

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

**LIST OF BUSINESS**

FOR TENTH SITTING ON MONDAY, THE 19<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, 2015  
( Time 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. )

**QUESTIONS**

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

**LAYING OF PAPERS**

2. **PU R. LALZIRLIANA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a Statement of Correction on the reply given on the 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 to Starred Question No. 178, Ballot No. 57 asked by Pu Lalruatkima regarding “Ex-Gratia leh Compensation Ground chungchang”.
3. **PU R. ROMAWIA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy of the Mizoram Registration Rules, 2015.

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

**Bills for introduction, consideration and passing**

4. **PU LAL THANHAWLA**, Hon’ble Chief Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Clinical & Health Establishment (Regulation) (Repeal) Bill, 2015.

***ALSO***

***to introduce the Bill***

***to move that the Bill be taken into consideration***

***AND***

***to move that the Bill be passed.***

**FINANCIAL BUSINESS**

**DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS**

5. **PU R. ROMAWIA**, Minister to submit to the Vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
6. **PU H. ROHLUNA**, Minister to submit to the Vote of the House various Demands under his charge.

NGURTHANZUALA  
Secretary

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**SPEAKER** : A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of. (Luke 6:45)

To start the question, the hon. member Pu Lalruatkima may ask Starred Question No.148.

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker, My question is for the concerned Minister of Home Department: -

- a) The reason of the dispute between the local people and the police of Chawngte;
- b) Number of casualties in the incident; the name of the person who was shot dead by the police.
- c) The amount of compensation given to those who lost their lives;
- d) If casualties are compensated; if so, how much is given?
- e) Is there anyone appointed to investigate the case?

**SPEAKER** : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

**PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the answers to the hon. member question is: –

- a) The Mizoram Chakma Students, the Young Chakma Association and other NGO's issued a joint memorandum concerning CADC on 4/09/2015; they organized a total bandh at Chawngte on that day. Despite the attempt of the government not to organize the bandh, they insisted to proceed as their leaders were taken to the police station on preventive arrest. Many people gathered outside the police station with a demand for the release of their leaders without pressing any charge which compelled the Magistrate give a 'firing in the air' order.
- b) Agosh Chakma was shot dead and there were no other casualties.
- c) CADC and Joint NGO's decided to compensate the victim with an amount of ₹10 lakhs out of which ₹3.5 lakhs is given and the rest to be given later on.
- d) Since all the other casualties were inflicted with minor injury, they are not compensated but were taken care of at the government hospitals free of cost.
- e) Yes, Pu J. Hmingthanmawia, District Magistrate of Lawngtlai was appointed for Magisterial Enquiry.

**SPEAKER** : Any Supplementary question?

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. It is sad that a person lost his life merely on the 'firing in the air' order. Does it mean that our policemen did not understand the meaning of 'firing in the air' order? On what basis compensation was given; what is the time scheduled for the investigation and when will the report be submitted?

**SPEAKER** : Dr. K. Beichhua.

**Dr. K. BEICHHUA** : Pu Speaker, how many houses were destroyed in the incident at Chawngte and if any asset of the government being destroyed? Is the incident caused by resignation of their CEM?

**SPEAKER** : The hon. Minister may answer the question.

**PU R.LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, our policemen open fire at the order of 'firing in the air' and they did not intentionally aim at the victim. But on self defense, one may fire at the opponent as it is clearly underlines in their manual. It is fortunate that there were not many casualties in the incident. When the incident took place, the CEM of CADC was in Aizawl as he had even committed to give the ex-gratia without consulting the other officials.

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Pu Speaker, the hon. minister does not provide a clear answer.

**PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINSTER:** Pu Speaker, It was a decision of the Council and we do not have any further inquiries.

The report has been submitted and it has already been sent to the Human Rights Commission. We are not aware of the reason why the CEM resigned from his post.

**Dr. K. BEICHHUA** : Pu Speaker, how many houses and government assets were destroyed in the incident?

**PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER:** 17 numbers of houses were destroyed;

and, being an autonomous, the district council will take care of the matter itself.

**Dr. K. BEICHHUA** : Pu Speaker, is there any government asset being destroyed?

**PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, they have destroyed the District Council office; the ring leader was a government employee and necessary action will also be taken against him. It is prohibited to cause mayhem in the police station and out of self defense, unexpected may happen.

The reason for resignation of the CEM of CADC is that he had loss confident of the majority of the Congress Legislature Party; a new CEM had also been elected.

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : If persons responsible for the incident are known, why did they remain un-arrested?

**Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER:** It is the people who are responsible for the cause and if we have to arrest them, we will have to arrest more than 400 people; I think it is difficult to do so. Some government properties had also been destroyed.

**Dr. K. BEICHHUA** : Pu Speaker, it is un-parliamentarian to give the answer in such a way to our fellow member?

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Pu Speaker, it is un-parliamentarian for the memberS to address the House in such manner. Pu Speaker, I suggest that it should be erased from the House record.

**SPEAKER** : We will not proceed with this topic. To move on to Starred question No.149, Dr Ngurdlingiana may state his question.

**Dr. NURDINGLIANA** ; Thank you, Pu Speaker. My question had been cleared by the hon. minister from the Demand, so, I have no further question.

**SPEAKER** : We will then move on with another question. Dr. Beichhua may ask starred question No.150.

**Dr. K. BEICHHUA** : My question for the hon. Minister of Health &

Family Welfare Department is: -

- a) Number of registered pregnancy in Mizoram who are eligible to receive JSY during the year 2013-2014 and 2015-2016 up to the month of April;
- b) Number of registered pregnancy in each District;
- c) How many have received JSY?
- d) Under this scheme, how much is released in every District?
- e) What percent is received by ASHA and by the mother in each district?

**SPEAKER** : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

**PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, my answer to the question of Dr. K. Beichhua: -

- a) 43,792 Nos.
- b) Aizawl East - 10,604  
Aizawl West - 7181  
Champhai - 6398  
Kolasib - 4185  
Lawngtlai - 3085  
Lunglei - 3978  
Mamit - 2962  
Saiha - 2813  
Serchhip - 2586
- c) Aizawl East - 10,604  
Aizawl West - 6380  
Champhai - 2711  
Kolasib - 1525  
Lawngtlai - 1181  
Lunglei - 2743  
Mamit - 1036  
Saiha - 946  
Serchhip - 1203

- d) Amount of JSY funds released in each District: -

Name of District	2013-2014 (₹ in Lakh)	2014-2015 (₹ in Lakh)	2015-2016 (upto August) (₹ in Lakh)
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Aizawl East	15,00,000	13,00,000	4,50,000
Aizawl West	58,00,000	16,50,000	5,50,000
Champhai	19,00,000	11,50,000	4,50,000
Kolasib	14,50,000	7,50,000	2,50,000
Lawngtlai	6,00,000	4,75,000	2,50,000
Lunglei	10,50,000	11,00,000	3,00,000
Mamit	5,00,000	4,75,000	2,50,000
<b>Upto August ₹2,50,000/-</b>			
Saiha	7,00,000	5,50,000	2,50,000
Serchhip	8,00,00	5,50,000	2,50,000

e) Pregnant mother who received ASHA-care (in percent): -

<b>Name of District</b>	<b>2014-2015</b>	<b>2015-2016</b>
Aizawl East	61%	35%
Aizawl West	12.5%	20%
Champhai	39%	41%
Kolasib	24%	24%
Lawngtlai	15%	18%
Lunglei	18.5%	24%
Mamit	43%	46%
Saiha	6.5%	9%
Serchhip	40%	77%

f) Number of registered pregnant mother and ASHA who has not received the sum award up to August: -

<b>Name of District</b>	<b>Mother</b>	<b>ASHA</b>	<b>Total</b>
Aizawl East	424	575	999
Aizawl West	4,879	3,269	8,148
Champhai	762	838	1,600
Kolasib	1,380	1,267	2,647
Lawngtlai	162	160	322
Lunglei	623	503	1,126
Mamit	120	80	200
Saiha	443	443	886

Serchhip	236	310	546
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>9,029</b>	<b>7,445</b>	<b>1,674</b>

Since funds allocated have not been released as per our needs, it is not possible to give JSY funds to cover all the registered names. So, those who have not received will be given as soon as funds are released from the Central government.

**SPEAKER** : Dr. K. Beichhua.

**Dr. K. BEICHHUA** : Pu Speaker, ASHA is a voluntary work and it is quite less that the concerned person benefitted from the scheme. My question relating to ASHA is that the reason for the decrease of beneficiary in my district under this programme comparing to the rest of the Districts.

**SPEAKER** : Er. Lalrinawma.

**Er. LALRINAWMA** : Thank you Pu Speaker. A few days earlier, a man who was bitten by a snake was rushed to the hospital and he was asked if he drinks liquor; on giving affirmative answer, he was informed that he cannot enjoy the advantage of RSBY and the same goes for a man who had stroke a few days ago. Is it a fact that liquor consumers are not eligible to benefit RSBY?

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalruatkima.

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Pu Speaker, for a layman like us, it is difficult to understand many technical issues. What is the meaning of JSY and ASHA?

**SPEAKER** : The hon. Chief Minister to answer the questions.

**PU LALRINLIANA SAILO:** Pu Speaker, may I have one more question please? (Speaker : yes, you may) Does the Central Government give priority to Janani Suraksha Yojana?

**SPEAKER** : The hon. House Leader may answer the questions.

**PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINSTER:** The hon. former Health Minister



has given the answer for JSY. As of ASHA, it is a scheme to help pregnant women so they can have a safe delivery.

Regarding beneficiary of RSBY, I do not think there are rules that prohibit the victim of snake bites not to be treated at hospitals.

**Er. LALRINAWMA** : Pu Speaker, this victim of a snake bite is not from a well to do family. Even though RSBY card was produced for his treatment at the hospital, he was informed that he cannot enjoy the scheme for he had consume liquor.

**PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the hospital was wrong for not permitting to use RSBY card to the said. It is a common believe in Mizoram that liquor counterattacked venom and I believe his consumption of liquor saved his life from snake bite. Anyway, I suggest this should be analyzed for future references.

**PU K. SANGTHUAMA** : Pu Speaker, as mentioned earlier, we have the same case in my constituency who is now lying in the hospital in a state of unconscious. As I visited him in the hospital recently, I was informed by his attendant that financial aid given to the patient has now been stopped. It will be much appreciated if it is continued with immediate effect

**PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER:** I am not aware of such rules but it is the responsibility of the doctors and nurses to take care of any casualty of any kind who may approach the hospital. If any patient is refused to get medical care, I suggest such case should be examined.

As of low percentage of ASHA in Saiha District, I believe the hon. member himself knows the reason for he is a doctor as well. I believe many do not utilize the service of ASHA as it should be which may further cause low percentage in the record.

**Dr. K. BEICHHUA** : Pu Speaker, the amount given to the recipient of ASHA is less comparing to the rest in other districts. It is known to us all that the IMR and MMR are at its highest in Siaha district. So, I request our hon. Chief Minister to give his assurance to reexamine the case.

**PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, many in rural areas are not aware of the benefit they could get as they do not give much ado of registering themselves. I believe for that reason the percentage in Saiha is less comparing to other districts.

Regarding IMR and MMR, Health Department is planning to introduce a new strategy to focus on this issue. Regarding the victim of snake bite, I think Health Department should apologize for their actions as any ill patient entitled a medical care. I also apologize to the patient through this House.

**Dr. K. BEICHHUA :** Pu Speaker, regarding the recipients of ASHA, only 6.5%, is provided in Siaha.

**SPEAKER :** It is time to move on to another question. Any question requiring long answer should be placed as Unstarred section.

**Er. LALRINAWMA :** Regarding the snakebite victim, Pu Speaker, the hospital has given medical care but the problem is that he is deprived of using RSBY card.

**PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER:** I am not sure about the rules on such case but to claim RSBY, it depends on whether one is registered under the scheme; or, there may be other reasons which we are not aware of.

Pu Speaker, ASHA is of an importance scheme which is widely benefitted in rural areas; I request each of the members to organize awareness in our respective constituency.

**SPEAKER :** We should remember that questions requiring long answers should be placed under Unstarred sections. We will now move on to question starred question No.151 of Pu Lalruatkima.

**PU LALRUATKIMA :** Thank you, Pu Speaker. My question is for the concerned Minister of Health & Family Welfare department: -

- a) Whether Aizawl Civil Hospital has already been computerized. If so, when;
- b) From which funds it is computerized and how much is spent for this purpose;
- c) When was the tender floated; and, who is the contractor?

d) What is the estimate time for its completion?

**SPEAKER** : The hon. Chief Minister may answer the question.

**PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, answer to the question of the hon. member is: –

- a) Aizawl Civil Hospital has already been computerized and the project was completed on 29.3.2013.
- b) The North Eastern Council has sanctioned some portions under the Hospital Management Information System (HMIS) for the Civil Hospital as the details given below: -
 

Year of Sanction	-	2011
Approved Cost	-	₹466.51 lakhs
Sanctioned amount (NEC)	-	₹419.86 Crores
State	-	₹46.64 lakhs
Total	-	₹466.50 lakhs.
- c) Tender was not floated but as per the government rules, vide No.B.16015/3/09-HFW Dt. 24.3.2011, the work is allotted to SPECTRA Consultancy Pvt. Ltd. Kolkata.
- d) Completion Certificate was received on 29.3.2013.

**SPEAKER** : Any Supplementary question?

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Pu Speaker, it is learned that the government allotted the work to a close relative of the hon. Chief Minister. Is it a fact that approval sanction of the Govt. is given since the work is taken up by the Chief Minister's relative?

**SPEAKER** : Any other supplementary?

**Dr. K. BEICHHUA** : Pu Speaker, which department official issued the DPR; and, if there is any under the Directorate or Medical Superintendent who is authorized to issue Completion certificate? Which department supervises the project, the Directorate or the Civil Hospital? Despite internet connection being installed at Kulikawn hospital and the Cancer Institute, how could completion certificate be issued?

**SPEAKER** : The hon. House leader may answer the question.

**PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, I am not aware of the SPECTRA Consultancy Pvt. Ltd. is the relative of the Chief Minister. I may try to find out if they are related.

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Pu Speaker, we are not questioning if the SPECTRA Consultancy Pvt. Ltd is the relative of the Chief Minister but if supplier of the materials is the relative of the Chief Minister.

**PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, SPECTRA Company is an approved company and is also empanelled by Finance Department. The company, if desired may give a sub-contract to others and the government has no authority involve in such case. We also have the Mizoram Clinic & Health Establishment and Regulation Repeal Bill which should be implemented when the need arise. Anyway, if we want to upgrade ourselves with computerization, I believe it is better to select company which is familiar to us than those we do not know but we have to be certain that the company selected is empanelled.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalthanliana may aks starred Question No.152.

**PU LALTHANLIANA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My question is for the concerned Minister of Health & Family Welfare Department: -

- a) Whether MR Bills of different private hospitals is determined by the Govt. or by the concerned hospital authority?
- b) Is it possible to introduce a uniform billing system which may be based on the Mizoram Clinical Establishment (registration & regulation) Rules, 2014?

**SPEAKER** : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

**PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, answer to the question of the hon. member question is: -

- a) The Govt. does not concern with fixation of medical treatment bill of any private hospital.
- b) As per Section 6, annexure 1, the Mizoram Clinical Establishment (Registration & Regulation) rules, 2014 is not concern for fixation of rate of

any kind of medical treatment but fees for renewal/duplicate certificate and change of ownership.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary question.

**Dr. K. BEICHHUA** : Is the Accreditation Board established in Mizoram? If so, who are the members and do the board performs inspection to any hospital? How do the board deals with disposal of waste materials of our hospitals?

**SPEAKER** : Er. Lalrinawma.

**Er. LALRINAWMA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. In many cases there are patients who could not avail Civil hospital and Durtlang hospital since the beds are full most of the time. So, is there a possibility of making RSBY package applicable in private hospitals?

**SPEAKER** : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

**PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the government at present is formulating uniform billing system of different hospitals in Mizoram. As of disposal of waste materials, incinerator is placed in every hospital for medical waste management and is under the surveillance of Mizoram Pollution Control Board. The idea of shifting of the Civil Hospital emanated from waste materials which may be harmful; yet, UD & PA Department is now arranging disposal of waste materials.

Some hospitals do not approve RSBY which becomes problem to many. As of Accreditation Board, it has not been established as yet. Some private hospitals are being set up in certain places without much consideration of disposal of waste materials but we cannot make an objection since it concern public health. The amount of funds utilized for payment of medical reimbursement is excessively high and in order to control this, a committee has also been established as its report will soon be submitted.

**SPEAKER** : We will now move on to question No. 153 and Dr. K. Beichhua will ask the question.

**Dr K. BEICHHUA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My question is for the concerned Minister of UD & PA: -

- a) Is there a proposal to take up the programme of Smart City in Mizoram?
- b) What are the criteria needed for a Smart City?
- c) Is City Project being made for this purpose?

**SPEAKER** : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

**PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, answer to the question of the hon. member is: -

- a) Aizawl is one of the cities which are being proposed under the project of Smart City as the Central Govt. also included it in the list.
- b) 100 cities in the country are selected to develop into a Smart City. To meet the criteria, urban population and the number of statutory town are taken into consideration. Allocation is made for the states in which the Municipality Urban Local Body is established.
- c) In order to take up Aizawl as a Smart City, the Central Govt. already has appointed a Consultant and proposal will then be made.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary question.

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Pu Speaker, it is learned that the previously named Zodin Cinema Hall will also be taken up under the said project and allegedly the govt. decided to buy the building only after the Mizoram State BJP made the same plan.

**SPEAKER** : Has any one informed the House that the BJP have a plan to purchase the building?

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Pu Speaker, I am asking this question as we have discussed the matter in the Consultative Committee and that my source also is quite reliable.

**PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Our main reason, Pu Speaker, is that the state government needs the area for development purpose and we made a decision to purchase it.

**PU LALRUATKIMA :** Pu Speaker, is the area included in the project of Smart City? Since the Assam Rifles are on the move, is not it better to wait for a while and maybe we may also find a better site later?

**SPEAKER :** The concerned Minister may answer the question.

**PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker it is unbecoming practice of the House to discuss topic which is based on rumors.

**PU LALRUATKIMA :** Pu Speaker, I am only pointing out what was discussed in the consultancy committee. So, is the area included in the project?

**PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, we have discussed many things in the consultative committee regarding developments and other progress we need to make including Zodin Cinema Hall and we passed the proposal.

**PU LALRUATKIMA :** Pu Speaker, it was also mentioned in the Committee that the State BJP intends to buy the mentioned area.

**PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA :** Some members must have mentioned the discussion of the committee outside.

**PU LALRUATKIMA :** Pu Speaker, the Consultative Committee has discussed and determines what is best; I simply related what was being discussed in the committee.

**PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the committee will discuss whatever we thought would be of importance to our project and it was concluded that we should purchase the land, and the State government purchased it. 100 cities from different states are selected under Smart City project, namely: -

1. Chhattisgarh - 1
2. Daman & Diu – 1
3. Delhi – 1
4. Goa – 1
5. Gujarat – 6
6. Haryana – 2

7. Himachal Pradesh – 1
8. Jammu & Kashmir - 1
9. Jharkhand – 1
10. Karnataka – 6
11. Kerala – 1
12. Lakshadweep – 1
13. Madhya Pradesh – 7
14. Maharashtra – 10
15. Manipur – 1
16. Meghalaya – 1
17. Mizoram – 1
18. Nagaland – 1
19. Odissa – 2
20. Pondicherry – 1
21. Punjab – 3
22. Rajasthan – 4
23. Sikkim – 1
24. Tamil Nadu – 1
25. Telengana – 2
26. Tripura – 1
27. Uttar Pradesh – 13
28. Uttarkhand – 1
29. West Bengal – 4

Allotments given to these cities and as directed by the Central government, tender is floated and Architechno-Consultant Pvt. Ltd is chosen. The consultant makes the project and retrofitting, redevelopment, green field, plan city etc. are its components as Zodin Hall building is one of them. As approval of the Consultant Committee, the site was purchased by the State Government.

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Pu Speaker, since the BJP also intended to purchase the same, do we have any difficulty in the process of purchasing?

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : From our discussion, Pu Speaker, I think they are hurt that the BJP could not acquire the land before we did.

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Pu Speaker, I am merely asking a simple



question which can be answered easily.

**PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, I suggest turning off the microphone of the members who stood up and take the chance without your permission.

**SPEAKER :** The concerned Minister may continue with his speech.

**PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, we are glad that Aizawl will be upgraded to Smart City and that the government take necessary steps in order to achieve this. Thank you.

**SPEAKER :** Now, Laying of papers and hon. Minister, Pu R. Lalzirliana to lay on the table of the House, the Statement of Correction on reply given on the 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 to Starred Question No. 178, Ballot No. 57 asked by Pu Lalruatkima.

**PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I lay the correction of Ballot No. 57, question No. 178 by Pu Lalruatkima.

**SPEAKER :** Let the copy be distributed. We will now move on to Legislative Business. I call upon the hon. House Leader to move the House to introduce “The Mizoram Clinical & Health Establishment (Regulation) (Repeal) Bill, 2015.

**PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER:** With your permission, Pu Speaker, I move the House to introduce “The Mizoram Clinical & health Establishment (Regulation) (Repeal) Bill, 2015”.

**SPEAKER :** I believe we all agree to introduce the Bill. The hon. House Leader may introduce and also move the Bill for discussion.

**PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I introduce the “The Mizoram Clinical & health Establishment (Regulation) (Repeal) Bill, 2015.” I also appeal this august House to pass the Bill. The bill have no financial implication as it is written that “The bill attempt to delegate

power to make rules for carrying out the provisions of this bill to State Executive of the Department” consequent upon the enforcement of Clinical Establishment, Registration and Regulation Act, 2010 in the State of Mizoram with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2012. Secretary, Health & Family Welfare notified repeal of Mizoram Clinical & Health Establishment (Regulation) Act, 2007. This process and manner of repeal was later found to be erroneous and procedurally incorrect since there can be no two acts on the same subject simultaneously. It is now exigent to move the bill to repeal “The Mizoram Clinical Establishment Act, 2007.” So, I request all my fellow members to agree to pass “The Mizoram Clinical & health Establishment (Regulation) (Repeal) Bill, 2015,” Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : The hon. House Leader had explained the need to pass the Bill. All in favour to pass this Bill may say “Aye” and those who oppose may say “No.” Since there seems to be no objection, the “The Mizoram Clinical & Health Establishment (regulation) (Repeal) Bill, 2015,” is unanimously passed by the House.

**PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, thank you.

**SPEAKER** : We will now move on to financial business and the hon. Minister, Pu R. Romawia may submit his Demands No. 6, 12, 21 and 23.

**PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, Sir, I move the Demands No. 6, 12, 21 and 23 for ₹ 2,64,22,06,000/- for meeting expenses during 2015-16 in respect of the following Departments: -

<b>Demand Nos.</b>	<b>Departments</b>	<b>Budget Amount</b>
Demand No. 6	Land Revenue & Settlement	₹25,17,68,000/-
Demand No. 12	Parliamentary Affairs	₹51,93,000/-
Demand No. 21	Higher & Technical Education	₹2,28,53,47,000/-
Demand No. 23	Art & Culture	₹9,98,98,000/-
	<b>Total</b>	₹2,64,22,06,000/-

Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : The hon. Minister has submitted his Demands for discussion. Now, I will call upon the hon. Minister, Pu H.Rohluna to submit his Demands in the House.

**PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER** :- Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, Sir, I move the Demands No. 20, 40 and 44 for ₹9,79,63,81,000/- for meeting expenses during 2015-2016 in respect of the following departments: -

<b>Demand Nos.</b>	<b>Departments</b>	<b>Budget Amount</b>
Demand No. 20	School Education	₹9,09,97,21,000/-
Demand No. 40	Industries	₹59,25,91,000/-
Demand No. 44	Trade & Commerce	₹10,40,09,000/-
	<b>Total</b>	₹9,79,63,83,000/-

Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Our two hon. Ministers have submitted their Demands and we will now start our discussion. Each member will have 10 minutes; Pu Ngurdingliana may take his time.

**Dr. NGURDINGLIANA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I express my gratitude to the concerned Minister of Higher & Technical Education for the initiatives he has taken regarding the qualification of College Principals which I have questioned in the previous session.

Under Mizoram University, I am glad that the competitive mindedness and academic atmosphere are instilled in the minds of the students; and, in order to maintain it and to be more progressive, I request that the 100% lecturer post which had already been sanctioned should be filled up. I hope that the Finance and Planning department with concerned officials should give more attentions in this regard.

Under Art & Culture, I am glad that the department is preserving our old cultural heritages which will helps in promoting Tourism in our State.

On Demand No. 2, School Education, if we look into the achievement of the department, I am glad that the department has much progress and at the same time, I suggest more attentions should be given on infrastructural development in different schools. RMSA school are established in many villages, but since there are some villages which already have another school, school under RMSA need to be shifted to another place. But on learning the system of RMSA and the benefits it can provide, all such villages prefer to have it back in their villages. So, what steps will be taken in this regard?

Under Industries Department regarding the drilling of oils, it caught the attention of many people as I too am much interest in it. I have even enquired some experts about this and the possibility for our state since most of our soils are of sedimentary rocks. So, may the hon. Minister explain the detail in his wound up speech? I also request concerned minister to continue with the distribution of sewing machines and carpentry tools especially to rural people. May I further request the reason that this scheme is suddenly discontinued?

On Trade & Commerce, I am glad that initiative is taken regarding Zorinpui and for construction of New Market Building in several localities such as Mission Veng, Vairengte etc. I am also glad that steps are taken for promotion of Indo-Bangladesh border trading system. Lastly, I want to say that we should all give our support to any work which concern development of our state for it is our main reasons for us all while entering into politics. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Er. Lalrinawma.

**Er. LALRINAWMA** : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Next is, the Demand of Land & Revenue Settlement. there have been so much progresses within my constituency except for Khumtung village in which cadastral survey has not been done as some unable to produce their LSC. I kindly request resolving their problems.

Under Higher & Technical Department, lecturers of many colleges which had already been established are unable to draw their salary up to the month of August, 2015 as we also have shortage of 85 Nos. of teaching staff. In order to build quality education, we need to give attention to this issue since it affects environment of the students. Besides, Polytechnic which has already been set up in Chhiahtlang remains

without proper functioning till today. So, I request our hon. Minister to give attention in this regard.

Regarding Transfer & Posting under School Education, I suggest legislative members should all sit together and decide on transfer and posting of teachers since there are teachers who remain in the same school for more than 10 years. So, I think it will be wise to determine the period of one is posting and in which school he will be transferred. Under Trade & Commerce, I suggest seats in the markets are graded and are allotted on rotation. And, since there can be a mistake in the grading system and also it can affect the daily income of the concerned person, I suggest that the seat holder should be consulted before the seat is graded. Pu Speaker, the price of Ginger has always been unpredictable and it cause problem for the farmers who depends on it. So, I suggest the state government should fix a proper market rate for the best suit of the farmers concern.

Pu Deputy Speaker, on Art & Culture Department, I think it is crucial that the department should take more effective measures in preserving our culture and its heritage. I suggest initiatives should also be taken to make this generation more aware of our traditions, culture, our way of life and our natural habitat. This will instill in us to be more aware of our history and will help in preserving the knowledge we have of our ancestors which will further make us more aware of the importance of unity and will also encourage the feeling of nationalism among our youths. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu R. Vanlalvena.

**PU R. VANLALVENA** : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I will start from Education Department which is of much important. I carefully read the yearly publication of the Education Department and find it difficult to understand as the numbers of students in Govt. Primary and Middle School and Govt. Aided schools decreases immensely. I believe one of the main reasons is that teachers are deployed to take up census and electoral rolls of MP, MLA, Village Council and even AMC and hence there is hardly any chance to teach in their respective schools. So, I suggest we should ask for other government employees to deal with such matter through election department. If we give more efforts in the Govt. schools, we may have a chance to make progress in our educational system from Primary to Middle section once again.

I came across in the newspaper yesterday that the total number of dropped-out school children is 1,714 but according to the statement of the hon. Minister in the House, it is 2,665. On enquiring the Editor of that newspaper, I was informed that it is an extraction of the record of SSA which further indicates SSA and the Education Department are not much co-operative with each other. Since both concerns with our education system, a transparent relationship should be maintained. I suggest that the post of State Project Director under SSA should be occupied by the Dy. Director of Education Department.

Next, I would like to move on to Higher & Technical Education Department. Our education improves a lot, and as a result, the number of graduate increases every year as around 3000 students graduated last year. Meanwhile, the Mizoram University accommodates only 700 seats and we need another one in the southern region eg. at Lunglei. Initiatives have also been made but it is not known if it is successful. In this connection, I would like to suggest that admission to MA may be done in PUC in order to save extra expenditure for concerned applicants.

Land Revenue & Settlement Department has made a remarkable achievement in collection of taxes as an important paper has been presented today. We are also have a high expectation on the department as we praise on the achievement.

Industry Department is a department with an extensive purview. It covers ZOHANDCO, ZENICS, MIFCO, ZIDCO, Bamboo Development Agency and Food Processing Mission. I suggest that more emphasis may be laid on Geology and Mining as we have often been affected by the problem of landslide in many localities. As known to us all, around 40 victim families left home due to landslide. While this is the case, it is sad that there is no fund for Mining Department to do research on our soils. So, we need to give more attentions to Industries Department.

I am glad to hear that Trade & Commerce Department has established custom check gate at Vairengte, Bairabi and Kanhmun. It may as well necessary to do the same at Zokhawthar as there is a huge import of goods from Myanmar through Zokhawthar. It is wise for us to determine improving our revenue collection by means of import-export license at such check gates.

I supported the demands of the three Ministers which have been discussed today. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu John Siamkunga.

**PU JOHN SIAMKUNGA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. First of all, I would like to speak about School Education Department.

This department is making a huge progress with a plan to computerize the school mapping and school information system for which 85% of the work has already been completed. If it is completed, information about any school will be made online accessible. I truly appreciate the initiative.

We know that the salary component of the department is always a huge amount; it is the same for the School Education especially of Primary school teachers but there is comparatively less fund for development component. As shown in the work programme, there is a proposal for construction of 2 school buildings and some for renovation of old school buildings; the total amount for development works is ₹30 lakh. In this connection, High School and Primary School of Bualpui (NG) were destroyed by storm last year; High School Building was reconstructed under BADP but the Primary School building remains untouched. I kindly request the hon. Minister to take note of this.

I would also like to speak about our teaching system. It is a fact that we prefer private English medium schools to government schools. We have many schools with only few students and this problem seems to be started since the early 80's when pre-teachers were employed in schools. Though Mizoram is known as high in literacy rate, we are weak in other languages in compare to other states which hinders our exposure to other states or abroad. We do not know how the government intends to resolve this problem as we are anxiously waiting for introduction of VRS, etc.

We have a guideline that the maximum teacher:student ratio should be 1:40 but this is not applicable to all concerns as there are schools with numbers of classes which could not be accommodated in one classroom. Thus, it is quite a problem for some village schools with 120-130 students in which only two or so teachers are posted; suggestion to that effect also is hard to make. Thus, requirement of recommendation of each concerned MLA in transfer/posting of teachers may be suggestive in this regard.

Regarding Higher & Technical Education Department, we have Geography

Department at Hnahthial College recently as construction of new building and approach roads are now in full swing. While this is the case, we do not have a permanent Lecturer for the department. As a result, MZU has made an instruction not to take fresh admission in the department even though there are many geography students in the feeder schools. Thus, I request concerned Minister to take necessary steps so that a permanent lecturer is appointed for this department.

Under Industry Department, fabrication industry is flourishing in Mizoram as aluminum industry also is a large business nowadays. There are firms with turnover of more than a crore a year which truly is worth mentioning. However, regarding food processing industry, it is unfortunate that we, the Mizos do not appreciate any of locally processed foods. If this problem persists, it is unlikely that our food processing industry would flourish.

The Geology & Mineral Resources Department was established as a separate wing under Industries Department in 1980; it was then upgraded as a separate directorate in 2010. Even though this department contributes a lot of revenue for the state, it seems that priority has not been given as we have only one Mining Engineer; it has been 15 years since the last Assistant Geologist was appointed. Unless we prioritize the need of the department, it will not function as expected.

Pu Deputy Speaker, regarding Trade & Commerce Department, Weekly Haat Border Trade at Thingsai is now under processed with the initiative of the hon. Minister. In pursuance of the initiative, we have submitted a project to the central government. If the project is approved, we will be able to supply essential commodities to Myanmar which will become a revenue earning source. With those words, I would like to support all the Demands today. Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Who will be the next? Dr. K. Beichhua.

**Dr. K. BEICHHUA** : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. As an MLA, this is only my second time in the discussion of full budget. As stated by the hon. Minister while discussing Transport Budget, it seems that the amount for each demand could be added later if the head account is found to be insufficient.

Regarding Land Revenue & Settlement Department, we know that the department is working hard enough. Yet, one problem is double allotment of LSC for



the same plot which is often found. I would like to ask what step has been taken to resolve this problem.

Competition in the field of education is high nowadays in our state also as our education system also improves to a great height. At the same time, we need to give more attentions to our colleges in the District Headquarters. Taking Saiha College for example, it is a senior college in Mizoram having more than 500 students at present with around 20 teachers. My concern is construction of its building which remains uncompleted. Apart from this, its classroom needs to be equipped with better seats and desk with enough space; Boys hostel building constructed under RUSA also is not up to the mark. I would kindly request the hon. Minister to look into the matter.

While this is the case, lecturer of the Sociology department is transferred which left the students with only one lecturer. Pu Speaker, if his transfer is inevitable, obviously there are some other qualified to be appointed in his place and so may be done. It is regretted as Science stream we had in this college is terminated and it is unknown when it will be introduced again. I hope the hon. Minister will take note of the problems I have mentioned.

Art & Culture is an important department. From my experience as a students' leader in the past, I had learned that cultural exchange programme occasionally organized by the department is an important means for attainment of the Mizos unification. Apart from this, such programme creates a sense of pride for our culture in the minds of our youths.

Regarding the Demand of School Education, one of our main objectives seems to be of introducing a world class education. In every ministry, prioritize is given for fixing up the loop holes within our education system. It is unfortunate that private schools are now preferred to government schools; we really need to fix up this problem.

Despite priority given by the Central government for promotion of Hindi language in every school, it is unfortunate that the salary of Hindi Teachers is being held for 7 months. It is desirable that we may approach the central government by emphasizing the problem of inculcating Hindi Education without funds. Likewise, the salary of employees under SSA has not been paid for a long time which may likely to affect their teaching also. Therefore, immediate step should be taken in this regard.

Industry Department in other states is one of the main sources of income. While this is the case in other states, it is regretted for us that we have turned our public sector corporations into sick unit as some are even abolished. This is an important issue; we have to find a way to improve our present condition of our industrial system. With the project for extraction of petroleum at Meidum which is now completed, we need to have more surveillance in this regard.

Development of the border trades we are having today is a must under Trade & Commerce Department. We may have negative effects while we aim for positive improvement; we need good communication for this. I implore the hon. Minister to give importance of communication in the southern region like Tlabung, Zochachhuah, Pangkhua, Lungbun and Chapui which are all huge potential area for international trade. I hope the government may give priority in this regard. Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : We shall now take a break; we will continue with our discussion at 2:00 PM.

### **2:00 PM**

**SPEAKER** : To continue with our discussion, let us call upon Pu K. Sangthuama to take his time.

**PU K. SANGTHUAMA** : Pu Speaker, we are discussing the demands of three ministers which concern 9 departments. So, we will not be able to go through all of them.

First of all, I would like to thank our Education minister for his immense effort. Under this department, our main problem since the UT period is of Primary Education and it remains till today. We prefer private English medium schools to the Govt. schools may be because we are more advanced nowadays. In this regard, I would like to suggest conversion of our primary schools into English Medium as many as possible. It may be a problem to do the same for village concern; the system will help resolving our problems to some extents. We see that the teacher student ratio is also fine; it seems that we are having sufficient teachers but the problem is distribution of such teachers. There are more than enough teachers in many schools in

rural towns but only a few are appointed in remote areas. I opine it is wise if we give preference to the local resident to teacher from outside. This will certainly help us resolving the problem in the distribution of teachers. I request the hon. Minister to consider the matter.

The problem we have been facing in the entire constituency of Aizawl West-I is lack of Higher Secondary School. It may not be an easy task for concerned minister but we really hope that at least 1 or more is established within my constituency.

Regarding our literacy rate, we have learned from the Assembly Question that there are 2,665 illiterates in Mizoram. In the past, adult education was undertaken as we even hold second position in the country. However, it is no longer continued and should be revived. Even if we could not impart higher education to all, literacy alone is also a huge development.

It seems that we are facing some problems for centrally sponsored scheme is decreasing. Even though there is nothing much we can do in this regard, we need to find a way to cope with the existing problems. I will stop my speech here with School Education Department.

Regarding Higher Education Department, despite numbers of college in Mizoram, there are still many students who could not get admission. I appreciate that some colleges are giving morning shifts and evening shifts classes. Yet, there are many who face problem for regular classes in higher studies. I opine the hon. Minister should look into that case. It is the same in the university level also as stated by Pu R. Vanlalvena.

The New market building is constructed under the Trade & Commerce Department and I am very grateful for that. In addition, the old vegetable market building also needs reconstruction. I am also grateful with the proposal for reconstruction of Mission Veng Market which is on demand for years. I appreciate the efforts of the concerned Minister in these regards. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Robiaka.

**PU LALROBIAKA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker for giving me the time. Most of our demands today are in direct connection with the public. Thus, there are

many things to talk about. Firstly, I appreciate the efforts made by the department of Land Revenue & Settlement for collecting taxes and revenues for the state. Apart from this, this department is essential in resolving the problem of land dispute with our neighborhoods. While this is the case, there are some people, even among the staffs, who purchase some lands for wants compensation out of any projects. Such practice is unfortunate and should be stopped in the future.

Regarding the demand of Art & Culture Department, there is an immense decrease in the budget; I hope that there is a mean to increase this allotment. If not, we have put the department in a difficult situation in respect of staff and its maintenance. It is appreciated that the department is reviving our culture not only in physical aspects but also in our minds. It is with the efforts that we are able to have State Library, Archives, etc. The achievement through Raja Ram Mohan Roy Library Fund is also notable; I would also encourage continuing with its great works.

In School Education Department, we have now introduced filling up of any post through MPSC; I opine the system affected rural people negatively as most of the selected are of the city. Soon after such appointed person joined his post in rural area, he will shortly apply for his transfer which often brings problem to rural schools.

There are remote places within my constituency also. The main problem is lack Higher Secondary School within my constituency as I often mentioned about it in the past also. There are many drop outs after HSLC as it is difficult for them to continue with their studies in other places. I hope Higher Secondary School will be established in my constituency also.

Regarding Industry department, its importance keeps increasing as Geology & Mining concern the future of Mizoram. Thus, it should be given priority while exploration of oil is in progress.

In the ongoing Look East Policy which aims at trade connection with Sittwe port, Trade & Commerce Department has an important role to play. We need to strengthen this department to keep up with every development. We need to establish Land Custom Station at different places like Marpara of my constituency.

Lastly, I support the demands we are discussing today. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : I would like to announce that our House Leader is granted leave of absence due to health problem. Let us now give time to Pu Lalrinliana Sailo.

**PU LALRINLIANA SAILO:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. I have already mentioned many points in the General Discussion but today it is a demand discussion. First of all, I would like to praise the hon. Minister of School Education Department for two things. The selection of candidate for teacher is now taken up by MPSC; I opine the best should be appointed and there is no better agent than MPSC for that purpose.

Once, I asked our former Education Minister, Pu Zosiama Pachau to give me the details of all the teachers but he later told me that it is difficult to do so. That mammoth task has now been accomplished as we are heading on the right path now. We are also working on RMSA, CSS, SSA, etc.; I am sure that improvement will be made through such agencies. At the same time, I think that the budget for elementary education is too limited; I request that more funds will be allotted from RE. We also need to improve the distribution of teachers in urban and rural areas for better quality of elementary education is a must for higher educational system. I would also like to request all my fellow MLAs to interfere the least in transfer and posting. It is a fact that we are having some unfits and old aged teachers at the moment. I think that it will be better to allow them hiring a substitute teacher in their stead.

Regarding Industry Department, it is an important department functioning under the efficient leaders, its concerned Minister and Parliamentary Secretary. I would like to request them to put more efforts on it. I think that we need to adopt hand holding system as we often tried to promote our own product. However, in reality its quality is not good as those other products. This made it difficult to be promoted.

I also praise the Minister of Trade & Commerce Department for his efficiency. I visited Kawrpuichhuah with Pu N.K. Chakma on 19<sup>th</sup> Jan 2003 and saw it on the spot that the existing Kawrpuichhuah road is not at its best. We also met with the Officials from Bangladesh like Chairman of Land & Port Authority, Mr. Dipankar Talukdar, Minister concerned of Chitagong Hill Track and the Shipping Minister. They have opined that Kawrpuichhuah is not the best choice for trade point because the river transportation will soon be limited. Hence, we need to change our decision. I think that any proposed amount which may be spent for construction of Tlabung-

Kawrpuchhuah road would become in vain. This is an important matter and should be carefully determined prior to any conclusion.

Art & Culture Department is not a bog Department as its performance in cooperation with INTACH is quite well. However, I think the real patriotism and the love for our state which flourished in the past is declining among the youth; we need to revive this. We all know how great nations of the world fight for their country and how they work for it. Thus, I suggest preservation of the habitat of our forefathers who had fought for our land so that sense of patriotism is inculcated in the minds of our youth. If we have the real love for our state, other things will become automatically. There will be development in another sphere as well if we work with the love for our state. I request the concerned minister to consider this matter. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Zoram Sangliana.

**PU P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA:** Pu Speaker, regarding the Demand No. 6, Land Revenue & Settlement Department, I felt the need for awareness on the importance of taxes and revenue. At the same time, it is learned that with the inception of AMC within Aizawl, there is some clash of authority between the department and AMC. This problem needs to be solved. Regarding tax, it is wise to increase at gradual rate than to increase it at a high rate at once. There is a rumor that VC Pass is not valid which threatens some rural people. I beg the Minister to clarify about it.

On Demand No. 12, Parliamentary Affairs Department, the efforts made by the Minister is praiseworthy. He cooperates very well with our Speaker also during our session. Besides, we were all given the resolutions made by All India Chief Whip Conference held at Visakhapatnam. I think this is the first time we received this kind of material and I do appreciate it. He has also done a great job in the administration of this House as well as Committees.

Regarding Demand No. 21, Higher & Technical Education Department, we have experienced a problem we never have faced before. It is regretted to learn that many bright students are compelled to give up their studies due to unavailability of enough seats in colleges. This is the responsibility of the government. We need to find a way to cope with the needs of our students who we often said as our future. So, I request the concerned Minister and the Parliamentary Secretary to take necessary steps to create more seats in colleges.

On Demand No. 20, School Education Department, we the MLAs are all authorized to involve in the case of transfer and posting of teachers in our respective constituencies. I suggest that discussion should be held in this regard beyond this House. I personally suggest conversion of our institutions into mission schools. Looking into the performances of our mission schools, they have done quite well. I think our state will benefit more if government schools are converted into mission schools and the government assists them. It seems that there will be better self discipline among the teachers if they are working under the authority of some churches.

Regarding Demand No. 40, I wonder why we do not utilize the knowledge of many of our educated. We had witnessed in the past that their knowledge was helpful. We can do the same in our present situation like at Rangvamual, Hunthar, etc. We need to utilize more and more from our learned persons.

On Trade & Commerce Department, the Assembly Committee under the Chairmanship of Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma proposed a study visit to Bangladesh. The main purpose of this tour is to study the prospect of marketing of our agricultural products. We proposed that the department official should accompany the committee. However, the department declined its participation in the tour for lack of fund. It is really disappointing that such a reply is made. How can a department function well if they do not have fund even to study their needs? Let this problem be kindly eliminated.

On Demand No. 23, Art & Culture Department, I once happened to watched on NDTV a kind of bamboo dance being performed yet much different from Cheraw, our much valued mizo dance. I think that this needs to be corrected. At the same time, we need to take necessary steps to patent our traditional dresses; we need to make more productions in collaboration with Industries Department also.

It is also desirable to continue with the programme through which students from Mizoram may visit Kolkata without utilizing our budget fund. The YMA Branches who are not having library eagerly waiting for schemes like RRRLF if it would be continued. It is also good if the other proposals for Heritage Village, Peace Memorial park and development of other historical places are continued.

With such words, I would like to support the Demands under the two

Ministers so that it is passed by this House.

**SPEAKER** : Thank you Pu Speaker. On Demand No. 6 Land Revenue & Settlement Department, we have a proposal to set up the House Site Advisory Board at Champhai. However, we could not succeed at the moment due to shortage of manpower. We are allotted 4 Surveyors for five Assembly constituencies which I opine is less. I hope that at least two more are allotted. Besides, I think that the newly recruited MCS should not be appointed to have an independent charge on this. It may be better if they are first posted at DC Office so that they could have more experiences. There are also remote villages which are difficult for women to visit; I request the authority to please appoint male officers to cover such areas.

Pu Speaker, on Demand No. 21, Higher & Technical Education, ₹9.51 crore was granted for construction of college building at Champhai under NLCPR in 2010. Third installment is still awaited at present. It is said that the sanction has already been granted by Planning Department but PWD claims no such sanction is received till date. I request the Department to look into the matter.

Another problem here is shortage of teaching faculty in our college. There are only two contract faculties in Economics Department, four in English Department including all the B.Sc. and BCA Department; it is the same in History Department as well. I kindly request the concerned minister to take necessary steps for meeting our problems.

I am also deeply concerned about the problems of admission for post graduate. Even though it is not an easy task, we are eagerly waiting for the time when university is established at different places like Champhai, Lunglei and so on. We need to distribute everything at different places not only in Aizawl.

On Demand No. 23, Art & Culture Department, the museum at GM High School, Champhai is the first of its kind in Mizoram; it was started during Pu Thanseia as its Headmaster. I hope priority is given for its renovation and maintenance. Besides, we used to avail cultural dresses at subsidy rate through Art & Culture Department. I would like to ask if that could be continued.

We once had funds for construction of library building under the Raja Ram Mohan Roy Foundation. Could that be continued? If so, will it be distributed to



different constituencies as we did not avail last year for my constituency? I request the Minister to kindly clarify the matter.

Pu Speaker, On Demand No. 20, School Education Department, I support the opinion of Pu Vena of the need to stop the practice of assigning additional tasks to the teachers other than their teaching. We often deployed our teachers during the time of elections, census and to deal with electoral roll, etc. as education system is affected. It may also be the reason why we often prefer private institutions for our children. I also appreciate the efforts of School Education Department in introducing English medium schools from KG-I. As a result, we are now able to have not less than 3000 new students. If we keep going on like this, it will prove beneficial in the future.

Lastly, Pu Speaker, I would ask the hon. Minister about the present status of the proposed construction work of multi-shed at Hnahlan and Zote, Far Tlang under Trade & Commerce Department. We also have several staff quarters under construction at Melbuk. I will be much obliged if the Minister concerned could tell us when it will be completed.

I support the demands which have been discussed today. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Joseph Lalhimpua.

**PU JOSEPH LALHIMPUA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Lunglei Government College, J. Buana College and Pachhunga University College have done a research on Serkawn Concert. It is mentioned in the report that with the efforts of the then Chief Minister, who also is the present House Leader that the study of Mizo language is introduced up to Master Degree. I have mentioned this while discussing the Demand of Art & Culture Department as it will remain the record of Mizoram.

I was informed by the mizo students on my I visit Pune and Delhi that they often visited different places on cultural programmes and that the problem is not having enough cultural dresses. It will be much appreciated if the department provided the materials on subsidized rate.

Regarding Revenue Department, the Minister of State for Home had recently visited Tlabung ICP Project which happened to be the biggest project for Mizoram and it is found that the proposed ICP area needs demarcation redone. I request the

hon. Minister to put continuous efforts for it will be beneficial for Mizoram especially for the southern region.

Lastly, Pu Speaker, we are permitted to establish a private college at Lunglei recently; for that, I thank the hon. Minister of Higher & Technical Education. At the same time, regarding the proposal for establishment of different departments under Mizoram University at Lunglei, I opine we need to expedite its implementation. Meanwhile, the 12<sup>th</sup> Plan is about to end; I am afraid that it will not be completed though UGS is opened towards it. Lastly, I support the demands which have been discussed today. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma.

**PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. We are discussing the demands of two senior Ministers. I would like to thank the hon. Minister and the Parliamentary Secretary of School Education Department. Meanwhile, my constituency is having the most problems of school education. As I had already asked in the starred question, we have a big problem regarding examination centre. We had 225 candidates in 2015 HSLC examination which will be even more this year. While this is the case, we have only one examination Centre within my constituency and so impossible to accommodate all in a single centre. Hence, we need another examination centre for the sake of the students and our system of education.

Pu Speaker, my constituency is of the most backward in education. With your permission, Pu Speaker, I would like to quote the statement here, “Medium of instruction - The Commission recommended the elementary education should be imparted in the child’s mother tongue. And, this should be used as medium of instruction from Class VI onwards in the school that have adequate number of teacher particular teaching in English. In School where there is concentration of minority community children, mother tongue of the child should be used for instruction from Class I.” Pu Speaker, it is our wish to use Chakma language as the medium of instruction; we also wanted to learn Mizo language as well which is not possible due to inadequacy of teachers at primary level.

**SPEAKER** : We need to take a short break due to some problems with our microphones. The bell will be heard when it is ready.

All right. We need to finish our business for today and Pu Nihar Kanti may resume with his speech.

**PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA:** Pu Speaker, I want to say that we are facing difficulties at primary level due to teachers being posted here from Aizawl, Lunglei or else. They could not speak Chakma language and the students do not understand Mizo language. It is desirable that teachers from the local area are appointed in my area so that the children received proper education.

The Kastaloka Vidyalaya was established in the past. It was built on the plot of Sardar Valabhai Patel School. The land belongs to Middle East School who also established Kastalika Balika Vidyalaya at the same site. There are some problems between them. It is my desire that Kastaloka Vidyalaya could be shifted from Kastaloka Balika Vidyalaya area.

Pu Speaker, on Demand No. 23, Art & Culture Department, we are pleased that Karna Puli Festival was organized under the guidance of the former Minister. Since Tlabung is a place where different tribes live, it is important to organize this kind of festival for national integration also.

Regarding Land Revenue & Settlement Department, the Indo-Bangladesh Border fencing is going on within my constituency as 80% of the work has been completed. Meanwhile, many villages are fenced out. I beg the Minister concerned to take necessary steps to fence-in those villages. Thank you.

**PU R.L. PIANMAWIA :** Pu Speaker, I will not repeat what had already said by other members. On Higher & Technical Education Department, I have visited Hindi Training College with PWD Officials and I really hope that their problems could be solved.

We know that Art & Culture Department set up numbers of YMA Library. However, not much work has been done within my constituency. I request the Minister concerned to take note of this.

It seems that the villages are bound to have problems with school teachers if we do not change the system of appointment. It will be very difficult for aspirants from villages to be selected for teachers if it is done through MPSC. We need to find

an alternative so that the local people could be given priority for appointment of the teacher. If we do not find means to solve the problems, it is obvious that we will ruin education in villages. Meanwhile, some of the local people were now selected for teachers; I hope this will be continued in the future.

My constituency was once called 'Hmarthimpui' for its backwardness in development. Many of the existing officials may not have witnessed the actual condition of Zokhawthiang, Mauchar and Sunhluchhip and we should not expect development on such condition. I, therefore, request that priority is given to our problems and take necessary step for setting up school at Mauchar for the nearest school available for them is of Zohmun. At the same time, there are schools which remain without Headmaster as Zohmun and Ratu without LDC despite being the examination centres which often cause problem while conducting exam.

In the past, substitute teachers were appointed where there is inflexibility in teachers. However, the system had now been stopped as insufficiency of teaching staff is increasing everywhere in addition to the problem caused by some female teachers who availed maternity leave for a long period. Therefore, it is important that the Govt. revived appointment of substitute teacher at any cost.

On Industries, training on Handloom is organized in my constituency for Sawleng and the surrounding villages for 70 people and we are much thankful for that as it gives us a chance to develop ourselves. So, I give my support to the demands of the hon. Minister. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu T. Sangkunga.

**PU T. SANGKUNGA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. Today, I am happy that we have the opportunity to discuss the demands of our important Ministers. First, I would like to discuss about the Education. The department is divided into two but I may discuss as one.

To start from School Education, it is fortunate that we have an active and experienced Minister and Parliamentary Secretary both of whom are well educated to run this department. I am thankful that H/S Headmaster is provided to rural school where there is none and we have heard that there is a plan for filling up posts vacated by some teachers who declined to join the panel list. With the immense need of

subject-wise teacher, I am happy to learn that there is a plan for recruitment for the said. In the meantime, there are headmasters who are hesitant to join their post in rural areas due to lack of staff quarter. It would be much appreciated if the Govt. considered construction of staff quarter.

I opine it is necessary for rural areas to have HSS as college had been closed at PUC. There are in some places yet the majority does not have one as in Farkawn and Khawbung. Some have financial problems for payment of such teachers' salary where as some are compelled to acquire funds from 100 days labour which has now been minimized much to their desperation. As such, the government needs to find alternative to resolve the problem.

Next is Industry department. Since it concern Human resource development, more attention should be given in this regard. Since Mizoram is not an industrial state at present, we have to focus on building human resources. The Youth Commission also tries to concentrate on job opportunity for the youth outside our state as publicize as much as we can. Our neighboring state like Manipur also is sending their youth everywhere and in every Ministry as many of them are seen working in different parts of the country whether it is in the Parliament or in other places. Likewise, we have to disperse ourselves throughout the country. Therefore, it is important for us to concentrate on human resource development in order to acquire more jobs for the youth.

As mentioned by the hon. member Pu R.L. Pianmawia, I advocate recruitment made by the MPSC for fair conduct. On the other hand, it would be appreciated if we can make one time relaxation in recruitment of teacher in order to recruit the local. Most of the problem of teaching staff in rural areas is due to recruitment of teachers from urban areas who are reluctant to join their post. At the same time, I advocate opening of more colleges in Aizawl for the teaching standard, facilities and quality of the teachers are higher than that of rural areas. I opine setting up the college with morning and evening shift is suggestive for it will provide more seats for admission seeking students.

On Demand No. 40, Industries Department, the department introduced plantation of teas in Mizoram. In the neighboring States like Assam, tea estate workers are given important especially on any election manifesto. Assurance had often been made to their concern like providing 20% bonus and to upgrade their status

to schedule tribe. They should be pleased so as to gain their votes for such community is effective in 33 constituencies. So, in order to prevent them from entering our State, we have to work hard and move toward home scale.

Next is Demand No. 23, Art & Culture. The development works done by Art & Culture such as preservation of our heritage is praiseworthy; it is a great move that the department preserves the heritage of our ancestors at Vangchhia, Lianpui and Farkawn. In the meantime, lack of fund for construction of Library under Raja Ram Mohan Roy Foundation is deeply regretted; yet, the department has given its best effort in its own capacity.

Going back to Industries, exploration of oil is under taken by Oil & Natural Gas Commission in corporation with Oil India Limited. Approach has been made to the official authority for recruitment of 100% Mizo at Group 'C' and 'D' under its agency and we need to give more pressures to achieve this. Likewise, when setting up of the Veterinary College in our state was in process, being the President of CYMA, we made an approach to the Vice Chancellor of the University time and time again to recruit only of Mizos; and at the end, we have succeeded. We have followed the same practice when NEEPCO taken up construction of Dams at Tuirial. This indicates that with meaningful negotiation, we can achieve our purpose and that the department can do a wonderful job for our state. Pu Speaker, I am thankful for having the opportunity to participate in our discussion and I give my support to the demands of the two hon. Ministers. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : I, now invite the hon. Minister, Pu R. Romawia to wind up the discussion, to make necessary clarification and then beg the House to pass his Demands.

**PU R.ROMAWIA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, unfortunately we have a problem with our sound system. However, our technicians during our recess try their best to make it work; the ruling bench is working now while the Opposition bench is not. Let us hope we will overcome the problem soon.

11 members discussed about departments under my concern; I have noted down each their points but due to limit of time, I may not be able to react to each in detail on which I request your understanding. Only one member mentioned about PAD which is a small department and does not concern development work. However,

I am thankful to the member for mentioning his appreciation to the work of the department.

On Demand No. 23, Art & Culture, we still maintain modern music school. Regarding Gandhi Memorial High School Museum, one of the oldest institutions was reconstructed with the aid of Indian Museum, Kolkata. With difficulty, we obtained grant-in-aid subsidy and there is no fund left on which I ask the members to understand. We also give fund for construction of Rural Library under RRLF and we have also been determined reconstruction of those that are in poor condition.

Art & Culture also concern for assisting publication of book through Mizoram Publication Board on subsidized the rate. However, it cannot be practiced regularly due to our financial discrepancy.

Art & Culture is also a department that preserves our cultural heritages as our members had pointed out. It is where the preservation of our traditions depends upon. In coordination with ZOHANDCO there is a plan to expose our traditional heritages as step is being taken to improve the geographical indication of our state as various designs from our garments are being prepared for this purpose.

On Higher & Technical, as pointed out by various members, construction of Polytechnic Institution will soon be started at Chhiahtlang. Immediate decision for the location could not be made due to competition in between Thenzawl, Serchhip and Chhiahtlang. Now, we resolved the dispute and we can start the work soon. Regarding opening Mizoram University at Lunglei, it is not of the state's authority but the UGC. However, the UGC has often been reminded of our needs by our officials.

We wish to have a Post Graduate Institution and for that Pachhunga University College, being a branch of MZU is expected to be able to offer it; we received various suggestions in this regard. Having this in mind, we thought that what we really need now is carrier oriented study. We have a Women Polytechnic at Durtlang which gives training on beautician and designing etc. After finishing the course, one is able to run his own business. Even though it is our wish to introduce hospitality and strengthening the academic line, we are unable to initiate the plan due to financial problem.

Thanks to Geography subject being offered at Hnahthial Government Higher

Secondary School, many are pursuing further study on their choice subject; however, our actual position is that the said subject is being included without sanction post. And, on the other hand, we are afraid that the affiliation of the only college in Hnathial is affected due to lack of regular teacher for that purpose. For that, we have submitted an application to the Finance department but no approval could be obtained as yet due to our financial constraint. Thus, I inform the House that we are in short of lecturer in every College for 1073 sanction posts out of the total of 1260 is being filled-up.

On Revenue department, the hon. Member, Er. Lalrinawma has pointed out the problem within his constituency Khumtung, and I regret to mention that it cannot be resolved as yet due to lack of staff but we are keeping in mind to do so as soon as possible.

Regarding the claim that some of our staff as being received compensation grant from the government, we will look into the matter and necessary action be taken if anyone is involved in such case. I request each of the members to inform us if any of such practice is found. In this relation, I opine it is important for us to have SAAB (Site Allotment Advisory Board) in each village, sub-town, town and also in Aizawl city to verify as to whom to give land may be given; I believe this will help a lot the Directorate in dealing with such problem. However, in many places, the role of SAAB is being neglected so we are planning to set up one in every place with SDO as Chairman in urban area and BDO in rural area. If it is done, we will surely have better administration for the concerned chairman will then be able to take necessary action against any miscreant. If it is put under VC authority, no action could be taken against any of the Govt. servant.

V/C has no power to allot any land except agricultural land as per 1953 Mizo District Act as restricted order is issued within Aizawl City. According to the Mizo District Council Act Section 3 (1), Notification was made on 9<sup>th</sup> June, 1960 indicating no V/C is allowed to issue house pass without taking prior approval of the Executive Committee of the Mizo District Council within the city/town area like Lunglawn, Zohnuai, Zotlang under Lunglei District. In Aizawl District, Chaltlang 'S', Melthum, Zemabawk, issuing house pass is totally prohibited. Consequently, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 1971, Luangmual, Tanhril, and Sakawrtuichhun were announced as protected area. Any person who is to purchasing land and house site should verify to Revenue Department whether such pass is genuine or not as the Revenue Department



maintains such record of every locality.

**PU P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA:** Pu Speaker, point of clarification. Knowing the fact that we have this Act since the time of District Council in 1953, 1960 and 1971, how are we going to settle land disputes in many localities or we going to take this for granted?

**PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, anyhow, let us tries to remember what I have said. To conclude my wound up speech, it seems that the people are not afraid to appear in the court against the Revenue Department as we have often been compelled to proceed further than we expected; it would be much appreciated if we give up this kind of practice.

So, Pu Speaker, I beg the House to pass the Demands under my concerned departments such as: -

Demand Nos.	Departments	Amount of Budget
Demand No. 6	Land Revenue & Settlement Department	₹25,17,68,000.00
Demand No. 12	Parliamentary Affairs Department	₹51,93,000.00
Demand No. 21	Higher & Technical Education Department	₹22,85,347.00
Demand No. 23	Art & Culture Department	₹9,98,98,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>₹2,64,22,06,000.00</b>

**SPEAKER** : The hon. Minister Pu R. Romawia begs the House to pass his Demands totalling ₹2,64,22,06,000/-. Those who are in favour, say, 'aye', and those who are not, say, 'no'. As we all agree to pass the demands, I announce that this House has passed the Demands of the hon. Minister, Pu R. Romawia.

**PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Now, let us invite Pu H. Rohluna, the hon. Minister to wind-up the discussion and beg the house to pass his Demands.

**PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, thank you. I am thankful for not receiving criticism from members participated in the discussion. It is a shame that the opposition bench are unable to sit through the discussion as our microphone is not working.

First I will go to Demand No. 44, Trade & Commerce Department. 9 members participated in the discussion and most of them pointed out our new market building and seat grading. Though there is hardly any point being raised regarding the Trade & Commerce, I want to mention about the progress made by this department. At present, we have 224 markets under the maintenance of trade & Commerce department and with that; we are able to submit revenue amounting to ₹139.2840 lakh in July. Step has now been taken for improvement of market buildings and we have already obtained ₹1,300 lakh for construction of New Market building from NEC, ₹468 lakh at 1<sup>st</sup> installment on 16<sup>th</sup> June; we laid the foundation stone and will soon be started.

Aizawl New market, our main source of revenue is inherited from the LAD. It is believed that the main building of New Market and the neighboring Foreign Market at Chhinga Veng are not safe for the public and so is planned for reconstruction in the meeting with the concerned officials and concerned Minister at Chief Secretary Conference Room. The meeting made a conclusion that initiative may be taken with the amount sanction of not less than 500 crore for construction of a standard shopping mall. Besides, we have a plan for construction of Mission Veng Market at the cost of ₹598.41 lakh which may be funded by NES. We received the 1<sup>st</sup> installment of ₹134.64 lakh as dismantling of the old building is now in full swing so that the work is started immediately; the required amount has already been deposited to PWD.

Regarding Indo - Myanmar trade and trade with other countries, it is undertaken by Trade & Commerce; Zokhawthar Land Custom Station which cannot be opened for a long time has already been inaugurated by the Union Minister of State for Commerce & Industry on 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2015; construction and widening of Champhai - Zokhawthar road is under construction and is funded by World Bank; and, approach has now been made to the central for reconstruction of Zokhawthar Tiau Lei Bailey Bridge where as poor condition of Rih - Kalemmyo road is our main problem at present. In this regard, the Ministry of External Affairs discussed the matter with the Myanmar Government; the Govt. of India planned to take up this road as double lane road and submitted its proposal to the Myanmar Govt. However, the process of the negotiation is rather slow due to claiming of the work. In addition, we

also submitted a DPR of 50 lakh at the Ministry to take the road of Hnahlan, Zote, Saikhumphai (Vaphai) and Pangkhua under Border Haat as per agreement of the two countries.

Pu Speaker, regarding Zorinpui Land Custom Station, step was taken during our first Ministry; however, it cannot be started as yet as the road cannot be reached from Lawngtlai. Now, Kolodyne Multi Modal Transit Road construction is almost finished, the work will be started as soon as it is finished. It is thankful that the Central Govt. approved ₹2,904 crore for reconstruction of road and waterway from the south end of Mizoram to Myanmar, Sittwe Port - Zochachhuah reaching Zorinpui. The Myanmar Govt. will take up the same from Sitwe following Kolodyne - Paletwa road; from Paletwa - Zochachhuah, the road is taken up as the National Highway grade. After it is finished, Mizoram will become the gateway for the country.

Besides, step is taken to set up Kawrpuichhuah ICP at Indo - Bangladesh border. The Ministry of External Affairs negotiated with Bangladesh to expedite the process of clearance. At the same time, the Revenue Department is expected to issue permission soon so that PWD could take immediate step for construction of Tlabung - Kawrpuichhuah road. Hopefully, initiative will be made for construction of Bridge from World Bank fund.

Coming now to Demand No. 40, Industries, the department concern NLUP as well and plenty of trades are included. Funds for the first and the second phase had already been disbursed and the third and fourth remains. Despite insufficiency of staff to deal with several trades, we are giving our best to meet the requirement.

Renovation of EPIP Lengte funded by NEC is now in progress. On Bamboo Developing Agency (BDA), we have eight cluster bamboo handicrafts as the trainees believe it is profitable. Regarding Food Processing Sector, the programme is delinked from the central when we thought it will be of a good income generating and we do not know to proceed further.

Going to Handloom and handicraft, we are in the process of setting up Mizoram Handloom Export Facilitation Hub at Thenzawl with ASIDE fund. Presently, we have 115 lakh to start with the work. For this purpose, 8.37 lakh is projected; however, ASIDE becomes one of the delinked programmes so, we approach the central for completion of the ongoing project which the hon. Chief

Minister has laid the foundation stone in 16<sup>th</sup> July.

Step has also been taken to promote the weavers as the department provided 591 photos ID to weavers which may be utilized for the purpose of availing loan from the Bank. Centrally projected Weaver Service Centre at Chaltlang was inaugurated by the Union Minister of State for processing textile by using not less than 300 different machineries which will be installed there. Regarding 10% rebate for the benefit of the weavers, the 1<sup>st</sup> installment has already been given out where as the 2<sup>nd</sup> installment is planned to be given on Handloom Day. Under NERTPS, the Central Govt. sanctioned ₹16.44 crore for Cluster Development Project, we received the 1<sup>st</sup> installment and step is taken for its implementation. We also received 30 lakh under Integrated Skill Development Scheme which was combined with Cluster Development Scheme and was used for weavers training. Under NHDP, 19 crore DPR is submitted to the Ministry and is now being process for approval. For the first time on 7<sup>th</sup> August, we celebrated the National Handloom Day to encourage those who are engage in handloom as the hon. Chief Minister also attended the function.

My next point is Geology & Mineral Resources which also is covered under the Demand of Industries department. A revenue collection of 3 crore, 7.62617 lakh during the years 2014-2015 was submitted. At present, we are expecting approval of the Cabinet for a new proposed rate of boulder stone and sand royalty. Step is being taken for resource mapping on sandstones and sands following topo-sheet of the survey of India. Despite appropriate guidelines laid down by our experts for stone blasting, it is regretted to learn that none has followed. Apart from this, the department also conducted an investigation on landslide and land sinking in 16 different places under which seismic vulnerability assessment and risk evaluation within Aizawl Municipal Council Ward No. 5 and 9 are finished and the report is being processed.

Most of the members mentioned about exploration of oil and natural gas. In this regard, the ONGC, after discovering a medium of gas started drilling works at Taitaw and Zanlawn with a target of 3,500 meters out of which 2,500 meters is being completed. After the work here is finished, they will move to another place. At the same time, drilling works taken up by Oil India Limited at Maubuang also is in progress where as the original target covers 4,500 meters. But after revision, 4,154 meters is deemed to be enough as they are now working on perforation. I may not give the detail as it is of confidential. Within this year, Oil India Limited is expected

to start drilling work at Keifang area. Their main problem in this regard is widening of the approach road which is now being completed. The same has also been started at Phulmawi but for Thenzawl, it is being delayed due to court case of the first choice driller.

On Demand No. 20, School Education, Pu Speaker, I am thankful that 13 members participated in the discussion. Regarding doubled placement of RMSA secondary school and of other schools were mentioned. The department is regretted for it as the case remains unresolved till date. Regarding school buildings, many are in a bad condition and need reconstruction but due to financial constraint, it is not done as yet. However, we are trying our best and we prioritized Elementary School (Primary and Middle School). Our officers take spot verification and we will take up renovation work as much as we can. Besides, we have some school buildings destroyed by the cyclone and we are now unable to renovate once again, yet, step is being taken.

The hon. member Pu Vanlalvena mentioned about two different answers for the same question for number of dropped out school children as seen in Zalen Newspaper and of the Answer to the Assembly Question. Pu Speaker, it may be noted that the number as per the Assembly is of the total of 1734 (i.e. number of dropped out school children) and 931 (i.e. number of dropped out school children for more than a month) which become 2665. I think the Newspaper omitted 931 Nos.

Various members criticized detailment of some teachers in the process of election, e-roll and census tabulation. We also feel the same but we need to follow instruction of the Election Commission and Census of India to detail school teachers. We are also aware but could not help of those who are appointed as BLO hardly have the time for teaching for the extra work allotted compelled to travel a lot.

The insufficiency of teachers has also been mentioned by some members. In order to overcome this problem, 169 new teachers are recruited through MPSC but 60 posts remain undetermined. Regarding one time relaxation, I cannot discuss about it for it is not my purview. It is mostly in Primary School of rural areas that we have under-staff teachers. I have noted down suggestions of the members and priority will be given in this regard. However, it cannot be done as desired for we need to maintain quality teaching on the contrary. Regarding increase of enrolment in P/S and M/S, step is being taken by the department as a meeting is held with Teachers Association

of P/S and M/S as introduction of Early Childhood Care & Education had also been emphasized. We agree to start from KG-I and KG- II with English medium as 66 schools are selected for the purpose.

The members also pointed out the need to increase our literacy rate. It is taken up by the Adult Education Wing in the areas where more drives need to be given such as Lawngtlai, Lunglei and Mamit District. Regarding construction of teachers' quarters, it is now difficult to do from this capacity. Proposal has been submitted to the Education Reforms Commission and necessary is being taken. However, under RMSA, 141 Ladies staff-quarters were built and we plan to build another 61 in the areas where it is needed more.

Regarding promotion, 325 H/S Headmaster of M/S and P/S were promoted; the cabinet gives approval for recruitment of 116 Nos. contract lecturers for HSS; we also have a plan to regularize 108 Nos. H/S teachers who are working on contract basis; 47 Nos. M/S teachers and 325 Nos. P/S teachers were also regularized. We also proposed recruitment of 169 Nos. P/S teachers as we introduced ECCE to 66 P/S from this session. Teachers of Elementary, Primary and Middle School under the State Govt. and SSA were trained last year and the rest are given admission to 8 DIET branches. With that, training is given to all teachers of the Elementary School. Besides, in cooperation with Mizoram University, 200 teachers are now doing their B. Ed course in this session.

On infrastructure, foundation stone has been laid for Education Centre at Treasury Square, Aizawl by the hon. Chief Minister with the estimate cost of 800 lakh. We received 120 lakh for construction of Education Complex & Rest House at Lunglei under Special Plan Assistance. Likewise, for Serchhip, we received 122 lakh. The School Education Department made an agreement with Doordarshan Kendra, Aizawl to broadcast achievement of the department from 6 - 6:30 pm every day.

Recruitment of Middle School and High School teachers is being redrafted and introduction of subject-wise teacher may be considered so as to improve our problem in Mathematics and Science subject. The process of School mapping and School Education software is almost completed so that the details information of any school will be made accessible online.

To speak a brief on SCERT, a new Text Book of NCERT, 2015 & 2016

Sessions for class 1 - 4 was introduced and adopted both in Mizo and English medium. As already mentioned, any of untrained teachers were given admission to DIET to undergo training; totally they are 2020. Step is taken for construction of 9 buildings of DIET and SCERT at the cost of 1 crore; construction of DIET hostel building at Lunglei at the cost of ₹216.31000 lakh is in progress where as for Champhai ₹241.46 lakh, for Kolasib ₹279.25 and for Serchhip 274.38 lakh. Tender has also been floated for DIET, Lawngtlai at the cost of ₹233.53 lakh and for Saiha ₹233.7lakh. In addition, Complex multipurpose building of SCERT Office will be constructed at the cost of ₹175.68 lakh. DIET Aizawl also has a technical sanction for hostel building. We also open Computer Study Centre at DIET in which certificate course training for teachers and staff is given. Pu Speaker, there is a plan to renovate school building of P/S and M/S funds which are in urgent need and will be funded from SSA; also, we are providing free text book to 1,34,510 school children and free uniform to 1,20,906.

Pu Speaker, regarding grant in aid to Govt. Aided School, ₹5,000/- is given to Primary School and ₹7,000/- to Middle school. It may be wise for each of the members to verify if the sum is utilized as planned in their respective constituency. Apart from this, the sum of ₹7500/- is granted to one government school as maintenance fund.

Here, Pu Speaker, I will end my speech; I thank the hon. members for their valuable support. I beg this august House to pass the following demands under my concerned departments, such as: –

<b>Demand Nos.</b>	<b>Departments</b>	<b>Amount of Budget</b>
Demand No. 20	School Education Department	₹9,09,97,21,000.00
Demand No. 40	Industries Department	₹59,25,91,000.00
Demand No. 44	Trade & Commerce Department	₹10,40,69,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>₹9,79,63,81,000.00</b>

**SPEAKER** : The hon. Minister Pu H. Rohluna begs the House to pass his Demands Nos. 20, 40 and 44 totaling ₹9,79,63,81,000/-. Those who agree, say, ‘aye’ and those who do not, say, ‘no’. As we all agree, this House has passed the Demands of the hon. Minister, Pu H. Rohluna amounting to ₹9,79,63,81,000/-.

**PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Now, our business for today is done. We will resume our meeting on 20.10.2015 (Tuesday) at 10:30 AM.

*(Sitting is adjourned.)*