve if each of the members knows the condition of schools in our respective constituency for many problems could be solved from their level. Pu Speaker, our main objective is to let each MLA give more attention to the condition of schools within his constituency in particular so that any problem may be solved from his level.

SPEAKER : Starred Question No. 119 from Pu K. Sangthuama.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, my question to the Hon'ble Minister for School Education is: -

- a) Is there any Govt. High School without Science teacher?
- b) If so, may I know the name of the school?

SPEAKER : Hon'ble Minister to answer the question.

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is: -

- a) According to the High School Recruitment Rules, a subject-wise teacher is not being differentiated and a separate teacher for Science subject therefore is not recruited.
- b) The name of the school cannot be given as there is no recruitment for Science teacher separately.

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question from Pu K. Sangthuama.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, a Science teacher of Sairang High School has left for another job which caused the school functioning without a regular Science teacher. May a new teacher be posted with immediate effect to fill up the vacated post?

SPEAKER : Pu H. Rohluna, Hon'ble Minister.

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, number of teacher is quite limited not only for Science subject but for Mathematics as well for any of them are recruited as general teachers as per Recruitment Rules in which no subject is particularized. We, therefore plans to change the system as step is being taken by the department. Even if we could not recruit a specific teacher for the subjects such as Science and Mathematics, the Recruitment Rules may be amended for recruitment of subject-wise teacher. The same process is being applied for recruitment of teacher under RMSA and Higher Secondary and we have been planning to improve the system as well.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, Starred Question No. 120 to the Minister for Power & Electricity Department: -

- a) How many BPL families according to plan will be covered by Free Electrification under RGGVY Scheme?
- b) How many were already provided?
- c) How much is spent per connection?

SPEAKER : Hon'ble Chief Minister to answer the question.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, my answer is: -

- a) 26,210 families.
- b) 16,264 families.
- c) ₹2,200 per connection.

SPEAKER : Question hour is now over. The Hon'ble Deputy Speaker asked for leave of absence for official business and he is granted along with Pu H. Zothansanga who has also applied for the same.

We will now take up Laying of papers; I request the Hon'ble Minister Pu R. Lalzirliana, to lay "The Mizoram Liquor (Prohibition and Control) Rules, 2014" on the table of the House.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu. Speaker, I, hereby lay on the table of the House, "The Mizoram Liquor (Prohibition and Control) Rules, 2014". Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. Next, I request the Hon'ble Minister, Pu H. Rohluna to lay on the table of the House, "The 21st Annual Report (01.04.2010 - 31.03.2011) of Mizoram Food & Allied Industries Corporation Ltd".

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I hereby lay, "The 21st Annual Report (01.04.2010 - 31.03.2011) of Mizoram Food & Allied Industries Corporation Ltd" on the table of the House.

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. Now we will move on to Financial Business and then proceed to Discussion and Voting on Demands. The Demand of 2 ministers we have to discuss today will be discussed in combination but will be passed separately. First, I call upon Pu R. Lalzirliana, Home Minister to move his Demands.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: On the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, Mr. Speaker, Sir, I move the following Demands for ₹115028.53 lakhs only for meeting expenses during 2014-15 in respect of the following Departments: -

Demand Nos.	Department	Amount of Budget
No.7	Excise & Narcotics	₹2,539.36 lakh
No.16	Home	₹56,329.29 lakh
No.31	Agriculture	₹19,029.65 lakh
No.38	Rural Development	₹37,070.23 lakh
TOTAL		₹1,15,028.53 lakh

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Next, Pu H. Rohluna, Hon'ble minister to move his Demands.

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, Sir, I move the following Demands for ₹94940.82 lakhs for meeting expenses during 2014-15 in respect of the following Departments:-

Demand Nos.	Department	Amount of Budget
No.20	School Education	₹83,866.40 lakh
No.40	Industries	₹10,113.70 lakh
No.44	Trade & Commerce	₹960.72 lakh
TOTAL		₹94,940.82 lakh

Thank you, Sir.

SPEAKER : We will now start our discussion by combining the Demands of 2 Ministers. Each member will have 10 minutes. Who will go first?

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Mr. Speaker, Sir, there is quite a difference in the number of members sitting at your right side and your left side. I would like to make a suggestion to use a common sense during our discussion without seizing the last opportunity and waiting for the only 6 members who are sitting on the left side to finish their discussion. Earlier, even though it is not a law, the House Leader always uses the last opportunity and before that it was the time for the Opposition Leader or the Opposition Group Leader and so I would like to suggest to go along with this process again.

SPEAKER : Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. Firstly, I would like to start from the Demand of our hon'ble Minister, Pu R. Lalzirliana.

In regard to the Demand No. 31 of Agriculture, we distributed numbers of tractor and power tillers during our previous term and we made the best use of it at Champhai. I request the Hon'ble Minister to do the same again for most of our lands are under-developed as using cattle for cultivation becomes obsolete and no cattle can be found. So, we really need power tillers and tractors. Last year, more than 100 cattle have died of pestilence at Vapar and Ngur of Hnahlan constituency. It would be much appreciated if step is taken by the government to revive the system of distribution of tractors and power tillers.

In regard to the Home Department, Pu Speaker, we have very limited number of police at Champhai even though we are in the borderline. We need more attentions from the government as office building and staff quarters are becoming old which may be repaired immediately. As a Parliamentary Secretary of this Ministry, Pu K.S. Thanga, Pu Joseph Lahimpua and self occupied the Minister's Bungalow respectively. My request in this connection is to install CCTV system in the said bungalows even if Home Guard security could not be placed.

Pu Speaker, the central authority, from this year reduces numbers of people to receive IAY under Rural development. If that is so, it will no longer possible for some villages to benefit the scheme even by a single household. For that is the case, it will be much appreciated if distribution of roofing material is resumed as in the previous years.

Regarding the Excise, being held from a constituency where winery and grapes are concentrated, we are afraid that the implementation of MLPC Act may affect our business. So, in order to improve our market, I suggest that the limited content of alcohol in the production of wine may be increased otherwise our production will become incompatible in the market. Regarding Trade & Commerce, a private building being constructed in the market place of Champhai is quite a problem for the people for the surrounding areas are covers with dampened soils. He has already been instructed by the Marketing Officer to remove such soils but ignored to do so. Will the Minister kindly involve in resolving this problem? Another thing is that the BSNL has taken it step for construction of microwave link under the Prime Minister Flagship Programme at Zokhawthar Champhai which further demands a convenient site for the establishment of its tower. It will be much benefitted for Champhai district and for our state as a whole if we provided the requirement for it concerns communication development. In connection with this, clarification is needed for construction of Bazaar Shed like time, place and duration for the construction.

At the same time, I would also like to point out that inauguration of Zokhawthar Land Custom Station has always been delayed even though it was completed long ago. I would also like to ask if Trade & Commerce Centre at Melbuk may be refurbished before it is inaugurated. In a way, it will be a good idea for concerned authority to take dual development projects at the same time such as the renovation of the said Trade centre and the project for the National highway to Zokhawthar.

Coming to Demand No. 20, we all seems to be aware of shortage of teacher in the Education department. I must say that any examination which is claimed as being conducted fairly is not so for the students from rural areas. No chance arises for rural area students who are competing with students from an advanced background such as from Delhi, Shillong or even Aizawl. It is, in fact, a good idea that the former Education Minister had followed saving of 10 marks for rural students in any competitive examination. If the same is not introduced, then at least it would be a good idea if we recruit those special trainers at the rate of ₹3000/4000 per month so that none from urban areas will give interest to such job and such job will be left for the local people. In this way, the problem of posting & transfer will also be resolved to some extents.

There are many things left to be said today, Pu Speaker. As I have pointed out yesterday regarding vehicle entitlement of SSA and RMSA or may be the Project Director, a vehicle is rented at the rate of ₹2,500,000/- per annum and by another officer at the rate of ₹30,000/- per month where as such rented are of their respective private vehicles. I opine such system is excessive considering the main objective of the government which happened to be improvement of our financial system. I believe it has already been noted down by the Hon'ble finance Minister. At the same time, I request concerned minister to carefully re-examine the system of the Education department. Overall, I did not make my speech in demand-wise but I agree with all the Demands. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu K. Sangthuama.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, I, first of all, I want to make a brief point on Demand No. 7, Excise & Narcotics Department. We have a budget amounting to ₹2,539.36 lakhs out of which ₹2336.19 lakh is for salary and wages and the remaining is ₹203.17 lakhs. Apart from this, there is ₹144 lakhs for medical treatment and other charges and only ₹50 lakhs remains. I opine concerned authority should give more important to this department which plays a very important role in developing our economy.

In the meantime, we have seen huge amount of budget allotment in respect to Demand No.16, Home department amounting to ₹56,389.29 lakhs out of which ₹49,397.44 lakhs for the salary and wages, ₹1,148.7 lakhs for medical expense which as I opine is quite a lot compare to Education department which covers more staff. It will be appreciated if it is re-examined. As we have listened yesterday, Home department has ₹222.85 lakhs under OE and ₹537.27 lakhs under OC, both with a huge amount. Then again, it has ₹601.66 lakhs for purchase of vehicles by which we may be able to buy more than 85 new Boleros. So it is quite important to re-examine the case including the medical re-imburement and other charges.

Here, Agriculture has a budget amounting to ₹19,029.65 lakhs and apart from this; there is a grant-in-aid of ₹10,048.15 lakhs which is quite a huge budget. There is allotment for creation of Capital Assets of ₹4,750 lakhs and other charges of ₹273.98 lakhs. Even though this grant-in-aid is essential, I opine it is excessively high. In order to be a developed state in agriculture, I opine the department needs to make intensive effort on our wet-rice cultivation throughout the state by using Bulldozers and JCB. There is also ₹3,286.48 lakhs of general grant-in-aid for non-salary including the ₹4,750 lakhs. With that, I believe that we achieve self-sufficiency in our rice crops.

Next is Demand No.38, Rural Development Department. Under the head of Grant-in-aid, we have ₹30,286 lakhs and ₹3,977 lakhs for Major works. The amount of Grant-in-aid in General which I opined as huge is used correctly and wisely, we have chances to develop our lands. As such, I request the Minister for Rural Development to determine the best use of our funds for development of rural people.

Moving on to Demand No. 20, Education, It is a must to keep huge amount of money on salaries for Education and like it was previously mentioned regarding recruitment of teacher, if preferences were given as much as possible to teachers in the villages, then there would not be problem of posting and transfer. There is not much to say about the Demand No.40 and 44 and there is nothing much to say apart from the salaries in Trade & Commerce since not much work is seen. Since it is an important department, it would be great if it is kept in another way in the Budget. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu R.L. Pianmawia.

PU R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, I want to add a few points on these two Departments. Home department has enough funds under OE and other charges but it is quite less for the Secret Service. I opine a sufficient allocation should be made in respect to the Secret Services for it concern peace and security of our state. Since there is an excessive limitation in respect of the Secret Service and Excise department, step could not be taken as demanded by the situation. It may, therefore be revised.

Secondly, I thank the Hon'ble Home Minister for his concern to my constituency as number of Police Quarters are constructe at Darlawn, New Vervek, Sakawrdai and N. Tinghmun and the only place left to be done is Zohmun. I also thank him for providing us vehicles at Darlawn, Sakawrdai and New Vervek. One important thing to mention is that during the last election, we were intensively insecure for security reasons but all security measures were executed greatly and we are really thankful for that. I also want to share my gratitude on the Agriculture Demand No.31 as SDAO Quarter and office are reconstructed and steps were taken for construction of NLUP link roads of Ratu, Darlawn, Sakawrdai, Sawleng and New Vervek yet, there are still many works to be done.

Apart from my gratitude on construction of go-down at Darlawn, it would be highly appreciated if a broom go-down is constructed at Vaitin. In regards to the Demand No.38, Rural Development, I want to share my gratitude again for setting up broom go-downs at Pehlawn, East Phaileng, Kepran and Sawleng and also for constructing a Community Hall at Zohmun, Sakawrdai, Sailutar and East Phaileng. The constructions at Lungsum, Ratu and N. Tinghmun are not completed yet and it would be grateful if these are completed immediately. It would also be great if construction of Darlawn BDO Office is completed.

Again, I express my gratitude on the Demand No. 20 of Education for construction of RMSA High Schools building at North Serzawl, Sunhluchhip, Sailutar, Damdiai and N. Tinghmun. I also want our minister to know that we need RMSA High School at Mauchar as well. At the same time, it is highly appreciated that our school buildings namely, East Phaileng High School, Sawleng High School, Kepran High School, Darlawn High School, Ratu High School, Sakawrdai and Zohmun are renovated as exam center is allotted at Ratu High School and Zohmun High School. We are also highly appreciated as permission for Higher Secondary School is given to Ratu High School and Primary School at Sailutar and also for providing us computer sets to every High School. In April this year, the cyclone destroyed Primary School building but with the help of the Hon'ble Minister, it is now being reconstructed from financial assistance we have received.

Regarding transfer & posting of teachers, I am truly appreciated to the Hon'ble Minister for showing his respect to all the members by giving authority to our respective constituency which is indeed, much appreciated. I must say that in the previous years, ours is of a constituency on which less importance was given as number of our school teachers was decreasing year by year. As of now, we are able to maintain a favorable condition thanks to the concern of the

Hon'ble minister. However, I would like to suggest that any recruitment of school teacher may be made in division-wise and posting, as per the demand of a particular school.

I express my appreciation on the Demand No. 40 in which the Industries department provided sewing machines to the needy and also for inspection undertaken by the Geology in the sinking of area of Sakawrdai, N. Vervek and Vaitin. At the same time, I would like to mention that there is shortage of staff in Geology which often causes the department to bring out effective services. It will be highly appreciated if the government has given priority in regard to this problem.

Regarding Demand No. 44, Trade & Commerce, it would be highly appreciated if the department extended its function within my constituency so that we may have reason to express our concern over its Demand. I thank all the members who participated in the discussion of our Demands. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Next, Pu Robiaka raised his hand first.

PU LALROBIKA : Pu Speaker, I would like to start from Demand No. 16. As known to us all, my constituency is frequented by insurgent that further traumatizes the ordinary life. Though we have been prioritized by the government, it would be much appreciated if we are equipped with better security since my constituency happened to be the main target of underground training for insurgent groups of the neighboring states and also route for kidnappers in which explosive bombs are frequently used.

Pu Speaker, I would also like to inform the House that the camp of IR Police at Phuldungsei badly needs improvement since the cyclone destroyed numbers of household 3 years back. I, therefore request concerned authority to give immediate attention in this regard.

Another problem, Pu Speaker, is that West Phaileng Outpost which covers extensive area from the hill range of Reiek to Kanhmun in the north extremely needs improvement as vehicles allotted there are hardly serviceable and are always in short of oil supply such as petrol/diesels. As such, it is not possible for such police forces to reach the spot on time where some incidents took place. As such is the condition, I request the Hon'ble Minister to allot at least 2 or 3 vehicles to operate in the aforementioned areas.

Next is the Demand No. 31, Agriculture. We have so much to thank for the Demands on Agriculture. As pointed out earlier, power tillers and tractors were provided to cultivators on subsidized rate and were widely benefitted. Not only that, Agriculture Link Roads were constructed and the farmers in my constituency are deeply grateful for they could make more benefits out of it. I believe that in the same manner, we are able to provide such machineries in this ministry.

Pu Speaker, I believe that we are the ones who make the most use of Rural Development as we are receiving BADP including the Western belt Development Fund and IWMP thanks to special concern shown by the government. As mentioned by certain members, it would be highly appreciated if iron sheets roofing materials are once again distributed by the government as there are many who lives under grass-roofed houses where as with that conditions, it is very difficult for them to endure monsoon seasons. Again, it is much appreciated that we have been provided with numbers of Community Hall and trainings on Self-help Group under the Rural Development.

Next is Demand No. 20, School Education. It is truly appreciated as the government favored my constituency with various schemes such as RMSA for we have been economically far-off behind other regions. In the meantime, I would like to request concerned Minister to give permission of Higher Secondary for my constituency as most of the struggling students who passed their HSLC are often dropped out due to unavailability of any school in the area for further study.

I appreciate that we receive many favors from the Industry department as we have been making improvement to a certain degrees. As there are numbers of talented Chakmas within my constituency, I strongly believe that we can make the best use of their talents for development of the Industry Department if weaving centre is established in my constituency.

Regarding the Demand No. 46, Trade & Commerce, I am grateful that improvement is seen. Opinion for inclusion of Border trade programme under the department of Trade & Commerce is reiterated in the House. Trade & Commerce had already been initiated way back at the border areas such as Marpara and Siliguri as we exports turmeric, gingers and anchari from here to Bangladesh till today and it indicates that this is an important place. We have seen mini-markets being constructed at various constituencies despite the concept that Trade & Commerce as a minor department. Overall, I find our budget is satisfying if it is utilized in appropriate manner. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalthanliana.

PU LALTHANLIANA : Pu Speaker, I believe there is nothing much to say regarding the Demand No.7 & 16 but I notice that funds allotment under the head of Office Expenses is higher considering the previous years and limitation of our finances.

In regard to the Demand No. 31, Agriculture, we have seen that under the head of OE of Plan and Non-plan during the year 2013-2014, ₹66 lakh was allotted where as in 2014-2015, it is only 38 lakhs. It is increased by 28 lakhs yet, it may be taken for granted considering our financial situation. However, under the head of Other Charges for the year 2013-2014 including Plan and CSS, ₹159.55 lakh was allotted but allotment for the year 2014-2015 rocketed to a sum of ₹273.98 lakh and the difference is ₹78.83 lakhs. If I am correct, Office Expenses and other

charges can be shared if necessary. I don't know whether this can be decreased, but if it is so, I believe it can be utilized for other purposes.

Next is the Grant-in-aid that is the General Salary. The amount allotted under Plan during 2012-2013 was ₹113.27 lakhs and ₹176 lakhs in 2013-2014 but it increased to ₹393.55 lakhs this year which is more compared to the amount we spent for the previous two years. The Hon'ble Finance Minister has mentioned that NLUP was started in 2011 covering 150,000 families and even though it was planned for 5 years, it was completed within 3 years. It means that it was completed in 2013-2014. By covering 150,000 families, only ₹298 lakhs was spent in the year 2012-2013, 2013-2014. If we look into the demand for grants on the budget statement, ₹289.27 lakhs was spent to cover 1,000 families. Then again, we have ₹393.55 lakhs sanction against additional families of 15,000 Nos. only and I do not understand as the amount is quite a lot considering number of the additional families. It will be much appreciated if it is clarified by the Hon'ble Minister.

Pu Speaker, in Demand No. 38, Rural Development, I would like to talk about budget allocation under the head of office expense once again. It was ₹20.38 lakhs in the year 2012-2013, ₹223.27 lakhs in 2013-2014 and now it becomes ₹122.1 lakhs indicating the decrease by a margin of 45.31%. It may be accepted as an improvement. And, regarding other charges, it was ₹20.38 lakhs in 2012-2013, ₹45 lakhs in 2013-2014 but only 2.5 lakhs in 2015 indicating the decrease of 98.4%. If this is not a mistake, what is the reason for such a high decrease?

I believe budget allocation against Grand-in-Aid, General non-salary is of a positive thing as in 2013-2014, ₹5907.54 lakhs where as for this year; the amount is rocketed to ₹30286.48 with a huge margin of 412.67%. I assume number of beneficiary this year is increasing and is quite appreciative.

Pu Speaker, I want to talk about the Demand No. 20, School Education. Regarding the budget allocation under Grant-in-Aid, General salary, ₹7,774.44 lakhs was allotted against non-plan and plan in 2012-2013 and ₹8,777 lakhs in the revised estimate of 2013-2014 excluding CSS, NLCPR and EA. It was increased to ₹102.56 lakhs. In 2014-2015 including non-plan and plan, the amount is decreased to ₹4,337.64 lakhs with a percentage of 50.58% only. It will be much appreciated if this is clarified as well. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

PU R. VANLALVENA : Thank you, Pu Speaker for sparing me the time. At the outset, I would like to point out that our condition does not allow us suitable amount of budget as the Planning Commission was removed at the Central and so we could not maintain the amount of our budget of the previous year which relatively affected our budget disappointing. It is, in a way, an easy excuse for a state government of the Opposition Party to mention that sufficient amount of budget as not being provided by the central government. It would certainly a headache for the ministers and their respective officers to execute the work with less amount fund provision.

In the meantime, I must say that Excise department is praiseworthy for being able to put forward favorable Rules shortly after the Act was passed in the House. This truly indicates intensive efforts made by the officials.

I opine that Agriculture and Rural Development are the departments which bring good reputations for the Mizos as a whole. As known to us all, development of our state particularly of rural areas reflected intensive efforts made by these two important departments. It may not be wrong to say that the economic gap between urban and rural livings in Mizoram as of the slimiest in the whole country and it is all because of the efforts made by these two departments. It is, indeed, appreciative.

Next, I want to express my gratitude to Home Department. In a democracy country, any state should be safe as the Home Department protects the land and its people. The people are really free today compared to the time when no-confidence motion was moved in the House back in April, 2007. Even though Mizoram is located at the international boundary with long distant borderline with the neighboring countries Myanmar and Bangladesh as with the neighboring states as well, we are able to live in a peaceful situation thanks to the efforts of Home department and I am thankful for that.

Coming now to the Education Department, commitment made by the Hon'ble Minister and his Parliamentary Secretary is appreciative indeed. Pu Speaker, Government Schools in our state hardly made progresses compared to Private schools as the Hon'ble Education Minister expressed his concern to that effect. Whereas out of 14 Nos. of Gov't. Schools, 7 were closed and were combined with the other 7 Gov't Schools. The Gov't. Schools especially of the Primary schools downgraded during 2004-2013 with enrollment of 46,719 Nos. students while the number of students increases in private schools as 59,559 Nos. in private primary schools, 18,754 students in Middle Schools and 6,246 students in High Schools. So, in order to resolve the problem, it is truly appreciated as the Hon'ble Minister makes a plan for upgradation of 150 Nos. Pre-Primary schools to Gov't School.

In the meantime, I would like to make one suggestion to the Hon'ble Minister. It is terrible to let the teachers handle census and electoral rolls. Most of the schools suffer as the teachers are busy and are compelled to leave the schools for taking up such additional responsibility. Unless it is stopped, improvement of our schools is impossible. At the same time, it is also unfortunate that we do not have Recruitment Rules. I believe that we are facing the consequences for not recruiting teachers in subject-wise. Looking at the HSLC results of the past 5 years, 2,436 students got letters in English Subject, 2,866 in Science and 1,803 only in Mathematics. This indicates that we do not have good mathematics teachers. As such is the case, it would be appreciated if the Recruitment rules is reviewed with immediate effect. Another thing is that the importance of Science subject is known to us all as most of the applications of employment preferred a student of class 12 (Science) passed. In fact, it is necessary to include science subject in a school as much as possible for this will help the students in getting jobs. So, it would be highly appreciated if 2/3 teachers are added for science teachers in every schools. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Pu John Siamkunga.

PU JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker Regarding the Demand No. 7, Excise & Narcotics, the hon'ble Minister had just laid on the table of the House, rules which can be implemented instantly. Since "The Mizoram Liquor Prohibition & Control Rules, 2014" is specific, I agree to pass it and I am grateful that our Minister has taken major steps in order to achieve it.

The Demand No. 16, Home Department, it has changed a lot ever since the Congress Party formed the ministry. In regard to the Fire Department, we once had only one Fire Station and therefore quite difficult to maintain effective services. We now have numbers of Sub-stations at various places such as in Ngaizel, near the Assembly House, Treasury Square and in College Veng which shows the efficiency of our Minister. At the same time, I would like to request concerned minister to consider setting up a check gate at Thingsai Police Station for this side is the main route for bike-thieves to enter into Myanmar.

Whereas, the police Station at Hnahthial is duly upgraded with construction of Police Station and number of staff quarters. Apart from this, there is a plan for construction of SDPO quarter and office which is much appreciated.

Regarding the Demand No.31, Agriculture and its allied departments, it is truly appreciative that a large portion of our GSDP is contributed by this department. I express my gratitude for improvement made by the department as our rice production is increasing.

The Demand No. 38, Rural Development is the department which concern development of rural people particularly my constituency with it programmes such as BADP. In this connection, I would like to mention that the quality of sands of the river Tiau is found to be of a high good which often being compared with that of Jatinga. Keeping in mind of the prospect, approach road were constructed for transportation of sands from places such as Lungdap, Ngawizawl, Cherhlun to Tiau road etc. including Bualpui 'H' to Tuipui, Muallianpui to Tuipui so that the people may have a permanent means of livelihood.

Pu Speaker, numbers of building such as High School, Higher Secondary School including the buildings under Health Department are under construction. It would be more effective if fund is fully issued at a time. If we continue the system of sanctioning of such fund on installment system, ideal achievement will not be made for any construction damages before it is fully completed.

Coming now to Education, it has been a long time that we do not have a quality education. In the past, we recruited unqualified teachers who had looked after our children. In fact, Mizoram became a state of high literacy without quality and knowledge of English. So, it would be highly appreciated if we determine how to improve our educational system.

India learns the best use of NCERT as our government is beginning to learn the same of SCERT. I must say that it is absolutely wrong to give training to our teachers by those who are not officially involved in the publication of our text books; it should be given only by the officials who published the text books. It is deeply regretted as we have long been strayed away from the ideal system. As of now, thanks to the efforts of the Hon'ble Minister and the officials, we are now going to lead an appropriate channel as preparation of our text books is in the hands of SCERT. Hopefully, SCERT will then make progresses in coordination with NCERT. In this connection Pu Speaker, I am afraid that progress may not be on its way unless careful step is taken on recruitment of new teachers at the posts vacated by teachers who were retired from their service on VRS. Concerned authority must know that recruitment of a qualified teacher ascertained quality education. It is a shame for the government that many of us prefer some private schools to the Gov't School for quality education is more or less obtained from a private school.

SPEAKER : Your time is up.

PU JOHN SIAMKUNGA : A few more minute please, Pu Speaker. Next, I would like to talk about the Demand No. 40, Industries department.

It is truly appreciated that Industry & Minerals resource department has made a remarkable contribution on our GSDP. The department has numbers of Food Processing and fabrication Industries which all lies under a regular maintenance of the department itself. In this connection, it is important for the people to value our own products whether of a fabrication industry or processing industry such as Aloe Vera industry regardless of the quality itself so that such industries may flourish.

Lastly, Trade & Commerce department takes major steps in the western region like Zokhawthar. Even though we have trade items of more than 60 Nos. but it is a shame that we have nothing to export. So, we should think of ways to export our own products. In the mean time, a market shed still stands uncompleted at Thingsai and I request the department to continue the works. One important thing is that even though the border trade is implemented, we have nothing much to export and we could not make any profit out of it. So, we need NLUP to pave the way so that we may be able to explore our ability. Thank you.

Dr. NGURDINGLIANA : Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I, first of all express my appreciation to the Finance Minister and Department for being able to make clear and neat sector allotment as well as the office expenditure with a tight budget. I also share my gratitude to the Excise & Narcotics Department for being able to prepare rules in between limited time and for recruitment of more staffs and MLPC Act. Under the leadership of our able Minister, I believe that we would not be in a bad situation when such rules are implemented.

My constituency, as known to us all is pervaded by terrorist activities and insurgencies.

In this connection, I would like to extend my gratitude to our Minister and the officials of Home Department for an ideal arrangement in the last Bye-election. As I came looked into the demand, I thought that there is not enough fund for buying materials. However, I am grateful that more than ₹5 lakhs is being allotted. Our Polices have been the best in India despite minimal steps which have taken for strengthening the Police forces. We have numbers of technician posts under Police Department and I am glad that the Minister is working on to fill up such posts.

The Agriculture is an allied to NLUP. Plantation of bananas, passion fruits and gingers are being concentrated in my constituency where as plantation at Khanpui range seems to be the largest in Mizoram thanks to the steps taken under NLUP. I am proud to mention that one person has even made a profit of more than ₹160 lakhs from cultivation of gingers.

Most of the people in my constituency are of manual workers and laborers, our government provides funds from NLUP and RKVY amounting to ₹1,20,000 to 569 families RKVY. So, on behalf of the people of my constituency, I have to express my appreciation to the government for extending its concern to us with the help of Agriculture and NLUP. And, regarding the Rural Development, it will be highly appreciated if we are able to benefit works component for Mizoram works component amounting to ₹3,500 lakhs which is highlighted in our budget.

In regards to School Education, I am glad that importance is given to my constituency as we are able to produce 8 schools with 100% passed percentage in HSLC this year and a student of Top 6th position who is from Phullen High School. With valuable support from the department, I, myself has been working very hard as I regularly inspected any school whenever I visited my constituency. So, we have been blessed.

It is truly appreciative that our Minister has authorized each of the concerned MLA relating to posting & transfer of teacher in our respective constituency. I, myself has never accepted any application from any teacher which concern his transfer with petty excuses. Inspection of school is really important in this regard as the more inspections are done; the more improvements are seen in such schools. Besides, it would be great if we make full use of SCERT as we now have a lot of educated people to make progress to our school education. It will be much appreciated if we are able to make field visit to schools on regular basis and if refresher courses at the level of high school, middle and primary is conducted. We have DEOs at the Directorate and it is appropriate for them to just sit at their offices but to make field visit on regular basis. I truly believe that our education can be improved if our DEOs work outside their offices as well.

In regards to the Trade & Commerce, though a minor department at present, it will become a major department in 5 years. I appreciate the works of our Minister and the officers by keeping in mind that attainment of self-sufficiency for Mizoram depends in their hands as the department concerns border trade relations with Bangladesh and the western countries. I hope

and wish that they all have clear visions of our future. Pu Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER : We will take a break and discussion will be resumed at 2:00 p.m.

2:00 P.M

SPEAKER : To continue with our discussion, I call upon Pu Lalrinthanga.

PU K. LALRINTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to start with Demand No.7 which concern MLPC Rules. As opinion of the majority, supply of liquors will not be stopped as long as there is a demand for it. So, this rule will provide how to control its consumption and quality of the supply.

Regarding Demand No.16, Home, I opine it is important for concerned authority to carefully examine the personality of anyone who may be posted for OC Vairengte as its take a person who is fluent in Hindi and Mizo as well so that he will have no problem with interacting with the general people in the boundary areas. At the same time, I would like to mention that the Hon'ble Minister has made a plan to construct Police Station at Vairengte but no step has yet been taken till today. I believe the delay is due to selection of the site. It will be much appreciated if the Police in the area search for a convenient place for that purpose. In the same manner, Police check gate which has already been planned could not be achieved as yet due to selection of site. Apart from this, even though work order for construction of a building at Saiphai has already been issued, work cannot be initiated for site for the construction could not be settled as yet. It would be highly appreciated if our Minister pursues the matters so that they are immediately completed.

Regarding the Agriculture, I would like to point out that majority of rice cultivations in Mizoram are concentrated within Serlui constituency. For that is the case, I think it is a good idea for the department to provide large machinery for cultivation which may be shared with Kolasib constituency. If possible, the same may be provided to Saiphai, Chemphai and other plain areas as well.

Regarding Rural Development, it seems that the NREGS and IWDP hardly cover the northern side. So, more funds should be demanded from the central so that the whole state is covered by the scheme. When programme for Social Education was implemented in my constituency, construction of a Community Hall had been initiated in various places but many

remains uncompleted till today. It will be highly appreciated if more funds are allotted to Social Education so that such unfinished works are completed.

Regarding the Demand No. 20, School Education, despite instruction that transfer and posting of teachers should not be done without approval of MLA of the concerned constituency, many schools are functioning without appropriate teacher as it is really hurt to see the students who have no teacher. Even though there are schools which have been strengthened with more teachers from SSA fund, our problem of insufficiency of teachers remains persisted. So, it may be wise for concerned authority to determine utilization of SSA fund for strengthening our schools with more teachers instead of setting up a separate school under SSA.

In the previous term, I asked the Horticulture Department to build road side market shed within my constituency but I was referred to Trade & Commerce Department for preparation of work project and the same by ask for the fund. Accordingly, I submitted the application to Trade & Commerce department but nothing happened for the last 5 years till today. So, it will be much appreciated if concerned Minister considered the case for construction of the said market shed within my constituency. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte, next.

PU HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE: Regarding the Demand No. 16, Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to extent my gratitude to our House Leader Pu Lal Thanhawla and the Home Minister, Pu R. Lalzirliana for being able guide us throughout the previous term till today and we are fortunate to have them as leaders.

In the previous term, my constituency had a Police Station at Kawnpui thanks to the valuable concern of our Home Minister. But several staff quarters which were being constructed during MNF ministry now becomes old as the fencings were damaged. It will be much appreciated if priority is given in regard to the renovation.

Demand No. 31, Agriculture, the ministry headed by the hon'ble Chief Minister came up with NLUP which has been widely benefited by the poor. Despite all possible efforts made by the government to uplift the economic condition of the poor, it is regretted to see the people being brain-washed by the opposition party.

In order to win the hearts of our people for the upcoming General Election of 2008, the then ruling MNF Party upgraded 337 schools without prior assessment of the expenditure. As my party formed the ministry, it was quite a headache for the government to determine the said expenditure with the budget provision of 2008-2009. It is a big question as from which sources such 48 newly provincialized schools, Gov't Aided Schools should be maintained whereas the rest to be given a lump sum of ₹1,50,000 to ₹1,20,000 every year. Amidst such difficulties, there were allegations from the opposition that the existing financial problems as being caused by diversion of fund to NLUP expenses, though proven to be wrong. NLUP has already been

released three times till date as the first amounting to ₹324.8 crore, ₹324 crore for the second and ₹317 crore for the third where as ₹317 for the fourth is under process. It should be known by all that not a single fund has been diverted for NLUP but on the contrary, some departments are borrowing funds from NLUP.

Demand No. 38, Rural Development concern mostly of rural welfare such as provision of funds for 100 days works and distribution of roofing materials etc. One important thing is that there was a major crisis when many job cards within Kolasib district were deactivated but thanks to the effort of the Hon'ble Minister, the problem was immediately resolved as it happened only in the Kolasib District.

In the meantime, I would like to mention that it is unethical for any younger or older member of the House to show improper conduct towards our officers. From my experiences as an officer, I sure knew how to differentiate the members who kept politeness and those who over-powering the officials but we have never encountered such member on their conducts. However, I must say that too much of departmental work is quite a problem for the members as I have even informed my grievance to concerned minister.

Regarding School Education, I have often speculated as to how our Minister would treat those schools that have 'NIL' results in HSLC examination. There were 8 High Schools with 'NIL' results the year before last year and 18 High Schools last year. The ratio of the students and teachers in my constituency is really a problem and it would be highly appreciated if the hon'ble Minister has taken necessary action regarding the problem.

There is a Primary School at Tiau Zau village which is at the outskirts of Hortoki with 9 students and 2 teachers; we opened a Middle School this year with 3 teachers and 3 students. There are always 105 students at Hortoki Primary School-I with 3 teachers. There are 166 students who are admitted and more than 140 students often go to school at Hortoki Primary School-II where there are also 3 teachers. So, I asked if some teachers from Tiauzau may be attached here but nothing happened till today. Apart from this, I believe the reason for downgrading of our HSLC result is due to the absence of inspection cell. As mentioned before, nothing is better than recruiting teachers from the same locality as obviously such teachers will not asking any transfer.

Regarding the Industry, exploration of natural gas is underway at Zanlawn and the surrounding areas and I thank the Hon'ble Minister for continuing the process. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Rinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, I, first of all would like to discuss Demand No. 7, Excise & Narcotics. Since the MLPC Act has to be a mandatory, I asked earlier if more constables may be recruited on which concerned minister had pointed out the impossibility. It would be highly appreciated if we could recruit more to efficiently control supply of poor quality liquors and that any one may consume only of a good quality.

Regarding Demand No. 16, Home Department, the Hon'ble Minister has mentioned that 1500 Nos. Excise Forces were not recruited as being claimed. Yet, considering increase of our population, the existing forces we have now is comparatively limited. So, I believe we will need more posts in the near future whether it is a beat post or out-post.

In regard to Demand No. 3, Agriculture, I opine that it should be our main objective to increase rice production from our cultivable lands. Our Finance Minister has mentioned that ₹152 crore amount of rice is given on subsidized rate which is quite a burden for the government and more efforts, therefore, should be made. At the same time, we need appropriate link road from Baktawng to Tuirial to resolve communication problem of the people around Phulpui and Hmuifang. In the meantime, I am proud to mention that majority of brinjals we have seen around in Aizawl are from Tlungvel and the surrounding villages as even the cultivators are proudly organizing a festival of Brinjal (Bawkbawn Kut) recently.

Regarding Demand No. 38, I would like to point out that Rural Development has widely affected the performance of MLAs from rural constituencies for the department is responsible for large volume of work for rural development. One thing I would like to say is that IAY is widely benefitted by numbers of family who have no home for living. The IAY guideline para 3.11 shows that any beneficiary of IAY may avail housing loan amounting upto ₹20,000 at the differential rate of Interest for the year 2013-2014 however indicating further that no one from Mizoram has availed loan under this DRI Scheme. So, it would be great if our Minister has made an effort so that DRI scheme is immediately implemented and that concerned family may have a house by availing loan amounting to ₹20,000 with interest of 4% only.

Pu Speaker, we have started construction of a town hall at Khawbel a long time ago but only the pillar and a beam remains. It will be much appreciated if the work is resumed with immediate effect.

Regarding Demand No. 20, the School Education, I must say that midday meal is highly valued in our School Education. So, it will be much appreciated if the English medium and private school students in rural areas also are covered. Apart from this, we have a problem in the student teacher ratio especially in the Primary School; we have 1 or 2 teachers but several classrooms; one teacher would stand in between the classes and teaches; this is not enough for us. We may not reach the total number of requirement but there are 4 classes to look after by a single teacher. So, I request concerned authority to immediately resolve our problems. Apart from this, Pu Speaker, I find inspection of school which the previous member has mentioned is quite effective and it would be really great if the system is resumed.

Pu Speaker, the building of Darlawng Primary School of my constituency which is set to be constructed with the amount of ₹30 lakhs but the sanction not being received till today. It would be really appreciated if the plan is revised so that it is completed immediately.

My constituency is all about industry. It would be wrong to say that we export all window/door frames in Mizoram but I dare to say that we control the rates. That is why cluster center industry is being planned especially for us at Baktawng and Tlangnuam on which we are deeply appreciated. It would be great if immediate action is taken.

Pu Speaker, various companies came into our land in search of mineral sources; I hope that this will give rise to employment opportunity to our youths. We send out many youngsters outside Mizoram in search of work but we also need to pay attention to job opportunity which may be available within. It would be great if local youths are prioritized for the job which may be available under such companies.

I wonder if we tie the Lease of Agreement with the ISPAT under the Industries. We included in writings that the inhabitants will be given preference in regards to rent of lands. Is this agreement still validated from the Industry side? Since exploration of iron ore does not concern only of the local people but the whole country. Where as we have numbers of local youths who are eligible to serve as clerk, engineer or manager under the assigned company. So, it would be much appreciated if our Minister makes an approach in this regard.

SPEAKER : Pu T. Sangkunga.

PU T. SANGKUNGA : Thank you Mr, Speaker, Sir. I would like to start from Demand No 20, School Education.

It is learned that more than 3000 posts of school teachers remains vacant due to our financial constraint. Yet, it is appreciative that the Hon'ble prioritizes the approval MLA of each concerned constituency in dealing with the case of transfer and posting of any teacher otherwise, I believe that half of the teachers of any school would apply for transfer. However, it is not so due to instruction provided by the Hon'ble Minister. Regarding the system of deployment of a substitute teacher, I would like to mention that the concerned school will be lagged behind unless a substitute teacher is given in lieu of a teacher who is in training.

Apart from this, Pu Speaker, most of the schools in my constituency are without teachers for Science and Mathematics. Yet, we are witnessing some sorts of improvement as 3 senior teachers of our High School at Farkawn will be promoted to Headmaster. There will be no mathematics teacher because the only mathematics teacher will also be promoted as Headmaster. So, it would be great if muster roll or a mathematics teacher is recruited from the locality. Pu Lalkhama once said that the Christian Community Schools are becoming superior as they often produce intellectual students. So, I believe that we would benefit more if we give much importance to these schools and increase the salary of teachers in such schools than the Govt. schools.

In regards to the Industry Department, we will soon be able to obtain underground oil thanks to the efforts of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, concerned Minister and the officials. Yet, one

thing I would like to mention is that no Mizo were recruited in the executive post since 1999 except 4 muster roll employees. I have even requested our Chief Minister to make an approach to concerned authority in the meetings of the Chief Ministers of the North-Eastern states held by the DONER Ministry to make reservation for the local people at the oil company.

When Veterinary College was about to be open in Mizoram, we, on behalf of the Central YMA made a request to the Vice Chancellor of the University, Shri Vagella to fill up the post of Group C & D of the University establishment with the local people only but he declined to do so by pointing out that it cannot be done beyond 60%. However, after an immense effort, cent percent Mizos were ultimately recruited.

The one employed at that time had been promoted to Head Assistant, he is from Tuipui. In respect of Tuirial Hydel project, we know that NEEPCO has appointed 5 JEs and several Grade-IV as a result of our meeting with the Managing Director. Therefore, we need to impose pressure as NGOs and as a Government also so that Mizos could be appointed in these posts.

We also need to build Border Trade Centre as many as we can. Regarding this, Farkawn village is often left out though it is very close to Vaphai.

Pu Speaker, BADP is greatly benefitted. An amount of ₹40.17 crore is released under BADP every year. Most of our roads, school buildings and playgrounds are build from the fund. However, Social Education is a little bias. We really hope that it will soon cover beyond Tuipui. I beg our Hon'ble Minister to grant us the Social Education Fund for construction of roads, playgrounds, etc.

In spite of our financial difficulties, I would like to beg the Hon'ble Minister to find a way so that the vacant posts in Home Department could be filled, especially for our sports persons. During the earlier days as a government servant, we watched a hockey match in Delhi; most of the representatives of Indian Airlines and the like are from Sport field. I am very concern about our insufficiency in accommodating sports enthusiast persons.

Agriculture is in close connection with Horticulture. So, I would like to talk about Horticulture at this moment as I was not in the House at the time of its discussion yesterday. 70% of our consumption is from Maharashtra, 20% from Bihar and 10% from Mizoram. We need to concentrate ourselves in the crops which are suitable for Mizoram. During My visit to Vellore a while ago, tomatoes are sold at ₹2.50 while it is ₹17 here in Mizoram. There is no way that the price could be lowered as long as we imported from states like Maharashtra. There was an attempt in the past to scrub the only two KVKs we have at Hnahthial and Kolasib. However, with immense effort from us and our Minister, other KVKs like at Lawngtlai, Saiha, N. Vanlaiphai and Lengpui are established. I think it will be better to give more important role to KVKs as the Dos are too busy with another works. It may be better if we could grant more funds like Agricultural Dealers and Manufacturers Association fund to KVK. The funding pattern is 90:10; it is very good.

I would also like to express my views about use of fertilizers. We are the one who advocated the use of organic manures, while I was in the Agriculture Department. All the rice we eat today are planted using chemical fertilizers. Organic manures require a lot of time and its production is less. Therefore, to achieve success, we need to introduce chemical fertilizers without any hesitation. Thank you, Speaker, Sir.

SPEAKER : Pu Ruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, to start from Demand No.7, Excise & Narcotics and from our Minister's speech, it seems that we are going to legalize the sale of liquor in our state from next year. However, looking at the budget, it looks like we do not have the real intention to make it a success. Our fund expectation still decreases while it seems one of the best revenue incomes. Their vehicles are very old, for example, their 407 truck has been used for 15 years.

And regarding School Education, it seems that we are discontinuing school inspection. I beg our Hon'ble Minister to reconsider this issue. And, there are some questions in which we still do not receive answer from the departments till this morning. This clearly signifies that they need to make more efforts in their work.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, as far as my knowledge is concern, text book are said to be prepared by SCERT. I think that it will be better if the content and pictures of our text books are prepared according to our culture and traditions, which could be easily understood in our society. The contents of Hindi Text books are written in Devanagiri and Roman script with all the pronunciations written below in Roman script. This will slow down the children from learning how to read Hindi. Many of the illustration pictures are intelligible. The paper quality is also very low which seems to be of the same with the daily newspapers. It will last only a few weeks if handled by children. If the SCERT are to be preparing the text books again, I suggest using at least 80 gsm thick papers.

Further, most of the children in our state are quite fond of football; but one chapter is of cricket which I opine inappropriate. It is obvious that children from the remote villages will hardly know the meaning of the cricket terms such as 'run' or 'wicket'. It will be more appropriate in our society if football is included. One of the persons in the book is named 'Victor' which is very unpopular name in our society. I think it will be better for us if it is called 'Lala' or 'Sanga'. Likewise, in the upcoming edition of the syllabus, it seems that we need to make some changes according to the need of our society.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, regarding Demand No.31, Agriculture, we often talked about NLUP but I think that the real success should be measured minus the production from jhoom cultivation and when we are self-sufficient in the supply of chicken and pork. As we have seen in the daily newspapers recently, 65 beneficiaries who are receiving NLUP were not from the rural areas; we

have to look carefully towards these. Meanwhile, I would express my gratitude that we achieve success through oil palm plantations which are started during MNF ministry.

Moving to Demand No. 16, Home Department, concerned Minister during the final stage of last election states that there are parties who works with rebels, I urge him to say who those parties are as the people are kept in the dark till today. Also in a meeting with Central YMA, in the presence of Chief Secretary on 11th August, a decision was made for the maintenance of The Mizoram Maintenance of Household Register Bill Village Census Register. However, the bill has not been introduced in this house till date. Foreigners move freely in and out of our state, the reports of BDF is always a nil report regarding detection and deportation. We need to pay much attention towards this.

I would like to state that, in spite of immense effort made by our Minister, it came to my knowledge that there are retired officers as well as officers who used to deploy police personnel in their private work; we also often hear about kidnapping especially in the west. I hope that more efforts should be made in this regard.

Then, regarding Rural Development, Mr. Speaker, Sir, as already stated by Hon'ble MLA from Tuipui Constituency, The Thingsai BADP work of Thingsai Police Check Gate is very poor. I beg them to pay close vigilance towards it as it has been our state's asset. It will also be very grateful for village people if the state share for employment generation scheme has been released before Christmas approached.

In respect of Demand No. 40, Industries Department, there are 12 LSCs within the Industrial Estate, Zuangtui where as there are difficulties in establishing industries within the area of Aizawl Municipal Council. I requested that this issue be looked into.

Regarding Demand No.44, Trade & Commerce Department, there are some questions which are still not included here. Where is the agreement we have made with Bangladesh? Besides, there is nothing done with Vairengte Bazaar which has already been planned last year. It is much desirable if the work is executed looking at the importance of the Bazaar. We have also seen in the newspapers that there is a proposal for setting up of Land Custom Station at Zokhawthar where as Border Trade Centres at Kawrpuichhuah and Sikhumphai. This has taken a long time; it must be executed as soon as possible as it is contained in an agreement. If there is something to do at the part of the central, we must take steps in this regard.

Lastly, Mr. Speaker, Sir, I opined that Village Census Register which been prepared by Pu Lalkhama in 1995 while he was Chief Secretary, and also by Pu Tawnluia during the MNF ministry. It was published by the Planning Department in 2008 at a huge cost of 18 lakh rupees and was even included in the Congress manifesto, but no heed was paid upon. The Central YMA inherited the remaining publications and it is found to be very useful. I sincerely request that this should be given priority so that proper record of the real citizens was kept.

PU P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to start from Demand No 7. I highly appreciated the works of Excise & Narcotics Department though they have a very limited available manpower. I also noticed in the past how they have a good cooperation with the NGOs. I feel great towards how they have managed to avail the role of the society and NGOs regarding the coming new policy.

The biggest NGO in Mizoram, YMA are going to hold a General Conference at Bairabi village which is within my constituency. Recently, there is a rampant use of No. 4 drugs among the youths at Bairabi. As we are at the border areas, we face several problems. We have asked for the construction of check gate to curb this kind of problems, I would like to repeat it for this coming conference of the YMA. We need to establish a proper check gate and out-post in this area and this has also been the desire of NGOs, political parties and leaders of the locality.

Regarding Demand No. 16, Home Department, as I have already spoken about in the general discussion, the safety of our state is greatly depends on them. There are many agitations and protest these days. I think these kinds of attempts to take power in one's own hand are inappropriate for our state. I think that all these kinds of problems could be settled on the table peacefully. Therefore, it seems that many protests and agitations nowadays are aiming at selfish ends.

I would like to request our Finance Minister to take steps to fill up the vacant 1500 posts under Home Department in the next Supplementary Demand. In respect of my constituency, I beg that a new vehicle should be given to Bairabi Police Station for more effective maintenance of law and order.

In Demand No.31, the only oil palm mill in North East India is located in our District, though it is not within my constituency. The difference of oil palm from other plants is that it keeps on producing throughout the year. Therefore, we need to develop the link roads so that there should be no difficulties for concerned farmers in their harvest. In this way, we will also be able to utilize the best from our mill we have there.

Regarding Demand No. 38, Rural Development Department, it is obvious that it has been steps taken by Congress party. The reason is that many iron sheets roofing have been distributed to villagers, who even never dreamt of building a house with that. There are many other things to talk about in this Department but our time does not permit us. Therefore, I would like to thank in this regard on behalf of the rural people.

In Demand No. 20, School Education Department, I request the Hon'ble Finance Minister to allocate sufficient fund in the supplementary Demand for this demand as it affects all the families. In Kolasib District, we do not have any Government Higher Secondary School where as C.Z. Higher Secondary School has many students. I have given some of my MLA funds for extension of school building but this is not enough. I would like to request that he may remember this fact in the future. Meanwhile, it is grateful that we are given a full-fledged DIET

institution. I would like to further request that the building is completed as soon as possible and it start functioning as it should be.

Regarding Industry Department, we are very glad that natural oil has been found at Meidum. However, the construction agency, ONGC failed to continue their works there. I hope that efforts will be made so that this work will be completed as soon as possible.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would also like to talk about Trade & Commerce Department very briefly; it is for our state if we could develop this department. We could develop our trade, our handicrafts and workers to generate more and more income. We benefitted from the market sheds which had been constructed in every village. Regarding my constituency, the market building at Venglai and Diakkawn in Kolasib became too small now. Therefore, I beg the Hon'ble Minister to finance us for the new construction. I am, thus, supporting these two demands presented by two ministers so that it may be passed unanimously. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Joseph Lalhimpuia is next.

PU JOSEPH LALHIMPUIA: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to speak on four demands briefly. First, I want to speak about how Hon'ble Minister, Pu H. Rohluna looked after the Education Department.

It is true that we are facing financial difficulties. There are certain problems arising especially the salary of Hindi Teachers, they have not been paid for around 7 months now. In this regards, many criticisms arise against the Minister as well as our Chief Minister. So, I want to clarify this problem today in this House. On the 23rd January, 2014, all the required documents and UC for the salary of Hindi Teachers were sent to the central government. They have raised some queries regarding the issue of diversion of the fund. After an immense effort from our MPs and our Hon'ble Chief Minister, it was found that the UC prepared for the salary of 1305 Hindi Teachers and the UC prepared by Higher & Technical Education Department for Mizoram Hindi Training College were clubbed together by the Ministry. After that, the fund for their salary was sanctioned. Unfortunately, the Education Department made a mistake and the fund was kept in the Government's account only on 31.10.2014 and the Finance Department released the sanction order on 5.11.2014. I think that the Hindi teachers should be grateful for such an effort made for their welfare. I found inappropriate to avail political gain on this issue. I urge that the people should know the reality in this regard.

Besides, there have been so many criticisms regarding SSA and RMSA. Mrs. Smriti Zubin Irani, in her letter to our Hon'ble Chief Minister on 13.10.2014, stated that ₹1,705.4 crore has been given to different states and UTs for RMSA where as no states had paid their state matching share as on August, 2014. That is our present condition not only in our state, but also in the whole of India. In spite of such being the case, with our immense effort, no sanctions for salary have been given till date under RMSA. I want to make this fact known to the people of Mizoram.

In most of the Indian states, Schools are established as per the need of the people and accordingly, teachers were also employed. In our state, we established schools and employ teachers excessively. This can create a problem for us. ₹192 crore has been granted for SSA in this Financial Year for our state from which a huge amount of ₹83 crore will be spent on salary. We are also granted ₹38 crore under RMSA from which 80% of it will be spent on salary. At the moment, 90% was granted by the central government, however this will impose problems upon us in a long run when this funding system changes.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, in Demand No. 44, Trade & Commerce Department, I would like to say that there is a big difference between Land Custom Station and ICP (Integrated Check Post). Our Hon'ble Minister has gone a long way for Zokhawthar LCS and bigger than that, ICP at Tlabung. Some processes have been due to be gone through at the central government; therefore, it still cannot be succeeded at the moment. In spite of that, I am glad to know that World Bank has agreed to construct Tlabung - Kawrpuichhuah road where as Lunglei - Tlabung road has also been declared as National Highway.

After a thorough examination, I found that Wrights Company has visited Lunglei at 25th June, 19th and 21st July, 2015. The Home Ministry had sent consultants such as Chandra Chakraborty, M.C. Barma and B.S. Mittal to have survey for border trade at Tlabung. Since it has been laid dormant, it has been revived and through an immense effort from our Hon'ble Chief Minister and our Lok Sabha MPs as well as the concerned Minister, Tlabung become the main focus. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would be regretted if the people did not see the works and efforts of our Minister for Trade & Commerce towards the South which is one of the doorways to our state.

Lastly, Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to speak about Demand No.31 and Demand No.40, Agriculture Department and Industry Department respectively. We have taken many steps towards the success of schemes formulated by Central Government as we just work based on such schemes. However, I think that just working on the schemes formulated by central government who never knew about our state and its climatic conditions would not be the best, whether it may be in Agriculture Department, Industry Department or Horticulture Department. I opined that it would be better if our officers made some modifications in the schemes according to the need of our state. We need to take real initiatives to increase our production. Such are the points which I think very important. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. Today, we are discussing about demands of two efficient Ministers. Within my constituency, we have two RD Blocks but we still do not have at Tlabung. Some villages were kept under Bunghmun RD Block and some under Lungsen RD Block. Difficulties arise for the people in this regard.

As it is the Demand of the Minister for Rural Development, I think that it is time to create RD Block and the reason is that Tlabung has been the main centre since the British time. There

are many difficulties to collect supplies from Lungsen. Likewise, Malsuri Village Council, Puankhai Village Council and Bandisora Village Council are all included in Bunglemun RD Block while no vehicle could visit Bunglemun till date. Therefore, it would be a great pleasure for the whole of our constituency if Tlabung RD Block is created.

I am really glad regarding Agriculture Department as my constituency is an agriculture potential area as we could produce twice within a year. Therefore, the poor farmers could have better production if an excavator is placed here to increase the land. It would be great at least our Sub-Division is self sufficient even if the whole of Mizoram could not.

Regarding Home Department, our constituency is a place where people of different races live together, it also situated at an international boundary with a very warm weather. We are very glad to have a good OC there. However, the vehicle they have was very old and thus needed a good condition vehicle to maintain law and order. I, therefore, request the Hon'ble Home Minister to give us a vehicle of better condition.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, we are also having some practical problems regarding Education. We are very thankful that many schools were established in our area. However, the mother language there is Chakma as the people there are mainly Chakmas. The teachers posted there are Mizos and could not speak Chakma while the students did not understand them; there are many communication problems in this regard. I beg the Hon'ble Minister to arrange Mizo teacher to that area so that the students could learn Mizo language. Students within the Chakma District could learn their lesson with their mother tongue. I regret that the Chakmas in Lunglei District are still unable to learn in their mother tongue. I request the Minister to look upon this matter.

At Malsuri in my Constituency, there is only one teacher while there are 63 students. How could a single teacher look after a whole school? Many of the primary schools in my area have only a single teacher; there is no way we could have a quality Education if the grass root level is not attended appropriately.

Lastly, I am proud to mention that we have a good result in HSLC exam despite only one exam centre in my area, i.e. Tlabung High School Centre. We would be very glad if more exam centres are created in my constituency. Thank you, Speaker, Sir.

SPEAKER : Now Dr. K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I think we have a clear view of financial crisis from the demands we are discussing in this budget session. I appreciate the efforts made by our Hon'ble Finance Minister of how to encounter his kind of situation and I regarded it as a challenge for a junior member like us.

In Demand No. 7, in respect of Excise & Narcotics Department, it reminded me of two or three excise personnel who died at Lungbun as their pistols were unable to shoot. In the past,

Excise personnel have experienced shortage of equipments in dealing with cases such as Methamphetamine, Proxyvon, etc. which hampered their duty. Thus, the new Mizoram Liquor Prohibition & Control Rules will also need great efforts for its execution. At the moment, looking at the budget only ₹50,000 for publicity, ₹1 lakh for publication and ₹2 lakh for machinery and equipments have been allotted. They were the main executing agency in this coming new Mizoram Liquor Prohibition & Control Rules. It seems that it would be very difficult to control the impending problems looking at the present demand.

With regard to Demand No.20, School Education Department, I do not want to talk about who is right or who is wrong. What I want to state is that Mizoram is waiting for world class education system. In such a scenario, inability to pay wages to teachers is not in conformity with world class education. We need to pay heed on this point. Many students will pass class 10 in this coming March, they will come together in Aizawl for higher studies. We need to improve our schools right away so that admission problems are solved. I think there is no Higher Secondary School in our Speaker's constituency, whether it is Government or private school. I wish that it might also be established at Tuipang constituency.

Regarding Home Department, it is a tradition that an experienced politician is appointed as a Minister in this department as we have a high expectation in the present Minister as well. Meanwhile, what I would like to add is that we need to deploy more personnel and police posts in the disputed border areas. In respect of my constituency, the police quarters shows a lot of wear and tear. I request these quarters is maintained properly.

Regarding Agriculture Department, I think that we can suffice our need through wet rice cultivation. We need to cultivate and mechanize the available land like at Phura, Chamdur, Lawngmasu, Maisa and Salachhuah. I am eager to see the time when we will harvest our crops using machinery.

Regarding Industries Department, I have visited two places - Integrated Infrastructure Development Centre, Champhai Zote and Pukpui as I am a member of COPU. We never heard of someone starting industries there. Therefore it may be better if we could promote someone in this regard to promote our production and as awareness also.

In trade and Commerce, I have visited Zokhawthar recently. I think that it will be very useful if it has also been set up at Chapui of the Southern border. I think that it will be very good if Trade Centres are established at several places of our international boundary.

We found Rural Department as the most important Department at the Block and District level because it is the department which provides us all our supplies and needs as well as developments. I have received a phone call from my constituency that one person from Aizawl tries to undertake a work which worth ₹8 crore but not through the BDO. When asked, I was informed that the work agency was the BDO. We are now implementing BADP with a purpose for the infrastructural and socio-economic development of border areas. I hope the contract

works in that area should also be allotted to the people of that area. I would like to request that these matters to be considered. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

SPEAKER : Pu Vanlalzawma

PU VANLALZAWMA : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to point out which I feel to be important for the future. Firstly, I think that our education system is not up to the mark since the UT period. Effort has now been made for strengthening education and so desirable if such initiative is supported. Transfer and posting happened to be of the main problem in any Government school while it is comparatively less in those under churches as concerned staff works with devotions. I, therefore, opined that it will be better to strengthen such schools under the maintenance of churches.

The Transport Department is much smaller in considering the past as we had privatized our transport system. Many of the schools in other states like Shillong are of some churches. Likewise, I think it will be a good idea to encourage our education to be taken up under the church.

Regarding Agriculture, we could see that majority of our population depends on agriculture. However it seems that only a few of them are working enthusiastically and with real interest. We need to find a way to make them enthusiastic, to make them having real interest in their occupation. If we could do so, it will be a great progress for our state.

I would also like to request two concerned Minister to determine means to pay the teachers whose wage is not yet been paid and secondly, to create at least two or three days work under MGNREGA before Christmas.

In the MLTP 2004, we have seen in No.64 that “No retail sale stocks shall be within close vicinity of places of religious worship or school.” The question is the distance which is considered as close vicinity as our interpretation could be different as it is ambiguous. I opine it should be put more clearly.

SPEAKER : Now, I call upon our Home Minister, Pu R. Lalzirliana to clarify where needed and to beg the House to pass his Demands.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am very glad that 18 members have spoken about my demands. I am also glad that many points to be noted had been suggested by our MLAs. I will not react to our discussion personally as it will take too much time. It has been said that the other charges head under Home Department is too high which happened to be ₹242 lakh where as ₹160 lakh out of this amount is for police uniform expenses which includes cost of the materials and tailoring charge etc. This year, only ₹82,20,000 is spent for the said purpose. It seems that plan for purchase of 80 new motor vehicles seem to be of excessive but no fund is left for this purpose. Even the fund we have obtained from the central government

remains on hold in the Finance Department due to financial shortage where as requirement for purchase of such vehicles will still be ₹3,28,51,000. We also need fund for POL and repairing cost. Thus, this amount is not excessive.

During this ministry, we have two kidnap cases which involve our fellow Mizos as well. However, the kidnapers affirmed that it is not their intention to take such Mizos as hostage. In the meantime, I request our Hon'ble MLA from West-II to furnish the names of such Police Officers who deploy police personnel for their private purposes so that action is taken as necessary.

Pu Speaker, it is true that the police Check Gate at Thingsai is not good enough as the estimate amount is ₹10 lakh where as only ₹6 lakh has been sanctioned till date. It is not meant to be completed with this small amount but only after the remaining i.e. 4 lakh is fully spent. At the same time, step has been taken for completion of work of lesser estimates within a year.

The Mizoram Population registration has now been completed. However, we want it to be revised since it is of sensitive matter. If I am not mistaken, it has been set to be revised by Home Department, in coordination with YMA planned to start the revision work in the 4th of next month.

It is also our wish to create police outposts at the border areas as much as possible. However, we need more funds, motor vehicles and building constructions in order to achieve this. So, I regret to mention that it is difficult at the moment. I would also like to state that two more police outposts have been newly established. We even have bomb explosions in some places recently and the police immediately arrested those responsible persons for the blast.

Mr. Santosh Chakma, who is a member of Asian Indigenous People Network, has raised issues at Human Rights Commission regarding mob violence relating the murder of Zarzokima. However, as truth will always prevail, the Human Right Commission, after a long process regarded it as an insufficient subject. Apart from this, three cases were filed against the government at Human Rights Commission but were all rejected as invalid due to the efforts of our officers.

Pu Speaker, as we prioritizes border outpost, we have set up one at Chikha where the officials of Forest Department were kidnapped at Tinghmun recently so that force donation in the area covered by HPC (D) is stopped.

We had also established Sainik School at Chhingchhip where as the first and second installments from the total sanction amount of ₹5,000 lakh under 13th Finance Commission has already been released as the construction work is now under process. For setting the 3rd IR Battalion Headquarters at Thingkah, Lawngtlai District, 1st installment of ₹1,023 lakh has already been sanctioned from DoNER and was handed over to the North East Consultancy Service (NECS) who are taking up the work at the moment.

Regarding border dispute, the border line of Phuldungsei is done in accordance with Inner Line Notification and Survey of India toposheet No. 84A/(v). The government has negotiation with the Tripura Government and it has been kept to be visited at the spot with Survey of India as a result of discussion held at Silchar. The border dispute with Assam has also been discussed at Guwahati. We have tried our level best in this regard.

The Aizawl City Surveillance Project is now under process as the Central Government granted ₹1200 lakh for this purpose. We have withdrawn first and second installment and we are trying to complete the first phase before this coming Christmas. We are also trying to link all the main centres of Police with internet under Crime & Criminal tracking Network System. We are one of the bests in the country with the achievement of networking 41 Police Stations in which 91% of the work has already been completed. The Home Ministry has even congratulated us in our success.

It is true that our buildings were old in comparison to other states. We are still inheriting those buildings which are constructed during the UT period. In this regard, we are applying for ₹1,500 lakh to DoNER which has now been retained along with ₹1500 lakh for construction of SP Traffic office building.

Pu Speaker, we have 5 newly recruited MPS in addition to 10 who were previously appointed. Some of them have completed their training where as some remains at NEPA. Besides, two MPS were promoted to IPS recently.

The Police Department is a big department and their work covers inside and outside the office. There are many times when we need to move in battalion or company. There are 25 functional units at the moment. We all are aware that the BOBs and Police Outpost are situated in very sensitive and important places. It is still a fact that we are not going to be able to give TA/DA with the existing fund allocation unless our Finance Minister favored us through RE.

We have obtained permission for the appointment of not less than 223 Home Guard personnel which half of the salary will be funded by the central government and the other half by the state. However, we still cannot fulfill that due to financial difficulties. The financial shortage in the present allocation appears to be ₹200 lakh. Meanwhile, the IG Prison is looking after 7 jails in which more than 1,000 inmates were housed. I think that no one mentioned regarding the building constructed under modernization scheme under which ₹84,54,000 had been granted in the previous year. Now, we are granted ₹211.5 lakh for the purpose of different expenses for the welfare of inmates. We are truly grateful to our Finance Minister for that.

Pu Speaker, Sainik Welfare and Resettlement is meant for the army pensioners and their family. The army personnel from our state are still very brave as were in the past. We used to give incentives to anyone who won medals. We had also given ₹5 lakh to the one who killed a terrorist leader at Kashmir recently.

There are still some pending bills under Fire & Emergency Service. The present allocation is ₹10.05 lakh. We are having 30 Nos. fire ambulances at the moment where as 14 vehicles for the employees and total 44 Nos. I will only state that this much amount seems less sufficient for its maintenance throughout the year.

There are many things to talk about in Agriculture Department. Around 60% of Mizoram population is depending on Agriculture. Since 2008, different policies have been formulated to improve the conditions of our farmers but not much a success is achieved. New Land Use Policy (NLUP) has now been implemented as various improvements are seen. The Agriculture Departments make an immense effort to find a way to stop the present system of cultivation which could bring about undesirable changes in our ecological balance.

During 2014-2015, different schemes like National Food Security Mission (NFSM), RKVY, National Mission on Agriculture Extension and Technology. The oil palm cultivation is also carried out under such schemes. The first oil palm mill in the North East India was inaugurated on the 28th October at Bukvannei, Kolasib district with a capacity of processing 5 tons oil palm per hour. There is an attempt to establish this kind of mill at Lunglei and Serchhip as well. Regarding the transportation of oil palm, effort has been made to construct the link roads at least by boulder road in the coming year. We are also trying to develop WRC area under NLUP and RKVY. We have seen many improvements as a result of the permanent agriculture which has been introduced.

The farm mechanization which our fellow members talk about is what we considered as quite important. Setting up Custom Hiring Centre is being proposed which may be set up at 36 places during 2014-2015 under RKVY. 400 Nos. Power tillers and 27 Nos. mini-power tillers will soon be ready for distribution at subsidized rate. A farm machinery scheme under Agriculture department and Sub-Mission on Agriculture Mechanization has also been established with 5 custom hiring centres. Including hiring centre which will be established under RKVY, we will have 41 Nos. totally. During 2014-2015, oil palm has been cultivated in an area of 2,789 hectares but now it covers 32,200 hectares. The total amount of oil palm being purchased till date is 4,368 metric tons mainly by the company at the rate of ₹5.50 per kg.

Pulses have been concentrated under MSSM as seeds were also distributed. But we are suffering irregularity of weather during 2014 particularly in Champhai district such as draught which kills numbers of cattle utilized to plough the fields. Thus, we hired tractors for the 209 Nos. victim families. With the efforts of the officials and the hard-working farmers, we are awarded Krishi Karman Award during the periods 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 with a cash award of ₹25,00,000.

The area covered by jhoom cultivation in 2012-2013 is 24,706 hectares while in the previous year 2013-2014, it was much lower. However the production is increased where as the total production of rice from jhooming and WRC is 58,994 metric tons. We are also proposing

development of cultivation areas in the south. At present, the largest rice producing area in our state is in Kolasib District but more than half of the production is sold to other states. If we could develop in the South, it will be sold only within Mizoram. Thus, it will be much benefitted.

In Rural Development Department, we have received from the central, a sum of ₹24.47 crore under MGNREG Scheme during 2013-2014 and ₹1.19 from the state fund which enable us to generate 79 days work in average. During the current year, we have already received ₹9,941 lakh till date but we still could not avail the matching share. Though today is the 20th November already, we are able to generate 10 days work only. It is a question that to what extent we could go in the remaining six months. NREGA is a big programme with a huge amount of funds involved in it; we, therefore, are very careful so that no corruption is involved in the process. During the financial year of 2014-2015, the ministry had cut down the amount which has already been approved to 46% and as a result; not only our state but the whole country face problems. It will be satisfactory if we could achieve at least 40-45 days work due to this reduction. Apart from this, our work is impeded by the newly system of fund sanction through state finance while it was granted directly to RD Department in the past.

Some of us may think that there are some funds which are meant for distribution but nothing like such funds which is being received under RD Department till date. The funds available are of NREGA, IAY, IWMP and the like. During this year, the amount of ₹50 lakh through which iron sheets roof is provided to the poor and funds used on emergency cases had also been stopped. This might be disappointing for our MLAs as well.

In IAY scheme, 90% is funded by central government and 10% by the state government. The fund available for construction of new building is ₹75,000 and ₹15,000 for repairing. As mentioned by the members earlier, there is a provision that the beneficiary under IAY could avail loans from the banks but no one had availed it till date. Thus, efforts have been made in this regard. However, there is a question that if there is a problem in recovery of such loan. This year, funds we receive under IAY is quite limited as for the construction of 1,296 houses only while the same programme covered 3,618 households in the previous year.

₹5,73,67,000 has been received under Administration head of District Rural Development Agency (DRDA) during 2013-2014 and we also received the state matching share. Therefore, we have received ₹236.16 lakh till date from the central government.

Regarding SIRD, it is our main agency for giving trainings. Its faculty are of highly experts in their subjects such as Agriculture & allied subjects, AH & Veterinary, Rural Development and Economics. Their salary is also 100% directly funded by the central Government. The SIRD Headquarters which was once situated at Kolasib has now been shifted to Durtlang; this does not mean the one at Kolasib will be neglected but will continue to function as Regional Extension along with others at Lunglei and Thingsulthliah.

Regarding the work mention which is said to be carried out without the knowledge of the BDO, I think that there will be nothing wrong at the moment. There are some other Directorate Engineers in the agency, the works were distributed; it may not be included in the works under the BDO. The BADP fund is used only in 16 RD blocks for Myanmar and Bangladesh Border. During 2013-2014, 566 different works were done using the available fund of ₹4,017 lakh under BADP. Also in 2014-15, another 566 works out of ₹4,017 lakh available fund is proposed and 1st installment had already been released. The Integrated Wasteland Management Project (IWMP) was started in 2009-2010 under which 16 projects have been done. 11 more projects have been added in 2014-2015 as we are now having 89 projects covering 3,73,915 hectares of land.

We are now having ₹7,004 lakh with the state matching share under IWMP during 2013-2014. The Government of India even released a huge amount of ₹7,696 lakh as first installment during 2014-2015. It may be noted that IWMP is an altered name of IWDP as NRLM is of SGSY. It was started in 2012 at two districts such as Serchhip and Kolasib. In the meantime, Women Self Help groups from BPL families were formed so that they have the ability to perform banking transactions and reliable occupation. Assurances were given so that they could stand in their own. The approved annual action plan is ₹4,79,93,000. We are having 697 self help groups till date. An amount of ₹15,000 each was given to 446 self help groups as a revolving fund. It serves as an important scheme for upliftment of women.

As known to us all, 25 Community Halls were constructed under NLCPR where as construction at Vairengte will soon be started. However, it is being handed over to PWD under which work is generally slow. Though it is expected to be tendered before the election, it remains untendered. Sanction for construction of Mini Sport complex at Khawbung amounting to ₹358 lakh, Mini Sport Complex at East Lungdar amounting to ₹476 lakh and Multi Shopping Complex at Saitual amounting to ₹300 lakh are still awaited.

Our fellow members are talking about the importance of social education where as Community hall, playground, buildings of NGOs and link roads are also constructed under this scheme; ₹305 lakh was sanctioned during 2013-2014. However, it is not included in this new budget allocation for 2014-2015. No budget allocation is made for Rural Housing Scheme in which ₹ 50 lakh was granted in 2013-2014.

Apart from this, no allocation is seen for Housing for project staff where as the amount of fund we expected i.e. ₹520 lakh is reduced to ₹240 lakh only. Because of this, four of our officers and other 47 staffs are not able to receive their salary since October. We hope that we could survive if we are granted at least ₹172 lakh from RE.

Lastly, regarding Excise & Narcotics Department, it is a department which renders 24 hours service. They are headed by Commissioner; staffs are deployed in every district under Superintendent of Excise & Narcotics. Hopefully the department may be enhanced following the amendment of the Excise Act. There are 626 sanctioned posts at present out of which 528 posts were filled up a 98 posts lying vacant at the moment.

The Mizoram Liquor Total Prohibition Act has been enforced for 17 years w.e.f. 27th February, 1997. After a careful examination and research of its effectiveness by constituting a study team under the chairmanship of Pu H. Raltawna, IAS (Rtd.) and research conducted by Mizoram University, it is found ineffective. As a result, “The Mizoram Liquor Prohibition and Control Bill, 2014” has been now formulated. The act had been passed in the house as the Governor has given his assent on 11.7.2014. It was published in Mizoram Gazette on 17.7.2014. This act concerns supply of better quality of alcohol to the consumers. It will be sold only after producing a permit which will be given to an adult above 21 years. It does not mean that we are going to justify drinking to every person.

Though Excise & Narcotic Department is not expected to earn revenue for the last ten years, a target had been set for a year. During ten years, it had achieved its target in nine years but failed one year. After legalized selling of liquor, we are expecting revenue of at least ₹1,000 lakh.

It is a department which is having enforcement activity. Therefore, the vehicle needs many repairs as most of them are of over 15 years in service. This may also require many expenses. We are now granted two vehicles and two bikes but the funds remain unreleased due to financial problems.

The request of the Hon’ble MLA from Kolasib for creation of post at Bairabi is our present objective. We were allowed to open Excise check gate at Bairabi. Its strength will be 27 but we cannot obtain permission to fill up the post at the moment. Also, a tender for supply of breath analyzer is called for.

Thus, Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg this House to pass Demands of the departments under my concern, such as: -

Demand Nos.	Department	Amount of Budget
No.7	Excise & Narcotics	₹2,539.36 lakh
No.16	Home	₹56,329.29 lakh
No.31	Agriculture	₹19,029.65 lakh
No.38	Rural Development	₹37,070.23 lakh
TOTAL		₹1,15,028.53 lakh

SPEAKER : The Hon’ble Minister, Pu R. Lalzirliana has now moved his Demands to be passed in this House, such as: -

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Anyone who agrees may say “Agree”. Is there anyone who does not agree? Therefore, the demands which I have read out are unanimously passed by the House.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

SPEAKER : I shall now call upon the Hon’ble Minister, Pu H. Rohluna to move his Demands and beg the House to pass it.

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I express my gratitude as all the members concern about Education Department where as five members talked about Industry Department and nine members about Trade & Commerce Department. I know there would be many flaws in different areas. However, I am very grateful as they all have made a positive approach.

As the time does not permit us, I will only point out which I think to be necessary. Firstly, in Education Department, there is a persisting idea that candidates from villages should be favoured in recruitment of teachers. However, in our attempt to impart world class education, we need to follow the Recruitment Rules. Being a Minister with rural background, I personally understand this problem but there are difficulties to practice as proposed. The recruitment for 67 direct posts and 42 for dependant family has been processed by MPSC and 30 teachers for Higher Secondary School are also recruited recently. As I have already mentioned in Question & Answer, we were also trying to amend the Recruitment Rules so that so that it could be done in subject-wise.

Regarding School inspection, there are many problems as it affects office expenses especially when concerned field officer is not entitled to keep a vehicle. There is also an opinion from several discussions that the term inspection itself is also no longer relevant. It may be better to term it as Monitoring & Supervision for it will be more beneficial for the schools. Likewise, it may also be done by a team or as a panel. Amid various difficulties, efforts were made to visit at least schools in villages where officers are there.

The subject about pre-school is also important. The number of students in government schools, especially in primary sections is declining drastically in urban areas. 17 schools were even amalgamated to 7 schools. There is a proposal that Early Childhood Care & Education to be undertaken not only through Anganwadi but also in the primary schools. Some Schools will be selected in which classes will be started from KG-I and KG-II. We hope that we could have more students in that manner.

Regarding the question that mid-day meal could be given to private schools as well, I am regretted to mention that it cannot be as per the existing guideline. During 2014-2015, ₹523.77

crore had been received for that purpose. We have no more problems during the current due to the recently implemented financial procedure.

It is true that the teacher-student ratio is a little irrational especially in Primary schools. Still, there is shortage in teachers for the villages. In order to solve this problem, as already stated, more teachers are set to be recruited. There are also some posts due to VRS which has to be filled. The new teachers to be recruited by MPSC will be distributed in the areas where needed.

Regarding the text books, as mentioned by Pu Lalruatkima, tender has been floated for supply of 80 or more GSM paper and also 220 GSM paper for its cover. However, there is problem which may arise; if we want better paper quality, it may affect the price. The fund allotment for books from SSA is ₹150 per student, if the quality is upgraded, it may entail financial problems with the department. Regarding its contents, it was envisaged that only NCERT books is used in Class I-IV from 2015-2016 session and it is adopted by SCERT with necessary modification. It may be used according to our standard. Likewise, textbooks of Mizo and English medium should be the same so that it is no longer necessary for the students to carry heavy books in schools. NCERT books will also be used in Class V-VIII from Session, 2016-2017.

Speaker sir, it is very important to strengthen schools undertaken by the churches. Most of the developed countries encourage privatization as too many government schools impose problems in finance, transfer and posting, management towards the government. Therefore, it may be better to encourage private schools or schools run by churches than establishing more and more government schools. Besides, as our financial situation does not permit us, I wanted to state that we are not much encouraged to establish a new government school.

There are criticisms regarding the salary of teachers. In this regard, let me inform the House that the salary of 1,305 Nos. CSS Hindi Teachers has already been released. We do not have any problem salary from non-plan fund but those of plan funds may have a problem. However, with the efforts of Finance Department, we hope that funds will soon be released for December and beyond for Deficit and Aided Schools. We have financial shortage of about ₹3,000 lakh for Deficit and Aided Schools.

Pu Speaker, it should be noted by the members that fund sanctioned under RMSA cannot be utilized as our own wishes yet, improvement is seen in this regard also where as some teachers under RMSA were already paid till October. Under SSA, they were paid till July. More than ₹29 crore has been deposited to the account of the Government of Mizoram only on the 7th of this month. It will soon be disbursed as soon as it is processed by Finance Department.

Some members are stressing on gas exploration which fall under the Geology & Mineral Resources Department. As a Minister of the nodal Department i.e. Industries Department, I would like to state that the Government is trying its best for that concern where as exploration

works are in progress in three places. However, Reliance Company was terminated about two months ago which may impede the progress of work.

Gas deposit was found at Meidum but the work could not be started unless it is found at least in three or four places. Another drilling work is set to begin near Zanlawn and the same between Meidum and Hortoki as well. Meanwhile, road construction has to be done first as the machineries to be used in such project are too bulky to put in place. Yet, we have been trying our level best expedite the work.

Apart from this project, the Oil India Ltd. is expected to work at Maubuang, Thenzawl and Keifang under which drilling work of 1,559 metres depth has been completed. It is believed that gas deposit is existed at the depth of 4,500 metres. However, the work could not be expedited as the surface is covers with hard rock. The site at Thenzawl has ready been started but the working agency is not ready yet. Regarding Keifang, there is a huge expectation at the part of the company. The approached roach road has to be prepared first for transportation of the machineries from Seling and Keifang. In this regard, Oil India Ltd. has deposited ₹6 crore for construction of Boarder Roads but clearance could not be availed till date. We, under the leadership of our Chief Minister try our best for the early commencement of the work.

Also regarding labour work, we requested the assigned Company to employ the local people as much as possible. As a result, Oil India Limited has employed around 5 or six officers such as Project Engineer, IT Engineer and Chemical Engineer as more than 20 people are working in the company. We also have talked with their CMD in Delhi.

Industry being the nodal department of NLUP undertakes many trades such as carpentry, saw mills and petty trades. The National Mission for Food Processing is a new mission mode undertaken by the Central Government. It would be beneficial for those who run food processing industry as there are various ways to benefit. Regarding Handloom, I opine it is the most flourishing industry in Mizoram from which many people earns their livings. We have tried very hard for their welfare as recently, ₹22.25 lakh had been approved by Ministry of Textile under North Eastern Textile Industrial Promotion Scheme which is expected to cover 9,430 weavers.

Another initiative we had taken regarding handloom is the establishment of Weaving Service Centre which will soon be inaugurated. This will provide technical guidance and many more expertise to the weavers. As the building could not be constructed at the moment, it will be started at the building formerly occupied by ZOHANDCO at Chaltlang before it has its own building constructed at Industrial Centre, Luangmual. Furthermore, there will be a programme to waive-off the loans which may be availed by weavers under Revival Reform on restructuring which is a CSS during this financial year. We are also proposed quite an advanced handloom centre at Thenzawl for export promotion and handloom marketing which we tentatively called Mizoram Handloom Export Facilitation Hub through ASIDE fund.

Geology & Mineral Resources is an important revenue earning department. We have already earned some revenues through sands and stones. So far, we have earned ₹23.39 from stones and ₹1.742 crore from sands during this year and ₹9,714 from bricks. We also have earned ₹234.92 lakh from petroleum exploration license. The total revenue is ₹314.83 lakh. Besides, Geology & Mineral Resources Department has been playing an important role in building regulation by AMC by inspecting the construction sites. It is the main working agency at Ramhlun Sport Complex in cooperation with DM & R; the work is also done efficiently. Dr. Ravinder Singh, who is an expert consultant in NDMA also visited the place two days ago and he is very satisfied with the work. He even stated that the Work Project could be a role model to different states in India. He also promised to sanction more funds to be used at different disaster affected places.

Regarding Trade & Commerce, most of the members have mentioned regarding border trade. We are trying our level best for the improvement of border trade. The Land Custom Station at Zokhawthar still could not be commissioned at the moment. However, as we considered it as an important issue, we keep working on it so that it may be established in other locations like Vaphai, Saikhumphai, Farkawn and Sangau. As pointed out by our Hon'ble members, it is our desire to establish at other places also. However, due to limited fund from the central government, we need to concentrate first at the places where the Government of India and Myanmar have signed an agreement.

Further, though fund provision for Zorinpui Land Custom Station has already been sanctioned last year, the work could not be started because it is not connected by multi-modal road. The work was also already given to NBCC but it could not be started till the road connecting is constructed. The establishment of ICP at Kawrpuchhuah has been kept in 2nd Phase which we beg to keep it in 1st Phase as it is very important. Though we have tried our level best, we still cannot get the sanction for this work. We have had a new hope from World Bank recently and we hope that the work will be started shortly. Likewise, it is difficult to make progress in Bangladesh border as there are barriers in transportation and communications.

Regarding construction of market buildings, we have made an effort as far as the available funds permit us. However, with the change of government and policies in central government, there are some limitations in the available funds. The Vairengte market building which was pointed out by Pu Lalruatkima was constructed under NLCPR fund by Rural Development Department and the fund was also transferred last year to PWD. I have nothing to say about it as it is not within the purview of Trade & commerce Department. We are going to construct a good building for Mission Veng market with NEC funding; we also get sanction for construction of Trade Facilitation Centre at Lawngtlai. There is also proposal for construction of meat section building at New Market. Other markets buildings, especially in district headquarters are also set to be repaired. However, I beg apologies for the constrain we faced due to financial difficulties.

Thus, Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg that the following Demands under my concerned departments be passed in the House, such as: -

Demand Nos.	Department	Amount
No. 20	School Education	₹83,866.40 lakh
No. 40	Industries	₹10,113.70 lakh
No. 44	Trade & Commerce	₹960.72 lakh
	TOTAL	₹94,940.82 lakh

SPEAKER : Now, the Hon'ble Minister Pu H. Rohluna has pleaded that his Demands for School Education, Industries and Trade & Commerce to be passed in the House. Anyone agree to pass may say "Agree". Is there anyone who opposes it? If not, ₹94,940.82 for Demand No. 20, 40 and 44 under the concerned Minister, Pu H. Rohluna, is passed by the House unanimously. Though it is a little late now, our attendance is still good, I am glad that 25 members from the Ruling and all of Opposition members are still here. It seems that our Ministers are also well versed with the subjects concerning their departments.

The House will stand adjourned for the time being. We will start our next sitting at 10:30 AM on Friday.

Sitting is adjourned.