

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR TENTH SITTING ON MONDAY, THE 24th NOVEMBER, 2014 (Time 10:30
AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)

QUESTIONS

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

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

2. **Pu K. SANGTHUAMA** to present to the House the First Report of Public Accounts Committee (2014-2016) on the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on State Finances for the year 2010-2011 & 2011-2012 (Excess Expenditure).
3. **Pu LALROBIAKA** to present to the House the First Report of Subject Committee-III (2014-2015) relating to Public Health Engineering Department (Renewal and Augmentation of Greater Saiha Water Supply Scheme and Greater Lawngtlai Water Supply Scheme).

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS

4. **Pu R. ROMAWIA**, Minister to submit to the Vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
5. **Pu JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA**, Minister to submit to the Vote of the House various Demands under his charge.

NGURTHANZUALA
Secretary

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** Please see Bulletin Part-II Sl. No. 63 dated 19th November, 2014 for Demands to be moved by Ministers.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

Romans 13:8-10

Starred question No. 144 to be asked by the hon'ble member Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Mr. Dy. Speaker. My Starred Question No.144 to the Minister of Health & Family Welfare Department is: -
Could the infants be allergic to the vaccines given by the department?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lal Thanzara, concerned Minister to answer the question.

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: The answer to Starred Question No.144 is:-

If the vaccines are kept in a Cold Chain (Refrigerator) at the right temperature without exceeding the expiry date and the marks of the vaccine vial monitor (VVM) are still good and if the children are given at the right time, it is believed that the infants cannot be allergic to such vaccines.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Dy. Speaker. My supplementary question is; there are many sick infants these days and some even died. There are also 2 cases in our constituency where 2 children died after getting sick from taking the vaccines. The vaccinations are believed to be the cause of the deaths and now many parents fear the vaccines. The parents feel uneasy to not give their children vaccines but feel uncomfortable to give them the vaccines. These are our current situations and it would be highly obliged if investigations is done.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Any other supplementary question? Dr. Ngurdingliana.

Dr. NGURDINGLIANA : Thank you, Dy. Speaker. There are also many infant deaths in my constituency and many are found to be infected with septicemia at Civil Hospital; I believe this disease also occurs at different villages and towns. So, apart from my gratitude to the actions taken by our Health Minister in regard to the infant mortality rate, I would like to request him to help us monitor this case.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Dr. K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, it seems that our Minister is very dependent on the cold chain. If so, which company manufactured such medicines and if the cold chain regularly maintained by the company?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lal Thanzara, Hon'ble Minister to answer the question.

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: Mr. Dy. Speaker, my answer to the supplementary question of our hon'ble MLA Er. Lalrinawma is: -

During October - November, 6 children are reportedly death out of which 1 from Aizawl West, 2 from Aizawl East, 1 from Serchhip, 1 from Kolasib and 1 from Lunglei allegedly due to the vaccinations but there was no proof of this and investigation is going on. Around 8,000 women and children all over Mizoram are given vaccines every month and the reports of 6 Nos. infant deaths are from different districts. So, if it was due to the vaccinations, there would be more reports; and according to the hospital record, one of the children died due to heart failure. Fevers are just a part of the vaccinations and there is nothing to be scared of. The department always verify the reports that they receive and the results are always sent to the headquarters and then to the Central. We believe that it is not necessary to build an Inquiry Commission to this effect.

In regard to the question of Dr. Ngurdingliana, I did not receive any report of such incident and if there is any problem in this matter, action will be taken as soon as possible. And in respect to Dr. K. Beichhua, I cannot say the exact name of the company but I believe that they were maintained carefully while transporting. This process has been done for many years and I doubt that the vaccines caused infant death.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Starred Question No. 145 to be asked by Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Mr. Dy. Speaker. My Starred Question, No.145 to the Minister of Health & Family Welfare department is: -

- a) What are the qualifications required for a Consultant at National Urban Health Mission (NUHM)?
- b) Is the NUHM consultant newly appointed?
- c) Who is the consultant?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lal Thanzara, Hon'ble Minister to answer the question.

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, my answer is: -

- a) Qualification required for a Consultant at National Urban Health Mission (NUHM) is a Post Graduate.
- b) Yes, one is newly appointed.
- c) Lalmangaihzuali Ralte, M.Sc. (Zoology) d/o R.Lianhnuna, College Veng, Kolasib is the newly appointed consultant.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Any Supplementary question? Yes, Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Mr. Dy. Speaker, Sir, 8 MBAs and 6 Doctors applied for this post and she is the only one with a Master Degree in Zoology. My questions are as follows: -

- i) Why is a Zoologist appointed when there are qualified Doctors (MBBS) and
- ii) Do we have a separate MD under NHM?
- iii) The job of this Principal Director is very intense; why does the Principal Director taken a dual charge of the Mission Director?
- iv) Since there is no post of Mission Director in other states, is it really necessary to have one in Mizoram?
- v) It seems that we do not have a permanent Director at Health Services till now. What is the reason?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Hon'ble Minister, Pu Lal Thanzara to answer the question.

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER : Mr. Dy. Speaker, We have Board members for the selection and the appointment is given to the person selected by such Board.

PU LALRUATKIMA : In the interview, Mr. Dy. Speaker, a chit from high level authority was received to appoint Lalmangaihzuali of Kolasib and she was so appointed. It was absolutely wrong since it involved nepotism in the process.

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: We will investigate if there is anything wrong in the process, Mr. Dy. Speaker. The National Health Mission of other states too has Joint Mission Director but in the case of Mizoram, we have combined the two charges as it is deem more convenient.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : House Leader.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Mr. Dy. Speaker, if the member gives the name of the said high ranking person who was allegedly involved in the appointment of the post, I will tell him not to repeat. The MPSC members are appointed by the government and we are not allowed to involve in the business.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Are you giving the name?

PU LALRUATKIMA : Mr. Dy. Speaker, it was sent through SMS on that day, it seems that the sender was the person responsible for the said appointment. That is all I can say.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : It will be better if you discuss outside.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Mr. Dy. Speaker, is it appropriate to discuss this matter here in the House? It would be great if the case is resolved immediately.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Investigation is said to be done, let it be enough for now. Starred question No. 146 to be asked by our hon'ble member Dr. K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Thank you, Mr. Dy. Speaker. My question to the Hon'ble Minister of UD & PA is: -

- a) SIPMIU is continuously working on a solid waste resource management of Aizawl city. How will we continue with the programme when the work for 6 months is completed?
- b) How much is spent from ADB on the solid waste management for Aizawl city?
- c) Where was it used?
- d) Was a consultancy firm hired?
- e) If so, what kind of a consultancy firm?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Hon'ble Minister Pu Zodintluanga to answer the question.

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: My answer, Pu Dy. Speaker is: -

- a) After completing 6 months scheduled for the programme, it will be taken up at another 5 localities within the city. It is also planned for 82 Local Councils of Aizawl Municipal Council for which DPR has already been submitted and a sanction of ₹33 crore already been received on the 14th November.
- b) So far, ₹37,41,907 has already spent on the on-going Pilot Project.
- c) Fund sanction is used as follows: -
 - i) Public Awareness/Consultation and Posters.
 - ii) Carbage bin/bags are distributed to every household of 5 localities such as Pilot Project of Laipuitlang Local Council, Kanaan local Council, Chawnpui Local Council, Nursery Veng and College Veng. We did this so as to separate those bio-degradable and non-biodegradable wastes. We also hope that the ADB will sanction our Solid Waste Management shortly.
 - iii) It is also used to remunerate the task force comprising of 4 or 5 volunteers from each Local Council area who teach the people of what should or should not be done in waste management.
 - iv) SIPMIU further contributes hiring charge of one dumping truck for the area of some Local Councils where such vehicle cannot reach.
 - v) Large amount of vermi-composting from Aizawl city are dumped into the pilot project of Lengpui Vermiso Society. The society then processed such dumped garbage into organic soil and sold out at the rate of ₹14/kg which becomes a good source of employment generation.
 - vi) It is also used for processing non-degradable waste materials at the Resource Center of Tuirial.
 - vii) Furthermore, we have a plan for separation of waste materials in which scrap irons are handed over to ISPAT.
- d) No consultancy firm is hired for this purpose.
- e) NIL

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu K. Lalrinthanga.

PU K. LALRINTHANGA : Mr. Dy. Speaker, step taken by the Hon'ble Minister for renovation of Chawnpui crossing creates problem as the angle is quite narrow to u-turn a vehicle. What step will be taken to resolve the problem?

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Mr. Dy. Speaker, why did we not hire a consultancy firm? Is it possible for us to do the management? And, in regard to the wastes, what is the exact plan for the degradable and non-degradable wastes?

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Mr. Dy. Speaker. Kanaan Veng also is covered by the programme of SIPMIU but there is problem in collecting the degradable and non-degradable wastes. So, a pair of dustbin is provided to each household but it is not that easy to use as they are supposed despite the saying, 'what must be done must be done'. My question is: - What is the amount sanctioned for construction of Vaivakawn Junction and from which source the expenditure should be met?

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: Mr. Dy. Speaker, the degradable waste management is newly introduced system so is important for everyone to educate ourselves with the process. All the non-degradable wastes are shipped down to Vermi-composed Society at Lengpui and dumped there; the waste materials after being processed to organic soil, sold out at the rate of ₹14/kgs. The non-degradable waste materials are dumped at the Resource Center of Tuirial Dumping ground where as the scrap irons are sent to ISPAT for further purposes.

The Leader of Aizawl W-II seems having no knowledge of Vaivakawn but the details about Thorang roads and PWD contractors which were mentioned 6 months ago. I wonder if he is hopeless to get his ticket from this same constituency for he was unaware of construction of Vaivakawn junction which took 2 days and 2 nights.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : I opine it is important to give information to concerned MLA if major work should be taken up within his constituency so that he may be able to witness the progress of work. A few years back, our Health Minister invited me on his tour to my constituency and I gladly obliged his invitation. Likewise, it is important for all the members to consult each other regardless of the post in the ministry we are holding or in which party we are from.

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: Mr. Dy. Speaker, We worked for 2 days and 2 nights in a row and the government is indebted to share its gratitude to 12 Local Councils and YMA. We mentioned in our meeting that even though there may be some rough times, we need to bear them all for the developments of Mizoram. Mr. Dy. Speaker, 5 departments such as PHE, UD & PA, BSNL, Local Councils and YMA all worked together in harmony for our development and I want to share my gratitude to all the officials, engineers and workers. At the

same time, I appreciated concerned people for their tolerance on the problems that we caused for the development works.

Reference to the question of Pu K. Lalrinthanga, I hope that we will be able to finish it this evening and the work could not be expedited as expected due to a problem with supply tank at Seventhday Tlang that supply many localities including Vaivakawn, Kanaan etc and a 100 meters of old pipeline is used. Water flows 24 hours in that 100 meters pipeline and 48 hours is needed to fill up the tanky; and the people will face a problem if it is stopped. So, without damaging the old pipeline, a new pipeline will be buried by the PHE from this evening, and after finishing all this, we will stop the pipe and join them. It is under the Urban Development anyway and tenders have also been published. We will be taking from a big pipeline from the Secretariat and join them with the help of SIPMIU. Survey has also been done by the departments and after finishing this, Vaivakawn tanky will be fully filled in 4 hours and it will then be made available for consumers. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The sanction amount and agency differs from one another and it may be taken for granted if you cannot give the answer; it came from the waste management.

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: Mr. Dy. Speaker, I have no answer for that at present.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Starred Question No. 147 to be asked by Dr. K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Thank you, Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir. My question to our Hon'ble Minister of Health & Family Welfare Department is: -
What is the amount of fund received by the State from the Central Govt. for upgrading Aizawl Civil Hospital?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lal Thanzara, Hon'ble Minister to answer the question.

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: My answer to Dr. K. Beichhua is ₹1,500 lakhs.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Any supplementary question? Yes, Pu R.L. Pianmawia.

PU R. L. PIANMAWIA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, my supplementary question is: - Is Casualty included for upgradation?

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, it is a pleasure to receive ₹1,500 lakhs for the said. My Supplementary question is: -

- i) Is the work started?
- ii) How will the process be done?

iii) There are only 3 examination tables inside the Casualty and therefore difficult to maintain the work efficiently. Is it possible to use the building presently occupied by Pathology department as Casualty? It will be much appreciated if concerned minister take immediate step on emergency case.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Supplementary Question from Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Mr. Dy. Speaker. It seems that there is a plan to move the establishment of Civil Hospital to Referral Hospital of Falkawn. Whereas since we have not yet a separate TB Hospital, a single nurse has to look after TB patients along with general patients. In fact, the risk of getting additional diseases is quite high for any patient there. So, is there a plan to deal with this problem?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Dr. Ngurdingliana.

Dr. NGURDINGLIANA : Mr. Dy. Speaker, it would be appreciated if ICU which is near the Male Medical Ward is shifted to an isolated place.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lal Thanzara, Hon'ble Minister to answer the question.

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: Mr. Dy. Speaker, the suggestion of Dr. K. Beichhua is of a great idea and we will try to get on with it. Regarding accommodation of cell of Aizawl Civil Hospital, the building of the previous Maternity Ward has been dismantled and is planned for reconstruction with 4/5 storey and the amount sanction to that respect is ₹5 crore. We further have plans to include 10 bedded ward for old aged and more private wards in there.

Reference to the question of Pu R. L. Pianmawia, there is no plan for renovation of the Casualty as yet except setting up of Trauma Center and few quarters for doctors and nurses. It is preferable to keep ICU in some isolated places but there is a problem to move the machineries from place to place. However, we will think about it when we are settled.

Regarding the point raised by Er. Lalrinawma, the department is aware of the problem as necessary action is being taken in the eastern side of Falkawn Hospital.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Starred Question No. 148, to be asked by Pu John Siamkunga.

PU JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, my question to the Hon'ble Minister of Health & Family Welfare is: -

- a) Phase-I of construction of Hnahthial Sub-District Hospital is completed; when will the Phase-II be continued?
- b) What step has been taken so far to the plan for construction of Ayush Hospital at Hnahthial?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lal Thanzara, Hon'ble Minister to answer the question.

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, my answer to Pu John Siamkunga's question is: -

It is unknown when Phase-II of construction of Hnahthial Sub-District Hospital will be started as there is no fund as yet. However, approach has been made to the central for provision under centrally sponsored Forward Linkage Scheme. As of his second question, the project of the construction of Ayush Hospital at Hnahthial has been submitted to the Central Govt. and we are waiting for approval.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu John Siamkunga.

PU JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Mr. Dy. Speaker, Sir, the fund for the construction of phase-II was used on Phase-I construction because it is attached to Phase-II. Since the building becomes old and needed repair, it was constructed during our previous term; around ₹40 lakhs is spent and for the rest, borrowed from Phase II sanction. So, I request to take immediate action in regard to construction of this building.

Besides, the Govt. set up a PHC at Cherhlun and Thingsai respectively but the buildings still vacant though they were completed a while ago. I am afraid they will become old and damage if they remains unoccupied. So, when will these 2 PHC's be inaugurated?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Any supplementary question? Yes, Pu Joseph Lalhimpua.

PU JOSEPH LALHIMPUA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, Sir, my Supplementary question is: -

Construction of Zobawk PHC has been initiated thanks to the efforts of Our Chief Minister and Health Minister. What is the present position?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu H. Zothangliana.

PU H. ZOTHANGLIANA : Thank you, Mr. Dy. Speaker, Sir. Our Govt. built numbers of Health Sub-Centres and Clinic Centres all over Mizoram and I believe most of them remain not inaugurated. I have been told that they are being planned to inaugurate on realization of number of Health workers available at such places respectively. What is the condition and if such centres will soon be inaugurated?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lal Thanzara, Hon'ble Minister to answer the question.

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: Mr. Dy. Speaker, Sir, regarding the supplementary question of Pu John Siamkunga, no separate fund is allotted for the construction of Hnahthial Sub-District Hospital. We have initiated due to the effort of the Hon'ble Minister concern by collecting fund from various sources. Effort has been made so that it is continued soon.

As of PHC respectively of Cherhlun and Thingsai, its contractors do not hand over the buildings to Mizoram PWD and so could not be inaugurated as yet. Regarding Zobawk PHC as questioned by Pu Joseph, I have no answer as of now but I will let him know later. Regarding the question of Pu H. Zothangliana, we are aware of the situation as we recently recruited 50 Nos. Health Workers for such newly allotted PHC's. They are soon to be opened with the help of such recruited Health Workers.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Starred Question No. 149 to be asked by Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Mr. Dy. Speaker, Sir. Starred Question No.149 to the Minister of Social Welfare Department is: -

- a) Is the 3% reservation of jobs for the people under the Person with Disability (PWD) Act actually followed?
- b) If so, how many persons benefitted so far?
- c) How many Govt. jobs could be made available to such persons?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu P.C. Lalthanliana, Hon'ble Minister to give the answer.

PU P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER: Mr. Dy. Speaker, Sir, my answers to Pu Lalruatkima question is: -

- a) Yes.
- b) 45 persons.
- c) Reservation will be made available as follows: -
 - i) Locomotors Disability - 177 Nos.
 - ii) Hearing impaired - 286 Nos.
 - iii) Visually impaired - 415 Nos. totally 878 Nos.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Any Supplementary question from Pu Lalruatkima?

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Mr. Dy. Speaker, Sir. It is much obliged to hear that we have 3% reservation under PWD Act. Apart from this, has Recruitment Rules for Commissioner PWD and other Staffs already been made? If not, when?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Any other Supplementary Question? Yes, Pu Vanlalzawma.

PU VANLALZAWMA : Mr. Dy. Speaker, Sir, Is there any inspection on filling of the reserved posts under the Person with Disability (PWD) Act?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu P.C. Lalthanliana, Hon'ble Minister.

PU P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER: In regard to the Recruitment Rules for the appointment of PWD Commissioner & other Staffa, Mr. Dy. Speaker, it was not formulated separately for the appointment of State Commissioner, PWD in 1995 yet, the rules for appointment were outlined at Section 60, 62 and 65 Clause-I and thus the Commissioner is appointed on that basis. In order to expedite the function, the post of the Commissioner was made on the 1st June, 2012 but no one was appointed due to shortage of qualified applicant as Language Interpreter. Since there is no a separate R.R. to that respect, there is no idea as to appoint any to be trained for such post.

In regard to the Supplementary Question of the Hon'ble member, Pu Zawma, we have posed various questions to various departments out of which 69 departments have furnished their answer as of back-log vacancy and how many posts are vacants etc. Job identified for the disabled was done in 2007 and after having a Commissioner Office, we made a suggestion to DP &AR for revision in order to provide the benefit for the disabled people; duly action was then taken as the reports laid in the House. This is our current situation.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Starred Question No. 150, to be asked by Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Mr. Dy. Speaker, Sir. My question to the Minister of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation Department is: -

- a) Where is the Pilot Project under RAY situated?
- b) What is the amount sanctioned for the Project? When was the plan initiated?
- c) Has the provision for the 1st installment already been released? If so, how much?
- d) When was it paid?
- e) How far have we reached on the Physical Achievement?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Zodintluanga, the Hon'ble minister to answer the question.

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, my answer is: -

- a) The Pilot Project under RAY is at Zuangtui, Aizawl. Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, I would like to add that the Central Govt. approved of our Scheme after working on the Pilot Project and the department gave us permission on this whole RAY Project to proceed at Lunglei, Champhai, Mamit, Kolasib, Serchhip, Saiha and Lawngtlai. I would also like to mention that DPR and surveys are in the process.
- b) ₹1120.01 lakhs was sanctioned for the Pilot Project under RAY and the project and it was of 2011.
- c) Provision for 1st installment amounting to ₹316.34 lakhs has already been released on 19.2.2012.
- d) In regard to the RAY Pilot Project of Zuangtui, we have a land dispute on the proposed site as it encroach the land of PWD. We have then applied to split the land so as to resolve the problem but approval has not been received instantly. However, we have now settled the dispute as the Central Govt. granted us permission to settle at

two places. At the same time, I would like to inform the House that the Hon'ble Dy. Speaker yourself will distribute the sum to the beneficiaries later today.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Any other supplementary question?

PU LALRUATKIMA : We have learned from the answer that it will soon be implemented. But Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, it has been quite a while since the 1st installment which was paid in 2012. For this reason, we need to expedite the work but it remains uninitiated? What is the reason for the delay?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Hon'ble Minister to give the answer.

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: The Local Councils told the department that there is a free land for settlement of the poor and we made a project to that respect including the approach roads, Community Hall etc. As we were about to work after receiving the sanction, we realized that proposed land encroach site of PWD Store division. So, we asked concerned authority to split the land for our project and after receiving the permission to do so, we settled everything including the Geological investigation, Shade Outlaid Plan, Physical survey and jungle clearance. These are all the reasons for the delay.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu Chalrosanga.

PU CHALROSANGA RALTE: Mr. Dy. Speaker, my Supplementary question is: - Is there a way to implement RAY project at Lunglei as well?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : May the Minister answer the question?

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: Mr. Dy. Speaker, our pilot Project has really captured the eyes of the Central Urban Development Department and it is also planned to carry out at Aizawl, Lunglei, Champhai, Mamit, Kolasib, Serchhip, Saiha and Lawngtlai. By obtaining valuable cooperation from NGO's, Survey work is going on in the aforementioned cities; after finalizing list of beneficiaries, DPR will be prepared which is now in the process.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Starred Question No. 151 to be asked by Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Mr. Dy. Speaker. Starred Question No. 151 to the Home Department Minister is: -

During the past 6 years, how much did the Mizoram Govt. received from the Central Govt. for maintenance of the I.R. Battalions?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Hon'ble Home Minister, Pu R. Lalzirliana to answer the question.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: My answer to the Hon'ble member Er. Lalrinawma

is: -

For maintenance of the I.R. Battalions, The Mizoram Govt. received ₹31.8750 crore from the Central Govt. during the past 6 years.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Any supplementary question, Er. Lalrinawma?

Er. LALRINAWMA : Mr. Dy. Speaker, Sir, we have a problem regarding the recruitment of I.R. So, it would be highly appreciated if we could get more explanations as to whether the service of I.R Battalions is actually needed or not.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Honb'le Minister to answer the question.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Mr. Dy. Speaker, Sir, the total cost of the establishment of IR Battalion in Mizoram at the beginning is ₹17 crore and 75% (₹12.75 crore) was put in a writing for reimbursement to the Central Gov't. The 1st and 2nd installment amounting to ₹6.3750 crore was received in 2007-2008 and the remaining ₹12 crore of the 3rd & 4th in 2008-2009 totally ₹31.8750 crore during the past 6 years. The 1st and 2nd IR Battalions were established during the previous term of Congress with the help of fund from the state Govt. alone amounting to ₹119.36830 for the 1st IR Battalion and ₹128.451 crore for the 2nd Battalion. During the last 6 years, an amount of ₹6.37500 crore was spent by the Central Govt. for setting up the 3rd IR Battalion and ₹131.48720 crore by the state government. For setting up of the 4th IR Battalion, the amount received from the central during the last 6 years is ₹12.75,500 and ₹96.11,068 crore from the state. Again, during the last 6 years, the amount received from the central for maintenance of the 5th IR Battalion is ₹16.75,000 crore and ₹90.2,004 from the state government. The total amount of fund received from the central during the last 6 years for maintenance of the said 5 Nos. IR Battalions amounting to ₹31.87,500 and ₹5,65,3,780 from the state government.

The service of IR Battalions is necessary for our state is engulfed by the national border. However, the state government is compelled to spend its fund much more than expected for such police forces under the 5 battalions were being recruited without determining the upcoming recurring expenditure. There are around 1500 posts available at the Police Department but the Mizoram Govt. still manages to proceed.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Question hour is now over and we don't have time for another question. There is an announcement that Pu Lalrinliana Sailo and Pu S. Laldingliana, both absent for important reasons and the House granted their leave of absence.

We will now proceed to Presentation of Reports. Firstly, I call upon the hon'ble member Pu K. Sangthuama to present to the House, "The First Report of Public Accounts Committee (2014-2016) on the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on State Finances for the year 2010-2011 & 2011-2012 (Excess Expenditure)".

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : The Public Accounts Committee (PAC), on behalf of the House, concerns examination of expenditure incurred by various departments shown in C&AG Report. The members are as follows: -

1. Pu R.L. Pianmawia
2. Pu Lalrobiaka
3. Pu S. Laldingliana
4. Pu Lalthanliana
5. Pu Lalruatkima
6. Pu Chalrosanga Ralte
7. Pu K. Sangthuama

Once the C & AG have given a report of misuse of fund by a particular department, such Para remains active unless PAC dropped it. We have had more than 20 committees during the last 7 months of this financial year and the committee gives its reports and makes recommendations based on its views.

This report concerns Excess Expenditure of some departments in compare to the annual budgets for the financial year of 2010-2011 and 2011-2012. After PAC give its approval to regularize such expenditures, the Finance Department should move the same to the House based on the Indian Constitution Article 205 otherwise it will remain be treated as illegal expenditure.

Mr. Dy. Speaker, Sir, many departments utilized their funds without prior examination of their budget. It may be unavoidable in some cases but approval of the House by means of Supplementary Demand should be obtained for such expenditure which is shown with its voucher. Otherwise, it will duly be exposed by the C&GA. In this regard, it may be noted by all the departments that PAC does not owe to regularize the excess expenditure unless there is a good reason. Since there is misuse of funds in many departments, PAC is concern that they would not be able to examine all of them. So, I request all departments to be careful and to keep themselves away from the C & AG Audit Report.

So, with your permission and of the House, Mr. Dy. Speaker, Sir, I hereby present “The First Report of Public Accounts Committee on the Report of Comptroller & Auditor General of India on State Finances for the year 2010-2011 & 2011-2012” to this august House. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed.

Next, the Hon’ble member Pu Lalrobiaka to present to the House, “The First Report of Subject Committee-III (2014-2015) relating to Public Health Engineering Department (Renewal and Augmentation of Greater Saiha Water Supply Scheme and Greater Lawngtlai Water Supply Scheme)”.

PU LALROBIAKA : Thank you Mr. Dy. Speaker, Sir. Since the establishment of the Subject Committee-III, 8 sittings occurred so far where as effective steps are being taken.

After the Subject Committee-III examined the departments which should taken up under its concern, it is decided that a study of Renewal and Augmentation of Greater Saiha water Supply Scheme and Greater Lawngtlai Water Supply Scheme under the PHE Department should be made; a report was then prepared after a careful studied. Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, apart from having 8 sittings, the members were quite exhausted for giving relentless efforts in the process of their study.

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, our findings from such projects are as follows: - Firstly, the status of the contract agreement which, according to our findings is weak and baseless. It is obvious that the government incurred a huge loss in this regard. The fact that the Law & Judicial department vetted 45% above in respect of contract work of Lawngtlai project but not for contract work of Saiha project which is 75% above further causes much speculation.

The Committee does not agree with numbers of provisions to safeguard the interest of the contractors where as none is found to safeguard the government. Pu Dy. Speaker, although we have numbers of project being implemented within Mizoram, it seems that the officials did not examine such agreements particularly. Hence, the committee wants every department to examine itself from this report.

According to the findings of the Committee, Pu Dy. Speaker, there is divergent information from a single case which is under examination. For example, date of completion for Saiha project is February, 2015 which is matches with that of the Contract Agreement but from information we received on the spot visit, it is March, 2015. Likewise, the same for Lawngtlai project is 31st December, 2015 but September, 2014 according to the Contract Agreement and March, 2015 according to the spot visit. Where as in reply to the Starred Question on the 14.11.20014, the Hon'ble Minister pointed out that Saiha project will be commissioned on March, 2015 and Lawngtlai project on May, 2015. So, it is quite confusing which one we should accept. We should examine ourselves otherwise it is just a waste of time and money to carry out such study.

Despite the fact that 45% of such contract works is of the department, it is questionable that the works were hardly supervised by the department. Pu Dy. Speaker, it is the desire of the Committee that any report of the committee which is made on the basis of information given by the department, their findings from the spot visit made by the Committee and from discussion with the officials should be carefully examined so that recommendations made by the committee is fulfilled accordingly. The committee further wished that any case of the project under surveillance is not delayed so that it is completed sooner or later.

So, with your permission and of the House, Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, I hereby present "The First Report of Subject Committee-III (2014-2015) relating to Public Health Engineering Department (Renewal and Augmentation of Greater Saiha Water Supply Scheme and Greater Lawngtlai Water Supply Scheme) of Seventh Legislative Assembly" to this august House. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let the copies be distributed. We will now proceed to Financial Business; we will be taking the demands of two Ministers such as Pu R. Romawia and Pu John Rotluangliana. The Demands of the Hon'ble Minister Pu R. Romawia are as follows: -

Demand Nos.	Department	Amount of Budget
No.6	Land Revenue & Settlement	₹1,999.25 lakh
No.12	Parliamentary Affairs	₹53.43 lakh
No.21	Higher & Technical Education	₹17,542.65 lakh
No.23	Art & Culture	₹1,606.50 lakh
TOTAL		₹21,201.83 lakh

Let us now request him to move the Demands.

PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER: On the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, Dy. Speaker, Sir, I move the Demand Nos. 6, 12, 21, and 23 for ₹21,201.83 lakhs only for meeting expenses during 2014-2015 in respect of the following Departments: -

Demand Nos.	Department	Amount of Budget
No.6	Land Revenue & Settlement	₹1,999.25 lakh
No.12	Parliamentary Affairs	₹53.43 lakh
No.21	Higher & Technical Education	₹17,542.65 lakh
No.23	Art & Culture	₹1,606.50 lakh
TOTAL		₹21,201.83 lakh

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Demands of the Hon'ble Minister Pu John Rotluangliana are: -

Demand Nos.	Department	Amount of Budget
No.17	Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs	₹26,536.49 lakh
No.36	Transport	₹4,475.56 lakh
No.43	Tourism	₹1,538.54 lakh
TOTAL		₹₹32,550.59 lakh

Let us now call him to move the Demands.

PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER : On the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, Mr. Dy. Speaker, Sir, I move the Demand Nos.

17, 36 and 43 for ₹32,550.59 lakh only for meeting expenses during 2014-2015 in respect of the following Departments : -

Demand Nos.	Department	Amount of Budget
No.17	Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs	₹26,536.49 lakh
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No.43	Tourism	₹1,538.54 lakh
TOTAL		₹32,550.59 lakh

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The 2 Ministers have now moved their Demands. To discuss, each member will have 10 minutes. Pu Lalthanliana will start.

PU LALTHANLIANA : Pu Dy. Speaker, in regard to Demand No. 21, Higher & Technical Education, Grant-in-aid which shown under General non-salary is ₹7,069 lakhs; it is quite appreciative as it is increased in compare to the past two years where as the sum total of the last 2 years was only ₹14.16 lakhs. The CSS shown in the budget seems to be of new and I think this it is delightful. I am also grateful as it is received during our financial crisis. Looking at the work programme, page 29, we have seen the project for construction of Annexe building of Lunglei Govt. College and main building, Block-I of Zirtiri Residential Science College; I wonder if there is another apart from these projects. Fund provision for Scholarship this year decreased to ₹747 lakhs where as it was ₹5,170.26 lakhs in 2012-13 and ₹6,552.39 lakhs in 2013-14; it is assumed to be distributed but is not reflected on the budget. I wonder if it is not received as yet or being kept.

The Demand No.17 and 43, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs and Tourism are remarked as defaulter of the work programme. I am confused as to whether funds received are utilized without having work programme. Again, unlike other departments, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs department has large amount of fund allocation under the head of Other Charges apart from Salaries and Supply Materials. I would like to know how such funds are utilized as allocation under this Head, though decreased from last years, is excessively higher than all other department. Under the Head of major work also, we have seen ₹15,000 is allotted; I again would like to know how it is utilized. In Tourism also, ₹1,000 is seen despite work programme and a remark as defaulter. It will be appreciated if it is clarified.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu K. Sangthuama.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : In regard to the Demand No. 6, Land Revenue Settlement, Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, tax is being collected in rural areas and it is increasing a lot; in some, more than ₹1,000 is taken against the source where ₹400/- was paid in the previous year which create much problems to concerned families. So, it is good if we examined the process more carefully. Regarding LSC, it will be much appreciated if concerned department clarified whether issue of LSC is closed for the time being.

Regarding the Demand No. 21, Higher & Technical Education, many buildings are constructed with the help of funds received from NEC where as the progress and quality of some constructions are quite poor like Law College at Luangmual while Ramhlun North College is in good progress. It will be much appreciated if the quality of such construction is more improved with more speeds.

Regarding the Demand No. 23, Art & Culture, Vanapa Hall, as known to us all is under the maintenance of this department and the building was constructed more than 30 years ago. Is there a way to approach NEC authority for renovation of this important building so that parking lot is accommodated as well? It will be highly appreciated if the Govt. gives its concern. It may as well be pleased if concerned authority determines expansion of this important department which concerns our culture and tradition.

Regarding the Demand No. 17, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, the problems of supply of rice frequently occupy the front page of our daily newspapers for it concern the interest of the general people. I opine it is important for us all to work together so that the problem is resolved. While it is a common opinion that preference should be given in rural areas, the same problem prevailed in urban areas as well as allotment per head is only 1 kg. I truly appreciate the effort made by concerned Minister as we now have a stock for 3 months supply. Yet, it will be great if the allotted quota per head is raised at least to 2 kgs as in Aizawl, we are able to get ration supply only twice a month.

Yet, the problem with supply of sugar and K. oil remains. Even though rate of sugar is increased, it is always in demand. It will be much appreciated if step is taken for more supply of sugar at a reasonable rate as there are many who cannot live without this supply especially in rural areas for most families are engage in hard labor to earn their livings.

At the same time, more supply of K. Oil is always in demand as there are many who depend on this supply since enough supply of cooking gas is hardly available in our state. Whereas thanks to the effort of concerned Minister, the problem of supply of cooking gas is more or less alleviated. Yet, the problem remains in some rural constituencies as one has to pay the total cost of the supply though subsidized amount is refunded later but the system is quite a headache to concerned rural families with poor economic background.

Regarding BPL, our number is supposed to be decreased every year but is still going up which in my opinion is hardly acceptable.

Regarding the Transport, I opine it is not a good idea to implement the system of necessitating fresh permit to a new vehicle being purchased to replace the old cab whereas the same is not applied to buses or maxi-cab. It is, therefore important for concerned authority to re-examine the case as taxi generally serve livelihood of two families, the owner and his driver.

Regarding Tourism, it is a good idea that the government implements privatization of tourism. If the system goes smoothly, I believe huge expenses can be sufficed. Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana.

PU P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA: To start with, Pu Dy. Speaker, Demand No. 6, Land, Revenue & Settlement department. It will be highly appreciated if land dispute concerning the villagers of Kolasib constituency is immediately settled.

Next, Demand No. 21, Higher & Technical Education, it is learned that numbers of building are constructed but the building of College Teachers Association in my constituency remain uncompleted. It will be great if the progress of this construction is expedited so that it is also completed as soon as possible.

Regarding the Demand No. 23, Art & Culture, it is highly exciting to see the pervading Cultural Revolution and the importance of preserving our history and traditions which occupies the minds of our new generation. I am also proud to say that Mizoram made a world record in Cheraw with the largest troupe at a time.

But looking at our present budget, Pu Dy. Speaker, the estimated amount that we can spend is only ₹50.65 lakhs; we have even heard that ₹47 lakhs as being utilized already; if so, only ₹3.65 lakhs remain unspent. I feel sorry for concerned Minister who is having only ₹10 lakhs at his disposal. Yet, the department somehow manages itself during the last 5 years with the help of fund provision under Rajaram Mohan Roy Library Foundation by which Libraries were being set up at more than 70 places. In fact, it is important for concerned authority to re-examine the case. It is sad that the benefit for the Writers which was once allocated is no longer seen. In the meantime, it must be noted that fund provision of ₹350 lakhs received from the 13th Finance Commission especially for Conservation of the Heritage is not a fund be diverted for other purposes as it concern preservation of our cultural heritage.

It is unfortunate that our highly valued Zawlbuk and Lal In at Falkawn were burnt down during the last dry season; I suppose that some fund is saved for the reconstruction. Meanwhile, Pu Dy. Speaker, it must be noted that unless preference is given to this department on Revise Estimate, our youths will not be able to celebrate the upcoming Chapchar Kut, 2015.

Coming now to the Demand No.17, I congratulate the Hon'ble Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department as I extend my appreciation to his efforts in resolving the problems of his concerned department. It is truly a great approach for him to stop the monthly quota allotted to each staff of Supply department i.e. 1 quintal of rice and 10 kgs of sugar as soon as he is in power. Likewise, he successfully urged each MLA to surrender their VIP quota for the benefit of the general people. His timely action will certainly provide more supply to the public.

Regarding the transport Department, we have learned from this department, the need of careful attention to any file as we have lost financial provision for purchase of 13 buses. As the Union Minister provided financial provision for purchase of 25 buses, order was given for only 13 buses; it was later realized that order had not been full given, but the sanction lapsed as we lost 13 Nos. buses.

As Christmas is approaching, everyone will again be depending on the Transport buses. While this is the case, Pu Dy. Speaker, the total number of serviceable bus we have now is limited as some becomes 15 years old or more and are not much appealing for the members to carry the passengers to our own constituency. We, therefore have to understand the situation for our safety.

(Pu Vanlalzawma is at the Chair)

CHAIRMAN : You should try to accommodate yourself within 2 minutes as you have spent 8 minutes already.

PU P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA: In Demand No.43, Tourism Department, I appreciate the idea of privatization of our many Tourists Homes as revenue is not returned as expected. In this connection, it will be much appreciated if the conduct of the receptionists and staffs at our Tourists Homes is improved with politeness towards their guests for we are beginning to have numbers of tourist from inside and outside Mizoram.

That is all I have to say in support of the Demands of the two senior Ministers. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN: Next, Dr. Ngurdingliana.

Dr. NGURDINGLIANA : Thank you Mr. Chairman Sir. I have nothing much to say regarding the Demand No.6, Land Revenue & Settlement except few questions to concerned Minister. Firstly, what is his plan on Land Ceiling? Secondly, the fixed taxes which are collected these days differ a lot. There are some in my constituency who were charged ₹500 while some in Aizawl were charged ₹200 only. Is it possible to maintain uniformity? Last, but not least, there are still many periodic pattas within Aizawl and I even got one. So, is there a way to convert such patta to LSC?

Pu Chairman, I want to stress on the Recruitment Rules of the College Principal in Mizoram. I suggest criteria like Ph. D should be necessitated to hold the post of the College Principal. I have been to a Symposium Seminar in Mizoram University; from the interactions between the students and the professors, I have learned that their standard is the same with that of other states' University students. So, in order to develop our educational system at college levels, I suggest that Rules and Recruitment of the Principal should be drafted carefully.

Under Art & Culture Department, the hon'ble Minister took initiatives to preserve cultural heritage which is highly valued by the people. Numbers of Library have also been established by the Art & Culture Department in rural areas. During my tour to rural area on political purpose, one pupil stood up to informed me as he asked a question that he had learned the procedure of the Presidential election of the USA from the library. I was pleased to learn that students in such remote places are interested in the election procedure of the United States of America. This is all due to the efforts of Art & Culture department for the establishment of library in rural areas. So, I request that funds for library should also be increased.

Under Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, I am glad to learn that we are having a sufficient supply of rice thanks to the efforts of the Hon'ble Minister concerned and his officials. Regarding shifting of Maxi-Cab stand, I believe this will resolve our traffic problem to some extents.

On Tourism, the Hon'ble Minister has taken initiatives to promote tourism by constructing building at Vanzau, a footpath from Tuirini to Khawruhlian and the surrounding areas and construction of Tourist Lodge at Dilkhan. I thank the hon'ble minister for all his initiatives for promoting tourism. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN : Pu R. Vanlalvena.

PU R. VANLALVENA : Thank you, Pu Chairman. It is obvious that we are not very satisfied with this budget. As reported by the Chairman of PAC, it is clear that many efforts had been made so that a report of the Committee on utilization of funds by various departments is submitted on time. Our state budget had changed immensely due to CSS Plan Fund but I believe this change will bring about a better utilization of our budget in the future.

Under Demand No. 6, Land & Revenue Settlement, I am glad that we are going to have more sources of revenue. Regarding the procedure for changing of LSC, I suggest it is reviewed. One thing the department needs is Revenue Tribunals which is also written in the Rules; there are many instances where lands are claimed by different parties and in such instances hiring different lawyers could lead to a false conclusion. So, I suggest that the concern department should resolve such cases or establish a separate wing to that effect. I further suggest Finance Department should encourage improvement of this system to the department.

Regarding Higher Education, I suggest that we should improve the system so that students from rural areas who are seeking admission in Aizawl are fully accommodated. In this connection, Pu Chairman, application is submitted to concerned authority for exchange of land of Higher Education with that of AH & Vety department at Republic Veng and that the latter is again exchange with T. Romana College for extension of its building for the existing area is quite congested. It will be much appreciated if the demand is fulfilled for the convenience of the two departments as well as for the said College.

Regarding Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, I express my gratitude to the hon'ble Minister for his sincerity and dedication to the department. We are now able to maintain a regular supply of LPG thanks to the efforts of the hon'ble Minister; I am glad that plan has also been made to review family ration card as we have a record of consumers which exceeded the total population of our state.

Regarding issue of taxi permits, it is clearly written in the rules that any government servant is not allowed to hold taxi permit but most of the taxis in the city are of government servants; so, action may be taken in this regard so that the said permit is issued only in favor of taxi drivers to improve their livelihoods.

Pu Deputy Speaker, it is also gratifying to know that we have a plan for privatization of some of our Tourist Lodges. I have to conclude my speech by saying that I give my support to pass these Demands. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Next, Pu John Siamkunga.

PU JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Regarding Land Revenue & Settlement Department, many complaints is heard regarding the amount charged on the process of LSC which is said to be excessively high; but considering the value of land, I opine it is reasonable. I appreciate computerization of Land Record for we are now able to evade duplicate issue of LSC which brought many problems to many land holders.

Under Higher Education, there are 11 Colleges that does not have Librarian where as shortage of lecturer is being suffered in many Colleges. I think the government should concentrate on setting up a well established department in a particular subject so that any student who desire to excel in a particular subject may be referred to such department of his/her choice of subject.

Demand No 23, Art & Culture Department, being a promoting agency to our culture and heritage has given out 14,031 Nos. books to different libraries which costs ₹12 lakhs. The department further provides incentives to writers as an encouragement which results in improvement of its collection of the historical records of Mizoram.

In Demand No. 17, an amount of 17 lakhs quintals of rice was purchased last year; this year, the hon'ble Minister takes initiatives to prevent excessive use of funds by categorizing ration cards. And, with the increase of our production from our own cultivation, I am sure that our expenditure on purchase of rice will be decreased tremendously. In this connection, we have heard the pervading rumor for closing of some go-downs. If this is a fact, I kindly request that go-down at Tarpho is not included since it is widely benefitted by its concerned villages. At the same time, it is a remarkable approach of the concerned Minister that the system of issue of VIP quota is abolished where as priority is given to the underprivileged.

Coming now to the Demand of Transport, I request concerned Minister to kindly allot bus service plying to my constituency such as Cherhlun, Thingsai and S.Vanlaiphai from the newly 17 Nos. buses being purchased recently. Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte.

PU HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE: Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. In Demand No. 21, Higher & Technical Education Department, I thank the hon'ble Chief Minister for resolving the dispute on the system of selection of technical entrance. We are now facing a problem on Higher Secondary Section due to shortage of enough lecturers for particular subjects. So, I suggest a new service is established to administer the Higher & Education and School Education.

Under Demand No. 23, Art & Culture, the department, in promoting our cultural heritage and at the same time to spread our religious believe, sent a choir to foreign countries where as Gospel Drama Club has also been set up to explore the talents of our youths and were shown in some mission fields like Varanasi. I suggest such kind of approach is made more often. (**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Your time is over but it is extended.) Under Tourism, I appreciate initiative of the hon'ble Minister to privatize 15 Nos. Tourist Lodges.

In Land Revenue & Settlement, I have once commanded the 2nd MAP of Lunglei during my service in 1991 where as 112 Nos. of private owned LSC were found in the premise of the Police location. To settle the case, I informed concern persons that the government LSC is much older than theirs and they will not win even if the cases are taken to the court. Such kind of incident often occurs in private lands as well like double issue of LSC on the same plot of land and it is not an easy task to settle such kind of dispute; I am concern of the Minister for there are many of such cases to resolve. If we all work together with honesty and dignity, we may be able to evade such kind of problems. So, I will conclude by saying that I give my support in passing this Bill. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We have come to the end of our morning session. We will have a short break and we will resume our Session at 2:00 PM.

2:00 P.M

DEPUTY SPEAKER : It seems no one else to speak; I call upon the hon'ble Minister to wind up the discussion and appeal to the House to pass his Demands.

PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. 7 members have participated in the discussion of the demands under my concerned departments. Whereas most of them have dwelt on Art & Culture Department for it concern the foundation of our unity.

With the help of fund that we receive from Raja Ram Mohan Roy Library Foundation, we are able to provide books to different libraries. Regarding promotion of our cultural and

traditions, I think it is a good idea for Art & Culture department to collaborate with Tourism for Tourism department is able to obtain fund for organizing some kind of festivals so that it can be benefited such festivals for promotion of our culture as well. We also need to renovate our museums and also to make sculptures showing our traditional attires. There are number of Branches under Art & Culture Department such as Dramatic Arts, Literature Arts, Fine Arts, Libraries, Museum and Archives and we still have a long way to go. I thank my fellow members for recognizing the importance of this department; hopefully we may be able to establish ourselves as an autonomous directorate in some future.

Under the Demand of Higher & Technical Education, the hon'ble member Pu Lalthanliana questioned about the objective of RUSA; it is a centrally sponsored scheme like SSA and RMSA which is meant for promotion of our education system of college level and was established in 2013. An amount of ₹7,065 lakhs was received as a seed fund as we hope to utilize this fund for renovation of college buildings and hostels and for recruitment of more teaching staffs and lecturers in different colleges. We also aim to build up Aizawl as a city of Higher Education for which the detailed project report has already been submitted to the Central Government.

Regarding some colleges functioning without Librarian, the University affiliation does not necessitated Librarian in a college but we have tried our best to have such post. However, due to our financial shortage, we are unable to meet our needs as yet and we are depending on RUSA to a great extend. Pu Dy. Speaker, our good result of HSSLC last year consequently brings admission problem to concerned students; yet, we have been trying our best not to disappoint such students who wants to pursue further studies; opening of Morning and Evening shift in some colleges has also been considered but could not be put into effect due to shortage of funds.

Pu Deputy Speaker, under the Demand of Higher & Technical Education, the government had taken initiatives that any Computer learning Institute should make an affiliation under the government and exam will also be conducted under the concerned department to bring about a uniform standard of such examinations in Mizoram. Institution for Paramedical training has also been established yet the government could not absorb all successful students as yet.

Pu Deputy Speaker, with the sum of ₹800 lakhs we received from the central government, steps are being taken for setting up Polytechnic Institute at various districts as survey has already been for Chhiahtlang and Serchhip whereas for Kolasib and Champhai, they are soon to be inaugurated; the work for Mamit and Lawngtlai also are in progress. We also have established a co-education college in Zirtiri Women College as we hope to introduce the same system in the Polytechnics Institutes.

Regarding scholarship, we may not be able to distribute scholarships to students before Christmas due to financial crisis but we are trying our best to do so as soon as possible. As mentioned by the hon'ble member regarding exchange of land for T. Romana College, I will

discuss the matter with the concerned Minister since we too want a larger area of land for that College. In the Demand of Revenue & Land Settlement, the department was established in 1972 and land settlement issued during District Council was provided with Land Settlement Certificate. During 2014 - 2015, 2018 Nos. of Residential Land Settlement Certificate, 60 Nos. of Agriculture Land Certificate, 338 Nos. of House Pass and 71 Nos. of Land Lease were issued with the total of 2,502 Nos. There are also 2,696 Nos. of dispute land being settled, 23 Nos. in the process and other cases of 47 Nos. Besides, there are 350 Nos. of land dispute cases which had not been submitted to the court.

With the help of the National Land Record Modernization, we have plan to maintain a proper record of land within the 11th and the 12th Five years plan; so far, initiatives are taken in Lunglei, Kolasib and Champhai District. Since Satellite Imaging will be introduced for measurement of land, we are hoping that many of our problems could be solved easily. Apart from the said three districts, we also hope to cover Mamit and the three Autonomous Districts with 2015 - 2017.

Pu Dy. Speaker, one of the most factors for improvement of the department is establishment of Registration & Stamp Department under the leadership of the Hon'ble House leader during the previous ministry. It is utilized beneficially as we are able to generate revenue amounting to ₹173 lakhs. In order to improve the process, we also have a plan to hand over the charge of collecting land revenue to the village council.

Regarding the question on Site Allotment Advisory Board, we have established SAAB in different rural areas but we believe it may be a bit complicated in Aizawl but we are trying to find a solution. As of collection tax, we plan to discuss this issue with the Deputy Commissioner of different Districts and we hope we will find a better strategy in our revenue collecting system.

Regarding the case of compensation, we receive many questions but this matter is in the hands of the District Collectors and our only duty is to survey the site as per direction of the District Collectors for evaluation. As of increase rate of tax, it has been notified in the month of April. We also think that Advisory Board should be established to take up land evaluation work of different areas. Pu Deputy Speaker, the Central government implemented a new system of land acquisition but is not wholly applicable in the context Mizoram; but on the basis of the 371(G), Ownership and Transfer of Land, we concluded that Mizoram will be excluded. So, we will practice purchase system for the time being where as the Right to Fair Compensation, Settlement, Rehabilitation and Acquisition Act, 2013 are not applicable in our State.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I thank my fellow members for their patience. Here, I appeal to this august House to pass the following Demands under my concerned departments: -

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No.6	Land Revenue & Settlement	₹1,999.25 lakh
No.12	Parliamentary Affairs	₹53.43 lakh

No.21	Higher & Technical Education	₹17,542.65 lakh
No.23	Art & Culture	₹1,606.50 lakh
TOTAL		₹21,201.83 lakh

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon'ble Minister has appealed to the House to pass the following Demands under his concern departments such as: -

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All in favour may say "Aye" and those who oppose may say, "No."

(The Demands are voted and passed by the House)

PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon'ble Minister Pu John Rotluangliana may now wind up and appeal to House to pass his Demands.

PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. First, the question of Pu Lalthanliana regarding ₹1,500 lakhs allocated under major works, it is loaned from NABARD for construction of godown where as an amount of ₹2,000 lakhs is placed for carrying bills shown under district carrying route. Regarding closing of godown, Tarpho godown is not included where as godowns which are not benefitted by the nearby villages are targeted.

Under the Demands of Food & Civil Supplies, our normal allotment of supply of rice is 52,210 quintals, since the amount is less sufficient, we need an additional allotment of 80,000 quintals which cost ₹29.81 per kg where as the local suppliers could provide us at the rate of ₹25.75 per kg. So, we have requested the permission of the government to purchase rice from local suppliers since it will save us a huge amount of expenditure. The Central government has notified that we should exercise Food Security in Mizoram, but if we do, only 701,000 people will be able to enjoy it. So, we have not much interest on implementation of Food Security Act in Mizoram.

I would also like to inform the House that from April next year, direct benefit transfer scheme will be implemented in Mizoram under which LPG supply will be made available as per the agency rate but will be subsidized after entering the amount into consumers account; for that

purpose, Account number and contact number of any consumer should be submitted to the agents. We have often talked about MEGA Block and the need of precaution measure to prevent any businessman from fixing the price of commodities at his own will; thus, we have a plan to establish price monitoring cells in every district.

Regarding construction of go-down, 17 Nos. completed by PWD have not been handed over to the government as yet. Apart from this, we have applied loan for construction of another 27 Nos. godowns and staff quarters in which sanction of the 1st installment has already received. In order to prevent fake ration card, the system is now being computerized as 89% of the work already been completed. Whereas the High Level Committee inspected the site of Tanhril godown and initiative is being taken for shifting this godown to Sihhmui as 28.68 bighas of land has been identified for this purpose. Location for LPG and POL storage depot, the department has offered an area of 8.2 bighas of land at Sairang Dinthar where as the Deputy Commissioner is preparing storage for LPG and POL at Lengte road, Sairang for which an area of 30 acres of land is identified and is being offered to IOC limited but we have not receive any response as yet. Apart from this, request is made to the High Level Committee to establish the Regional Office of FCI in Mizoram and there is a plan to stop VIP supply quota with effect from January, next year. We have further made an appeal to high level officers well-to-do businessmen to surrender their ration card so that the general people are able to receive sufficient amount of supply. According to escalation of price of the commodities, the rate of supply of rice will also be increased at ₹15/kg from January next year.

Under Demand No. 36, Transport department has generated a revenue amounting to ₹2,35,52,300 lakhs during 2013 - 2014. There are two wings under Transport such as MVI and MST where as MST deals with transportation within and outside Mizoram. In addition, Bus service plying to Serhmun will be started from the 3rd December, along with other places for which application are submitted. At present, we have 47 Nos. buses in service, 1 Ambulance, 2 Recovery Vans and 4 Nos. of Cranes and we are planning to extend the service to every District Headquarter from next year. The MVI wing deals with registrations and licenses, taxes and fees. An amount of ₹9,00,5,89,000 lakhs revenue was generated from Road Tax during 2013 – 14 and 261,13,000 lakhs from Passenger and Goods Tax. Every DTO offices as well as Railway Out Agency have now been computerized; DPR amounting to ₹17 crores for promotion of Driving School at Hlimen has also been submitted to the Ministry of Road Transport & Highway and we are now waiting for the approval. Likewsie, DPR for setting up of the Inspection and Certification Centre at Aizawl has also been submitted. As suggested by the Ministry of Heavy Industry, we have applied for 2 solar cars and 2 Mini buses since the price of diesel and petrol rises immensely and also to introduce the electric vehicles.

In respect of Legal metrology, which is a regulatory department which deals with verification as well as inspection of weights and measures of petrol, diesel and others commodities all over Mizoram, an amount of ₹25 lakhs has been sanctioned for establishment of the Working Standard Laboratory in different districts where as an amount of ₹100 lakhs has also been sanctioned for construction of Controller of Legal Metrology Headquarter in Aizawl.

Under Tourism Department, we have a plan for setting up trekking route at Tuirini, Chalfilh, Tamdil, Vawmbuk, Phawngpui and Sangau and for that purpose, sanction for the 1st Installment have already been obtained. Apart from this, we have a plan to introduce in Mizoram, Aero-sport, Hot Air balloon, Power Hang-gliding as well as Para-Gliding to attract tourist for which plan is being prepared. 9 Mizo youths have completed their training on the basic of Para-gliding, intermediate and advance course; they are now qualified to conduct trainings in such fields of sports.

We have also taken initiative to privatize 15 Nos. Tourist Lodges; State Institute of Hotel Management is under construction at Bung Bungalow and Hostels for Boys and Girls and Administrative Block are now completed as well; the faculty and staffs will be taken care of by the State Government but equipments to be provided by the Central government; the National Open Entrance Examination will be conducted for this admission. Apart from this, students who have completed class-XII are eligible to apply for sponsorship to pursue their career on Hotel Management Course at Guwahati and Shillong.

Pu Dy. Speaker, the Ministry of Tourism provided funds for Thalfavang Kut-cum-Youth Festival and the event will be hosted at Tuirial Airfield. At the event, adventure sports competition will be conducted along with food court and entertainment such as cultural dance show. Everyone is invited to attend this festival.

With that, Pu Deputy Speaker, I conclude by making an appeal to the House to pass the following Demands: –

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All in favour may say, 'Aye' and those who oppose may say, 'No.'

(The Demands are voted and passed by the House)

PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We have come to the end of our business for today and we will resume our session on the 25.11.2014 at 10:30 a.m.

Sitting is adjourned 3:50 p.m.