

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR ELEVENTH SITTING ON TUESDAY, THE 25th NOVEMBER, 2014 (Time
10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)

QUESTIONS

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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.

SPEAKER : For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:10

Now, Starred Question No. 164 to be asked by Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Will the hon'ble Finance Minister be pleased to state: -

- a) What is the total amount of Urban Local Body received for the year 2010 – 2015?
- b) What is the total amount of fund invested for penalty interest of AMC work agency, in year-wise?
- c) What is the the reason for the delay of distribution of fund to AMC work agency?

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

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, my answer to the hon'ble member Pu Lalruatkima is as follows: -

- a) The total fund received during the year 2010-2011 was ₹864 lakhs for GBG and nothing for GPG. For the year 2011-2012, ₹1,107 lakhs was received for GBG and ₹68.5 lakhs for GPG with a total amount of ₹1,175.50 lakhs. For the year 2012-2013, ₹1,245.13 lakhs was received for GBG and ₹1,163.63 lakhs for GPG with a total amount of ₹2,408.76 lakhs. For the year 2013-2014, ₹1,436.43 lakhs was received for GBG and ₹490.44 lakhs for GPG with a total amount of ₹1,926.87 lakhs. The total amount received for the year 2014-2015 is ₹718.11 lakhs.
- b) It was ₹35,096 for the year 2010-11, ₹10,87,493 for 2011-2012, ₹33,28,381 for 2012-2013, ₹62,85,000 for the year 2013-2014 and the amount for the year 2014-2015 will be calculated when the fund is transferred to AMC.
- c) As per the Guidelines to 13th Finance Commission's awarded grants, the urban local bodies grant released by the Govt. in a well banking infrastructure state should be transferred to the working agencies within 5 days and 10 days in a non-well banking infrastructure state. So, it is almost impossible for the Department to release in an allotted time as sometimes the grant release paper were received by the department after 10 days. Apart from this, there are many works to be firstly done like: -
 - (i) The implementing/works agencies need to ask a fund allocation to the finance Department and after this is done they need to ask for the expenditure sanction which is necessary to go through the finance commission and monitoring cell and expenditure control branch of the Finance Department.
 - (ii) They also need to make a bill after every step is done and the fund can be used only after it is drawn through the treasury office. There is also a chance where the fund cannot be drawn depending on the state's finance situation.

The financial figures of 2014-2015 that we have shown are of the Finance Department figures while the penalty interest figures that are shown are of the concerned departments.

The process takes time when the fund allocation and expenditure sanction were asked as it needs to be done carefully and so it is difficult to release the fund in the allotted time.

The reason for the fine of penalty interest can be due to the delay of receiving the fund release copy

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question

PU LALRUATKIMA : It would be much appreciated if the work is speeded up with no fines of penalty interests.

SPEAKER : Starred Question No. 165 from Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Will the hon'ble Minister for Animal Husbandry & Veterinary be pleased to state: -

- a) If Laboratory and Library Building are constructed at the School of Veterinary Science, Lungpher?
- b) What is the amount and time of the Sanctioned?
- c) If it was tendered and the name of the contractor?

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

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is: -

- a) Yes.
- b) The sanctioned amount was ₹35,60,500/- and it was sanctioned on the 18th Jan, 2013.
- c) Yes, the contractors are: - i) Smt. Lalrohlui and ii) Shri. K. Vanlalthanga, both from Bethlehem Veng.

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question, Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, ₹15 lakhs was kept for the laboratory with no trace of construction. The laboratory building was constructed during the ministry of MNF and it stands still without any renovation except for Boy's hostel. So, it would be much appreciated if explanation is given.

SPEAKER : Minister to answer the question.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, these buildings were constructed under RKVY and the fund was transferred to DVO of Lunglei District where it was drawn from Lunglei Treasury. Since the old buildings need repair, this newly constructed is used for Boy's hostel including 20 Nos. of Para-Veterianry students due to the situation demands.

SPEAKER : Starred Question No. 166 from hon'ble member Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My Questions to the hon'ble Minister of Labor, Employment & Industrial Training Department are: -

- a) Is there a plan to set up ITI at Chhiahtlang?
- b) If so, when will the work be started?

SPEAKER : The Minister to answer the question.

PU LALRINMAWIA RALTE, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer is: -

- a) Yes.
- b) The work will start when everything is in order.

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question from Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My question to the Minister is: -

- i) Who will take up the work?
- ii) How much is estimated?
- iii) What is the allotted time to complete the work?
- iv) Will the contractor start the work soon?

SPEAKER : Minister to answer the question.

PU LALRINMAWIA RALTE, MINISTER: 3 firms and 1 private had applied for the tender and it was given to Nextcom Consultancy Firm. The estimated fund of ₹1,24,48,000 lakhs was given from the Central's scheme, the Enhancing Skill Development Initiative in North East Region under which 2 Nos. ITI are to be constructed. The land is almost ready after sorting out some difficulties and the work will soon be started. The allotted time for the completion is yet unknown.

PU VANLALZAWMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. What subjects will be introduced under the newly planned ITI?

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

PU LALRINAWMA RALTE, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I cannot give an answer to that for now.

SPEAKER : Starred Question No. 167 from Dr. K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Will the Finance Minister be pleased to state-

- a) What is the amount of debt incurred by the the Gov't of Mizoram?
- b) What is the amount kept in K. Deposit at present?

SPEAKER : The Finance Minister to answer the question.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. The present amount of debt is yet unknown and the confirmed figure of 2012-2013 was ₹5,114.20 crore. There is ₹535.24 crore in K. Deposit at present.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, how much do we owe the Central Govt., companies, contractors and privates in specific?

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: I was not prepared for that question but overall all the debts are added and even GPF is also counted as liabilities. We mainly borrowed from NABARD and Life Insurance Corporation.

SPEAKER : Starred Question No. 168 from Pu Lalthanliana.

PU LALTHANLIANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the Sericulture Minister be pleased to state: -

- a) What is the amount spent on NLUP for the year 2008-2013
- b) What is the amount spent on Mulberry?

SPEAKER : Minister to answer the question.

Dr. B.D. CHAKMA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. My answer is: -

- a) Amount spent on NLUP for the year 2008-2013 is as follows: -

Development	- ₹14,93,20,215.00
Infrastructure	- ₹1,74,13,367.00
TOTAL	- ₹16,67,33,582.00
- b) ₹14,93,20,215.00

SPEAKER : Starred Question No. 169 from the hon'ble member, Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : My questions to the Sports & Youth Services Minister are:

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- a) How much was spent on Sports Training Center, Phulpui?
- b) What are the works?
- c) Who are the contractors?
- d) How much is the estimate amount and contractors of various works?
- e) Is a tender released?

SPEAKER : Minister to answer the question.

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, my answers are: -

a) ₹293,45,754 was spent and the approved amount is ₹394,00,000.

b) The following are the works: -

- 1) Earth cutting.
- 2) Fencing of Football ground.
- 3) Construction of Pavilion.
- 4) Construction of Retaining wall (Unit-I) at Football ground.
- 5) Construction of Retaining wall (Unit-II) at Football ground.
- 6) Construction of stone masonry side-drain at Football ground.
- 7) Construction of Basketball court.
- 8) Construction of gallery and fencing of Basketball court.
- 9) Construction of Volleyball court.
- 10) Construction of retaining wall & fencing of Volleyball court.
- 11) Construction of Indoor stadium.
- 12) Construction of approach road.
- 13) Construction of gallery and pavilion for Volleyball court.

c) The contractors are: -

- 1) Pu R. Renghnuna, Dinthar, Aizawl
- 2) Pu Lalchhuanawma, North Lungleng
- 3) Pu H. Vanlalduha, Zarkawt
- 4) Pi Lalramchhani, Samtlang
- 5) Pu Rochuangkima, Mission Veng
- 6) Pu Darthuama, Ramhlun North
- 7) Pu A. Siamkima, College Veng
- 8) Pu F. Lalhundika, Electric Veng
- 9) Pu P. Pazawna, Ramhlun North
- 10) Pu Lalhmingthanga Sailo, Thakthing
- 11) Pu Dorawta, Chanmary, Lunglei
- 12) Pu Malsawmtluanga, Nursery Veng
- 13) Pu Henry Lalthlamuana, Khatla.

d) The Estimate Amounts of works by various contractors are:-

Sl. No	Works	Contractor	Amount
1	Earth cutting of Football Ground	R. Renghnuna	₹52,59,760.00
2	Fencing of Football Ground	Lalchhuanawma	₹12,61,800.00
3	Construction of Pavilion	H. Vanlalduha	₹80,62,977.00
4	Construction of R/wall (Unit-I)	Lalramchhani	₹11,83,800.00
5	Construction of R/wall (Unit-II)	Rochuangkima	₹15,89,400.00
6	Construction of stone masonry side-drain at Football Ground	Darthuama	₹4,84,400.00
7	Construction of Basketball Court	A. Siamkima	₹17,84,000.00
8	Construction of gallery and	F. Lalhundika	₹7,02,000.00

	fencing of Basketball Court		
9	Construction of Volleyball Court	P. Pazawna	₹8,47,200.00
10	Construction of Retaining wall & fencing of Volleyball Court	Lalhmingthanga Sailo	₹5,27,550.00
11	Construction of Indoor Stadium	Dorawta	₹77,58,271.00
12	Construction of approach road	Malsawmtluanga	₹48,71,884.00
13	Construction of gallery and pavilion for Volleyball Court	Henry Lalthlamuana	₹4,94,000.00

- e) Tenders had been released for all these works and I would like to mention that the Final installment was pushed at NEC since last year. There are some pending files due to the change of the Govt. and many works are still incomplete and there are still many debts.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. The Estimated Cost of the Sports Training Center according to the RTI was ₹339,87,828 but the amount difference was more than ₹40 lakhs. The Football ground was also completed with no goal posts and so it would be much appreciated if these are given explanations. Is it also possible to make retaining walls and steps to climb up the gallery?

SPEAKER : Pi Vanlalawmpuii Chawngthu.

PI VANLALAWMPUII CHAWNGTHU : I have heard that there are many development works to be done at Hrangturzo constituency and it would be much appreciated if our Minister could name them.

SPEAKER : Minister to answer the question.

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, in response to Pu Lalruatkima, there are some incomplete works due to the unavailability of funds and there is still ₹94 lakhs to be received. I believe the RTI has added the amount we received from NEC and the state share where the total amount is ₹394 lakhs. I would like to add that it will be opened when we have the bills for the contractors and necessary works are done.

In response to Hrangturzo representative, we kept ₹6 lakhs for North Vanlaiphai Playground for this financial year, ₹5 lakhs for Sailulak Playground, ₹5 lakhs for Khawlailung Playground, ₹5 lakhs for Biate Playground and ₹5 lakhs for leveling Leng Playground.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Explosion of bomb was recently heard in Aizawl city; how could the alleged bomber be given a job at Phulpui Sports Training Centre?

SPEAKER : Minister to answer the question.

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: Who?

PU LALRUATKIMA : The bomber was Pu H.D. Lalmangaiha and he is a contractor on Volleyball Court.

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the Govt. knows only those contractors who applied and received the tenders and not of those Sub-contractors. I also believe that the bomber was arrested this year and this tender is of last year.

SPEAKER : Starred Question No. 170 from hon'ble MLA, Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Will the Finance Minister be pleased to state: -

What is the amount of funds transferred and released to the following schemes: - NRHM, PMGSY, IAY, MGNREGA, JNNURM and NSAP from the Govt. of India for the year 2014 – 2015?

SPEAKER : Minister to answer the question.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: The amount of funds received for such schemes are as follows:-

Sl. No	Name of Scheme	Amount	Amount of Fund released
1	NRHM	₹3666.92 crore	₹1427.73 crore
2	PMGSY	₹5474.00 crore	Not shown
3	IAY	₹455.24 crore	Under process
4	MGNREGA	₹6708.13 crore	₹4495.28 crore
5	NSAP	₹415.30 lakhs	Not shown
6	JNNURM	Could not be shown due to typing error	

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : When will an additional fund of MGNREGA be released? Will it be possible to increase the amount and release it before Christmas?

SPEAKER : Minister to answer the question.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, we will try our best to let that happen.

SPEAKER : Starred Question No. 171 from Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My questions to the Minister of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department are: -

- a) Is the Veterinary Rest House at Selesih constructed in the year 2013-2014?
- b) What is the sanctioned amount and when was it sanctioned?
- c) Was a tender floated and who was the Contractor/Work Agency?
- d) What is the physical achievement?

SPEAKER : Pu C. Ngunlianchunga to answer the question.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA, MINISTER: My answer is: -

- a) Yes.
- b) ₹35,00,500/- on 19.03.2013.
- c) A tender was not floated but Vanlanhruaia of Cornet Stone Associate was used for the work agency.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Why was it not released and how was Vanlalhruaia chosen?

SPEAKER : Minister to answer the question.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA, MINISTER: The Department wanted a well established construction and a good work as so they hired Pu Vanlalhruaia; he was hired out of preference.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Why was he given preference? This is against GFR. Does he have a specialized line?

Pu C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA, MINISTER: He is an Engineer and we trust him.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question.

PU JOSEPH LALHIMPUA: Pu Speaker, I ask the hon'ble Minister to give clarification on the Starred question No.165 regarding the construction of Laboratory and Library at Lungpher farm.

SPEAKER : Minister to give clarification.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, it was clear from my answer. We constructed the building but it is used for Boy's hostel due to some necessities.

SPEAKER : Starred Question No. 172 from Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, my question to the Minister of Horticulture Department is: -

May the step be taken so that young plants are distributed in the allotted time?

SPEAKER : Minister to answer the question.

PU P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER: Yes, it may be taken.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, the delay in distributing plants to rural areas often caused issues as also seen on C&AG Report and District Councils. So, what are the actual plans in this regard?

SPEAKER : Minister to answer the question.

PU P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the Department wants the plants to be distributed at the appointed time but everything cannot go as planned even though we tried our best. The main problem is how to distribute them all at once at NLUP. Fruits/Vegetables like oranges plants under NLUP needed to be distributed in a huge quantity and the planting materials that our state needs are unavailable and so imports are needed. On the other hand, those that were distributed under the mission or RKVY are overall distributed in the appointed time. But we are taking actions to plant them at the appointed time especially under NLUP.

There are 59 Nos. Nurseries in Mizoram and we are now preparing ourselves on how to take steps. It is not easy to distribute them in the appointed time even if we planned ourselves. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Starred question No. 173 from Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Will the hon'ble Minister of Labor, Employment & Industrial Training Department be pleased to state: - Is there a penalty to those who employ workers but fails to pay for such works?

SPEAKER : Minister to answer the question.

PU LALRINMAWIA RALTE, MINISTER: Yes.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question.

Er. LALRINAWMA : There are many workers under contractors who did not receive any for the work. Is such problems being resolved and for how many?

SPEAKER : Minister to answer the question.

PU LALRINMAWIA RALTE, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, they can be charged with Payment of Wages Act 1936, Section 20 sub-section (1), Section 20 sub-section (5), Section 20, sub-section (6) and Minimum Wagers Act 1948, Section 22, Clause (a). There are some rumors but we have not yet received any official complaint to take actions.

SPEAKER : Question hour is now over.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Yesterday, Pu Speaker, I had given answer on the amount spent on IR Battalion where I said ₹31 crore 8,75,000 as being received from the Central within 6 years and the amount spent by the State Govt. within 6 years as ₹565 crore 37,800. The Assembly Secretariat gave me a notice to make correction within 15 days which we corrected it to ₹565 lakhs. But still the media gave wrong information which they should not have done.

SPEAKER : It would be much appreciated if the media exactly reports the records made in the House.

PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER: Likewise, Pu Speaker, I had given an answer yesterday saying that the Food Security Act can cover 7,01,000 lakhs people but the media published as 7,10,000 lakhs which also is wrong.

SPEAKER : Special Mention from Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker.

There is a landslide at Rangvamual National Highway No. 54. I am asking this House the responsibility to take actions on the landslide at Rangvamual National Highway No.54 as this Highway is the main road for importing our daily provisions. This landslide started from 01.09.2014 almost every day and causes problems to the people for more than 2 months. Many houses and farms were demolished and the road is also blocked due to the need for clearing up the Highway and for safety. So the Govt. needs to take proper and safe measures for the safety of the people. The step that the Govt. has taken is displeasing and it is time that the Govt. provides extreme help to the victims before any other major disasters occurred.

SPEAKER : We will now move to Laying of Papers. Pu Lalsawta, hon'ble Minister to lay on the table of the House, "The correction made on the Unstarred Question No. 17, Ballot No. 22, Dated the 18th Nov. 2014 by Dr. K. Beichhua".

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I now lay on the table of the House, "The correction made on the figures regarding the Govt.'s debt from the Unstarred Question No.17, Ballot No. 22, Dated the 18th Nov. 2014 by Dr. K. Beichhua.

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed.

Pu R. Romawia, Hon'ble Parliamentary Affairs Minister to move the motion in regards to election of the Financial Committee.

PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER: Mr. Speaker, Sir, with your permission and the approval of this august House, I give notice of my intention to move the following motion in this House in regards to election to Financial Committee, "that the members of this House do proceed to elect in the manner required by the sub-rule 1 of rule 2, 200 and 252 of the rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly to served as member of Committee on estimates, Mizoram Legislative Assembly for the unexpired portion of the term." Thank you.

SPEAKER : We have 3 Financial Committees namely, PAC, Estimate Committee and the Committee on Public Undertaking where there should not be more than 7 members each. There are only 5 members in Estimate Committee at present and the hon'ble MLA, Pi Vanlalawmpuii Chawngthu was not a member before. So, this motion is to increase the number of members and the nominations can be filed till 4:00 p.m. this evening.

We will now move to Financial Business, Discussions and Voting on Demands of 3 Ministers. Let us now call Pu Zodintluanga, Minister to move his Demand Nos. 22, 25 and 46.

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, I move the Demand Nos. 22, 25 and 46 for ₹44,103.78 lakhs only for meeting expenses during 23014-2015 in respect of the following Departments:-

Demand Nos.	Department	Amount of Budget
No.2	Sports & Youth Services	₹2,844.40 lakh
No.25	Public Health Engineering	₹17,529.20 lakh
No.46	Urban Dev. & Poverty Alleviation	₹23,730.18 lakh
TOTAL		₹44,103.78 lakh

Thank you, Sir.

SPEAKER : Next, Pu Lal Thanzara, hon'ble Minister to move his Demand Nos. 24, 47 and 48

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, I move the Demand Nos. 24, 47 and 48 for

₹42049.38 lakhs only for meeting expenses during 2014-2015 in respect of the following Departments:-

Demand Nos.	Department	Amount of Budget
No.24	Health & Family Welfare	₹32,931.60 lakh
No.47	Minor Irrigation	₹7,711.78 lakh
No.48	Info & Communication Technology	₹1,406.00 lakh
TOTAL		₹42,049.30 lakh

Thank you, Sir.

SPEAKER : Minister, Pu Lalrinmawia Ralte to move his Demand Nos. 28, 33, 36 & 37.

PU LALRINMAWIA RALTE, MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, I move the Demand Nos. 28, 33, 36 and 37 for ₹19625.48 lakh only for meeting expenses during 2014-2015 in respect of the following Departments:-

Demand Nos.	Department	Amount of Budget
No.28	Labor Employment & Industrial Training	₹1,677.00 lakh
No.33	Soil & Water Conservation	₹5,220.97 lakh
No.36	Environment & Forest	₹11,080.95 lakh
No.37	Cooperation	₹1,646.56 lakh
TOTAL		₹19,625.48 lakh

Thank you, Sir.

SPEAKER : The 3 Ministers have moved their respective Demands. The House will have a discussion in which the members will be allotted 10 minutes each. Pu K. Sangthuama will start.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I would like to start with Demand No. 22, Sports.

It would be much appreciated if developments are made in my constituency for we have many fields that need construction.

Moving to Demand No. 25, PHE, the water supply is not sufficient at Sairang-Dinthar, Sairang, Sihmui, PTC, Lungverh, Phunchawng, Rangvamual, Sakawrtuichhun, Tuivamit, Central Jail Veng, Tanhril, Chawlhmun, Luangmual, Zonuam, Govt. Complex, Zotlang, and Chawnpu. There are only 2 water connections at Sairang Police Station which needs

improvement. Regarding Demand No. 46, Urban Development & poverty Alleviation, I would also like to urge the government for more improvements. Since development is seen only in the city, and it would be much appreciated if the rural areas are also given importance.

In regard to Demand No. 42, Health & Family Welfare, Health and Education are really important. Achievement made by the concerned Minister is truly appreciated; it may as well be appreciative if more Doctors and Nurses are recruited. Infant mortality rate has increased a lot at Saiha; I request the Hon'ble Minister to give more efforts in reducing the rate. At the same time, I opine it is necessary to know the reason for the death of 6 infants after receiving vaccines. The building of Saiha Hospital and the TB Hospital, now known as Cancer Hospital were both constructed 40 years ago as they both needs renovation. Apart from this, ICU and staff quarters also need repair. It would also be much appreciated if more Specialists are posted in remote areas.

Next is the Demand No. 28. I believe it is necessary to give importance to wood-base industries and selling teaks since they are the main income source for many people. I would like to request our Minister to prioritize careful use of our funds. Since 2010, we received around ₹70 crore from the National Bamboo Mission till today. So, I would like concerned officials to be more careful in taking charge of our forests and its preservation. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana.

PU P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA: Pu Speaker, the people of my constituency have been blessed with sports facilities which is under Demand No. 22 such as achievement of new Sport Complex, Taekwondo centre which is planned to be constructed Rengtekawn and completion of the Multipurpose Center at Hmar Veng which was once abandoned by MNF ministry.

Regarding the Demand No. 25, PHE, various developments are seen in my constituency such as WSS at Bairabi which is 95% completed. Apart from this, Kolasib will receive numbers of water pump materials where Bilkhawthlir will be given separate line before this Christmas; then, Kolasib will be more sufficient on water supply.

The UD & PA of Demand No.46 helps us construct 300 houses for the poor and I am very proud to mention that we have only 12 families who are yet to be accommodated and will be done within this year. Besides, the Community Hall of Vengthar and Hmar Veng are completed and it is again appreciating to know that Venglai Field Stadium would soon be constructed at the cost of more than ₹2,688 lakhs. Also, I, on behalf of the people of my constituency express my sincere appreciation to the government for making all efforts to block floods from Tlawng that damages the house of the President of YMA, Chhim Veng, Bairabi.

Next is the Demand No. 28, Employment. I would like to inform the House that we are also expected to benefit 1% of contribution made by the contractors if not bulk of the amount is again given to a particular constituency as in the previous years. With the initiative of L&E, the

Mizoram Youth Commission is determine to provide as much as permanent job to numbers unemployed youths. As we have seen in this morning newspapers that the President of one Political party claiming that he had initiated this programme in the previous year and that this government should compensate those youths who returned from Bangalore and Goa empty handed. Pu Speaker, we have to consider the fact that those who returned from Bangalore, Goa or from the Orient Limited Institution of Kolkata were actually of the sponsorship of MYC; the concerned minister may later clarify in his wound up speech along with numbers of youths who were sent to other states so far, by the government through MYC; it would be much obliged if details were given on how many were sent, how many got the jobs and what jobs they were given.

Regarding Demand No. 33, Soil & Water Conservation, I would like to point out that most of the poor especially of my district are engage in brooms related occupations. It will be much appreciated if vast area of unused departmental land at Kolasib is allotted to accommodate such families for their livings.

In regard to the Demand No. 36, Environment & Forest Department, our district suffers the most because the Mizoram Forests Establishment & Regulation of Saw Mill and Wood-base Industries Amendment Rules is not exercised.

Next is the Demand No. 37. The cooperation movement is greatly benefitted in developing states and countries especially on small scale industry. I believe that this is not given much importance in Mizoram. So it would be much appreciated if we make the best use of Public undertaking and Society.

Regarding the Demand of Minor Irrigation, our District is a potential area and many occupations depend on Minor Irrigation, which under the Demand No.47. It will be much appreciated if plans which have been made turns into reality. I have given much thoughts regarding Demand No.24 and I believe that the state Govt. causes problems especially on Missions because we were sometimes on the situation where the funds need to be held. I believe that the financial achievement will decrease since many works are not done at the allotted time and that is why it seems that the funds to be received will decrease compared to the amount planned. ₹20 crore out of the amount being approved i.e. ₹125 crore plan cannot be used even after 6 months; the hon'ble Health Minister should therefore give importance on this matter. Regarding Directorate of Health Services, it would be much appreciated if Doctor having qualified degree in Management & Planning and Public Health are appointed as the Director. I believe we have only 10 Public Health Doctors compared to the Medical Doctors. So it would be great if more efforts are also given here as well.

In regard to MSACS, an IFS or a person having experience in Public Health is needed for the Project Director but the majority of our doctors and senior doctors are Clinician doctors who have less experience at administrations and leadership quality. So, there is no way for the doctors but to follow the steps of the former official heads. This is one of the reasons that cause problems to the department. That is why our leaders give importance to health and prepare themselves in

the construction of Medical College. A national award was also received through this department and so we really need a well-established hospital. I believe it is necessary to send out our experts for trainings to avail further knowledge even though they have good preparations. The department needs a great administrator with an exceptional experience. So, it is to put more efforts on this issue.

I would also like to express my apology to all the doctors and medical staffs if I ever hurt their feelings due to my enthusiasm for health. Thank you, Pu Speaker for sparing me the time.

SPEAKER : Pu T.T. Zothansanga

PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to start with Demand No. 24, Health. Champhai Civil Hospital was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on the 30th October and the Nursing School soon to be inaugurated. While this is the situation, we are currently depending on power supply of solar energy but it hardly withstands the connection and so we need a big transformer. We often faced blackouts when it is cloudy and the solar is not functioning. SDO & P&E estimated that around ₹26 lakhs will be needed to improve this power line.

Fortunately, we now have an excellent Operation Theatre in 2/3 places but we are limited on staffs for two separate operations. The concerned staffs can perform both on Gynecology and Surgery but they cannot perform separately due to the limitation of materials. We will ask for the materials at the Directorate and I want our Minister to note this as well.

Pu Speaker, we have an incinerator instrument at our old hospital which is inconvenient to move to other places. So, it would be much obliged if we are provided with a new incinerator for the new hospital. Earlier, our Pharmacist at Civil Hospital was transferred to Falkawn but no replacement is made till date. Apart from this, we are excessively limited on staffs and it would be highly appreciated if at least 5 nurses are provided. It is pleasing to know that a Medical College will be established in Mizoram. Looking at the questions and answers, there are 1475 medical patients who were referred to other places within 1 year with credit facility and I could not wait for all this to end.

In regard to Demand No. 47, Minor Irrigation, the demand of irrigation is increasing in our state especially farms in the plain areas. So, we are eagerly waiting for the effective Minor Irrigation and it would be highly appreciated if the supply is done in Division-wise.

Regarding the Demand No. 28, Labour & Employment, I have to point out that one of our Officers in my district will soon be transferred to Aizawl and we are hoping that his replacement will be provided with immediate effect. Apart from this, it would be great if the worker cess is also collected at Champhai for we now have a District Employment Officer where as it is a problem for the contractors to travel all the way to Aizawl to pay their taxes to the Government. It would also be impressive if there is an awareness campaign for this cess.

We are currently taking step on the construction of ITI in my Constituency and I would be highly obliged if the time of its completion is reflected later.

In regard to Demand No. 36, Environment & Forest, we do not have ACF with limited clerical and other staffs as well. I would also like to mention that our water sources are becoming less due to deforestations so is necessary for the Forest Department to put more attentions in regard to this problem. I believe it will be much better if our Wildlife protection is taken up by Y.M.A. in the stead of some individuals. At the same time, I want to know if more Foresters and Forest Guards will be recruited under this Finance Commission. And, I believe we have submitted the provisions for the continuation of the employment under the 14th Finance Commission.

Apart from this, Vanglaini, dated the 16th and 17th published that 2,687 logs of Redwood sandals were seized out of which 1,839 logs went missing. It would be great if there is an explanation on how they went missing and the process of F.I.R being submitted. It was further also mentioned that 10 logs went missing again and 848 logs are kept in the PCCF office and DFO Complex of Kolasib. So, it would be great if preventive measure is taken in this regard.

Regarding the Demand No. 25, PHE, Champhai Greater Water Supply Scheme was taken up to level the year 2000 as our water supply is no enough for the people. So, we made a proposal to meet our needs of the increasing population but unfortunately we may not be able to pass through this year. If this is not completed this year, it would be much appreciated if more efforts are given by the next year as KTP Conference of Mizoram 2016 will be held here and we will need sufficient supply of water. Apart from this, the most of the plan for water supply in Champhai district were all planned for 2000 but we could not meet our needs due to the increasing population. Also, the existing facilities needs renovations and it would be much appreciated if our PHE Minister prioritized our problem.

Regarding the Demand No. 22, Sports, Pu Remsanga, a well-known archer and the lone officer posted at Champhai and was transferred but no replacement is made till date. It would be much appreciated if immediate action is taken in this regard.

Regarding Demand No. 46, UD & PA, how far has construction of the Auditorium reached? Could a Senior Officer be provided at UD & PA, Champhai? Lastly, most of the qualified JE and BE of the department are temporarily recruited; so, is there any plan to regularize them? Overall, I accept and support our demands.

SPEAKER : Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I would like to start with Demand No. 22, Sports & Youth Services.

We have ₹1100 lakhs Grant-in-Aid of Creation of Capital Assets under the Demand for Grant and ₹637.60 lakhs in Grant-in-Aid under Non-Salary. However, the department is termed as defaulter as no work programme is made. So, it would be great if the work programme is produced so that we will be able to see their projects for development works. Pu Speaker, Hockey tournament will again be hosted at Baktawng as it is done in continuous since 1948. As known to us all, the Hockey tournament remains capturing the heart of the people in the villages despite lack of enough facilities. It would be much impressive if we could use the village for promoting this game in Mizoram.

Next is the Demand No. 25, PHE. This is one of the most important departments for it concern supply of water where as the need for water is rising and we are having big projects. I wonder why we could not complete our projects on time despite the importance and it would be great if our powerful Minister gives more concerns in this matter. I am deeply appreciated for providing water in my Constituency and also for a proposal to carry out the same for Khawbel.

Demand No. 24, Health Department. Various members pointed out yesterday regarding the problem of infant mortality and vaccination. Despite the Hon'ble statement on the problem of infant death, most of the victim parents in rural areas claims vaccine as the main reason. So, it would be great if this is well studied. The people in my Constituency mostly approached Serchhip Hospital to deliver a child but I am regretted to mention that no expert doctor is there to deliver a baby. This is quite important as the IMR of Serchhip district and Thenzawl is increasing. It is, therefore, an urgent need of my constituency to have expert doctor at Serchhip Hospital to safely deliver our babies. It is sad to learn from the reply of the hon'ble minister that no plan as yet been made to post such doctor. It will be highly appreciated if a second thought is given in this regard. Apart from this, I have visited this hospital on regular basis and witness the fact that it need much improvements, however, no plan has been made to provide more equipments. At the same time, I am highly obliged to our Minister for proposing a sub-centre at Tlungvel as seen in the work programme.

The road to District TB Hospital at Falkawn is very troublesome and there are no kitchens available which causes trouble for the villagers. So, it would be much appreciated if a vehicle and a kitchen are provided for the hospital. The major works of Minor Irrigation, Demand No. 47 in 2013-2014 is ₹131.6 crore and why does it decrease to ₹64.1938 crore in 2014-2015? Apart from this, they do not submit the work programme. They are the engineering department and there are often complaints on the work quality. So it would be much appreciated if the work quality is given more importance.

The Labour & Employment, Demand No. 28, it is really important department as most of the members concerns about it. There are many youths who had gone abroad and outside the state and is necessary to check the documents and places of the firms who ever enter Mizoram. We should specifically check the places if it is genuine firm as we need to be really careful about this. So, it would be impressive to study the situation of such places and would be much obliged to know the number of males and females that we have sent out.

In regard to the Environment & Forest, our Minister had earlier mentioned that concerned land holders fail to contribute their lands officially despite assurance to build a Sanctuary at Tawitlang and its surroundings. Unless they are willing to contribute their land holdings to the department, they may say it clearly so that they may get it back. Thank You.

SPEAKER : Pu T. Sangkunga.

PU T. SANGKUNGA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Our Demands of today seems very interesting such as Minor Irrigation, P.H.E. and Forest which are all connected with water supply. Likewise, The Medical College, Health Department and Urban Development are also inter-related. Pu Speaker, the cost of water is more expensive than petrol in UAE and we are fortunate that God provide us a good land with abundant water. When I was a child, our valleys were filled with river water all the way through but there is no more to see today even on monsoon season due to deforestation. So, forests are really important to connect these three departments. The majority of the villages are now in short of water sources as one has to cover far distant to fetch water of some hilly forests. So, it would be much impressive if intensive effort is made to save our forests.

Moving on to Demand No. 23, Labour & Employment, our government follows the Central by introducing collection of Cess and is beneficially contributed to welfare fund as well as to Mizoram Youth Commission. This, on the other hands indicates the need to put the Labour & Employment more effectively. To carefully determine it purposes, it may as well be utilized such fund for the benefit of a construction worker who is having a daughter soon to be married. Likewise, it may be utilized for their education including their hospitalizations as well. So, it is important for all the people to know that this cess comes in direct for our own expense.

Regarding a controversial issue of the grievances of some job-seeking youths who have returned empty-handed, it may be noted that it is not responsibility of the MYC for they all were proceed under the sponsorship of the North East Rural Development Mission. On the 14th of August, some people sent by the North-East Rural Development Mission faced a problem in Hyderabad; in that connection, some parents asked for our help even though it is well-aware that their children were not involved in such problem; I was awake all night as most of them were from the Home Minister's Constituency and I called for his help. The hon'ble Minister, then requested our LO to deal with such problem which could be implied MYC as the agency that sent out such youths for we were compelled to deal with their problems. So, it is my reaction to all the Medias that Youth Commission has nothing to do in this matter; we did not spend a cent on the people that we have sent between the whole of July up till now but with the expense of Skill Development Initiative Scheme, Ministry of Labour, we have sent 1,156 people out of which 4 were dropped-out, and sadly, 2 of the 4 dropped-out had died. 196 people got placements like Air Hostesses and other jobs at some well-known Hotels; after completion of their trainings, they will be given a certificate by the Directorate of Apprenticeship & Training which is approved internationally.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I want to say a few things regarding Demand No. 25, PHE, I find their works impressive as supply of water to 777 Nos. villages under National Rural Water Drinking programme is being achieved. It is more than the recorded number of villages in Mizoram for it covers villages which are not approved as yet. I am also appreciated for major project for Khawbung constituency is taken up as of Aizawl Greater Water Supply Scheme. Another thing that I find very impressive is that they had covered all the big towns under the Urban Water Supply Scheme excluding Biate, N. Vanlaiphai and Khawhai but they are also provided with a village level water sources. They did a great job with Rainwater Harvest Scheme in my Constituency with provision of latrine to 84,647 BPL families and 19,082 APL families. They covered 1,30,792 families in total which really is a remarkable achievement for the department.

It is truly appreciative that Chite field is constructed under UD & PA in addition to various development works such as construction of houses for the poor.

Much as well, it is astonishing to see achievements of the Health Department where as there are sub-centres, some of which are completed and some under construction in most of the villages and setting up of Medical College is in the process. The progress made by Minor Irrigation department also is quite impressive as they have completed projects at 439 villages in order to have a sufficient supply of water to all places where farming is concentrated.

In regard to Demand No. 22, Sports & Youth Services, our playgrounds are now highly upgraded compared to our days when our fields were bumpy with stones and then became slippery in rainy seasons. Our fields today really instil feelings of excitement to our youths; it is indeed a remarkable achievement for the government.

Next is the Environment & Forest. We have a good Forest Act, 1955 originated from the era of the District Council and LAD is the implementing agency. When I was a Secretary of LAD for less than 2 weeks; Reiek forest was unfortunately being burnt down during that time; I instantly initiated the order for reservation of the forest Reiek and Hmuifang and directed to the Chief Minister; but my tenure ended as the file returned. I looked at my note sheet later and found that the House Leader not only approved it, he wrote his appreciation as well. It would be much benefitting if we implement this rule because it takes a lot of time for the Forest Department to declare a forest as reserved as of Dampa Sanctuary which took 27 years long. So, Pu Speaker, it would be of great approach if we declared all our forests as reserved forest to save our water sources.

SPEAKER : Pu Vanlalawma, next.

PU VANLALZAWMA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I believe that the Supreme Court ruling has put too much pressure on us as so opined by the Environment & Forest Department though it is important to move forwards. Whereas the Supreme Court ruling is

highly regarded and should not be violated. Is it possible for us to bypass the order a little bit as per our convenience?

As of legalizing selling of teakwood, the market within the state is good enough even if it is not as expected outside; we may produce some good reasons if we are questioned. Since we have enough production on teakwood, it is a good idea to process such woods for other purposes and sell it at cheaper rates for it will not affect the Indian economy. Whereas considering the marketing value of teakwood, I opine it is good to expose the market at an international level for we have a prospect to develop our state economy with the help this item. I also believe that we can go on without violating the Supreme Court.

In regard to Health & Family Welfare, the Health Care Scheme, no doubt is good. Yet, it will be much appreciated if the process of registration is simplified so that people in the remote places could easily apply for it. I support on having a Referral Hospital at Falkawn yet, I would like to suggest that ICU is placed in an isolated place but not as of Durtlang and Civil Hospital.

Regarding the Sports & Youth Services, I must proclaim in the House that what a victory for Mizoram to lift the highly regarded Santosh Trophy for the first time as we have even celebrated as highly as it deserved across the state. I once had a question whether the players and staffs were given incentives but it is not due to the upcoming MP election. If so, is there any way to honour them now with incentives cash award? We are making a great deal of progress on football thanks to the efforts of MFA. But still, we should upgrade all our playgrounds, far or near with artificial grasses for it is benefitted as well for other sport disciplines.

Regarding PHE, I opine it is so unbecoming that drainage constructed by PWD and UD & PA are often used as pipelines of PHE and this practice should be resolved. If I am not mistaken, one has to pay while applying for water connection including bills for any other requirement and for laying of pipeline. Pu Speaker, the system should be re-examined for laying of pipelines often cause problem to our roads and drainage. Mr. Speaker, I am asking if there is other ways to lay our pipelines.

We have seen various developments under UD & PA and their works are much impressive. Being a representative from one of the constituencies of Aizawl city, we the opposition members are really excited when developments enter our constituency. At the same time, our leaders should how and when to associate concerned member when taking up any development work to such constituency. It is always appreciative to work in unity, regardless of which part a member belongs to; we the members are able to build up a pleasant environment as long as we all work together in harmony. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Our morning session is over; we will continue with our session in the afternoon at 2:00 p.m.

2:00 P.M

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will now continue our discussion with Dr. K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. I would like to start with Demand No. 24, Health & Family Welfare Department.

India is quite an advanced nation in Medical Science and various other countries thus follow our practice on implementation of their programmes. For example, Revised National TB Control Programme (RNTBC) started by India is now being practiced worldwide. So, we can see concerns of the central from our grant-in-aids which has been increased compared to the previous years. NRHM has 6 financing components such as the following Flexi-pools of National Rural Health Mission, National Urban Health Mission, Communicable Disease and Non-Communicable Disease and Family Welfare Central Sector Component which are all implemented in our state.

The National Health Mission has a wide scope of vision and guiding principles for health and it gives major importance to reduce out of pocket expenditure on healthcare. It also aims to reduce MMR to 1000 life/birth and IMR from 1000 to 25. It also aims to reduce totally fertility roll to 2:1. It has taken care of mothers between the ages of 19-49 who are in short of bloods. It is also involved with other communicable and non-communicable diseases etc. It aims to reduce death from TB and Malaria and that is why the Central government provides lot of funds to every state. I believe that the Central Government has given us a lot of funds on grant-in-aids so that we could make progress and take actions on maternal newborn-care, children and adolescence healthcare. So, when we talk about healthcare, we should not think only of hospitals but how to distinguish between preventive, promotive, and curative.

The preventive part is really important in Mizoram today. I believe we have 48 Nos. Of PHC with number of doctors and health-workers which all plays vital role in prevention. That is why we should make reservation for them so that they are able to work at their respective place on regular basis. Many health workers that we have posted at villages are from the city and they did not perform well and they often applied for transfer to the city. So, in order to have a regular health worker at villages, it is necessary to make recruitment at every district. Whereas doctors and MO's of PHC are the captains of health workers and captains should also be provided with all the facilities so that they can watch over the health workers efficiently. So, if they work properly in regard to preventions, then 75% of our problems in Mizoram will be solved.

Regarding District Hospital, I opine it is necessary for us to clearly examine if Healthcare system is bifurcation in other states as we have here into DHS and DHME. It must be considered that there are some advantages where as there are it disadvantages as well in the context of Mizoram. In this regard, Medical Superintendent is a must for Aizawl and Lunglei Civil hospitals but I do not think it is necessary to other district hospitals as CMO is able to execute

the work. Apart from this, it is learned that most of the specialists who are posted at the District Hospital as a Medical Superintendent hardly put their specializations to use for they have to concentrate on the administrative work. There are some disadvantages in bifurcation of the hospital administration on the basis of Specialist and Non-Specialist and it is quite confusing even for the legislators and concerned authority. It is, therefore suggestive that dealing of Hospital and medicines are undertaken by the under the Specialists and PHC and other programmes by Non-specialist Doctors in such a way to resolve the problem of insufficiency of staffs and also to attain more progresses. At the same time, Pu Dy. Speaker, I think it is necessary for the department to examine itself if quality control is maintained with all the 22 Nos. of Private Hospitals. I do not know whether we have the Accreditation Board but we have learned from concerned minister that there is no quality control. I think it is much necessary for concerned authority to take control of our private hospitals as see that uniform hospital rate is maintained for operation and to other charges and if it is equipped with well waste disposal system. It is so embarrassing to see that the wastes from childbirth being carried around by some stray dogs and should be stopped once and for all.

We will have a Medical Education College soon and so is important for concerned authority to know that there are few degree courses that we already have. It is therefore important for us to re-examine our system thoroughly. Thank you, Mr. Dy. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu John Siamkunga.

PU JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. I would like to start with Demand No. 22, Sports & Youth Services.

We have made various achievements in Sports thanks to the efforts of the Congress Ministry. Sport concern not only physical fitness but business as well and thus attracted many youths. Since Football becomes a good source of employment opportunity, many are pursuing their career even at the national and international level as we are now able watch them participate from our TV; I express my appreciation to the minister as well.

Pu Dy. Speaker, there was a plan for construction of a stadium at the headquarters of my constituency Hnahthial during my party ministry at a cost of ₹240 lakhs but we called it off due to size of the area and the funds to that purpose was being diverted. Thanks to the efforts of the hon'ble Minister, a convenient place is now being proposed; it will be grateful if immediate action is taken in this regard.

I want to thank UD & PA, Demand No. 46 for initiating the solid waste management and some other schemes. Thanks to the effort of the department, we are able to have a good hall at Hnahthial but the door could not be opened due to some damages of the wall inside; I request the department to immediately repair the damage. Despite our hopes on AMC which is functioning under UD & PA, it is regretted as no new construction is seen as much as expected; it would be great if more efforts are made.

Regarding Demand No. 24, Health & Family Welfare Department, we have seen that the government has taken major steps towards Healthcare as we have even been awarded a provision of ₹131 crore for our performance on IMR which was spent for purchase of new vehicles for various hospitals. Nevertheless, steps taken for construction of Medical College, PHC, sub-Centres and number of Staff-quarters are truly praiseworthy. My constituency too is fortunate to have sub-District Hospital constructed at Hnahthial and which is now upgraded at the status of NRHM thanks to the effort of the hon'ble Chief Minister. Under the programme of the Community healthcare, we received ₹130 crore for the construction and is now being upgraded to sub-District Hospital as phase-I of the construction is in progress but could not be completed with the amount sanctioned; the concerned contractor is now using money from his own pocket to continue with it. So, I request the hon'ble Minister to prioritize this problem.

Regarding the Labour & Employment, it has become one of the most important departments as a result of the efforts of the hon'ble Chief Minister and concerned Minister of the previous term. It would be great if much appreciated if importance is given on life insurance as it concern the welfare of construction workers under some companies/corporations. Considering our large population, Pu Dy. Speaker, I opine we do not have enough skilled workers; we have a large population with comparatively less workers. So, it would be appreciated if Labour & Employment makes a major effort and if possible, trainees under Industrial Training Centre too are employed to develop their skills for future projects such as Oil extraction plant etc.

I want to say a few words on Co-operation. Thanks to the strong cooperative movement since 1947, we are able to have various corporations in our state. Regarding MULCO, I opine it is important to give more attention to the process of milk as the thickening agent seems to be excessively used as it colour and flavour becomes unnatural for consumption.

Regarding the PHE, I would like to ask the hon'ble Minister when water supply project of Hnahthial and Cherhlun which is completed will be commissioned. We are waiting anxiously as BCM Women's General Conference will be held at Hnahthial in February next year. Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Dy. Speaker, I would like to start with Demand No. 22, Sports & Youth Services.

Our budget funds for this department decreased by ₹52,55,000 compared to last year. Even though we have a great progress in sports, there are still to be made such as various Youth welfare activities; for construction of office building for Directorate and Sports Council and for improvement of Mualpui stadium for the athletics association and so we need more funds. Throwing events cannot be done as it is all an artificial grass; we also made a 400 meters track lane as it is not visible from the corners of the gallery. So, we need more efforts for such

purposes as well. During the budget speech, our Finance Minister pointed out our plan to send our contingent at the Olympic, 2016; I supposed it should be of the Indian contingents; we need to put more efforts on this for the time is approaching.

Regarding PHE, Demand No.25, I believe the progress is slower than expected. Despite our shortage on enough water supplies, the department is trying it best to maintain formalities. Regarding MR employees who are mainly responsible for distribution of water supply, many of us expect 24/7 service from them despite their family problems to deal with apart from attending church service on Sunday; many of us therefore faced the problem especially on Sunday. What is important for the government is to chalk out appropriate arrangement. In this connection, a new arrangement was made by the department last year as number of family especially of the remote localities could not receive regular supply of water through pipelines; we hired some trucks for emergency supply but the bills for hiring such vehicles remain unpaid till today. So, it will be much appreciated if our Minister looked into this case as early as possible.

Next is the Labour & Employment. It is pleasing to have our budget increasing compared to last year. Last year, we had ₹50 lakhs for Youth Commission but now it is ₹41.27 lakhs only and the difference is ₹873,000 lakhs. So, it is necessary to have a new thought at RE. Besides, Pu Dy. Speaker, I could not understand why only ₹41 lakhs is allotted against MYC where as ₹947 lakhs is allotted under the head of other charges of Skill Development Mission. Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, we also need to have awareness campaign on Cess which is more than ₹10 crore. It would be really appreciated if such contribution is made available for to MLA so that it is utilized to support poor labourers in our respective constituency.

Regarding the Demand No. 33, Soil & Water Conservation, the damaged coffee processing plant at Republic Veng remains unrepaired till date and so may be attended as soon as possible. I believe the department needs financial support to make a fresh start.

Next is the Demand No. 36, Environment & Forest. We are now becoming to realise the importance of protecting our wildlife as we have even supported the idea of humanitarians. Our youths would go to forests with their cameras and capture the pictures of birds and animals; they would post such photos on social media which is quite entertaining. While that is the case, we still need to make progress on gun control as we still see smoked meats at the market. Despite effort made by various departments on planting more trees, our water sources are still drying up. I believe it is due to our ignorance of the need to take follow-up maintenance. So, we need to put more efforts in this regard.

There are many things to be said regarding Demand No. 24. Our budget this year increased by ₹6,34,470 lakhs compared to last year. We have a Referral Hospital at Falkawn but no bus is provided; this creates problems for the patients and their attendants; it is a problem for the staffs as well. There are 2 doctors, 1 Surgeons and 1 Gynae-specialists but and since there are no doctor at night times, we often face problems in the case of emergency. It would be great if the Minister examined the case. We had from the budget speech that Medical College will be

established at Falkawn; I would like to know if the plan is of the Central or a State Medical College. It is truly appreciated as ₹3,132 lakhs is received for purchase of IMR on the 27th December, 2012 and there is a proposal for setting up of 2 sub-centres within my constituency. At the same, I do not understand why IMR rate could not be reduced as yet. I opine it is intensive to put efforts on it. As already mentioned, we bought 26 Boleros, 7 Gypsy Kings, 3 Mini Trucks and 2 Trucks with IMR funds but i am concern about maintenance of such vehicles for it will take more funds for salary of the drivers and POL etc. I am afraid we may face another problem since no more funds will be coming.

In the meantime, Pu Dy. Speaker, I would like to mention that the IMR fund amounting to ₹1,632 lakhs and ₹58,000 that we have received on the 26th September last year has not been allocated till today; it will be pleasing if it is allocated soon. Also, since no fund is allotted at blood bank, we always have a problem even for purchase of blood bags when we have voluntary blood donors. In this connection, I opine it is a good idea for one to donate one day salary even if it is not convenient to donate his blood. It may also be wise for the department to pay anyone who is hired to spray DDT on time.

Next is Demand No. 48. As some progresses are seen on ICT, I believe it is also necessary for us to have Call Centres and BPO. Apart from this, I think we need to make more efforts on protections of cyber crimes as this can affect our society.

In regard to Demand No. 47, Minor Irrigation, it is important for the department to maintain work quality on land development and irrigation. Regarding recruitment of 3 persons for instructor respectively for Falkawn Hospital, Lunglei Hospital and Aizawl Hospital, it is learned that only one of them has the desired qualification i.e. BA BP. Ed (Special Education for hearing impaired). What is the reason for recruiting unqualified applicants where as others having the desired qualification are available?

In regard to UD & PA, I thought of refusing to pass the Demand for not being informed of the development work taken up within my constituency. As an MLA, I believe it is responsibility of the minister concern to inform the member of any development work which may be taken up within his constituency. Then, I will vote in favour of this Demand. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Robiaka.

PU LALROBIAKA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Despite many efforts given by the department, I opine the allotted budget is less sufficient. And, despite our relentless efforts, it is sad to hear criticism and grievances from some members.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Point of clarification. I am not criticising but I believe that it is the responsibility of the minister concern to inform any MLA of the development work which may taken up within his constituency.

SPEAKER : You have said enough.

PU LALROBIAKA : Pu Speaker, as we are moving up towards developments, work demand also increases as so in Vaivakawn. It must be noted by the members that we are able to reach this condition as a result of the efficiency of the minister concern which truly is appreciative.

Moving on to Demand No. 22, Sports, I am deeply concerned for having comparatively less budget with that of last year, yet, the government somehow manage to fulfil the needs of our youths thanks to the effort of the able Chief Minister, Sports Minister and other leaders. I am also highly obliged for providing sports incentives to the needy. On the other hand, it is depressing to learn that some disciplines which are not of Olympic disciplines were dropped. Instead of the idea of dropping such disciplines, it would be appreciated if step offer is made to IOC for inclusion our state's favourite sports.

Next is the Demand No. 25, Public Health Engineering. During the past few weeks, the people of W. Phaileng are so happy that they are now able to receive Teirei project water supply at their own locality; I express my appreciation for the achievement on behalf of the people of my constituency. At the same time, I would also like to extend my appreciation to the Health & Family welfare for attending the needs of my constituency such as plans for renovation of 2 PHC's and 3 Sub-Centres. Likewise, we have seen under Minor Irrigation various developments within my constituency; our farmers are beginning to reap sufficient amount of production from their cultivations which could not be succeed in the past 3 or 4 years.

In regard to Demand No. 48, Information & Communication Technology, I am really concerned on how we manipulate this important department like publicizing fake allegation and baseless news items which seems inappropriate and unbecoming for a Christian practice. So, it is important to utilize this department as it is supposed.

Moving on to Demand No. 33, Soil & Water Conservation, my constituency has widely benefited the service of this department with concentration of rubber plantation. Apart from rubber, we have brooms cultivation under NLUP as we are producing large amount of brooms every year.

In regard to Demand No. 36, Environmental & Forests Department, we have sanctuary at different places but we are facing problems due to limited staffs as in Dampa sanctuary. I would be highly appreciated if our Minister finds a way to put more staffs there.

Regarding Demand No. 37, Co-Operation, it would be great if more attention is given to the department so that we may be able to change our market system for good and that we will be more independent in dealing with financial matters.

SPEAKER : Next, Pu R. Vanlalvena.

PU R. VANLALVENA : Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would like to start from Demand No. 22, Sports & Youth Services.

It is much delightful to see our Mizo footballers playing at different Indian football clubs as some even brought home large amount cash which truly is an achievement of the hon'ble Chief Minister as well as Sports Minister. Even though we do not have a lot of funds, we still move forward with little amount in hands. Regarding allocation of plan, it seems that the constituency of Hrangturzo receives much favour compare to others. So, how about our demand for improvement of Republic Veng Hall?

Next, UD & PA, I would like to ask what step has been so far in regard to the demand that we have submitted under SIPMIU for development works within my constituency such as Republic Veng and College Veng. It's been a year since proposal is submitted for water harvesting and artificial playground but nothing seems to be done as yet. Is it possible to expedite such plans? May the concerned minister tell when initiative will be taken?

We all know that PHE carry out it works with a loss of ₹5 crore every month; supply of water is arranged for the people at an expensive rates and then supplies at a cheaper rates; but the department somehow manage to provide this need all over Mizoram. It is learned from our budget statement the department manage to execute the work of providing clean water with purifying materials to 51 villages. It would be much appreciated if the ₹103 crore for water supply & sanitation to rural towns is shared by Aizawl South-I constituency as well.

In regard to UD & PA, improvement is needed to the curved road that links Upper Republic and Venghlui, near the residence of Pu R. Vanlawma (L). It would be much appreciated if attention is given in this regard.

It is pleasing to see number of progress made by Health & Family Welfare Department regardless of our shortage of funds. There is a plan to set up Medical College at Falkawn and to upgrade the hospital by 400 beds. Our Health Minister further affirmed the necessity to import good medicines; a provision to Aizawl Civil Hospital to supply better medicines at cheaper rate which are anxiously awaited. I am proud to mention that Mizoram has topped the list of a renowned magazine The India Today as the most advance state among small states in implementing programme of PHC. I am confident that we could make more improvements if more efforts are made.

SPEAKER : Dr. Ngurdingliana, next.

Dr. NGURDINGLIANA : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to start with Demand No. 22, Sports. I believe our powerful Minister of Sports has taken a great step as he was even a nominated the Mizo Award by Vanglaini for his outstanding achievement. But it is unfortunate to learn that our budget for Sports decreases by a margin of ₹25,50,000 lakhs compared to last year. However, I believe the department can manage itself.

I am glad today that we concentrated on combat sports in this Vision, 2016. We Mizos have very quick hands and feet. Recently two Mizo children face each other in the final of sub-junior category of National level; that is the result of Catch Them Young policy devised by our Hon'ble Sport Minister. I would also like to request him to organize refresher courses more frequently for our coaches in different discipline, to cope with the increasing game tactics and mental ability.

Besides, as it is a Youth Service, all of our youths are not interested in sports. They are gifted in different discipline like painting, music, etc. Many of our youth are gifted in music. In that regard, I would like to suggest building of jam room from this Youth Services budget; such jam rooms may be well equipped with musical instrument which could be used on hire basis. It could be completed by spending 30-50 lakh only. Many talented musicians who do not afford to use private studios may benefit from these.

In Demand No. 23, PHE, I used to drink directly from tap; I found the chemical proportion is too much concentrated at the moment. I request our officials to note that. I would also like the development works to be done by this department in my constituency. Pump House had has been completed at Phuaibuang but still could not be inaugurated as some revenue has yet to be paid. We will be very grateful if this could be paid soon.

In Demand No. 24, Health & Family Welfare Department, I have some doubts regarding the proposal that drug license has to be given only with the recommendation of branch signature. It seems that there are shortcomings in the way they grant drug license. Besides, the guidelines issued by the Minister regarding Infant Mortality Vehicle are very beneficial. I hope this kind of guidelines will be continued in the future.

We were given X-Ray machine at Suangpuilawn; however, the X-Ray machine needs a separate building which we are going to build from MLA fund. Besides, we really need another X-Ray machine at Khawruhlian as the roads at that side are intensive and accidents frequently happened. We may build it from our own expense if we could be provided the machine.

In Demand No. 36, Environment & Forest, I think that we need more effective way of preserving our forest. The reason is that the Village Council often allotted our lands as private land. I request that better preservation measures to be formulated. Regarding Demand No. 28 Labour & Employment Department, I greatly appreciate the Building Construction Scheme which is meant to help the needy; I hope this could be continued. Thank you.

SPEAKER : We shall now call upon Pu Zodintluanga to provide clarification regarding his Demands and to beg this House to pass it.

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I will start from Demand No. 46, Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation Department.

I am glad that 10 members spoke about this demand. Regarding Vaivakawn issue pointed out by Opposition Group Leader, I feel sorry for that. I beg that it might be considered in positive ways. The MLA from that constituency is disappointed that he did not know the work within his constituency. However, it is better that disappointment arises due to many development works in his constituency rather than disappointment due to no work being done.

I apologized that the MLA had not been informed officially at the beginning of the work. Our Chief Minister paid much attention to that Vaivakawn junction for it is the gateway from all of the western parts of Mizoram. I request the PWD official to devise a way to widen the junction. As a result, better connection for Seventh Day Tlang and Chawlhmun was designed by them. After that, the affected departments by the work, viz. PHE Department, P & E Department and BSNL held a meeting for the execution of the work. What I wanted to add is that development work can be faster if our department officials do their work with coordination, just like we were three days earlier than expected in this work. P & E Department, with their Engineer in chief had succeeded not to cause problems to the people. I express my gratitude to all the officials and Engineers of PHE who are engaged in the work there. PWD will continue the road construction work from tomorrow.

Regarding the speech of Pu K. Sangthuama, the Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation Department is trying to use its resources as evenly as possible. There is a proposal for development work within his constituency also through Smart City project.

Pu T.T. Zothansanga has said that they are not still having an auditorium at Champhai; Champhai, Mamit and Kolasib are not yet having auditorium. We have submitted DPR to central government; I really hope that we would succeed with the help of our Chief Minister's goodwill. We are having shortage of staff as we have been opening our office at different districts. In spite of that, I think we are doing a great job at the moment. Regarding the damaged plaster of Hnahthial Hall as mentioned by Pu John Siamkunga, we are aware of that issue and the Director and the Engineers concern visited the spot; they have had a plan to repair it. However, they are still trying to avail funding for the work.

As mentioned by Pu R. Vanlalvena, we will try our best within his constituency along with the works undertaken by the government. Urban Development can concentrate itself on Census Town. It can also function in villages which are called Notified Town under JNNURM. Development works like water supplies, village work, etc are carried out in those villages.

We also talked about water supply a lot. As already mentioned, we have now constructed a bog water tank for western side of Aizawl at Seventh Day Tlang. There is a proposal at the moment to change the pipeline with bigger one from ADB funding; contractors were also already selected and surveys were also completed for this work; this will enable us to provide water to the people more sufficiently. Besides, many of our pipes are very old now; there is also a proposal to change those pipes soon. Works will be started after discussion with other departments like pipeline from Tuikhualang to Bazaar.

As we have listened in the morning discussion, the municipalities function efficiently. There is a question how much the government loses due to delayed sanction of B-grants to them. However, we do not consider it as a loss. When it is delayed here, the Aizawl Municipal Council can have more funds for their work. This is a system how we can help them while they could not be helped from plan fund.

I am very proud of, among many other works, our achievement to collect garbage from home rather than keeping Garbage trailer. ₹33 crore has also been already sanctioned for procurement of garbage in 5 localities within Aizawl. I will stop there regarding Urban Development.

Speaker Sir, 11 members had spoken about Demand No. 25, PHE Department; most of them expressed their appreciation. Hon'ble member Pu K. Sangthuama had stated their difficulties in water supply. Work for restructuring the distribution system had now been proposed which will be funded by ADB under SIPMIU. The work will be completed soon and I hope that we could have more sufficient water distribution. Many larger tanks were constructed in different localities for better distribution of water supply. Such big tanks were now under construction at Tanhril also. DPRs are also made for another such works. Regarding the pipeline of water connection mentioned by Pu Vanlalzawma, we tried our best to properly fix it; we also issue notifications from time to time. However, there are so many difficulties due to topographic barriers in this regard.

Regarding the question asked by Pu John Siamkunga, Hnahthial Water Supply Scheme could not be commissioned yet because the transformer needs to be repaired. It has been proposed for full commission as soon as the repairing work is finished. As mentioned by Pu Ruatkima, some of the MR employees are working on Sunday. This is because of limitation of our distribution system. When we form this ministry, we tried to provide water to the people at least twice a week. For that, there are difficulties because our pipe lines are rather small. Therefore, we need to work on Sundays also. They are detailed in a rotation basis and they are not expected to work every Sunday.

As we all know, our main concern is to provide sufficient water to the people. Besides we also take steps to improve the sanitation standards in villages. Different schemes for improvement in drainage and sewerage are also implemented. Swachh Bharat mission is also now implemented. Many toilets, community toilets, Anganwadi are also constructed from this scheme.

I would like to go back to Urban Development. We often do not have proper sewage in urban areas, our septic tank are also often of faulty construction. Regarding that, we now have a sewerage plan for western part of Aizawl as the 1st Phase. Tender were also already called for that purpose. This will help the people to properly dispose their wastes through pipes which will be treated at a very advance treatment plant at Chite.

Lastly, Demand No. 22 had been talked about by 11 members. As already stated, most of them are appreciation. Pu K. Sangthuama expressed his desire for improvement in sports within his constituency. From the last congress ministry and during this ministry also, I feel that they were given a great priority in sport. A full-fledged cricket stadium was built within his constituency. Football playground was also constructed at Sairang Dinthar which was now commissioned to MFA for its better development. An advanced sport complex which has Tennis Court, Basketball Court and a Hall has been constructed at Zotlang; 95 % of the work has been completed now.

As mentioned by Pu T.T. Zothansanga, we are aware that there is no Sport & Youth Officer at Champhai; proposal will be made as soon as possible. It is true that Baktawng people are very fond of Hockey. We tried to promote Hockey within our state. Though we are having astro-turf hockey ground only for less than a year, the students from that academy could beat bigger states already. It is yet difficult to grow immediately as we have no proper ground at urban areas. Hon'ble member Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte is very interested in hockey; he visited different localities searching for places for hockey ground. He recently discussed with leaders of Zemabawk localities for construction of hockey ground in there are. Likewise, the central government is also very open towards construction of hockey ground. It seems that we could easily get funding also if we have a free land.

Hnahthial Sports Stadium which has been mentioned by Pu John Siamkunga was proposed from NEC. However, as the NEC does not function properly in the new government, we could not get installment at the moment and the work has been delayed.

I am glad that Pu Ruatkima is concerned about the fact that we are still not having separate building for a very long time. In the previous ministry, we keep an eye for building site at New Secretariat complex but could not succeed as expected. Now we are placed at Priority No. 1 at NEC.

We tried our best for our sport persons also. We provide food supplement and nutrition to the hopeful participants in Olympics. Besides, two of our players in junior category became No. 1 and No. 2 in India; last year, we sent them to China to undergo training; they improved a lot. We are trying to send them again so that they could represent India. There are also some disciplines which are not included in Olympics but undertaken by Sports Council. New rules are also formulated so that incentive cash could be given to those disciplines. Regarding delayed payment of incentive cash award as mentioned by Pu Vanlalzawma, we are now trying to get fund for this purpose. The Planning Department suggested us to pursue to Finance Department as it has non-plan nature and it has been processed at the moment. It seems that we will need ₹ 170 lakh. It will be given as soon as it is ready.

Recently we have won 7 Gold medals, 6 Silver medals and 17 Bronze medals at international level. We have also won 95 Gold medals, 71 Silver medals and 65 Bronze medals

at the national level and 34 Gold medals, 26 Silver medals and 44 Bronze medals in regional levels. With you permission, Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to read out the names of those who had won Gold medals at the international level. They are as follows:

- 1) Zoramsanga and Ricky Lalrinchhana from Taekwando at International Taekwando Championship 2014;
- 2) TBC Lalchhanhima from Weighlifting at Commonwealth Championship, 2013;
- 3) Reuben Lalhmingmawia, Lalsangliana, K. Lalsiamthari and Irene Lalchhanhimi all from 3rd Asia Cup Karate Championship, 2013.

Their achievements show the efforts of our government, under the leadership of one who have a great interest for the youth. Many valuable sport infrastructures have been constructed not only in Aizawl but also at the district capitals. A full-fledged stadium with 400 metres 8 lanes race track has been under construction at Champhai, ₹26 crore funds was also already availed for construction of another stadium at Kolasib.

As mentioned by our hon'ble members, many steps were also taken for the youth through NSS, NCC, Scouts and Guides, etc. We tried our level best to utilize the ability of the youth and to create platform for them at the world level. Therefore, I beg this House to pass the demands of the following departments under my concern: -

Demand Nos.	Department	Amount of Budget
No.2	Sports & Youth Services	₹2,844.40 lakh
No.25	Public Health Engineering	₹17,529.20 lakh
No.46	Urban Dev. & Poverty Alleviation	₹23,730.18 lakh
	TOTAL	₹44,103.78 lakh

Thank you.

SPEAKER : It is great to hear that a very young state like us could have 7 international gold medalists. Now, anyone who agreed to pass the demands for Departments under Pu Zodintluanga, Demand No. 22, 25 and 46 the total amount of which is ₹ 44103 may say "Agree", is there anyone who does not agree? If not, this House has passed these three demands unanimously.

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

SPEAKER : Now we shall call upon Hon'ble Minister Pu Lal Thanzara to make clarifications on the discussions on his demands and also to plead this House to pass his demands.

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. There are 12 members who have participated in today's discussion. I found that all of them are talking about Demand No. 24, Health & Family Welfare Department. I am thankful for those who pay attention towards my Departments.

I would start from yesterday's discussion. Regarding the question asked by Pu Jopseph Lalhimpua of Lunglei East Constituency, after doing some research it was found that the fund for construction of Zobawk PHC building has been availed through the 13th Finance Commission during 2013-2014. The work will be started as soon as the fund was released. Regarding no appointment of permanent Director, Health Services, the person who is taking charge at present is the senior-most. DP & AR Department has been examining whether he is qualified for permanent post for this job. It is expected that appointment will be made soon for this post.

As I promised yesterday, I went through the appointment process of Consultant under NHM and learned that 15 persons applied for the job, as Pu Lalruatkima had stated; there are also three MBBS candidates. However, all of them are absent at the time of interview. There are seven MBA candidates from which one is absent, one BA, one M. Com. who is also absent and one MA (Sociology). From such candidates, the highest scorer has been appointed. Regarding the allegation from a member against me as sending SMS to the Board Chairman, I request him to provide prove, if possible, from the cell phone service provider as he had said.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I never said that I could provide the proof. I simply said that you can prove it from the Service Provider.

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: If so, I would like to request him to avail the proof. (**Pu LALRUATKIMA:** It will be available if needed. I found my source to be correct.) It is his responsibility to provide the proof. (**Pu LALRUATKIMA:** I do not think it is necessary to reveal my source.) I could clearly perceive what your source is; he is a member of this Board and his daughter had also applied for the job but not selected.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is not from any of the Directorate, Health Services.

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: Whatever the case may be, I insist he would provide the proof.

PU LALRUATKIMA : I never said that I would provide. They can avail it if they want. I had said that I do not need to provide the proof.

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir, what if it could not be availed? I have already been alleged in this House?

SPEAKER : Let us not talk about what could not be proved in this House, please.

PU LALRUATKIMA : I have said that a person was appointed due to SMS sent by the Minister to Board Chairman. It is their duty to prove that they are innocent if I am wrong.

SPEAKER : Please listen to me. Let us not talk about what could not be proved.

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir, through this House, to the people of Mizoram and my fellow members, I would like to say that I did not send an SMS to the Board Chairman.

Hon'ble member Pu K. Sangthuama has talked about many things. Regarding the PHC at Sairang, its construction work has been planned to be done through the 13th Finance Commission, 2012-2013. The work was given to PWD; the site is also verified and surveyed by PWD Engineer already. Five field staff quarters have also been completed. He also expressed his concern about Saiha Hospital building; the Ministry of DONER had granted ₹1592.52 lakh on 23rd September, 2013 under Non-Lapsable Central pool. First installment of amount ₹573.31 has already been released. However, the construction site has been resurveyed and needs to be shifted. The work was also delayed for some time because of this. Tender will be floated soon from the office of the Chief Engineer (Building) or Superintending Engineer (Building).

Initiatives were also taken on the issues of TB Hospital and Cancer Hospital. What we are concerned together is about the ICU. The place of ICU has been planned and inaugurated at the time of previous Ministry. It is difficult to move all the machines and materials immediately. Anyway, whenever ICU has to be constructed, utmost care will be taken not to disturb others in the future. Renovation works of District Hospitals were also under process.

Regarding distribution of specialist doctors in villages, 10 new Specialists were appointed recently; another 27 Medical Officers will also be appointed soon. Among 75 nurses to be appointed, 20 of them had faced interview under MPSC; 25 others were proposed to face an interview and 25 others will be called next year. 50 Health Workers have also been recruited.

Regarding infant mortality, there was a record of 6 infants died after getting vaccine. This means that one child died in every 8,000 infants getting vaccination. The cause of this incidence has been under probe and the findings will also be intimated to the central government. We tried our level best towards MI and NHM as mentioned by Pu Zoram Sangliana. His suggestions towards Health Services at Health Directorate will also be taken into consideration.

Regarding recruitment of IAS and Senior Doctors as MSACS Project Director, we are aware of this. However, it is difficult to do other than this in a state like us where there is a huge shortage of workers. The initiatives taken by the Chief Minister and former Ministers for the establishment of Medical College in Mizoram have been pursued as far as possible. The problems of power shortage at Champhai Hospital had also come to our knowledge. Steps were taken to solve this problem as well as other needs as mentioned by the concerned MLA Pu T.T. Zothansanga from available funds from NHM. Steps were also taken for the construction of

incineration plan. Champhai is also having good farmland for wetland cultivation. His suggestion to place a division of Minor irrigation there will also be taken into consideration.

I will not repeat Er. Lalrinawma's question as I have already gone through the subject. The deaths of infants were about 1 per 8,000. It does not seem to be caused by medical defects or negligence. The government tried its best to reduce IMR and steps were also taken to keep TB hospital separately.

The work quality issue regarding MI is also my personal concern which I often mention in a meeting. The construction works within this department is often inside the forest. It often requires many manual works and head loads. Therefore close attentions are needed to be paid. Besides, it seems that the department personnel were paying for the contract work to the contractors. They were also informed to stop this kind of practice also.

I would also like to thank Pu T. Sangkunga for his appreciation towards our doctors and nurses. He also point out that intensive farming has been undertaken in 439 villages. Regarding Pu Vanlalawma's speech, we employ YMA to give information about Health Care Scheme this year in villages. We also request our hon'ble MLAs to deliver a speech in its inaugurations within urban areas. We will take initiatives through respected members to have higher registration under the scheme. I would also like to thanks Dr. K. Beichhua for his suggestions and ideas towards the betterment of Health Department. Being a Doctor, he has a great love for this department. We will pursue his suggestions and need more and more from him.

Regarding the subject mentioned by Pu John Siamkunga, we had bought 26 Boleros, 7 Gypsy, LPK, 909 and three 407 trucks. The expenditures are not from plan fund but separately from Health Care Scheme. We are aware that there is problem regarding vehicle service to Falkawn, we are trying to solve this problem through State transport vehicles and in collaboration with private bus owners. I would like to state that there is no due regarding wages of labour in providing DDT. Besides, medical College will be a state college, not be central college. There is a question regarding availability of funds. We will be granted ₹ 189 crore through 'scheme for establishment of new medical colleges by upgraded District/Referral Hospital', from which ₹170 crore will be given by Central Government while the other 10% of ₹18.9 crore will be paid by state government.

I think that Pu Robiaka is the only one who spoke about ICT Department. We are now trying to enact more rules regarding Information Technology, along with other steps being taken by ICT Department. Besides attempt were made so that the youth could use their skill more effectively. There is now a proposal for the establishment of software technology farm. For this purpose, we were given a site at Mizoram University for which we are very grateful. Efforts were made in collaboration with NASSCOM so that big BOP companies would establish themselves in our state. We really hope that this would become a success not only for youth of our state but also from other states.

Regarding the question raised by Pu Ngurdingliana about giving drug licence, the recommendations of NGOs are only for safety purposes to eradicate smuggling of different drugs. I am really glad that he is trying to fund the construction work of X-Ray building at Suangpuilawn. X-Ray machines require specific treatment in its building also to prevent harms from the rays emitted by it. I would also like to say to Pu Robiaka that they will also need proper building if they needed too.

Speaker we had formulated Chief Minister Free Medical Scheme under NHM. This is to prevent the poorer section from spending their money on general medicines. This scheme needs some complexities. It is attempted to link the Central Medical Store with all the District Hospitals, PHCs and Sub-Centres. There is still a negotiation with the software providers Centre for Development of Advance Computing (CDAC). The scheme will be implemented as soon as the negotiation is completed and refrigerators were bought by Sub-Centres to preserve drugs.

As mentioned, immense efforts were made for the establishment of Medical College. Dr. N.K. Mohanty, Additional DG and Medical Superintendent, Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi and former Special Director General, Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, New Delhi was appointed as Adviser to Government of Mizoram. Under his guidance, surveys for construction of buildings will be done tomorrow. At first, this Medical College was proposed to be established in connection with Civil Hospital. However, as there is a norm of Medical Council of India that says that the Medical College should not be more than 10 KM far from a Hospital, we are planning to establish near Falkawn Referral Hospital. For this purpose, Falkawn Referral Hospital will also be upgraded to have 200 beds. The Medical Council of India is coming to have inspection in this regard. If they approve it, works will be started right away. Dr. Lallukhum Fimate, MBBS MD (Forensic Medicine), Manipur was selected for Director from five applicants for the post by the selection committee. Dr. Fimate is a former Professor and Head of Department at Regional Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS), Imphal. His terms of salary have been under consideration at the moment and when it is finished, it seems that he could be given appointment for the job. The Medical College is also proposed to be started from 2015-2016 session with 50 students if it is approved by MCI.

The diseases which are very common in our state are those of Non-Communicational Diseases (NCD) like Cancer, Diabetes, high Blood Pressure, etc. In order to fight these types of diseases, Zemabawk Cancer Hospital is proposed to be upgraded. DPR for ₹ 45 crore has been made and we really hope to succeed.

A separate ward and OPD for elderly people is also proposed to be established at Civil Hospital, Aizawl and Lunglei under a new programme called National programme for Health Care of the Elderly. A new programme of National Health Programme will also be launch at Champhai and Saiha. It will also be expanded in other districts as well.

Two insurance schemes were undertaken under Health Care Society. Those were RSBY Central Scheme and State Health Care Scheme. We have won various awards from the central

government in this regard. We have won Best Small State in Health Award recently which is given by India Today. In this scheme, there are 103543 beneficiaries during 2013 – 2014. There are 11503 claimants and an amount of ₹ 11.56 crore was spent by the government for this.

There are 46432 beneficiaries under Health Care during 2013-2014. ₹9285525 was spent to pay the claimant under the scheme. As mentioned, various awards were won by our state for this scheme. The Eye Bank at Civil Hospital is the only one in the North East. More than 100 people were cured their blindness from this Eye Bank. Exports were also made to other states from this eye bank.

Cardiology Department was also upgraded from 3 beds to 12 beds among which 8 of them are general and 4 of them are CCU. Yesterday's issue of Vanglaini Daily states that different machines are also bought. Laboratory and ventilator are not yet functioning and the ward is also not yet functioning as it is. Speaker sir, as the number of beds increased, the number of nurses duty also needs to be increased. Because of this, the ward cannot be functioning as expected. However, a notification for recruitment of 8 new nurses was signed the day before yesterday. The Cardiology Department will be made function using those new recruitments. Back-up power for operating ventilator and laboratory is also needed. The fund for this purpose is expected from NEC which is not yet released. That is the reason why it could not yet function.

Champhai District Hospital had been inaugurated on 30th October, 2014. Tender for the construction work of Saiha District Hospital will also be floated as soon as 1st installment is released. 1000 posts were filled up under National Health Mission. All the Contractual works were made under NHM. 88 permanent posts of Doctor were filled up in 2013. 10 Specialists were also appointed recently. The person appointed in the newly created post of Joint Secretary at the Secretariat is also a Doctor. The Commission Review Mission (CRM) who was sent by Central Government stated that Mizoram could be a Model State in Health issues. Seeing our development and works, they even promised that we will be given better machines and materials also.

Regarding Minor Irrigation Department, 58 new projects were proposed to be taken within this year. 2980 hectare of land owned by 1592 farmers is expected to be available after these projects were completed. The Total estimate cost for this is ₹718.26 lakh. The works are to be done through the fund from World Bank under the Hydrology Project Phase-II, Indian Water Resources Management Programme. Only 13 states within India were covered under Hydrology Project Phase-I and II. Hydrology Phase-III is formulated for the whole of India and the estimate cost was also ₹ 3000 crore. DPR and PIP for Mizoram has been prepared. It has to be started before 15th September as proposed. According to the plan, this Hydrology Project-III was to be undertaken during 2015-2016 to 2023-2024.

A number of steps were also taken to improve in information technology. Call Centres were proposed to be established here in collaboration with big companies. This will provide more employment to the youth.

Pu Speaker, I beg the House to pass the demands within my portfolio, such as:

Demand Nos.	Department	Amount of Budget
No.24	Health & Family Welfare	₹32,931.60 lakh
No.47	Minor Irrigation	₹7,711.78 lakh
No.48	Info & Communication Technology	₹1,406.00 lakh
TOTAL		₹42,049.38 lakh

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now, the Hon'ble Minister Pu Lal Thanzara has wound up the discussion for his department. There are some points which are notable in that speech. It is great to hear that Government of India observes us to be able to become a model state in Health Services. Therefore, anyone who agrees to pass Demand No. 24, 47 & 48 the total which amounts to ₹42,049.38 may say "Agree". Anyone who do not agree? If not, these Demands were passed unanimously.

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

SPEAKER : Let us now call upon Pu Lalrinmawia Ralte to clarify where needed and beg to pass his demands.

PU LALRINMAWIA RALTE, MINISTER: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, Sir. There are four Departments under my portfolio. If I am not mistaken, 11 members talk about such departments. I will try to wind up such discussions within a short period.

During the Question Hour, Er. Larinawma, the hon'ble member from Tuikum constituency had asked me when the construction work of Chhiahtlang ITI building will be completed and I could not give proper answer. However, the scheme is to be ended in March, 2017. It has to be functioning before that. Pu Vanlalzawma, Opposition Group Leader from Aizawl West-III also asked me which trade they are going to study. As mentioned by the department officers, eight trades viz. electronics and mechanics, mechanic repair and maintenance of light vehicles, electrician course, plumber course, welder course, office assistant cum computer operator course, hair and skin care, cutting and sewing course.

Pu Zoram Sangliana from Kolasib Constituency had asked me that if I have a knowledge about youth coming back from Bangalore and Goa who were sent them through vocational training. I have no knowledge about it. What I knew is that 33 persons in Bangalore and 21 persons in Goa were now getting placement through this programme. I think that the people are not well aware of how this skill development programme and vocational training programme was undertaken. I will not take much time to explain that. If anyone wants to know more about that, he may enquire it to Youth Commission Office and Directorate of Labour & Industrial Training.

Placements were done at Oberoi, Park Plaza, Taj Vivanta and ITC Winsor all in Bangalore and Grant Hyatt, Holiday Inn and Deltin Cruises in Goa. Besides 196 placements through Youth Commission, there are others sponsored by Welfare board. Vocational Training providers are expected to provide at least 75% placement. They could not avail re-imburement if they do not fulfill that condition or the training programme being unsatisfying. Therefore, I think that there is nothing to worry about regarding this issue.

There are some third party agencies that sent the youths even to foreign countries. Those people face problems from time to time. We often check the credentials of these VTPs and visited at the spot by our officers. I also personally visited their places from time to time. There are various reasons why some people are coming back like personal and family affairs. I cannot talk all about that in this house. If one has any doubt, as mentioned earlier, he can enquire from the concern departments. Regarding someone sent to Orient EduTech, it is not included in our VTP register; therefore we have no knowledge of it.

Pu T.T. Zothansanga had requested that DEO at Champhai not to be transferred. There is no proposal or attempt for this purpose till date. His proposal for authorizing District Employment officers to collect cess in their area is correct. However, they are already entitled to collect cess through a prevailing Government order issued on March 30, 2009. They were provided vehicles, drivers and POL from Building and Other Construction Workers welfare fund. They can collect if there is cess to be collected within their district.

Pu T.T. Zothansanga also invited me personally to have awareness campaign regarding registration under this Construction Workers to avail benefit from this cess. I wanted to state that we are willing to have awareness campaign in all the district capitals as well.

Speaker sir, I found some of the functioning of this Constructor Workers Welfare as unclear. For example, we have the idea in the beginning that all job cards holders should be registered. However, it is said that if cess was given from the fund of MGNREGA, all the workers are to be registered. No cess was given from MGNREGA in Mizoram so no workers should be registered just because they have a job card. There are other issues also which were done to fulfill the instructions of Supreme Court. Our campaigners are also sometimes unclear and because of that, almost the whole villagers are sometimes registered. In some cases, they tried to claim around ₹4,000 as soon as they are registered. Likewise, there are some loopholes in this programme. We are trying our level best to solve such problems. An advisory committee is also newly appointed.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Point of clarification please, Speaker Sir. There are no permanent construction workers here in Mizoram. Could such people be included as we still have the required fund?

PU LALRINMAWIA RALTE, MINISTER: Mr. Speaker, Sir, that question is a very relevant and of most common question. However, if we register all the works the number will rise to around 150,000. In case we collect membership fee from all of them, it will amount to around 3 crore. But if they all claimed the study expenses, it will amount to 30 crore even if calculated at a minimum of ₹2,000 per member. We are still figuring out about this.

Another important issue is about the migrant workers. The officials at central government wanted that all the migrant workers to be registered. Most of the migrant workers in our state are permanent construction workers. Many of our Mizo construction workers registered were not qualified as permanent construction workers. Therefore, this registration issue will also be solved in the next renewal.

We need to be careful regarding the nature of work also. We do not have so much cess which amounts around ₹20 crore from the beginning. There is also a question why all the claimants were not granted. This is because some of the claims are not correct. Their relatives are not allowed to claim. We need to have more awareness in this regard also.

Er. Lalrinawma also mentioned about man power suppliers, there are some firm which the name of the firm itself is Man Power Supplier in the past. There are also some known individual agents also. At the time of Skill Fest in June, we registered only those who have proper empanelment at Labour Ministry. I would like to state that the collaborated training providers were not able to avail reimbursement if we are not satisfied with their work. However, there are certain agents which are not registered to the government. When the trainees under such agencies face problems, they used to turn towards the government which imposes many problems. We expected that we will be able to get around 1,000 placements for Mizos before this coming Christmas. There are certain problems which we are still working on it.

What has been spoken by Pu John Siamkung is also about workers registration. It is true that we lack skilled workers. We will try our best so that we have enough skilled workers for the need of the time through Youth Commission, the Directorate and also under the guidance of our Chief Minister. Regarding the utilizing our MLAs for registration as mentioned by Pu Lalruatkima, I have never thought of that practice. It may be because I think it as too small for our MLAs. However, I will express the matter in the next sitting of the Welfare Board also.

I also think that it will be better to do the screening process more strictly. We have certain cases where the trainees were drop out. However, our youth delighted us as a whole. There are only around ten people who abandon their training course due to personal, family and health problems out of more than 1,000 trainees.

As already mentioned, the list of VTPs (Vocational Training Provider) was available from the Directorate. 29 firms from outside the state and 14 firms from Mizoram were registered. I will stop there regarding Labour & Employment Department. I will be available at anytime to clarify anything needed.

Demand No. 33, Soil & Water Conservation Department had been talked of by Pu Lalrobiaka, Dampa Constituency, Pu Lalruatkima, Aizawl West Constituency and Pu Zoram Sangliana, Kolasib Constituency. Pu Lalruatkima had pointed out about the coffee grinding machine which needs repair. It also seems that it could be repaired. However, the Coffee Board could buy all the production unprocessed which we found better at the moment. Though there is no problem now, it is obvious that value addition will be an important subject as our production increases in the future.

Rubber has been procured under Soil Department. Rubber needs at least one stage of processing which is to make it in a sheet and kept in a smoking room. We decided to launch a mega project for Mizoram so that all the potential areas within Mizoram could be cultivated for rubber plantation. However, we are still looking for funding from central government as well as Tripura who are well developed in rubber plantation.

Pu Zoram Sangliana stated that they had made an application for a plot of land owned by this department. However, I do not receive such application till today. One I remembered is from UD & PA Department for dumping ground. Departments used to have a vast plot of land which is not used but not allowed to share with other departments. This kind of practices hinders development works in various cases leading to incompleteness of projects. Knowing the facts, the officers of Soil & Water Conservation Department agreed to the excessive land to other departments who could use it conveniently. As a result, around 13 bighas of land was given to UD & PA Department for dumping ground at Khuangpuilam. However, this does not mean that it will be given to private owner.

Broom production, whether it is natural or cultivated under NLUP, Kolasib District has a huge production. The Forest Department also stopped collecting royalty from those produced under NLUP. Broom production may be one of the fastest cultivation to earn profit under NLUP. I want to say that many crores of money had been earned from broom production now.

Pu Lalrobiaka, Hon'ble MLA from Dampa Constituency also spoke about rubber and coffee plantation. Mamit District is a potential area for rubber plantation. However, I want them to note that the eastern side beyond Tuirial is not much suitable for rubber plantation as advised by the department officials as the alleviation is too high from sea level. I am very thankful regarding Soil department also. Formerly, we have River Valley Projects which were not substituted by RKVY scheme to a huge extent. The allocation of fund this year under RKVY for this department is by far better than last year. During 2013-2014, 7 projects were undertaken but this year, we expected to have 13 projects.

I do not want to stress on shortage of staffs. In our first meeting also, we resolve to work as far as possible with the available manpower while trying our best to fill the vacant posts. Speaker Sir, about one third of the available posts lie vacant under soil and water conservation department at the moment. We suffer a lot but still tried our best.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, in one of our opinion, let the life expectancy of Tuirial Hydel Project be 100 years, we do not expected to last for more than 70 years due to soil erosion. Therefore, we really think that soil erosion needs to be checked especially in the catchment areas of Hydel Projects while sustaining the livelihood of the people. We had submitted a project also in the UN joint initiatives. Although we do not know when it will take shape, I just want to mention in this august house.

Nine of the hon'ble members had spoken about Environment & Forest Department. Regarding the wood based industries, we need to keep our eye on furniture industries; we are also having a new saw mill. As the opposition group leader had mentioned, we are very much concern about the decision of the Supreme Court. This shows our respect for the three pillars of democracy. Though we have new rules, we need to conduct survey on how many saw mill has to be established in every district, how many industrial estate has to be established and how many secondary wood based industry has to be placed under it, etc. which is the current process. The report will be sent to empowered Committee under the Central Government and saw mill will be run only after they approve it. Anyway, we are now having the rules under which industries and wood based industries will be properly run.

Pu K. Sangthuama, Hon'ble MLA from Aizawl West-I stated that there are many misuse of funds. This may be correct. He also mentioned National Bamboo Mission. This society had been implemented. The fund for this is also used towards Industries department. This society was funded by Union Agriculture Department. Though we seem to be the nodal department, it is looked after by a society at the state level. We will try our best as far as we are concern though we have nothing much to say.

Hon'ble MLA from Champhai North had also stated that there is a huge shortage of staffs at Champhai DFO office. I think it will be true. Out of 1,357 sanctioned posts, only 963 were filled up. There are 454 vacant posts which is one third of the total posts. Besides, most of our field staffs are above 50 years of age, only around 10 staffs are under 50 years. There will be huge problems when they leave us. Thus, I hope that steps will be taken in this regard.

There are allegations in newspapers nowadays regarding red sandalwood or redwood. However, we need to know that sanders are not sandalwood; it is a different kind of tree originated from Andhra Pradesh. It cannot be grown easily in other places. As it appears in Vanglaini daily, the lost 1839 logs of transported bamboos out of 2867 logs is correct. The fact is that the transporting agency and the Department are having court case. In the court order issued by the then Additional District and Session Judge-I, Aizawl District issued on 27th June, 2011, it was said that the logs should be given back to the owners. Base on that, they avail the key from the Chowkidar at Zemabawk saying that they had won the case and took away 1289 logs. 10 other logs were also lost from Aizawl Forest Division; FIRs we already filed for both the cases. It is still under investigation.

There are 848 logs remaining at the hands of Environment and Forest department. Recently, we received an instruction to send it back to the owner state Andhra Pradesh. We are still how to pay the transportation cost. Er. Lalrinawma had mentioned about Tawi Wildlife Sanctuary. We, even inside the department, often mentioned that it is the property of the people and not of us. We are just deployed to look after it. Whether it is Tawi Wildlife Sanctuary or Dampa Tiger Reserve, the neighboring Village Councils have to be intimated and negotiated. For example, when Dampa Sanctuary is about to be established, the then concerned MLA Pu Chawngkunga moved a Resolution for its establishment. The final notification was completed only after 24 years from the preliminary notification. This is because it is required to pass through many steps regarding the people of the neighboring areas. This shows that the real owner of the land was the people.

Recently, I have a tour to Hrangturzo constituency. Many villages there have made a reserve forest in their areas; they pleaded Forest Department for assistance. Now we are looking for how to provide assistance for such reserves. I will stop here regarding Forest Department.

PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Speaker Sir, for a point of clarification. The contract of those employed as Foresters and Forest Guards are about to expire on the beginning of next year. Will they service be continued through 14th Finance Commission?

PU LALRINMAWIA RALTE, MINISTER: Speaker Sir, the 14th Finance Commission Award was not yet released. Therefore, nothing could be said clearly. However, I think that it will be continued as it is a very important subject.

Also as mentioned before, Red Sander, commonly known as Red Sandalwood is included in endangered species; it could not be sold outside India. If it is bought from Andhra Pradesh under a proper agreement or legally, it just became illegal as soon as it reached outside India.

I would also like to speak about bamboos. As stated by experts, bamboos stored carbon since it is very young and its capacity to do so decreases as it grows older; especially by those bigger species which used to die out in the forests released the carbon content. In the present scenario of carbon sequestration, we, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh are said to be the best among Indian states. Some people even said that we are not paying enough attention towards carbon trading; which means that the bamboos are not cut down and died in the forest itself, the carbon storage will be drastically decreased. That is the uniqueness of bamboo. It needs to be cut down even in private plantation also. If not, it became deteriorated. We need to mobilize our available resources and cutting down bamboos is a part of that initiative. We are now formulating a way to do so from those reserved forests as well.

Dr. Ngurdingliana, Hon'ble MLA from Chalfilh Constituency had mentioned about stronger regulation about forest preservation. We are trying to control timber extraction more strictly. I beg my fellow MLAs to give their highest cooperation in their respective constituencies to prevent excessive exploitation of our forest resources. We have to create

awareness among the people to preserve the forests. Even if we cut down our trees for timber, we have to plant more and more trees. We do not know who will do the funding regarding Externally Aided Project; it may be from JICA but still got stuck in the defunct Planning Commission. It is an amount of more than ₹400 crore for a period of 8 years. If this could be affected, it will be benefitted for Agriculture, Horticulture and fisheries sector; it will be about ₹500 crore.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would simply passed the subject regarding MULCO to AH & Veterinary Minister as it is his concern. I hope he would have something to say as they are the working department. Lunglei District Cooperative Milk Producers Union is also handing over the machines. The importance of cooperative movement is unquestionable, but we lack awareness about this in Mizoram. Many people do not even know that it is a separate department under the Government of Mizoram. It is stated in the observation of National Cooperative Week also that more and more awareness was still needed.

The first Prime Minister of India, Pu Jawaharlal Nehru who was also known as Father of Indian Cooperation had pointed out that the sectors such as Public Sector, Private Sector and Cooperative Sector have to be developed equally in order to develop Indian economy. Farmers in the states like Maharashtra, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal benefitted a lot from Cooperative. In order to achieve development for all of the people, we have to stress towards cooperative. Immense efforts were made by every Minister in the past, every RCS and department officials and as a result, there are many developments in this regard.

The budget allocation is also increased this year to ₹365.4 lakh more than last year's budget. All the state level societies like ZOFISHFED, MIZOFED, PIGFED, MULCO, MUCO and Apex bank, they all achieve development. Currently we are processing a fund of ₹ 45 crore for Integrated Cooperative Development Project under NCDC. If this could be succeeded, we expected it to be a huge development for cooperative. We also tried our level best to strengthen the marketing sector. We also stress on Revival Package for Primary Agricultural Credit Society but we could not achieve much from this.

I apologize for taking a long time as there are so many things to react. Speaker Sir, I beg this House to pass the Demands of the departments under my concern, such as: -

Demand Nos.	Department	Amount of Budget
No.28	Labor Employment & Industrial Training	₹1,677.00 lakh
No.33	Soil & Water Conservation	₹5,220.97 lakh
No.36	Environment & Forest	₹11,080.95 lakh
No.37	Cooperation	₹1,646.56 lakh
TOTAL		₹19,625.48 lakh

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now, the concerned Minister has begged this House to pass his Demands for 4 departments. Anyone who agrees may say “Agree”. Is there anyone who does not agree? If not, this House has unanimously passed these 4 Demands, the total amount of which is ₹19,625.48 lakh.

PU LALRINAMWIA RALTE, MINISTER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

SPEAKER : It is great that 27 members stayed till the end; our House Leader and Deputy Leader are also here. The transcript of our speech today will be sent to us. The same must be corrected and sent it back to the Assembly Secretary within 15 days. I request all of our members to pay attention towards this.

The House will stand adjourned for now. We will start the next sitting at 10:30 AM tomorrow.

Sitting is adjourned.