

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR SEVENTH SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 14th OCTOBER, 2015
(Time 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.)

QUESTIONS

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

LAYING OF PAPERS

2. **PU LAL THANHAWLA**, Hon'ble Chief Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy of each of the following:
 - i) Annual Report 2014-2015 (1st April 2014-31st March 2015) of Mizoram Information Commission.
 - ii) The Mizoram Right to Public Service Rules, 2015.
3. **PU R. LALZIRLIANA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy of the Mizoram Private Security Agencies (First Amendment) Rules, 2013.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS

4. **PU LALSAWTA**, Minister to submit to the Vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
5. **Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA**, Minister to submit to the Vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
6. **Pu B.D. CHAKMA**, Minister to submit to the Vote of the House various Demands under his charge.

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Secretary

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SPEAKER : Therefore this iniquity shall be to you as a breach ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall, whose breaking comes suddenly at an instant. Isaiah 30 : 13

We will now call upon Pu Lalruatkima to ask Starred Question No. 91.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, my questions are for the concern Minister of P.W.D, they are as follows :-

- a) What is the tender amount of NH – 44 Lengpui – Mamit- Langkaih? Who is the contractor and how much is given to the contractor?
- b) When should the work be started and what is the estimated time of the completion of the work according to the agreement?
- c) What is the present physical and financial achievement?
- d) Is the government satisfied with the work of the contractor?
- e) When will the refurbishing work of the road be started?

SPEAKER : The concern Minister may answer the question.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer to the hon'ble member questions are :-

- a) The tender amount for NH – 44 Lengpui – Mamit – Langkaih is ₹622.00 crores. The contractor is Gayatri Project Ltd and their headquarter is in Hyderabad. The tendered amount is ₹544.75 crores.
- b) As per the agreement, the work should start on 17.3.2011 and the estimated date for its completion is Dt 17.3.2014 and since it cannot be completed on the expected date, it was extended till Dt 17.7.2017.
- c) Physical = 30.50%, Financial = ₹174.13 crores.
- d) The government is not satisfied with their work.
- e) Refurbishing work in ongoing.

SPEAKER : Supplementary questions.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you Pu Speaker, considering the amount released to the contractor and the percent of the work completed, will it be possible to complete the work within the extended time?

Has Forest Clearance between Dapchhuah and Mamit been acquired? If not, what is the reason?

SPEAKER : The concern Minister may answer the question.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, as I mentioned earlier, the government is not happy with the work since they did not start on the expected date and our officials have to push them to start with the work. Besides, the technical and financial evaluation is carried out by the Ministry of Transport & National Highways and not by Mizoram government.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, the pre-qualification technical and price bid is done here and we have also inquired about this matter and was sent to Regional office for selection.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: I believe the hon'ble member had been misinformed. It was carried out by the central Ministry.

Forest clearance has been granted "in principle" and we have also made a request so that the Mizoram contractor can answer to the big contracts but so far we have not seen any success.

SPEAKER : We will now move on to the next question, Pu K.Sangthuama.

PU K.SANGTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, the common question of Pu R.L. Pianmawia and I are :-

- a) When will the newly constructed building of Transport Department be occupied?
- b) How much income is generated annually by Transport Department?

PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker, the answer to the hon'ble member questions are :-

- a) After PWD hand over the building officially to Transport Department, it will be occupied immediately.
- b) The amount of revenue generated by Transport department between the year 2014 – 2015 is ₹21,48,12,813/-

PU JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Thank you Pu Speaker. My questions are for the concern Minister of Transport Department. How many buses does transport department have which are currently in service? Are there any intentions of buying

new buses?

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, regarding Transport Department, why have they not been shifted to the new building. I suggest we should utilize Transport building at Chaltlang for maxi cab counter. At present there is an amount of ₹134.2 lakhs as revised estimate and why can this not be sanctioned?

PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker regarding the question by the hon'ble member Pu K.Sangthuama, if Finance department could approve the revised estimate which amounts to ₹134.20 lakhs, our work tempo could be more rapid and I request Finance department to take note of this issue.

As to the question by Pu John Siamkunga, there are about 45 busses which are currently in service and we do not have any intention of buying new buses in the near future.

SPEAKER : Dr K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Thank you Pu Speaker. My questions are for the concern Minister of PWD, they are –

- a) Are there any funds allocated for the maintenance of roads in Mizoram between the year 2014 – 2015 and 2015 – 2016?
- b) If so, how much is allocated for the purpose?
- c) How much has been utilized?

PU LAL THANHAWLA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer to the hon'ble member questions are –

There are no maintenance funds allocated for roads in Mizoram and hence there are no funds utilized for this purpose. I would like to add that the maintenance funds are under Non-Plan Fund.

SPEAKER : Are you satisfied with the answer?

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, I want to add that the roads especially the connecting road between Hrangchalkawn and Lawngtlai are in dire needs of resurfacing. So, is there any possibility of resurfacing these roads from PWD?

SPEAKER : Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, have we not received an amount of ₹32.56 crores for State Road maintenance from Finance Commission in 2010 – 2011? Are the allocated funds utilized for other purpose? If so, what is the reason?

SPEAKER : The concern Minister may answer the question.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, it is unfortunate that the connection road between Hrangchalkawn to Lawngtlai has always been in a bad condition and this is mainly due to the work of the contractor and also because of the short working season. We also need to make a new road project and submit it to the Central Ministry for funding. Besides we have to know that it still rains even in the month of October and we will start the resurfacing work after it stop raining.

SPEAKER : We will move on to question No.94, Dr. K.Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, my question is for the concern Minister of Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department –

- a) How many houses have been damaged by natural disaster from the year 2014?
- b) Are compensation given by the government?

SPEAKER : The concern Minister may answer the question.

PU C.NGUNLIANCHUNGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer to the hon'ble member questions are –

- a) The number of houses destroyed by natural disaster which had been recorded by the government from the year 2014 are –

Fully damaged	–	663
Severely damaged	–	417
Partially damaged	–	1082
- b) Compensations are given as per the guidelines made by SDRF. Fully damaged are given an amount of ₹1,01,900/- Severely damaged – are given an amount of ₹1,01,900/- and partially damaged are given an amount of ₹5200/-.

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Any supplementary questions.

PU JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Pu Speaker, an accident often occurred in Tuipui 'D' so, the residents in the nearby villages need a life saving gear and I believe they have also made a request to the hon'ble Minister. So, have they been provided the life saving gear?

SPEAKER : The concern minister may answer the question.

PU C.NGUNLIANCHUNGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, life saving gears cannot be provided to local residents but are given to District Headquarters and from the District Headquarters they are distributed to other SDO offices.

SPEAKER : We will now move on to question No.95. Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, my questions are for the concern Minister of LAD –

- a) Are there any expectations to receive funds from RGPSA Scheme?
- b) If so, how much is expected?
- c) How are these funds to be utilized?

SPEAKER : The concern Minister may answer the question.

PU P.C LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answers to the hon'ble member questions are –

- a) Yes, funds had been received from RGPSA Scheme.
- b) For the year 2014 – 2015 the Government of India had approved an amount of ₹552.07 and from this an amount ₹248.43 had been received as 1st Installment and 2nd Installment is still expected.
- c) Funds received will be utilized for the following purpose –
 - i) Construction and repair of Gram Panchayat Bhavan (Village Council House)
 - ii) Capacity Building & training (This will be given to SIRD)
 - iii) Setting up of State Panchayat Resource Centre (This will also be handed to SIRD) E-Enablement Panchayats.

- iv) Special Support to Panchayat Process and Procedure in Panchayat with inadequate resource base.
- v) Information Education Communication (IEC) Activities.
- vi) Programme management Unit State level which will be established shortly.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, I believe the RGPSA Scheme had been de-linked so, are there any hope of receiving the 2nd Installments. Our hon'ble members have also selected Model Villages and are there any possibilities of receiving funds from this scheme?

SPEAKER : Pu T.Sangkunga.

Pu T. SANGKUNGA : Pu Speaker, as mentioned by the hon'ble Minister earlier, certain amount of funds are to be utilized for capacity building & training. Trainings had been conducted to different areas by Youth Commission in collaboration with Labor & Employment and IT Department, so, is there a possibility of receiving these funds for training which are to be conducted under Youth Commission to various rural areas?

SPEAKER : The concern Minister may answer the question.

PU P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, on the question by Er. Lalrinawma, we have asked the concern Minister whether this scheme had been de-linked or not and his answer was, it was not de-linked and he also asked us to make a project and since the concern Minister gave us such answers we assume the scheme is still ongoing. We have submitted projects as suggested by the hon'ble Minister and they have promised us to give a special assistance.

The meeting held in Guwahati concluded that 2nd Installment should be utilized for capacity building & training and should all be handed to SIRD. As to the question by Pu T.Sangkunga, these funds are to develop and mobilize Local Bodies and I do not think it could be utilize for other purposes.

SPEAKER : We will now move on to question No. 96.

Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My questions are for the concern Minister of Transport Department and they are –

- a) What is the criteria exercise by Vehicle Condemnation Board to condemn vehicles?
- b) Does the Board examine the condemn vehicles during their process of elimination?
- c) Does the Government strictly execute, The Mizoram Condemnation and Disposal of Government Vehicle Rules, 2011 NO.1 (2) & (3)?
- d) Does the Head Department strictly follow Rule No.10, sub rule (1) & (4)? If these rules are breached by any, who will take action against them? Have action been taken upon those who breached these rules?
- e) What is the service period of government vehicles? How much is allocated for the repairing fees of HMV/MMV and LMV?

SPEAKER : The concern Minister may answer the question.

PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answers to the hon'ble member questions are –

- a) The Vehicle Condemnation Board executes the condemnation of vehicles as per the Mizoram Condemnation and Disposal of the Government Vehicles Rules, 2011. The type of Vehicles are HMV/MMV, minimum life – 10 years, Minimum distance covered 2,00,000 kms. LMV, minimum life – 8 years and minimum distance covered – 1,50,000. The minimum life of two wheelers and three wheelers are 6 years and the distance covered should be 80,000.
- b) The condemned Vehicles are taken care of by the concern department and hence the Board does not intervene any further.
- c) The rules are strictly executed by the Head Department and so far we have not received any complaints.
- d) If by chance these Rules are not strictly executed, the Governor will take necessary actions on the person responsible.
- e) There are no service period fixed for government vehicles but to condemn a vehicle the minimum life should be 10 years for HMV/MMV and 8 years for LMV.

SPEAKER : Supplementary questions.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, in some of the auctioned vehicles the servicing period was 7 years and the kilometres covered by MZ01D - 2830 was 132075 and the kilometers covered by MZ-01 D 2829 was 120333. So, how are these two vehicles condemned since they still could render service for 1 year.

SPEAKER : The concern Minister may answer the question.

PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I am not aware of this particular case and we will look into this matter.

SPEAKER : We will now move on to question No.97.
Pi Vanlalawmpui.

PI VANLALAWMPUI CHAWNGTHU: Thank you, Pu Speaker. My questions are for the hon'ble House Leader and they are –

Are there any intentions to resurface Khawlailung to Hmunzawl road? Is there a possibility of constructing more concrete bridges since we face problems every monsoon?

SPEAKER : The hon'ble Chief Minister may answer the question.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer to the hon'ble member questions is – Detail Project Report had been submitted to MORT & H on 18.9.2015 and we will begin the construction of Tuichang Bridge after the completion of the project.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, how many bailey bridge do we have in Mizoram under PWD and are these bridges maintained carefully?

SPEAKER : Questions are raised regarding the roads between Khawlailung and Hmunzawl. If the concern Minister can answer the question, he may.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, there is no Bailey

Bridge between Khawlailung – Hmunzawl.

SPEAKER : Pu K.Sangthuma may ask Starred Question No.98.

PU K.SANGTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, our questions are for the concern Minister of PWD , they are –

- a) What are the steps taken by the concern Department regarding the landslide that occurred between Hunthar area and Rangvamual area?
- b) What are the strategies of the government regarding the landslide in Hunthar area?

SPEAKER : The concern Minister may answer the question.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer to the hon'ble member questions are –

A task force was established and plans are made to hire a consultant so they can concentrate on the Geotechnical and Sub-soil investigation. Regarding the landslide at Rangvamual, the site was visited by Shri Pawan Kumar, Regional Officer (R.O) and as suggested by him we are pursuing for sanctions from Special Repair Fund (SRF)

SPEAKER : Pu K.Sangthuama.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, are there any plans to construct check – dams at Hunthar landslide? Is there a possibility of resurfacing the connection road between Ramrikawn to PTC road so that heavy motor vehicles can pass through all the year round?

SPEAKER : The concern Minister may answer the question.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the mentioned issue had always been a problem and even now DM & R and PWD are repairing it temporarily and we hope it could last for at least 6 to 8 months. This road had been under the authorization of Border Roads Organization (BRO) and on April 2010, as per the order of Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, it was handed to Mizoram PWD. To repair landslide in various localities like Hunthar, Venghlui and Bethlehem

and an amount of ₹514 lakhs was sanctioned by Brahmaputra Board, Ministry of Water Resources and an amount of ₹319 lakhs had already been received and check – dam had also been constructed.

Different works like the construction of gabion two - wall below bridge connecting fire services, construction of counter fort, retaining wall, link drain, construction of falls for raising horizontal feature. Since there have been many landslides in different areas Task Force had also been established.

Pu Speaker, monsoon season this year takes a long toll and it results in landslides and many other natural calamities in different areas within Mizoram and the National Disaster Management Authority had send experts to Mizoram and with the Minister of DM & R they will take necessary steps and as mentioned earlier by the hon'ble member Pu Sangthuma, it may be necessary to construct an alternate roads in the future. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, my questions are for the concern Minister of Industries Department –

- a) Will public sector enterprise like – ZENICS, ZOHANDCO, ZIDCO and MIFCO be dissolve? If so, what is the reason?
- b) Does these Public Sector Enterprise have any debt / loan? If so, how much is the debt/loan?
- c) What are the plans for the employees working under PSE?

SPEAKER : The hon'ble Minister may answer the question.

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer to the hon'ble member questions are –

- a) Among the Public Sector Enterprise, ZENICS & ZOHANDCO will be dissolve but ZIDCO is plan for restructuring and MIFCO will be privatize. The State Government needs to take economic measures to solve our financial crisis.
- b) Yes, we do have a debt and the amount of debt are as follows-
 - 1) MIFCO – ₹212.50 Lakhs.
 - 2) ZIDCO – a) NMDFC ₹1338.69 lakhjs as on 26.9.2015

b) ₹1132.69 lakhs as on 26.09.2015

- 3) ZOHANDCO – Nil
- 4) ZENICS – Nil.
- c) The employees will be taken care of as per “The Special Scheme for Recruitment of Employees of the Closed Public Sector Enterprises under the Government of Mizoram”

SPEAKER : We have come to the end of our question hour and we will move on to Laying of Papers. The hon’ble Chief Minister may lay the following papers on the table of the House.

Annual Report 2014–2015 (1st April 2014–31st March 2015) of Mizoram Information Commission.

The Mizoram Right to Public Service Rules, 2015.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, with your permission and the permission of the House, I lay the following papers on the table of the House –

Annual Report 2014–2015 (1st April 2014–31st March 2015) of Mizoram Information Commission.

The Mizoram Right to Public Service Rules, 2015.

Thank you.

SPEAKER : The copy may be distributed and now the hon’ble Home Minister Pu R. Lalzirliana may lay, “The Mizoram Private Security Agencies (First Amendment) Rules 2013.”

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker with your permission and the permission of the House, I lay “The Mizoram Private Security Agencies (First Amendment) Rules 2013” on the table of the House.

SPEAKER : The copy may be distributed.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will now move on to Financial Bussiness and today we will discuss Demands of three hon’ble Ministers, Pu Lalsawta, Pu P.C Lalthanliana and Pu B.D. Chakma.

Now, the hon'ble Minister u Lalsawta may submit his Demands – Demand NO. 4 – Law & Judicial ₹298772,000/- Demand No. 8 – Taxation ₹14,64,53,000/-, Demand No. 14 Planning & Programme Implementation ₹4,04,47,20,000/- Pon the table of the House.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Deputy Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission Sir, I move the Demand No – 4,8,9 & 14 for ₹14,68,85,45,000 /- only for meeting expenses during 2015 – 2016 in respect of the following Departments. Demand NO. 4 – Law & Judicial ₹298772,000/- Demand No. 8 – Taxation ₹14,64,53,000/-, Demand No. 14 Planning & Programme Implementation ₹4,04,47,20,000/-, total ₹14,68,85,45,000 /-. Thank you, Sir.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now the hon'ble Minister Pu P.C Lalthanliana may submit his Demands, Demand No.19 – Local Administration Department – ₹28,85,08,000/-crores, Demand No.29 – Social Welfare Department – ₹1,28,06,03,00 /- Crores. Demand No. 32 – Horticulture Department – ₹94,70,51,000/- crores, on the table of the House.

PU P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER: Hon'ble Dy. Speaker Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission Sir, I move the Demand No.19,29 and 32 for ₹2,51,61,62,000 /- crores only, for meeting expenses during 2015 – 2016 in respect of the following departments, Demand No.19 – Local Administration Department – ₹28,85,08,000/- crores, Demand No.29 – Social Welfare Department – ₹1,28,06,03,00 /- crores. Demand No. 32 – Horticulture Department – Rs. 94,70,51,000/- crores, total ₹2,51,61,62,000/- crores on the table of the House, thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now the hon'ble Minister, Pu B.D Chakma may submit his Demands, Demand No. 35 – Fisheries Department – ₹13,34,43,000/- crores, Demand No- 41 – Sericulture Department – ₹16,08,36,000/- crores on the table of the House.

PU B.D. CHAKMA, MINISTER: Pu Deputy Speaker Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission Sir, I move the demand No. 35 and 41 for ₹29,49,79,000/- crores only, for meeting the expenses during 2015 – 2016 in respect of the following departments. Demand NO.35 – Fisheries Department –

₹13,34,43,000/- crores only. Demand No.41 – Sericulture Department – ₹16,08,36,000/- crores, total – ₹29,42,79,000/- crores. Thank you Sir.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Our three hon'ble Ministers have submitted their Demands and we will start our discussions and each member will have 10 minutes. Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Firstly, I want to say that in our non- tax revenue, as mentioned previously, we are still unable to reach the budget estimate for the past 6 years by 190 crores. This will be a setback in our financial issues so, I request our hon'ble Ministers to try their best so that we can achieve a higher amount for the non-tax revenue from their respective departments.

Pu Speaker, regarding Taxation, these days online shopping is very popular and we cannot levy tax from it and at the same time it is affecting the sales of products in our State. So, I suggest we should find a strategy to control this issue since it affects the marketing volume.

On the matter of Planning and Law & Judicial, the hon'ble Minister said that the eviction law is a Central Act and does not need to be adopted by the State Government. Estate officers have a very high authority so I request our hon'ble Law Minister to give them authority to inspect government buildings that are illegitimately occupied and take necessary actions.

Regarding Planning, our GSDP had increased by 44 % but this does not seem to have a positive impact on the lives of the people. So, I wonder if the information we receive from Planning Department is truly accurate. We have sent many youths outside Mizoram to work but I believe God gave us this land so we may take good care of it. We have often talked about manpower so, instead of sending young fresh minds to work outside Mizoram, I believe it is best that we train and instill in them to love and work for our State.

Regarding Local Administration I suggest we should be generous in the sanction of funds in RGPSA since the project is meant to empower our local bodies since they are an important pillar for development in the administration.

Under my constituency in Baktawng Tlangnuam area, Aloe Vera plantation is

very successful and they have started manufacturing soap bars and we have also constructed link roads from MLA funds since it is necessary for them to stay in a complex and if possible I request the government to provide assistance.

Under Social Welfare Department, it is satisfying to know that the old age pension will be received fully by the pensioner. Under Fisheries Department, I suggest we should take more precautionary measures in the distribution of its seeds since there are many who take the seeds without owning a breeding place since it is free of cost. So, I suggest we should at least fix a small price for the seeds. Lastly, I suggest we should take time to review our Demands and every department should also try to attain the margin set by the government in the non – tax revenue and if we are unable to attain it, it becomes the debt of the government and I also suggest we should have a regular review on it. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu T. Sangkunga.

PU T.SANGKUNGA : Thank you Pu Speaker. First I want to stress on Demand No.32 Horticulture Department where saplings are distributed. We must take more precautionary measures in choosing the saplings since many are not real and this cause in the failure of many farmers. So, I suggest we should be more careful in choosing our saplings.

Tea India are now trying hard to take over our State to encourage tea plantation, but I strongly suggest we should not encourage them in their project since they have also use the same scheme in Assam and the Tea Tribe came in, since many of the Assamese does not have the tenacity to prune tea leaves, Tea Tribe are hired and after a long period of time they have multiplied so much so that if they want to revolt and they could at present become a huge political party which could easily take over Assam. So, I strongly recommend Horticulture Department not to encourage this project.

Under Demand No 19, LAD, The Mizoram Forest Act 1955 was passed by the Mizo District Council and I have asked the Law Secretary if this Act could be invoke and his answer was ‘Yes’ and he further suggest that by using this law, many forest could be declared as a reserve area. In order to declare a certain area as a reserved forest area it takes more than 10 years to give a notification and to clear all the permissions. So, to preserve our forest I suggest we should use this Act and take

necessary steps before our forest areas are destroyed.

There are many prestigious training centers for doctors, nurses and GNMs in many parts of India and foreign countries and there are many aspiring students who wants to pursue in these fields. Unfortunately the costs of studying these courses are high and many parents are unable to provide fees for their children. So, I suggest that our Finance Minister should try to find a less complicated bank loan scheme for these aspiring young learners. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu K. Sangthuama.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I will first stress on Sericulture, which I believe could alleviate the economic condition of many families. We are fortunate the environment of our state suits sericulture farming and I suggest our hon'ble Minister to encourage and give more support and awareness in this regard.

On Demand No.35, Fisheries, as mentioned by the hon'ble member I suggest it is best that the seeds of the fish supplied should have a better quality and a bit more older than nursery stage so that the growth period may take less time and could be sold at the market in a short period of time.

On Demand No.29. Social Welfare Department, I request our hon'ble Minister to give attention and take initiatives to the old age pension scheme which has not been given to pensioners for the past 10 months. There are many habitat areas which are not recognized as a village, so, I request these areas should be inspected and taken necessary actions.

Horticulture Departments very important for the economic development of our State but success of farming lies in the quality of the saplings and seeds supplied by the contractors. So, I request these should be verified carefully and first priority should be given to the quality of the seeds and saplings as it determines the success of the farmers to a great extend.

Under Demand No.9, I believe our Finance Minister is one of the best we have and I request he should continue to economize our expenditure as this will surely have a positive impact on State development and management.

Under Taxation Department, I suggest the government should be more strict in executing the law since it greatly effects the financial income generation of our state. Apart from this, if we look at the Audit report, there are many precautionary measures which need to be taken, so, I suggest our hon'ble Minister to take more care and also conduct a more detail briefing regarding our tax system and to encourage them to give more effort in this regard. Thank you.

PU CHALROSANGA, CHAIRMAN : Pu Lalrobiaka.

PU LALROBIKA : Thank you Pu Chairman. First I want to stress on Law & Judicial Department, though our Magistrates and Judges are all very efficient, I suggest we should be more cautious since there are many cases which have not been solved. With the establishment of Lok Ayukta, I believe it will take a very important role in our society in the future. It is crucial that justice is carried out fairly in all the cases they deal with.

Regarding Taxation Department, we know that our state revenue depends on it to a very large extent and I express my gratitude to the concern Minister along with the officers and staffs for their hard work and determination, at the same time I believe they need more man power to function more efficiently. So, I suggest we should bear this in mind and take necessary actions in this matter.

On Demand No. 29, Social Welfare Department, though the department is very efficient in their work, I suggest workers in Anganwadi and field staffs should be trained once again so they could be more efficient in their line of work but in spite of the fact that funds allocated are not sufficient, they work hard with determination to the best of their ability.

On the matter of distribution of seeds under Horticulture Department, I suggest quality seeds and saplings should be given importance since there are instances where the supplied seeds and saplings are not good enough to be cultivated. So, I think the department should give attention to this matter.

Many people under my constituency are indebted to Sericulture Department for the aid they received and many have achieved success in sericulture farming and I express my gratitude on their behalf.

Last but not the least, I am glad that the government is taking disciplinary actions on the MR Billing system to those who are not taking illegal measures. Our MR had also decreased immensely. There are many points which I have not covered but I request the points we have highlighted on each department be noted by the concern Department and necessary steps be taken. Thank you.

PU CHALROSANGA RALTE, CHAIRMAN: Pu John Siamkunga.

PU JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Thank you, Pu Chairman. There are many points to discuss but I will stress on a few. I will start with Demand NO.4 Law & Judicial Department, it is gratifying that this Department enacting the Mizo Marriage, Divorce and Inheritance of Property Act to uplift the social status of the many unfortunate women who had faced problems in their marriage and many laws had also been repealed and I am positive this will bring about a positive impact on our social lives.

I am also grateful that taxation Department had increased the percentage of taxes as this will increase the revenue of our State. Under Finance Department, I suggest auditors should be assessed since there are many errors and mistakes that need to be reviewed. Especially in the accounts of many VC's many of their expenditures are not supported by vouchers which is difficult to trace. So, I think it is necessary to strengthen our Auditors and Assistant Auditors and fill up the vacant post in order to be more well-organized in our accounts. I also suggest awareness and trainings should be conducted among our Local Bodies in accounting.

Under Horticulture Department, we now have many learned experts and we have also conducted experiments in many procedures, but so far we do not seem to have much positive results. So, I think it is time for us to concentrate on the fruits and vegetables we have here in our State and try to find a way to improve our way of planting and agriculture system.

On Demand No. 41, Sericulture Deptt. There are 5054 numbers of individuals who are having a cocoon farm and between the year 2014-2015 323 quintals. Of cocoon had been harvested which generates about 66.6 lakhs. Which means each individual generates ₹1,317 only. So, I suggest we should give more thought and attention for its production and the farming with that.

I will conclude by saying I give my full support in passing these Demands. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN : Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana.

PU P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA: Pu Chairman, I am really glad to have an opportunity to discuss on the demands of our three Hon. Ministers. Before getting to the Demands, I would like to talk about the recent incident at Bawngkawn. Being a Christian community, we are often hurt by any incidents which concern incursion on churches in other places. It is truly unfortunate that this kind of incident took place here in our very own place. I strongly urge that this kind of incident would never happen again in the future.

Regarding the Demands, I have not much to say regarding Finance Demand No. 4, 8, 9 and 14 as we have held a number of meetings with them. Regarding Demand No. 4, we used to have there at Lunglei the Additional District Magistrate (Judicial). However, no one is posted there after the separation of Aizawl and Lunglei Judicial Division. While this is the case, we are really thankful for the efforts made by this government for improvement of District Court in Kolasib. Many staff quarters were constructed and are soon to be completed. But what I would like to request is that even if there are good quarters, if there is no judge, it cannot function. Therefore, I request that Additional District Session Judge to be appointed here.

On Demand No. 19, 22 and 32, in the recent Village Council election within the constituency of Pu P.C. Lalthanliana, there are some complaints regarding vote counting at Tumpui. So, the votes are recounted under the guidance of Election Commission. Even after that, the losers who are former members continued to remain in power. I urge that this issue to be settled immediately.

I think that there are many great works done by Horticulture Department. Their works through NLUP are also really successful. It is great to see that the farmers started to yield production and make huge profits. The production they made in passion fruit is really notable. It is now beyond my dreams while I am a Minister of this Department. It is really great that many problems dealt by a Minister in our times are now could be solved at the CDPO level. This shows the efforts made by this government for simplification of works and efficiency.

Regarding Fisheries and Sericulture Department, our district is one of the major producers of fish. Besides, we have Serlui Dam from which a huge amount of fish is produced. There is also a very high increase in other fish production also. I am

really thankful for that also. Likewise in sericulture also, there is a great development. It needs a short period for production. If one sincerely works on it, it becomes a great success even though it is a small department.

Meanwhile, it is our wish that the Serlui View could be constructed. It would be a great view and a good place for recreation. I am really grateful for these demands. I also hope that what I proposed to be done will be done in the near future. I strongly support these demands under three Ministers. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : It is now 1:00 PM. We shall now take a break and continue our discussion on the afternoon at 2:00 PM.

2:00 PM

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We shall now continue our discussion. Let us first invite Dr. Ngurdingliana to take his time.

Dr. NGURDINGLIANA : Thank you, pu Deputy Speaker. I would start from Demand No. 4. Even though Law & Judicial is not a popular department, it is the department which formulates many laws for us. I am glad that they could complete Mizoram Marriage, Divorce and Inheritance Act and many other acts as well.

Regarding Demand No. 8, Taxation Department, I would like to urge all the employees within the Department to work harder as their role is increasing with introduction of the new financial system.

On Demand No. 9, Finance Department, I would like to praise the department for preparing a good budget. While there are certain problems arising out of creation of NITI Aayog, it is notable that all the work of sectoral allotments is completed on time.

Regarding LAD Department on Demand No. 19, the department has distributed solar lamps as it is distributed in my constituency also. I hope it is continued in the future as it is greatly benefitted.

On Demand No. 29, Social Welfare Department, it is a very important department especially for the villages. The aged people in my constituency often

asked me for hearing aids; I really wished that the department would supply more of such equipments.

Regarding Fisheries Department Demand No. 35, I am thankful that the department provide fish seeds. However, nearly half of the fish seeds we availed from the department often died when we brought to the pond. Besides, the growth rate of fishes we received is quite slow. May the Minister inform us from where we get such fished?

Lastly on Demand No. 41, Sericulture Department. The department, though a small department is quite important particularly for rural areas. There is a huge production from my constituency also and we need to encourage sericulture farming more and more. I am supporting the Demands of three Ministers which we are discussing now. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us now call upon Pu Joseph Lalhimpuia.

PU JOSEPH LALHIMPUA : Pu Deputy Speaker, let me start with Finance and Planning.

As mentioned by the hon. Finance Minister in his Budget Speech, this year is declared as 'Year of consolidation' which aims at consolidating the financial condition of the state. Besides, there are also many problems because of change in financial system in the central government. However, the budget shows immense improvement. There is not much Other Charges which we often criticized. We also have a lot of funds for development works. I praise the hon. Finance for his great financial management.

I have learned from the newspapers that we availed the most funds among 12 North-eastern States from DONER and also completed the most work. We all know that NEC and NLCPR are having pre-defined criteria for granting funds based on geographical area and population. It is really great that Mizoram would achieve this even though it is not the state which deserves the most from such criteria; obviously it is the result of the efforts of the government. I would like to thank the Planning Minister and Officers of the Department. I also think that this is the result of creation of the Monitoring Committee under the Chairmanship of the hon. Chief Minister which looks after funds more than 50 crore, and also the efforts of the committee

established under Pu Zodintluanga, hon. Minister to deal with delayed projects under NEC.

Pu Deputy Speaker, we have mentioned regarding the problems of sharing pattern between central and state government; I have something to mention here. We often missed available funds because we could not pay the matching share in the past. To solve this problem, ₹ 50 crore has now been kept for this purpose which truly is remarkable. Besides, a separate budget head for making capital assets is also a new practice for the state which will surely be helpful for development of the state.

At this point, Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to remind the Minister that YMA of Lunglei Electric Veng has a huge plot of land and they are willing to donate to the government for building assets. I would like to beg the hon. Minister to kindly take note of this.

The fact that ₹6,000 crore is being kept for NLUP while there is still a remaining fund of nearly ₹400 crore which indicate the government is truly concern for the welfare of the poor and the needy. It is a great effort while other states having more resources are also worried by this subject.

I would like to make a request regarding the new technologies introduced in the Horticulture Department. It is necessary to keep in mind whether this kind of technology will be suitable in a long run for our state. I also think that there is not enough research regarding different diseases of our crops like orange, ginger, etc and I would like to request the hon. Minister to stress a little in this matter.

I would like to thank Social Welfare Department for providing aids for the physically challenged persons. It is really desirable that the process of checking and verification of such disabilities is simplified. It may even be better if it is done through photos also so that it is more easily available for concerned persons in rural areas.

Regarding Sericulture Department, Pu Dy. Speaker, Rotlang East village undertakes sericulture farming at a large scale. However, they are facing a huge problem due to irregular power supply. I will end here regarding the demands.

Lastly, I would like to speak about the incident last night. I really condemn such incident of destroying a church. It is really unfortunate that such thing happens

in a secular democratic country like India. I hope that such thing would never be repeated in the future.

Pu Dy. Speaker, I support these three demands. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Before inviting other members, I would like to announce that our House Leader applied for leave of absence for this afternoon session due to health problem and our two Parliamentary Secretaries, Pu K.S. Thanga and Pu H. Zothangliana too were granted the same. Let us now call upon Pu Vanlalzawma.

PU VANLALZAWMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, before getting to the demands, I would also like to speak about last night incident which has been mentioned by the other Members. I am deeply hurt that a church was destroyed last night. I opine that those who carried out such act are hesitant to do such thing. So, I request our House Leader to clarify the incident and what motivate such action.

Regarding Finance Department, Taxation is an important department and therefore necessary to simplify the process of paying taxes. I opine that 90% of the people are ready to pay bills and taxes but the problem is its payment process. I think that our revenue will also increase if we could make payment easier.

I would also like to express my thanks to Law & Judicial Department as other members have done. It is really great that they formulate new laws to meet the needs of today. I hope that they would continue this in the future.

I think that the Social Welfare Department is different now to that we have known in the past. Many efforts were given to help the society and the voluntary organizations in the past but now it is lesser now. I really hope that they would resume giving it supports to our organizations which concern the welfare of the society. I even think that grants for helping the purely voluntary organizations in our state could be kept in our budget also especially for organizing several conferences.

In Fisheries Department, I think that it will be more effective if fish food is provided more at subsidized rate. No one will take more than their need, I think that this will be better than providing too many fish seeds. I will end here Pu Dy. Speaker. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : You managed your time well.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Dy. Speaker, may I speak about the incident last night since it is requested by the Opposition Leader?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let him speak as he is, Dy. House Leader.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: The incident that took place last night is really unfortunate. Let me read out the Police report regarding the incident, with your permission, Pu Dy. Speaker.

It is about the incident that took place at Bawngkawn Brigade area on the 13th October, 2015. At around 7:20 PM on 13th October, 2015, an angry mob destroyed a church building which is under construction within the area of the disputed land at Bawngkawn Brigade Field. On learning such attempt, the SDPO and OC of Bawngkawn Police Station rushed to the spot. All possible efforts were made to prevent the incident. However, it could not be much effective in the dark night. The walls and windows worth around ₹15,170 was destroyed. A case No. 257/15 Dated 13.10.2015 was registered under section 143/147/427/506 IPC and it is under enquiry.

From the documents from Land Revenue & Settlement, Stay Order was issued to the Secretary, Baptist Church of Mizoram, Bawngkawn on the 6th May, 2015 with Order No. C1306/N-6/13DISP/DTE (REV) 106. The Deputy Director, Land Revenue & Settlement also issued the same for the construction and use of the building with Stay Order No. C1306/N-6/13DISP/DTE (REV) 173. Meanwhile, Senior Civil Judge, Aizawl on 6th October, 2015 ordered that the Revenue Department should refrain from interfering with the possession/occupation and utilization of such land.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : It seems that it is more appropriate not to discuss further in the House as it is under subjudice. Dr. K. Beichhua is next.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the importance of Taxation Department is now increasing; it is the source of huge amount of income for the state. I hope that they will not repeat the prevailing sales turn-over concealment which used to appear in the C&AG Report. I hope the Minister as well as the Department officials would try their best to have proper assessment also for it is known that they are the one who can do that. I therefore urge that they would try harder for that.

Regarding Demand No. 9, Finance Department, we used to say that good financial management is important for good governance. Since we are now declaring Year of Consolidation, it may also be affected by our financial management. On the other hand, it may also fail if there is no proper financial management. I therefore hope that all efforts will be made for better financial management.

I would also like to say that distribution of funds cannot be always equal as there are some departments which need priority, to take for example, Health & Family Welfare Department which concerns life and death. I hope that relaxation would be given for such departments.

Besides, problems of withdrawing GPF is a common issue which affected the government employees as a whole even in times of sickness. I hope that the problem is simplified so that it is accessible in times of needs.

In Demand No. 32, Horticulture Department, it is an important department for the development of Mizoram. The fund kept for Medicinal Plants is less than I expected as I believe that we can make great revenue from Pharmaceutical companies through these medicinal plants. Besides, there is allegation from the farmers that supply of seeds is done simply by the department officials. They urge that it should be given to the actual farmers; I hope that it would be looked into.

In Demand No. 4, Law & Judicial Department, we are above average among Indian states regarding crime detection. However, it seems we are low at punishment of criminals; I think that this is where we need improvement.

Regarding Fisheries, allegedly fishes are available at the yard of Secretariat building; however, it often gone by the time I know. Since most of our fish supply is from other states, we need to improve our own production.

Regarding Demand No. 41, Sericulture Department, around ₹16 crore is allotted to the Department. The revenue collected from this sector last year was only around ₹60 lakh. Besides, it is produced by ZOHANDCO which is now being shut down. We need to make a really sincere consideration regarding this department.

I have made many questions on Demand No. 19, LAD. It is desirable that our state has a good recreational park. I beg the department determine creation of a new

recreational park and renovate the prevailing ones.

Social Welfare Department, Demand No. 29. It is an important department for development. In our discussions with the officials of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, we are often instructed to submit more DPR's to the Ministry; I beg the concerned Minister to take note of that also. I also opine that more awareness should be given for job reservation for the disabled. The hearing aids which were made available before seems to be stopped now. It is desirable if such practice is continued keeping in view of the increasing demands even from my constituency.

It is a fact that tour planning outlay has been increased a lot; however, things keep changing from time to time. Revenue generated by departments in the past may not be the same anymore. Things regarded inappropriate in the past may be also be improved now. I think that we need to be flexible in this regard.

Pu Dy. Speaker, coming again to Social Welfare Department, I think that there are some overlapping projects between the departments. For example, providing nutrition to pregnant women is done by both Social Welfare and Health Department. I think that this kind of overlapping work needs to be resolved through consultation and cooperation while we are declaring Year of Consolidation. Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu R. Vanlalvena.

PU R. VANLALVENA : Pu Dy. Speaker, I would not talk about each of the departments as my fellow members had it enough. Firstly, I would like to talk about Sericulture Department. It is true that the revenue we received from sericulture is not that much. However, it is a must to develop this kind of farming in order to have a sustainable development. What I think important in this regard is to encourage Muga silk production more. Its food is easily cultivable as they are the native species here in Mizoram. Its rearing system also is much easier than other varieties where as silk produced by Muga cocoons are also much more expensive. It is therefore really an important prospect for Mizoram.

Secondly, regarding Demand No. 35, Fisheries Department, I would like to suggest selection of fish farming in a compact area. It is quite difficult to undertake fish farming in hilly areas. So, instead of promoting fish farming in such areas, I think

it will be better if we could promote it in the plain areas. I strongly believe we could make more progresses with this.

Regarding Demand No. 32, Horticulture, I would like to talk about tea plantation. It seems that it is quite difficult for us to be successful through tea plantation. What our farmers need is a tea processing machine and it will surely be effective if it is provided in the areas where tea plantations are concentrated. I beg the hon. Minister to note this also. The problem regarding its marketing will also be resolved if a processing plant is well-established.

Lastly, Pu Dy. Speaker, Taxation Department is the backbone of our development and we should work harder; let the issues appeared in the C&AG Report be a means for us to work harder. Pu Dy. Speaker, with that, I support the Demands of three Ministers we are discussing today. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us now give time to Pu K. Lalrinthanga.

PU K. LALRINTHANGA : Pu Dy. Speaker, I have no intention to talk about all the demands. Firstly, Demand No. 8, Taxation Department.

I think that we are easy in complaining against any new tax which may be proposed for introduction or some hikes in the prevailing rate. We need to have more awareness in this regard. Meanwhile, I think that there are some items on which tax has not yet been collected. It will help us a lot if we could collect tax from such items as well.

The 6th Pay Commission will be over in a short time. It is reiterated that the 7th Pay Commission has made a recommendation which is about three fold of the 6th Pay Commission. It is therefore obvious that nothing much will remain for development works if it is implemented. I think our Finance Minister should learn how to cope with the recommendation of the upcoming 7th Pay Commission.

Regarding Demand No. 9, Local Administration Department, it used to be an important department before, but after creation of UD & PA Department, we have very less available fund from this department. I suggest allocation of more funds to this department so that it is benefitted by the major rural populations.

Demand No. 28, Social Welfare Department. It is an important department especially for our voluntary organizations as well as the aged and women of the society. The main problem in the department is that there are too many vacant posts which lead to shortage of staff. Therefore, filling up of vacant posts is a must for the proper functioning of this department.

Horticulture Department which was once regarded as a minor department has now been improved as one of the most popular departments. It has now become a department with the second highest beneficiaries of NLUP as any beneficiaries under it concern doing very well. As a result, the practice of shifting cultivation also decreases as the department changes the occupation of rural people. The department further arranges study tour to concerned farmers outside and foreign countries as new plants are being introduced in our state occasionally. Thus, the performance of the government is truly praiseworthy.

Regarding Fisheries Department, I think that we could increase our production by undertaking fish farming at every dam constructed by any department. The farmers are also needed to be taught the importance of proper care and feeding of the fish since it is not possible to have high production without feeding the fish well.

Lastly, on Sericulture Department, we all seem to know that we have a good prospect for sericulture farming. However, the problem is that the farmers have no intention to undertake it in a large scale and we need to carry out awareness in this regard which will be more profitable for the farmers themselves. Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, Pu T.T. Zothansanga and Pu R.L. Pianmawia will follow.

PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Dy. Speaker, I would like to start from Demand No. 35, Fisheries Department. I express my gratitude that a fish feed mill plant is proposed at Champhai. So, I request the Minister to tell us when the work will be started. Pu Dy. Speaker, we incurred a huge expenditure on fish seed and I think that it will be better if we could arrange training to concerned farmers in order to make more productions.

On Sericulture Department, Demand No. 41, I am pleased with the project at

Champhai under the Sericulture. Besides, we also have abundant supply of Oak Tsar in our areas. I think that it will be a great resource to develop sericulture farming in the area.

Regarding Demand No. 4, Law & Judicial Department, Champhai Zote village has contributed a vast area of land for Court building; it is under process by the Revenue Department. I urge concerned Minister to kindly expedite the process so that it is readied next year. We often have some serious cases at Champhai but but impossible to take up the trial for such cases. Thus, we really wish to have an Additional Session Judge. Apart from this, it is often a problem to call evidence to Aizawl. I therefore kindly call attention of the Minister towards this problem.

On Demand No. 14, Planning Department, I think that it is a little lame to learn that we have nothing much of District Development Fund; it used to be one of the main sources of development fund in the previous years. I hope it will be again included next year. Pu Dy. Speaker, it is difficult for rural areas to avail funds from NEC or NLCPR. In such situation, the said District Development Fund serves as our main source of funds. It is also desirable that MLA Fund is increased as most of the states have now received more than ours.

Regarding Demand No. 8, Taxation Department, we are the people who contribute taxes in the olden days also and we have no problem to do so. I think that it is now the time for us to pay Income Tax. Maharashtra, Delhi, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu are the states with maximum rate of Income Taxes which enable them to avail funds from the central government without problem. It must be noted that contributing more Income Taxes will enable us to have higher budget for our state and to become more financially literate. We are rather blind on financial matters because we do not pay Income Tax. This will further eradicate money laundering and the practice of corruption; and, we will then be able to check ones wealth which is inappropriate to his known income. This will further generate employment opportunities as the system takes experts on tax and account like Charter Accountant, Tax Consultant and Advisers and even lawyers. The gap between the rich and the poor will also be minimized through such system as it will create equal distribution of wealth. Apart from this, our system of collecting Professional Tax needs some revisions such as the amount contributed by all government employees are the same. We need to find a way to collect it rationally.

Regarding Horticulture Department, Pu Dy. Speaker, we have a huge production of grapes at Champhai District which happened to be the sustenance of number of families. Meanwhile, its market has suddenly deteriorated with the implementation of MLPC Act. So, I beg the Department to find a way to resolve the marketing of grapes produced in our state.

Pu Dy. Speaker, Link road is also an important subject of the Horticulture Department and so is necessary to have it as many as possible.

Pu Dy. Speaker, I support all the Demands which we have discussed today. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu R.L. Pianmawia.

PU R.L. PIANMAWIA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. I would first like to speak about Demand No. 4, Law & Judicial Department. There is a proposal to set up Gram Nyayalaya since the previous ministry to expedite trial of any legal case of village concern. However, it is not put into practice till today and remains a problem for the concerned person to travel a distant to appear in court trials. It is therefore necessary to expedite setting up of this new system.

On Demand No. 8, Taxation Department, I think that it is necessary to introduce an process of paying taxes especially at Vairengte Check Gate so as to increase our revenue income.

Pu Dy. Speaker, I opine the Taxation Department should determine how to cope with online shopping business. Due to the fast growing online shopping business, many of our merchants who are paying taxes to the state are at critical condition. So, we need to find a way to collect taxes from online shopping as well.

Regarding Planning Department of Demand No. 15, as already mentioned earlier, it is really disappointing for us that District Development Fund has been eliminated. Since my constituency is not covered by BADP, source of fund for development work is very rare. Regarding SHDC which is within my area, I think that the plan fund for this Council should also increase and I urge the department to note that. It is learned that Composite Tuivawl Water Supply Scheme for my constituency is under process at Planning Department. I strongly hope that the department will take

it into consideration.

I opine there is nothing much to be grateful on Demand No. 19, LAD as only the provision for construction of VC House is seen; there is nothing like EWS and other funds. It seems that we make it as a department which deals with only the salary of VCs. If we go on like this, there will be little development in villages. If we failed to develop villages, there will never be a sustainable development.

On Demand No. 29, Social Welfare Department, provision for supply of utensils, PA sets, hearing Aids, wheel chairs etc. to the public has now come to an end; I really wish it is continued. Next, the vehicle allotted to our CDPO was auctioned recently which relatively cause problems for the incumbent to visit his area on regular basis. It will be much appreciated if a new vehicle is allotted to him as soon as possible.

Regarding Horticulture Department, initiatives are made in my constituency; however, it seems difficult with the normal available fund. I hope the department would find a special consideration for my constituency. We also really need to be trained on flower plantation also as we always buy it from other places whenever we need flowers. We will be really grateful if such training on flower plantation is arranged so that we could be self sufficient in flowers.

Regarding the Demand of Pu B.D. Chakma, we have number of fish farmers with good fish pond at Tinghmun, Sunhluchhip and Ratu but they are not provided with enough fish seed. I beg the minister to provide them sufficient fish seed in the future.

Regarding Sericulture Department, there used to be a huge initiative at Darlawn in the past as numbers of buildings were also constructed. However, the department ceased to function at present. I would like to request the department to enquire the reason why this is not continued. I also hope that it will be renovated and continued so as to bring development for the people.

In order to bring the points I have said successful, the departments need to get sufficient fund from Finance Department. Therefore, I beg Finance Department to take into consideration to those points while making allocation of funds to the departments. With that, I am supporting these demands. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalthanliana.

PU LALTHANLIANA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker for giving me the time. It seems that we are trying to cut down our expenditure as far as possible in this Budget. I do not exactly understand the huge differences in some heads. For example, in Planning & Programme Implementation Department, ₹22,245.80 lakh was allotted last year where as only ₹135.98 lakh for this year. The difference is ₹22,109.82 which I opine is too much. I do not exactly understand if it is a positive or negative change. The same is here in Finance Department also under the head of Pensionary Charges with an increase of ₹18,038 lakh this year. I opine the use on other charges needs to be explained. Plus, I do not understand why the remuneration of VCs under LAD is left blank in the budget.

The fund for scholarship/stipend under Social Welfare Department has been increased from ₹13.28 lakh to ₹48 lakh. Does it mean that there is a plan to cover more students and trainees or to increase the amount of scholarship/stipend? Anyway, it is a positive thing to see it increasing.

Next, in the Fisheries Department, it is an important department for our state. Since the demand for fish is increasing, I opine it is wise to upgrade the status of the department. From my own experience, I opined it is better to supply bigger seedling instead of smaller ones as the latter tends to die a lot. Besides, we need to consider the nature of fish we are going to rear in our pond; we need more training and studies in this regard. Most importantly, we need to upgrade the department with more fund allocations.

Lastly, there is a remaining fund of ₹430 lakh for NLUP. Meanwhile, ₹60 lakh is again allotted for NLUP. It indicates that the government stands firm for the needy and for the weaker sections of the society. Therefore, I support these Demands. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalrinliana Sailo.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO: Pu Speaker, the Plan outlay is ₹3,097.78 crore and Non-Plan is ₹4,519.96 crore. I am glad that this year is declared as Year of Consolidation which is really necessary. We also find regarding skill development in Planning Department as the central government laid emphasis on skill development. In order to have a good economy, we need sufficient skilled manpower. I am really

thankful that this kind of prospect has been added under Planning Department. I also think that this is really important for consolidation also.

We all need to put more efforts for development of our state. The 14th Commission states that our fiscal deficit should not exceed 3% of our GSDP. In order to achieve this also, skill development is one of the most important keys. Our Government employees are part of our big industries. The real GSDP from farmers and producing unit, in reality is not high; we have a large number of unemployed youths. It is desirable that training is arranged for any unemployed youth so that they are able to make some contributions for improvement of our GSDP. This will also prevent wastage of our state's funds to other states. All these can be achieved through skill development.

Horticulture Department has done a great job; yet, improvement is needed so as to provide high quality products. In order to do so, let the officials impart trainings from foreign countries also which I believe will help improving ourselves from our present situation. There are so many things to learn from such training.

Sericulture is an important department to stabilize our state economy but we still have a long way to go to reach that goal. To have a high quality silk production we may enquire assistance from an advance country for the technical knowhow as the neighboring state Manipur acquired financial assistance of ₹500 crore from Japan for the same. Even though our people who are engaged in silk production well aware of its marketing prospect, nothing much could be done as this stage. It is, therefore very much important for the government to give its attention in this regard.

Regarding our vision on Fish production, our opinion of the past and the present remain unchanged as nothing more can be done at this stage. In my opinion, public participation is necessary. If the local people value our own production, the market will increase automatically; one should not expect to get the product at a lower cost but instead value our own production. As of the budget allocation, it usually increases every year like 12% to 13% percent but the producers hardly benefit such increases as they should.

What we need now is quality improvement; we should improve our knowledge by arranging tour and spot visit for the concerned producers so that we may witness intensive efforts made by some successful producer states or countries

and also to bring about cooperation among the concerned producers. Let us consolidate and unite to be a successful state. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Nihar Kanti is next.

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA: Pu Speaker, regarding Demand No. 4, Law and Judicial, I must say that our ignorance of law is a major problem these days. Most people living in rural areas are not aware of law and how it works as even legal notices had often been misused. So, it is a good idea if awareness campaign is given to rural concern.

On Demand No. 9, Finance Department, we have in Lunglei District, the office of Jot. Director of Account & Treasury inaugurated by the hon. Finance Minister last year. I have recently visited the office on private affairs and what I have learned from there is that the work load is quite high for the office cover not only Lunglei District but the entire Chhimtuipui District. Generally there are at least 5 Auditors and 1 Assistant Director but this office has only a few considering the workload. It will be much appreciated if the concerned Minister considers their problems.

On Demand No. 14, Registration of Birth and Death, I would like to take this opportunity to point out a problem within my area. When an officer is either terminated or transferred, delay in issuing a birth certificate is a common practice with Planning Department. We should be more careful in the future since it is known to all that such certificate is essential for future use.

Regarding Demand No. 19, Lungrang of my constituency is in need of village council as there is no specific council to deal with development of the two sub-villages apart from that village itself. So, I suggest inclusion of the said sub-villages within Lunglei South unless a new village council is provided. Thank you.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, first of all would like to go to starred Question No. 48 of Demand No. 4, Law & Judicial. The hon. Minister concerned had mentioned that there is a plan to establish Lok Auyukta with 432 lakh estimate plans but it is seen in our demand.

In Demand No. 8, Taxation is our main support as VAT becomes a great

contribution but there is a problem with shortage of staff. It is true that Inspectors are the main driving force for the achievement of the department and is agreeable that more are deployed on contract basis. But the problem is that the department regularized their services which I opine unsuitable since it is a gazette post. I asked myself on what basis such posts are regularized.

Regarding Demand No. 9, Lottery tender floated on 9.3.2011 was applied by 13 people including one invalid. It was then extended for 2 years from 29.5.2015 – 28.5.2018 which I think is a big mistake because only ₹24 crore sums up in the end when it should have been about ₹50-60 crore had it not been extended.

Pu Speaker, it is a common issue that pension cases had often been delayed and when it is released, the concerned pensioner barely receives the expected amount. The minister may therefore clarify the reason for most of the pensioners are of loyal Govt. servants who had spent up all their heydays in the service of the government.

Regarding Demand No. 14, delay in Registration of Births and Deaths as mentioned earlier, a recent notification indicates that late fee for issue of both certificates may be increased up to Rs. 1210/- plus, another charge if registration is expired. In my opinion, to spend money even on death seems unnecessary and the same with birth. I would like to request our respected Finance Minister to review this matter. As mentioned earlier Planning Department also needs some sorts of reconstruction.

Regarding Demand No. 14 as mentioned by our Finance Minister, MLA fund is increased from 30 crore to 50 crore and the result could be seen in our work. It would be of much appreciated if it is again increased to 100 crore by the next year.

Regarding Demand No. 19, LAD, Village Council election could not be conducted in more than 31 villages due to the problem of Law and Order. Pu Speaker, isn't it the time to resolve such problems and let the election conducted? Besides, the existing budget hardly includes any benefit for Village Council despite many problems to work out. Thus, I opine this should be reviewed.

Demand No. 29, Social and Service Sector of the Social Welfare department need to pay more attentions like old age pensions etc.

Pu Speaker, since liquor is legalized in our state, we should also determine rehabilitation on the other hands. Apart from this, Social concern such as Juvenile Justice Act, child labor, etc. must be restored. As previously stated by the hon. Minister, equal opportunities rights and full participation should be enforced effectively.

We are now beginning to be aware of the significance of Social Welfare since organizations like YMA, MUP, MHIP are well-cooperated. So, I opine it is wise to include subsidizing the distribution of public used items in the budget head.

On Demand No. 32 Horticulture Sector, our GSDP is widely depends upon horticulture productions as 70% of our population are farmers. As such, the importance of the department like MIDH, RKVV, OFWM, NMNP and NLUP should not be neglected.

Regarding fisheries, the production of RKVY, NLUP, FFDA, NSWF and NFDB is not in tally with the budget. As any party can become the ruling, we should be careful in naming our sites like using an individual name.

About Demand No. 41, 5044 families are now engaging in Sericulture with production of 523 quintals but the income is only 66 lakh; more attentions should be given in this regard.

Again, on Demand No. 29, file concerning Nutritional Supply dated 23rd March, 2015, the Finance Minister forwarded to the hon. Chief Minister for approval. In the process, matter which concern OM should be attended accordingly. For the success of all our demands, we all have to work together. Thank you.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: First of all, Pu Speaker, I would like to mention regarding the growth of our budget. In 1972, the size of our budget was merely 1,792 lakh which has now increased to ₹7,57,655 lakh. Definitely the amount is increasing, but not development. So, we must remind ourselves that in order to achieve more developments, we need to have a good relationship with the people; and most of all, we should learn to differentiate what is of merely wants and what is actually needed for our state. To be honest, there are certain departments which need bifurcation.

Another thing is, online trading which is getting in the way of numbers of

regular tax payers who are being compelled to close down their business; we are dealing with this case. Regarding GSDP, there is nothing we can do but to accept respectfully.

There is a slight mistake in the process of Lok Ayukta; it may not go as plan but hopefully it will be implemented in 2016-17 and so revision is necessary.

Our top priority according to the hon. Chief Minister is to serve for the poor and needy as much as possible.

I am regretted to mention that we cannot afford to have Judicial Judge in the Districts as yet but Law Department is working on it. Capital assessment is another important thing worth mentioning. We all know how valuable our land is; we therefore must not sell any piece to outsiders. We are very proud of our work comparing to other North East states as we successfully completed 21 projects. So, we should strive to achieve the same with the project under DoNER as well.

About withdrawal of GP Fund, we feel the need of the Govt. servants and simplify the process so that they would not have to go through so many problems like before. We feel that it is wise to distribute in terms of their need, instead of equally handing them out. As for the amount, it is allotted as per the budget available. It is generally divided in quarter; if it is not received in the first quarter, it may be expected by the next quarter. In this connection, I would like to point out that there is no department which has excessive amount of GPF contribution for anyone has to spend for essential commodities and bills such as electric charges, rice etc.

About Legal Awareness, it is our duty to give awareness especially in rural areas. About registration of Birth and Death, the dealing staff should be more careful with suspicious cases and he should not hesitate to call in Magistrate or Judicial officers if necessary. Late registration will hopefully disappear in five to six years from now. We feel that the practice illegal process of registration paves the way for outsiders to acquire our own land and that is why we are being careful and raise the fees in order to complicate the process.

That is all; and, as recommended by the Governor and with permission of the House, I request that following demands to be passed: -

Demand Nos.	Departments	Amount of Budget
Demand No. 4	Law & Judicial	₹29,87,72,000/-
Demand No. 8	Taxation	₹14,64,53,000/-
Demand No. 9	Finance Department	₹10,19,86,00,000/-
Demand No. 14	Planning & Programme Implementation	₹4,04,47,20,000/-
TOTAL		₹ 14,68,85,45,000/-

SPEAKER : Now, the hon. Minister begs the House to pass his Demands No. 4, 8, 9 and 14, totaling ₹14,68,85,45,000/-. Those who agree to pass, say, 'aye', and those who do not, say, 'no'. The Demand of the hon. Finance Minister Demands is unanimously passed by the House.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER : Now, I invite Pu P.C. Lalthanliana to wind-up the debate and to make clarification as needed; and, also beg the House to pass his Demands.

PU P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. First of all, I would like to point out that my departments are working hard for a good result and that we are always open for further discussion in and outside the House if the members have anything to say.

Regarding old age pension with regards to Social welfare, it remains unpaid for 10 long months despite sanction already been issued for 3 months and for 7 months with no sanction. The problem is informed to the Finance department and hopefully it will be distributed soon; I request their understanding at the same time.

Most of the concerned people obtained aids like wheelchair, hearing aid, crutches etc. from Social Welfare Department. It is not actually funded by the department but acts as an agency in respect of NGOs. We are trying our best to increase the sanction so that it will cover more.

Budget in favor of the students covers scholarship, stipend and other programmes such as assistance to the Educated Unemployment and stipend for disabled. The proposed agenda of Social Welfare Department for the year 2014-15 amounting to ₹11.34 crore is allocated for EMRS of Serchhip and Lunglei following

the Article 275, ₹12 crore for Serchhip alone, ₹2 crore each for Saiha, Tuipang, Lawngtlai and Chawngte respectively and ₹143 lakhs for construction of road. Again, ₹574 lakhs for Girls hostel in Mamit and Lunglei, ₹125 lakhs for fish pond, ₹125 lakhs for poultry farming specifically in LADC, CADC and Lunglei District. From the sanction received from the Central government amounting to ₹11.198 crore, ₹175 lakhs is utilized for fish hatchery project at Lawngtlai, Lunglei and Serchhip district and ₹100 lakhs remains for construction of Horticulture link road.

The State level meeting of the departments such as PWD, PHE, LAD, Education, Sports, Art & Culture and Social Welfare was held and altogether presents 5 years perspective plan of ₹200 crore. If approved, it will be greatly benefitted by the State through Social Welfare Department.

On Horticulture, seeds are supplied on regular basis but the quality is criticized by many. In this regard, it may be noted that not all supplied seeds were from Horticulture, the department is very careful not to supply the bad seeds. If only 6,000 Nos. seeds out of 10,000 are distributed, then, the rest are held as poor quality. As of the system of distribution, no partiality is evolved in the process as is issued regardless of any party.

Speaking of Horticulture, there is a plan to set up Horticulture College in our state thanks to the effort of the hon. Chief Minister as infra-structure has now been worked out by the Agriculture University of Imphal. A meeting regarding this will be held tomorrow with Vice Chancellor and the Registrar under the guidance of the hon. Chief Minister. Being a state with 70% farmers, we will surely be able to make a huge advantage out of this college.

The success of Horticulture depends on the department itself and the farmers and we must learn to cooperate with each other so as to achieve ideal results. So far, we are now able to export 4 items where as the question arises as to why we import items which are productive in our soils as well. This is an important question and we must work harder by laying appropriate plan to replace any imported items with our own productions

On the Demand of Social Welfare Department, various members claimed something wrong as being involves in the system of nutrition supply. I would like to mention that there is nothing wrong in the system as SPAB appointed Social Welfare

Department for Nutrition Supply and nothing is done to oppose instruction of the as the department simply gives out the chosen few by the SPAB.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, with due respect, many a time the Finance Minister did not give his approval to some OMs and were forwarded to the Chief Minister, but in this case, the signature itself does not seem to be of the Chief Minister, I simply pointing that out; that is all I have to say.

PU P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER: To clarify the point, Pu Speaker, in case the hon. Chief Minister is not present, he may authorize someone to give his signature. The thing is, we do not give authority but simply approved the authority given by the SPAB.

About LAD, it is an old department which has already laid number of foundation stones in various villages in which ₹30 lakh is sanctioned under minor works and we proposed using the fund for reconstructing the existing Park and for a new Park with the help of Village Councils. Village council is funded with ₹11.93 lakhs as shown under other administrative head in the Budget.

There are 31 villages in which Village Council election could not be conducted such, 6 in Kolasib district, 25 in Aizawl district and including Khawzawl Kanan, the total is 32. Election of Village Council is supposed to be conducted only under the State Election Commission and the Government already had given a notice to the Commission indicating we are ready for the election; but the decision is in the hands of State Election Commission itself.

To conclude, I request this august House to pass the Demands under my concern as given below: -

Demand Nos.	Departments	Amount of Budget
Demand No. 19	Local Administration Department	₹28,85,08,000/-
Demand No. 29	Social Welfare Department	₹1,28,06,03,000/-
Demand No. 32	Horticulture Department	₹94,70,51,000/-
TOTAL		₹2,51,61,62,000/-

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister begs the House to pass his Demands No. 19, 29 and 32 totaling ₹2,51,61,62,000/-. All in favor may say, 'aye',

and those who don't may say, 'no'. As we all agree to pass the Demands, I announce that we this House passed the Demands of the hon. Minister, Pu P.C. Lalthanliana totaling to ₹2,51,61,62,000/-.

PU P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER : Now, I invite the hon. Minister Pu B.D. Chakma to wind-up the discussion, to make clarify some points and beg the House to pass his Demands.

Dr. B.D. CHAKMA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, first let us talk about Sericulture.

5 members out of 18 did not speak of Sericulture; so, I assume they were all satisfied with it. Meanwhile, there is about ₹10 crore projects for 3 Autonomous District Council under CADC, LADC and MADC from Textile Ministry. It seems that the project failed 100% due to corruption. But let me say that it is, in fact a destruction and not corruption because new project cannot be made due to the council being in the black list for practicing too corruption in the past. Anyway, we are currently planning to make the Director visiting for a new project.

Sericulture may not a well-known business for it is has dual concern, partly a life science and partly engineering. As a life science, it does not mean farming only yet, highly technical. So, our farmer should have better knowledge in that field. We have Sericulture Technical Institute in Zemabawk and so is much desirable if training is arranged so as to update with the system and also to make the best use of this Institution.

Despite the status of the Department as of an uncommon department, we have two National Award winning farmers from Mizoram namely, Pi Laltanpuui of Tlangnuam and Pi F. Lawmsiami of Phaileng South. They names are worth-mentioning as they have shown that our state is adaptable if enough effort is given.

We have 4 Nos. Muga species in Champhai whereas the plants are evergreen which is good for maintenance of our environment; it is good if training organized in this field. As mentioned by Pu Joseph Lalhimpua, Sericulture cannot be developed at a fast pace due to lack of enough electricity. Likewise, Sericulture Farm at Thenzawl

too is developing gradually; it will be much appreciated if it is electrified with immediate effect.

While this is the case, we have no fund to receive from the State Plan as no progress can be made unless the Central fund. However, thanks to the efficiency of our Officials, we are now able to receive huge projects from Central Silk Board, Integrated Sericulture Development Project and North East Textile Promotion Scheme. It is truly appreciative that 600 families in Lunglei district will be able to benefit 1.5 lakh each from such projects. Whereas there is another project called Intensive Bivoltine Sericulture Development Project under NERTPS which will cover 1,000 families with fund provisions of 1.5 lakh each.

PU JOSEPH LALHIMPUIA: Pu Speaker, please; if I am not mistaken, the Central Scheme of Lunglei District as mentioned by the hon. Minister is a continuation of package as a result of a request of the hon. Chief Minister to the hon. Prime Minister for Lunglei High Powered Committee. I request update information as to when the actual project will be passed.

SPEAKER : It should be dealt in the office.

Dr. B.D. CHAKMA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, we will give a written report as requested. About Muga projects, DPR has already been submitted with estimate amount of ₹1.893/- crore. If it is successful, our development will jump much higher.

Lastly, I would like to mention that we are in desperate need of revolving fund. We have to demoralize the entire Sericulture farm due to shortage of funds. If we can have one time revolving fund, we may be able to procure more cocoons from that from next year.

Coming now to Fisheries, we receive so many suggestions regarding the supply. One thing which is clear is that the system of giving out freebies is not suggestive as those who receive such samples assume the quality as of poor. Till date, fish seed is given out with 100% subsidy yet there has been too many complain. We, therefore determine alternative to improve the system.

We have Fish Seed Mill Plant at Saitual whereas for Champhai, Kolasib and Lengpui are under processed. But if such plants are unable to function regularly, it

will be wasted and PPP mode is therefore being considered.

PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, when will the Feed Plant at Champhai be implemented? With sufficient fund available under RKVY, is there a way to expedite with the project?

Dr. B.D CHAKMA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, it is only of an estimate under the extension plan and we are working on it so that it is fully operated.

There is another problem regarding raw material, importing fish seeds involves much problem especially in hilly areas like Mizoram as it takes proper equipment of oxygen supply for fish seeds as most of the problem which comes up in the system is mostly of lack of technical knowhow. We have to learn from experts in this regard and will be of much encouraging if training is given under RKVY.

Setting up Fish seed production is a complicated job and that is why we still prefer to import it from outside, but if the hatchery plan is successful, we will no longer need to import from outside. But in order to set up a successful hatchery, we need to have 24 hours supply of oxygen and electric current. For this reason, prawn seedling is regarded as a far cry for us but I am currently working on the topic to make a better plan.

Lastly, Brood Stock is another problem in the process of our production. We may be able to reproduce if fully grown fishes of male and female are put together, but India, Major Carps are reproduced artificially. Apart from it, our main problem is thievery and measure should be taken in this regard. Unless such practice is stopped especially on brood stock, progress may not be seen even after 10 or more year's effort.

To conclude my speech, Mr. Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, Sir, I request that the following Demands under my concerned departments are passed, such as: -

Demand Nos.	Departments	Amount of Budget
Demand No. 41	Sericulture Department	₹16,08,36,000/-
Demand No. 35	Fisheries Department	₹13,34,43,000/-
TOTAL		₹29,42,79,000/-

Thank you.

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister, Pu B.D. Chakma begs the House to pass hi Demands such as Demand No. 35 and 41 totaling ₹29,42,79,000/-. Those who agree to pass may say, 'aye'. As we all agree, this House has unanimously passed the Demands.

Dr. B.D. CHAKMA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER : Our meeting for today is done; we will resume our discussion tomorrow, at 10:30 am.

The sitting is adjourned.