

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR EIGHTH SITTING ON THURSDAY, THE 15th 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.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

2. **PU K. SANGTHUAMA** to present to the House the following Reports of Public Accounts Committee:
 - i) Thirteenth Report on the Report of CAG of India for the year 2010-2011 relating to Public Health Engineering Department.
 - ii) Fourteenth Report on Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Sixth Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Report of C&AG on India for the year 2010-2011 relating to School Education Department.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS

3. **PU R. LALZIRLIANA**, Minister to submit to the Vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
4. **PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA**, Minister to submit to the Vote of the House various Demands under his charge.

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Secretary

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SPEAKER : Let not the wise boast of their wisdom or the strong boast of their strength or the rich boast of their riches.

(Jeremiah 9:23)

We will proceed to question hour and Er. Lalrinawma may ask his question.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, my question is for the concerned Minister of the School Education Department: –

- a) Number of school toilet constructed under Swach Bharat Swach Vidyalaya programme;
- b) Nos. of school toilet constructed in each district.

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, answer to the hon. member question is: -

- a) 1052 Nos. of school toilet are constructed under Swachh Bharat Swach Vidyalaya Programme.
- b) The number of toilets constructed in each district is as follows: –

Lawngtlai	-	505 Nos.
Lunglei	-	177 Nos.
Saiha	-	257 Nos.
Serchhip	-	113 Nos.
Total	-	1,052 Nos.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My supplementary questions are: -

My Constituency covers Serchhip and some portions of Aizawl District. Darlawn, which is of Aizawl District, does not have a proper toilet. When can this be provided?

SPEAKER : Any other supplementary question?

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, answer to the hon. member question

is: -

The Central Ministry provided the said funds as per the report of UDISE 2013-2014 and I am sorry to inform that the programme does not concern for Aizawl District.

SPEAKER : Dr.K. Beichhua may ask starred Question No.112.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My question is for the concerned Minister of School Education Department: -

- a) The amount of sanction approved by PAB (Project Approval Board) for the year 2015-2016;
- b) The amount released by the Central Govt.;
- c) The amount released by the State Govt. to the concerned Department;
- d) If there is any employee under SSA whose monthly salary has not been given.

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, answer to the hon. member question is: -

- a) An amount of ₹20,723.49 lakhs is approved by PAB (Project Approval Board) for the year 2015-2016.
- b) An amount of ₹932.65 lakhs is approved by the Central Govt.
- c) The State Govt. released an amount of ₹959.60 to the concerned Department.
- d) Salary for the month of July, August and September has not been given to employees under SSA.

SPEAKER : Any supplementary questions?

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, if the State Govt. released such amount of money to concerned department, how come the employees under SSA are not given their three months salary?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

PU H.ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, an amount of ₹8.30 crore is utilized

under SSA every month and the adhoc grants we receive cannot cover all the necessary expenses due to our financial problem. Approach has now been made to the central to release the 1st installment; and, if it is successful, salary for the remaining months will be given.

SPEAKER : The hon. Member, Pu Lalruatkima may ask starred Question No.113.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, my question is for the concerned Minister of School Education Department: -

- a) Whether promotion of the Superintendant of SSA to the rank of State Project Director is done as per the recruitment rules; if not, what is the reason?
- b) Number of vacant post under State Project Office and the names of such post;
- c) How many employees under State Project Office who are holding a dual post? If there is any, their names and the name of the post they are holding;

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, answer to the hon. member question is: -

- a) Employees under SSA who are promoted from the post of a Superintendent to the State Project Director are not promoted as per the recruitment rules since there is no Recruitment Rules to base for such promotion.
- b) There is no vacant post in the State Project Office for the time being.
- c) There are four persons who are holding a dual post under the State Project Office, namely: -
 - i) Pu Lalhmachhuahna, SDP (SSA) and Addl. SPD (RMSA);
 - ii) Lalthuama, Finance Controller, SSA and RMSA;
 - iii) Lalliansanga, FAO, SSA and RMSA;
 - iv) Lalzarzova, Superintendent and Coordinator, MIS (SSA).

SPEAKER : Supplementary question.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Is there any plan to provide the recruitment rules for SSA? Is it true that the post of State Project Coordinator and Internal Auditor Coordinator are lying vacant?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, since this is not a regular post we do not have RR but last year we drafted a Procedure for Selection of Officers and Staff under SSA and RMSA but but not on regular basis. We do not have RR for such posts. Pu Speaker, we are not aware of the vacant post of State Project Coordinator.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker, my questions are for the concerned Minister of Agriculture Department: -

- a) What is the production status of different trades under NLUP?
- b) What will be the monetary status of the production (in trade-wise)?
- c) What plans are made for the marketing of the products under NLUP?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister, Pu R. Lalzirliana may answer the question.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer to the hon. member questions is: -

Since we do not have an overall assessment of the impact, it is impossible to know the exact production status of different trades under NLUP. So far, an amount of 5,803.31 metric ton is produced from WRC 1& 2 of agriculture since the implementation of NLUP and if we determine at the rate of ₹25.75 per kg, it is ₹14.94 crores, 2,300/-; and, sugarcane production amounting to 17,500 metric ton which is sold at the rate of ₹80 which will amount to ₹294,000 lakhs.

Income generated under AH & Veterinary: -

- 1) Milks - 1,665 tons of milk is produced and sold at the rate of ₹40 per litre totally ₹6.66 crores.
- 2) Piggery - 33 tons of piggery meat has also been produced and was sold at a price of ₹250 per kg and the total amounting to ₹82.5 lakhs.
- 3) Hill cattle and mithun - 33 tons and is sold at the rate of ₹200 per kg and the total amounting to ₹1.29 crore.
- 4) Poultry meat - 33 tons of poultry meat is produced and the total amounting to ₹66 lakhs. The total amount of income generated from Veterinary

Department is ₹943.5 crores.

Income generated under Soil & Water Conservation: -

- 1) Brooms - 5,968.21 quintals and sold at the rate of ₹3,000/-per quintal and the total amounting to ₹25.9 crores
- 2) Cocoon - ₹66 lakhs

Income generated under Fisheries: -

Fisheries - 10,312 quintals amounting to ₹2,06,240 lakhs.

Income generated under Industry: -

- 1) Auto-Rickshaw - ₹5,912/-
- 2) Automobile works - ₹14,266/-
- 3) Beauty parlour - ₹23,839/-
- 4) Black Smithy - ₹27,275/-
- 5) Cane and bamboo works - ₹9,000/-
- 6) Carpentry-I - 1 ₹9,096/-
- 7) Carpentry-II - ₹7,160/-
- 8) Desktop publishing - ₹5,693/-
- 9) Electronic repairing - ₹9,867/-
- 10) Hair Cutting - ₹6,000/-
- 11) Handloom - ₹12,830/-
- 12) Petty Trade-I - ₹13,950/-
- 13) Petty Trade-II – ₹5,750/-
- 14) Petty Trade-III - ₹5,750/-
- 15) Photography - ₹31,004/-
- 16) Rice Selling - ₹2,257/-
- 17) Tailoring - ₹13036/-

Different trades under NLUP which need marketing support are long gestation crops which takes time more times and we are unable to determine the amount of income which may be generated from such trades. In collaboration with the UN, Marketing Task Force was established and training is also conducted.

SPEAKER : Any supplementary question?

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, considering the amount of products,

the GSDP percentage during the year 2014–2015 from Agriculture, Animal & Crop Husbandry is 12.01%; I think it is wise to review the products statistics once again.

My question is: The Mizoram Market Regulation Act, 2008 had been dissolved. If so, what plan do we have regarding Marketing of our products? Secondly, regarding plague among wild goats (Serows), and many experts believe this outbreak comes from goats but preventive measures have not been taken in this regard. If that is the case, goats supplied under NLUP underwent quarantine?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I am not aware of the reason for dissolution of the Marketing Cell but I am sure it is done with good intentions as to resolve our financial crisis.

Regarding the plague on goats, I am not aware of the reason but I believe it has come to the attention of Forest Department and they have taken initiatives in this regard.

SPEAKER : We will now move on to question No.115, Dr. K. Beichhua to ask the question.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My question is for the concerned Minister of Law & Judicial Department: -

- a) Who are the members of the Lok Ayuta who works under the chairmanship of the Hon. Chief Minister?
- b) If the Search Committee being established? Who are the members?
- c) Is the office in function?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, answer to the hon. Member question is: -

- a) The members of Lok Ayuta are: -
 - i) Pu Hiphei, Speaker of Legislative Assembly of Mizoram;
 - ii) Pu Vanlalzawma, Opposition Group Leader;

- iii) Mr. Justice T. Vaiphei, Judge, Guwahati High Court (Nominated by the Chief Justice, Guwahati High Court).
- b) Initiatives are taken to establish the Search Committee.
- c) We are still working on opening of the office.

SPEAKER : Any Supplementary question?

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, is it permissive that the High Court Judge, Guwahati to nominate the Chief Justice as member of the Lok Ayukta? May setting up of the Selection Committee and the office be expedited?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: I am not definite about the permission of the nomination about the Chief Justice by the Guwahati High Court Judge but since the Chief Justice appoints him, I believe it is only fair that we agree to his choice.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, on my Starred question No. 48, I have asked if Lok Ayukta will be established since it is not included in the allocation of the Budget, but it is stated as the answer that funds as being set aside. Has this matter been reviewed?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, since this is of a recent issue, I have not reviewed as yet. The State Govt. had applied for Lok Ayukta to the 14th Finance Commission but was rejected. We were informed that the State Govt. should establish it from the budget sanctioned by the Central Govt. Despite such circumstances, we are still trying to set up Lok Ayukta and initiatives are taken for its establishment.

SPEAKER : We will now move on to Question No.116 and I will call upon Pu Lalruatkima to ask his question.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My question is for the concerned Minister of School Education Department: -

- a) How many CSS Hindi teachers are being employed? When were they recruited?
- b) For how many months their salary has not been paid?
- c) What is the reason?

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister may answer the question.

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, answer to the hon. Member question is: -

- a) There are 1035 CSS Hindi Teachers recruited in February, 2011.
- b) Their salary has not been paid since March, 2015.
- c) They are recruited under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme and since funds provision for their salary has not been released by the Central Government, they remain unpaid.

SPEAKER : Any supplementary questions?

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, it is a pity that many of our CSS Hindi teachers are unable to take their salary for seven whole months. So, is there a possibility for the Minister to give more pressure to the central government in this regard?

SPEAKER : Pu Pianmawia will state his question and will be followed by Pu Chalrosanga.

PU R.L. PIANMAWIA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I am among the members of the legislature who prioritize introduction of Hindi in our schools in Mizoram. Is it possible that funds for this purpose cannot be sanctioned due to the party who emphasize Hindi study in schools is not holding the Ministry in the Central Government? When was the last sanction given? Is it possible to appoint teachers from our constituency if the existing teachers are resigned?

SPEAKER : Pu Chalrosanga may state his question.

PU CHALROSANGA RALTE: Thank you, Pu Speaker. My question for the concerned Minister is: -

Is there recruitment of newly Hindi teachers? Is there any plan with the Govt.

to recruit more Hindi teachers?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, answer to the question of the hon. member Pu Lalruatkima: -

Yes, we have often approached the central to immediately release the funds; we have also submitted the audit reports in the month of April. The proposal was submitted to MHRD, the Government of India on 24.4.2015. A demand of the details and phone number of all concerned teachers in High School and Middle School Hindi Teachers and other requirements were made and were already being submitted to the Central Government.

Despite many efforts of our leaders, the posting of various high officials in the Central Ministry has been reshuffled recently which make it difficult for the time being to expedite the process of file works and documents. Yet, we have been trying our best on our part in pursuing this matter.

SPEAKER : How about appointing teachers to fill up the vacant post of the resigned teachers?

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I believe my previous answer clears up the question from Pu R.L. Pianmawia as well. Due to the change in the high officials, it is very difficult to expedite file movements. And, as of casual vacancy, there are also cases in remote areas where we need to fill up the post urgently.

As for the question of Pu Chalrosanga, no new recruitment has been made to fill up any vacant post on compassionate ground.

SPEAKER : Er. Lalrinawma may now ask starred Question No.119.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My question is for the concerned department of Agriculture Department: -

- a) How many of the beneficiaries are being cut-off from NLUP beneficiary list of 2015-2016?

b) What is the existing number of the beneficiary (in District-wise)?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister Pu R. Lalzirliana may answer the question.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, answer to the question of the hon. Member is: –

- a) There are 109 numbers of beneficiaries whose names being deleted from the list, 2015-2016.
- b) From Aizawl District, 23 beneficiaries are being deleted, 5 Nos. from Champhai, 61 Nos. from Lunglei, 8 Nos. from Mamit, 10 Nos. from Serchhip and 2 Nos. from Kolasib District.

SPEAKER : Any Supplementary question?

Er. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. It is learned that 20 Nos. from Aizawl East-II were deleted from the 3rd Phase and 4 Nos. from Armed Veng South from the 4th phase. Why are such beneficiaries being cut-off from the list and by which authority such delete were made?

SPEAKER : Supplementary question?

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, my question is: -

- i) Does the Congress Unit have the power to cut-off or add the beneficiaries?
- ii) Is the Village Implementing Committee established? Who is the Chairman, and who is the Secretary?

SPEAKER : Pu R.L. Pianmawia.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, my question is: -

- i) How many beneficiaries remain after cutting-off 109 Nos. from the list?
- ii) NLUP funds under Industries Department take a very long time to receive the installments. If beneficiaries under this department are supposed to receive funds provision later than that of others in different trades?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, there are various reasons for deleting some NLUP beneficiaries, some are newly appointment under the Govt., some moves to other places, some have deceased and some are unable to continue with their trade. So, we consider giving them assistance under the Chief Minister's Special Scheme.

Regarding the beneficiaries of Aizawl West-II who have been cut off from the list, the line department verified the case and if one is found illegible to receive further installments, it is reported to the DC and his name is deleted from the list with the consent of NLUP Implementing Board. The Board has the power to delete any beneficiary from the list.

As to the question of the hon. member Pu R.L. Pianmawia, number of beneficiaries after cutting-off 109 is 1,20,000. In the case beneficiaries under Industries department, they are not supposed to receive the funds later than the rest of the Departments, yet, we will try to find out the reason for their late receipt.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, the hon. Minister have not answered my question.

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister may answer the question.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the authority has not laid the case in the hands of the Congress Unit but on the Village Committee.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, in this letter the Congress Unit submits to the Finance Minister names of the beneficiaries to be deleted from the list which was then forwarded to the Chairman, letter was countersigned by the Unit President and the Secretary. If the Unit has no such authority, why did their letter being entertained?

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, may I please mention that this is a very sensitive case. The letter was from the Congress Unit and not the Village level Monitoring Committee and was endorsed to NLUP Implementing Board with registration No.95 which is absolutely against the rules. So, why did the government entertain such case?

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Anyone may lodge a complaint but it has to be verified by the Line Department, they did not see names of three beneficiaries who were listed as illegible to receive more funds.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, this letter is not from the Line Department.

PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, there has also been misinformation regarding the shifting of places and I personally verified the case of not less than 5 families as some were merely of changing the name of their family members. This indicates anyone is willing to become the beneficiary of NLUP.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, the said letter was not of a complaint but a demand for deleting the names of some beneficiaries and to add some at the vacant places. Do they have the authority to exercise such power?

PI VANLALAWMPUII CHAWNGTHU: Pu Speaker, they are simply asking if arrangements can be made and they are not the ones who are in-charge of the distribution of funds.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, we all are members of the Legislature and it is also our right to insist that a satisfactory answer is given.

PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER: The Speaker can use his discretionary power so that no members may ask any question as he wishes.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the case was of my constituency and it was simply a request to change the name; anyone can apply for what they believe is necessary but to execute what they want lies in the hands of the concerned officials. As per their humble request, we review the case and make conclusions as per request.

SPEAKER : We will now move on to the next question

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, may I request the hon. Minister to reconsider the beneficiaries at Kawrtethawveng which had been verified by the nodal department and they are found eligible to continue to receive their funds and they are

even recommended by the NLUP Implementing Board. So, may the hon. Minister please permit them to receive the funds since it has already been allocated?

SPEAKER : We are taking too much time in one issue. It is now time to move on to another question and Pu Lalruatkima may ask starred Question No.118.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My question is for the concerned Minister of School Education Department: –

- a) Number of vehicles under the State Project Office of SSA; their registration numbers and type of such vehicles; the designation and names of the officers who are in command of such vehicles.
- b) If such vehicles chartered vehicles; if so, type of vehicle and name of the officer who is in command of the vehicle.
- c) Is quotation float on the chartered vehicle? If so, when was it floated?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

PU H. LALROHLUNA, MINISTER: Pu speaker, answer to the hon. member questions is: -

- a) SSA Project office owns three vehicles and the registration number of such vehicles are: - MZ-01/A/4743, MZ-01/B-7153 and MZ-01/B-7504. All are Gypsy and are service as pool; the first two are utilized by SPO and the custody is in the hands of the FAO and the Superintendent. The last one is used by the Secretariat, School Education.
- b) There are 8 chartered vehicles and the types of such vehicles and their owners are as follows: -

Tata Safari	-	Lalliansanga, Mission Vengthlang.
Bolero	-	Rohlupuii, Chanmari
Bolero	-	Zonghingi, Bawngkawn
Bolero	-	Zohmingthanga, chanmari
Bolero	-	Lily Lalthanmawii, Chanmari
Bolero	-	F. Lalengzauva, Samtlang
Bolero	-	Lalhriatpuii, Chanmari
Bike	-	Vanlalhriata, Dawrpui.
- c) A quotation was floated under the Mizoram Education Mission Society

(MEMS) on the 20th April, 2010.

SPEAKER : Supplementary questions.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. From the information I have collected, there are 4 Nos. Gypsy, two are hard top and the other two are soft top; I believe the vehicle kept by Addl. Director of the School Education is owned by the SPO, but from the answer provided by the hon. Minister, I am a bit confused about the officer who kept the vehicle.

What is the annual expenditure for chartering the vehicles for SSA? Is there a plan to continue with charter system after following sharing system?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the vehicles which are of first class were hired at the rate of ₹36,000/- per month and the second class vehicles at the rate of ₹32,000/- per month. As per information I have received, only three vehicles are kept under SPO. I believe the annual expenditure could easily be calculated from the monthly hiring rate of such vehicles.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, is there a plan to continue with the system of chartering vehicles?

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: The change of the Central-State sharing pattern has many impacts which make it difficult to make a conclusion. We are trying our best to meet only the basic necessities to economize ourselves; many schools under SSA needs constant monitoring and supervision and the department will reconsider this after having a thorough review on our condition.

SPEAKER : We have now come to the end of the question hour, we will now move on to another business.

The hon. member Pu K. Sangthuama may now present reports on the following: -

- 1) Thirteenth report on the Report of CAG of India for the year 2010-2011 relating to Public Health Engineering Department.

- 2) Fourteenth Report on Action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Sixth Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Report of C & AG of India for the year 2010-2011 relating to School Education Department on the table of the House.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I present the following reports on the table of the House: -

- 1) Thirteenth report on the Report of CAG of India for the year 2010 -2011 relating to Public Health Engineering Department.
- 2) Fourteenth Report on Action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Sixth Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Report of C&AG of India for the year 2010 - 2011 relating to School Education Department.

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. We will move on to our financial business. The hon. Minister, Pu R. Lalzirliana may now lay Demand No.7, 16, 31 and 38 amounting to ₹12,18,90,42,000/- on the table of the House.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, Sir, I move the Demand No.7, 16, 31 and 38 for ₹ 12,18,90,42,000/- for meeting expenses during 2015-2016 in respect of the following departments: –

Demand Nos.	Departments	Budget Amount
Demand No. 7	Excise & Narcotics	₹29,02,46,000/-
Demand No. 16	Home (including Prison & Sainik)	₹5,96,03,49,000/-
Demand No. 31	Agriculture	₹2,10,76,14,000/-
Demand No. 38	Rural Development	₹3,83,08,33,000/-
Total		₹12,18,90,42,000/-

Thank you.

SPEAKER : We will take on the Demands of two hon. Ministers. I will now call upon Pu John Rotluangliana, hon. Minister to lay his Demands No. 17, 42, 43 amounting to ₹3,46,75,85,000/- crores on the table of the House.

PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, Sir, I move the Demand No. 17, 42 and 43 for ₹3,46,75,85,000/- crores only for meeting the expenses during 2015-2016 in respect of the following Departments: -

Demand Nos.	Departments	Budget Amount
Demand No. 17	Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs	₹2,81,69,30,000/-
Demand No. 42	Transport	₹47,19,12,000/-
Demand No. 43	Tourism	₹17,87,43,000/-
	Total	₹3,46,75,85,000/-

Thank you.

SPEAKER : The two hon. Ministers have submitted their Demands; we will now start our discussion and each member will have 10 minutes. Pu H. Zothangliana.

PU H. ZOTHANGLIANA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Firstly, Demand No.7, Excise & Narcotics Department. It is gratifying that our Government implementing the MLPC Act and 25 Nos. of constables had been recruited. It will be much appreciated if a newly constructed office building at Lawngtlai which remains unoccupied may be utilized for other purposes.

On Demand No.16, Law & Order, I am glad that 20 Nos. of City Police will be recruited in the near future. At the same time, it will be much appreciated if more police are recruited for Lunglei, the 2nd largest town in our State. It is also gratifying that due to the separation of Judiciary, our judicial system is improving but I believe Forensic Department should be more equipped with more staff and high technologies to execute the work efficiently.

Pu Deputy Speaker, we have learned a robbery in the southern region but the mastermind cannot be identified till today. If the Forensic department is equipped with more advanced technology, we may be able to capture such people behind this robbery. Thus, in order to be more efficient in crime investigation, I opine that Forensic Department or at least District Mobile Forensic Unit may be established in

the Southern region.

Under Demand No.31 Agriculture, it is satisfying that different trades under NLUP had become very successful and the percentage of our production has also been increased as other trades like Fisheries, Sericulture etc. also are increasing.

Demand No.38, Rural Development Department, the hon. Minister of the previous term assured in the House that each MLA will be informed prior to the implementation of AAP; but many of the officers today are hesitant to inform us about this matter. So, I request our hon. Minister to take initiatives so that we are well-informed about such dealing and that verification team to be more efficient.

Under Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, it is appreciative that 27 Nos. Godowns have been constructed. We were perturbed by the news that the Food Security Act will cover only 80% of the rural area and 46% of the city area. However, thanks to the efforts made by the hon. Minister, the price of our ration does not increase that much.

On Demand No. 42, Transport Department, I am glad that the government has sanctioned an amount of more than ₹216 lakhs for development as we will then be able to uplift the economic condition and livelihood of the surrounding villages since transportation of goods has always been a big issue for rural areas. I also thank the hon. Minister for issuing permits of Taxis, Maxi Cabs and Auto-Rickshaws.

There are many progresses to be seen under Tourism Department. But it is unfortunate to learn that many of the centrally sponsored funds are discontinued. But I hope any development work under the department is continued; and, if I could ever be of help, I am ready to comply with the needs of the government. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. There are many things which need to be mentioned but time does not allow us to do all except only few points. I request the hon. Minister to look into the District Jail within my constituency which remains not functioning. Regarding Chhingchhip residential school, I request the hon. Minister to look into the problems which needs immediate attention.

Under Agriculture Department, our GSDP as published a few days ago amounting to ₹1.04 crore which indicates that each individual contributes ₹1.18 lakhs. But as per the Economic Survey of 2014-2015, our GSDP is only 16 points something which means our progress is not much satisfactory. So I would like to make an appeal to all concerned NLUP lined departments particularly agriculture to put more efforts on improvement of our non-tax revenue in such a way not to lead our financial in a critical condition. Within my constituency, there is an extensive area of fertile land at Chalphai with a potentiality of harvesting an amount of 4,000 of measuring tin in a year but the problem is no link road has been constructed as yet. So, I request our hon. Minister to look into this matter.

Coming now to Rural Development, the department has a great impact in rural areas. What I would like to emphasize is funds allotted as material component. For this year alone, ₹3,040 lakh is received as material component. In this regard, it is important for concerned authority to review the system of allotment of funds to our Village Councils. We should put more funds at the disposal of any VC for it is their concern to arrange dinner and accommodation for any visiting officials to their place. It is clearly written in the Operational Guideline 2013, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural employment Guarantee Act, 2005 that a Village Council has its share of responsible in any technical work of the department. Since, the work component is of technical issue, we should also favor any village council with more funds at their disposal.

Under Food & Civil Supplies, I thank the hon. Minister for constructing a Godown at Mualpui Chhingchhip and Lungpho. At the same time, I request that supply of ration on special permit should be evaluated since we cannot avail special permits on occasions like weddings and other social gatherings.

On transport Department, I believe it is time for the government to give awareness to the vehicle owners and their drivers on road safety issues. Many road accidents are caused by tiredness of concerned drivers for they are bound to drive for long hours; it is also important to give importance to the fitness of any vehicle. On the contrary, I think we should also give more thoughts to MLPC Act which brings negative effect to our society as a whole. It is sad to determine the amount of money wasted by the people on drinks. As we have discussed the increasing amount of funds on Healthcare, it is obvious that consumption of liquor is the main reason for such increase.

On Tourism, as many buildings constructed under this department, I suggest we should also determine of the income generation. I will conclude by saying that I give my support in passing this Bill. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu K. Sangthuama.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I will start from Demand No.17, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs. I want to stress on the selection of beneficiary under Food Security programme. The scheme was introduced by the Central Congress party and was continued by the BJP and selection should be made in such a way that only families who meet the criteria should be selected as beneficiaries. So, I request the selection board not to evolve partiality in the process. According to the guidelines, the concerned District Civil Supply Officer should be appointed as its Chairman, the President of the Local Council as vice chairman, any of educated as its Secretary and the Asst. Secretary and the Secretary of the Village Council or the Local Council should also be appointed. Unless the guideline is followed, we will surely have problems in the system. As the hon. Has Minister mentioned, an individual should get 8 Kgs of rice supply per month and 5 kgs at the rate of ₹3 per kgs and another 3 kgs at the rate of ₹15 per kgs. With this system, it is hopeful that anyone will benefit the supply and I also request my fellow members not to interfere in the selection. At the same time, I request the hon. Minister to consider shifting of FCI godown at Sairang as the existing one causes problem to MZU road as heavy loaded trucks that frequented makes it difficult for the road to be in good condition.

Regarding the liquor permit, there are incidents that liquor is accessible without permits; I request only the permits holder should be allowed to buy liquors and that it should be strictly controlled as per the law.

On Agriculture, I suggest we should concentrate on developing of our agricultural products since the majority of the Mizo people rely on jhuming cultivation; and for many, it is the main source of income generation. So, I suggest we encourage and try to upgrade our cultivating system.

I also express my gratitude regarding the revenue generated by Transport Department which amounts to ₹21 crores. Regarding bus services, it is good to know that many under privileged enjoys the service since there are many who could not

afford taxis and maxi cabs. At the same time, I suggest maxi cab counters should once again be verified since passengers spend a lot on taxi to go to maxi-cab counter. Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Chalrosanga.

PU CHALROSANGA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. To start from Demand No. 16, I thank the hon. Minister for sanctioning an amount of ₹80 lakhs for the renovation of Lunglei District Jail at Sazaikawn. Considering the District Jail at Sazaikawn which become very congested, the people of Hauruang offer a vast area of land for a new jail. So, I request the hon. Minister to look into this matter. I also express my gratitude to the hon. Minister for giving us a space at Venglai for Auditorium.

We are aware that an amount of ₹216 lakhs has been sanctioned for construction of Grade-IV Police's staff quarters as the site had also been given by Home Department. So, I request the hon. Minister to expedite the plan. It may also be appreciated if Police Outpost is placed at Buarpui, one of the most important villages within my constituency as no outpost is there between Buarpui and Aizawl.

Under Demand No.7, Excise & Narcotics Department, it is appreciated that 25 Nos. of constables had been recruited. With the increase of liquor supply, I suggest we should concentrate on expanding our manpower and that at least one constable should be on duty in every store. I suggest we should also give more attentions to vigilance.

Under Transport Department, I believe MST Bus service plying to Aizawl - Lunglei is of the most income earning service for the department. I suggest that additional bus service is made on this route to increase the earning.

On Demand No.43, Tourism Department, we are fortunate to have our land with an abundant natural beauty. I suggest we should take advantage of this and also encourage private entrepreneurship as tourism will definitely be a good source of income generation for our State. With that, I will conclude by saying I give my support in passing the Demands of the two hon. Ministers. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalrobiaka.

PU LALROBIAKA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I will start with Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs. We have talked about Mega Block for quite a while and due to the determination of our hon. Minister, I am glad that no serious problem is evolved in food supply.

Whatever the situation maybe, our hon. Minister takes good care of the Food & Civil Supply Department and I am grateful for that. Not only this, we earned crores after checking many of the bogus ration cards which further helps us a lot in our savings.

Moving on to Transport Department, it is appreciating to know that we gain a lot from the Department even though it is regarded as sick unit. The stuffs, drivers and conductors are all praiseworthy and I believe this is because of our great leaders. It is also appreciating that the department is able to contribute its share of tax to the Govt.

We are making quite an improvement on Tourism but it is distressing that the Tourist Lodge at Marpara remains untouched till today as many of our sources have been delinked. Anyway, I hope that our Minister will find a way to fulfill this need for it is expected to make a great deal of income.

It is highly appreciated as the Excise & Narcotics Department is receiving ₹35,068 crore which is quite a lot comparing to the amount allotted before implementation of MLPC Act which happened to be 4.91 crore only. Sikkim, Goa etc. are promoting their local made liquors by decorating its bottles which widely attracts the tourists. I opine we could make huge amount of revenue if we do the same with our rice beers and without importing from outside.

Regarding the Home Department, we are fortunate to have well-disciplined police forces who also are prompt in performing their duty. Their conducts indicates efficiency of the Govt. as well as Home Minister. My constituency, being located in the zone of insurgency frequently faces problem many a time but the people are at peace knowing the Home Department with prompt police forces behind them.

In the past, those persons who allegedly shot dead a woman at Phaileng were being released without any legal case; what is more frustrating is that their weapons had not been seized. We had another killing incident near Hnam Run which remained unsolved. But today, things changes with the efforts of hon. Home Minister and the

officials and is much appreciated. Thus, I agree with the sum allotted to Home Deptt. for I have confidence with our police forces to adapt themselves in this generation of the escalating cyber crimes.

Excessive efforts are made in Agriculture as 11,282 families benefitted NLUP Phase I and II on WRC and the production is quite good compared to the previous years. The result has caught the attention of the Central Govt. as we are even awarded for our performance on NLUP.

Pu Dy. Speaker, we also have been making a remarkable development on plantation of oil palms as some concerned farmers have been making large amount of profit. Under the mechanization scheme, the department is providing part dealer, mini-part dealer and water pump etc. which result in development of the plantation to a large extent. Regarding this remarkable achievement in plantation of oil palms, I opine concerned minister and the officials truly deserve the credit. Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : 10 minutes left. Pu K. Lalrinthanga.

PU K. LALRINTHANGA : Pu Dy. Speaker, let me start with the achievement of Excise Deptt. that a regular traffic jam at Phunchawng road has now come to an end. The area was once frequented by numerous youth on drinks which regularly caused traffic problem of this important road but the problem is reduced to some extents. I often wonder why we are unable to assist the total prohibition where as many youths died from consuming bad liquors and drugs; but still the government unable to stop such overcrowding youths. So, I would like the Department to use breath-analyzer regularly so that the uncivilized drunks are driven out.

Moving on to Demand No. 31, Agriculture Department, we need good link roads to make the best profit from our cultivations. In other states, the harvested items are transported with the help of 2 tiers truck at a lower cost of transportation which enable them to sell their products in the market at a cheaper rate. Many people make a profit out of Oil palm and I am grateful to our Minister for the achievement. In this connection, it will be appreciated if the department hired some experts to help us collecting the products with ideal process.

Regarding rice production, the amount increases after implementation of

NLUP as this year 13,478 metric tons. The Mizoram Agriculture Department had even received Krishi Karman Award during 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 consecutively which carries ₹25 lakhs cash prize. Besides, the area of WRC is extended with 5668 hectares. I thank the hon. Minister and the department officials for such a remarkable achievement as it will certainly encourage us for more productions.

In regard to Rural Development, the material component is taken up as a departmental work but we have no Supervisor to supervise the work. It would be appreciated if recruitment is made from the Civil. Also, most of the departments except the Rural Development accept the Village Advisory Committee which needs to be changed.

Pu Dy. Speaker, it seems that the Minister for Food, Civil Supplies has shown excessive favor to the people as distribution of rice under Food Security programme exceeded the limitation; I opine it is wise for the Govt. not to exceed the limitation in future. Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will take a break and discussion will be continued at 2:00 PM.

2:00 P.M

DEPUTY SPEAKER : 6 members had expressed their opinion in the morning and we will now continue with our discussion. Dr. K. Beichhua

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. Looking at our Demand No. 7, Excise & Narcotics, I am quite confused that there is ₹54 lakhs under Non-plan Head on Head of Accounts 13 of Office Expenses and ₹53.10 lakhs on others. Obviously requirement of funds will increase with the implementation of MLPC Act such as new vehicles and new equipments to strengthen the excise force. While this is the case, only ₹2 lakhs is allotted under the Head of Accounts 52 which is the same as 2013-2014 and 2014-2015. So, it would be difficult for the department to manage itself sufficiently with the needs to purchase new equipments for the Department.

Pu Dy. Speaker, I would also like to mention that our Excise personnel are

smart, prompt and is unlikely to make them sell liquors; I believe that their prestige and status also are an issue. So, it will be appreciated if new arrangements are made.

Moving on to Demand No.16, Home Department, only ₹8 lakhs is put under the Head of Accounts 41 while there is ₹10 lakhs on secret service expenditure under Head of Accounts 41 of Excise & Narcotics Department. The nature of works of these 2 departments cannot be the same whereas there are more police compared to the Excise. I also believe that the budget for secret service is limited and it is also wrong to put ₹970.82 lakhs on other charges of Head of Account.

In regard to Demand No. 31, Agriculture, ₹30,000 is kept under the Head of Account 51, motor vehicle of crop husbandry. This is quite limited even if it is only for POL or maintenance where as no amount is kept on Head of Account 52, Machinery & Equipment.

Moving on to Demand No.38, Rural Development, POL is shown under the Head of Accounts 24 but no budget is kept. It would be appreciated if this is reexamined.

There is also a Nil for POL, Head of Accounts 24 of Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs and ₹45,000 is also kept for motor vehicle of 51 Head Accounts which is useless for buying vehicles or for maintenance or POL. Also, only ₹1 lakh is kept for machinery equipment as well and I was wondering how we will manage ourselves.

The hon. Minister has tries his best in carrying out the programme of Food Security. While this is the case, the Order which has already been issued by the DCSO Saiha was altered following the demand the Mara District Congress Committee Headquarter. It would be appreciated if our Minister look into the case as it is of a serious matter.

Next is, Demand No. 42, Transport Department. Only ₹1.5 lakhs is kept for supplies and materials under the Head Account 21 and only ₹4 lakhs for machinery & equipments. It is known that Transport department is involved with many vehicles such as buses etc. and I believe they will not be able to manage themselves. Besides, the High Security plate which is necessitated by the Govt. is not attached to the Mizoram State Transport vehicles. May the concerned minister look into that matter

as well?

In regard to Demand No. 23, Tourism has been valuable revenue source in other states. So, it is important for us to formulate a new tourism policy for our development. Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu R.L. Pianmawia.

PU R.L. PIANMAWIA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. To start my speech with the Demand No.7, it is regretted that no one from my constituency is included in the recent recruitment of 25 police. It is, indeed frustrating for the concerned people. So, it would be highly appreciated if any from my constituency is recruited by the next opportunity. While this is the case, I would like to share my gratitude to the Home Department for giving us hope and for taking care of us.

Pu Dy. Speaker, I would also suggest the hon. Minister to give more attention towards maintenance of our Prison as the VIP rooms are quite unpleasant for accommodation. At the same time, the cells, prison beds and its go-down which now become old may be renovated.

Pu Dy. Speaker, expenditure of the secret service of Home Department is very limited and may be increased. We have heard that the Police are provided with bulletproof vehicles; may the same be provided to my constituency? At the same time, we also need a vehicle at Vaitin and Zohmun and old buildings repaired as the approach road to police camp need resurfacing especially of Vatin police Outpost. Looking at our budget, nothing is there for vehicle maintenance despite the unpaid debt of ₹124.6 lakhs at different workshops for vehicle repair. So, I request the hon. Minister to take a note of the problems within my constituency.

Regarding GPF of the Govt. servants, I opine more provisions should be made for it is needed anytime.

Various measures are taken on Agriculture and I feel appreciated. We all know how our Minister is truly concern for the wellbeing of our farmers; yet, may I request the hon. Minister not to forget my constituency in dealing with the upcoming development funds.

Demand No.38 concerns mainly of rural people but no budget provision is made for roofing of rural houses. Since my constituency is not covered by BADP, our hopes rely only on this department. Besides, we have the building of Community Hall which remains incomplete due to lack of funds provision under Social Education Head. Likewise, ₹15 lakhs being allotted for the construction BDO Office Darlawn had been diverted for other purpose. It would be much appreciated if priority is given to the problems I have mentioned.

I would like to express my gratitude to the hon. Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs and his department for their efficiency in reducing the price of rice by 50%. Regarding the go-downs, it is appreciative to see fund provision for the repair of Darlawn go-down. It was once repaired under BAFFACOS but it does not last long. Unless fund provision is made for construction of a new building, at least ₹3 lakhs may be sanctioned for the repair. Again, Grade IV quarters at Zohmun were damaged by fallen rocks; we immediately asked funds for the repair but in vain. So, may the concerned minister take this matter important?

Moving to Demand No.43, we have a fine Tourism building at Darlawn but the approach road needs black-topping. I request our Minister to work on this as I support this Budget. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalrinliana Sailo.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. To start my speech with Demand No. 31, Agriculture, we have been making a lot of progresses through our Minister and the Officials. During 2012-2013, WRC covered 12,137 hectares of land and 13,259 hectares in 2013-2014. The area of cultivated land under MI in the previous year was 2,294 hectares and was increased to 2,361 hectares. It indicates quite a progress has been made through NLUP i.e. by 16,866 hectares.

I am also grateful to the Govt. for being a blessing to the villagers and farmers and also for providing several materials for cultivations. In this connection, may I suggest the hon. Minister that the economy of Sialhawk could be developed if the road to Lungpum is resurfaced?

There is a criticism on the report that 45,900 hectares of land being covered by WRC. Pu Chairman, I am afraid there is a difference in the record of Statistics

Handbook and of the Department.

Next is the Demand No.16, Home Department. I believe our Home Minister takes good care of the Department and I am grateful for that. I am concern about IPC Section 411 which states, “Dishonestly receiving stolen property who serve dishonestly received or retain any stolen property, knowing or having a reason to believe the same to be the stolen property, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to 3 years or with a fine or with bond”. I believe this will surely decrease robbery. Apart from this, there are less Traffic police on Saturdays and it would be appreciated if they are more active in their services.

Moving on to Demand No. 42, Transport Department, we have been making progresses in this Department but many a time a flight is being cancelled and so would be appreciated if Aizawl - Kolkata direct bus is carried out like Tripura - Kolkata and Bangladesh to resolve the problem alternately and this will further help our economy. We should also be more concern about fitness of any vehicle. Our Enforcements are doing a great job but it would be more appreciated if more thoughts are given to this. Also, our drivers need to be given more lessons on manners and etiquettes before they are given licenses. It will also be appreciated if the business allocation on Inland Waterway is improved.

Next is the Tourism Department. Our Minister is fit to determine tourists' attraction. We may get a lesson from Vietnam which is among the countries with the fastest economy growth in the world with the help of 5 million European Tourists visiting their country. While determining development of tourism in our state, I suggest measures may also be taken at Khawzawl, the headquarters of my constituency for we have many places to promote tourism. It may as well be appreciated if the lake at Khawhai is decorated to supplement 500 Nos. banyan trees being planted in the surrounding areas with the idea of tourism attraction. Thank you, Pu Chairman.

SPEAKER : Dr. Ngurdingliana.

Dr. NGURDINGLIANA : Thank you, Pu Chairman. To start with Demand of Excise & Narcotics Department, the hon. Minister is requested to clarify the amount of revenue being submitted to the Government and number of penalty being

given since MLPC Act. I opine the government should give credit to Excise Deptt. for the Govt. servants are able to draw their salary on regular basis with the help of sufficient amount of revenue coming from Excise.

Moving to Demand No.16, Home Department, the hon. Minister is requested to carefully look after his department and if possible, more vehicles may be provided for patrolling. It would also be appreciated if the works on Sainik School is expedited and is equipped with better materials.

Next is, Demand No.30, Agriculture Department. The hon. Minister and Department Director are highly appreciated for taking extra measures on Agriculture such as construction of agriculture link roads within my constituency. We have a vast area of Agriculture at Phullen and 12 villages being covered by the department. It is, therefore requested to upgrade Phullen to a sub-Division.

Moving to Demand No.38, I express my gratitude to the Govt. for providing us with several projects from DRDA. At the same time, on Demand No. 17, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, the hon. Minister is again requested to determine construction of go-down and staff-quarter at Phullen and Suangpuilawn.

Transport Department, Demand 42, the hon. Minister is requested to arrange training to our drivers of driving etiquette/manners which I think is much necessary. He is further requested to arrange MST Bus service plying up to Khawlian.

Coming now to Demand No. 12, Tourism, the hon. Minister had mentioned last year that the project of trekking route on Chalfih Tlang remain incomplete due to the delay of the 2nd installment from the Central Govt. It will be appreciated if our Minister looks into this matter. If I am not mistaken, there is a proposal to privatize 15 Tourist Lodges in various places including Khanpui. A tender has been floated for Khanpui but no result is seen till today. The hon. Minister is therefore requested to give importance to this matter.

SPEAKER : Pi Vanlalawmpuii Chawngthu.

PI VANLALAWMPUII CHAWNGTHU: Thank you, Pu Speaker. To start with Demand No. 7, Excise & Narcotics Department, I believe MLPC Act reduces improper drunk and I really support this Act. I suggest that more constables are

recruited to enforce this Act more effectively and the fund allocation to this department also is increased.

I am also grateful that Home Department is planning to recruit more City Polices. I am also grateful that the Department seized drugs every week, if not every day which shows efficiency of our Police. Their services are highly regarded for being able to capture murderers and insurgents on time.

Apart from this, it would also be appreciative if our Police Outposts at Sailulak and Lungkawlh are well equipped since they are located at international border. It is learned that several Police Outposts are facing problems on POL which may be a taken care of; I opine sensitive areas like these need to be given more preferences. I find the Traffic Police to be smart and respectable including the Police women and such conducts shows efficiency of the department itself.

Moving to Agriculture Department, I would like to mention that the wellbeing of our farmers truly indicates efficiency of the Govt. in dealing with Agriculture and i appreciate for that.

Regarding Demand No. 38, Rural Development Department, I express my appreciation to the Department for implementing BADP in my constituency where almost all villages have its own developments such Community Halls, Schools and Roads. It would be highly appreciated if the allocation fund is increased.

Coming now to Demand No.17, it is much impressive that the Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department is now able to provide a regular supply unlike the past when people used to get in line till sunset waiting for their turns. This improvement truly indicates efficiency of the Supply Minister where as my Constituency has never experienced shortage of supply of rice nowadays and I am thankful for that.

Regarding Transport, Demand No. 42, I am grateful to learn that Transport Department is progressing by making huge amount of income.

Moving to Demand No. 43, we have a plot of land at Khawlailung being excavated for Tourist Lodge but the work is now on halt. I earnestly request the hon. Minister to expedite the work so that the building is constructed immediately.

As I express support to the Demands of our Ministers, I request each of the members for the same to improve our economy. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalthanliana.

PU LALTHANLIANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Let me start with Demand No.7, Excise & Narcotics Department regarding 'Mizoram Liquor Prohibition & Control Act, 2014'.

Within my constituency, Wine Store permission is issued in one locality despite the protest from the majority. I think it is important for the government to reexamine the case.

In regard to Home Department, I find the hon. Chief Minister as well as the Home Minister are praiseworthy for their courageous words of comfort to the people of Zokhawthiang in times of distress. Apart from this, it is quite impressive that the injured were well-attended; a courageous and timely action of our PSOs in the encounter was highly regarded; I praise them for their dedications. Last year, we had ₹242.70 lakhs only on OC of the Financial Head but is now increased at ₹1213.12 lakhs; I wonder how and where such a huge amount will be spent.

Next is the Agriculture Department. We now have an advanced Oil Palm machinery of high capacity installed at a convenient place in the western part of Kolasib. With that, we have a potential to increase the production if concerned growers are supported with incentives or price supports. At the same time, we should also determine development of productions of gingers, turmeric etc.

Last year, large amount of profit were made from gingers production at Khanpui owing to the supports from the Govt. If that is the case, I opine there is a potential for improvement of the production of chilli peppers with incentives and price supports being provided like other productions.

Regarding the Food Security Act of Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, there is a plan to cover 81.88% of the TPDS beneficiaries of rural people and 46.60% of urban. It means that around 3 lakhs people will not be covered by the scheme whereas our population is 7,60,000 approximately. Anyway, this excellent programme initiated by the hon. Minister truly deserved appreciation. While this is

the case, I have no idea as for what purposes this huge allocated provision of ₹17,833.10 lakhs on Supplies & Materials will be utilized. (**SPEAKER** : You have spent 10 minutes)

In compare to funds allocation on POL of other departments, Transport Department seems to have less sufficient amount and I wonder if numbers of vehicle under Transport Department is suddenly decreased or it is because the department is being neglected. It is unbecoming to learn that the budget estimate of Transport department during 2015-2016 is ₹120 lakhs only whereas in the past like 2014-2015 and 2013-2014, it was ₹128.33 lakhs and ₹160.46 respectively. I opine it is wise initiatives of Transport Department to issue permit for taxi, maxi-cab and bus permits; and, much as well, proposal on parking areas. Earlier, each department collected a parking fee inside their office compounds as I was also once charged a parking fee at a private hospital.

Moving to Tourism Department, we have a proposal for privatization of our Tourists' Lodges as a tender has already been floated; we received 11 bidders out of which 5 or 6 were given. Pu Speaker, my question is, why is such contract re-tendered and if it is right to fix ₹15,000 as the upper ceiling. I support this budget and I thank to you, hon. Speaker.

SPEAKER : Pu R. Vanlalvena.

PU R. VANLALVENA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. As I received information from the official for sitting of the Selection Committee on Food & Security, I submitted my proposal to DCSO with my letter head notepad. Unfortunately, the DCSO did not receive my letter as it was delivered to the leaders of Local Council as our confusions started from that point; I just want to clarify the fact.

I would like to start with Excise Department. Liquor is under control and I believe the Govt. sells liquors to prevent consumption of liquors of poor quality. Our state and the youngsters start to make improvement in excess of liquor in our surroundings and I find our Rules to be excellent. The Excise Department caught any public drunk and let them do community services; I really support the idea. To strengthen the excise services, I suggest breathe analyzer is regularly used.

Regarding the Home Department, the intensive steps taken by the department

transforms our city into a peaceful state and I truly appreciate the initiative of the hon. Minister to achieve this. While this is the case, I have found funds allocated for Secret Service as quite limited though the duty is essential as telephone bills of the officials are bound to be high. I therefore suggest increasing this funds allocation.

Moving to Agriculture Department, it is truly appreciative that our farmers are now able to get Power tillers on subsidized rate with the initiative of the hon. Minister.

I find the works of our Minister for Food & Civil Supply very impressive and he is very committed to his works. We all know the system of our ration card is corrupted for long but now is digitized to evade such practices thanks to the initiative of the hon. Minister. This newly introduced system is now deleting any duplicate entry in ration cards which is quite impressive. Not only this, we are now having a sufficient amount of food supply and I am grateful for that.

Next is Demand No. 42, Transport Department. I believe large sum of revenue is made from the collection of taxes at Vairengte Check Gate. Apart from this, I opine it is necessary for concerned authority to investigate if there is any Govt. servant having the permit of taxi, bus or auto-rickshaw which is illegal whereas there many who are living without appropriate income and are in need of such permits to earn their livelihoods.

Moving to Demand No. 43, Tourism Department, it is appreciating that Tourist lodges are proposed for privatization. I suggest the department to determine some other places which may be established as tourists' attraction.

I support the Demands of the hon. Ministers, Pu R. Lalzirliana and Pu Pu John Rotluangaliana to be passed by the House. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, I would like to start with Demand No.7, Excise & Narcotics Department. Considering numbers of life it cost, I opine selling of liquors is worthless where as large portion of our economy is flowing out for the benefit of the neighboring or other states. However, it may be noted that it is not Excise Department that formulate the Rules, but we, the members. As such, we

should be extremely careful with the implementation. Despite issue of Liquor cards with some restrictions, many are available from some illegal vendors; it is completely wrong. I suggest the hon. Minister to look into this matter. Besides, I opine it is wrong for the department to claim that its dealing of work is not questionable through RTI Act. Regarding fund allocation to the department, I find it is quite limited and our Police/Excise forces are not well-equipped. If some are detailed to serve at the Warehouses on daily basis, we need to strengthen the department with more man-powers.

Next is the Demand No.16, Home Department. We need to put more efforts on Law & Order. The City Surveillance Project has now been introduced but we lack funds to supervise the works. Regarding the funds allocation, it is regretted that the non-plan and plan salary, comparing to last year is not increased.

Regarding Prison, despite a well-established Jail building in various districts, they hardly serve the purpose where as the Central Jail and few others are now becoming congested. It would be much appreciated if such fully constructed District jails are well equipped in order to resolve the problem in accommodating the inmates.

Despite our pride of having a peaceful state, we have number of insurgents. It is impressive that our police captured illegal foreign intruder yet, we still need to put more efforts. It doing so, it is necessary for the Govt. to provide more incentives or awards for the benefit of our Police/Excise personnel. On the 13th April, 2010, our Home Minister stated that the 13th Finance Commission has sanctioned ₹216 lakhs for renovating Lunglei Police Station but no step has yet been taken. It will be appreciated if the project is expedited. Pu Speaker, I would also like to point out that it is unbecoming for the Police to hire a private vehicle to escort our MLA on tour as it is done last time. Since only 2 vehicles are available for the said, more may be provided with immediate effect.

Today, we have the Resolution of Repatriation of Tuikuk in line at Ballot No. 5. Pu Speaker, I opine those who hesitate to come back should be omitted from Mizoram Electoral Roll and they should accept their genuine place of the Electoral Roll.

Our state depends mainly on Agriculture as so we regarded NLUP as our Flagship Programme. In dealing with the project, it is wise for the concerned authority

to have a proof of pictures of piglet in different positions shown by the member from Lawngtlai Constituency. It is absolutely wrong and ridiculous if we try to make a profit out of such pictures of piglets with different positions.

According to the Economic Survey, 2104-2015, we have 74,644 hectares of WRC Potential area out of which 15,620 hectare is used for rice cultivation. If so, we have only 20.93% remaining and we need to put more efforts for our development.

Regarding the Starred Question which concern 100 days work, it is necessary for the Govt. to immediately provide the remaining not less than 400 days work. In doing so, it may be wise if a separate sanction is made for the remaining works as daily wages are very rare. Besides, the material component in any department is found to be wrong and so is necessary to reexamine the process meticulously.

It is necessary for Rural Development Department to take necessary measures in any Model Village adopted by each MLA. We need an extreme measure to develop such Model Villages.

Moving to Demand No.17, Food, Civil Supply & Consumer Affairs, we know that we should start operating NSF; it seems that there are some problems in the Village Level Selection Committee and it would be appreciated if our Minister gives importance to this. Some may say we have sufficient stock of rice; but it is regretted to inform the House that Thenhlum go-down is empty due to damage roads where as the people of Changpui too are graving for rice supply.

Regarding Transport Department, we will be able to accommodate parking lot for rural maxi-cab at Chaltlang as soon as the Directorate office is shifted to the new building.

Regarding Tourism, we celebrated an excitable Anthurium Festival just yesterday but we had a sad ending as some have lost their life in an accident on their way home from the event. Thus, it may be important for concerned authority to take preventive measure in the future celebration. We also need to take intensive measure on MTDA to equip Tourism Industry. Pu Speaker, I often wonder what should be the reason for retendering the tender which has already been floated for privatization of our Tourist' Lodges. It is expected that Vanzau Tourist Centre at Chalfilhtlang will soon be inaugurated and it is exciting to learn that the spot had more than 5,01,901

visitors last year. The Tourism Industry is obviously a huge income source for Hill Stations and we need to pay more attention in this regard. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Sangkunga.

PU T. SANGKUNGA : Pu Speaker, thank you for giving me the time. First, I would like to discuss about Demand No. 17, Food & Civil Supplies. I think the minister is praiseworthy for fulfilling his duty. Despite our weather condition, the people are well provided in food grains and we are able to get rice supply since introduction of the food security on subsidized rate. Apart from this, it is appreciated that our main Supply do-down had been improved to keep away rodents as most of the go-downs are now fully stocked.

On Transport Department, I truly appreciate the improvement. For many years, the bus services which were maintained at a loss has been improved by rearranging the routes as it is now allotted to the routes plying to remote areas only. As such revenue of the department is improving with improvement of passengers' bus services.

On Tourism Department, our state has a matching share of 10% in most of the projects under Tourism department. However, we are able to nullify our share. Most of the Tourist' lodges in our state had been abandoned for lack of customers. The main reason seems to be of excessive rate of lodging. So, I request the hon. Minister to review the case.

On Rural Development, projects such as NLCPR, DoNER, World Bank, and Asian Bank for the people on the eastern side are known in names only. Yet, we are thankful that the hon. Minister has covered us with BADP. While this is the case, it is regretted that assistance grants given to the victim of natural calamities is out of reach for us. I request the Finance and Planning Department to take note of our problem.

On Demand No.16, Home Department, we are fortunate to have an able House Leader who unites us all and an efficient Home Minister who is also known as a great statesman and this remind of Shri Sardar Valabhai Patel and Nehru who were respectively the Home Minister and the Prime Minister of India. With their efforts, the status of our Police has changed immensely. It is worth mentioning that these two leaders always maintain amiable personality comparing to other leaders in the

previous years.

On Demand No. 31 Agriculture Department, it is grateful to learn that with implementation of NLUP, the practice of jhum cultivation in our states decreases to 50.81% as our rice production increases to 9.56% which truly is noteworthy. Besides, our production on food grains increases to 50.61% just within 5 years thanks to introduction of wet rice cultivation and NLUP which further indicates the entire area of cultivation will transform into wet rice cultivation within another five years. It is often stated that the reason of Punjab being a successful state in cultivation is due to power tiller. Keeping in mind of this, the department of Agriculture provides 1300 Nos. large size Power Tillers and 460 Nos. mini-size tillers within 5 years. At the same time, it may be noted that NLUP is not provided from plan fund, I propagate this during my tenure as a Secretary also. I once attended the entire Apex meeting and the report of the meeting indicates NLUP is not provided from the plan fund, but of SCA and ACA. Apart from this, it may be noted that NLUP further helps increase of our fund contribution to Churches.

Again, Pu Speaker, I would like to state that RKVY is the bonus we received from NLUP. If I am not wrong, we received more than ₹400 crore under Agriculture and the department distribute oil palm sprout of 33,79,000 Nos. to 10,843 beneficiaries as rarely done to some families to start their livings for oil palm is proved to be healthy and also gives out oxygen.

On Demand No. 7, Excise, I would like to point out that those we claimed to have been died of alcohol are those who started to drink long before introduction of the MLPC Act. If MLPC was introduced before, I think that the life of such persons wouldn't have been shortened for consumption of only good quality alcohol. So, Pu Speaker, I am thankful for the MLPC and I give my support to the Demands of our two Ministers. Thank you.

SPEAKER : It is almost 4:00 pm and we should try to finish it on time. Now, let us call upon Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Yesterday, our Deputy Speaker said that we may proceed with our discussion even in the absence of the officials from concerned department. So, I stand here with ease to participate in the discussion.

I will go first to Demand No. 31, Agriculture. I praise the work done by the department for the progress of wet rice cultivation. It is great to learn the increase of wet rice cultivation by 5,668 hectares contrary to the decrease of jhum cultivation by 20,000 hectares. During 2014-2015, the department provided 410 Nos. Power tillers and 28 Nos. mini-Power Tillers. Champhai district is regarded as the biggest wet rice cultivation area but no place is made available for animal grazing ground which results in cattle death apart from plague. This factor indicates the role of Tractor and Power Tiller in my constituency. We are much thankful to the concerned Minister yet, our need for more of such machineries may be noted as well.

Despite a vast plain for cultivation in my constituency, our main problem is lack of link road. Since many areas could not be approached, we are compelled to exploit horses for transportation. I request the hon. Minister to note down this problem and see that there is hardly any link road worth mentioning within my constituency considering the total distance of link road we have in Mizoram, i.e. 600 kms. Regarding proposal for setting up of tractor hiring centre, it is the need of most of the village on the eastern side but we cannot voice out in the absence of link road. Thus, land development is our first priority since we still have more than 10 ravines to develop. At the same time, we have our roads occasionally damaged by heavy rainfall and landslide. Is there a way to alleviate the problem from Agriculture?

On Home Department, I would like to point out that the three Ministers' Bungalows constructed in the previous ministry are now congested with the approach road quite narrow. Hence, there is a proposal to construct another near Khatla church. So, may the hon. Minister verify the approach road on the spot which is found to be quite congested so that it is widened before the plan is started? Regarding POL, it appears that my District headquarters does not receive enough oil; whenever we were on tour, we were being left unaccompanied due to lack of oil. I request this problem to be noted by the concerned minister.

My district, as known to us is fenced by Manipur and Burma in the east and we are so pervaded by illegal trades like growing ganja, smuggling of drugs and weapons etc. So, we need a Police Outpost at Vaikhawtlang or Selam to drive back illegal traders. At the same time, I opine it is necessary to renovate Police buildings which were constructed back in 1956-1958 as it is, in a way degrading the status of our government.

Pu Speaker, we contribute a plot of land to the Govt. for Champhai Jail which is now becoming old and quite congested; I hope that initiative is immediately taken. Likewise, it may be noted by all departments concern that my constituency is welcoming any kind of development from the government for we are saving a vast area of land at Zote and Hmunhmeltha to give away for that purpose.

Coming now to Demand No. 7, Excise, some opposition members claims that the Congress Bhawan list as being made even before the final selection for recruitment of 25 Nos. Excise Constables. I supposed that kind of opinion originated from the common practice of the MNF ministry commonly known as 'Hnamrun list' and I have here the document proof of such practice. Fortunately, we now haven't faced any problem in the selection for it is done fair and well.

Lastly, regarding the selling of liquor in which we all seems to be interested. It was the MNF who started first in Mizoram; they are the one who introduced it in our State... (..Interruption..)

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, that is not true, it can be proved from our Rules that the Resolution had already been started even before MNF returned.

PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, the Act itself was of prohibition already.

PU LALRUATKIMA : I do not believe MNF is the responsible party for introduction of this resolution. So, Pu Speaker, it is wise not to include the allegation of my fellow member in the House record.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, it would be appreciated if the members stated only a fact in the House. We all seem to know which party formed the Ministry during 1984-1985; it was at that time the resolution was introduced. It was initiated during the interim Govt. of Congress Ministry and I too was in congress party when permission was given; the upcoming members may not know the fact.

PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, in the latter part of the MNF ministry, selling liquor was inclined by the government also but it had not been pursued for fear of criticism. If that is the case, I opine it should be abolished

immediately for it is highly rejected by the society and our churches as well.

Regarding the distribution of iron sheet roofing, it is highly needed in my constituency especially for those living in the border areas. It will be much appreciated if the programme is continued. Regarding Transport department, I am glad that we have a highly praised minister for his strong will and efficiency to his work and, I support all the Demands of our two Ministers. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Vanlalzawma.

PU VANLALZAWMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I appreciate that the member from Champhai North included my constituency as well but I would like to repeat in the presence of our Home Minister and the Police Officials that this road indeed need extension; I think the hon. Deputy Speaker who sit beside me agrees the same.

Coming to the needs of other members' constituency, I visited sub-jail of Vairengte last month, the construction work which is almost completed. I opine we should put the case of Vairengte exceptional as it is located in the border area. It is often a problem for concerned officials that any legal case need to be brought to Kolasib for the jail at Vairengte had already been abandoned. As such, I request the hon. Home Minister to put this jail in function once again.

My fellow member claims that certain Police battalions as being deployed to sell liquor. I asked myself that if it is a fact, would it be appropriate conduct for the concerned authority. Even if license is issued to certain corporations to resolve financial problem, it is absolutely wrong to involve our Police in such case. Regarding Traffic Police as pointed out by our Lady member, I opine they are too lenient in enforcing traffic rules. Many a time, I have witnesses some traffic polices who are dealing with a dangerous driving case with compassionate act which I think should be improved. It is learned from the news that the Nagaland traffic police are coming to study traffic management at Aizawl and I truly appreciate the motive. At the same time, I request the concerned Minister to see traffic problem particularly on Saturday allegedly due to less staff detailed on such say.

Coming now to Transport which I think is a related topic, I wonder if the two wheelers drivers are given proper instruction on issuing driving license as they

generally are the ones in a hurry and often caused traffic problem. If not, it may be wise for the department to give to all drivers concern some sorts of training. At the same time, let me point out that Baktawng, which has also been selected as a Model Village is having a problem with public transport as a few maxi-cabs are the only means to carry their agricultural products and the locally made furniture to Aizawl. Is there a way alleviate their problems from Transport Department by subsidizing their bus fare?

On Pollution Control, which I think is also related to Transport, checking of any vehicle is an instruction from the central with a view to purify our environment which is being polluted by oil fumes. It is certainly an important measure, yet, it is possible for the concerned authority to simplify the process affecting our state. For Aizawl in particular, I opine it is enough to conduct such checking twice a week as the problem is not that intensive as in the Capital, New Delhi. We may seize any vehicle which produces excessive fumes by posting line checkers at several traffic junctions.

Home is a department which is highly praised by many of us. India, being a democratic country, we have been frequented by various elections. While this is the case, we have many villages in which Village Council election cannot be conducted due to some insurgent groups. Likewise, we have faced this kind of incident for a long period during the previous ministry. It is wrong to lay the blame on some others, but it degrades our status immensely. If I am not wrong, any election was conducted smoothly and on regular basis during the time of insurgency.

I want to say a few words on Excise. When MLPC Bill was introduced in our state, Kerala who had sold liquor for generations introduced the Total Prohibition at the same time. I was informed by some of their ministers that despite the increasing revenues from selling liquor amounting more than 7000 crore, the expenditure of their Govt. on liquor related medical bill exceeded which compelled them to introduce total prohibition. It is, therefore important for us to know that any good thing has its negative effect which is very costly for some. To conclude my speech here, I thank the hon. Speaker for giving me time.

SPEAKER : To conclude our discussion, I call upon the hon. Minister, Pu R. Lalziriana to wind up the discussion and also beg the House to pass his Demands.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I am glad today, for the opportunity to discuss our demands. I am thankful that 17 members have enthusiastically participated in the discussion of my demands by pointing out our shortage of funds. The opposition members have shown a mature conduct in their participations with zealously for some departments. Meanwhile, Pu Speaker, there are many things to note down from the discussion and I supposed the department official attending today have done the work for further actions.

First, I will go to Rural Development Department. It is a fact that job card holding workers have been unpaid for 9 to 10 months yet, they will soon be paid without any credit as the Finance Department has released MGNREGA fund provisions of ₹400 lakh for wages of the such laborers. Since no fund is left to our account for such payment, we are fortunate to receive it from the Central Government. As seen in our budget, ₹3,835 lakh is allocated under IWMP and ₹8740 lakh for the annual action plan. It appears no fund being allotted under SMS but it may be noted that it is of a centrally sponsored like IRDP of the past programme. However, our Finance and Planning Department are well aware of the fact and does not need be pointed out.

As shown here, ₹22,462 is earmarked for MGNREGS for the year 2015-2016 and out of this funds provision, ₹13,903 is released and we need to manage ourselves with this. Besides, the funds which had already been released and the remaining will be put under SMS. In IAY, 908 lakh is spent from last year's central share and is earmarked. From this, 453.838 lakh is released with State share of 50 lakh.

Under Rural Development, we have many works such as Mini Sport Complex of E. Lungdar, the Central retained 435 lakh for this year and we hope to start it as soon as the fund is released from the Central. Besides, for Vairengte Market, ₹139 lakh out of the total of ₹388 lakh has also been released; we hand over the work to PWD and tender has been floated already, I think the work is started already. Under DRDA many work is done as it concern rural areas as many depends on it. Under SIRD, construction of a Complex at Durtlang is almost finished. Almost all the fund of SIRD are of centrally sponsored and we also put ₹25 lakh in our budget.

Under the Administration of Rural Development Programme (ARDP), we have ₹110 lakh in the budget 2015-2016 and ₹70.646 lakh is set aside for direction and administration. There are various projects having different names; and for block

level administration, ₹2, 25, 59,000 lakh is allotted. Under Backward Region Grant Fund (BRGF), ₹2439.99 lakh is released for Lawngtlai and Saiha District. Though ₹2,812 lakh is seen here in our budget, it may not be granted as it concern some delinked schemes of the central. Apart from this, we have an estimate amount of ₹446.6 lakh for plantation of Aloe vera at Baktawng and Chhanchhuahna Khawpui of Darlawn R.D. Block. At present, about 40% of the work is completed as ₹17, 78,000 lakh is set aside for this project.

On Agriculture Department, we undertake 15,620 hectares of WRC during 2014-2015. So far, we have achieved in 1246 hectares out of the total area of 16,866 hectares of WRC cultivation. At the same time, NLUP has immensely reduced the practice of Jhum cultivation. While this is the case, our production of rice increases with the help of instruction given to the farmers like application of fertilizers. During 2014-2015, our production is 60,679 metric tons while in 2013-2014 it was 58994 metric tons thanks to the efforts of the farmers and NLUP implemented by the Govt. As already mentioned, oil palm cultivation which was started under the MNF ministry is now in progress as our harvest up to 2015 reaches 6,981 metric tons and is sold at the rate of ₹5.50 per kg the total amounting to ₹347 lakh or more. Our hon. Chief Minister has opened Oil Palm Mill at Kolasib, the first mill in the Northeast India.

We also make an immense progress under RKVY as other States also witnesses our achievement. Our budget under this programme increases as it is now ₹435.825 crore, we are the second largest beneficiary in the northeast. This is the result of the efforts of the department. Under RKVY, 30 kms of Agriculture Link Road is constructed and 374.55 hectares of rice field. As already mentioned, Custom Hiring Centre is set up at 40 places from which Tractors, Power Tillers and other plough machines are exploited for free and I am glad that it is greatly benefited by the cultivators. We are planning to continue with this system as manual laboring is too exhausting. This year alone, we distribute 72 Nos. mini power tillers, 500 Nos. powered wider cutters and 320 Nos. sugarcane plates. Apart from this, 22 Nos. tractor fit-in motivators, 739 water pumps and 1880 sprayers are given to the individuals.

Under the Central Scheme such as RKVY and MFSM, there is a programme known as SIR which concern improvement of cultivation method and the knowledge of the farmers. Under RKVY and SMAM, there is a plan for improvement of Custom Hiring Centre in which we will again provide power tiller, water pump and Tractor sets. We are unable to provide Tractor to an individual, yet, it will be given on

subsidy. We also have a plan to improve our beans productions under NFSM and a target of 4,970 hectares for cultivation of oil palm. In addition, the Central Government released ₹19.39 crore out of ₹39.78 crore under RKVY. Under the National Mission Oil Seed and Oil Palm, we have ₹2,550 lakh plan of the central with ₹454 lakh to be issued at the first installment. Again, ₹600 lakh is planned for rain fed area under National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) with ₹150 lakh as the first installment.

Under National Food Security Mission, ₹365.50 lakh is proposed for Mizoram and the Central Government released ₹153.25 lakh. Besides, we have two schemes under National Mission for Agriculture Extension and Technology; we are now running Sub-Mission on Agriculture Mechanization (SMAM) and Sub-Mission on Agriculture Extension (SAME). Under SMAM, the Central has fully released its matching share of ₹203 lakh where as under SAME, we proposed ₹386.96 lakh.

Most of the members praise the Home Department while stressing that fund provision less sufficient. It is true to some extends; however, we have never been objected by the central government for the demands which may be made from centrally sponsored scheme.

Under Home Department, we have numbers of vacant post for improvement of several Battalions such as 566 posts of MRP and Inspector and, 1401 posts in Armed Branch. However, it cannot be done as yet due to financial problem.

We are fortunate not to face law & order problem within this year despite the fact that murder and kidnap cases are bound to happen anytime. We are giving our best effort to maintain the situation as a mission to rescue any kidnapped and to seize the murderers. As pointed out by the Opposition group leader, there are 31 villages in which Village Council election cannot be conducted. In that case, one must agree the fact that it is difficult to deal with it when the voters refused to cast their votes.

We regret the incident of Kani in which 3 members of the Committee on Government Assurances were involved. They were ambushed near Kani/Zokhawthiang by the insurgents as some of them were apprehended and the ring leader being shot to death by our police forces in the operation. It is indeed praiseworthy that our police forces have rendered courageous efforts in the encounter. In relation to this, it may be noted that our Police seized numbers of arms and

ammunition during last year.

As pointed out by the members, we have now introduced CCTV facility where as, CCTNS is in process. In this connection, we are happy to learn that the National Crime Record Bureau announced Mizoram as of the most progress state in Crime Investigation. Aizawl City Surveillance Project is divided into 2 or 3 parts; we received 397.5 lakhs during 2013-2015. In order to strengthen crime investigation, the first phase of the control room was inaugurated in 25.5.2015. Apart from this, we are planning to pursue other projects which are deemed important for maintenance of law & order.

The IR Bn. which is being deployed in the Assam since 2012 remains at the same place and it is fortunate to learn that problem relating to insurgent activity has never been encountered. In this regard, it may be noted that the IR Bn. is of the central and can be deployed anywhere within the country. As already mentioned, it is true that we have numbers of vacant posts as many of them received promotion. Within this year alone, 851 Nos. have received their promotions and we are happy for them. Recently, 10 MPS Junior Grades have been recruited and 10 Nos. male and female for Delhi Police. Last year, 2 Police Officers were awarded the President Police Medal for Distinguished Service, Police Medal for Meritorious Service to 6 Police Officers and Governor's Gold medal to 2 Police Officers.

Despite the Protection of Children from Sexual Offence Act, 2012, the case of sexual abused to children remains in our state as we now have 198 cases out of which 192 cases are under trial, 4 convicted and 2 were released due to inconclusive evident.

Most of the members participated in the discussion of the budget situation of Home Department. And, to add few points, I would like to point out that our budget for 10 years is hardly changed. In fact, it is difficult to maintain law & order situation with this unchanging amount of the budget allotted to Home. While this is the case, our travelling expense for this year is cut down to 254 lakh while in 2010-2011 it was 634 lakh. Likewise, in 2010-2011, ₹250 lakh was allotted for maintenance of Motor vehicle (MV); and after four years, we received only 350 lakh for the same. In fact, it is difficult to maintain our vehicles and POL. Since ₹124.6 lakh of the workshop bill remain unpaid, it is difficult for the department to bring our vehicles to some workshops for repair. To supplement the problem, funds we used to get from MPF, Finance Commission and NLCPR are now difficult to obtain. While this is the case,

plan for setting up of the 3rd IR Bn. at Thingkah is initiated but could not be continued due to rainy season.

Under the Finance Commission, we have constructed 63 houses. As of Police quarters at Champhai, I know the condition but nothing can be done as yet due to lack of funds. Regarding problems of the people in HPC 'D' area, I have made an approach to our leaders for funds for construction of their houses, but till today, nothing can be done. I truly respect the request for they are of much helpful in maintaining law & order. Under MPF, 13 houses are constructed but for the year 2015-2016, no fund is put for Civil Works under MPF Scheme. Also, fund we used to receive for police housing under the Finance Commission has stopped and so could not be included in our budget.

The Home Department, being the nodal department for Infrastructure Development of Minority Institute, we now have ₹1,442 lakh for reconstruction of 57 Private Schools. The Central Government, under HRD programme released 1,011 lakh and with this sanction, construction of 26 schools is completed and the rest 31 in the process.

Regarding Forensic Science Laboratory, I am proud to say that my party has fulfilled our Manifesto of 2008 with bifurcation the department from the Police. Though it is not a big department, the department's website, as determined by the Digital India Week is one of the best among the 114 Nos. of websites under the Govt. of Mizoram. It may as well be noted that the recently acquired DNA equipment is a machine which examines cases and produce evidence which is of much helpful in tracing out any culprit. Within this year, there is a plan to inaugurate DNA Laboratory which will require not less than 20 lakh; I request the hon. Finance Minister to take note of this. So far, more than 5500 fingerprints are computerized in the Laboratory. As today, we are using forensic science in dealing with any case.

On Fire & Emergency Services Department, our progress right now is quite slow. From Disaster Management Division, under the Ministry of Home Affairs, we received 200 lakh which may be utilized for purchase of advanced Rescue Tender – 3 Nos., Educational Van – 2 Nos. and Wireless Communication Equipments – 20 Nos. In order to immediately reach the site of the outbreak of fire, we now have vehicles including Bike and HMV as we are now able to response any fire on time. Though the Fisheries and AH & Veterinary Department gives us land for fire station, the PWD

considered the location not to be safe enough and so we utilized the fund for other purpose.

As we already heard, under Sainik Welfare Resettlement Department, we have a plan for construction of Sainik School building at Chhingchhip at the cost of 100.64 crore. From NLCPR and DoNER, we received ₹3,373.35 lakh which has already been handed over to the assigned contractor's Agency, the Hindustan Private Limited, New Delhi. Under the 13th Finance Commission, we received ₹2,500 lakh which also has been handed over to the Contractor. However, the work progress is minimal considering the fund allotted. The additional fund of ₹893.66 lakh is also expected from DoNER and NLCPR and another ₹2,000 lakh from the Finance Commission.

To add a few points, 586 volunteers for the Mizoram Home Guard are now at their respective place of duty at 80 places and we received ₹93,53,566/- in favor of them. And, I am proud to mention that two of our volunteers namely, Hav. Thangmawia and Sergeant Lalzidinga are awarded medal of the Defense Meritorious Service. Training has also been given to Excise Department, Prison Department, Transport Department and Forest Department at CTI on a scheduled time.

On Prison Department, we finished construction of Jail in Serchhip and Mamit by recruiting staffs but such buildings cannot be inaugurated as yet due to few unfinished works. As pointed out by the members, construction of sub-jail at Vairengte also is under-consideration.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO: Pu Speaker, before the hon. Minister goes to another demand, I would like to stress the need to alleviate traffic problem on Saturday, as stated by some members as well. Despite the efforts of traffic duty, I opine it is important to examine the case more carefully for the problem remains. Thank you.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, our Traffic staffs are working hard enough throughout the week and they also need to relax at least on weekends for it is the office holiday. Anyway, we will look into the matter with the help of our Police Officials who witnesses our discussion.

Excise & Narcotics Department, despite a small department is popularly known for its functions. The staff strength is only 509 excluding the newly 25

recruited and is divided into 6 Districts. Since Lawngtlai district is not covered by the PLCP Act we have not place the department but if it is insisted to enforce the MLPC Act in the area, we may provide it with the office and staff.

Regarding the claim that Police as selling liquors, we may reexamine the case. Though the centrally sponsored military forces such as the Assam Rifles, Pioneer and CRPF have liquor license, it is restricted only for their consumption and not to sell it to any civilians. Some of them have even claims they only sold good quality which does not entail any ill effect to any consumers. While this is the case, we have rarely seen drunks in the street since the implementation of MLPC. Under the MLPC Rules, 2014, we have 3 Bonded Warehouse license holders and 32 Retail Vendors, the cost of such license is ₹5 lakh for Bonded Warehouse and ₹50,000/- for Retail Vendor. So far, tax collected from liquor and others related items amounting to a total of ₹24.82 crore indicating we exceed the target.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, I have heard that ₹35 crore is expected for this year and that the vendors are not allowed for free sale as per our Rules. Will the Minister give more attentions to the system for the item is accessible on free sale?

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, our Police is of an old department which required many improvements as stated. Regarding land, I was even approached by the Church elders and the Minister concerned and we will look into the matter. So, Pu Speaker, I beg the House to pass my Demands such as: -

Demand Nos.	Departments	Amount of Budget
Demand No. 7	Excise & Narcotics	₹29,02,46,000
Demand No. 16	Home (including Prison & Sainik)	₹5,96,03,49,000
Demand No. 31	Agriculture	₹2,10,76,14,000
Demand No. 38	Rural Development	₹3,83,08,33,000
TOTAL		₹12,18,90,42,000

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister, Pu R. Lalzirliana begs the House to pass his Demands consisting of 4 departments. If we agree, please say, 'agree', and if not, say, 'not agree'.

As we all agree, the Demands of the hon. Minister, Pu R. Lalzirliana

consisting of four department with a total of ₹12,18,90,42,000/- is passed by the House unanimously.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER : Now, we will invite the hon. Minister Pu John Rotluangliana to wind-up the discussion and make clarification as necessary; and, also beg the house to pass his demands.

PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. Most of the hon. members discussed on some demands under my concerned departments but none has mentioned regarding Legal Metrology Department. Anyway, let me start with this department.

This department mostly concern consumer's protection and so is regarded as an important department for its main duty is to see measurement such as weights and scales used by the retailers and in Go-down are accurate. It also concern for checking of incoming and outgoing Petrol and Diesel at the pumps, selling of building materials such as cements, iron rods and packaged items if they are sold on MRP. As of LPG, instruction is given to each agency to ensure accuracy in any cylinder which may be received but the problem is that most of the people could not wait for such processing but delivered as it is. So, in order to enable quick delivery to the people, any of such LPG trip should be checked at the check gate. Apart from this, the department concern also for illegal import of cigarettes and other luxurious items. Despite its importance for the safety of the public, it seems that the department is hardly known by the people and also by the members. As such is the case, there is a plan to equip the department with more materials as sanctions for construction of the office building at Aizawl, Saiha, Lawngtlai, Serchhip and Mamit have already been received and the work will soon be started. Above all, it may be noted that we are trying to improve the department as per availability of funds.

On Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, 13 members participated in the discussion and I am thankful for their words of praise. Let me start by saying that the department is working really hard before and after introduction of Food Security Act on which meeting is frequently conducted. Some members pointed out regarding the Selection Committee, and to explain it further, DCSO is the Vice-Chairman According to the Rules where as the Local Chairman or VCP is the Vice-Chairman,

all members of the Local Council are its members along with the Inspector, Store Keeper and two prominent citizens of the concerned area. Any appointment may be originated from the DCSO as shown in the Rules, and, an educated person in such village may be appointed as the Secretary and the Local Council or V/C Secretary as the Asst. Secretary. While this is the case, some DCSOs by mistake sent out a letter of instruction to all concerns V/C to appoint 2 prominent citizens and a Secretary, yet, the case remain on hold and we will discuss it after this Session.

The Govt. policy on Food Security is to include only the eligible families in the beneficiary list. So, in pursuance of the policy, we conducted training for all Storekeepers, Inspectors, DCSO and Staff and the Technical Assistant who are newly recruited under Food Security on the 29th September at Chanmari Veng YMA Hall in which I have even delivered a speech and emphasized fair conduct and that no partially should be prevailed in the selection of the beneficiaries. The same had also been emphasized in our Press Conference on the 1st October.

The hon. Member, Pi Vanlalawmpuii has, in previous day talked about empty stock at Biate go-down but we no longer have such empty go-down as of now. Despite extreme weather and poor condition of our roads, we try to provide food supply in any place even by deploying JCB. Regarding POL as pointed out by some members, it is delivered to us in token form so that we may be able to apply for more on need base.

Pu Speaker, it may be noted by all concerns that since the implementation of the National Food Security Act, we will benefit ₹7.6296 lakh, 81.88% from rural and 48.60% from urban area. Ration quota is issued at the rate of ₹3/- per kg with 5 kgs per head every month. The amount is now increased to 8 kgs for 5 kgs is deemed less sufficient, plus 3 kgs at the rate of 15/-. Under Food Security, children and adult are allotted equal share. As pointed out by the members, we are now having a sufficient amount of rice supply as a result of closing of VIP quota and special permits even before we introduce Food Security; it may also be the result of precaution for the coming mega block. Besides, rice supply in rural areas is done every week and even 5 times in some months considering our fluctuate population due to immigrants. We have even reduced the quantity of our purchase from the FCI where as 20.60 crore is spent for purchase of 80,000 quintals and 10.30 crore for 40,000 quintals indicating that we save 10.30 crore in 5 months and totally ₹50 or 60 crore.

After computerization of maintenance of ration card, many bogus ration cards were found and stopped which immensely reduced our requirement and relatively to our monthly expenditure under food security i.e. ₹651,72,844 and we saves ₹48,25,730 every month. Under NABARD, numbers of Go-down and staff quarter were constructed and it is seen in our budget plan for construction of more 28 go-downs. Regarding shifting of FCI go-down at Tanhril, no decision has yet been made despite land offered by the department. At the same time, we have informed IOC of our needs for storage depot for petrol and diesel and also LPG bottling plant. Spot verification had been made by IOC in cooperation with our officers but it has not been finalized as yet. As stated earlier, our shortage of LPG is being resolved gradually and I opine our condition is progressing as no members had mentioned regarding the problem.

On Transport Department, 14 members participated in the discussion. Regarding transportation of goods by means of maxi-cab as requested by my fellow member, such vehicle is meant for passenger services but not for transportation of goods. We may take it for granted if some maxi-cab services are lenient in what they carry but it is the safety of the passenger that we count important and we have to follow the rules. Regarding the parking lot as mentioned by the hon. Member, Pu Sangthuama, it is the purview of AMC. The STA deals with selection of the counter only but not with location of the stands. Regarding question raised by hon. Member, Pu Chalrosanga relating to bus service plying Lunglei to Aizawl, we will examine the case.

The hon. member Dr K. Beichhua mentioned about the High Security Plate which the Transport Department vehicles does not use. The High Security Plate was introduced in 2012 and many of our vehicles already used the existing number plate. As the law does not required old vehicles to use the plate, we do not use it.

The hon. member Pu Lalrinliana suggested bus service plying to Aizawl - Kolkata, I opine it is good in principle but enough passengers may not be available on regular basis. Yet, Tripura Govt. considered doing the same and if it is proved successful, we may take the advantage by arranging bus plying to Agartala so that any passenger may catch the next bus plying to Kolkata. Anyhow, we will look into the matter.

The hon. Member, Pu Lalthanliana opined the budget allocated to Transport

department which is ₹120 lakh is less sufficient, it is shown as we have seen and will be clarified in my wound up speech of of Supply Department; it is only a token, we can always apply as per requirement.

Regarding Green Bus, the AMC has a plan, however, it is against the STA Rules and the joint committee decided not to do so. The STA may examine the case as it requires permission. The STA has now a definite meeting in every three month; whether it is permission for the service of bus, Taxi, Auto Rickshaw or maxi-cab, the STA gives the permit sparingly. Within Aizawl City, Taxi permit is restricted since it is the Govt. policy for the time being. While this is the case, we are not giving permission to Tourist Bus as the requirement is high. There is a plan to issue such permission for 20 Tourist Buses, and if it is less enough, we will think about it.

Transport Department is working hard enough as we are able to contribute ₹21 crore revenue last year. In the meantime, we have a plan to introduce e-payment system for collection of road tax, passengers and goods tax and we hope to implement this very soon. Apart from this, my department is improving its services for the convenience of more people as it concern public service. Our buses mostly of aged sometimes need to be detailed on the routes where maxi-cab services are not available due to poor condition of road. As a result, our bus drivers and conductors often were exhausted as some buses need repair at the same time for we could not afford to buy new ones instantly. In short, the department is making intensive effort for improvement.

Lastly, I want to discuss about Tourism Department. Our main source of infrastructures had now been delinked by the Central Government and is difficult for the department to proceed with our work. Yet, our leaders give their best effort to that effect. 13 members participated in the discussion of this department as most of them pointed out their opinion on privatization of our Tourist Lodges. Question is raised regarding some works being retendered. In this regard, it may be noted that it is done so as to prevent misuse of such the Lodge by the concerned bidder for excessive rate of bidding. It may be noted that Tourist Lodges are for everyone but many think it is meant only for the officials. Anyone may stay there if he could afford to pay the charge.

Regarding Swadesh Darshan at Thenzawl, we submitted DPR amounting to 99 crore 9992.54 lakh to Ministry of Tourism and it is now under processed. As already

mentioned, trekking route and with aero-sport are in the process, many youth have now been trained for Power Hang glider, Air balloon and Para-sailing and they all are quite enthusiastic with the knowhow.

On Hotel management, we send numbers of student to Shillong and Guwahati every month under our department. We also build Hotel Management Institution at Bung Picnic Spot, Aizawl at the cost of 10 crore funded by the Central Government. The building has now been completed but it cannot be opened as yet as the Govt. does not provide the teachers. Once teachers are provided, the Central will release 2 crore.

We have recently held Anthurium Festival at Reiek which was funded by the Central Govt. to attract more tourists. Many people criticized this festival as causing our financial hardship but it may be noted that the Central Govt. separately sanctioned 25 lakh for this festival which will not be diverted for other purposes. The festival is named after 'Anthurium', the flower we export outside. The purpose is to attract more foreign tourists and we even decided to host the festival again next year. Besides, we organized Thalfavang Kut at Tuirial Airfield where many people gathered to celebrate the festival and there is a plan to organize the same festival during December 10, 11 and 12 as the Central Govt. released 25 lakh for this alone. However, the fund sanction seems to be less enough and we have to find sponsorship from some agencies. Some criticizes this kind of festival as unchristian but we do not think that way. If the information I received is true, beers are freely sold in the festival and I hope this will not be repeated as we have MLPC Act which will be in enforced in the celebration. I invite all the Mizo people to come and enjoy themselves in this festival.

I am thankful to all the hon. members who are actively participated in the discussion of the demands under my concerned departments. Thus, Pu Speaker, I beg this august House to pass my Demands such as: -

Demand Nos.	Departments	Amount of Budget
Demand No. 17	FCS & CA	₹2,81,69,30,000.00
Demand No. 42	Transport	₹47,19,12,000.00
Demand No. 43	Tourism	₹17,87,43,000.00
TOTAL		₹3,46,75,85,000.00

Thank you.

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister, Pu John Rotluangliana moves the House to pass his Demands amounting to ₹3,46,75,85,000.00. Those who agree may say, 'aye' and those who do not, say, 'nay'. As we all agree, this House has unanimously passed Demands No. 17, 42 and 43 amounting to ₹3,46,75,85,000.00 of the hon. Minister, Pu John Rotluangliana

Pu JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER : Let me remind each of the concerned ministers that it is our practice to provide refreshment to the members if we are going to be late for our discussion.

Now, our meeting for today is done thanks to the guidance of God. The sitting is adjourned till 10:30 am tomorrow.

(Sitting adjourned at 6:09 pm.)