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PRESENTATION OF BUDGET

1. **Pu H. LIANSILOVA** to present to the House :
Annual Budget for the year 2012-2013 with allied papers.

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Secretary

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SPEAKER : “And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He, who gives you power to get wealth”. (Deuteronomy 8:18)

Today, the hon’ble member Pu B. Lalthlengliana is unable to attend the Session due to illness. We will have a Presentation of Budget today. As we have done in the past, we will not take up any other Business. Let us now invite the hon’ble Finance Minister, Pu H. Liansailova to present to the House, the Annual Budget for the year 2012-2013 with allied papers.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : With your permission, Mr. Speaker Sir, I rise to present the Regular Budget Estimates for the year 2012-13 before this august House.

1. Sir, I deem it a great privilege to present my second Regular Budget as Finance Minister and the fourth Regular Budget of the current Ministry specially at a time when the Central Government has given us a very generous Plan endowment despite the country being impacted by the Euro zone debt crisis, political turmoil in the Middle East and widespread internal economic uncertainties. It will, therefore, be the constant endeavor of the State Government to ensure a judicious utilization of these funds to ensure economic growth and development of the State at a comparable pace with other well-performing States in the country.

2. The performance of the State in terms of GSDP has shown good results during last financial year. Even though the main factor for attaining such a commendable performance is Service sector, the progress of Agriculture & Allied Sector and Industry cannot be overlooked while undertaking a fiscal overview on the State economy especially as the percentage of the area of primordial shifting cultivation has gradually decreased across the State since last few years.

3. In the meantime, the State experiences the minor impact of global economic slowdown in the form of LPG (Liquefied Petroleum Gas) inadequacy, steep hike of Motor Spirit and devaluation of currency resulting in high inflation in the market. However, it is the heartfelt commitment of this Government to overcome these restraints in the quickest and simplest manner to do away with the supply constraints. Hence, I assure this august House that the Government is and will be constantly vigilant and responsive to the problems of the common man and will leave no stone unturned to address their grievances.

4. I would like to share with Hon’ble Members of this august House the fortunate prospects for the State for economic reforms since Government of India has accorded top priority for the Look East Policy, and more so with the opening of economic window by neighbouring country Myanmar. Hon’ble Prime Minister of India has visited Myanmar at the beginning of this year as a part of an initiative to boost the bilateral trade between the two countries. Mizoram will be one of the most benefited States from this bilateral trade through the trade centres Zokhawthar and Zorinpui. It is hoped that this new economic policy will bring about new economic developments in the State within the foreseeable future.

5. As we are entering the first year of the Twelfth Five Year Plan with the basic objectives of 'faster, more inclusive and sustainable growth', five objectives identified by Hon'ble Union Finance Minister in his Budget Speech early this year are highlighted once again as they will be the guiding principles of our Plan policy and programmes:

- (i) To focus on domestic demand driven growth recovery;
- (ii) To create conditions for rapid revival of high growth in private investment;
- (iii) To address supply bottlenecks in agriculture, energy and transport sectors, particularly in coal, power, national highways, railways and civil aviation;
- (iv) To intervene decisively to address the problem of malnutrition especially in the 200 high burden districts; and
- (v) To expedite coordinated implementation of decisions being taken to improve delivery systems, governance, and transparency; and address the problem of black money and corruption in public life.

6. Sir, I am also deeply honoured for being able to prepare the Budget and being able to drive the fiscal wheel of the State, particularly, at the dawn of the Twelfth Five Year Plan which is committed to bring the country in the forefront of global economic field by targeting a 9 to 9.5 percentile growth rate.

I. OVERVIEW OF THE STATE ECONOMY

7. Respected Sir, I laid on the table of the House the Economic Survey of Mizoram 2011-12 in March this year which gives a detailed analysis of the economy over the past twelve months with some of the noteworthy achievements of our Departments. This report shows that the State economy is estimated to grow at 10.09 per cent in real terms in 2011-12 over the previous year against the national growth rate of 6.9 percentile. Besides, the GSDP (Gross State Domestic Product) at constant prices (2004-05) clocked 8 per cent average annual growth rate during the financial years from 2004-05 to 2010-11.

8. The expected average growth rate of GSDP of Mizoram during the Eleventh Plan period was 7.1 per cent. However, the Mid-Term Appraisal of the Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-08 to 2011-12) produced by the Planning Commission of India placed the growth rate of the State at 5.5 per cent in 2007-08, 6.4 per cent in 2008-09 and the growth rate of the State for 2009-10 was 7 per cent only. In the meantime, the growth rate in the last two financial years empirically pulled up the average growth rate of the State during these first three years of Eleventh Plan which led to achievement of better growth rate for the whole Eleventh Five Year Plan period than forecasted by Planning Commission of India. This achievement bears ipso facto testimony to the serious and sincere efforts rendered by this Ministry under the able and proficient guidance of our Hon'ble Chief Minister Pu Lal Thanhawla to bring forward the State's economy to the vanguard of progress.

9. The Economic Survey Report 2011-12 reveals that GSDP for 2009-10 at factor cost at current prices was provisionally estimated at ₹5253.93 crore whereas the

quick estimates of GSDP for 2010-11 was pegged at ₹6058.70 crore and the advance estimates of GSDP for 2011-12 was put at ₹6991.40 crore. This shows that the growth rate of projected State's GSDP overtakes the growth rate of the country during last financial year.

10. Together with the increased inflow of various grants and assistance defrayed from the Centre coupled with utmost endeavor of this Ministry and the hard-work of people of Mizoram, I expect the GSDP growth rate of Mizoram for the year 2012-13 to be a double digit of 10 per cent in line with the target set by Thirteenth Finance Commission.

11. The Economic Survey 2011-12 further shows that Service sector continued to dominate the economy of the State by sharing 60 percent, followed by Industry sector and Agriculture & Allied sector at 20 per cent each. Hence, the Government needs to continue to invest more on Agriculture and Industry sectors for balanced growth.

II. A REVIEW OF YEAR

2011-12 Sir, I may now come to a review of year 2011-12.

12. Respected Sir, the year 2011-12 has passed through ups and downs in terms of economic indicators. While we are proud of achievement in terms of GSDP, this achievement could solely be ascribed to improvement of Service sector alone since the performance of Agriculture and Industry sector still left big room for progress. Even though the foundation stone for rapid development of Agriculture and Industry sector has been laid, the fruitful result of this effort in these sectors may take a while to bear significant outcome in the overall performance of State's GDP.

13. The fiscal policy of the State has to be, time and time, undertaken in line with the provisions and stipulations as laid down by Thirteenth Finance Commission. This tight fiscal belt recommended by the Commission brings about many beneficial effects on the financial management of the State as the State is determined to avail the offered-incentive on compliance.

14. The same history of fiscal problem continued its existence in this fiscal year too. The fiscal hiccups as a result of implementation of Pay revision to State Government employees and owing to provision of mass subsidy for the purchase of food grains and power are still in the forefront among the problem faced by the Government. It is, therefore, the serious commitment of the Government to chalk out a credible roadmap backed by a set of implementable proposals so as to provide solution to these financial dilemmas.

Revenue Receipts

15. Revised Estimates of total Revenue Receipts in 2011-12 was placed at ₹4127.72 crore against the Budget Estimates of ₹3748.30 crore. Out of Revised Estimates, Tax revenues, comprising Own Tax revenue and Share in Taxes, was ₹890.04 crore whereas Non-Tax revenues inclusive of Grant in aid was pegged at ₹3237.68 crore.

16. Out of this Tax revenues of ₹890.04 crore, Own Tax Revenue was placed at ₹180.31 crore against the Budget Estimate of ₹173.17 crore and Share in Taxes at ₹709.73 crore by maintaining the figure of Budget Estimates.

17. The Non-Tax Revenues of ₹3237.68 crore in the Revised Estimates of 2011-12 comprises Own Non-Tax Revenue of ₹241.18 crore and Grants from the Centre to the tune of ₹2996.50 crore against the Budget Estimates of ₹237.58 crore and ₹2627.82 crore respectively.

18. Revenue Surplus in the Revised Estimate of 2011-12 was ₹193.67 crore. In this regard, it may be pertinent to mention that the Revenue Receipts accounts show an improving trend during this year and this is a very good sign for the fiscal health of the State. The Government will continue to render untiring efforts for improvement of Revenue Receipts so as to attain maximum Revenue surplus for maximum capital investment.

Capital Receipts

19. Revised Estimates of the total Capital Receipts in 2011-12 was ₹492.42 crore in which Recovery of Loans & Advances was ₹36.76 crore and Public Debt was ₹455.66 crore.

Revenue Expenditure

20. In the Revised Estimates, Gross Revenue Expenditure was placed at ₹3935.31 crore against the Budget Estimates of ₹3427.51 crore. Higher spending in the Revised Estimates is mainly attributed to consequential impact of Revision of Pay in 2010.

Capital Expenditure

21. Capital Expenditure in the Revised Estimates was ₹1064.00 crore against the Budget Estimates of ₹789.83 crore.

22. The total expenditure under Consolidated Fund of the State stood at ₹5149.31 crore in the Revised Estimates against the Budget Estimates of ₹4367.34 crore.

Fiscal Indicators

23. Revenue Surplus and Fiscal Deficit are the main key indicators which reflect the fiscal performance of the State. Revenue Surplus during 2011-12 in the Revised Estimates was ₹193.67 crore against the Budget Estimates of ₹322.04 crore. Fiscal Deficit of the State was also pegged at ₹490.86 crore in the Revised Estimates against the Budget Estimates of ₹172.87 crore. These unanticipated results in respect of Revenue Surplus and Fiscal Deficit could be attributed to unexpected upsurge of expenditure for the purchase of food grains and power, higher spending on Education and unforeseen escalation of expenditure for supply of drinking water to the public.

24. In particular, the year 2011-12 marked a serious default payment on power purchase as a result of retrospective revision of power tariff by CERC (Central Electricity Regulatory Commission) which, in turn, has a untoward repercussion on

the State finances. However, this Ministry is highly committed to address these specific undesired experiences by streamlining revenue collection efficiency in the concerned Department.

III. BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012-13

I now turn to estimates for Regular Budget of 2012-13.

25. Respected Sir, I may inform Hon'ble Members once again that Budget on Vote-on-Account was required to be presented for the first four months of current financial year consequent to late finalization of State Annual Plan. However, I would like to clarify that the State Government is not responsible for late finalization of Annual Plan as the power to set a date and time for finalization of Annual Plan size is solely vested in Planning Commission of India.

26. Notwithstanding the above, delay of Regular Budget triggers late utilization of Plan fund even though uniform spreading of expenditure throughout the year is one of the top priorities of this Ministry. However, I assure hon'ble members of this august House that paramount endeavor would be undertaken to ensure optimum utilization of Public Fund in the right direction in the right time so as to ensure uniform percolation of the resources to the general public of the State.

Revenue Receipts

27. Revenue Receipts comprise Tax Revenue and Non-Tax Revenue. Tax Revenue for current year is estimated at ₹1004.13 crore which consists of an estimation of Own Tax Revenue at ₹190.42 crore and State's share of Central Taxes at ₹813.71 crore.

28. Receipts under Non-Tax Revenue are estimated at ₹3792.35 crore. This Non-Tax Revenue comprises estimations of Own Non-Tax Revenue at ₹229.43 crore and Grants-in-aid from the Centre at ₹3562.92 crore. Components of Grants-in-aid from the Centre under Non-Plan and Plan are placed at ₹1164.36 crore and ₹2398.56 crore respectively.

29. Budget Estimates of total Revenue Receipts for the year 2012-13 is pegged at ₹4796.48 crore which is an increase of 27.96 per cent over the Budget Estimates of ₹3748.30 crore during 2011-12.

Capital Receipts

30. Capital Receipts is estimated at ₹ 383.44 crore. This comprises an estimation of Public Debt and Recovery from Loan & Advances at ₹356.89 crore and ₹26.55 crore respectively. Public Debt of ₹356.89 crore again consists of estimation of Internal Debt of State Government at ₹347.25 crore and Loans & Advances from Govt. of India at ₹9.64 crore.

31. Estimate of Capital Receipts for 2012-13 is decreased by 22.28 per cent against Budget Estimates of the same during 2011-12 as a result of downsizing of

borrowing limit by Ministry of Finance, Government of India in line with Thirteenth Finance Commission's recommendation.

32. Thus, the total Receipts under Consolidated Fund of the State for the year 2012-13 is estimated at ₹5179.93 crore which is an increase of 22.12 per cent over the Budget Estimates of the same ₹4241.69 crore during 2011-12.

Expenditure

33. The Gross total expenditure from Consolidated Fund of the State is budgeted at ₹5327.25 crore which is an increase of 21.98 per cent over the Budget Estimates of the same during 2011-12. Of this, Gross Revenue Expenditure accounts for ₹4169.71 crore and Gross Capital Expenditure contributes ₹1157.54 crore.

34. The total expenditure can also be classified as Plan and Non-Plan expenditure. Out of the estimate of total expenditure, Plan Expenditure is ₹2300.00 crore and Non-Plan Expenditure is ₹2875.37 crore of which an increase of Non-Plan Expenditure is 12.25 per cent against Budget Estimate of last year. Beside this, expenditure to be incurred under CSS/NEA/NLCPR is estimated to be ₹151.88 crore.

Revenue Expenditure

35. Out of the total Revenue expenditure, Development Expenditure stood at ₹1341.51 crore which is 32.17 per cent and Non-Development Expenditure at ₹2828.20 crore which is 67.83 per cent of the total Revenue Expenditure.

Interest Payments

36. Interest Payments for 2012-13 is budgeted at ₹242.00 crore which is a decrease of 10.78 per cent over the Budget Estimates of 2011-12. This is a sign of significant improvement in the State finances. The reason could be attributed to Prepayment of high cost loans under Mizoram Public Resource Management Program (MPRMP).

Salaries

37. Salaries and wages of State Government's employees always share a size able portion of every annual Budget of the State. In this connection, I would like to reaffirm to hon'ble members of the House that no single ministry should be held responsible for the cause of this situation since the Budget allocation pattern has been brought forward and handed over from ministry to ministry since long time ago.

38. However, utmost efforts need to be paid by any ministry in the Government to find practicable solution to address this particular fiscal problem. It may be pertinent to mention that more than 10000 sanctioned posts are still lying unfilled as a part of fiscal discipline measure, that too, at the cost of operational efficiency of the Government. This portrays the seriousness of this ministry in compressing the number of Government employees along with minimizing expenditure for their salary and its related items.

39. Requirement for Salaries under Non-Plan, Plan and CSS for 2012-13 are estimated at ₹1615.64 crore, ₹416.15 crore and ₹25.97 crore respectively thereby making a total Salary Payments at ₹2057.76 crore.

Pensions

40. New Defined Contributory Pension Scheme was launched for the employees recruited on or after 1st September, 2010 with a focus to minimize requirements for Pension Payments. As major portion of the State Government's employees are still under the old Pension Scheme, I propose to set aside ₹268.72 crore for the expenditure on Pension Payments for fiscal 2012-13 which is a decrease of 1.53 per cent over the Budget Estimates of 2011-12.

Capital Expenditure

41. Gross Capital Expenditure is estimated at ₹1157.54 crore of which Capital Outlay at ₹1038.74 crore, Public Debt at ₹87.60 crore and Loans & Advances at ₹31.20 crore. It is the intention of this ministry to allocate fund as much as possible for Capital Outlay vis-à-vis minimizing expenditure on Repayments of Borrowings and its consequential Interest Payments.

Non-Plan Expenditure

42. Minimizing Non-Plan Expenditure to the lowest possible extent is one of the top priorities of this ministry as a result of which all departments were instructed to reduce their respective Budget allocation under the head of non-salary portion of Non-Plan Fund by 2 (two) percent of the total allocation during 2011-12.

43. Estimates of Non-Plan Expenditure for 2012-13 is pegged at ₹2875.36 crore. Plan Expenditure Annual Plan 2012-13

44. Speaker Sir, as Hon'ble Members are aware, the size of State Annual Plan for 2012-13 was fixed at ₹2300.00 crore in a meeting between hon'ble Chief Minister of Mizoram and Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission of India on 6th June, 2012 which is an increase of 35.29 against the Annual Plan size of 2011-12. This is the highest ever increment of Annual Plan size in the history of Mizoram State. This achievement confirms thrust and confidence reposed on the policy and programme of this ministry by Government of India so that optimum utilization of this blessing showered by the centre would be the utmost endeavor of this Government.

45. Within the approved outlay of ₹2300.00 crore, I propose to allocate the following amount to different sectors as follows:

- (i) Agriculture & Allied Activities - ₹504.88 crore
- (ii) Rural Development - ₹49.29 crore
- (iii) Special Area Programme - ₹94.21 crore
- (iv) Irrigation & Flood Control - ₹115.36 crore
- (v) Energy - ₹97.09 crore (vi) Industry - ₹93.84 crore
- (vii) Transport - ₹335.23 crore
- (viii) Communications - ₹3.62 crore
- (ix) Science, Tech. & Environment - ₹1.28 crore
- (x) General Economic Services - ₹181.49 crore
- (xi) Social Services - ₹715.83 crore
- (xii) General Services - ₹107.88 crore.

Fiscal Sustainability

46. It will be the continued effort of the Government to maintain Revenue Surplus even in this year 2012-13 with the estimate of ₹627.77 crore which is the highest ever in the history of State finances. Fiscal Deficit was estimated at ₹265.61 crore which is 3.31 per cent of the projected GSDP ₹8018.96 crore against Thirteenth Finance Commission's target of 5.2 per cent. Outstanding debt was also estimated at ₹4362.31 crore which is 54.40 per cent of the same GSDP against the Thirteenth Finance Commission's target of 82.9 per cent. The performance of the State under these fiscal indicators signifies the sincerity and seriousness of the Government towards consolidation and reformation of its fiscal policy.

47. Provision of mass subsidy in respect of food grains and power, as pointed out time and again, has become the major bottle neck in the fiscal management of the State over the years. During 2011-12 alone, State Government spent more than ₹100.00 crore for purchase of power and food grains from its Exchequer. It is not known how long the State finances will be able to sustain this subsidy. Since the subsidy is provided for the benefit of the poor, lay man and the masses, I assure hon'ble members of this House that the current ministry will continue to provide subsidy for these purchases even at the cost of Exchequer for the targeted people. However, the Government will tender all-out effort to contain this subsidy burden by way of streamlining recovery system on User charges and sale proceeds.

IV. PRIORITY SECTOR UNDER ANNUAL PLAN 2012-13

Sir, Let me now turn to priority sector under Annual Plan 2012-13.

48. Mr. Speaker Sir, the flagship programme of this ministry i.e. New Land Use Policy (NLUP) will continue to be accorded top priority. As I have outlined in my Budget Speech for Vote-on-account early this year, the ground implementation of NLUP is found satisfactory and praise worthy by Central Government owing to which the specific allocation for NLUP for the year 2012-13 is enhanced to a momentous figure of ₹370.00 crore. This is an increase of 58.12 per cent over the previous year allocation of ₹234.00 crore. Agriculture & Allied Activities

49. The proposed total outlay for 2012-13 is ₹504.88 crore. The increased percentage is 42.14 against the outlay of ₹355.21 crore for 2011-12. The enhancement of total outlay for Agriculture & Allied Activities is being taken with a view to simultaneously improves the contribution of this sector in the overall growth rate of State's GSDP.

MLA Local Area Development Scheme

50. In view of a notable impact of this Scheme in each MLA constituency, I propose to enhance the existing allocation from ₹1000.00 lakh to ₹1200.00 lakh which is an increase of 20 per cent. The proposed amount has to be allocated uniformly to each constituency at the rate of 30.00 lakh.

Provision of equity share for construction of 400 KV line

51. Being a power resource-deficient state, priority is accorded to improvement of Power line within as well as outside the State as it is necessary to import a sizeable portion of requirement from outside the State. Hence, I propose to allocate ₹30.64 crore as equity share for construction of 400 KV D/C line from Pallatana to Bongaigaon.

Improvement of Road Communication

52. As Road Communication plays an indispensable part for boosting developmental initiatives and for picking up of economic state of affairs evenly across the State, I propose to allocate a total amount of ₹329.37 crore for improvement of Road network throughout the State. Of this, the following have been earmarked –

- (a) ₹10.00 crore for Mizoram State Roads Project
- (b) ₹30.00 crore for North Eastern State Roads Investment Program
- (c) ₹24.98 crore for Rural Road Project under NABARD
- (d) ₹200.00 crore for Special Programme for Road Development
- (e) ₹27.78 crore for State's Priority Project.

The total outlay for 2012-13 is increased by 169.51 per cent against the outlay of the same during 2011-12. This allocation illustrated that this Government is paying utmost effort to ensure homogenous economic development across the territory.

Districts Empowerment

53. As a part of decentralization of power to percolate the resources down to grass roots level and to evolve plan formulation at District level, I propose to allocate ₹600.00 lakh to Lunglei High Power Committee and ₹500.00 lakh for five District Planning Committees at Aizawl, Champhai, Mamit, Kolasib and Serchhip. Besides, I also propose to allocate ₹50.00 lakh for Sialkal Tlangdung Development Committee. This is a very significant episode in the history of Mizoram and phenomenal initiatives particularly in terms of resources distribution.

Enthusing Education

54. The importance of education for all-round development may not need more emphasis and in particular education at the Primary and Secondary level. To provide impetus to the existing strength of education set up in terms of salary, wages and infrastructure, I propose to enhance allocation on School Education by almost 20 percent at ₹223.32 crore against allocation for the same during 2011-12. Further, Higher & Technical Education and Mizoram Scholarship Board are also provided adequate fund at ₹52.29 crore and ₹5.23 crore respectively with remarkable increased percentage so as to promote the future and welfare of the students.

Promotion of Youth services in Sports

55. This Ministry always pays importance on encouragement of youngsters to take up sports profession as their career. As such, I propose to enhance allocation for this purpose at ₹29.87 crore which is an increase of 31.05 per cent over and above the allocation for the same in 2011-12. This allocation comprises a specifically earmarked fund of ₹400.00 lakh for Mizoram State Sports Council and ₹100.00 lakh for construction of Ramhlun Indoor Stadium.

Promotion of Visual Arts

56. For the first time in the history of Mizoram, I propose to allocate ₹20.00 lakh for promotion of visual arts and to create conducive environment for encouragement of film industry so as to open new window for the youth and educated unemployed.

Infrastructure Development

57. It has been repeatedly said that our State is lagging behind other State in various economic parameter particularly in terms of Infrastructure development. As a part of an effort to improve infrastructure in the State, I propose to allocate –

- (i) ₹23.67 crore for construction of various Buildings under State's Priority Projects
- (ii) ₹20.00 lakh for maintenance of Mizoram House, Bangalore.
- (iii) ₹466.00 lakh for construction and improvement of Fire Stations.
- (iv) ₹500.00 lakh for additional Secretariat Building.
- (v) ₹750.00 lakh for construction of Raj Bhavan.
- (vi) ₹800.00 lakh for construction of Police Station Buildings
- (vii) ₹833.00 lakh for construction of Jails
- (viii) ₹50.00 lakh for renovation of State Guest House, Aizawl.

Plan Loans from Central Financial Institutions

58. Sir, with a view to enhance capital expenditure for developmental initiatives, State Government is trying to avail Loans from some Central Financial Institutions with the prior consent of Government of India under Article 293(3). Hence, during 2012-13, I propose to avail Plan Loans from-

- (i) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) to the tune of ₹50.00 crore and
- (ii) National Co-operative Development Council (NCDC) amounting to ₹1.50 crore.

The total amount of Negotiated Plan Loan to be availed during 2012-13 comes to ₹51.50 crore.

Plan Grants from Finance Commission

59. As per recommendations of Thirteenth Finance Commission, an amount to the tune of ₹113.85 crore was allocated inside the Annual Plan for taking up various projects like state specific needs, maintenance of forests etc.. on plan account during current financial year 2012-13. The increased percentage is 27.72 against the allocation of the same during 2011-12.

Central Assistance for State Plan Scheme

60. Within the State Annual Plan of ₹2300.00 crore, an amount to the tune of ₹487.46 crore is included as Additional Central Assistance (ACA). Scheme wise details of ACA for 2012-13 are:

- (i) Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) - ₹140.00 crore
- (ii) Border Area Development Programme (BADP) - ₹40.72 crore
- (iii) Roads & Bridges - ₹10.88 crore
- (iv) National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) - ₹7.47 crore

- (v) Grants in Aid under Art. 275(1) - ₹12.91 crore
- (vi) Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) - ₹100.00 crore
- (vii) Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) - ₹25.58 crore
- (viii) National e-Governance Plan (NEGAP) - ₹1.35 crore
- (ix) Rashtriya Krishi Vikash Yojana (RKVY) - ₹148.55 crore

61. The increased percentage of current year allocation of ₹487.46 crore is 103.35 per cent against the last year allocation of ₹239.72 crore which is incredibly worth mentioning in the Plan history of the State. This achievement, once again, reaffirms the trust and faith reposed by central Government in the fiscal management as well as in the plan policy and programme undertaken by current ministry. Therefore, it will be the perpetual commitment of this Ministry to continue quality output performance in implementation of various Centrally Sponsored Schemes and Central Plan Schemes so as to earn the confidence of the Centre year after year.

Externally Aided Project

62. Sir, I want to share with hon'ble members of this august House the opportunity of the State in availing development partnership with multilateral institutions particularly foreign institutions for financing developmental initiatives. Such foreign financial institutions include World Bank and Asian Development Bank (ADB). During 2012-13, an amount of ₹96.40 crore has been allocated under Annual Plan for taking up of the following projects –

- (i) Mizoram State Roads Project (MSRP) funded by World Bank
- (ii) North Eastern State Roads Investment Programme funded by ADB
- (iii) North Eastern Region Urban Development Project (NERUDP) funded by ADB
- (iv) Mizoram Public Resource Management Programme (MPRMP) under ADB New Land Use Policy (NLUP)

63. Respected Sir, I would like to highlight once again the accomplishment of this Ministry on actual implementation of our flagship program called New Land Use Policy (NLUP) in brief for the past two years in spite of some achievement being highlighted in my previous Budget Speeches. The main objective of this Programme is improving the livelihood of vulnerable groups mainly jhumia families in a sustainable manner through improved management of their resource base in a way that contributes to protecting and restoring environment. This programme, despite initial problems, had made satisfactory progress during the last two years. Particularly, it has made considerable contribution in facilitating reduction of jhuming areas by 42 per cent during Eleventh Five Year Plan.

64. During 2010-11, ₹234.82 crore was released by Government of India for implementation of NLUP. Subsequently, an amount of ₹234.00 crore was released again for the same during 2011-12. In the meantime, appreciating the progress under NLUP, Planning Commission of India enhanced the allocation for the year 2012-13 to ₹370.00 crore which is an increase of almost 60 per cent against the last year's allocation. This commendable act of kindness shown by Planning Commission of

India could solely be ascribed to responsible and trustworthy utilization of NLUP fund by this ministry and attestable achievement of the beneficiaries on the field.

65. Besides, earmarked fund of ₹370.00 crore from Annual Plan 2012-13, additional allocation under Rashtriya Krishi Vikash Yojana (RKVY) to the tune of ₹40.00 crore has also been arranged for convergence with NLUP. This indicates that the total fund available for family oriented programme under NLUP during 2012-13 will be ₹410.00 crore. As such, additional 29,861 beneficiaries will be selected during 2012-13 to cover 1,20,000 beneficiaries by end of this fiscal in addition to 90,139 beneficiaries selected during the first two years. Hence, substantial amount of this year's allocation shall be spent for 45,000 beneficiaries selected under phase-II as additional installments whereas a large portion of the same fund will also be doled out to new 29,861 beneficiaries of phase-III as first installments.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE INITIATIVE

Mr. Speaker Sir, let me now turn to the administrative initiatives being undertaken by this Government. Good Governance Initiatives Launching of MIPUI AW- State Module of CPGRAMS

66. The 2nd Administrative Reforms Commission elucidates in its 12th Report, Chapter 5 that every government organization must ensure – a fool proof system for registration of all complaints, a prescribed time schedule for response and resolution. Hence, Government of Mizoram launched its own version of Grievances redress system called MIPUI AW – State module of CPGRAMS (Centralized Public Grievances Redressal and Monitoring System), in line with the system adopted by Government of India, on 29th February, 2012 with a view to provide better governance to the public. It is believed that this system will help the citizens in lodging their grievances to the right forum so that the same could be aptly redressed by appropriate authority.

Mizoram State Wide Area Network (MSWAN)

67. Respected Sir, as a part of an effort to facilitate all Government services accessible to the common man in his locality, through common service delivery outlets and ensure efficiency, transparency and reliability of such services at affordable costs to realize the basic needs of the common man, Mizoram State Wide Area Network (MSWAN) was launched successfully on 19th June, 2012 to connect 42 locations across the State like District headquarters, Sub-Division headquarters and Block headquarters. It uses the latest and state of the art technology to provide platform for transfer of various data like video, voice and documents so as to improve administrative efficiency throughout the State.

VAT-soft

68. The new system, called VAT-soft was formally launched on 8th December, 2011 with a focus to provide better services on E-Registration, E-Way Bill, E-Return, E-filing of Invoices, E-Payment and E-CST Forms to the public. It is hoped that this

new system will bring better efficiency and competency in collective system of various Taxes in the State. Promotion of small, micro and macro-Industry Industrial Development Area

69. As Hon'ble Members are aware, Mizoram State has a long way to go in this sector so as to compete with other States. Hence, with a focus to promote industrial activities in the State, Industrial Development Areas were established at Zuangtui Industrial Estate, Export Promotion of Industrial Park, Lengte and Industrial Growth Centre, Luangmual. Basic infrastructure requirements like water supply, power supply, industrial plots and other necessary facilities have also been installed in these Industrial development areas to provide opportunities to the investors. As of now, 150 units had been given industrial plots in Zuangtui Industrial Area whereas 24 units are to be accommodated in Export Promotion of Industrial Park at Lengte. It is hoped that this initiative will bring about a turn around for industrial development of the State.

Establishment of Weavers' Service Centre

70. Respected Sir, as announced by Hon'ble Union Finance Minister in his Budget Speech early this year, Weavers' Service Centre run by Ministry of Textiles, Government of India is proposed to be set up in our State to provide technical support to poor handloom weavers. I want to thank once again Central Government for the care and support they provide to us. I hope that this financial as well as technical support would be of immense significance in the development of industrial activities across the State.

Development of Bamboo Sector

71. With the State contributing to 14 per cent of all India Bamboo distribution, Bamboo processing has become a centre-stage in the industrial activities of the State as a part of which Bamboo Board is established and many Mat Ply Industries have come up in the State. As of now, 9 Bamboo chipping units having a capacity of producing 27 tons of Bamboo chips per day have been established at various parts of the State. Besides, several units of Agarbati stick making units have also been established within the State. Moreover, Bamboo pebble mat making unit, Bamboo mat weaving unit, Bamboo charcoal and vinegar making unit are also a part of Bamboo Development initiatives in the State. A comprehensive roadmap for development of bamboo sector through Bamboo Development Agency has also been framed so as to focus on resource mapping, plantation, usage and marketing value addition. These initiatives are strongly believed to bring the economic development of the State many steps forward.

Improvement of Power Sector

72. Since it is inevitable to be hitherto self-sufficient in power supply to embark on any developmental initiative, the State Government undertakes many projects to achieve self-sufficiency in power supply. Serlui 'B' Hydro Electric Project (HEP) has been commissioned technically generating 14.91 Mega Watt. Tlawva HEP is also under construction to be completed within 3 years from award of work and Tuivai HEP is also proposed to be taken up under Public Private Partnership mode by availing Viability Gap Funding from ministry of Finance, Government of India.

Besides these projects, various projects like – Lungreng HEP, Chhimtuipui HEP, Mat HEP, Kolodyne Phase –II HEP, Tuirini HEP and Tuivawl HEP are being taken up and pursued vigorously for production of sufficient power supply within the State. These initiatives are expected to fetch a remarkable improvement for the State economy as well as State finances.

Promoting Border Trade Border Trade with Myanmar

73. Sir, as I have outlined at the beginning of my speech, many initiatives have been taken to promote bilateral Border Trade with Myanmar. As a part of this initiative, Land Custom Station at Zokhawthar has also been completed and is ready for formal inauguration. Besides, a site has been earmarked for location of another Land Custom Station at Zorinpui, Lawngtlai District to facilitate bilateral trade within the framework provided by Government of India and Government of Myanmar. This initiative would have special significance in the economic growth of North Eastern States especially Mizoram due to its geographical isolation from the mainland and its relative proximity to the vibrant market economy of the neighbouring South East Asian Countries. Access to South-East Asian Countries will be provided by Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport on inland and water through Aizawl to Sittwe port in Myanmar via Lawngtlai, Zorinpui, Kaletwa and Paletwa.

Border Trade with Bangladesh

74. Similarly, a suitable plot of land at Kawrpuichhuah is acquired for establishment of Integrated Check Post and at the same time, Trade Facilitation Centre at Tlabung has also been commissioned to facilitate bilateral trade with Bangladesh.

Aizawl – Solar City & empowerment of Municipality

75. Aizawl City has been declared ‘Solar City’ for which installation of Solar Photovoltaic Power Plants in the Civil Secretariat Building and the Municipal Council Building are being taken up with an effort to complete the project by September this year. Moreover, 13th Finance Commission Grants for Urban Local Bodies have also been transferred to Aizawl Municipal Council to enable to take up core services like solid waste management, water supply, drainage and other public amenities.

VI. FISCAL REFORMS AND CONSOLIDATION

76. Sir, as we are in the period of Thirteenth Finance Commission which recommended tight fiscal belt on the Central Government and State Government, it is imperative for the State to obey and comply with recommendations and stipulations laid down by the Commission so as to avail various incentives offered by the Commission. In regard to fiscal reforms and consolidation, the performance of the State is noteworthy. It has been maintaining Revenue Surplus since 2003-04. Fiscal deficit has also been put under control. Moreover, outstanding debt is also efficiently managed to hang around far below the targeted limit.

77. Meanwhile, a challenge which the State Government has to confront within a foreseeable future is the problem of confining these fiscal indicators to remain inside

the periphery of the Thirteenth Finance Commission's target since provision of mass subsidy on purchase of food grains and power coupled with implementation of Pay revision on State's employees is a heavy price on the State finances year by year. In spite of subsidy being provided for the good of the poor, lay people and the populace, it is detrimental to the State's finances. However, as a part of an effort to comply with the recommendation of Thirteenth Finance Commission for consolidation of State's finances, a serious endeavor is being undertaken by the State Government to evolve better form of food-trading and power-trading.

78. For evolution of better form of food-trading, the State Government has been deliberating on the upcoming National Food Security Bill, 2011 as the same is being designed to create food security at the household level by making food a legal entitlement for all targeted people. Further, a National Information Utility for the computerization of Public Distribution Centre is also created to become operational by December, 2012 as a part of an effort to ensure that the objectives of the National Food Security Bill are effectively realized. Therefore, I would like to inform hon'ble members that the State Government will seriously ponder again the issue of food-trading after the National Food Security Bill came into being so as to manage the food trading in the principle of no-loss no-gain.

79. In the case of power-trading, State Government has been trying its best effort to generate sufficient power within its territory so as to dispense with import from outside the State as I have mentioned in detail before. After fully operationalizing these Hydro Electric Projects within the State, the current imbalanced power trading is expected to wane and instead, revenue will be earned from power trading.

80. As Mizoram Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBMA) Act, 2006 has been put in place with a series of target on fiscal indicators like elimination of Revenue Deficit, control of Fiscal deficit not to exceed a certain limit and compressing outstanding debt to remain within a specified target, I would like to inform hon'ble members that this Government is highly committed to remain within those targets unless it is absolutely necessary.

Public Expenditure Review Committee

81. As provided in Section 8 of Mizoram FRBM Act, 2006, a five member Committee of Public Expenditure Review Committee was constituted. It has held its seventh meeting on 3rd July, 2012 to review half yearly position of receipts and expenditure for the first half and second half of 2010-11 covering April, 2010 to September, 2010 and October, 2010 to March, 2011 respectively. Reviewing two half yearly position of receipts and expenditure in one meeting was necessitated as a result of late publication of Finance Account for 2010-11. This committee submitted recommendations to the State Government for the improvement of Public expenditure and to bring forward tax administration to earn more revenue.

Review of Fiscal Position for the First Half and Second Half of 2010-11

82. As provided in Section 9 of sub-section (2) of Mizoram FRBM Act, 2006, a half yearly review of receipts expenditure is to be carried out by the Minister-in-

charge of Finance Department. As such, I have taken up review of the State finance for first half and second half of 2010-11 covering the period of April, 2010 to September, 2010 and October, 2010 to March, 2011 respectively. Reports of my review are also being laid in the current sitting of this August House.

Medium Term Fiscal Policy Statement

83. As provided under the Rules, a Medium Term Fiscal Policy Statement which set forth the fiscal objectives and strategic priorities of the State Government in relation to certain selected indicators over the medium term is laid along with the budget documents in this session. This statement presents an assessment of sustainability relating to the balance between revenue receipts and revenue expenditure, use of capital receipts including borrowings for generating productive assets and the estimated yearly pension liabilities for the next ten years.

Fiscal Policy Strategy Statement

84. As provided by Mizoram FRBM Act, 2006, a Fiscal Policy Strategy Statement is also drawn up and laid along with the budget documents in the current sittings. This statement presents an overview of the fiscal policy of current year and the policy of the ensuing year in regard to taxation, expenditure, borrowings and investments of the State Government in the instruments like Sinking Fund and Guarantee Redemption Fund. A Fiscal Correction Path laying the targets for fiscal indicators over the medium term up to 2013-14 has been charted out in the Statement.

Macro Economic Framework Statement

85. A Macro Economic Framework is drawn up and laid along with the budget documents. This statement presents an overview of the economy for the current year and of the state's economy for the ensuing year. It also touches upon the estimates of GSDP of the state and prospects of the economic growth over the medium term.

Consolidated Sinking Fund

86. Sir, Consolidated Sinking Fund is being used as redemption of outstanding liabilities of State Government. The Fund is managed by Reserve Bank of India and the corpus is invested in Government of India securities. As per the Revised Scheme of Consolidated Sinking Fund, an amount of ₹16.50 crore was invested in 2010-11, which is the prescribed 0.5 per cent of the total outstanding liabilities of the State Government as on 31st March, 2010. In addition, an amount of ₹21.75 crore was invested again during 2011-12. The continued investment of the Government results in accumulation of Sinking Fund and the principal amount already invested up to 31.3.2012 comes to ₹112.50 crore. In 2012-13, I propose to invest ₹17.90 crore towards augmenting the corpus of the Fund.

Guarantee Redemption Fund

87. Guarantee Redemption Fund had been set up in May, 2009 with initial corpus fund of ₹50.00 lakh. It was established with an objective of utilizing the accumulated Fund towards the payment of contingent liabilities. As on 31.3.2012, the already invested corpus fund accumulated to ₹200.00 lakh. For the current financial year 2012-13, I propose to augment the corpus with additional investment of ₹150.00 lakh.

VII. TAX AND NON-TAX PROPOSALS

88. Respected Sir, the year 2011-12 experienced unexpected inconsistency in collection of Tax and Non-Tax Revenues. While performance in some sectors were appreciable, performance in few sectors were dismally poor as the Government needs to review its stand on the rate of collection as a result of legal implication and public pressure. However, the State Government has initiated corrective measure in the year itself so as to minimize the repercussion of this review on the State finances. In this regard, even the public and populace must also understand the necessity and compulsoriness of paying contribution to the Government as the Government is not endowed with limitless resources.

Tax Measures

Sales Tax and VAT

89. Mr. Speaker Sir, I propose to maintain the existing rate of Sales Tax on LPG (Liquefied Petroleum Gas) at 4 per cent, Motor Spirit (Petrol) at 20 per cent and High Speed Diesel at 12 per cent as the current financial position of the State demands.

Stamps and Registration

90. Unfortunately, Notification to impose levying of Stamp duty on monthly payment of Salaries to all regular Government officials including the Council of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries and on all bills in respect of payment made by various Departments and offices to private parties needs review due to certain legal reasons in the midway of last financial year. Hence, I propose to maintain the status quo except on the rate of Stamp which shall now, henceforth, be fixed at ₹ 1 per bill from current financial year. Besides, during 2011-12, initiatives have been taken to enforce compulsory registration of all Revenue connected documents like Land Settlements Certificate (LSCs), Periodic Patta etc. with a view to generate more revenue. Due to some problems, actual implementation is still deferred for the moment. It is expected that this measure will also be put in place in near future with public support.

Hiking of Vehicle Taxes

91. It is also learnt that Taxes on various Vehicles collected under Transport Department have not been reviewed since 1997 and it became long overdue for revision. As such, the Mizoram Motor Vehicles (Taxation) Act, 2011 was put into place to revise the existing Vehicle Tax at par with the rate of pan-India. Unfortunately, it is required to pause the said Act due to some pressure group as a result of which a Committee was formed to look into the matter meticulously once again.

Non-Tax Measures

User charges on Water Supply

92. Mr Speaker Sir, as a part of an endeavor to augment the state own resources and to generate more revenue, the State Government decided to increase the existing user charge of drinking water supplied to the public through any types of Water Supply Scheme to certain comfortable level and Notification to this effect has also been issued during 2011-12. Regrettably, this action received unexpected response

from some section of the public as a result of which the notification was suspended for a certain period. However, in view of incessant loss incurred by Water Supply scheme from the State Exchequer, the Government felt it essential to enhance the existing rate to a certain comfortable level as a matter of which the suspension order has been revoked. It is hoped that this enhancement will bring substantial amount of revenue to the State Exchequer.

Compulsory Registration of Laborers and Casual employees

93. In connection with this subject, Government of Mizoram has already been legislated appropriate Act and thereby put the following Rules into its place:

- 1) The Mizoram Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Rules, 2004.
- 2) The Mizoram Inter-State Migrant Work men (Regulation of Employment & conditions of services) Rules 2005.
- 3) The Mizoram Building and other Construction workers (Regulation of employment and condition of service) Rules, 2008.

However, actual implementation of the abovementioned rules fell short of expectation in terms of revenue collection during the last few financial years. Therefore, I would like to inform this august House that the matter would be pursued in full swing from current financial year.

VIII. RECEIPT BUDGET FOR 2012-13

94. Respected Sir, we have drawn up Receipt Budget 2012-13 and is laid before this august House along with other budget documents. This initiative, laying down targets of revenue collection of different Departments under various heads of revenues is expected to bring about a positive turn around in the increased efforts of various Departments and Organizations under the State Government for improving collection of various Taxes and Non-Tax Revenues.

IX. CONCLUSION

95. Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to reiterate with heartfelt gratitude the blessing of subventions and various grants showered by Central Government during current financial year especially at a time the country is passing through economic slowdown. As such, the State Government will committedly endeavor to shift the gear and accelerate towards self-sustaining economy by way of enhancing the productive capacity of rural economy based on local resources and by creating conducive environment for establishment of micro-industry through implementation of New Land Use Policy. In the meantime, I may inform hon'ble members of this august House that this policy does not belong to a particular political party; instead it is being developed and implemented for all citizens of the State who are in need of it. Therefore, I would like to appeal to all stakeholders- policy makers, implementing officials and the beneficiaries once again to lend their sincere and devoted helping hand for the grand success of this noble and gigantic programme so as to bring about faster, more inclusive and massive economic development uniformly throughout the State.

96. Sir, I would like to stress once again the necessity of generating own resources as well as essentiality of tax compliance. As hon'ble members are aware, 90 per cent

of the State economy depends on various resources defrayed and devolved by the centre. Therefore, it is my sincere appeal to the general public, government employees and policy makers to realize the importance of tax payment and to extend their support to the government policies and programme in achieving the growth rate target and inclusive economic development in the form of agricultural and industrial activities particularly at the time we are entering the first year of Twelfth Five Year Plan to ensure that we have a better and prosperous State to live in.

97. Having said all this, I hope the government's policies and programme will be able to bring about long term and stable economic growth and development for the State of Mizoram of which the results will be harvested in the years to come.

98. I would like to thank all the hon'ble members of this august House for giving me a patient hearing.

99. With these words, I commend the Regular Budget Estimates for 2012-13 for approval of this august House.

Thank You, Sir.

SPEAKER : Pu H.Liansailova, the hon'ble Minister for Finance has laid down on the table of the House, the budget for 2012-2013. Let the copy be distributed. It is grateful as the hon'ble Minister is able to accommodate his speech within half an hour. So, our business for today is done. The meeting will be resumed tomorrow the 17.7.2012 (Tuesday) at 10:30 AM.

Sitting is adjourned at 12:30 PM.

**SIXTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MIZORAM
(ELEVENTH SESSION)**

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR SECOND SITTING ON TUESDAY, THE 17th JULY, 2012
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)

OBITUARY

1. **Pu LAL THANHAWLA**, CHIEF MINISTER to make reference on the demise of the following dignitaries :-
 - 1) Pu Zalawma, former Member of Mizoram Legislative Assembly.
 - 2) Pi L. Thanmawii, former Member of Mizoram Legislative Assembly.

QUESTIONS

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

LAYING OF PAPERS

3. **Pu H. LIANSILOVA** to lay on the Table of the House a copy of the Twentieth Annual Report of The Mizoram Public Service Commission 2010-2011.

PRESENTATION OF REPORT

4. **Pu R. Romawia**, Hon'ble Speaker to report to the House the time table as chalked out by the Business Advisory Committee for the current session.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Bills for introduction, consideration and passing.

5. **Pu H. LIANSILOVA** to beg leave of the House to introduce "The Mizoram Local Fund (Accounts & Audit) (First Amendment) Bill, 2012.

ALSO

to introduce the Bill

to move that the Bill be taken into consideration

AND

to move that the Bill be passed.

NGURTHANZUALA
Secretary

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SPEAKER : Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. (Matthews 5:8)

We will now observed obituary reference on formers members Pu Zalawma and Pi L. Thanmawii. Let us call the hon'ble House Leader Pu Lal Thanhawla.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, it is dishearting to have obituary reference. I will start with former member Pu Zalawma.

Pu Zalawma was a minister as well as CEM under Mizoram government. He was died of diabetes on 28th June, 2012 at 8:45 P.M. He was 77 years old.

Pu Zalawma was the youngest son of Pu Tlangkhama and Pi Buksangi from Sesawng village. Pu Zalawma had one son and two daughters with his wife Pi Chhiari. In the year 1997, he divorced his wife Pi Chhiari and re-married Pi Lalhmunthangi and lived in Falkland Zemabawk till his dead. He completed Lower Primary and Middle School from Sesawng and Baktawng respectively and Class X from Mizo high school, Thingpuihuan. In the year 1957-1961, he worked as LDA under Mizo District Council. From then, on he took part in active politics and was among the constitution of Congress party in 1967 December and held the post of Joint Secretary. In the year 1963, he was the General Secretary of District Congress committee and a member of the Assam Pradesh Congress Committee. He was elected as member of the District Council from Rengdil constituency in the year 1970. He was the first from Congress party to held Chief Executive Member. In the year 1972, he was elected as MLA from Kawrthah constituency in the first Mizoram Union Territory. In 1978 and 1984, he was again elected from Kolasib constituency. In the first Mizoram state's MLA election, he was elected from Bilkhawthlir constituency and was sworn in as Minister for Land Revenue & Settlement department and Local Administration Department. Pu Zalawma is a prominent Congress party leader who served the state and the party for 37 years. He held various posts in his party during his tenure and was also a member of All India Congress Committee for several terms.

Pu Zalawma was a man who loves friends, a peace loving person as he was quite fast in helping the needy. Falkland Presbyterian was constituted under his guidance. Infact, church services were held in his house until the said church has it own building. He was a Church Elder (Tual-upa) from 2003-2008.

Pu Zalawma suffered from diabetes and high blood pressure. In the year 2005, he was hospitalized due to stroke. He was taken to Kolkata several times. Later in the year 2010, he was taken to Shillong and was diagnosed of heart problem. This year in May, he collapsed which caused him broken hip bones as complications kept creeping in. He was admitted to Greenwood Hospital (ICU) and finally on June 28th 2012 at 8:45 p.m., he succumbs to his illness.

Pu Speaker, we have lost a distinguished leader who was firm on his stands and principal. He was faithful to the party and not for once did he attempt to shift party. Pu Speaker, it was he who invited me to join Congress party in the year 1968. We are from the same locality as so our bond is deep on personal level. I have travelled through the length and breadth of Mizoram with him. I must say that Mizoram have lost a prominent leader. I pray that God be with the departed family.

Next, Pi Lalthanmawii was the first Mizo women to be elected as an MLA. She passed away on the 6th July, 2012 at 1:45. She was 92 years.

Pi Lalthanmawii was the daughter of Rev. Thianga and Pi Saibuali. In the year 1937 (April 10), she was married to Dr. Rosiama at Silchar, in the hands of British Missionary and had 6 sons and one daughter. As demanded by her husband service, she stayed in Assam, Meghalaya and Tripura. In 1946, they settled in Lakhipur. In the year 1973, she came back to live with her youngest son, W. Pahlira in Venghlui as she lived here till her death. Pi Lalthanmawii's husband Dr. Rosiama was the first Mizo District Council Chairman.

Pi Lalthanmawii passed Middle School from Halflong and finished high school from Welsh Mission's high school for girls in Silchar. After she passed completed her matriculation in 2nd Division, she stopped her studies due to marriage. But, after her husband dismissal, she continued her studied and graduated in English from Cachar College, Silchar in 1969.

Pu Speaker, since Pi Thanmawii did her schooling under the British Missionary, her English was excellent. Thus, there are several novels translated books under her name such as: - 1) Doctor's Return, 2) Jane Eyre, 3) Hmangaihna Kawng chhuk chho, 4) Elija, 5) Hmelhem and 6) Amazing Grace.

Pu Speaker, she has written several articles and books both in English and Mizo. Pi Thanmawii, during her stay in Lakhipur had held important post in the church and society. She was Headmistress of Mission middle school, Lakhipur from 1948-1956. Besides, she had even worked as a lecturer in a private college of Lakhipur. After she moved back to Mizoram, she worked as a Teacher in Bible Middle School of Venghlui.

Pi Thanmawii had joined People Conference (PC) party in the year 1977. She was elected as an MLA from Serchhip constituency in the year 1978, and again elected from Aizawl East constituency in the year 1979. She was the first Mizo woman to be elected twice.

Pi Thanmawii was a God-fearing woman. She was a teacher of the Presbyterian Sunday School of Venghlui and also took an active part in non-Mizo Kristian Fellowship (Masihi Sangati).

Pi Thanmawii was a healthy person and she had no major illness till 90 years of age. But in the year 2010 (November), She suddenly fell ill and was dignosed

of having blood sugar. Since then, due to old age and illness, she could not recover as expected. Thus, on the 6th July, 2012 at 1:45, she passed away.

Pu Speaker, there will be very few who does not know Pi Thanmawii. She was one of the most well known Mizo women of our time. I had the privilege of sitting with her in this august House. I called her 'Nu Mawii' as I was friend with her children. Today, one of her sons, Wing Commander Pu Zawma plays vital role in helping the state to have helicopter service. May God be with her children.

SPEAKER : Any one to speak? Dr. R. Lalthangliana.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Recently we have lost two distinguished leaders. I had the privilege of being associated with Pu Zalawma. The first time I sat as MLA in 1989, he was a Minister. There were many times when I have to meet him and discuss on issue concerning my constituency. It is remarkable to highlight that he was the first CEM of the District Councils. Pu Speaker, he was a person who stood by his principals and never categorized ruling or the opposition MLA as a minister. He was an easy going person who is loved by people around him. It was pleasing to know that towards the final years of his life, he was a man of God-fearing who devoted his time for the Church of Falkland. Everyone showered praises on his final day and even declared that the pillar of Falkland has tumble down. I pray that God be with his family.

Pi Thanmawii is among the only three Mizo women to be elected as MLA. She was MLA already before we join politics. Apart from politics, she was a woman of substance with a very clear view.

As we have heard, she was a teacher who is quite fluent in English, Hindi and Bengali and I have even read some of her articles in the newspapers. Pu Speaker, Pi Thanmawii raised 7 dignified children. Till today, Pi Thanpuii, one her daughters who is in Lunglei considered him as 'Lunglei pa'. I pray that God be with the departed family members.

SPEAKER : Pu K. Liantlinga.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, let Pu Duhawma, our group leader speak. (SPEAKER: That is, if you wish to let him speak on your behalf).

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, we made a deal that Pu Liantlinga will speak about Pi Thanmawii and I will speak about Pu Zalawma. (SPEAKER: That will consume the whole of question hour).

Anyway, I will start with Pu Zalawma as there are so many things to say regarding his character. One can assume that he was fun loving and easy person but he was a person with deep sense of responsibility from within and who stood by his principal. He was large-hearted who always willing to help the needy.

During MNF in surgency, there were families who moved into Aizawl from rural areas. He was so touched by them that he gave land sites to many of the

families he came across. The army officers, giving importance of his request lifted a curfew in Sateek instantly and Khaw-khawm was stopped. He believed in collective leadership.

Pu Speaker, Pu Ch.Chhunga and Pu Zalawma were sent to old Lawngkar to meet leaders of MNF and without informing anyone, not even their families and the MNF leaders. He made a remark that, 'they are our brothers, if they wish to capture us or kill us and it is their wish'. As such, he plays vital role in the peace accord from the beginning till the signing of the peace accord. I travel with him through the length and breadth of Mizoram. I am the President of Congress party and he was the Vice-President. We have gone to Delhi to pave way for the Indian government and MNF leaders to hold peace talk.

Pu Speaker, as we have heard, he plays vital role in Falkland Church in his last days. He said, 'Now, I will start playing heaven's politics'. He was elected as Church elder for 2 successive terms. I pray that God will be with the departed families.

I did not prepare myself to speak about Pi Thanmawii. Anyway, I personally had the privilege of knowing Pi Thanmawii as we worked under one party.

She was a woman who is blessed with various talents. She was a woman who deserved to be admired not only for politics but was a successful mother who raises her children with dignity and honor. All her children are well established and dignified in their respective fields.

Today, we have lost two distinguish leaders. May God be with the families of the departed. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalthansanga.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, thank you.

Robert Rosanglura, son of Pu Zalawma was my childhood friend. Infact, it was Pu Zalawma who inspired me and encourage me to join politics. He believes in collective leadership. He once told me, 'if people think you are misfits, then you are, and if they think you are acceptable, then you are acceptable. He was a generous person as when Zarkawt Church was constituted, there were two unknowns who donated ₹10 lakhs each. It was later learned that Pu Zalawma was one of them. May God be with his family.

Pi Thanmawii joined P.C. party in 1977 following the invitation of Brig. T. Sailo. Pu Speaker, her children are very glad towards their mother in the manner of their up bringing. Pi Thanpuii, one of her sons even thanked her mother while she was alive. She joined the army as she fetched her husband in Singapore who was prisoner of war, during World War-II.

Pi Thanmawii was the general secretary of P.C. party during peace talk. She took active part in the process of peace accord. When I joined P.C. party in

the year 1988, I went to meet her, she was quite old. She told me to call her 'Ni' (aunt). She was very excited when pay was raised; she rang me up and told me come over to tell me the detail. She was very grateful to the government.

SPEAKER : I am grateful to the hon'ble members for listening to the chair. Pu Zoram Sangliana and Pu J.H. Rothuama too have memories to share about our two departed leaders, but I am glad they obey to my request. Alright, to pay our respect, let us all rise up and observe one minute silence. (one minute silence is observed).

Thank you. We will now move on the Starred Question. Let us call Pu T.T. Zothansanga to ask the question.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Will the hon'ble GAD minister be pleased to state - If there is a proposal by the government to create post for MNF returnee?

SPEAKER : Let us call the minister to answer the question.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the government creates 70 posts to rehabilitate MNF returnees.

SPEAKER : Pu T.T. Zothansanga

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. My first question is: - what sort of government job has been created? The MNF manifesto 2003 stated that provision will be made for rehabilitation of MNF returnees. If so, what provision has been made so far to that effect and if there are any eligible to fill up such posts? Also, if plots of land acquired by the army during MNF independent movement have already been compensated?

SPEAKER : Pu P.P. Thawla.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, my question is: - When will the posts created for returnees be filled up?

SPEAKER : Let us now call the hon'ble Chief Minister to answer the question.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, in regard to compensation of land, it is not an easy as there are genuine and fake cases. As for the post created, there are 2 posts of Assistant with 20 applicants, 4 posts of UDC with 32 applicants, 14 posts of LDC with 114 applicants, 46 posts of Peon with 339 applicants. Total number of post is 70 with 535 applicants. Pu Speaker, in 2008, the then ministry has given job to 233 Nos. of MNF returnees. It is believed that it is not sufficient to accommodate all the returnees. As for the 535 applicants, verification will be carried out by the D.C. and hopefully we will finalize by August/September.

SPEAKER : Let us now call Pu R. Lalrinawma.

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Agriculture minister be pleased to state – May construction of Sihphir to Nausel road be done from infrastructure components of NLUP?

SPEAKER : Let us call the hon'ble Agriculture minister, Pu H. Liansailova to reply.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer to hon'ble member's question is: – Proposal is going on as DPR is under processed.

SPEAKER : Let us now call Pu R.L. Pianmawia to ask the next question.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble minister for GAD be pleased to state –

- a) Is there any proposal to increase SHDC fund from ₹250 lakhs. If so, how much?
- b) Is there any proposal to regularize the MR staff under SHDC project?

SPEAKER : Let us now call the hon'ble Chief Minister to answer the questions.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, additional ₹50 lakhs have been added from the time when we passed the budget on Vote on Account. Further additional fund will be added from schemes like RKVY, from outside the budget. Under SHDC project, there are 19 Nos. of staff. If they meet the norms and regulations of the government, the government will examine and look into the matter as required.

SPEAKER : Question hour is over. Anyway, you may complete answering the question.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : The composition of Sinlung Hills Development Council includes Chairman, Vice Chairman and 17 members out of which 14 members are recommended by the Chairman and the rest 3 members are appointed by the government.

SPEAKER : Alright, question hour is over. I have received calling attention motion from two hon'ble members such as Pu R. Lalrinawma and Pu Lalduhoma. Let us call Pu R.Lalrinawma, then Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. To uplift condition of farmers, NLUP is being implemented successfully. But unfortunately, huge numbers of cattle distributed under NLUP has died. In my constituency Sihphir, cattle rearing under NLUP have proof successful. 100 families have been given 2 cattles each. Recently, there is a report that 41 cattles have died due to various reasons. Pu Speaker, it has now been verified by AH & Vety department that 67 cattles of which are not of NLUP too have died. As an MLA of the constituency, I informed the matter

to the Chairman of NLUP, district level monitoring committee Pu Z.S. Zuala as free clinic have been operated by the department and the cattles are verified. It is unfortunate to face the problem while the people are grateful towards the government. It is huge relief for the farmers as the government is intended to provide them with fresh cattles. We are grateful to the hon'ble Chief Minister who stood by his words to endeavor the needs of the farmers. On the other hand, it is unfortunate that it has been politicalised by few section of the people. It is unforeseen incident and is not appropriate to claim that all the cattles as died of food and mouth disease. Infact, it has been verified by AH & Vety department that some were died of other reasons.

There is no proof that cattles under NLUP were died of FMD. There were cattles that have died not from NLUP. Therefore, steps should be taken to rehabilitate concerned farmers. I request the government to take necessary action immediately. Thank you.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, the government of Mizoram purchased 490 Nos. of cattle under NLUP from the Quality Dairy & Agro-sales, Haryana and 298 Nos. from the Modern Dairy Cattle Brooding Farm, Kanpur, totally 788 Nos. Out of this, 43 Nos. have died on the way and 23 Nos. on arrival and the total of 92 Nos. died from the hand of beneficiaries. I request the hon'ble minister to give the number of cattles that have died till date.

Pu Speaker, it is a known fact that such cattles acquired the disease from the journey which spread eventually. In my constituency, NLUP cattles have died and 5 Nos. from outside the programme. Now, many people are afraid of eating beef.

According to agreement signed between AH & Vety department and the company, any cattle for supply including lactating pregnant and cross-bred should be vaccinated so that it is free from diseases and experts from the department will then select the cattles. Further, expert from the farm company will accompany the cattles on their journey. If this is the agreement, what crosses one's mind is if the department actually selected the cattles and examined their breed as per agreement. Is it possible that the farm companies failed to meet the required numbers and procured some local cattles? Why did the farm companies failed to send their experts to attend such cattles on the journey? Is it a fact that such cattles actually died on the way and if the correct breed and pregnant cattles are exchanged on the way with local cattles? Why payment of 90% is made before the cattles are delivered? In this case, the government has nothing to say. Also, we have to determine if such cattles are insured as per agreement. How can papers of claiming insurance are in the hand of farm companies? Is it done so to benefit insurance by the said companies? Pu Speaker, it is obvious that the assigned companies benefitted huge amount of insurance but the government have very little say. Thus, I insist on to the government to take necessary action and to immediately compensate those whose cattles have died of the desease. The government should immediately take measures to eradicate the disease. Pu Speaker, we have encountered the same problem in the previous ministry with

piggery farm. These kinds of incidents are avoidable if precaution measure is taken in time. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Alright, I will call the hon'ble House Leader to clarify as I believed that he will be able to give detailed clarification.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, thank you. It is regretted as the whole state is disturbed by the dead of cattles as some are politicalizing the issue. However, it was pleasant to hear from the hon'ble ZNP leader appealing that the issue should not be politicalised.

Yes, this is an unfortunate incident for the government as the government invested huge sum of fund for the project. Thus, the government does want this to happen. And at the same time, it is a proof that we stood by our words with NLUP as the cattles we have distributed have died. This issue may be quiet those who do not believe in NLUP and those who claim that NLUP will not be achieved. The government neither wants this to happen, but we have to consider that the cattles have travelled along distance from Punjab and they might have exhausted. In the previous year, we know that cattles rearing was quite successful in Sihphir and Durtlang as they were able to feed the whole Aizawl city with milks. As pointed out Pu Speaker, the said cattles travelled on truck for 14/15 days and there is no proof that they were died of the disease and it could be due to various reasons. If I am correct, none of the dead cattles were postmortemed so as to proof that they were died of some diseases.

In regard to concerned beneficiaries of NLUP, there was wrong information that information as being given to the media. Pu Speaker, the government is willing to take necessary action to those who wrongly implement the scheme as we do not spare even party-workers. In fact, we have expelled those who were found guilty.

Pu Speaker, we have faced an unfortunate incident. The agreements might have been lapsed but the officers assured that they have selected good breed, yet, there might have been some loop-holes in the process. For information of the House, I have assured that compensation will be given to those who deserved to be compensated.

Pu Speaker, knowing the needs to examine terms and agreements, an inquiry committee is constituted on 12th July, under the chairmanship of Pu P.C. Lallawmsanga, IPS, and the Secretary for Industries department. For information of the hon'ble members, the terms of reference are as follows: -

1. To enquire and examine whether established procedure were followed inside in the agreement for supply and purchase of dairy cows.
2. To enquire whether only good quality and healthy cows were purchased.
3. To examine and enquire as to why the mortality rate of any cow was so high.
4. To enquire into the advice and support of purchase of dairy cow from the villages of Haryana.

5. To enquire whether these are responsible for FMD currently prevalent in some parts of Mizoram.
6. The committee should submit their report within the period of two months.

Pu Speaker, the government is deeply regretted for the dead of these cows as it is a huge loss. Thus, it is commitment of the government to ensure that the loss will be compensated.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, it will be appreciated if terms of reference could be added. I am glad that commission has been constituted as the commission can cover the entire dealings. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Speaker, if the minister could furnish the total number of dead cows till date?

Pu NIHAR KANTI, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, from the Quality Dairy & Agro-sales Farmer, 490 cows were purchased, 3 died on the way and 15 on arrival, 39 died in the hands of beneficiaries and total number of dead cows is 57. From other dairy farmers, 298 were purchased and total number of dead cows is 169.

SPEAKER : Now, let us call Pu H.Liansailova to lay on the table of the House, "the 20th annual report of the Mizoram Public Service Commission, 201-2011".

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I lay on the table of the House, "The 12th annual report of the Mizoram Public Service Commission, 2010-2011".

SPEAKER : The detailed programme for this session was confirmed by the BAC on 25.6.2012. We may now distribute the copy of Presentation of the Report.

As Legislators, we are assembled to this House to make rules. In order to function effectively, we have to follow certain rules and regulations and as such, there are a number of motions and resolutions submitted by the members that were rejected and cannot be discussed in the House. I want to clarify that they were rejected due to restrictions posed by the rules.

We will now invite hon'ble minister, Pu H. Liansailova to beg leave of the House to introduce 'The Mizoram Local Fund (Accounts & Audit) (First Amendment) Bill, 2012.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I beg leave of the House to introduce 'The Mizoram Local Fund (Accounts & Audit) (First Amendment) Bill, 2012.

SPEAKER : Do we all agree? Then, let him introduce and move the Bill.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, thank you. The Principal Acts for 'The Mizoram Local Fund (Accounts & Audit) (First Amendment) Bill, 2012 has already been passed in 2006 and I would like to propose for the Amendment of this Bill.

The main issue regarding this Bill is that the nomenclature was taken from Assam Government and it is suggested that 'Examiner' should be changed to 'Director' for better understanding of the work it entails and with the hope that it might be more effective. Also, there are a few mistakes that require correction such as 'be' from Section 3 in the Principal Act should be changed to 'by' and a spelling mistake in Section 12, No.7 'forthwith'. Lastly, I would like to request the members for their support in passing this Bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER : We will now start our discussion. Each member will have 5 minutes. We will now invite Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. In supporting the amendment of this Bill, I would like to suggest that in the future, we should not rush into passing certain Bills even if it contains mistakes and require revision as it always comes back to the House for another amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu C. Ramhluna

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, I would like to point out a few changes that I felt is necessary. I believe the word 'Municipal Board' from Section 2, sub-Section 4 should be changed to 'Municipal Council' as it has its own fund of local body and function. Also, the patent error 'by summons' from Section 5, sub-Section 3(b) should be changed to 'summon'.

The audit report should also be submitted to the State Government instead of submitting only to the local authority. Also, there should be a clear definition of 'local authority' which should include who the local authorities are and the extent of their authority. Lastly, I pledged my support to this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu R. Lalrinawma

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, I would like to mention that the House has seen positive changes under your guidance in terms of Legislation and also I would like to mention that I support the amendment of this Bill.

SPEAKER : Pu K. Liantlinga

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, even though I support the amendment of this Bill, I believe the presentation is not up to par and I would like to suggest that such mistakes should not be repeated in the future. Thank you.

SPEAKER : We shall now invite hon'ble minister Pu H. Liansailova to wind up the discussion and request the House to pass this Bill.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I would like to thank respected members for their support and contribution and would like to state on the record that currently we have 9 staffs at the Local Fund Audit Wing. They are Director, Deputy Director, Assistant Director, 4 Auditors and 2 Assistant Auditors with the office situated at the Chief Controller of Accounts Office.

In answer to the query from Pu C. Ramhluna; if I am not mistaken, the word 'summons' is correct in the noun form. Also, 'Local Fund' is defined in the Constitution as 'and any fund declared by the State Government to be a Local Fund for the purpose published at' and as such 'Municipal Board' and 'Municipal Council' is under this jurisdiction. The Audit Report will also be submitted to higher level other than the Local Authority. We do have the Rules drafted for this Bill and can be completed after the passing of this Bill.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, I believe it would be more appropriate if the destination of the report is included in the rules. Also, I believe it would be more effective if the phrase 'Any other Local Authority not been a component Authority' is added in the rules.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, the Audit Report is submitted to the Director of Local Fund Account and not to the State Government.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, as mentioned before, the Audit Report is submitted to the head the Office and if required to other concerned body. I respectfully request the House to pass this Bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER : The "Mizoram Local Fund (Accounts and Audit) (First Amendment) Bill 2012" has been unanimously passed by the House.

SPEAKER : Session will continue again tomorrow.

Sitting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

**SIXTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MIZORAM
(ELEVENTH SESSION)
LIST OF BUSINESS**

FOR THIRD SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 18th JULY, 2012
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)

QUESTIONS

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

LAYING OF PAPERS

2. **Pu Zodintluanga** to lay on the Table of the House a copy of “The Mizoram Municipalities (Procedure and Conduct of Business) (First Amendment) Rules, 2012”.
3. **Pu K. Lianzuala** to lay on the Table of the House a copy of “Statement of actions taken by the Government against Subject Committee-IV’s further recommendation”.

PRESENTATION OF REPORT

4. **Pu K. Lalrinthanga** to present to the House the Fourth Report of Subject Committee-V relating to Tourism Department (Actions taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the First Report of Subject Committee-V)

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Bills for introduction, consideration and passing.

5. **Pu Zodintluanga** to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Societies Registration (Amendment) Bill, 2012”.

**ALSO
to introduce the Bill
to move that the Bill be taken into consideration
AND
to move that the Bill be passed.**

NGURTHANZUALA
Secretary

SPEAKER : Then some soldiers asked him, “And what should we do?” He replied, “Don’t extort money and don’t accuse people falsely – be content with your pay.”

“Don’t collect any more than you are required to,” he told them.
(Luke 3:13 & 14)

We will now start with the question and answer session. Let us invite Lt. Col. Z.S. Zuala to ask question No. 21.

Lt. COL. Z.S. ZUALA : Pu Speaker, will the hon’ble minister for Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department be pleased to state the timeline for the opening of the Slaughter House at Mualpui?

SPEAKER : Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma

Pu NIHAR KANTI, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the Slaughter House at Mualpui is expected to be opened before Christmas. Chowkidar quarter, site office, electric power supply and machineries have all been erected at the site.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Lt. Col. Z.S. Zuala.

Lt. COL. Z.S. ZUALA : Pu Speaker, my supplementary questions are: -
a) Will there be any fees for the Slaughter House users?
b) Will there be a doctor present?
c) Will there be any problems regarding waste disposal?
d) What happened to the Slaughter House at Bung-bangla?

SPEAKER : Supplementary questions from Pu Lalhimpuia and Pu K. Liantlinga

Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUIA: Pu Speaker, thank you. A plan for a slaughter house at Lunglei has already been passed. I would like to ask when this project will be started.

SPEAKER : Pu K. Liantlinga

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, do we have the proper plans so that we can have optimum utilization of these slaughter houses?

SPEAKER : Pu Nihar Kanti, Minister.

Pu NIHAR KANTI, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the slaughter house will be under the supervision of a doctor. There will be a treatment plan at the site with liquid waste neutralizer. The slaughter house at Bungbangla is still in use. Currently, a plan for a slaughter house at Lunglei is going on and will be started soon.

SPEAKER : We will now invite Pu K. Liantlinga to ask starred question No. 22.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble minister for Health & Family Welfare be pleased to state: - Has the sum of 10 crores from Zoram Health Care Society deposited under private names at Bajaj Allianz been withdrawn? If withdrawn, under what names they were deposited and what is the interest amount?

SPEAKER : Pu Lalrinliana Sailo.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the funds have already been withdrawn. The following are the names and amount of interest accumulated: -

1. Liansangpuii Renthlei	-	₹3,95,848/-
2. Liansangpuii Renthlei, Kolasib	-	₹3,95,858/-
3. Laltharzela	-	loss of ₹69,494/-
4. R. Liansanglura	-	₹2,55,294/-
5. Laldinpuii	-	₹2,06,001/-
6. R. Liansanglura	-	₹79,392/-
7. Liansangkima Renthlei	-	₹2,34,586/-
8. Don Sapremthanga Halliday	-	₹5,90,444/-
9. V. Lalthakimi	-	₹2,23,707/-
10. Lalthansanga	-	₹19,08,509/-
11. Lalsangzuali	-	₹7,91,514/-
12. Sangzuala Pachuau	-	₹19,09,908/-
13. Frankie Lawmsanga, Thiak	-	₹1,94,549/-
14. Liandingpuii Renthlei	-	₹3,64,702/-
15. Lalmangaihi Ralte	-	₹19,09,908
16. Biakthansangi	-	₹7,42,666/-
17. J.C. Ramthanga	-	₹19,09,908/-

SPEAKER : Supplementary questions from Pu K.Liantlinga, Pu John Siamkunga and Pu R. Lalrinawma respectively.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, what is the reason for variation in the interest amount? Is it under ADB Rules to deposit the cash as investment under private names since this is a Corpus Fund? Do we still have balance from the 28 crores deposited at Reliance Company? What is the amount allotted by the government for Medical Reinbursement?

SPEAKER : Pu John Siamkunga

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Pu Speaker, do we still have balance from the 28 crores deposited at Reliance Company? Can you explain the variation regarding the health-care system carried on by MNF and Congress during their respective ministries? Does the public encounter any problems regarding accessibility of the health care system? Will the interest amount varies largely if the capital had been

deposited at State Bank of India instead of Bajaj Allianz? Is it under ADB Rules to deposit the cash as investment under private names?

SPEAKER : Pu R. Lalrinawma

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, my intended question has been posed by other members.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalrinliana Sailo

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, this subject has been deliberated for a long time now and I do understand as it regards public money and will attempt to clarify as much queries as possible.

The amounts invested are as follows: -

1. Liansangpuii Renthlei	-	₹40 lakhs each since this name has invested twice.
2. Laltharzela	-	₹80 lakhs (loss of ₹69, 494/-)
3. Liansanglura	-	₹20 lakhs
4. Laldinpuia	-	₹80 lakhs
5. Liansanglura	-	₹60 lakhs
6. Liansangkima Renthlei	-	₹90 lakhs
7. Don Sapremthanga	-	₹80 lakhs
8. V. Lalthakimi	-	₹85 lakhs
9. Lalthansanga	-	₹25 lakhs
10. Lalsangzuali	-	₹25 lakhs
11. Lalsangzuali	-	₹80 lakhs
12. Sangzuala Pachuau	-	₹25 lakhs
13. Frankie Lawmsanga, Thiak	-	₹80 lakhs
14. Liandingpuii Renthlei	-	₹85 lakhs
15. Lalmangaihi Ralte	-	₹25 lakhs
16. Biakthansangi	-	₹80 lakhs
17. J.C. Ramthanga	-	₹25 lakhs

The interest amount varies as they are deposited under different policies and also due to fluctuation at the stock exchange. The cash was deposited on 5/12/2008 for a period of 3 years, however, it was decided that the amount deposited at Bajaj Allianz would be withdrawn and a letter was sent to them on 28th January, 2009. This was not possible as we receive a letter from them on 17th February, 2009 stating that they cannot be withdrawn before the 3 years stated has lapsed. However, we received another letter from them on 9th August, 2011 to switch over to other policy due to inflation at the stock market. But this was rejected and the policy was waited out till maturity.

Our contract with Reliance Company has expired with 27 crores left in their hands intended for the Health Care System. We are dealing with them now and have even threatened to sue them; however, this does not seem to take any effect as

we are in the wrong. I personally beg and request them to and have withdrawn 17 crores at this point.

As of now, we have deposited the Health Care funds at State Bank of India and are expected to yield an interest of about 3 crores within 3 years. Thank you.

SPEAKER : We shall now invite Pu P.P. Thawla to ask starred Question No.23

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the minister for Health & Family Welfare Department be pleased to state: -
 a) Are there any plans to renovate Civil Hospital at Saiha?
 b) Do you plan to extend the Primary Health Centre at Tuipang?

SPEAKER : Pu Lalrinliana Sailo to answer the questions.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, we are currently at the planning stages for the renovation of Saiha Civil Hospital while we do not have plans to extend Tuipang PHC at the moment.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question Pu P.P. Thawla

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, have they submitted DPR for the renovation of Saiha Civil Hospital and what is the extent of their work? Also, I urge the ministry to look into Tuipang PHC as they are severely in need of renovation.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, what is the expected completion date for the renovation of Sairang Hospital and its surrounding quarters? Currently, there are no staffs at Tuipui sub-centre due to refusal from the intended worker. Will it be more productive to post workers who are willing to work there?

SPEAKER : Pu Joseph Lalhimpua

Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUA: Pu Speaker, thank you. ₹1 crore was sanctioned by the previous ministry for the renovation of Lunglei Hospital and nearly 3 lakhs have been spent towards this. When will the remaining fund be released for the continuation of this project?

Second, we were promised a separate transformer solely for the hospital by the Chief Minister at Lunglei High Powered Meeting, when can we take delivery of this transformer?

Lastly, will construction of PHC at Zobawk be started in the near future?

SPEAKER : Pu R.L. Pianmawia

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I would like to request our hon'ble minister to expedite the staffing of Ratu Hospital as construction has already been completed. Also, I believe it is within reason to upgrade Darlawn PHC to CHC and would like to request the hon'ble minister to look into this. Thank you.

SPEAKER : We shall now invite the hon'ble minister to answer the questions.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER : In response to the hon'ble member, Pu PP Thawla's question, we have strongly requested the central to provide the fund for Saiha and the Hindustan Steel Works have prepared a DPR for the value of ₹20 crores. I am hopeful that it will be forwarded very soon.

We do not have official intention to set up a dispensary at Tuipang at the moment but the existing PHC is quite old and at the suggestion of the Art and Culture Department, we have made a proposal to patch it up as a heritage building.

To answer Pu Pianmawia's query regarding the CHC, it is common knowledge that we do not meet the standards required to operate the health center as per the central norms. We are understaffed and we do not even have sufficient specialists to be posted in the 12 centers that we already have. It is for these reasons that we had to appoint doctors who do not have PG degrees.

I would like to assure Pu Duhoma that Sairang is now included under the 13th Finance Commission. In the meantime, the work at Tualpui has to be discontinued for a short time but it will be taken up again as soon as possible.

Concerning Pu Joseph Lalhimpua's query, a proposal amounting to ₹64 lakhs has been submitted and I am fairly certain the transformer will be installed shortly. About the hospital upgrade at Lunglei, this is an ongoing process and until the present confusion is cleared, the fund will not be provided.

Coming back to Pu Piana's question, although we have the fund and the consent from the central to appoint doctors for the posts, we simply do not have sufficient doctors willing to take up the vacant posts. We have now decided to create 'very hard posts' which would have better pays and other facilities to attract doctors. Hence, I believe we will be able to meet the rural demand for doctors very shortly in the future.

We have bought x-ray machines in the past but here also, we do not have enough lab technicians willing to work in the rural areas. With the permission of the Chief Minister and the Finance Minister we have recently cleared the proposal to recruit 82 doctors which will be an immense relief for the rural and remoter areas.

As I am sure you are all aware, the central has increased the number of beneficiaries under the RSVI. We will now be able to include all those with job cards instead of only BPL families in the annual financial assistance. The central has kept a

keen eye on our performance and they appear to be quite impressed resulting in our nomination as a recipient of the G.R.D. Tata Memorial Award on the 31st of this month.

SPEAKER : We will now move on to started Question No. 24 to be asked by Pu C. Ramhluna.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Will the hon'ble Minister for Transport Department be pleased to state: -

- a) How many buses are in service?
- b) How many JNNURM buses are servicing in villages?
- c) Does the government require permission from the central to let the buses service in the rural areas?
- d) How much revenue has been generated between the years 2010 to 2012?

SPEAKER : The hon'ble Minister, Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana may provide the necessary information.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA, MINISTER : The answers are as follows –

- a) 47 buses are in service at the moment.
- b) They are not in service at the rural areas.
- c) No.
- d) ₹483.51 lakhs.

SPEAKER : Supplementary questions from Pu C. Ramhluna, Pu Lalthansanga and Pu John Siamkunga.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, I would like to know the profit amount from the bus ticket sales and if the car rentals are paying the passenger and goods tax. Do they have fitness certificates for their services?

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Can the JNNURM buses be made to service in the 'notified towns'? Are all the Transport Department buses properly insured?

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Pu Speaker, can the department construct a new quarter at Hnahthial? Can you provide a MST bus service upto Cherhlun?

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

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I apologize to the hon'ble member, Pu Ramhluna since I have no record of the profit amount at the moment. There are 127 car rentals in service at the time being. They do not pay the tax and they do not have fitness certificates.

To regulate and control these businesses, the government is using the Rental Cab Scheme, 1989 although they are modified here and there to suit the conditions of the state.

SPEAKER : The question hour has ended but with the consent of the members, you may finish answering the questions already raised.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA, MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Speaker. When this scheme is in effect by the end of 2012, all the car rentals will be required to pay all the necessary taxes such as road tax, passenger and goods tax, etc. they will need to have a fitness certificate and they will be required to use only black registration plates. Car rental owners must have at least 25 cars and they must follow the rates approved by the State Transport Authority.

Unfortunately, the JNNURM buses are not allowed to service even in the notified towns. All the Transport buses are fully insured. I am sorry to say that the department does not have sufficient funds to construct a new quarter at Hnahthial. We are trying to let our buses service as much as possible in the rural areas.

SPEAKER : Pu B. Lalthengliana could not attend the session today due to sickness. We will now move on to other businesses.

Let us invite the hon'ble Minister Pu Zodintluanga to lay his paper, "The Mizoram Municipalities (Procedure and Conduct of Business) (First Amendment) Rules, 2012" before the House.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your permission and the consent of the House, I hereby lay my paper, "The Mizoram Municipalities (Procedure and Conduct of Business) (First Amendment) Rules, 2012" before the House.

SPEAKER : Let us invite the hon'ble member, Pu K. Lianzuala to lay his paper, "Statement of Actions Taken by the Government against the Subject Committee IV further recommendations."

Pu K. LIANZUALA : Pu Speaker, with your permission and the consent of the House, I hereby lay my paper, "Statement of Actions Taken by the Government against the Subject Committee IV further recommendations" before the House.

SPEAKER : Let us invite the hon'ble member, Pu K. Lalrinthanga to lay his paper, "Fourth Report of Subject Committee-V relating to Tourism Department Actions Taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the First Report of Subject Committee-V."

Pu K. LALRINTHANGA : Pu Speaker, with your permission and the consent of the House, I hereby lay my paper, "Fourth Report of Subject Committee-V"

relating to Tourism Department Actions Taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the First Report of Subject Committee-V” before the House.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, the names of the Subject Committee IV members are not included in the paper. Can this be rectified?

SPEAKER : Distribute the papers and the concerned departments shall make the necessary corrections.

We will now move on to Legislative Business, but before that I would like to request the hon’ble members to remind yourselves once again on the profound importance of these sessions. The constitution has placed the Legislative body of administration very highly and hence it falls to us to pass the laws and ordinances and unless we pass the appropriation of funds, the state administrative machinery would be unable to mobilize the budget. Therefore, I invite you to take part in the session earnestly and to bear with the long days ahead even as I am well aware of your busy schedule.

Let me invite the hon’ble Minister, Pu Zodintluanga to ask the House for permission to introduce, “The Mizoram Societies Registration Amendment Bill, 2012.”

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I humbly request permission of the House to introduce, “The Mizoram Societies Registration Amendment Bill, 2012.”

SPEAKER : The House has allowed him to introduce the Bill. You may introduce and move the Bill for discussion.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I hereby introduce, “The Mizoram Societies Registration Amendment Bill, 2012” in the House.

Since 1977, the Government of Mizoram started using the Societies Registration Act, 1860 in a modified version based on the Mizoram Act No. 3 of 1977. However, the initial act was found wanting in many ways and it was felt that a better and more versatile version was needed. This culminated in the creation of the Mizoram Registration Act, 2005 which was made effective from October of the very same year.

There were still several anomalies and mistakes which failed to provide for a smooth functionality and hence the government deemed it necessary once again to amend the act to accommodate the needs of the people. The amendments recommended by the government at this time are: -

In the Section 8(a) of the main act, we have included the suspension of registration. We have also introduced two new sections, Section 23(a) - Cancellation of registration and 23(b) - Winding up of Society. We have also added Section 24(a) - Appointment of administrator. In the meantime, we have removed Section 26 - Dissolution by court since this provision is no longer necessary with the new Section 23(a) in effect. Penalties under Section 35 has also been removed which means that instead of going to court, fines and fees will be levied. The 'Explanation' under Section 37 has been considered redundant and hence was removed. In Section 40, we have started the conditions with, "Notwithstanding such repeal any society registered in any place"

Pu Speaker, we have 2829 Nos. registered societies in Mizoram out of which 578 are being dissolved with 193 court cases pending. Finally, there might be typos in the paper which I apologies for beforehand and I request the hon'ble members to participate in earnest in the discussion and to pass the Bill, thank you.

SPEAKER : The members will have 5 minutes each and we will start with Pu Chawngtinthanga.

Pu CHAWNGTINTHANGA: Pu Speaker, I would like to say a few words in support of the amendment bill.

The hon'ble Minister has just highlighted the need for insertion and removal of some sections and I am sure we are quite clear on the need to pass this Bill. In such an administration of a society, partnership or company acts, there often comes a time when amendments are needed and specific rules are required for specific purposes.

In the amendment proposal Section 23(a), you will read that it is stated as 'appeal referred to the secretary'. I am positive that this is a typing mistake and I hope it will be corrected. I would advise revision of Sections 18 and 35 as well since they are both mentions about penalty and their extent of punishment prescribed appear to conflict a little. In conclusion, I request all the members to pass the Bill, thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu K. Liantlinga and then Pu C. Ramhluna.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, this is a very important Bill and one which I am deeply interested in. The Minister mentioned that we have around 2800 societies and yet we have had no cancellation or suspension provisions in the past which is very grave and sad at the same time. However, I am pleased that the hon'ble Minister is quick to note the lacking and weakness of the Act and has immediately proposed an amendment for better administration.

I am happy that the new amendment will regulate and control the actions of the societies from now because more often than not, our societies have a tendency to stray and digress from their objectives and aims. This led them into problems in terms of management of funds etc.

We have a very good set of rules and it is imperative that the government maintain these rules fairly and firmly. Pu Chairman, the amendment proposed the deletion of Section 26 and yet in the ‘dissolution by the register’ mentioned in the Section 27(2) is based on the 26th Section. I think this Clause should also be deleted as well. I support the Bill in general and I hope it will be passed in the House, thank you.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Chairman, I commend the hon’ble Minister for the neat and precise preparation of the document for perusal.

Regarding the ‘suspension of registration’ mentioned in the Section 8(a) the maximum period of suspension is 3 months and it can be revoked only after the expiry of 45 days. I am concerned that the amendment might be made to seem like the 3 months suspension is mandatory. Reasons for suspension may differ and could even be something which may be corrected easily. If that is the case the purpose of suspension would no longer stand and they could be penalized for an unfair amount of time. Can they not be given a chance to file for an appeal? I hope the hon’ble Minister will clarify the matter to us later.

The 26th Section has now been proposed for deletion which means the power of the court would be taken up by the registrar. And yet, if we look at Section 24(1) it says that the ‘government may direct the registrar to move the court of dissolution of the society.’ this could be a conflict between the provisions. I would like to ask the Minister if he could explain the apparent contradiction. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN : Pu R. Lalrinawma.

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, I too would like to commend the hon’ble Minister for a very neat presentation which included an elaborate Principal Act as we have requested in the past.

The hon’ble members before me have already pointed out the mistakes in the document and I will not add more in that aspect. In fact, I would like to request the members to accept those small mistakes as patent errors and allow its passage in the House without too much of a hassle.

There are some anomalies which contradict each other and some provisions that are deleted because they no longer serve a purpose. We all understand the main objective of the proposal for amendment and it is not going to have any effect financially. Thus, I invite all of you to extend your support, thank you.

CHAIRMAN : Pu Lalsawta, Minister.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Chairman, I would like to express my thankfulness to the hon’ble Minister for making the amendment proposal because any governmental work begins with a governing law.

The government utilizes these societies through the departments to work on projects more extensively and yet by the mode we are going with, it appears that none of these societies follow the guidelines and rules that bind them. They are required to have periodical returns and if they fail to submit it, their registration is liable for cancellation. As a matter of fact, there are societies which are formed purely for personal financial gains and without any regard for the laws, they operate for the assistance they would receive from the government or other financial institutions, losing sight of the real objectives and reasons. We are even unable to confirm if they are still functional or not.

Therefore, it is pleasing to see that the hon'ble Minister has realized the grave need for a law that would steer the functions of the society. This is an indication that this government is trying to step forward and engender progress. It is also good to see how the hon'ble members are not taking things lying down and how vigilant they are. Law making is no mean feat and it is a very serious and arduous task therefore, I am deeply impressed by the interest they have taken. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Nirupam Chakma.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, there are some rules that, I feel, should be incorporated in the Mizoram Society Registration Act, 2005.

Among the subjects that could be registered as a society, there is no mention of registration for Religious Society although the parent Society Registration Act, 1860 makes full allowance. I have sought advice from the law experts and law secretary but it is simply deleted in the Mizoram Society Registration Act, 2005. There will come a time when religious societies would want to make a registration and if the parent act allows it, there should be no reason for it to be disallowed in the new act.

Furthermore, I am confident that the amendment will be passed here today. But there will certainly be societies that do not fully follow the rules at this time. Therefore, I feel that they should be given time to adjust and rectify their system of functionality to comply with the amended law.

Pu Speaker, in cases of submission of proposals for Bill amendments, apart from having discussions in the session the hon'ble Ministers should give the members notices beforehand so that they will be able to suggest provisions to be added or deleted before passing it in the House..(SPEAKER: You are all given the documents 4 days before the session but most of you neglect to study it. If you have suggestions, you would address it through the Secretary). Anyway, I hope the members will be able to study them in the future, thank you.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, this is a very big amendment and the seriousness of it is fully acceptable yet I feel that it is still hardly satisfactory. The 26th Section will now be omitted but there is still a reference to it in Section 27(2). The penalty mentioned in 18 is reiterated in 35 with a difference in the extent.

On page 6, I do not see the point of cancelling a registration if the society was already dissolved. The main Act has been passed in 2005 and was in effect with the issuance of Gazette Notification and yet on the Section 2(3) it states that the amendment will be effective from October 20th, 2005. 7 years have already passed and hence I think we should omit Section 3.

Some of the members have extended their support but I am concerned that we might pass an incomplete Bill. Therefore, I request the hon'ble Minister to withdraw his proposal for now and introduce it again after a more careful study. If we pass it as it is right now, it would be a mistake. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us now invite the hon'ble Minister to express his opinion on the observations of the members. If he so chooses, he will request for passage if not, he may ask the House for a reintroduction.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, as a layman elected to this office there are many people who thinks that we are ignorant and uninterested in the technical affairs of the government. However, I am profoundly impressed and grateful to the members for their astute and intelligent observations here today.

I request your permission sir, to accept the mistakes made in the document as patent errors and to correct it afterwards. The Bill is sorely needed today as it affects many cases. Therefore, without further ado, I humbly request the approval of the House to pass "The Mizoram Societies Registration (Amendment) Act, 2005." Thank you.

SPEAKER : The hon'ble Minister has asked for the passing of the Bill. (Pu Nirupam Chakma: Religious Society...) Religious Societies are not considered wholly as societies in the sense that they are not institutions of economic development by the Government of India although they are in some ways.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, I understand the concept but there is no provision for Religious Society registration in Mizoram. Where should they register themselves?

SPEAKER : You should refer it under cooperative rules.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, the main Act No.7 listed the subjects that can be registered while it also did not say that Religious Society cannot be registered.

SPEAKER : It does not say that it cannot be registered.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, if the purpose of the society to be registered is considered as development oriented, it is automatically eligible for registration.

SPEAKER : Exactly, the purpose must be considered development oriented.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, the Buddhist Association was registered under the 1860 Act but it cannot be registered under the amended Act.

SPEAKER : The hon'ble Minister has asked us to permit the mistakes in the document as patent errors to be rectified afterwards. Can we allow it? (Yes).

All those in favour of passing "The Mizoram Societies Registration (Amendment) Act, 2005", say 'yes'.

The House has unanimously passed the "The Mizoram Societies Registration (Amendment) Act, 2005."

We have concluded our business for the day. The session will be resumed the day after tomorrow, on 20.7.2012 at 10:30 A.M.

Sitting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

**SIXTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MIZORAM
(ELEVENTH SESSION)**

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR FOURTH SITTING ON FRIDAY, THE 20th JULY, 2012
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)

QUESTIONS

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

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

2. * Resolutions

NGURTHANZUALA
Secretary

* Please see Bulletin Part-II No. 220, Sl. No. 1-5 dated the 16th July, 2012 and Bulletin Part-II No. 223 dated the 19th July, 2012 for relative precedence of Private Members' Resolution to be moved.

SPEAKER : He who passes by and meddles in a quarrel; his own who make a dog by the year. (Proverbs 26:17)

Now, Pu T.T. Zothansanga, to ask starred question No.42.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Will the hon'ble Minister, L&E Department be pleased to state: - How did minimum wages rate is applied to the following: -

- a) Unskilled
- b) Semi-skilled
- c) Skilled-I
- d) Skilled-II (as per December, 2008 and December, 2011)

SPEAKER : Pu Lalrinliana Sailo, Minister to give answer.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER : Minimum wages rate of labours working under private, company and government are the same as the following:

Period	Employees	Rate per day
2008 - 2009	Unskilled	103
	Semi-skilled	115
	Skilled-II	143
	Skilled-I	183
2009 - 2011	Unskilled	132
	Semi-skilled	148
	Skilled-II	184
	Skilled-I	235

SPEAKER : Now, let us call upon Pu T.T. Zothansanga, to ask supplementary questions.

Pu T T ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, my supplementary questions are – Are there any Non-Mizo working freely in the state? If so, how step will be taken? Who is the owner of Pensioners' shop? What is their case between YMA? Whether the rate of minimum wages is applied to all Muster Roll workers? Is there any intention to increase their wages? Is there any proposal to amend Labour Law in the state?

SPEAKER : Lt. Col. Z.S. Zuala to ask supplementary question.

Lt. Col. Z.S. ZUALA : Thank you, Pu Speaker, my supplementary question - Is there any proposal for regulation of Muster Roll Employees? If so, can you inform the House?

SPEAKER : Minister, to give the answer.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, there are number of Non-Mizo workers who have no ILP or Work Permit.

Pu speaker, regarding the case of pensioners and YMA, I know nothing about it. But the workers at the shop are no ILP holders.

All Muster Roll employees under the state government earned Minimum wages, but I do not know whether the MR employees of Company and Private firm earned minimum wages. Now, the Department is going to formulate Labour Law. The Law of regulation of MR is not the purview of Labour & Employment Department, but it is DP & AR.

SPEAKER : Pu K. Liantlinga to ask starred Question No.43.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Will the hon'ble Minister Higher & Technical Education Department be pleased to state: –

What steps have been taken by government regarding permanent Principal for colleges which have no Principal? How many permanent Principal are there in Mizoram and how many are officiated?

SPEAKER : Hon'ble Minister to give the answer.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, UGC regulation is now in practice in Mizoram. The Principal is directly appointed for five years or may be extended on special case. The UGC Regulation is now under examination. It will be put in practice as soon as approval is obtained. Presently, we have three permanent Principals and 21 officiated.

SPEAKER : Pu K. Liantlinga, Pu Lalduhoma and Pu John Siamkunga are to ask supplementary questions.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, whether those colleges without Principal have no qualified staff to be appointed as permanent Principal?

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, in addition to the existing numbers of medical training seat allotted to Mizoram, 34 seats remains unoccupied such as Bachelor of Medicines, Bachelor of Surgery, Dental Surgeon, Homeopathic Medicines and Surgery, Ayurvedic Medicines and Surgery. What is the reason for the delay of allotment of such remaining seats to us when it has already been lying unoccupied since last year? Is it a fact that concerned Head of Institution allotted such seats to others? If so, can we take that for granted unless no eligible students from Mizoram is available to fill up such seats?

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Pu Speaker, may the government create additional post of lecturer for Geography department of Hnahthial College?

SPEAKER : Concerned Minister to give the answer.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, regarding creation of a permanent principal, there is proposal yet, it has to be applied cautiously so that it is not violated UGC Norms.

Regarding eligibility for a permanent principal, we need to follow UGC Norms.

In regards to 34 Nos. of unoccupied seat allotted to Mizoram, it has not been released by the central authority. Yet, approach has been made to the central for immediate release. As of the question of the aforesaid seats allegedly allotted to others, the government has no knowledge that such things are happening. It is now, given pressure to the Central government. But on rare occasion, some Head of Institutions tried to benefit such unoccupied seats but failed due to objection made by the Government of Mizoram.

Regarding Hnahthial College, it could not be done as yet due to lack of fund. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu R.L. Pianmawia to ask starred question No.45.

Pu R. L. PIANMAWIA : Will the hon'ble Minister for Arts & Culture Department be pleased to state: –

- a) May the department issue fund for construction of YMA Library?
- b) If so, for which places?

SPEAKER : Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana, Minister to give the answer.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answer to starred question No.45 are as follows: –

- a) Yes.
- b) Construction of YMA Library is the purview of the state Library Planning Committee (SLPC), as applications are now pouring in.

SPEAKER : Pu K. Lalrinthanga, to ask supplementary question.

Pu K. LALRINTHANGA : Pu Speaker, whether the same fund can be sanctioned for construction of Library other than YMA Library?

SPEAKER : Minister to give the answer.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer is, 'Yes'.

SPEAKER : Pu C. Ramhluna, to ask starred question No.46.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Will the hon'ble Minister, Land Revenue & Settlement Department be pleased to state: –

Is there any proposal to allot a plot of land owned by Pi Darthangpuii at Chite Sipuichhuah to others? If so, what is the reason and to whom it is proposed to be allotted?

SPEAKER : Pu J.H. Rothuama, Minister to give the answer.

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer is, 'No'.

SPEAKER : Pu T.T. Zothansanga, to ask starred question No.47.

Pu T.T.ZOTHANSANGA : Will the hon'ble Minister for Higher & Technical Education Department be pleased to state: –

What is the total amount of expenditure incurred by the Government of Mizoram for setting up of NIT?

SPEAKER : Pu Lalsawta, Minister to give the answer.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, no expenditure is incurred by the Government of Mizoram for setting up of NIT.

SPEAKER : Pu T.T. Zothansanga to ask supplementary question.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, my supplementary questions are as follows: –

- a) Whether the site for NIT has already been settled?
- b) Whether site of NIT is usually located in or at the outskirts of the city?
- c) Whether there is a way to favor sons of the soil for recruitment of non-technical staff?
- d) Is there a proposal to allot a teacher for Geography department at Champhai Government Higher Secondary School?

SPEAKER : Pu Lalduhoma, to ask supplementary question.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, what steps have been taken so far by government to improve NIT?

SPEAKER : Pu Lalsawta, Minister to give the answer.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer is: -

- a) Yes.
- b) In any case, NIT should not be located within the city.
- c) The sons of the soil are preferable for non-teaching staff if they were qualified.
- d) Yes, allotment of Geography teacher for Champhai Government Higher Secondary School in the process.

The question on improvement of NIT, it is not the purview of the government of Mizoram since it is a central institute having its own Rules & Regulations with a separate directorate. But since the central authority established the institution in our state, to some extents, it is responsibility of the state government also to resolve some problems.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I would like to inform the House that NIT is not an institute which belongs to the state government. On determining the benefit of having NIT in Mizoram, we approached the Central government to set up one in Mizoram. The state government is ready to allot free land of 300 acres in the vicinity of Lengpui Airport but only 100 acres is accepted by the Ministry of Human Development Resources. The administration, equipments, apparatus and laboratories of NIT will be maintained by the Central government. But, if there is any problem with concerned students, the department may involve in such case as necessary.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalduhoma, to ask starred question No.48.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Will the hon'ble Minister for Horticulture Department be pleased to state: -

- a) How many distillation units of Aloe Vera have been set up in Mizoram?
- b) In which places and when it is set up?

SPEAKER : Minister, to give the answer.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer is: -

- a) 2 units only.
- b) At W. Lungdar of Mamit District in 2009 and Baktawng (Tlangnuam) of Serchhip District in 2011. The distillation unit at W. Lungdar is not function for lack of 3 phases power supply while distillation unit at Bangtawng is still in function till date.

SPEAKER : Any supplementary question?

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, the most of the family of W. Lungdar are engaged in plantation of Aloe Vera as there is a possibility to equip their plantations with three-phase power supply which may be obtained from power supply from Chungtlang village. May the government provide three-phase power supply to improve the occupation of concerned families of W. Lungdar?

SPEAKER : Minister to give the answer.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, it is not an easy task. Yet, concerned department determines every possible means to provide it.

SPEAKER : Let me raise a question from chair. Whether distillation unit at Baktawng (Tlangnuam) is properly function?

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, yes, it is properly functioning and no defective report is received till date.

SPEAKER : Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte to ask starred Question No.49.

Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE : Will the hon'ble Minister for Higher & Technical Education Department be pleased to state - What is the dateline for the inauguration of Polytechnic?

SPEAKER : Minister, to give the answer.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, Thingdawl Polytechnic Institute shall be inaugurated after finishing posting of staff and other maintenances.

SPEAKER : Any supplementary question?

Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE : Pu Speaker, my supplementary questions are as follows: –

- a) Regarding posting of staff and maintenance of Polytechnic Institute of Thingdawl, whether there is an earmark beforehand as it is done under RMSA?
- b) For which purpose such upcoming buildings are planned?
- c) Whether construction report is received on regular basis?

Pu K. LIANZUALA : Pu Speaker, what is the dateline for construction of Polytechnic building at Chhiahtlang? Secondly, the building of Higher Secondary School at Tlungvel is under construction on public contribution of ₹ 12 lakhs. May the government provide financial assistance for the same?

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, when will construction of Polytechnic Institute at Thingkah be started?

SPEAKER : Minister to give the answer.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answer to the supplementary question of Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte is as follows -

- a) No.
- b) Automobile.

- c) No report is expected as the work is regularly supervised by the department.

As of the question of Pu K. Lianzuala, construction of Polytechnic building at Chhiahtlang will be started shortly. Regarding financial assistance to the school in question, there is no proposal as yet.

On the question of Pu C. Ramhluna, pressure has been made to PWD so that construction of Polytechnic building at Thingkah is started as we also want it as early as possible.

SPEAKER : Question hour is over. Member absent are - Pu B. Lalthlengliana, Pu N.P. Chakma, Dr. R. Lalthangliana, Pu S. Laldingliana and Pu Lal Thanzara. Panel of chairmen for this session are - Col. Z.S. Zuala, Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte, Pu P.P. Thawla and Pu Lalthansanga.

Now, we will take up Private Members Resolution. The 1st Resolution moved by Pu P.P. Thawla, "May the Central Government be urged to declare Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's birthday as the day for National Anti-Racism." Now, let us call upon Pu P.P. Thawla to move the Resolution.

Pu P. P. THAWLA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I am very happy to move this important resolution "May the Central Government be urged to declare the birthday of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar as National Anti-Racism Day." It is quite pleasing for me to be authorized by Dr. R. Lalthangliana to move his Private Members' Resolution for I also have submitted the same motion of the resolution.

Pu Speaker, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar was an outstanding man. He was born on 14th April, 1891. His name was Dimro Ramji Ambedkar as some people called him Baba Sahib. He was a man of letter. He had his Ph.D. degree from USA and Doctor of Science from London. He was a philosopher, jurist, political leader, teacher and also an orator. He gave much importance to the problems of the backward classes in India as his greatest desire is to lift up their status. There are four classes in Hindu family in which Sutras is the lowest. He was from a Sutras family. The Sutras were regarded as untouchable to those of higher classes such as Brahmins and others. In those days, schooling was difficult for the Sutras family. They were denied of drinking water from public water-point. Hence, he was converted into Bhuddhism due to racism among the Hindus.

To lift up the status of lower classes in India especially the Sutras, Dr. Ambedkar organized Association of Bahiscript Hitakarini Sabha. He also set up Sikratha College, Bombay for those lower classes. He was the first Minister of Law in 1947 as the Congress party came into power. He was appointed to Chairman of the Drafting Constitution of India. Like M.K. Gandhi, he contributed a lot for India. Due to his devotion to duty, India has the best Constitution in the world. For his earnest efforts, the Constituent Assembly, 1947 deleted untouchability from the history of the world. The world honours his contribution like abolition of slavery in USA. Through

his efforts, the rights of millions were safeguarded. In fact, he truly deserved to be honoured.

Pu Speaker, India observes three important days such as Republic Day on the 26th January, Independence Day on the 15th August and the birthday of M.K. Gandhi on the 2nd October. So, Pu Speaker, I request all members of the House support this resolution that “May the Central Government be urged to declare the birthday of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar for the National Anti- Racism Day.” Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now, we will have discussion and each member should not speak for more than ten minutes. Let us call upon Pu John Siamkunga.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Today, we have to discuss about the late leader with outstanding personality, Mr. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.

Pu Speaker, the existence of racism among the Hindus is learned from Vedic Sanghita and Brahmana as also from hymn in the last portion of Ric Veda. The book further proclaimed that their greatest god was Purushaka who even have one thousand hands and toes as Brahmins, Kshatriya, and Vaysias were coming out of its body and the Sutras from its toe. In fact, other classes of Hindu family despised the Sutras and did not want to touch them as the sutras should not face any Brahmins closer than 30 feet.

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar was born in 1891 from the Sutras family of Madhya Pradesh. His father’s name was Sakpal and his mother’s name was Bhimabai. During childhood, he studied in Government School as he was often oppressed by others and suffers a lot. He graduated in 1912 and achieved his Master Degree and Ph. D from Columbia University. He had even obtained a Law degree from London and practiced it for two years.

He established Outcast Welfare Society in 1927. His main concern was not only for racism but the Hindu Society. He served as a Professor at Sheldon College in 1918 and as the only untouchable among the professors and lecturers. He might have been one of the greatest human beings if he were a Brahmin.

He was the first Law Minister of the Independence India. He was converted into Buddhism for despise of racism in the Hindu society. He did not suffer from caste system, but only from the racism.

As known to us, he was a great man who contributed a lot to India. He was even known as “Architech of the Indian Constitution”. In fact, Article 25 and 46 of the Indian Constitution has even provides laws to safeguard backward classes.

In appreciation of his contribution to the country, the government of Maharashtra has even collected all the articles about him in which no point is found of his concern for racism but mostly of caste system of Hindu hierarchy. The collections contains mostly of the problem faced by the backward classes and his struggle to alleviate their status. Being a great man, Baba Sahib Ambedkar had even set up the

University of Hyderabad, B. R. Ambedkar's University of Mujafarpur and others in his name.

Thus, Pu Speaker, I opine it is better to withdraw this resolution for it did not hit the bush. I request the mover to withdraw the resolution before further discussion. Thank you.

(Deputy Speaker at the Chair)

Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I opine the mover has made a mistake with his resolution as racism and caste system has to be identified. As known to us, the greatest problem in the history of India is caste system where as the problems of racism is suffered mostly by the north-east people. South Indians are of the Dravidians; North Indians are Aryans while we, the north-east people are of Mongolians. We, the north-east people suffer a lot of the curse of racism. If the Resolution read, "May the central government be moved to declare the birthday of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar as Anti-caste system day", we may support it since Dr. B.R. Ambedkar emphasized his concern mostly on caste system, but not racism.

If the resolution is passed, I am afraid as it may bring a heated disturbance in the country. So, I believe the mover has mistaken with the framework of his resolution. As such, he may withdraw it from discussion of the House. Thank you.

Pu LALROBIAKA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I think to myself that what might have caused the mover to submit this Resolution for discussion of the House. Pu Deputy Speaker, as pointed out by the member who stood before, I do support the definitions of racism and anti-caste system. Racial discrimination is exists not only in India but thorough out the world. In fact, UNO too out of concern for the said problem, observed 21st March as International year of Racial Discrimination. As for this Resolution, I opine the purpose of the resolution is strayed from its original form. The contribution made by Dr. B. R. Ambedkar is undoubtedly great as it concerns legal rights of equality but it is not appropriate to use his name as proposed by the mover. Thus, passing it will degrade the status of this august House. It may be taken for granted if the same is initiated in the Central Government. So, it is wise for the House to let the resolution withdrawn. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Next, Pu R. Selthuama.

Pu R. SELTHUAMA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. The mover of this resolution is a senior member and well-educated. But examining his resolution, I opine it is inappropriate. So, I want to highlight a few points regarding Dr. Ambedkar.

He was an untouchable and had suffered a lot of harassment in his school-days as so in his work place. As a consequence, he vowed to abolish caste system at a very tender age. As he became a Law Minister, he was one of the seven

experts selected to draft the Constitution of India. But unfortunately, one of them resigned and some passed as some declined to do so for having their own business to attend to. In fact, he was the greatest contributor to our Constitution. He stated that ‘Hindu Society is like a house in some fairy-tales having neither ladder nor exit; a society which believes that god exists even in inanimated as it believes in untouchability’. Article 17 of the Constitution of India underlines that ‘Untouchability is abolished and its practice in any form is forbidden. The enforcement of any disability arising out of untouchability shall be an offence punishable in the court of laws’. For this famous context, he has been described as a crusader for social justice and equality. He was a great Messiah and emancipator for the untouchables and the depressed classes. So, considering his life’s journey and his cause, I feel it is inappropriate to name his birthday as Anti-Racism Day. So, I kindly suggest the hon’ble member to withdraw his resolution.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalthansanga.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the root of Dr. Ambedkar has been clearly stated. In fact, he was a great contributor in making India a great nation. He had suffered a lot of discrimination in his life’s journey. We, the people living in the north-east who believes that we are true Indians; we suffer discrimination in different parts of India.

I think we are all aware of the incident upon Dr Biakzuala’s daughter and also of the lady from Sikkim. A few days ago, a student from Manipur died in Bangalore and the investigation was not carried out as required. All these incidents show that the north-east people are still very much discriminated among the Indians. So, in order to prevent such kind of issues and to acknowledge the commitments of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, I propose that we should observe his birthday as Anti-racism Day and also urge the central on this issue. I will conclude my speech by stating that I give my full support to pass this resolution.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Next, Pu Lalrinawma,

Pu LALRINAWMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the father of the Indian Constitution fought to eliminate caste system and here we are proposing to observe his birthday as an Anti-racism Day which is not befitting considering his objectives. A few days ago, the same hon’ble members who criticized even naming Rajiv Gandhi’s Stadium are now trying to honor our National leader, which is a progress to some extent. I hope they realize that since we are living in India, we are all its citizens having equal fundamental rights. At the same time, I think the wording as well as the point of this Resolution is unfortunate and is not worthy to be passed by this august House. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, racism had always been a big issue since the time of Esther, the Jewish Queen of the Persian King Ahasuerus and still, it

prevails. To abolish this, great men like Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King had fought against it and till today the fight is far from won since we are all aware that great leader such as Nelson Mandela or else are continue to combat against it.

Anyway, I think there are far more important issues to be considered for the development of the people rather than this resolution we are discussing. Nonetheless, in order to maintain peace between our two parties, I suggest we should all agree to pass this resolution. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu K.S Thanga.

Pu K.S. THANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the Indian jurist, a political leader, philosopher, anthropologist and historian, orator, economist, a teacher and editor was indeed, a great man. My fellow members have stated his achievements as he truly deserves honoring. But I think the mover of this Resolution misses the point as Dr. B.R. Ambedkar is not fighting against racism but he was combating against caste discrimination. So, to observe his birthday as Anti-racism will not justify achievements of the father of our Constitution. So, I think this resolution is not worth supporting. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The morning session has now come to an end and we will continue our session at 2: 00 p.m.

2:00 p.m.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu K. Liantlinga.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. From the light of our discussion, I think the ruling parties are bias in their opinion. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar deeply concern not only for the untouchables, but also for scheduled tribes, scheduled caste and OBC's. The birthday of Jawaharlal Nehru is also observed as Children's Day. Of course he may contribute a great deal for the children but to name and celebrate his birthday as children's day may not be very appropriate considering his great contributions to the nation. Likewise, the birthday of other national leaders are also observed so that their names will be remembered as long as the nation lives. To honor our national leaders by observing their birthdays is quite appropriate especially for the the north-east people who are no doubt discriminated. So, I do support the resolution of appealing to the Central Government to observe the birthday of Dr. B.R.Ambedkar as a National Anti-racism Day.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Next, Pu C. Ramhluna.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Deputy Speaker, we have heard from my fellow members about the life's journey of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar as the suffering and hardships he had faced. But due to his perseverance, his hard work, he is named 'the Architech of the Indian Constitution'. Considering his contribution to our Nation, I

believe his birthday is worthy to be observed as the National Anti-racism Day. Apart from these, we are well aware of the discrimination we have been suffering from rest of the Indians as we have seen and experiences in our day-to-day's life. We are not talking about casteism here but we are concentrating on racism which prevails in India.

After he complete drafting of the Indian Constitution, Dr. Ambedkar said, 'the constitution can easily be implemented as it is flexible and at the same time, whether in war or peace, it is capable and powerful enough to keep the mission altogether.' 'If the government does not run smoothly according to the Constitution, the false would lie with the human failure and not the constitution,' he wrote. The draft of the abolition of untouchability was discussed on 30th November, 1948 and was passed on 26th Nov, 1949. The President of the Constituent Assembly Dr.Rajendra Prasad honor him by stating, 'Despite his failing health, Dr.Ambedkar not only prove our choice right but enhance enormously the prestige of the host.' It was the desire of Dr. Ambedkar for all the people in India to live in peace and harmony. I will conclude by saying that I support the resolution and request all my hon'ble fellow members to do the same. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Next, Pu Lalrinmawia Ralte.

Pu LALRINMAWIA RALTE : Pu Deputy Speaker, I am glad as we are able to discuss about Dr. Ambedkar, a pioneer and an Architech of the Indian Constitution who truly deserves to be honored with Bharat Ratna Award even long after his death.

Pu Deputy Speaker, our topic today is Anti-Racism, but here in our country, ethnic groups such as schedule tribe communities have more advantage than others. They are never deprived of their rights and freedom as they enjoy special advantage in central services and others. So, if we submit this resolution to the central government, we will be questioned about the detail discrimination we have been suffering which may further create problem for the north-east communities. So, I request the hon'ble member to consider his resolution with a clear mind as it may degrade the status of this august House and our State. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu K. Lalrinthanga.

Pu K. LALRINTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, we have listened about Dr. Ambedkar from the hon'ble members and from the mover of this resolution who is known as one of the most educated members of this House. But as i determine this resolution carefully, I find it inappropriate to observe the birthday of Dr. Ambedkar as a National Anti-racism Day.

During the time when Mizoram fought for Independence, I too witness and suffer the consequence of the conflict between India and the Mizo underground soldiers. As they returned from the underground to hold the ministry, scarcity of LPG was intensively high as charcoal which barely weight 1 kg was distributed which did

not last even for a day for cooking. Besides, they have organized a bandh to attain compensation from Tuirial Hydel Project by forgetting how the people of Mizoram suffered the consequences of the independence movement and deterioration of our educational system. Villages were grouped as the underground militants forced the people to point the opposite direction if they were asked their whereabouts. Such were their mindset, I am of the opinion that this resolution may not come from the heart. So, reflecting all the disturbances being brought to the people, I opine it is best not to pass this resolution. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, Dr. Ambedkar was indeed, a great man. He felt the untouchables in India were treated as those of slaves in America as the negative impact it will bring to the whole country unless it is stopped. So, he fought to abolish 'Untouchability.' In his struggle, he had faces many obstacles, but he insistence. He was admired in his work and due to his selfless efforts, untouchability was abolished in 1953. At the International Convention on the 21st December, 1965, the UNO had passed a Resolution which concern elimination of all forms of racial discrimination. This was also signed by India on 2nd March, 1967 and was implemented on the 3rd December, 1968 with a statement declaring, "The government of India declares that for reference of any dispute to International Court of Justice for decisions in terms of Article 22 of the International convention on the elimination of all forms of racial discrimination. The consent of all parties to this dispute is necessary in each individual case." It will be more inappropriate if we passed the same as it will be practicable for the people of our state.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu H. Zothangliana.

Pu H. ZOTHANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, this resolution, 'Let central government be urge the birthday of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar to be observed as National Anti-racism Day', if not given careful though appears to be appropriate. But, I am here not to support the resolution. Observing on the opinion of certain members before me which emphasizes mostly on casteism, caste system and ethnic discrimination under one topic, I wonder if this could be possible.

Pu Deputy Speaker, as certain members pointed out regarding world-wide racial discrimination, it is true to some extents as it exists till today. Recently, we have heard of racial issue concerning one colored footballer, Balotelli which spreads in the international media. The same problem happened to be the main concern of UNO as International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination has been declared in 1966. I, therefore, opine this resolution not to be necessary as it is inappropriate to have National Racism Day. Pu Dy. Speaker, Dr. Ambedkar was offcourse, a person who concerned casteism. But, had he been alive, I believe he would dislike his name to be connected with racism.

There are three main races in India such as Aryan, Dravidian and Mongoloid. Hence, this resolution may be raised if discrimination or major clashes

existed among these races as it could destabilize the national integrity”. If such issue does not prevail, National Anti-racism Day will not be important. I, therefore, request the hon’ble member to withdraw the resolution. Like I have mentioned earlier, he should instead determine an alternative resolution. Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Next, Pu Lal Thanzara.

Pu LAL THANZARA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the mover of the resolution is unable to attend the House due to demise of his brother. Pu Dinga and I have attended the funeral service as Pu Thangtea himself welcomes us as we have even informed him of the ongoing proceeding of the House and that his resolution is being discussed presently. There, he related to me that the resolution is not of his clear mind. As we are all aware, Dr. Thangtea is a Sociologist, a Sociology Lecturer in Pachhunga University College and will definitely familiar with the biography of Dr. Ambedkar. As he has related to me, I believe some people from Hnam Run must have handed him this resolution. As such, I do not see the need to discuss the resolution. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Larinliana Sailo, hon’ble Minister is next.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, I, at the outset would like to thank P.H.E. minister for making acquisition possible in times of difficulties.

Pu Deputy Speaker, the hon’ble member is appreciated for taking his time for preparing this resolution. The mover of the resolution is a scholar but if we pass this resolution we must also think of the impact it will make at central government. We should realise that it has been 100 years since racism has been fought at international level. As of this resolution, I opine there is slight defect with the purpose. It will be more appropriate if the resolution emphasize that ‘we regret to state that there is still racism in India’.

As Pu Lal Thanzara, the hon’ble Parliamentary Secretary stated, it seems to come not from the opinion of the mover and so we may let it go. If it was of his opinion he would have come to support his resolution. Thus, we should end the discussion for now. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu S. Laldingliana.

Pu S. LALDINGLIANA : As we have listened, Pu Deputy Speaker, the mover of this resolution is holder of a master degree in Sociology; as such, it is unbecoming for him to submit this kind of resolution.

Dr. Ambedkar did not concern racial discrimination but the curse of caste system which prevail in India as thousands of thousand people were aggravated. In this connection, let me point out the name of an eminent leader of our country, Shri Jagjivan Ram. In 1977-1978, due to internal conflict of the Janata party, Shri Moraji

Desai was compelled to step down from Prime Minister, Shri Jagjivan Ram, 65 years of age from M.P. though the next in line had not been summoned by the President, Sanjiva Reddy. Thus, India was without Prime Minister for certain period. Pu Dy. Speaker, it was due to the fact that Shri Sanjiva Reddy was a Brahmin and Jagjivan Ram a Dalit (untouchable). It was due to caste system that Jagjivan Ram was unable to become the next Prime Minister of India. Caste system had secured its roots deep down. It was this caste system that Dr. Ambedkar also went through.

Dr. Ambedkar was from a family of Mahar caste as his families suffered caste discrimination for generations. In his school-days, he was not allowed to sit on chairs and so he always kept a sack for his seat. He is not allowed to fetch water on his own as there was a strict practices 'no peon, no water'. In fact, the teacher never checked his note book for his low-caste. He had gone through such a hard period due to caste system.

So Pu Deputy Speaker, I opine the resolution we are discussing missed the concept and may, therefore be withdrawn. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Next, Pu Chawngtinthanga.

Pu CHAWNGTINTHANGA: Pu Speaker, this resolution is impressive at a glance but I opine it misses the concept. The meaning of Racism according to Chamber dictionary is – common ancestor especially those who inherit common characteristic smaller than species. Like hon'ble members mentioned, Dr. Ambedkar was a hon'ble man and is not appropriate to associate his name with racism. It is a different course with what he has been through. Various institutions in India have been named after him for his was honorable as a huge statue of him is erected in the Parliament. His resident at Delhi has even been preserved as a monument. Besides, the Government of India declared his birthday as restricted holiday. Hence, the resolution has missed the target as Dr. Ambedkar fought for casteism and not racism. I, therefore, opine it is inappropriate to pass this resolution where as India happened to be the largest democratic country. If the House passes this resolution, it will degrade the dignity of the House. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : So far, 18 members have participated in the discussion of this resolution. Now, Let us call upon the hon'ble Chief Minister.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, from the light of our discussion, it is obvious that the main objective of Dr. Ambedkar was casteism and not racism. Thus, this resolution should be applied for Anti-racism Day instead. As such, we cannot support the resolution. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now let us call the mover of the resolution Pu P.P. Thawla to beg leave of the House to adopt the resolution.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, the aim and objective of the resolution is to remind younger generation of the efforts made by Dr. Ambeddkar for

the people of India as a whole. He has laid the foundation of democracy in the country through the provision he made in the Constitution. It is, due to this provision that we are able to live in peace and harmony. Hence, the need to observe his birthday arises in the mind of the mover of the resolution, Dr. R. Lalthangliana. Pu Speaker, I share the opinion of the mover in this regard and the central government would be pleased if this resolution is adopted. As such, I request the House to kindly pass the resolution. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now, mover of the resolution has moved the House to pass the resolution. All those who agree, say 'Yes' and those who disagree say 'No'. The Resolution is being rejected since the majority voted against it.

For information of the House, the birthday of Dr. Ambedkar is declared by the central government as public holiday known as 'Ambedkar Jayanti or Bhim Jayanti'. It may be noted by the members that government holidays are classified as public holidays and national holidays.

Our business for today is done and we will resume discussion tomorrow, 23.7.2012 at 10:30 a.m.

(Sitting is adjourned at 4:07 p.m.)

**SIXTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MIZORAM
(ELEVENTH SESSION)**

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR FIFTH SITTING ON MONDAY, THE 23rd JULY, 2012
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)

QUESTIONS

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

LAYING OF PAPER

2. **Pu H. LIANSILOVA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy of "Correction of Budget Speech".

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

General Discussion on the Budget for the Year 2012-2013

3. General Discussion on the Budget for the year 2012-2013 (to commence)

NGURTHANZUALA
Secretary

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SPEAKER : As goods increase, so do those who consume them. (Ecclesiastes 5:11)

We will now take up question and answer. Let us now call Pu R.L. Pianmawia to ask Starred Question No.61.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble UD & PA Minister be pleased to state – Is there any proposal for construction of housing for the poor from census village under UD & PA?

SPEAKER : Pu Zodintluanga, concerned minister to answer the question.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer is – There is no proposal as of now.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question, Pu Lalduhoma and Pu Hmingdailova Kiangte.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, under IAY, State and District level Committee, we the MLAs are members of the selection committee which enables us to supervise the selection. I would like to ask how beneficiaries are selected under UD & PA. If concerned MLA could participate in the selection?

Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE : Pu Speaker, Chuhvel is a village of Kolasib township and we have been expecting development projects from various departments but nothing has yet been received till date. From which department such should be expected?

SPEAKER : Concerned minister to give the answer.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answer to the hon'ble Pu Lalduhoma's question is – There is a specific guideline in the selection of District level. Under IHSDP, the selection committee comprises its Chairman, concerned Deputy Commissioner and Officer, an identified prominent citizen and concerned MLA. However, proposal has not been taken in Aizawl district. Under RAY (Rajiv Awaz Yajona) there is specific guideline for the selection.

To answer Pu Hmingdailova Kiangte's question, we still are a newly department as concentration is now given in the district capitals and census villages. Yet, step has been taken for improvement of the department.

SPEAKER : Pu K.Liantlinga to ask Starred Question No.62.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Local Administration Department be pleased to state: –

- a) The total amount of fund received from the 13th Finance Commission. Whether it is transferred into the bank account of village council/local council?
- b) What is the total amount received for performance grant for the year 2011-2012 and for what purpose it is utilized?

SPEAKER : The hon'ble minister to answer the question.

Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer is: –

- a) The amount of fund received from the 13th Finance Commission for 1st Installment is ₹11,88,00,000/ and was transferred into the bank account of concerned villages on 9.4.2012. As for local council, it is not the purview of my department. The balance amounting to ₹59,29,200/- is utilized for purchase of steel almirah for various village councils.
- b) The total amount of performance grant received for the year 2011-2012 is ₹1,16,96,000/- and is utilized for approved action plan of 86 village councils. The amount is divided into ₹1,36,000/- each and transferred into the bank account of concerned local councils for implementation of action plan.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu K.Liantlinga.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, I would like to ask if village council fund is of direct funding. My questions are: -

- a) Is there any irregularity due to the delay of implementation of local body Ombudsmen Act?
- b) If any monetary fine is imposed by the state government for late transfer of fund from the 13th Finance commission into the bank account of village council. If so, what is the amount?
- c) If village council is authorized to make its own scheme from the fund? If so, whether advance payment is made?

SPEAKER : The hon'ble concerned minister to answer the question.

Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, fund sanctioned by the 13th Finance Commission is directly transferred into the bank account of the local council. Monetary fine amounting to ₹3 lakhs is imposed in case of delay of transfer of fund.

Pu Speaker, any local council makes its own scheme from the fund received from the 13th Finance Commission with a specific guideline. Such plans are

submitted to DLO for approval. If approved, it is then submitted to the bank for withdrawal of fund. Since it is of direct funding, there is a limitation from the department to control the fund. There is guideline provided by the 13th Finance Commission to utilize such funds. There are various formalities.

As for performance grant, the 13th Finance Commission sanctioned the fund according to the performance under which ₹11,60,000/- has already been sanctioned for the years 2011, 2012.

Fund received from Finance Commission is distributed to the village councils according to the number of household as recorded by the department. There are 5 categories and distributions of fund for the current year in respect of the following categories are: -

Category-I	-	₹5 lakhs each to 96 village councils.
Category-II	-	₹4 lakhs each to 59 village councils.
Category-III	-	₹3 lakhs each to 107 village councils.
Category-IV	-	₹2.6 lakhs each to 247 village councils.
Category-V	-	₹1.8 lakhs each to 216 village councils.

Pu Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalduhoma to ask starred Question No.63

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumers Affairs be pleased to state –

- a) Is it a fact that cement rate in Mizoram is higher than that of other states?
- b) If so, what is the reason?

SPEAKER : The hon'ble Minister, Pu H. Rohluna to give the answer.

Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer is –

- a) Cement rate in Mizoram is higher than that of other states. It is sold by the dealers as per Legal Metrology Package Rule, 2011 at a maximum retail price.
- b) The rate is higher due to the cost of transportation, handling and 13.5% of VAT being charges.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu K.Liantlinga.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, concerned dealers does not procure the item directly from the company and as such, there seems to be double payment of tax. If so, what is the procedure for collection of VAT?

SPEAKER : Let us call the hon'ble Minister to answer the question.

Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, to answer to the question of the hon'ble member Pu K.Liantlinga, I cannot give the answer since it is the purview of taxation department.

SPEAKER : I supposed concerned minister for Taxation department could give the answer, alright?

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, since it is the interest of the people, I insist on to the minister to stop double payment of VAT. The minister should give his statement in this regard during discussion of the Demands.

SPEAKER : Let hon'ble taxation minister take note of this case. Now, I call the hon'ble member Pu C. Ramhluna to ask starred Question No.64.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs department be pleased to state –

- a) The total number of cooking gas quota allotted to Mizoram.
- b) The total number of consumer cards.
- c) The total number of special permit for issue of gas cylinder from January to June, 2012.
- d) Apart from special permit, how many is issued by card and how many without card?

SPEAKER : Concerned minister to answer the questions.

Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer is: -

- a) As per the Report of IOC, cooking gas quota for Mizoram per month is 160 metric tons.
- b) The total number of consumer card is 2,43,785.
- c) The number of gas cylinders issued on special permit are as follows :-

January, 2012	-	2355 cylinders.
February, 2012	-	3150 cylinders.
March, 2012	-	3270 cylinders.
April, 2012	-	2310 cylinders.
May, 2012	-	2160 cylinders.
<u>June, 2012</u>	-	<u>2670 cylinders</u>
Total	-	15,915 cylinders.
- d) There is no a separate record of cylinder issued with card or without card.

SPEAKER : Any Supplementary question?

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, when will the problem of gas be solved and how long the people have to wait for it?

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, what is the reason of the government for not expanding Mualkhang bottling plant? Mualkhang bottling plant is intended to feed rural area but it covers our city as well. If the hon'ble minister is able to tell number of gas cylinder from Mualkhang bottling plant which are being diverted

for the city from? The Manipur government allotted a site to IOC for bottling plant. May our government do the same?

SPEAKER : Concerned minister to answer the questions.

Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, gas happened to be the problem in the whole country. As we are aware, 80% of gas supply is imported from Iran and Saudi Arabia in which our country is facing various problems. In North-East region, two major ports have been closed down in April due to technical problem caused by a recent bomb blast. However, from June, problems with import have been resolved with the refinery being repaired and the supply has now been regularized. Yet, we could not maintain sufficiency with the supply due to back-logged problems of the past four or five months.

Apart from this, Pu Speaker, the problem continues particularly in the north-east region due to regular landslide during monsoon. We have even made an approach to the minister of state for Petroleum & Natural gas to resolve our problems as we have even invited him to have a spot-visit and witness our problem in detail. We informed him that we need a permanent solution. Pu Speaker, there is great deal of improvement at present but all the problems could not be solved at once.

Coming to the question raised by Pu Lalthansanga in regard to Mualkhang bottling plant, the capacity is quite small with only 5 carousels and Borkhola bottling plant in Silchar of 24 carousels for Mizoram. Borkhola bottling plant has now been upgraded to electronic filling machine with a capacity of 24 carousels. There is a plan to upgrade Mualkhang bottling plant as well with a capacity of 12 carousels. Since there was problem with storage capacity, a convenient land is acquired from Pu Nikunga. To that effect, paper work has been completed but the process is being delayed as the company disagrees with crop-value of the proposed land yet, we are expecting to resolve as soon as the two sides made an agreement. As per the total assessment of land to be acquired, as approved by the government amounting to ₹87,20,103. The company requested a joint-verification but DC of Kolasib rejected since it is government approved assessment. That is the point where we are stucked. Pu Speaker, according to Land Acquisition Act, the verdict of district collector is the highest even Supreme Court upholds the verdict. Pu Speaker let me point out in conclusion that we are now in a difficult situation and it is not true that we are not taking steps to resolve the problem.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, if the government approached Pu Nikunga for negotiation?

Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, we have made a separate approach to both sides for negotiation.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : If so, concerned authority should find another convenient site.

Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, we have even threatened IOC that we may find another convenient land in the areas around. Yet, the land in process is quite convenient since it is located at the adjoining area of the bottling plant.

Pu Speaker, Aizawl being the most populated consumers, we made a request to IOC to concentrate in Aizawl. Thus, supply for Aizawl is increasing as we are expecting to resolve the problem very short. In this connection, Pu Speaker, if any black marketers are found anywhere, it may immediately be reported to the concerned authority for necessary action.

As for the number of gas issued on connection card, I would like to say that under RGGLV, Vitrak scheme agency new commission is not included in the total. IOC has agreed to increased gas quota for Mizoram from 1650 metric tons to 1800 metric tons. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Next, Starred Question No.65 and Pu Lalthansanga to ask.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon'ble Minister for Taxation department be pleased to state: –

- a) Why should the government pay way bill? When has it stopped? What is the reason?
- b) Is it possible to pay way-bill again for personal use?

SPEAKER : The hon'ble minister to answer the question.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer is:–

- a) Way bill is imposed on goods to be sold within Mizoram from which VAT is collected and payment will be made by a registered VAT dealer. We can also issue a separate way-bill on goods for personal use.
- b) Collection of way-bill is still in practice as notification has also been issued for proper usage of personal way-bill. It is found out that personal way-bill has been sold to some businessmen to evade payment of VAT. As such, the department is taking strict action and spot verification for personal way-bill.

Regarding the question of Pu Liantlinga, we have C & F agent as consignment and forwarding goods reaches Mizoram as stock transfer without payment of tax. It is happened only after goods are sold in Mizoram as VAT is collected. VAT is collected as various types as some people assumed the procedure as double payment of VAT. There is a specific rul regarding VAT such as ITC (Input tax credit). This ITC does not permit double payment and even if double payment is made, there is provision for re-imburement.

On items such as cement, the consignment reaches the stockiest and transfers it on free from the company. It is only after the stockiest sold the goods in Mizoram that VAT is collected. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Question hour is over. Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana seeks permission of the House to give statement regarding the incident in Keifang. As provision given by rules 60, let us now call Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana to take his time.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, as per rules 60 of the Rules of Procedure & Conduct of Business, and with your permission, Sir, on Saturday, the 21st July, 2012, just before 1:00 p.m., Champhai night bus service, ZK Travels, registration No.MZ-01/E-7015 was hit by a landslide at Keifang quarry. Being a minister for Transport department, I have to give a statement of the incident. The bus belongs to Pi Lalnunsangi w/o Rozama, Bawngkawn Chhim veng plying Aizawl to Champhai as night bus service.

I was informed of the accident by Saitual group YMA just before 2:00 p.m. by phone and related the news to concerned MLA of Champhai North MLA Pu T.T. Zothansanga and Champhai South MLA, Pu J.H. Rothuama, hon'ble minister as we immediately proceeded to the site of the accident. The hon'ble Home minister Pu R.Lalzirliana, Pu J.H.Rothuama Revenue Minister, Pu T.T.Zothansanga MLA, Pu Vanlalruata Central YMA General Secretary and Pu Lalhmingliana Colney CEC member and myself reached Keifang before 6 a.m in the morning.

Two Ambulance vehicles, one from Civil Hospital and the other from Transport department immediately reach the site along with number of Police forces. Besides, Zoram Drivers Union too has sent two ambulances as the Minister for Health reached the spot with a team of Doctors and Nurses with necessary equipments.

Aizawl District Addl. D.C. Pu J. Hmingthanmawia with DGP also reached the spot as various Church and NGO leaders also reached with their relief aids.

Pu Speaker, as we reached the spot, he dead bodies were already brought to Keifang community hall and YMA of Saitual, Keifang and Rulchawm have kept the dead bodies in their coffins. Those injured were taken to Saitual hospital and some to Aizawl Civil hospital by ambulance. The dead bodies, after completing police verification and post mortem were sent to their respective villages at 1:00 p.m.

According to one passenger of the bus, they reached BRTF quarry as all of a sudden, landslide from above thrashes the bus and pushed them aside over the cliff of 200 meters.

On hearing the incident, Pi Lalsangpuii, SDO(C) Saitual and staff, Police OC and staff, Saitual group YMA, town area V.C's and NGOs immediately reached the spot for rescue work which was done in the dark and amidst falling of stones as some were injured in the rescue. Somehow, rescue work was completed before daylight.

60 personnel's from 2nd Battalion, Khawzawl have also been sent here. Saitual Group YMA and Keifang joint-MHIP placed a donation box from which ₹4000/- each is given to dead-families and ₹2,000/- each to injured persons. Apart

from this, Central YMA gave 1000 to each of the victims which further indictates our 'Mizo tlawmngaihna' still prevails in our society. We must learn to accept the accident as the will of God. The government also shows concern to the victims by ensuring all the possible means that can be provided.

Pu Speaker, 17 persons died in the accident, 12 injured and 2 uninjured. Unnatural death case No.4/2012, under section 174 Cr. Pc has been registered at Saitual police station against the following death persons: –

- (1) Lalsangliana (Sasa-a), s/o Rozama, Bawngkawn Chhim veng.
- (2) Lianhmingthangi, age 34, d/o Pu Lalthlamuana, Tualcheng.
- (3) Vanlalthuami, age 10, d/o Pu Lalrinthanga, Tuipui.
- (4) Johny Zonunmawia, age 24, (Bus driver) s/o Pi Lallungawii, Khawbung.
- (5) Zoruatpuii, age 13, D/o Pu Vanlalzara (L), Champhai Rahsi veng.
- (6) Lalrammawia, age 49, s/o Pu C. Chawngthuama (L), Champhai Rahsi veng.
- (7) Samur, age 65, s/o Pu Bualzama, Tuipui.
- (8) Khumlina, age 30, s/o Pu Thuamlina, Myanmar.
- (9) Lalramthari, d/o Lalthlengkima, Khawzawl Vengthar.
- (10) Thiamchawipari, w/o Lalzawnga, Champhai Vengthlang.
- (11) Ramfangzauva, s/o Pu R.Biakzama, Champhai Bethel.
- (12) John Lalruatdika, s/o Pu Daihzauva, Bawngkawn.
- (13) Vanrokimi, w/o Pu J.Lalruatdika, Champhai Kanan.
- (14) Steve Lalmuanpuia, s/o Lalmalsawma, Bawngkawn Chhim veng.
- (15) Narul Islam, s/o L.T. Sundar Ali, Karimganj.
- (16) Bablu Majumdar, s/o C.S. Majumdar, Kolkatta.
- (17) Md. Abad Uddin, s/o Khalamir, Karimganj.

Persons injured are as follow: –

- (1) Lalmalsawma, age 29, s/o Pu Zokaia, Soil Qtr. Champhai.
- (2) H.Zathanga, age 67, s/o Ginmanga, Champhai.
- (3) Lalthlanmawii, age 39, d/o Thangsaia, Champhai.
- (4) K.Vanlalrema, age 24, s/o Pu Kawlchhawna, Churachanpur.
- (5) Zonunsanga, age 19, s/o Pu Lalchhuanmawia, Champhai.
- (6) Eric Lalbiakduhzuala, age 8, s/o Pu Zorama, Champhai.
- (7) A.K.Singh, age 23, Khatla Aizawl.
- (8) Abdul Hakin, age 31 s/o Pu Amusil Ali, Karimganj.
- (9) Hussein, age 24, s/o Raju Ali, Karimganj.
- (10) Alam Ali, age 21, s/o Uddin, Uddarban Silchar Champhai.

Persons discharged after given first-aid at Saitual hospital are: –

- (1) Zomuanpuii, age 3, d/o Pi Malsawmtluangi, Champhai.
- (2) Malsawmtluangi, age 24, d/o K.Zoliana, Champhai.
- (3) Zothanmawii, age 4, d/o Pu Dengthuama, Champhai.
- (4) Pu Dengthuama, age 24, s/o Pu Vanlalmuana, Champhai.

(5) Lalthlengkima age 4, s/o Pu Saitawna, Khawzawl.

Persons un-injured are:-

- (1) Thangneihpara, age 11, Champhai veng.
- (2) Salim Uddin, Karimganj.

Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : The statement does not need to be discussed. Member absent today is Pu B. Lalthlengliana. Now, Pu H. Liansailova to lay the paper for correction made on Budget speech, on the table of the House.

Pu H. LIANSAILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I lay on the table of the House the correction of Budget Speech. On the day of the Budget Speech, I read out the figure correctly but the copy received by the hon'ble members is found to be incorrect. I therefore laid corrected copy in the House.

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. We will now move to the next list of business that is general discussion on budget. Each member will be allotted 15 mins. Pu R. Lalrinawma will start.

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Speaker, I would like to thank the Finance minister for presenting a healthy budget. It is pleasing to note that the budget is accompanied with performance budget and work programme. I would like to thank for the upward growth of the annual plan which is 2,300 crore rupees.

First of all, I would like to thank for the growth in NLUP fund by a margin of 58.12%. Besides, ₹40 crores is allotted for NLUP as the programme is meant to cover the people as a whole. With this, ₹410 crores will directly go into the hands of the people. As per base-line survey done by YMA and MHIP, NLUP is determined to cover ₹1.2 beneficiaries. This is due to an able leader of House.

(Deputy Speaker at the Chair)

I would also like to thank increase of MLA fund to ₹30 lakhs. It is pleasing to note that allocation of fund such as ₹500 lakhs for each district, ₹600 lakhs for Lunglei district and ₹50 lakhs for Sialkal tlangdung development. Pu Deputy Speaker, I am grateful to the government for setting up a forum known as 'Mipui Aw' where the people can pour out their grievances and opinions.

In the budget speech of the hon'ble Finance Minister, steps taken for industrial growth is mentioned. What I would like to point out is Zuangtui industrial estate. It was established in 1986 during the Congress ministry yet; problem has been faced in continuous since then. I have once spoken about this in the previous session. Pu Deputy Speaker, Industrial Estate at Zuangtui is established without proper infrastructure. The site is allotted for 10 years at the rate of ₹10 per square meter and annual fee of ₹16 per sq. meter. I would like to ask if the government could reconsider the fee. Recently, land site for steel industry at Lengte was allotted for 99 years and

was later reduced to 25 years. In regard to appointment of work there, Pu Deputy Speaker, I opine son of the soil should be given special consideration. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Next, Pu Lalrobiaka.

Pu LALROBIAKA : Pu Deputy Speaker, it is a great privilege for us to be able to discuss this budget speech thanks to the effort made by the hon'ble Finance Minister and the official staff.

To start with, work programme, page No.28 of Sl. No.22, I have not seen Tourism, I wonder if there is no work programme of Tourism department.

As known to us all Pu Deputy Speaker, priority sector of the budget is NLUP. I would like to inform all the people of Mizoram through this House that ₹370 crores is allotted in the budget which is directly for the people with growth percentage of 58.12%.

It is much regretted to note that local area development fund of MLA is increased by 20%. Pu Deputy Speaker, annual plan of most of the state governments increases by 20%. The fund allocation for the five Districts of ₹500 lakhs each is remarkable as we have never experience before. Likewise, the fund allocation for Agriculture & Allied Activities i.e. is ₹504.88 crores and for Industries, ₹93.84 crores. If works are implemented accordingly, I am sure we will be blessed.

Under ministry of Sports, I am not able to name all the on-going projects, yet, significant to note that the budget allocation for the department is increased by 31.05%. Sports enthusiast persons are increasing with the increase of infrastructure in the department which is worth mentioning. It is encouraging to have promotion of visual arts budget for interest and hobbies.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I would also like to thank the government for the development projects in various departments such as construction of various buildings under state project i.e. ₹23.67 crores. Above all, it is pleasing to learn that the budget concerns the people as the definition of democracy. I thank concerned authorities for having such opinions. And, I also thank God for all these. Thank you.

Pu S. LALDINGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, after a careful study of the budget speech, there are many points which enlighten my knowledge. Yet, I may not highlight it all due to limit of time. It is truly appreciative to have an increase of Annual plan by 35.29%. In fact, it is the highest ever which further leads to the fact that central government cordially approved the policy and programmes of Pu Lal Thanhawla, our hon'ble Chief Minister.

The fund allocation for Agriculture & Allied Activities, i.e. ₹508.88 crores and for the flagship programme NLUP ₹370 crores indicates priority being given to the farmers. Likewise, other proposed allocation such as special area programme, Irrigation & Flood Control and Social Service Sector shows that this government leave no stone unturned. Pu Dy. Speaker, it is truly appreciative that MLA local fund has also been raised, ₹500 crores each being allotted to the five

Districts and for Lunglei District ₹600 crores. Apart from this, ₹50 lakhs has also been allotted to Sialkal-tlangdung Development Committee. With all these, fund allocation of this government is moving forward to development which is worth-mentioning.

Pu Deputy Speaker, due to upgradation of 300 schools by the previous ministry so as to win more votes in the upcoming general election, we had encountered financial constraint. But gradually, the situation is normalized with the increase of fund allocation for Education department. As highlighted by budget document micro-economised file work statement, the allocation is increased every year which leads to the fact that we have systematic financial management. The fiscal graphic is improving gradually. There is growth in annual plan and administrative expenditure provision is decreasing. Thus, various departments may face difficulties but all these is due to the fact that skill-based fund is given priority, and that, fund is distributed in all fields without leaving out any.

Pu Deputy Speaker, it is also learned from the budget speech that the revenue receipt is increased by 27.96% which is an indication that the government utilized the fund systematically. It is essential for the government to collect tax and any political party should not politicalise the imposition of tax otherwise we may hamper the economic growth of our state.

Lastly, I would like to thank the government for achieving land custom station from Mizoram sector at Zokhawthar. Also, under the government of India's Look-east policy, Kolodyne multi-modal transit transport project is going on in full swing, the road from AOC to Zorinpui is under completion as sanction for the construction of land custom station at Zorinpui has been received which are commendable. These achievements will enhance the economic growth to a great extent. It is worth acknowledging the progress in Indo-Bangladesh border trade as we have learned from the budget speech as Kawrpuichhuah integrated check post will soon be implemented.

To conclude my speech Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to thank the hon'ble Finance Minister for presenting a budget which concerns the people and government servants as well. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Next, Pu K.Lalrinthanga.

Pu K. LALRINTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I, first of all, expresses my appreciation to the hon'ble Finance Minister for achieving a healthy Budget statement. If we turn to pages 7 & 8 of the budget speech, it is commendable that consolidated fund increases by 22.12% and plan budget by 35.29% respectively.

Pu Deputy Speaker as we are having a general discussion on the Budget, it reminds me of the general election of 2008 when the people prayed to God for want of change and the Congress party came into power as answer to their prayers. Even today, we are gradually experiencing changes as highlighted from the budget discussion.

From the Economic Survey of Mizoram 2011-2012, page-3, our economic growth is 10.09% where as the national is 6.9% only. The budget speech further highlighted the growth of GSDP, which is 10% as the pension rate dropped by 1.53%. It is pleasing to note that fund may now be implemented for development work. At page 3, we have learned that according to Survey of 2011-2013, the growth of service sector, industry, agriculture and allied service becomes 60% which is quite amazing. Much as well, it is note-worthy that ₹320 crores is allotted for construction of road and ₹29.37 crores for repairing. At the same time Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to express my appreciation to the government for the implementation of NLUP as 2/3 beneficiaries have been covered by the programme.

Regarding corruption, there is great change as leaders of the opposition party hardly find any corruption being practice by the ministers which indeed is a remarkable change. It is the outcome of commitment made by the hon'ble Chief Minister. Again, instruction is given to all the departments to submit salary allowance prior to preparation of the budget to evade shortage in salary which happened to be of another change. Thank you.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, we have seen growth in the budget by ₹600 crores due to the fact that we, the people are being compelled to pay lifetime tax on vehicles following fiscal management introduced by the 13th Finance Commission.

As we have seen in para 2 of the speech, service sector still dominate our budget source with 60% where as industry and agriculture sector is only 20% and NLUP, the flagship programme of the government is remain the same. If we observe from GSDP, I questioned myself if there is any reason to be grateful for. It is proudly mentioned by this ministry that the budget reaches to all the people, but I have my doubt as it seems to be a pocket sector.

Pu Deputy Speaker, we have also seen that growth in the flagship programme is 35.29% but if we observe from GSDP, there is no increment. As such, the opposition members find it difficult to appreciate the budget. In regard to misuse of NLUP fund also, there are misuse of fund to be highlighted such as numbers of beneficiary utilizes the fund provision being received for purchase of household materials instead. Thus, poverty remains as gap between the rich and the poor increases.

Pu Deputy Speaker, the minister for transport in his statement on collapse of stone quarry stated that no one is responsible for the collapse. In this regard, I would like to ask if BRTF follows the rules & regulations when permit is issued. If not, BRTF is responsible. Mining department should review the rules. At the same time, may I inform the House the need for construction of fencing for New Bagha road since there has been several road accident within this road.

In regard to power sector, we are often compels to consume electric power supply for cooking in times of scarcity of cooking gas as transformer suffers

due to overloading. As such, we have to send such transformer to Silchar for repair which usually takes a couple of days. Thus, power sector is still unsatisfactory. In general, our budget is exceptable as it is pragmatic budget. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now we will have a recess and meeting will be resumed at 2:00 p.m.

2 : 00 p.m.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : To resume our general discussion, Pu K.Lianzuala will take his time.

Pu K. LIANZUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I am grateful that I have the opportunity to be able to speak on this budget discuss. The hon'ble Finance Minister and the House leader deserved credit for being able to produce such a high growth of the budget. So far, this is the first time we experience such high growth in budget which is mainly due to efficiency of the government in financial control. It will remain in the history of Mizoram.

It is remarkable that ₹370 crores is allotted for implementation of NLUP. It indicates the government concerns for the people who need financial assistance from the government through NLUP. Pu Dy. Speaker, it is unfortunate to learn that some beneficiaries who chose trade of cattle rearing under NLUP faced problem due to dead of their cattle imported from Haryana. What I would like to point out is that healthy cattle are able to produce 14 litres of milk per day.

Pu Deputy Speaker, coming now to local area fund, we the members seems to be satisfied with the growth of development fund of MLA specially of rural areas. With ₹30 lakhs, development work of each constituency could be done to some extents. I thank the allotment of ₹600 lakhs for Lunglei High Power, ₹500 lakhs for each District and ₹50 lakhs for development committee. Again, Pu Deputy Speaker, I appreciate allotment of fund for improvement of power supply as highlighted in the budget speech. There are many points which deserved appreciation. In short, the hon'ble Finance Minister and the House Leader truly deserved credit for all the aforementioned steps being taken for development of our state. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Next, Lt.Col. Z.S. Zuala.

Lt. Col. Z.S. ZUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, our plan budget which has been increased by 35.29% is truly appreciative. There are few points of Finance minister's budget speech which needs to be highlighted.

First, the hon'ble minister mentioned about the problem of supply of LPG. In this regard, it should be noted that it is not the local problem in particular but of the national which prevails in the whole country.

Regarding implementation of 6th pay commission, the government contributes huge amount of fund for purchase of food grain and power supply on subsidized basis. Thus, it is time for us to streamline supply of subsidized foods so that only those who are entitle purchase it on subsidized rate. In the same manner, it is time to increase power tariff.

Pu Deputy Speaker, the statement of our Finance minister highlighted that 10,000 posts under the government are lying vacant. In this regard, I opine it is not necessary to fill up such posts entirely for we are now in the age of computerization of office works and then huge amount of fund for salary of employees could be saved for the farmers. It is fortunate that a new defined contributory pension scheme is being implemented as huge amount of fund will then be saved from pension. Much as well, deduction of 2% of non-plan office expenditure is truly appreciative. At the same time, I request concerned minister for Transport department to provide city bus service plying to Tlangnuam and Salem.

Pu Deputy Speaker, the growth in the flagship programme NLUP by 58.2% is commentable and that 1,20,000 beneficiaries are expected to be covered by the programme within this financial year.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I, again would like to thank for the plan of improvement of road and black topping within Aizawl and the rest outside. Nevertheless, allocation of fund provision for district empowerment, school education, youth services and infrastructure development construction of fire station are truly appreciative.

Lastly, it is to be noted by the members that growth of funds for the programmes as mentioned by various members happened to be the result of efforts made by the hon'ble Chief Minister and Finance minister. Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Next, Pu John Siamkunga

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I will not go into detail with various departments since today is scheduled for general discussion on the budget.

Let me express my appreciation at the outset for increase of 35.29% of the plan budget. As seen in the speech of the Finance Minister, our budget is expected to be increased by 7% during the 11th Five Year Plan and 10% increase in Gross Domestic Product. This indicates growth of our Treasury. Service Sector, the highest contributor increased by 61%, Industry 20%, Agriculture & Allied Sector 20%. In tax revenue, we have an increase of ₹17 crore and on the contrary, we have decrease of non-tax revenue by ₹8 crore. As such, more effort is needed to avoid decrease of GSDP.

As for the Capital Receipt, we are expecting ₹383.45 crore which indicates the decrease from last year by ₹110 crore. However, the decrease is direction of the 13th Finance Commission. In the previous ministry, there was an outstanding of nearly ₹300 crore almost every financial years end. However, with the efficiency of the congress ministry, strict financial management is in practice.

As seen here, in the statement, for the consolidated fund of the State being allotted for the coming financial year is ₹5179.93 lakhs and ₹5327.25 lakhs for expenditure which indicates shortage of fund by ₹147.32 crore. In the meantime, allotment for non-development expenditure amounting to ₹2828.2 lakhs is comparatively much higher than that of fund allocation for farmers. Pu Deputy Speaker, we have seen decrease of ₹10 crore in interest payment and ₹1.53 crore in pension payment which indicates efficiency of the government in financial management.

It is pleasing to note that the fund allocation for rice and electricity subsidy is high as it indicates sufficiency in supply of rice and electricity in our State. In regard to improvement of roads and various networks also, ₹329.37 crore is allotted which is an indication of priority given by the government towards communication.

There is fund allocation of ₹370 for NLUP. This is what I would like to emphasize. As a result of village grouping during MNF movement, poverty struck Mizoram as the mindset of the people has devastated and their confidence to attain self-sufficient vanished. Thus, keeping in mind of the need to boost up this morality, our leaders are making all efforts to build the future with the prospect of globalization as major projects such as Kolodyne Multi Modal Projects the work which is now in full swing.

Pu Deputy Speaker, the sons of the soil should be self-sufficient. Keeping in mind of this need, our leaders therefore introduced NLUP in our state to obtain self-sufficiency as various choices of trade with its allied developments have been laid down for concerned beneficiaries.

To conclude my speech, Pu Deputy Speaker, I am grateful that there is 32% allotment for development expenditure in the Budget. I thank the Congress party ministry for providing such a handsome budget. Also, I thank an efficient Finance Minister for this budget.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Next, Pu K.S. Thanga.

Pu K.S. THANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I first of all have to express my thanks for the opportunity to participate in the general discussion on the budget. Due to limit of time, I have to make only few points which I feel as important.

There was a period when government is said to be failed in its financial management. However, due to the efficiency and dedication of hon'ble Chief

Minister, we are able to produce this remarkable budget today. As stated in the Finance Minister's speech, we have achieved ₹27.77 crore surpluses, the highest ever in the history of the State Finance which truly deserve appreciation.

If we look into the Fiscal Deposit as per recommended by 13th Finance Commission, the target is not to exceed 5.2% of GSDP and we are able to place the deficit at 3.31%. This is a clear indication of efficiency of the government in financial management. Again, due to the efficiency of the government, the Revenue receipt is high and expenditure is under control. Thus, we are able to hear this resounding budget speech. Pu Deputy Speaker, as highlighted in the Union Budget, we are receiving ₹329.37 crore, ₹190.72 crore for Non-Tax Revenue, ₹229.42 crore for Non-Tax Revenue, ₹813.71 crore for Central tax, ₹2,398.56 crore for Plan Grant and ₹1,634 crore for Non-Plan Grant.

I would also like to make a few points to clarify the prevailing speculation on pay of the government servants. The following is classification and existing numbers of government servants:-

Group A	-	4,477 Nos.
Group B	-	18,072 Nos.
Group C	-	19,769 Nos.
Group D	-	12,034 Nos.
Total	-	54,352 Nos.

In this regard, the percentage of pay from the budget for Non-Plan is 31.19%, Plan 8.03% and from CSS .05%. Thus, the total percentage of pay from the budget is 39.72 %. It indicates enough funds remains for development.

As for NLUP fund, there is an increment of 60%. In this connection, I would like to point out that the sufficient amount of fund is seen for the farmers' share. It is commendable that RKVY fund which is centrally sponsored scheme is increasing due to NLUP. The farmers have an enormous benefit from NLUP as they are able to receive fund from RKVY only because of NLUP. Apart from this, Agriculture and its allied department have received the fund for the benefit of farmers. It is due to this fund that Agriculture Department is able to distribute power tiller on 75% subsidy. In fact, 800 Nos. of power tiller and 100 Nos. of Mini-tiller have already been distributed. In addition to fund received under NLUP Pu Deputy Speaker, ₹11 crore have been allotted to LADC from RKVY fund, ₹9 crore to MADC and ₹7 crore to CADAC, totally ₹27 crore.

As you are aware Pu Deputy Speaker, the previous Chief Minister made a commitment to transform Mizoram into a self-sufficient state through agriculture within three years and, to be the richest State in India within five years. But today, there is no trace of such policy. As for now, we are beginning to experience some sorts of development due to efforts made by the hon'ble Chief Minister and Agriculture Minister for implementing appropriate agriculture and economic policy.

Again, it is fortunate that due to our able Chief Minister that we now have ₹329 crore for road improvement plus ₹200 crore scheme in the budget. In the meantime, we have made a remarkable achievement in setting up power generation. Within a short period, we will be able to profit huge amount from supply of power to the neighboring states. The hon'ble Chief Minister, being human too may have his own weakness but I daresay that 10 years from now, the people will no longer complain about shortage of power supply. Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you for the opportunity to speak.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Next, Pu Ramhluna.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Today, we are discussing financial speech which I opine as of a healthy budget. To analyze the Annual Plan of the government, there was an increase of 26% in 2009-2010 and 20% in 2011-2012. But now, increase rate is 35.29% which is comparatively higher than the previous years.

At the sametime, I opine it is important to consider the possible affect of increase of our plan size. Pu Deputy Speaker, for our flagship programme NLUP, there is a provision of ₹370 crore. If fund provision for NLUP is deducted from our plan size, it is quite small. As such, I am afraid it may have a negative affect in the functioning of each concerned departments having high earmark sector. On examining the budget allocation to 46 departments, the total amount of revenue and capital of some departments are found to be exorbitantly high due to duplicacy which causes problem to sum up an accurate total amount. Anyway, it seems that the said 46 departments have suffered the outcome tremendously. Likewise, the percentage of decrease of revenue in some departments also is tremendously high. It is further learned that proposed allocation of fund to some departments, as per government order dated the 14th June, 2012 does not match with the amount as shown in Demand for grant. For instance, allocation of fund provision to LADC as per government order which is ₹5458.52 lakh is shown in Demand for Grant as ₹5358.52 and the difference is ₹1100 lakh. As per fiscal strategy statement, anticipated ratio of the 13th Finance Commission is not met in tax and GSDP, 2014-2015 which also is unfortunate. If GSDP was increased during these periods, we could have benefitted in many ways.

Regarding the strategy statement of fiscal policy of Finance Minister, it is pleasing to note that the 13th Finance Commission has written-off liabilities of various departments. However, it is highlighted in para 10 that there is a liabilities of ₹75 crore which was loaned from the Central Government makes our outstanding very high. I wonder how this will be sort out.

Again, here in the statement, fiscal strategy pointed out that "The annual plan size of Mizoram is ₹2,300 crore" which is 35.29% increase over last year. However, it may not be our place to mention the ability of State Government relating to the provision of 10% State share against this grant. I request the hon'ble Minister to highlight in his wind up speech what expectation he has in mind.

In para 15, it is regretted to learn that non-tax departments are unable to achieve their revenue target.

In Power sector, we are expecting ₹119.11 crore where as 80% of Mizoram is electrified. If more efforts are made, I believe the present revenue can be raised to ₹30/40 crore. Whereas, in Industry sector, I opine fund allocation is less sufficient for development work. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Next, Pu R.L. Pianmawia.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Deputy Speaker, we are fortunate to be able to discuss this huge budget. It is due to the efforts made by the hon'ble Chief Minister and Finance Minister and concerned officials. If we look at the budget, there are various points to be grateful for. The most amazing and delightful factor is NLUP which is included in the budget. This budget truly concern for the poor. Since my constituency is included under SHDC scheme, we are extremely grateful. It is pleasing to note that there is increment for RKVY and the additional fund is expected as well. It is much appreciated that there is sufficient amount of fund for Education Department particularly fund allotted for salary. Yet, we experience irregularity of power supply due to stagnation of the project brought by huge amount of compensation. However, effort has been made to resolve the problem.

Next, fund allocation for District Employment is worth mentioning. Being a member from a remote constituency, I expect the government to allot enough funds so that it is benefited by the people in remote areas.

Pu Deputy Speaker, as we received work programme, I would like to point out regarding work programme of Health Department in which there is a provision for construction of PHC and Sub-Centre buildings. I request the hon'ble Minister to prioritize constituency where no building is constructed as yet.

In the meantime, fund allocation for road improvement is worth-mentioning. Pu Deputy Speaker, the roads within my constituency remains unattended for many years but the present government is kind enough to improve roads within my constituency. We are now living in a dreamworld considering our condition in the last decade. In fact, the road condition within my constituency is tremendously improved thanks to the effort made by the hon'ble Chief Minister and concerned officials of PWD.

Likewise, we received special concern of Home Department as well. I thank the hon'ble Home Minister for giving us vehicle (Gypsy) of good condition as a result of commitment he had made in the last Session. Also, for allocation of fund for the construction of staff quarter, I am confident that the government will continue with the remaining development work.

In regard to Art & Culture Department, I request concerned minister not to forget construction of YMA library building at Tinghmun.

Lastly, in Education Department, I request the hon'ble Minister to take note of the problem of primary schools within my constituency where only 3 teachers are allotted. It is expected to allot at least 4 teachers in such schools. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The discussion is scheduled for two days but we can finish today itself as tomorrow is a holiday. If there is no one else to speak, I call upon the hon'ble House Leader to wind-up the discussion.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, Transport minister gave this morning, a detail statement about landslide at Saitual. I thank senior ministers for reaching the spot in time. I also thank transport minister for taking care of all possible aids to be given by the government. I also thank YMA for their active participation. It is much appreciated that the minister gave ex-gratias of ₹1.5 lakhs to each of the bereaved family.

SPEAKER : Our discussion for today is finished and we will resume the discussion tomorrow.

(Sitting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.)

**SIXTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MIZORAM
(ELEVENTH SESSION)**

LIST OF BUSINESS

SIXTH SITTING ON TUESDAY, THE 24th JULY, 2012
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)

QUESTIONS

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

CALLING ATTENTION MOTION

2. **Pu P.P.THAWLA**, to raise a matter of urgent public importance under Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly in the matter of recent occurrence regarding “Mizoram Public Service Commission Combined Competitive Examination held on 28th June, 2012”.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

General Discussion on the Budget for the Year 2012-2013

3. General Discussion on the Budget for the year 2012-2013 (to be concluded)

NGURTHANZUALA
Secretary

SPEAKER : Blessed are those who keep justice and he who does righteousness at all times. (Psalms 106:3)

We will take up question. Now, let us call Pu K. Liantlinga to ask Starred Question No.81.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Tourism minister be pleased to state: -

- a) The number of tourist lodge and tourist centre under the government with the on-going projects.
- b) The number of staff employed by tourism department and the number of staff still required.

Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answer to the question of the hon'ble members are: -

- a) Mizoram Tourism department have 38 Nos. tourists lodge including highway restaurant and tourism resort. There are twelve Nos. of on-going projects.
- b) There are 109 Nos. regular staff and 158 Nos. muster roll employees. staff requirements in various categories are as follows: -

1)	Tourism Officer	-	5 Nos.
2)	Assistant Receptionist	-	17 Nos.
3)	Cook	-	17 Nos.
4)	Room Attendant	-	17 Nos.
5)	Chowkider	-	18 Nos.
6)	Junior Engineer	-	1 No.
7)	Assistant Engineer	-	1 No.
8)	Plumber	-	1 No.
9)	Principal (JHM)	-	1 No.
10)	Dean/Vice Principal	-	1 No.
11)	HOD	-	2 Nos.
12)	Senior Lecturer	-	3 Nos.
13)	Lecturer	-	3 Nos.
14)	Assistant Lecturer	-	3 Nos.
15)	P.A. to Principal	-	1 No.
16)	Accounts & Administrative Officer	-	1 No.
17)	Accountant	-	1 No.
18)	Assistant	-	1 No.
19)	Audio Visual Technician	-	1 No.
20)	Peon	-	2 Nos.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu K. Liantlinga.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, the staff requirement is higher than the present strength. I would like to ask if approach have been to DP & AR or Finance department for these requirements. Secondly, there are 12 Nos. of on-going projects. What is the point of constructing buildings if there is lack of staff? I would also like to

know if the staff requirement has been filled up at Hnahlan. Also, the total expenditure for the maintenance of tourist lodge, highway restaurants and centre and the amount of revenue received by the government. Pu Speaker, if the minister could give the number of tourist received during the year 2011-2012.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, under the chairmanship of the hon'ble Chief Minister, Tourism Board was constituted and it was decided that lodge and restaurants with lack of staff be privatized. What step have the department taken in this regard? Till now, we do not have tourism policy and there is no board meeting. What is the reason? The board term is getting over. What is the problem in calling board meetings?

Pu K. LALRINTHANGA : Pu Speaker, we have tourist building in Buhchangphai which was completed just before the present ministry came into power. The building is yet to be inaugurated but the condition is ruined. Is there any proposal to repair the building? When will the proposal to construct tourist destination at Serlui B Hydel project be implemented?

SPEAKER : We will now call hon'ble minister to answer the question.

Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answer to the questions of hon'ble members are as follows: -

The Cabinet meeting have approved for the regularization of 34 posts. The number of staff requirement is higher as mentioned by the hon'ble member due to the fact that Institution of Home Management for North-east is being constructed at Bung Bungalow which raises the staff requirement.

The revenue collected during the year 2011-2012 is ₹163 lakhs. Number of foreigner tourist is 700 Nos. and domestic tourist is 70,600 Nos.

As for Tourist Board, Chief Minister is busy with other commitments, yet, he is helping in taking various steps for the department. Regarding tourist policy, drafting is completed.

Pu Speaker, as for tourist lodge at Buhchangphai, it is decided for privatization since it is of a remote area. And, as for the rest of the lodges being privatized, the investors are not interested in the remote areas except such as tourist lodge of Chaltlang and Berawtlang.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, have you given awareness among the youths?

Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER : Yes, notification has not been issued. Negotiation is in process with Baptist Church in regard to privatization of tourist lodge at Tawipui South as so at Sairang.

The government has sanction ₹3 crores for Serlui 'B' tourist lodge. The building construction work is given to P.W.D. However, it is now taken up by Lushai Engineering Work and B.M. Infrastructure Work. Work is going on in full swing. Thank you.

Pu K. LALRINTHANGA : Pu Speaker, the hon'ble minister did not answer about Hnahlan.

Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER : Hnahlan, Zokhawthar, Farkawn have been opened and required staff are posted respectively. The lodges are functioning systematically.

Pu K. LALRINTHANGA : Pu Speaker, what about Buhchang?

Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER : We are still in the process of examining Tourist lodge at Buhchang and we are yet to come up with a decision.

SPEAKER : Let us now call Dr. R.Lalthangliana to ask starred Question No. 82.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Finance minister be pleased to state: -

- a) If Pay Committee have solved any of the adversity in the government salary?
- b) How is committee intending to solve salary adversity?

SPEAKER : To answer the questions; let us now call Pu H. Liansailova, concerned Minister.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answer to the hon'ble member's questions are: -

- a) Pay committee have solved salary of Mizoram government under 108 categories. Notification No.A.11014/12011-FIN (PRU) has been issued for the rectification of salaries under these 108 categories.
- b) Pay committee analysed pay in accordance with the previous pay revision and make a proposal which is approved by Council of Minister. After the approval is obtained, notification is then issued.

SPEAKER : Dr. R. Lalthangliana.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, it seems everything is not at peace. There are around 50 complains still laying with pay anomaly redressal demand committee. Pu Speaker, the notification issued by finance department, pay research unit and 2011 pay committee recommendation which the cabinet approved does not tally. I would like to ask how the government is going to solve the problem. How will the government revise?

SPEAKER : To answer the question; let us call the hon'ble minister.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, notification issued is approved by cabinet meeting after careful study and revision made from the Pay Committee Report, 2011. Thus, there is difference between notification issued and pay committee report.

Pay adversity have been existed for the past 30 years and various committees have been constituted to resolve the problem. Fitment committee was constituted in 2007 for 6th pay revision to equalize pay of certain categories. However, federation disagreed with the proposal. Thus, cabinet sub-committee was constituted to study the various state and central pay. The committee submits its report to cabinet and hence cabinet took a decision to revise pay. Federation agreed to the decision and it is the present pay which most of the government employees are enjoying at present. There are 58 representations that remain under negotiation for pay revision. However, due to financial constraint, revision is not possible. Leaders of PARDC met hon'ble Chief Minister. The hon'ble Chief Minister explains the finance condition of the government, the meeting ended with the leaders understanding the circumstance. The present up-gradation is done from whatever resource the government is capable of producing. Also, the government is compelled to implement up-gradation.

SPEAKER : Next, Pu Lalduhoma

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, I believe that there will never be any pay structure which all section of government employees will agree upon. What I would like to ask is; if the government could make pay structure for new recruitment in which the government can maintain its stand.

SPEAKER : Alright, let the minister answer the question. Can we make Mizoram state's pay structure?

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, it is will be impossible. What is in the mind of the hon'ble member is the same with the authorities. But in actual implementation, it is almost impossible. Mizoram have been giving priority to pay for a very long period. There is no difficulty in other states after the implementation of 6th pay. Infact, pay under Mizoram government is much higher than states like Haryana, Punjab, Chandigarh, Tripura, Meghalaya and Assam. 67% of our Budget goes to non-development expenditure. The government had done to the best of its ability.

SPEAKER : Pu P.P. Thawla to ask starred Question No.84.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, Will the hon'ble Minister for General Administration Department be pleased to state: –

- a) Whether Tuipang SDO (Civil) is still in function?
- b) If not, what is the reason?

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

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, SDO (Civil) Tuipang was transferred in the year 2009. He has been transferred due to shortage of senior grade MCS and BDO Tuipang is put in charge.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu P.P.Thawla.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, I would like to ask the number of SDO (Civil) who are still in their respective place of posting.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, SDO (Civil) North Vanlalpai have been transferred. Is there any proposal to fill up the post?

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I cannot give the exact number to Pu P.P.Thawla as of now, but if needed, information can be given in writing later.

As for North Vanlalpai, the people seem to be quite satisfied with BDO Serchhip taking charge of SDO. Pu Speaker, he visited North Vanlalpai every week and there is no complain so far.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, it is true, we are satisfied. However, since SDO (Civil) post is lying vacant, the people have the attitude that the post should be filled up.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, it is the district headquarters of my constituency. I feel that I should give them priority. However, due to shortage of SDO, it is not possible. It is the same with SDO Phullen taking charge of Saitual, but Home minister have not complain. This is our situation.

SPEAKER : Now, let us call Pu K. Liantlinga to ask starred Question No.85.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon'ble Minister for Trade & Commerce be pleased to state: –

- a) How many markets are there in Aizawl? What is the total amount of rent received from the markets during the year 2010-2011, 2011-2012?
- b) If there is any proposal to hand over these markets to Aizawl Municipal Council?

SPEAKER : The hon'ble Minister, Pu Lalrinliana Sailo to answer the question.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answer to the question of the hon'ble member, Pu K.Liantlinga is: –

- a) There are 29 markets. The rent received during the year 2010-2011 is ₹39,57,480/- and during the year 2011-2012, ₹36,32,060/-.
- b) There is no proposal as of now.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu K. Liantlinga, Pu Joseph Lalhimpua and Pu Lalthansanga.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, from the amount of rent received, it means that one market received only ₹1 lakh. Thus, I would like to ask if there is any proposal to raise the rent and the number of shops that are given out for sub-let by allotted persons. If the department is not aware of this at present, is there any intention to rectify this matter? Pu Speaker, shops which are sub-letted are used for godown. I would like to know if they are permitted to use such shops for godown and if there is any intention to solve the problem.

SPEAKER : Next, Pu Joseph Lalhimpua.

Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUA: Pu Speaker, I would like to ask if the hon'ble minister could give priority to the construction of Chanmari super market as the building is on the verge of collapsing. Also, if the hon'ble minister could give the total rent received from Lunglei market during the year 2010-2011 within this session. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalthansanga.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, I visited New Market recently and as I was walking inside the building, they told me of their grievances. The building is old without maintenance. I would therefore like to ask if there is proposal to repair the building and who is in-charge of maintenance. I would further like to ask if there is proposal to hand over this market to Aizawl Municipal Council.

SPEAKER : To answer the question; let us call the hon'ble minister Pu Lalrinliana Sailo.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer to hon'ble member Pu Lalthansanga; DPR have been submitted to NEC for construction of New Market.

As for the answer to Pu Joseph Lalhimpua; I have visited the building myself and saw the condition. We have submitted DPR at central government, but there is no sanctioning order as yet. Since Trade & Commerce is a small department, we are unable to construct from our budget. Hence, we have to approach central government.

Pu Speaker, 6 markets are directly maintained by the department and the rest 29 by the local council. As for shops being given out for godown, the department is aware of this, we therefore are taking steps to solve the problems.

Pu Speaker, in regard to handing over the market to AMC, we feel responsible of the regular staff of the market. Thus, there is no proposal to hand over the market immediately. Thank you.

SPEAKER : To ask starred Question No.86, let us call hon'ble member, Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Finance Minister be pleased to state: –

How was contingency fund utilized during the year 2010-2011? Is there any proposal to raise the fund?

SPEAKER : To answer the question; let us call the hon'ble minister, Pu H. Liansailova.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer to hon'ble member Pu Lalduhoma is: -

Contingency fund was not sanctioned during the year 2010-2011 and 2011-2012. At present there is no intention of raising contingency fund.

SPEAKER : Question hour is over. Pu P.P.Thawla seeks permission for Calling Attention as per rule. We will now call Pu P.P.Thawla to utilize the time.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I would like to bring to the attention of the House about the mis-deed that took place in the recently concluded combined competitive examination held by Mizoram Public Service Commission.

Exam was held on 28th June, 2012. On the 2nd July, 2012, key answer was published and 5th July was the last day of complaint. On the 11th July, 2012, key answer was published, and 5th July was the last day of complaint. On 11th July, 2012 final key answer is published again. Then, 11 key answers were changed. Out of the 11 key answers, 4 questions of 2 mark each should be given to all those who appeared in the exam which means all examinees will get 8 marks automatically. On the 11th July, 2012, it was issued that 1:6 will be the ratio of preliminary exam. However, when result was declared, it is changed to 1:10. Usually, in Union Public Service Commission, it is 1:12. Result was declared on 12th July, 2012 and 249 were declared passed. But on the 18th July, 2012, the result was changed and 5 students out of 249 were dropped as newly 6 examinees were declared passed. Out of the 5 dropped examinees, 4 were from Saiha district. In this combine examination, the examinees were asked to write their names as questions and answers were written in pencil may be with the intention of making correction it seems. Union Public Commission examination is done not with pencil. Due to unfair and unsystematic procedure of examination, MPSC made clarification through Zalen newspapers dated 22. Yet, it is difficult to agree with their clarification.

Pu Speaker, I regret to state that such unfair means of examination was held by MPSC. The name of MPSC is exploited. Thus, MPS, Police Service examination which is to be held shortly should be stayed, under this circumstance. Since this is a serious matter, I request the hon'ble Chief Minister to intervene before student approach court. Let all those examinees who appear preliminary exam be allowed to appear in the main examination or else, conduct fresh examination. I urge the hon'ble Chief Minister to consider this plea. If not, we will let down the moral of our youths. I wanted to highlight the matter in the House since it is of a serious matter. Thank you.

SPEAKER : MPSC is an autonomous body with DP & AR being its nodal department. If the hon'ble minister for DP&AR have anything to say? Alright, let us call the hon'ble minister.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the hon'ble member did what is to be done in regard to the manner in which MPSC conduct preliminary examination. Pu Speaker, it gives me the ground to make clarification.

Mizoram Public Service Commission organized preliminary examination for the first time. The rules and regulations are given clearly. But the ratio is not given. Thus, Public Service Commission gave the ratio, as it is within their power. Union Public Service Commission does not have uniform practice. After careful study and keeping in view UPSC practices, Public Service Commission came up with benchmark ratio.

Preliminary examination was conducted successfully. In order to observe transparency, all key answers were published on website after the exam. From 14 examinees, complaint was received stating the answer was not correct. Examinees, subject experts setting the questions and moderator sat down to review the complaint. After consultation, they came to the conclusion that 4 answers, from the key answers were in correct. Thus, out of the 21 answers that were complaining, 4 were found incorrect after consultation of the authoritative examination book of the Union Public Service Commission. Then, it was decided that compensatory mark should be awarded to all the examinees for these 4 key answers. After all this is done, final key answers were re-published on the 9th July as complaining period was given; but no more complain is received. Thus, candidate response sheets were checked with these key answers by optical mark reader. The result was then declared on 12th July, 2012.

Pu Speaker, it was also found out that some candidates who forgot to write their Roll Nos. as some who wrote wrong number. This is the problem we are facing. Likewise in Saiha centre, the mark of one candidate was entered in absent candidate. Pu Speaker, one candidate from Saiha centre requested to appear from Aizawl centre and was granted the permission. This candidate wrote Roll No. of Saiha centre while appearing in Aizawl centre where as Roll No. of each centre is given in sequence. Thus, this caused data tabulation. There were 11 examinees who gave incorrect Roll No. Due to the quest of transparency by MPSC, all these were brought

onto light. We trust MPSC Chairman and its members but the present incident is because of the candidates. In future, there is nothing to be apprehensive about MPSC. Thank you.

SPEAKER : We will now move on to the next list of business. Today's absentees are Pu B. Lalhlengliana and Pu Lalrinmawia Ralte.

Yesterday, 11 members participated in the discussion. Today, we will begin discussion with 15 minutes to be given to each member. Pu Hmingdailova Kiangte will start.

Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE : Pu Speaker, thank you. Today we are going to discuss one of the best budgets we ever have. This is due to the fact that we have an able leadership in our Chief Minister and a very efficient finance minister who is efficient in finance management.

Pu Speaker, I will speak in detail about NLUP. However, it seems that the people have stopped believing that NLUP is being diverted from the main budget. Opposition leaders have influence the people and the government servants. But this seems to have stopped. It is pleasing to note this.

Tuirial Hydel Project began during Pu Lal Thanhawla's ministry. Japan's Over-sea Company sanctions the fund. After survey, it was reported that 48 families were selected to receive compensation as their land will be submerged by the dam. Unfortunately, in the general election of 1998, MNF party came into power. Pu Speaker, compensation amounts to be received by the beneficiaries were not equal comparing to the area of their land. As such, NEEPCO abandoned the project due to the ground of compensation.

The present Chief Minister Pu Lal Thanhawla, knowing the need to improve power, still take steps to meet self-sufficiency and mobilized revenue resource. Being a representative of Tuirial constituency, the first priority when this ministry was formed was to construct Serkhan Bagha road. I would like to thank the government as construction work is in full progress. I would also like to thank for the allotment of fund in the budget for improvement and construction of road in different parts of Mizoram. Pu Speaker, I would like to achieve what Pu K. Lalrinthanga have mentioned yesterday if concerned authorities considered this for us as well.

I would like to thank for ₹600 lakhs provision for Lunglei and ₹500 lakhs each for 5 districts. Pu Speaker, it is worth giving thanks to the budget provision for Higher & Technical Education, Sports, Youth and Services. There is so much to mention. Yet, that is all I can say in this short allotted period. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Next, Pu Lal Thanzara.

Pu LAL THANZARA : Pu Speaker, thank you. First of all I would like to speak about NLUP. As we all have known, its purpose is to narrow the gap

between the rich and the poor and also, to meet self-sufficient. The growth in NLUP is 58.12%. This proves that central government is satisfied with the project and that it has enough trust in the government of Mizoram.

I would like to thank for the growth in Agriculture & Allied Activities by 41.14%. It is a clear indication that this government gives priority to farmers. There is also one reason in the budget that will please even those who disagree with the budget is, the growth in local area development scheme of MLA.

I would like to thank for the provision in the budget for equity of self construction for 400 KV/DC as we have heard from members before me stating about power insufficiency faced in the state. Pu Speaker, the provision stated before will solve the power problem to a certain extents. The government pay fee every month for the line. With this provision, the government will no longer pay fee and instead, power can be sold to different parts of the country through this line. Thus, I would like to state that the congress party has once again taken steps for improvement of power supply for the generation to come.

I would like to request the people through this House to reduce their power consumption during peak hour in order to spare power for pumping water into reservoir.

Pu Speaker, the budget provision for sports clearly indicates that it is also a budget for the youths. I would like to thank the hon'ble Chief Minister and Minister of Sports for the infrastructure in sport department.

It is worth mentioning that the growth rate of the state economy is 10.9%. And that in revenue expenditure and capital expenditure, revised estimate is higher than estimate which indicates that the government is trustworthy in its work implementation.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I would like to thank the people of Keifang, Saitual, Rulchawm and Ruallung on behalf of persons who met with accident on quarry mishap near Keifang.

Today, I will not discuss textual budget, but would like to react on articles written on newspapers.

Pu Speaker, as we are aware, the government faced problem with the cattle being distributed under NLUP. It is regretted as the MNF Youths politicalised the whole incident. Pu Speaker, what we should bear in mind is, during their ministry 1,500 Nos. of piglets which were purchased were all died. I have the copy, I will submit for the property of the House. Furthermore, as per C & AG Report, there was proposal to purchase 4,500 Nos. of piglets. But as we all have known; only 1,500 Nos. of piglets were purchased as per record. Therefore, the question is, where did fund for purchase of 3,000 Nos. of piglet gone, the total amounting to ₹72 lakhs? Pu Speaker, that ₹72 lakhs just vanished. No document is found to highlight the whereabouts of this ₹72 lakhs.

Pu Speaker, I am wondering if peace and harmony will still exist. If you permit, I would like to mention these few lines. Pu Speaker, if we turn to page 207 of Pu Laldenga's history, we will find the words of Pu Laldenga in which he stated that peace accord is only the stepping stone. My question is, if they have the desire to go on. Furthermore, due to economy, it is not possible to struggle for freedom but the struggle for freedom is not over. Thus, I am wondering if they still have the desire to go against peace accord. To add to my suspicion, recently, the Secretary of MNF General Headquarter was caught of arm smuggling which is a serious case.

Pu Speaker, MNF party expressed their opinion through media that they challenge Congress party in development works. I will gradually react to that as we begin discussion on Demand.

In Zalen newspapers, MNF party compared Taliban government to congress government by further mentioning that they are like Sadam Hussein. (SPEAKER: Please speak about the budget; those topics can be spoken in public meeting and not in the House). Under peace accord, Pu Speaker, the state budget is increasing gradually and this will answer whether we are like the Taliban government or not. And, realising that there could be a hindrance to peace under this growth of budget, our soul is not at rest.

Pu Speaker, in the year 1998 when MNF won the election, houses were burned down at Zawngling, Laki, Puansen, Phunchawng, Lengpui labour camp, which is more an act of the Taliban government. We still possessed the Taliban documents. In the year 1999, a driver of minister (who is church elder) was beaten up at Rangvamual and on 9th August, 1999 at Kolasib, Police were beaten up by Mizoram truck drivers. Pu Speaker, on 9th October, 1999, a woman who is IAS officer was thrown by file. Aren't all these acts much more Taliban? There still to mention, Lawngtlai bank robbery.

Pu Speaker, MNF party often alleged that plan fund as being diverted for NLUP. What I would like to point out is; if we observed audit report during MNF ministry, we realised that fund was diverted time and again. What we should realised is if the authorities feel the need to divert the transaction of fund so be it. The government employees received their monthly salaries regularly. We should not bark at an act which we ourselves indulgence at. Pu Speaker, there is so much to speak about. (SPEAKER: Instead of speaking history say something about your gratefulness or ungratefulness about the budget.)

Alright, but I have to speak about history since the people of the state tends to forget history very easily. It is due to this reason we are stagnated.

Pu Speaker, I am grateful that there is a budget provision of ₹370 crores for the poor and ₹2,000 crores for government employees. What I would like to state is; let us stop talking ill of NLUP as it is means through which the rural people can achieve livelihood and it is their only hope. (SPEAKER: You should address the chair.) Pu Speaker, I am still learning. There is a vast difference between the nature of

the previous government and the present in giving priority towards rural areas. Pu Speaker, the term 'Irregular Diversion of fund' was very popular in the previous term. There was no priority for the poor. From R.D. department alone, in the year 2000, ₹44.72 lakhs fund for BPL, IAY was diverted to urban area. Likewise, PMGY fund of ₹49,83,000/- was diverted from rural to urban as the fund for employment assurance scheme. Pu Speaker, funds for health sub-centre was also diverted as it is all stated in this GAD report. ₹1.26 crores was utilized for purchasing mobile van, the fund is an allocation for improvement and infrastructure for sub-centre. Pu Speaker, facilities for rural areas has been diverted to urban areas and due to this reason, rural areas remains backward. I strongly believe that the present budget will be utilized accordingly. I thank for the huge growth in the budget and give my support.

SPEAKER : Next, Pu K. Liantlinga.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, thank you, as we have heard this year's budget is highly praised and I thought what is there to be grateful for in the growth of budget. What we should realize is that what revenue resource does the state have, and what does the state produces. To a certain extents, it is true that we are living on drip from Delhi. From the budget speech, GSDP is very high but there is nothing to be happy about. In my opinion, the budget should reflect what is expected from the budget for economic growth.

From the speech of Finance Minister, ₹370 crores is allotted to priority sector of NLUP with 58.12% growth. For opposition members, it is not praise-worthy. But the situation may be different if it is distributed equally and without party feeling. Pu Speaker, it is a huge sum as we are aware of it and as for NLUP, it is not policy for all. ₹1,200 crores is earmarked for development component but only ruling party are its beneficiaries. If we look at infrastructure component, it is all in favour of party workers.

Under NLUP, cattles died allegedly from FMD as the hon'ble House Leader assured to compensate concerned beneficiaries. I opine it is important for concerned authority to give immediate attention to private cattles as well as the disease may spread unless it is nibbed in the bud. As we spoke of Sihphir cattles Pu Speaker, under National Disaster of Respond Fund in column 6, there is a provision in animal husbandry, financial assistance to small marginal farmers and marginal farmers. The government should compensate the loss of the farmers from the budget. It is natural calamities as well.

In the meantime Pu Speaker, Youth Commission is not highlight in the budget where as only 5% to 10% youth benefit from sports. Thus, at least 50 crores should be allocated to Youth Commission so that it will cover larger group of youths. Anyway, fund allocation for Youth Commission should be highlighted in the budget to motivate our youths.

Pu Speaker, one more point, "The Government of Mizoram Regulation of Contract Employee Scheme" was issued on the 6th August, 2008 and it was revised

on the 10th October, 2008. As the hon'ble member questioned why it was raised, it is stated as being done to evade lapse of recruitment procedure and was revised as per Transaction of Business Rules, 1987. The hon'ble Minister should look into this injustice as thousand of contract employees would suffer. Thus, from the look of our budget, the government views in constructive system. Thank you.

SPEAKER : We will now have break. Meeting will be resumed at 2:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, today being a general discussion, it is an opportunity to highlight issues besides our budget. With regard to the budget estimate, (SPEAKER : However, remember this is not a political platform) the plan estimate is ₹2300 crore and the non-plan expenditure is ₹2875.56 crore which increased to 12.25% compared to last year. The gross total expenditure of consolidated fund of the state budget was ₹5327.25 crore, which increased by 21.95% of B.E. 2011-2012. In the revenue expenditure, the development expenditure is 1341.5% and non-development expenditure is 2828.20. If we take that as percentage, the development expenditure is 32.17% and the non-development expenditure is 67.83%, totaling ₹4169.71 crore. If we look at the interest panel, the interest to be submitted is ₹242.42 crore, which is 10.78%. There are 10,000 vacant posts. The salary of government workers under non-plan is ₹1615.64 crore and ₹416.15 crore under plan, CSS ₹25.97 crore, totalling ₹2570.67 crore. Thus, different break-ups are also seen in the budget speech.

The first point I would like to highlight Pu Speaker is, it has been 21 years since my participation in the the budget discussion on which I am really grateful for the opportunity. In the previous sessions, we would weigh the negative and positive points of the budget, but it is fortunate that there is no criticism with regards to the budget figures at present. We received ₹2300 crore as a finalized plan figure this year, which is commendable. The hon'ble Finance Minister presented over ₹400 crore as provision for the people which has never happened in Mizoram history. This budget will enable us to provide for the rest of those families yet to receive NLUP. Even though hon'ble member Pu K.Liantlinga mentioned of his dissatisfaction, he should rethink and be grateful for the 1.3 lakhs beneficiaries.

Pu Speaker, I had gone to Parva during 1993 election and come to realized that each of us have different needs and priorities. The people in Aizawl need good roads and electricity, but in Parva, what they needed more than electricity was food. Therefore, their basic necessities can be met through NLUP. In this constituency, majority of them were pro-Congress party as only a few were of MNF but they all received equal opportunity. Parva has mostly BRUs living there and will receive certain amount this year as well. We had also given the same to Chhaizo and Phulsera and it is a false accusation that NLUP as being given only to pro-Congress members. When we give people what they want, they eventually give us their votes.

Pu Speaker, have we ever given any thought as to how many votes we would gain from those who received ₹1,30,000/-. So, it is difficult for MNF, PC or ZNP to win majority in the election. I do understand their hesitancy to share our gratefulness.

Pu Speaker, I would like to highlight on salary. The people are right to ask the high increase in salary of the government employees. On the other hand, how are we to fill up the ten thousand vacant posts? If a party which is least concerned about the Mizoram economy ever governs and fill up the vacant posts, we would suffer the consequences. We have so many unemployed youths who could fill up at least 2-5 thousands of the vacant posts.

When our present Prime Minister and former Finance Minister, Dr. Man Mohan Singh came to Mizoram, Pu Speaker, he said, "It is not so difficult to solve educated unemployment problem, but it is very difficult to solve uneducated unemployment problem". In the statistical handbook of 2010, those registered as unemployed is 30,540. It has incredibly increased in 2011-2012. The government should take steps in regard to unemployed educated youths as increase of unemployed youths could lead to bigger social problems. Therefore, it is time for us to lay down an appropriate policy.

Pu Speaker, with regard to Industry, we have lots of prospects in Mizoram for our youths. I visited Chawngte a few days ago and I feel the roads needs repair. MNF constructed black-topped roads with World Bank funds but that did not last. So, I kindly request the government to take necessary action. I also request that helicopter services be implemented soon. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Thank you. Now, let us call Pu R.Selthuama.

Pu R. SELTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, I would like to thank the hon'ble Finance Minister for presenting an impressive budget. As we have a tight schedule, I will get to the point.

Regarding salary, teachers could not get their salaries in previous years as it had to be drawn from the New Year's account. However, salary has been carefully conducted this year including the government employees' names and allowances; the budget has made sure to cover every detail and I applaud this thoughtful budget. ₹416 crore has been allocated for salary in the plan, which is 18%. In the central government, DA is given twice a year, i.e. January and July, along with pensioner's dearness relief. This is released at the same time. But here in Mizoram, it is released first for the regular workers, and after two or three months to the pensioners. So, I request the Finance Minister to make it possible to release the salaries like the central government.

We have ₹370 crore in NLUP this year. With God's grace and the blessings from the government, I was the Director in Rural Development in 1990-1991. NLUP was initiated during that time and the amount allocated was ₹12 crore

and the annual budget plan was also only ₹125 crore which was a huge amount at that time. Now, we have ₹370 crore for NLUP which has been included in the agriculture budget and in turn, brought in ₹148 crore in RKVY and ₹40 crore for convergence. So, in total we have ₹410 crore for NLUP. We, as Christians, give praise to the Lord for our blessings; but in today's session, we have members who are ungrateful with the budget. NLUP has helped 45,159 families, and now in the second phase we are aiming for 45,000. We have been accused wrongly of selecting only of Congress members for the beneficiaries. In my constituency Aizawl West III, 600 families were included in the first phase amongst which 180 families were from different parties. As the youth block has released a list which can be viewed by all. I wonder why members from your left often speak against NLUP. A man whose father belonged to a different party in my constituency claimed that it is only during Congress governance that their family receives any help; which is why he has promised to vote for Congress. Likewise, in Lt. Col. Z.S. Zuala's constituency Aizawl South-II, a woman who received a sewing machine through NLUP has shown tremendous gratitude, even to the extent of asking her parish to give thanks with her because of the great opportunity. This indicates that NLUP is for everyone. About 1, 60,000 families were selected out of which 1, 20,000 will be covered. The rest will be given next year/term. We do not cater only to Congress members but to everyone in need.

The dead of several cattles have been the topic these days. I would like to remind everyone here that during the rule of previous ministry, 1500 piglets were purchased and all the piglets died. Animals die and human beings die as well; we cannot blame anyone for that. 21% purchased of cattles have died. The journey was long and the cows were malnourished. In spite of all these, we must be grateful; because the hon'ble Chief Minister has promised to provide replacement. The assurance is worth to be grateful for. I met some beneficiaries from Kolasib who said that their cows have produced plenty of milk which have helped in providing their basic necessities. The truth is, when people take extra care of their sole source of income, they eventually prosper.

Pu Speaker, I am grateful for the increase in MLA fund by ₹5 lakhs. West Bengal has ₹150 lakh, Meghalaya and Nagaland both has ₹100 lakh. It would be fortunate if we can attain the same.

Regarding roads, the condition are deteriorating and I am grateful that the hon'ble Finance minister has included funds for the repair. I hope the work is implemented without deducting 5% or 3% from the contractors as in previous government. Lastly, I would like to highlight school education. There have been cases when salaries had been delayed. We now have funds allocated for school education. So now, as the Mizo song says, "The whole community will be in harmony," the government employees and the community can all live in harmony.

SPEAKER : Now, Pu P.P. Thawla.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, I am very happy with presentation of the budget amounting to ₹600 crore by the hon'ble Finance minister for the people

of Mizoram. Being an independent MLA, Pu Speaker, I do not have much to say. However, I would like to contribute my views about the budget.

Though there is increase in the plan-size, about 34 departments have lesser budgets compared to last year's which when total, amounting to ₹256.12 crore. Regarding capital amount, 12 departments will be getting less than last year, totaling ₹256.12 crore.

39th point of the hon'ble Finance minister's budget, the total planned amount earmarked is ₹416.15 crore. Those unmarked are 690 crore, and if we deduct ₹416 crore, it amounts to ₹278.77 crore which I feel is too less.

Pu Speaker, we are all aware that we have three micro-minorities such as Lai, Mara and Chakma who have their own council elections. These elections are very well attended by the ruling members of the Mizoram state government as we also give them counseling sessions. But I feel the minorities and districts should take care of their own administration. 32 of our ruling MLAs attended the Mara District Council election on the 3rd May as they stayed in the 25 different MDC constituencies remaining there until the election was completed. The people must felt a lot of pressure. So, I request that such practice should not take place in future and to instead give them space to elect freely.

The CEM of the Mara Autonomous District Council, on 22nd June, announced that their budget has been increased by the Mizoram government and their election as the fairest ever that took place. Even so, we can see in the sectoral breaking up of out lay for Annual Plan 2012-2013 released on 14th June, which decreases by 1100 for Lai Autonomous District Council, Mara Autonomous District Council by 900 and Chakma Autonomous District Council by 700. After all the accolades, things have turned out to the contrary. During the District Council election, the Saiha circuit House, Tourist Lodge, Lawngtlai circuit House and IB were completely booked by the ruling party while the opposition MLAs did not get a place to stay. We had severe counseling classes which could have been utilized more in seeking lost souls. This is what I would like the House to know, Pu Speaker.

In 2007-2008, we had a strong and powerful ruling government because of the prayers and support from the people of Mizoram. The people felt more peaceful. On the other hand, there were also several problems. Being responsible for a rural constituency like me, there are times when we do not get sufficient ration supplies and we have to ask for special permission. It is shocking when the supply department runs out of supply at such urgent times. Regarding LPG, most of the families do not think about storing or saving of the commodity and there are times when we have to give away our extra cylinders. I request the hon'ble ministers to please contribute if you have extra cylinders.

Pu Speaker, we are amongst those who do not receive NLUP. I would like to point out that 1/5 of the seedlings distributed under NLUP barely became full grown plants. I have also seen several empty chicken coops in my visits and empty

sties well as empty sties. I feel that much of NLUP is misused. We cannot always fulfill our targets 100%, but these are some of my concerns. Besides, it is quite a tragedy that many of the cows brought in from Ludhiana and Haryana are dead.

Pu Speaker, I would like to highlight about the MLA fund. Hon'ble member before me mentioned that, Meghalaya receives ₹100 lakhs, Nagaland ₹100 lakhs, Assam ₹50 lakhs, Manipur ₹50 lakhs and Arunachal ₹50 lakhs for each MLA; the previous ministry increases the amount from ₹20 lakhs to ₹5 lakhs towards the end of the term. The new government, in 2009 increases the same by ₹5 lakhs. Though a huge amount, I request that it is increases to meet the requirement of each member.

I would also like to speak about education, Pu Speaker. Education is an important industry in our state. Recently, it was on the news that lack of Geography and Science teachers in Saiha Government Higher Secondary School is causing a huge problem. The reason, I feel, is that when we conduct interviews, those pursuing MCS exams and competitive exams apply along with qualified but less scoring applicants. The more knowledgeable are selected and they enjoy the salary for some time but eventually try to find ways to move in to Aizawl. Consequently, the village schools suffer. The students do not get sufficient education and cannot compete with others their age. I would like the hon'ble House to be aware of this problem, Pu Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER : Thank you. Now let us call Pu Joseph Lalhimpuia.

Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Firstly, as we have heard in the speech of the hon'ble Finance minister, this has been the highest increase in plan budget since Mizoram became a state. The plan budget has increased by 35.29%. This shows the relentless work of the hon'ble Chief Minister and it is truly praiseworthy.

Regarding the Budget, it is a blessing for the manual laborers, farmers and daily wage workers. ₹370 crore has been allocated for NLUP which is an increase of 58.12% from the previous year. We also have 148.55 as RKVY scheme and ₹40 crore given to RKVY convergence. This will be crucial for the low economy families with it being 24.26% of the entire budget, i.e. ₹558.55 crore. This plan has been approved by the central government and I thank hon'ble Chief Minister and Finance Minister.

Pu Speaker, the National highway of Manipur was closed for almost 6 months last year. I dined with the Manipur Addl. Chief Secretary a few days ago during his visit and I discussed the situation with him, asking him about the difficulties faced concerning their daily needs. He replied that other than petrol and gas, Manipur is self-sufficient for daily necessities. I thought about it a lot. I feel the budget will influence us in becoming more self-sufficient state. The previous government highlighted about self-sufficiency but nothing materialized.

Thirdly, I applaud the government in prioritizing infrastructure development, road communication and power generation. 329.27 crore have been kept for road improvement and network. World Bank and Asian Development Bank are ready to give loans and the budget sees an increase of 169.51% from last year.

Regarding power, hon'ble Parliamentary Secretary presented it a few moments ago. We will be spending about ₹300 crore to take 400 KV line from Palatanna and Bongaigaon. The constituencies in the south rely on the 32 power line KV in Zuangtui and if it happens to fail in either Bukpui or Zuangtui, the whole southern area becomes pitch black. The government has planned through DoNER ministry to make a diversion of 32 KV line in Thenzawl. We shall be self-sufficient in power supply soon. I am grateful that measures are being taken to develop our state one way or the other as the world is becoming a global village.

Besides, work has been implemented in Serlui 'B' Hydel Project, Tlawva and Tuivate. Plans are made for Lungreng, Chhimtuipui, Mat, Kalodyne Phase-II, Tuirini and Tuivawl. I am afraid, Pu Speaker, that the people of Mizoram would not be made aware of these plans.

Fourthly, Pu Speaker, I would like to speak about grass root level planning. Two years ago, I accompanied our leaders to Nagaland to learn more about decentralization and I discovered valuable points. Pu Speaker, what we call MP fund or MLA funds was started in Nagaland. Our soon to be President, Pu Pranab Mukherjee, when he was the Deputy Chairman of Planning Commission went to Nagaland and realized that each MLAs have funds for their constituencies. Then in 2006-2007, the government started including MLA funds in the budget. Pu Speaker, I believe all the funds are utilized wisely in each constituency, so I am glad that the MLA funds have increased to ₹30 lakhs.

Lunglei High Power Committee will be getting ₹6 crore which is praiseworthy. In the election manifesto, District Planning Committee was formed in which ₹5 crore have been allocated for the five districts. Pu Speaker, Lunglei High Power Committee was set up on 6th September, 1996 and the committee had a member secretary, vice chairman and two other members. One of the two members is our hon'ble speaker. We started with ₹2 crore for the upliftment of Lunglei in 2008-2009 and look where we are now today.

During question hour yesterday, we learnt that some crores have been allocated in the accounts of Local Council and village council through 13th Finance Commission. This shows the caring nature of our present government.

Pu Speaker, I would also like to highlight about visual earth promotion, which had ₹20 lakhs at initial stage. This century belongs to the youth, looking at their fashion and styles and way of life. They are mostly inspired by the Hollywood/Bollywood culture. I applaud hon'ble Finance minister in planning the visual earth promotion for the youth, which could motivate many of them.

Pu Speaker, I would like to mention Lord Krishna Academy. After a year of its initiative, we have had two successful MCS candidates, 1 in MPS, 2 in Mizo Finance Accounts Service, 1 in Planning Economic, 2 in MIS, 1 as Employment Officer and 7 in the MZU offices.

Lastly, I would like to highlight one point, which is posting our views and opinions on mediums such as newspapers and social networks. We are a free society. However, Pu Speaker, all the negativity in the media might affect the minds of our children into regretting having been born Mizos. I had a talk with some media people the other day, and I suggested that if we cannot praise the works of the Churches and NGOs to improve the Mizo life, we can always talk of how fortunate we are to be Mizos and look for positive points.

Pu Speaker, to summarise, I would like to say that we have a wonderful budget before us; I request that each and every one of us should get into the habit of praising the goodness of our state and its people.

Pu CHAWNGTINTHANGA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Our honorable Finance minister's budget speech was truly comforting. I would like to take the time to convey my gratitude to the hon'ble Chief Minister and Finance minister for having presented a well mapped out budget scheme which includes all areas of needs and requirements of the people of Mizoram. We have ₹5327.2467 crore in today's budget, which is great. Our leaders have made these allocations to serve and reach all the people.

Regarding Agriculture and Allied sectors, they have allocated ₹500 crore, ₹49 crore for Rural Development, ₹96 crore for special area programme, ₹115 crore for irrigation and flood control, ₹96 crore for energy, ₹93 for industry, ₹335 crore for Transport, ₹3.62 for Communication, ₹1.28 for Science and Technology, ₹181.49 crore for General Economic Service, ₹715.83 crore for social services and ₹10.88 crore for general services. We have heard through the Budget speech that in the economic survey 2011-2012, we have grown most in the service sector, occupying 60.45%; it is followed by industry sector and agriculture sector. This shows clearly, Pu Speaker, that we still have a lot of work on the agriculture and allied sectors and industry sector and such allocations have been made for further development. It was ₹230 crore in 2010-2011 and now it is ₹370 crore this year with an additional allocation of ₹40 crore in RKVY. ₹410 crore has also been allocated under the NLUP scheme. They have also allocated ₹93.84 crore in industry. As we all know, 70% of the families in our state do not have permanent income jobs. If we do not develop their situation, our state economy cannot develop. Pu Speaker, I am glad that our present government is taking steps towards developing and lifting up the low income families for a developing state.

I would also like to add that our state is developing and the population is increasing, knowledge is ever-widening, workers are increasing, needs for financial support is increasing. Children below 14 years have now the right to receive free and compulsory education which is why all of us are running towards knowledge and learning. Therefore, we need teachers as schools are increasing, and we have more needs. So, steps have been taken to remove these inadequacies through the plans.

While we were having such difficulties, our MNF brothers made a hurried decision. They upgraded 337 schools in 2008, without any thoughts on how they would be administered. They then left the responsibility on our shoulders. Our honorable Chief Minister and hon'ble Finance minister had to come together to draw additional funds. They have allocated ₹223.32 crore for the school education department and ₹52.23 crore for the Higher and Technical Education and they also gave ₹5.23 crore in aid of the scholarship board. They also allocated ₹.2984 crore for Sports and ₹20 lakhs for the film industry.

Our hon'ble member, Pu Liantlinga mentioned that allocating of ₹29.87 crore for sports shows lack of interest in human resource development. Human resources include many options; it also includes the Education department. Sports are still included in the co-curricular activities under the Education department. So, I would like to point out its importance in developing not only school children but the youth and I commend the ministry in allocating ₹29.87 crore for sports.

Our hon'ble member, Pu Joseph Lalhimpua, referred to the film industry, which is very important. (SPEAKER: You have two minutes) Yesterday, our hon'ble member, Pu Lalthansanga mentioned that scarcity of LPG leads to stealing electric lines, which leads to burning of transformers. I wonder why we need to steal electric lines. Shouldn't we have more sense of responsibility? We are all owners of our state. Everything belongs to us. While the owner should protect his possessions, it is wrong that there are thieves. We, as MLAs should teach our people more responsibilities.

The Serlui hydel project is now commissioned and steps are taken for Tlawngva, Tuivai, Lungrang, Chhimtuipui, Mat, Kolodyne, Turibari and Tuivawl. MNF ministry failed to continue Tuirial Hydel Project and ignored the importance of power. We are now looking after it; had it been completed, there would be power sufficiency.....(SPEAKER : We need to conclude the session at 4:00 p.m.) Pu Speaker, kindly let me finish. One of the members had charged us of collecting more taxes which has enabled us to have such a huge budget plan. I disagree. It is clearly seen on the state on tax revenue receipt budget, that the amount we raised was ₹190.42 crore. We have needs but we cannot meet them with the funds we have. So we need to teach the people the need to be self-sufficient and hard working. We can't always ask for help. We should work towards self sufficiency. We alone can form a developed land. We need to have a giving heart and be sincere.

Huge funds have been allocated to High Power Committee, Lunglei and the other 5 districts. They also allocated ₹300 lakh for the Sinlung Hills Development Council fund. I would like to thank and congratulate our hon'ble Finance minister for presenting such a well-thought out budget. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Let us call Pu H. Zothangliana.

Pu H. ZOTHANGLIANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Let me get to the point quickly. We have seen a lot of progress in the state since 2008 under the leadership of Pu Lal Thanhawla.

Our GSDP increased in the 11th Five Year Plan of 2007-2011. This is possible because of our able honorable Chief Minister and Finance Minister. The GSDP is expected to increase by 10% in 2012-2013, which is what the Finance Commission expects of us and I sincerely believe we can achieve it.

Let us recall the past. We had Revenue surplus of ₹193.67 crore in 2011-2012 and our fiscal deficit was ₹490.86 crore. The surplus revenue was less than what we had expected and the fiscal deficit was more. This was a minor setback last year. However, it is not the fault of the financial management. The government employees enjoyed the new sixth pay and the revenue surplus decreased due to expenditure in areas like purchasing of ration, power and water. Another reason is because of the 337 schools set up by the previous government, it had adverse effects. Steps are taken to recover from them and sufficient funds have been allocated to the education department. Sufficient funds are also allocated in the different PSU, owing to the good grace of our hon'ble Chief Minister, Pu Lal Thanhawla. So within this year, we will have ₹627 crore as revenue surplus. The fiscal deficit will also be ₹265.61 crore, which is almost half of last year's.

Looking at the income of the budget, the state own tax revenue is about ₹190 crore this year, an increase of 5.6% from last year. This shows that even though we Mizos claim that we do not hesitate to pay taxes, we really are hesitant.

Our tax base cannot widen because we are unwilling to pay non-tax revenues. The leaders might be catering to our every need, working and planning; however, on the other hand, the opposition party is adamant to play a dirty game of politics.

Our respectable member, Pu K.Liantlinga, mentioned a few minutes ago that the people are willing to pay taxes as long as they are utilized correctly. I request that they support the work of the government I would also like to talk of expenditure. Out of the total ₹2,828 crore from the non-development expenditure, ₹2,057 crore will be allocated to the government employees working under non-plan, plan and CSS. That is, 72.76% will be utilized for the salaries of the government employees.

Pu Speaker, I am glad that the plan fund has increased to ₹2,300 crore. We now have ₹410 crore for NLUP. Our people in the rural areas are commending the work undertaken by our leader, Pu Lal Thanhawla. I, again, would like to thank hon'ble Finance minister for having present a healthy budget, and. Thank you Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Now, let us call Dr. R. Lalthangliana.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : I am truly grateful that we have the privilege to discuss the plan budget today. But after hearing the different speeches, I wonder if we would ever be able to elevate ourselves. It seems like the ruling perceives us, oppositions, to oppose each and every deeds of the government. Pu Speaker, within the 4years of their rule, never have they gone without mentioning the previous government. Regarding NLUP, we do not oppose it; we just heightened the system of distribution.

Pu Speaker, I would like to congratulate Finance minister for the budget. If we review the budget of 4 years ago, there was not much increase. It increased by 25% in 2009, 20% in 2010 and 13.33% in 2011-2012. Last year's budget had only 1% increase due to the fact that ₹234 crore had to be moved from the plan fund for NLUP. It is commendable to see that we have ₹2,300 crore.

Pu Speaker, we have been going on Vote on Account for 4-5 years in our budget sessions. As budget session takes place in July, if we have our sitting next year, it will include the budget of March 31st, 2013 up to the elections. Elections may be held the next day and it seems they have made a politically oriented budget looking at the bulky NLUP budget. As hon'ble member, Pu C.Ramhluna mentioned yesterday, the 46 departments could not fulfill the budget plan which totaled ₹256.12 crore.

I also feel that present budget will be carried out as ear-mark fund. ₹1605 crore of ₹2300 crore has been earmarked and the balance is ₹604.92 crore. The finance budget speech Sl.No.39, 1 calculated is only ₹277 crore that will go towards development Pu Speaker. We need to really discuss this.

Another point is Pu Speaker; in India, the Planning Commission includes the Prime Minister and Deputy Chairman. The North East has very wise leaders too. The plan size of our neighbor, Assam, is ₹1,500 crore. One comment the Planning Commission Chairman made was, "There has been constant improvement and GSDP during the first three years is the leveling plan". Meghalaya is very high with an increase of ₹3,939 crore in the plan fund. "In his comment on the plan performance of the state of Meghalaya, the beneficiaries said of the state have been performing well". Other neighboring states have also shown great development, with commendations and good comments about them. On the other hand, Mizoram was commented as – "Trust will be on the food grain production and productivity to reduce food grain deficit and ultimately attain sufficiency by raising plan allocation for agriculture and allied sector". We did not receive similar commendations like the other states, which clearly show that we have a lot to do. We need to examine ourselves and improve upon our shortcomings. The previous government also had shortcomings; but we should not waste time pointing out weaknesses. The more important question is how to lead the people in a better way.

We have election- next year and our present budget will only be carried out next year. We still use Vote on Account in India, so we think this could be our last budget. The ministry might not get a chance to really implement the current

budget. Pu Speaker, having ₹2,300 crore this year is commendable. However, there we seen fluctuations in distributions. If we calculate the annual plan again, the NLUP received from the Prime Minister's special package has an increase of 13.52%. The addition of NLUP will not bring about much development.

Pu Speaker, there are lot of points missing in the Finance minister's speech. The different corporations under the Mizoram government also need to be examined and I request that it be included in our last budget. MIFCO employees have not received their salaries for about 5months. A good budget needs to bring about solution without reducing the BPL members. I feel we should stop discussing cattle deaths in the Assembly. The fact that we are still not self-reliant saddens me. Our people have a lot of expectations from us and are watching us. Time is moving fast, so let us move towards better goals with whatever amount of funds we have. I wish the very best to our Finance minister and other ministers. Thank you.

SPEAKER : I now call upon Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, it's been forty years since we became government of Mizoram in 1972. It's as long as the time the Israelites roamed in the deserts; totally dependent and fed; alive with the help of Delhi drip. We will cross over to Jordan next year and we are discussing our last budget before that. The budget has increased this year, but calling it the best budget is wrong. We should rather think of how the budget will help develop the state. The sports budget, though high, covers only a few of our youths. Pu Speaker, the youths find our budget hopeless. What they expect is skill development. Regarding this, we are, at present, running behind our neighboring states. Skill development is a priority of the government of India, the planning commission and the 11th and 12th five year plan. Ministry of overseas India affairs is used in the Nodal ministry and the Prime Minister is Chairman in the national council. Their core principle is to have 500 million trained people by the year 2020. The 'due date' for Mizoram is to train 70,000 youths every year. But there is no fund allocated for this in our budget.

Every state has set up skill development mission in which Industry department or Labor and Employment department is used as Nodal development. Then they have a line department which includes Industry, Labor and Employment department, Education department, RD and Tourism as well as other departments. Then there are knowledge partners to work with. Hospitality sectors are formed and the state can take steps of their own by collaborating with companies, consultants and foreign companies with a signed MoU. The main courses for training are Nursing, Health Worker, Hotel management, Receptionist and Medicinal Plantation. Our present budget has also failed to mention Tourism.

SPEAKER : Just a minute. Our time is up; should we continue or take a break? Alright, so we can continue.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. They also teach foreign languages, coaching classes for civil examination, agriculture, computers, food

processing, music and dancing, films, beauty training, fashion designing, pilot training, farming, driving, technical traditional craft, bamboo unit and a lot more. Our Finance minister, in his speech, said that a road map has been made regarding bamboo; I would like to know the progress made. Our neighboring states like Sikkim have livelihood schools in every constituency and they have a separate directorate. 2% of the budget has been earmarked for skill development in all the line departments. They are partnering with the basic academy for building live long employability, New Delhi. And 60% of their students have received placements. In the meanwhile, our government is fast asleep. We know the guiding principle of the central planning: it paves ways for private investments. However, we passed the Mizoram ceiling on Government Guarantees Act, 2001 instead and our youth are left with no aid in funds. We had also passed that the government cannot be the guarantors regard to loans. These resolutions should be omitted. I feel we should help in reducing the unemployment problems in the state by paving a way for them.

I have never criticized the NLUP policy and scheme. However, they have been distributing it for 4 years on 44,995 families as beneficiaries within one year they have 75,005 families remaining, who are yet to receive. It is an easy way to bribe those that are of low income families. Some join their parties hesitantly as they need the money. It is a way of taking advantage of the weak.

Pu Speaker, those that have received the NLUP fear that the Congress will rule again. It is scary for those who did well as the rates in the market are unknown. And it is also scary for those who didn't do well for Congress to rule again as they would have to pay back with interest.

One big problem of Finance minister's speech is that we used ₹100 crore for purchasing ration and power in last year's budget. In spite of having been a state government for 40 years, we are still not self-reliant in power. ₹674 lakhs flowed to waste in the power projects. There are also four projects under repair. The central had passed national food security bill last year, Pu Speaker and they made rice our legal entitlement. We should have funds and schemes towards self-sufficiency in rice. Can't we have local procurements instead of depending on rice from Punjab?

Pu Speaker, GSDP was also mentioned in the speech. We used to have the highest debts in all of the Indian states, but now that has decreased and our present debt is 54.40% but we shouldn't be content as our debts are still more than our earnings.

60% of the GSDP comes from the service sector, 20% comes from industry and agriculture and allied service. It has increased to 42.14% in the budget for agriculture and allied, which is a good sign. How can we utilize it well? If we are not careful, BPL might increase again.

Pu Speaker, one huge problem of our state is oil and gas. We are still very dependent on others for the said items. There will be landslides during monsoon and food will have to be stored. We don't have any oil depot or gas depot to talk

about. If we cannot have rail fed, we can at least have road fed. Increase in budget does not prove that a government is well off; it has to solve the problems of the people.

RKVY is also not a new project. It's just that it is being used for NLUP. It has been used other years as well. So, let us talk of projects as they truly are. However, I do not think the budget has included solutions to big problems, which is why I am not very thrilled about it. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us now call hon'ble Finance Minister, Pu H. Liansailova to wind up the discussion.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : 23 members spoke about the budget and I would like to thank everyone.

Firstly, the Commissioner and Secretary, the Additional Secretary and officers of the Finance department have worked really hard. They are the ones responsible for publishing the budget. If there are any shortcomings, I apologize to all of the hon'ble members.

Secondly, we have to stick to Vote on Account for the budget. I have mentioned that Vote on Account has been an important means since 1999. Because of certain problems, the plan could not be completed. But I am grateful that we could present a normal budget within the month of July. We also heard the Planning Commission's comments on the different states as well. However, the Planning Commission's perception of Mizoram is not low. As we have an able Chief Minister, we could receive 1700-1800 instead of the estimated sum of 1300 more. Our divisible amount is more than ₹600 crore. The government employees are the arms and legs of the government. The rulers may change, but they will remain; so they need good salaries. We don't want to hear that they did not get their salary for a particular month. A big amount from the divisible amount is for the government employees, which is to encourage them.

Funds are allocated through projects and schemes nowadays. Our sole purpose is not to have an increase in the departments. We no longer follow the old system of increasing each department's funds by 10% if there is 10% increase in the plan fund. Everyone should get the salary they deserve. So, with the guidance of the honorable Chief Minister, we planned on increasing the salaries of the government employees and suggested for an increase in the corporations.

Regarding Education department, some teachers collect 8-10 months' salary and they face a lot of problems. Salaries are now given through divisible amount. The reason why we allotted united fund is because we need to give about 10% at the departments. We hope to receive some amounts as gap funding in the plan fund. I hope that the Chief Minister talks about these concerns to the newly sworn-in President, as he has gone there, un-tide funds have been kept so that they could be utilized well. The department will take steps and have projects, and they will soon

have funds sanctioned to them from the central ministry and we can also add matching shares to the un-tied funds. We need to make a viable project for us to receive help from the central scheme. Infrastructures below expectations will be helped by DoNER and NEC via gap funding. We have rejected the idea of setting up fake NGOs and giving priority to private concerns.

Another point is, it is the priority of both budget and government to help manual laborers and low income families. That is why we have ₹370 crore for NLUP with an addition of ₹40 crore in the RKVY converge. The other RKVY will help agriculture productivity with ₹148 crore. The NLUP has positive and negative points, but at the end of the day, we are helping many of our people to rely on themselves, becoming productive and self-dependent. We also accept that there were times we were harsh, but all that came out of a caring heart.

Another point I would like to talk about is that we are aware of the plan funds from the divisible amounts not being the same as other years for department 46. However, as mentioned earlier, our programmed, policies and plan were not equally distributed. It could lead to frivolous expenditure for some departments. As this is the case, we have made such allocations that they might seem less for some departments.

It is true that the RKVY is not a new thing. It is because of the budgets received through NLUP that we could exceed the norm in Agriculture and we have ₹148 crore in the budget.

Regarding suggestions about MLA funds to be increased, we have to keep in mind the need of the people. We are especially focused on the rural areas and salaries of the government employees, so we have to be content with our present situation.

We used to have decentralization of power which was not so successful. The government now has an administrative reform outlook and has come up with district empowerment and has set funds for initial implementation of district planning boards or district development boards.

The Sinlung Hill Development Council was set up long ago. However, as there have been difficulties in politics, it didn't get the care it deserved. So, we have increased funds for them by ₹50 lakhs. ₹3 crore has been earmarked for initial work in the area through RKVY. It is expected that the youth will get employment through agriculture and allied activities by giving them training.

Our rate of interest had increased immensely this year. But still, comparing with last year, it has decreased by 10.7%. Our borrowing size had also decreased by 22.28%. Funds utilized for pensions have also decreased by 1.53%. We are also grateful to the government employees for understanding our financial problems as we increment in their D.A could not be provided as per our intention. But we have released 7% from the 1st of July.

Every year our state utilizes about 100 crores for our ration of rice and likewise a huge amount is also utilize for the purchase of power. But our income cannot reinstate the amount we utilize for these purpose. But after considering the ongoing potential of our power resources, Tuirial project will be completed in 2014 which could provide 60 mega watts. Though our budget amounts to ₹ 5,127 crores, we earn about ₹421 crores only. But after the completion of our project, our income will amount nearly to our Plan – Fund. Though our financial conditions are tight, we have an investment in Palatana, acquiring an equity share and we will be able to collect revenue very soon. Lastly, I thank all my fellow members for listening patiently and for their invaluable advice and opinions. Thank you.

SPEAKER : We have come to the end our time for today, we will resume our session tomorrow, 25/7/2012 at 10:30 Am.

(Sitting is adjourned at 4: 50 p.m.)

**SIXTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MIZORAM
(ELEVENTH SESSION)**

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR SEVENTH SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 25th JULY, 2012
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)

QUESTIONS

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

FINANCIAL BUSINESS
DICUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS

2. **Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA**, Minister to submit to the Vote of the House Various Demands under his charge.
3. **Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO**, Minister to submit to the Vote of the House Various Demands under his charge.

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Secretary

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SPEAKER : Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. (Matthews 5:7)

We will start with the question hour. Pu K. Liantlinga may ask his starred Question No.101.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My question is for concerned minister of Health & Family Welfare Department: -

- a) Is there a possibility of posting a Nurse/GNM at Mumbai Mizoram House?
- b) Can an ambulance be provided for patients in Mizoram House at Mumbai?

SPEAKER : Pu Lalrinliana Sailo, Minister to give the answer.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answer to the question of Pu K. Liantlinga is: -

- a) Due to our financial crisis, it is not possible to post a nurse in Mizoram House at Mumbai.
- b) Due to the same problem, we are unable to provide an ambulance for patients at Mizoram House.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. As the need for the service of nurse is high, I suggest at least a muster roll employee should be placed in the House. I believe there was a sanction of ₹10 lakhs for this purpose.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

Pu T.T ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, my supplementary questions are as follows:-

- a) Is there any plan to establish Inn for the Mizos at Shillong Hospital?
- b) Is it possible to post nurse at Shillong hospital?
- c) Since there are many super-specialists in NEIHGRIMS, we, the Mizo people consult them very often. As such, is it possible to apply M.R bills for patients who are referred to NEIHGRIMS?

SPEAKER : Next, Pu Hmingdailova Kiangte.

Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE : Thank you Pu Speaker. I express my gratitude to our hon'ble Health Minister for construction of the building of Sub-Health Centre at Hortoki. My questions are as follows: -

- a) We have an x-ray machine at PHC of Bukpui and Lungdai but both are not working. Can these be replaced with new ones so we could render a regular service to the public?
- b) May Dental Surgeon be posted in Bukpui PHC? We have applied for a Health Supervisor for Kawnpui PHC. When will this be given?

SPEAKER : The concerned minister to answer the question.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, we are aware of the need for nurses in Mumbai Mizoram House. But instead of posting from Mizoram, we believe it may be less consuming for us to hire a local nurse residing in Mumbai at a lower rate. My department has applied for purchase of ambulance at the central government but since it does not concern Health Department, we are unable to take effective measure as yet. Regarding NEIHGRIMS, as questioned by Pu T.T. Zothansanga, it is the purview of GAD. As mentioned earlier, I am afraid it is impossible as yet due to the said financial problem.

As of the problem of Pukpui and Lungdai, we are now in short of trained technicians to maintain such machines as we have many areas where x-ray machines are provided without technician to operate it as we cannot recruit as requirement due to lack of finance. We are also applying in DP & AR for more posts of Health Supervisors.

SPEAKER : Due to the absence of concerned minister for Minor Irrigation, the next question may be answered by Pu R. Lalzirliana on his behalf. Now, Pu Lalrobiaka to ask Question No.102.

Pu LALROBIAKA : Thank you starred Question No.102 and concerned Minister of Minor Irrigation Department to state: –

- a) Is there any plan to enhance Minor Irrigation Department?
- b) Is the government aware of lack of manpower as well as the existence of quite an extensive division under the maintenance of the department?

SPEAKER : Pu R. Lalzirliana, hon'ble minister to give the answer.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer is:-

- a) We have on-going proposal for expansion of the Minor Irrigation Department.
- b) Yes, the government is aware of lack of manpower and existence of quite an extensive division under the maintenance of the department. As such, proposal is being submitted.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalduhoma to ask starred Question No.103.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, my question is for the concerned Minister of Health & Family Welfare Department:-

- a) Whether there is supply of sub-standard drugs which are sold at various drugstores?
- b) We are still unequipped with Drug Testing Laboratory. What is the reason?
- c) How many Drug Inspectors do we have in Mizoram?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister of Health, Pu Lalrinliana Sailo to give the answer.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer is: –

- a) Yes, there are drugstores which sold sub-standard drugs.
- b) The amount involved for Drug Testing Laboratory is very high. As such, detailed project report submitted has also been approved by Ministry of DoNER. But the Ministry of Urban Development raised a few questions and the case may be cleared as soon as answer is furnished.
- c) At present, we have 11 Nos. of Drug Inspector in Mizoram.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalduhoma may ask his supplementary question followed by Pu Lalrobiaka.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, I have asked this question several times. We should know that Sub-standard drugs are more dangerous than some terrorists. The hon'ble minister admits to the fact and so we must give top-priority to this issue and establish a laboratory with immediate effect.

Also, there is a problem of lack of manpower in the inspection of drugs. So, May the government recruit more drug inspectors?

It may also be wise for concerned authority to instruct L.O. appointed at different places to give their time for visiting medical patients in any Mizoram Houses and help them in any possible way.

SPEAKER : Next, Pu Lalrobiaka.

Pu LALROBIAKA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. West Phaileng, which is under my constituency have the highest death rate of Malaria. We have asked for more staff but in vain. I request the hon'ble minister to take initiatives in this regard. We are equipped with X-Ray machine in West Phaileng since 2008 but without a technician to operate it as we do not have a Pharmacist for 4 years. I kindly ask these posts should be filled up as our needs for their service is extremely high.

SPEAKER : The concerned minister to give the answer.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER : Regarding Mumbai Pu Speaker, it was visited by PAC and the Subject Committee and the report has already been submitted. Drug testing laboratory has been put on a priority list by DoNER. In order to avoid selling of sub-standard drugs, there is a determination yet, it may take time. We are trying our best to put an end to this practice, Pu Speaker.

On the question of Pu Lalrobiaka, we have examined the situation carefully but we lack manpower. Initiative will be taken in this regard.

SPEAKER : Starred Question No.104 shared by Pu C. Ramhluna and Pu Lalduhoma. Pu Lalduhoma may ask the question.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, the question is for the concerned minister of Transport Department: -

- a) Has the report of Mizoram Vehicle Taxation (Amendment) Act, 2011 already been submitted by the Study Committee? If so, may the copy be furnished to the members?
- b) Did the government approve the report?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister Pu Zoram Sangliana may answer the question.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer is: -

- a) Yes, the report has already been submitted. We will consider as to whether to furnish the report.
- b) The rules and regulations are under Law & Judicial Department for examination before it is approved.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalduhoma to ask supplementary question.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, my question is: -

How will the government implement the rules and regulations? The report is supposed to be submitted in every three months and I assume the report could be provided immediately. But due to the delay, the public are facing problems. So, I suggest it should be examined carefully and the government should be more lenient in this regard.

SPEAKER : Pu K. Liantlinga and then Pu C. Ramhluna.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. We have passed the Vehicle Amendment Act last year. Rules and other related cases have been taken care of in the month of August and it was implemented in the month of September. So, why cannot our study team complete this within a month?

SPEAKER : Pu C. Ramhluna.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, we have passed this Amendment Act last year and report of the study team is submitted within the expected period. It is also obvious that the public are hesitant to pay taxes for 15 years. If the act could be implemented within a very short period of time, why the copy could not be provided to us within this session? What more does the government have to examine in this Act?

SPEAKER : The concerned minister to answer the question.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I will give a detail answer to the first question as to why we are implementing this Act.

In the meeting of all India Transport Ministers, it was discussed that one times tax should be exercised all over India w.e.f. 13th Feb, 2012. We are aware that this Act will be a burden for the people of Mizoram, and so we criticized the implementation. However, it was concluded that not less than 6 % of State Vehicle Tax should be given by all vehicle owners, meaning that they should give a onetime tax and if the state government decided to increase it, it should be obeyed without condition. Pu Speaker, there is proposal for decrease tax on vehicles with a capacity of 12 passengers yet we are waiting for this Act to be implemented all over India.

Another finding of a study committee is that in case of a vehicle for which onetime tax is cleared met an accident in another state, there is a proposal to make provision for compensation or refunding the payment. Under the chairmanship of Transport Minister of Gujarat, an empowered Minister Committee is established consisting of 7 members who are all ministers from different states and they will have a more detail study on these important issues. Another conference for All India Transport Ministers will be held on the 31st July and many important issues relating to the existing today will be discussed. We are planning to make amendment which will last for longer period yet; it cannot be pursued faster as expected. Regarding copy of the report, it cannot be furnished to the members as yet due to further improvement which has been expected.

SPEAKER : I suggest the copy should be provided to the hon'ble members as soon as amendment is made.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA, MINISTER : As suggested by you, the copy will be handed over to the hon'ble members.

SPEAKER : Pu K. Liantlinga to ask starred Question No.105.

Pu.K LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, my question is for concerned Minister of Health & Family Welfare Department: –

What initiative has been taken so far to fill up the vacant post of doctors? Will they be recruited during the year 2012-2013?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister Pu Lalrinliana Sailo, to answer the question.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer to Pu K.Liantlinga's questions is: -

Planning & Finance and DP & AR have given the approval and notice will be sent to MPSC. It is hopeful that recruitment may be made within 2012-2013.

SPEAKER : Pu K. Liantlinga to ask supplementary question and he will be followed by Pu P.P. Thawla and Pu Joseph Lalhimpua.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, regarding recruitment of newly doctors, 66 Nos. doctors are recruited under 3(F) Regulation presently as some are

being employed on contract basis. Is there a possibility to regularize the service of those employed on contract basis?

SPEAKER : Pu P.P. Thawla.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, my questions are as follows: -
 a) How many doctors are posted within Saiha District and where?
 b) How many specialists are there in Saiha Civil Hospital and what are their lines of speciality?

SPEAKER : Next, Pu Joseph Lalhimpua.

Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUA: Pu Speaker, I have three supplementary questions such as: -

- a) Pu Speaker, there are students who pursue medical studies sponsored by Mizoram State Government. Is there a possibility of signing a bond with concerned sponsored students?
- b) Regarding the sub-standard drugs which are still prevalent in our state, is there a mean to organize awareness campaign regarding this issue?
- c) Does Lunglei Civil Hospital under NRHM have an ISO certification?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister to answer the question.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, regarding doctors being employed as per 3(F) Regulation, they are generally recruited on call duty for natural calamities. Since we do not have a proper R.R. regarding this case, we have taken initiative with DP & AR to have one for recruited doctors on permanent basis. Another problem is posting of dental surgeons as questioned earlier by Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte. We have created permanent posts and appointed some but most of them unwilling to join the post since such posts are of rural areas. Pu Speaker, any one who has completed MBBS course is eligible for this post the appointment which conducted by MPSC.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, he is not answering my question. My question is, if it is possible to divide these 82 vacant posts equally to direct recruitment and contractual posts under 3(F) regulation. I suggest this out of concern to those who have worked for 12 long years as contractual scheme or under 3(F) regulation.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, those who serve under the government are no doubt have more advantages and they are eligible to claim their seniority after being regularized and 10 years seniority, in the case of specialist. To answer to the questions of Pu P.P Thawla, there are 15 Nos. of doctors in Saiha District. Point mentioned by Pu Joseph Lalhimpua, we have discussed the matter before and we have a precaution that their appointments may bring some negative consequences. As of the question of sub-standard drugs, Drug Control Cell has its own website in which all important informations may be obtained. Regarding

Lunglei Hospital, any hospital which is found befitted for certification may be inspected as certificate is issued if concerned authority is satisfied with the result of the inspection.

SPEAKER : Question hour has come to an end. We will now take up discussion on Voting on Demands. Pu Zoram Sangliana, the hon'ble Minister may submit his Demands such as No.18, No. 30 and No. 42 totally ₹66,87,72,000/-.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA, MINISTER : On the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, Pu Speaker, I move the Demand No. 18, No.23 and No.42 for ₹66,87,72,000/- only for meeting the expenses during 2012-2013 in respect of the following departments: -

Demand Nos.	Department	Budget Amount
No.18	Printing & Stationery	₹13,96,78,000/-
No.23	Art & Culture	₹8,22,44,000/-
No.42	Transport	₹44,68,50,000/-
	TOTAL	66,87,72,000/-

Thank you, Sir.

SPEAKER : The hon'ble Minister Pu Lalrinliana Sailo to submit his Demands such as Demand No.24, No.28 and No.44.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, I move the Demand No.24, No.28 and No.44 totally ₹196,28,81,000/- only for meeting the expenses during 2012-2013 in respect of the following departments: -

Demand Nos.	Department	Budget Amount
No.24	Medical & Public Health Services	₹183,79,36,000.00
No.28	Labour & Employment	₹7,75,92,000.00
No.44	Trade & Commerce	₹4,73,53,000.00
	TOTAL	₹196,28,81,000.00

Thank you, Sir.

SPEAKER : The two hon'ble ministers have submitted their Demands. We will start the discussion and members will have 10 minutes each. Pu P.P. Thawla may open the discussion.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Thank you Pu Speaker. Starting with Demand No. 23, Art & Culture, I express my gratitude to the concerned minister for recovering Grammar & Dictionary of the Lakher Language by Fred W.Savidge (1908) and for his initiation to publish more of this book. The initiatives of by the department in preserving our cultural heritage are acknowlable. On the otherhand, it is regretted to

see decrease of the demand by ₹201 lakhs for which I hope additional allotment may be made.

Under Road Transport Department, I would like to inform the House that the people in my district are greatly benefitting auto-rickshaw services. As such, I request the hon'ble minister to consider issue of more permits to my district. At the sametime, I request concerned minister to consider allotment of additional budget fund to this department. Due to privatization of public transport, Pu Speaker, it is a fact that number of MST has also been minimized. In this connection, there are many private firms which deal with supply of our daily needs but their licenses being terminated further affected the people. It does not only cause problem to the people but also affected occupation of concerned license holders. I, therefore request concerned authority to verify the system as to whether it is done so as per the government order or an act of an individual officer.

On Demand No.24, Health Department, Pu Speaker, despite solace which we have found in the words of the hon'ble Chief Minister that initiative will be made to make Saiha hospital the best among the district hospitals, nothing has yet been done till today. Pu Speaker, why not take immediate step for renovation of the said hospital as committed by the leader of the House? In this connection, I request concerned authority to post at least 2 doctors in Tuipang PHC. Thank you, Sir.

SPEAKER : Next, Pu R. Lalrinawma.

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Under Demand No.18, Printing & Stationery, I express my gratitude to the concerned minister for the steps taken for improvement of the department such as purchase of advanced printing machine.

In Demand No.23, Art & Culture Department, I express my heartfelt gratitude to concerned minister for his efforts in preserving our cultural heritages. I praise his determination and his perseverance as well as for his ability to showcase our cultural heritage at the international level. Under work programme, an amount of ₹10 lakhs is allotted to organize cultural meet in rural areas which I opine as less sufficient. So, I suggest this should be increased for more efficiency in attaining the objectives. It is also gratifying that the department construct library buildings in different localities of Aizawl.

In Demand No.42, Transport department, I request that permit for auto-rickshaws be given plying the outskirts of Aizawl city such as Sihphir, Zemabawk etc. to provide income generation to concerned owners and for the convenience of students in such areas.

In Health Department, Demand No.24, many developmental works have been done which is much gratifying. In Zemabawk North, the village council is planning to give a land for Maternity Centre and they are hoping initiative is taken

immediately. It is further learned that plans are made to establish Health Clinic at Sihphir Venghlun and Falkland which also is truly appreciative.

In Trade & Commerce, Demand No.44, we have seen that Work Programme includes Agriculture Marketing. In this regard, I request that construction of roadside market in Zemabawk and the nearby villages may also be included. With these, I express my support to pass the Demands of the hon'ble Minister. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Lt. Col. Z.S. Zuala.

Lt. Col. Z.S ZUALA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I will start with Printing & Stationery Department. It is obvious that great improvement is made in the department by keeping a good pace with the growing technology and updated the staffs in their line of work.

In Art & Culture, step taken by the hon'ble minister in promoting our culture heritages not only at the National level, but also at the international level is truly praiseworthy. It is also grateful to see our cultural troupes paraded to display the cultural dances whenever we are visited by VIP's. Apart form this, libraries have been constructed in different areas and this practice may be continued since we have many areas where library has not been set up.

Under Transport Department, I would like to praise the function of Railway Out Agency which has been greatly benefitted by the people particularly by the Servicemen in Mizoram. Regarding road tax, it may be noted that the amount of payment made previously will be deducted from the total amount to be paid as one time tax. Regarding city bus services, I have made a request to any bus plying to Tlangnuam, Model Veng, Salem veng and others to serve as per convenience of concerned the people. I appreciate introduction of high security registration plate as it is a kind of precautionary measure of vehicle robbery.

In the demand of Health Department, I have to express my gratitude for posting of Medical Superintendent, Medical officers, Dental Surgeons, Nursing Superintendent, Senior Lab Technician and Ward Superintendent as per requirement. Besides, we are also manned with the Head Pharmacist, Ophthalmic Assistant, and X-Ray Technician with numbers of advanced equipments. An amount of ₹100 crores had been sanctioned for the purpose of supply of free medicine for the year 2012-2013 which further indicates that medicines will be provided for free in all government hospitals. As of Primary Health Centre at ITI, I would like to request concerned minister to provide the service of Specialist at least twice a week.

In the Demand of Trade & Commerce, I request the hon'ble minister to kindly provide financial provision to continue construction of approach to Mission Veng market. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Next, Pu Lalthansanga.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, under Transport Department, I want to point out that our road standard does not match the amount of road tax we have to pay. Regarding replacement of vehicles, the amount involvement is intensively high and this will make a wide gap between the rich and the poor. I request the hon'ble minister to look into this matter once again.

In the Demand of Printing & Stationery, the budget allocated decreased by ₹60 lakhs and I find it hard to understand considering the importance of the department.

On Demand No.24, the budget decreases by ₹232.55 lakhs and this should be given more considering its importance as it directly concerns the welfare of the people.

Under Trade & Commerce, I would like to say that construction of Aizawl market building is the immediate need. Pu Speaker, farmers of Bungtlang village are looking forward for construction of roadside market but the proposed site is encroached by the construction of mini-Sports complex. As such, I request the problem is resolved as soon as possible since concerned farmers are anxiously waiting for construction of the market. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Next, Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte.

Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE : Pu Speaker, important points noted on the tour to our constituency is being submitted to the P.S. of the concerned Minister and the copy is then sent to each concerned directorate for necessary action. From all the queries we have submitted, only one response is received which is from Education Directorate. This kind of practice is not much pleasing as our hardwork ends up in vain. I request the hon'ble Minister to take notice of this case. In Stationery Department, I suggest that all the departments should acquire their stationery needs from this department as enough stock of stationery goods is available.

Under Art & Culture Department, it is to be noted that our traditional dresses such as 'Puanchei' and 'Pawndum' which is occasionally required by NGO's is made available on a subsidized rate.

On Demand No.42, Transport, Inland water Transport has proved to be very useful but is increasing quite fast than expected. So, I request the hon'ble Minister to control the system to avoid accidents and other disasters. In this connection, I request concerned minister to consider Auto-Rickshaw service plying to Tuirial constituency as it will be highly benefited by concerned people in the outskirts of the city.

Under Medical & Public Health Services, I would also like to inform the House regarding the problem of Kawnpui PHC such as the needs for compound fencing and insufficiency of doctor since we are in accident prone area. At the same time, I request concerned minister to withdraw transfer order of Nurse posted here at

Mualkhang Health Clinic as the people are unwilling to let her go knowing her amiable nature and her caring towards the patients. Besides, the one posted on her place is from Sairang who is compels by her condition to attend the office from her home.

Under Look East Policy, I am grateful for the progress made in border trading at Zokhawthar of Champhai which is in the border of Myanmar and Zorinpui, which is at Lawngtlai and Kawrchhuapui which situated in the border of Bangladesh.

With this, I conclude by stating my support to the Demands of our two hon'ble Ministers. Thank you.

(Pu Lalthansanga at the Chair)

CHAIRMAN : Next, Pu R.L. Pianmawia.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. In Demand No.44, Trade & Commerce, I have to make an appeal to concerned minister that roadside market be constructed at Zohmun, Ratu and East Phaileng as the need is very high in these remote villages.

Under Labour & Employment, mobile registration has been conducted at Darlawn and Sakawrdai which proved to be very convenient for the people. I request the process is continued and the same is conducted in all other remote rural areas.

Pu Chairman, among the plans highlighted under Health department, such as building construction of 5 Nos. of PHC, 30 Nos. of sub-Centre and 7 Nos. staff quarters; I hope Darlawn and Ratu are included. Other villages such as desperate Sakawrdai, Zohmun, North Tingmun, Palsang, Vaitin, Thingsat, North Serzawl and East Phaileng may also be included.

Regarding Printing & Stationery, it is learned that proposal for purchase of advanced machinery amounting to ₹15 lakhs is being submitted to upgrade the quality of departmental works. I request that sanction may be made as per requirement as it will be much benefitted by the department if approved.

In Art & Culture Department, I suggest that financial proposal should be made for purchase of P.A. Sets which should be provided to NGO's such as YMA etc. I am also grateful to the hon'ble Minister for making a platform for the Mizo to be acknowledged worldwide.

Under Transport Department, I suggest that fresh permits for Taxis and buses should be issued as the demand is quite high. I am also thankful that my constituency is included in the work-scheduled for black topping of road under

transport department. I request the hon'ble minister to attend to our need so that necessary action is taken immediately. Thank you, Pu Chairman.

CHAIRMAN : Pu K. Liantlinga.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Regarding Printing & Stationery, Pu Chairman; I propose that private sectors should be expanded as I believe that this will generate employment for the youths.

Regarding Demand No.23, I am grateful that proposal is made for construction of Cultural Complex and Heritage Center at Lunglei amounting to ₹15 lakhs. I am also thankful that State Library is established and many more in different localities and villages.

(Speaker at the chair)

Under Transport Department Pu Speaker, being a supporter of replacement schemes, I propose that new permit be issued for the convenience of the people and that public transport drivers are given importance for their valuable service to the public. At the sametime, it is truly appreciated as plan is laid for setting up of railway transportation between Bairabi and Aizawl.

Regarding healthcare, I opine it is necessary to maintain appropriate link with Labour & Employment and anyone having employment registration should be covered under Health Care Scheme.

Regarding Youth Commission, I propose that an amount of atleast ₹50 crores should be placed for shaping up the youths and a platform for their exposure should be provided. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Our morning session is over. We will continue our discussion at 2:00 p.m.

2 : 00 p.m.

SPEAKER : I call Pu Chawngtinthanga to open our evening discussion.

Pu CHAWNGTINTHANGA: Thank you, Pu Speaker.

I, at the outset express my gratitude for construction PHC building at Phuaibuang. I also request concerned minister to consider construction of atleast two staff quarters here.

In Labour & Employment, it is truly appreciated that Mizoram is awarded the best in the implementation of RSBY Scheme on 9th March, 2012.

Nevertheless, construction of Land Custom Station at Zorinpui and Zokhawthar as the inauguration of Indo-Bangladesh Border trade at Tlabung are quite a remarkable achievement of the government. I will conclude by saying that I fully support the Demands of the 3 hon'ble Ministers.

SPEAKER : Next, Pu T.T. Zothansanga and then Pu C. Ramhluna.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, I will start with Demand No. 42. Since we do not have transport bus service in my constituency, concerned minister may kindly allot plying to Champhai. Under JNNURM also, we are entitled to have buses plying the surrounding villages of Champhai; I have even requested DC to allot one since it is more than 5 kms distant from Champhai. We also need DTO at Champhai district so as to maintain efficiency in the works of the department. As of proposal for replacement of vehicles, I opine it is not good as many taxis registered as ZRT and ZRM has now becomes too old and the case may therefore be reconsidered.

Pu Speaker, there is a pervading rumor that the office of Printing & Stationery office in being proposed for closing down. In this regard, I have to make an appeal to concerned authority not to go ahead with the plan since the service of the department still needed.

In Demand No.24, Health Department, Drugs & Cosmetic Rules, 1945 was drafted on the basis of the same act of 1940. In order to acquire Drugs license, the rules underlines that any applicant should be a registered Pharmacist or have experience in dealing with Drugs for atleast 1 year. As such, there is a problem to acquire the said license for rural areas since it is difficult to meet the requirement such as demand for a qualified pharmacist and those who have one already has to be cancelled. If we feel a qualified pharmacist is necessary to that effect, I propose the government should fix suitable fees for their service. Pu Speaker, we also need health workers and a doctor in Rabung Sub-Centre as staff-quarters have now become old and need immediate repair. Likewise, health clinic may also be set up at Murlen, Lungphunlian, Diltlang and Pamchung as these villages are located in the border of Mynmar which may all be given special attention.

Pu Speaker, in Trade & Commerce, I insist concerned minister to provide specific names of export and import items in border-trade with Myanmar as my question was not clearly answered. Pu Speaker, we are anxious to start border trade at Zokhawthar and Zorinpui also and I do hope the government will expedite the plan.

Pu Speaker, we the people in the eastern zone are quit proud for having numbers of cultural heritage in our region. Even so, we have never been given an opportunity to represent Mizoram in any cultural events hosted outside Mizoram. So, I request the hon'ble minister to give us priority in future.

Pu Speaker, it is learned from our Demands that medical expenses in all the departments are quite high which further indicates our health condition is deteriorating. Anyway, I will conclude by saying that these demands are genuine and I therefore give my support for passing. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu C. Ramhluna.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. First, I express my sincere gratitude to the government for providing us a morgue van for use in my constituency.

In Demand No.42, Transport, there is a plan for construction of DTO office building but an amount of ₹3 lakhs only is allocated for that purpose. So, I kindly request concerned authority to increase the amount. At the same time, I thank the government for granting us service of Auto-rickshaws and Taxis within my constituency. I further request concerned authority to give more attentions towards the project of Inland water transport in Tuichawng.

In Demand No.23, I suggest that plan allocation for this department should be increased since the members elected particularly from rural areas have demand from this department. Regarding the decrease of funds in plan allocation on Printing & Stationery Department, I propose this should be reviewed at RBE level.

In Demand No.24, a person assigned to take a photo for processing smart card of the people in my constituency accidentally dropped his laptop in the river and lost every record. As a result, RSBY scheme could not be made available to the applicants. In order to evade such kind of problem, I request concerned authority to give early information so the people may enjoy the scheme.

Pu Speaker, I express my gratitude to the hon'ble minister for construction of Health sub-centres in various places. In this connection, I would like to inform the House that the same centre constructed in my constituency Hruite-zawl is so poor and is not befitted for the purpose. At the sametime, may I also request the hon'ble minister to expedite posting of Health-workers at Hruitezawl, Hmunnuam, Mautlang, Vathuampui and Karlui.

Pu Speaker, 60 Nos. of ANM recruited in 1999 remains unregularized and their salary decreases immensely considering the approved amount of the Central Government. In Education department, I would like to request regularisation of the contractual teachers as it is obvious that there is a chance since creation of post is not totally banned as there are 138 Nos. vacant posts.

We have been notified by the central for setting up a separate directorate for Ayush as financial sanction is made for construction of Ayush hospital at Thenzawl for which foundation stone has already been laid. So, I appeal to the government that the project is expedited. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Next, Pu Nirupam Chakma.

NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, Labour & Employment, being considered as a major department in other states should receive larger amount of budget provision. It is to be noted by the House that employment services have a wide range of scope, function as well as responsibility such as registration of job-seekers, submission of eligible names against notified post, providing vocational guidance to job-seekers through individual counseling, group guidance, preparation and dissemination of the career literature, collection and compilation of statistical data quarterly, half-yearly, yearly and conducting biennial occupational survey and conducting mobile registration to remote areas. Employment Exchange is established in Aizawl, Lunglei, Saiha and Champhai District as sub-divisions in Chawngte, Lawngtlai and Kolasib yet, some are not functioning regularly. If such offices continue to function in such manner and the department fails to carry out its responsibility, we will always suffer imbalance employment which further affected social problem and our state will remain in alarming situation.

On Medical issues, it is sad that we still cannot afford to open Rapanchal Hospital even though the Council is willing to take it under its wing. If the state government fail provide means for the purpose, why not let the council take up? At the same time, I have to inform the House that Rajiv Nagar needs problems relating to medical. Pu Speaker, despite the fact that the one and only doctor from chakma community being compelled to enter into politic for lack of opportunity to get a job under the government, we hardly have doctors posted at Chawngte, Lungrang and Ruallung which truly is sad.

SPEAKER : How about nurses and pharmacists?

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : The same goes for nurses and pharmacist; Pu Speaker as Pu Piana and Pu Robiaka have also faces the same problem. Such is our condition, the state government needs to examine the case and review the recruitment policy. The hon'ble Minister mentioned regarding upgradation of subsidiary health centre but we have not received the notification. If this is true, I request the hon'ble minister to clarify it in this House.

Regarding Inland water transport, the constituency of Pu Ramhluna and self needs development the most since we make use of water transport more than road transport since it is our lifeline where as there is a prospect of waterway which may be established from Tlabung to Parva. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu John Siamkunga.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Thank you Pu Speaker, In Demand No.19, Printing & Stationery; I believe there is a prospect to get more revenues. Since there are numbers of expensive machineries functioning in our state, it may be wise for concerned authority to determine generation of revenue income from it.

In Art & Culture, we are talking about more than ₹8 crores being allocated to the department as we have seen that an amount of ₹21.85 is placed for renovation of State and District libraries as well as museum. Pu Speaker, I opine that museums should be given importance as it reflects history as is a place most of the visiting officials want to visit. Relating to this department, I request concerned authority to organize Cultural Meet at Cherhlun or Thingsai as it is done in other places.

Considering the revenue collected by Transport Department, Pu Speaker, which is under Demand No.42, we see that ₹50 lakhs being allotted for repairing which I think is worth-giving considering it services for the convenience of the public.

On Medical & Public Health, I am proud of the services they render to the public and being awarded four national awards. I also request to establish a clinic at Aithur, South Lungleng and Khawhri as the need for medical services in these areas are intensified. I also request for a doctor in South Vanlaiphai and if possible, more doctors may be posted at Hnahthial. I thank the hon'le minister for establishing PHC in Cherhlun and Thingsai and also for provisions for setting up a sub-District Hospital as about ₹4 crores is needed for its completion.

On Labour & Employment, the department has poured in an amount of ₹500 lakhs. If we give more attention to promote this department, it could serve as a great source of income generation for the state and for the development of the people.

Under Trade & Commerce, there are 6 posts of sweeper in Hnahthial for the marketing building. At the moment, we hire a woman named Helen Zonunpuii at the rate of ₹4,000 per month from the funds. I request our hon'ble minister to remember this and also to appoint her for a permanent post. I also thank the hon'ble minister for placing a 1000 KVA transformer at Lunglei Civil Hospital as it serves the people of Lunglei and the nearby areas.

Pu H. ZOTHANGLIANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I express my gratitude to the concerned minister of Transport Department for providing Auto-rickshaw service in Tuipang. We also need the service in Sangau. Apart from this, the minister arranged bus service plying to Sangau but due to shortage of buses, the service cannot be continued. But I hope our minister could find ways to re-allot the service.

Under Art & Culture Department, I want to say that we have many historical/heritage places in the South which is worth conserving. I hope the Southern part may be remembered while promoting and conservation work of heritage places are in process.

I express my gratitude to the hon'ble minister of Health & Medical Services for the construction of Health sub-centres in remote areas of every constituency. In this regard, I would like to ask when such centres will be equipped with staffs so these centers could start functioning. In Bualpui 'NG', which is under

my constituency, I request concerned minister to provide a doctor and medical staffs as soon as possible. At the same time, I am grateful for ₹20 lakhs being allotted for renovation of Saiha Hospital and for the plan to establish GNM training centre in Saiha, Serchhip, Kolasib and Champhai and Health Worker Training School at Lawngtlai. Besides, award we have been received for implementation of Mizoram Health Care Scheme is truly appreciated.

Pu Speaker, we have a convenient site for construction of Labour & Employment office building at Lawngtlai which may be appropriately maintained for future use.

Under Trade & Commerce, Demand No.44, works under the project of Kolodyne Multi Modal Project is now in full sewing. So, in order to promote the trading system, I request the hon'ble minister to construct a warehouse in the areas. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Next, Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, to from Health Department, I extend my congratulation to the department for receiving 4 awards. Yet, I find it difficult to express my gratitude regarding TATA Memorial Award since it concern population control as we don't need to control our birth rate in condition now. I am sure that the majority of the people are also of the same beliefs. It is to be noted that our minority in population resulted in reduction of our quota of seats in various institutions such as NEIGHRIMS since it is determined on the basis of population.

India has been a proud promoter and practitioner of Homeopathy and Ayurvedic medicines and thus invested large amount of funds. We have visited various sites selected for the workplace and I opine it is hardly satisfactory considering the amounts sanctioned from the Central Government. Hence, more attentions should be given in this regard. We also have a stable infrastructure but we are not equipped with staffs and as a result, our hospitals could not function effectively. Despite the needs of assistant to Ayush doctors, the capacity of its utilization remains zero and more attentions should therefore be given to promote this field.

Pu Speaker, it is learned that apparatus for blood testing provided by the Nationalized Aids Control Organization is not functioning properly. As such, proposal was made to repair the machine from RKS fund. Has this been carried out? Are such machines being examined properly? It is time for concerned authority to clarify the wherabouts of ₹6.5/- crores of NRHM funds which has been disappeared. In this connection, I suggest we should prepare appropriate DPR for setting up of Medical College since it is of proposal made in 2009. As of setting up of Nursing College, financial provision from the Indian Nursing Council amounting to ₹3 crores has already been received. What step has been taken so far?

Pu Speaker, as the Congress party assumed the ministry, we attended a Trade conclave at Berawtlang where 4 MoU's were signed. Till now, we have not seen any improvement or steps being taken in this regard. Likewise, DPR for setting up of an integrated check post at Kawrpuichhuah has also been completed in 2000 but land acquisition is being achieved only recently. The Trade Facilities Centre at Tlabung has also been commissioned but we have not seen any improvement. What step has been taken so far by the State Export & Import Development Board?

Pu Speaker, in 1980 before the general election, the President of MPCC committed to increase the salary of public drivers at the scale of skilled-I Drivers. What step has been taken so far in this regard? Whether International driving license is being provided as assured? Apart from this, there are about 11 points of assurance made for the benefit of the drivers. What point has been achieved so far? Lastly, I would like to suggest that our Engineers may be sent abroad to study building techniques of the British as their early works are very much intact till today. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Dr R. Lalthangliana.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, comparing to our last year's budget, funds allocated in different departments decreases immensely. Under Trade & Commerce, last year's allocation was ₹238.97 where as for this year, ₹130.17 only. I find it difficult for the department to make some sorts of achievement with such limited funds. Considering the undersized allocation of funds in most of the departments, I feel kind of hesitant to make an appeal to the government for posting of nurses, health supervisors, clerks etc in our constituency.

Regarding the Healthcare Scheme, many questions were raised through RTI. In 2009, an answer was given by the Dy. Chief Executive Officer stating that the interest of sum invested in Bajaj Allianz amounting to ₹5 crores. Why do we not switch this fund at this time of our financial crisis? It is obvious that something is hidden behind this case. I request the hon'ble minister to give an up-to-date report of the chargesheet and also regarding the funds invested by KVI.

Pu Speaker, as notice received from the Central Government, it may not be an arduous task to extract funds as prority is given to promotion of Ayush. At the sametime, I would like to state that it is kind of difficult to understand CT scan installed at Aizawl Civil Hospital remains idle for a very long time which allegedly is in needs of repairing and the fact that we cannot even render the service of MRI till today. Apart from this, I have to inform the House that lack manpower is intensive in Lunglei Civil Hospital as the official staffs are often humiliated in cases of emergency. As such, I request the hon'ble minister to clarify specific reason for failure of the department.

Pu Speaker, it is learned that allotment of seat for MBBS training has already been released from the Central Government yet, no notification is being received till now. Since the session is due to be started in the month of August, it is time for our government to sort out allotment of seat.

Under Demand No. 28, Labour & Employment, in view of the need to promote our youths, Youth Commission was established during the former ministry but it is sad to learn that it remains without function. As such, I request the hon'ble minister to clarify the reasons for this stagnation and the progress on Labour Laws?

We have also seen decreases in the budget of Transport, Demand No.42. Revenue collected from MST for the past three years amounting to ₹649.78 lakhs and ₹349.03 lakhs from MV. What is the reason for the difference which is found to be excessively high?

During July's Budget Session, the hon'ble minister stated that taxes on transport vehicle will be increased by 20% particularly on public career transports. Pu Speaker, this may not be a burden for concerned owners within Aizawl but I opine ₹850/- is too much for those transport vehicles within Lunglei district and other villages having auto-rickshaw. The hon'ble minister might have committed to do so since it was mentioned in the speech, I request he him to clarify the case.

Pu Speaker, in order to avoid accidents due to lack of expertise, it is wise for concerned authority to set up inspection ground where test driving could be done. I also suggest that extreme measures should be taken against drunk driving and speeding of vehicles so as to minimize road accident.

Last but not the least, Pu Speaker; being one of the seven members of the Board of Directors under Indian Council of Medical Research, I have asked for increase of MBBS seat for Mizoram from 40 to 60 Nos. and I am happy to see that my request is being fulfilled. I thank the hon'ble minister of Transport and of Health department for their favorable performances, but at the same time, we should try to have a wider perspective in any initiative we have to take and not to neglect other important sectors. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now, I call the hon'ble minister, Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana to wind up the discussion and move the House to pass his demands.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, from the reactions made by my fellow members, my concerned department officers have noted important points which may be pursued later on. I will now highlight the progress made by the departments under my concern.

SPEAKER : In case the members are not satisfied with such reactions, all policy matters highlighted in the budget may also be clearly explained since they are expected your direct response here on the floor of the House.

Pu P.C.ZORAM SANGLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I will first clarify increase of our budget from last year.

In 2011-2012, we have ₹888.59 lakhs before deducting recovery from Non-Plan fund i.e. ₹330.38 lakhs as the total amounting to ₹1403.97 lakhs. After deducting ₹100 lakhs, we have ₹973.59 lakhs. We have also submitted ₹875 lakhs for

the purpose of strengthening the government press and for establishment of the first Printing Institute in the North East at Aizawl. An amount of ₹842 lakh has been approved and ₹330.38 lakh being sanctioned as 1st installment as best quality machineries manufactured by US, Germany and Japan are now being installed. We are now expecting the 2nd installment. We strongly believe that no compromise should be made with the quality of work output and no supply should be granted unless the demand is ascertained. At the same time, renovation of the office building is the ongoing project as printing of school text books, colored calendars, greeting card, books etc. is in-hand. I would like to make an appeal to all the departments to obtain their stationery requirements from Printing & Stationery Department.

Pu Speaker, it is truly appreciated that the IT Department is developing at a fast pace in setting up Mizoram Gazette website with financial provision from Planning Department of ₹10 lakhs solely for this purpose. Besides, billing of expenditures will also be computerized and Revenue Department is expected to improve itself as an earning department.

SPEAKER : It is now 4:00 p.m. we will take a short break and our session will be resumed at 4: 30 p.m. with Pu Zoram Sangliana, the hon'ble minister continuing his wound-up speech.

4:30 p.m.

SPEAKER : I now call upon the hon'ble Minister, Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana to continue with his wind-up speech.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, in Art & Culture Department, we had ₹473.12 lakhs under non-plan and ₹600 lakhs under plan fund in the previous year. Apart from that, we had ₹120 lakhs under work transfer totally ₹953.12 lakhs. For this year, we have ₹544 lakhs under non-plan and ₹128.44 lakhs under plan. We also have ₹150 lakhs from the 13th Finance Commission and the total amounting to ₹822.44 lakhs. For this department, we received an invitation from London to perform Cheraw at the International Music Festival and preparation is now going in full swing.

From the funds received from RRLFF, construction of Library in Champhai is completed as the same has also been proposed for each district and Sub-division. Besides, I am happy to inform the House that some libraries such as Chaltlang has also been computerized as other libraries are being suggested to follow the same process in order to simplify the works. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalduhoma has something to say.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, I regret to inform the House that my constituency has not been included in the selection list for construction of library as information and the criteria for the selection were not received. As such, I earnestly

request concerned officials to re-consider the case so that my constituency is included under the project. Pu Speaker, I would also like to inform the House that we have a proposal to contribute our cultural dresses and materials to be displayed at Kolkata Museum which may be pursued by the coming financial year.

At the sametime, Pu Speaker, it is truly appreciative that students' excursion will be organized to cover all the constituencies by selecting 38 students in each batch. I hope this scheme may be continued in future as it improves the outlooks of each individual student as it serves as an important source of the education.

SPEAKER : Pu Zoram Sangliana.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA, MINISTER : We may be able to continue the practice in future also. As of organizing cultural programmes, it has been done by the government of Mizoram and NEZCC on various occasions. Chapchar Kut Committee is established to take initiative for the celebration of Chapchar Kut in all the districts at the same day. Some Mizo society residing outside too are planning to celebrate the same as financial provision is requested for the celebration as the committee is finding mean to fulfill such requests as the celebration concerns preservation of our culture and traditions.

Pu Speaker, with financial provision received from the 13th Finance Commission, there is a plan for preservation of Mizo traditional heritage in various places such as Pi Puii Bangla at Durtlang, Sairang Police Outpost, Chief Siahleia residence etc. and construction of mini-museum at Hla Kungpui Mual as requested by the residents of the area. Vangchhia is also officially declared as Historical & Heritage Site by ASI and Rest House will also be constructed by Champhai DC.

A workshop on 'Marriage and Dowry in Mizo' was conducted on the 19th May as Seminar-cum-Workshop on Folk Arts & Traditional Arts was also organized. In collaboration with Serchhip, Indigenous Games was organized and Umang Festival for the physically challenged has also been observed. Besides, Pu Speaker, Karna Festival was celebrated at Tlabung, Contemporary Music Festival of the North East and many other programs have also been organized. Apart from these, 3 Mizo Folk artistes were appointed as Gurus as prize money with a certificate is awarded to 5 children through North East Zone Cultural Centre.

SPEAKER : Pu Joseph Lalhimpuaia have something to say.

Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUAIA: Pu Speaker, as the hon'ble minister mentioned regarding preservation of heritage places, I am afraid these places are renovated in such a way that the originality is lost. As such, I opine we should be cautious to this concern.

SPEAKER : Pu Zoram Sangliana, to continue.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA, MINISTER : We are trying our best to preserve the originality. With a project taken by INTACH, we are in the process of

publishing Lakher language & Dictionary which was compiled way back in 1908. I request all other departments to contribute in the preservation of our heritage by offering old objects and items to be kept in the Archive.

Under Transport Department, 15 members have stated have participated in the discussion. As the hon'ble member Pu Thangtea have said, awareness has been organized several times but it is unfortunate that enough attention has not been paid. So, I request all our vehicle owners to give attention to this matter and attend the programme in the future.

As suggested by the Director, State Plan Division of the Planning Commission, New Delhi, there is a proposal for purchase of 15 Nos. buses from Additional Central Assistance. DONER has kept an amount of ₹390 lakhs for construction of bus terminals in the district capitals such as Kolasib and Serchhip. Plans are also made for establishing Central Workshop at South Hlimen in which short training for Drivers and Conductors could be organized. To minimize the practice of stealing of vehicles, High Security Registration plate is introduced all over India. We have even started processing of Smart Card Driving License and Registration Centre.

Regarding vehicle permit, it is applied through proper channel in which consultative board examined any application thoroughly before approval. During this ministry, 3741 Nos. permits have been issued for rural areas only. Apart from these, there is a plan to renovate departmental petrol pump at Chaltlang. At the sametime, I am also grateful for the progress which has been made so far on Inland Water Transport project.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, due to the problem of collecting sands at Tlawng manually, it is excavated by means of machines which destroys the river banks and the lives under water. NGOs such as YMA are taking precautionary measures but I opine it will be more effective if it is initiated by the government.

Pu P.C ZORAM SANGLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, we will examine the matter and if it is not under our jurisdiction, we may refer it to the concerned department.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, regarding the project of Inland Water Transportation, the sanction is not highlighted in CSS, NEA or CLRP but an amount of ₹5 lakhs is seen under minor works and other charges. What is the reason? We know that there is financial sanction for this purpose, but if it is not highlighted in the budget, how will we determine its utilization?

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, that was of the past year and should be highlighted in last year budget. We are now equipped with a low class vessel for transportation of goods and will be made serviceable between Bairabi to Sairang. Application for permits will also be opened very soon. Survey had been conducted at Tut, Tuichawng and Tuipui.

Pu Speaker, Transport Department gives great importance to Road Safety as Dr. C.P. Joshi, the Central Union Minister of Road Transport and Highway summoned a committee to finalize the reports of sub-Committee's which will be attended by different State Ministers.

Finally, I express my gratitude to my fellow members for participating in the discussion of my departments concern and your contributions and suggestions are truly appreciated.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, may the ho'ble minister give a more specific answer regarding decrease tax on auto rickshaws?

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the act has been passed by Rajya Sabha and is under process by the Lok Sabha. At the same time, we have had a meeting with the Auto Rickshaw Association and discussion was also held yet, the case will be re-examined thoroughly.

With that, Pu Speaker, I will conclude my speech by appealing the House to pass the following demands of the departments under my concern: -

Demand Nos.	Department	Budget Amount
No.18	Printing & Stationery	₹13,96,78,000/-
No.23	Art & Culture	₹8,22,44,000/-
No.42	Transport	₹44,68,50,000/-
	TOTAL	66,87,72,000/-

SPEAKER : The hon'ble minister has asked the House to pass his Demands such as No.18, No.23 and No.42 and the total amounts to ₹66,87,72,000. Those members in favour of passing it, says 'Aye' and those who oppose may say 'No.' The House anonymously passed the Demands of Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA, MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Next, the hon'ble minister, Pu Lalrinliana Sailo to wind up and ask the House to pass his Demands.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I will start with Demand No.28, Labour & Employment.

It is undeniable that this department does not make progress as it should. So, under the consideration of the hon'ble Chief Minister and Finance Minister, we have recruited a number of officers and with the initiatives taken by them, we have made progress but rapid improvement cannot be achieved due to lack of funds. Nevertheless, due to their constant efforts we will now be able to enjoy RSBY, Health Care Scheme. Under the Chairmanship of the hon'ble Chief Minister,

Skill Development is in progress but we have to remember that we lack manpower in Labour & Employment to make rapid progress.

Building and other construction worker welfare board had been established; we have made a survey and awareness about their advantages regarding their medical bills and others to labours in different areas like Sairang and other places.

Another new progress is the establishment of 'The Mizoram Shops & Establishment Act, 2010.' Under this Act both the owner and employees will both have security and the government will also acquire revenue from it. Regarding labors coming from other states, work permit will be given from Labour & Employment and they will be hired only on the basis of their permit and their skill will be determined by ITI Principal and will be differentiated into Skill I, II and so on. This system will keep guard and put off many swindlers and this is also greatly supported by YMA.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Is the nodal department for Skill Development being established? Judging from our present status, awareness campaign should be conducted more frequently. I also suggest that registration for Health Care Scheme should be opened more frequently. Is ILP still issued from DC office? Will the work permit be obtained from Labor & Employment after acquiring ILP?

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER : Work permit will be issued only after acquiring ILP. Health Care Scheme is the born-child of Labour & Employment Department so are NREGS but taken over by Rural Development Department. But since we are only starting, rapid progress cannot be made as desired.

Lord Krishna IAS Academy was chosen because it was the cheapest considering the service they render which was quite pleasing. But due to the increase of fees, we are unable to continue our contract due to fund limitations. But training and counselings are still provided.

Under Demand No.44, Trade & Commerce, though this department is small, its importance cannot be ignored. We have constructed warehouses in Zokhawthar and other areas for the development of trading system within the state and also with other foreign countries. But as mentioned earlier, progress cannot be rapid due to financial crisis. Here, I have the list of items on the border trade between India and Myanmar and the copy will be presented to the member as soon as possible.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, can our hon'ble minister be more specific regarding Zokhawthar Border Trade? What are the obstacles they are facing? Does the problem arise from India or Myanmar?

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, when we enquire about the opening of this trade route, the answer we receive from their Commerce Minister was that it will be opened after the 7th December since election will be

conducted on this day. I am not aware if he is re-elected or not. But trading of vegetables and pulses are still ongoing.

Regarding the collection of tax in Seling area, they are under the authority of Central Custom Department and we are informed by them that certain amount is expected to be submitted. For this reason, they are finding a strategy to fulfill the demand. On the matter of Zorinpui, we have taken initiatives to develop the South and three buildings have been constructed in Hruitezawl and trade development has been ongoing. On the matter of Kawrpuchhuah, we have approached the Central Government and also discuss the matter with Bangladesh officials. At the same time, we have to remember their backwardness in economy and it seems they are trying to proceed with their developmental work on the basis of our progress. We have also constructed JNV School in Khawzawl and Mamit and from this profit; we will be able to manage ourselves independently. We are also trying our best in Trade & Commerce.

Pu Speaker, on the matter of Health & Family Welfare department, in 2010, we hold a second place in National Rural Health Mission and came first in 2011 among the small states. We enjoy RSBY scheme which covers a very large area. Another important issue is the Infant Mortality Rate where ours is very high. So, married women between the age of 15 and 49 are given proper care and after-care under this scheme and as we are awarded Feed GRD Tata Memorial Award for population, reproductive health & family planning program implementation.

We are approaching the Central Government not to de-recognize our Medical College and College of Nursing as this will directly affect all the graduates who are working in different parts of India and also in foreign countries as this will terminate their certificate immediately.

Regarding the vacant post mentioned by my fellow member, it is due to the lack of funds. Here in Mizoram, unlike other states we favor Allopathy but in the central states, Ayush doctors are favored and are greatly promoted by the government. During the time we get a notification from the central government to establish an Ayush directorate, there was only one permanent post, so it was difficult for us to establish a directorate during the time and judging from our present condition it may take awhile.

Dr.R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, from what we heard, a cabinet memorandum had been prepared and two years have passed. The funding pattern is not difficult, so, I suggest this matter should be pursued as fast as possible.

SPEAKER : There are 40 Nos. of members in the House, whom do you consult first, an Allopathy doctor or an Ayush doctor?

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, information has been given that recruitment of staffs is 'exempted' for Education & Health Department from the

Central Government, and if this is so, why not we recruit more staff to fill the vacant post and also to meet our requirements?

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, it may sound simple but due to our very little revenue collection, we cannot pursue this as required.

Pu Speaker, the issue mentioned by Pu Thawla is now taken over by India Eastern Steel Works Governor Undertakings amounting to ₹22 crores and so is the work at Lawngtlai. I am also proud to say that we have received an ISO Certificate for our Civil Hospital.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Before we move on, Pu Speaker, it is obvious that we will occupy our building at Saiha before the new building is constructed. Since the present building is ruined, is there a possibility to renovate the building?

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, it has been clearly highlighted in the Work Programme and we have tried our best in managing our funds and we will continue to do so.

Regarding our Health Care Scheme, it was expected that funds will be received from Asian Development Bank and just before the election, an amount of ₹50 crores was utilized in 2008 by the former ministry from the plan funds. Our financial management may not be the same but the most remorseful point is the investing of more than ₹10 crores in an individual names. We have also tried to take out the invested amount on 28th Jan, 2009 but we were informed that it was fixed deposit for three years and for these reasons we remain silent.

Regarding the RTI Act, it is true. We came to know the information from the Deputy CEO. I want to point out that though RTI Act was applied, we are unable to know the highest rate of interest as the share market rate always fluctuate.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, information they receive from the Deputy CEO is correct, but since we are unable to know the timing of the highest interest rate as the share market rate fluctuates frequently. So, we have to wait for the completion of three years hoping that we will be able to benefit more of interest.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, if the people are not aware of investment of ₹10 crores in an individual names, will the investors enjoy the interest and the capital? Is this their main objectives in this investment?

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, on 9th December, the Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Mizoram Health Care Society informed the Information Officer & Director of Health that the rate of interest was 50%, but during that time we are unable to draw the money because it is a locking period as three years will be completed by the month of December, 2011. So, why do we not switch these investments while it was possible?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Speaker, it is not our subject of discussion. The main point is we condemn this illegal act; why does the government not take actions in this matter?

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, it is concerning and serious that the people cannot enjoy their rights.

SPEAKER : The hon'ble Minister of Information & Public relations take initiatives so our ongoing session is able to telecast on live.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, it is improper to have disturbance during the most crucial point.

SPEAKER : The whole session is crucial and all our discussions are important as well.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, from what we have heard, the timing for the highest interest is three months before completion of three years. So, if this is switched to another scheme, do we have to wait another one or two years?

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, regarding the question by Pu Lalduhoma, if we did not form this ministry, we may not be aware of these investments.

SPEAKER : As requested by the members, you have answered their questions. Now, you may wind up the Demand.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, one hour has passed and I thank all my fellow members for your patience. With your permission, Pu Speaker, I appeal the hon'ble House to pass the following Demands under my concerned departments: -

Demand Nos.	Department	Budget Amount
No.24	Medical & Public Health Services	₹183,79,36,000.00
No.28	Labour & Employment	₹7,75,92,000.00
No.44	Trade & Commerce	₹4,73,53,000.00
TOTAL		₹196,28,81,000.00

SPEAKER : The hon'ble minister had appeal to pass the following Demands: -

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All in favour may say 'Yes' and those who oppose may say 'No'

This House now agrees to pass the following Demands unanimously: -

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Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINSTER : Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : We have finished the business for today and we will resume our session tomorrow, the 26th July, 2012 at 10:30 p.m.

(Sitting is adjourned at 6:40 p.m.)

**SIXTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MIZORAM
(ELEVENTH SESSION)**

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR EIGHTH SITTING ON THURSDAY, THE 26th JULY, 2012
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)

QUESTIONS

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

LAYING OF PAPERS

2. **Pu H. LIANSILOVA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House copies each of the following :
 - (1) Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on State Finances for the year ended 31st March, 2011 (Report No. 1)
 - (2) Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on Civil, Revenue and Commercial for the year ended 31st March, 2011 (Report No. 2)
 - (3) Appropriation Accounts for the year 2010-2011 relating to Government of Mizoram.
 - (4) Finance Accounts for the year 2010-2011 Volume 1 relating to Government of Mizoram.
 - (5) Finance Accounts for the year 2010-2011 Volume 2 relating to Government of Mizoram.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS

3. **Pu R. LALZIRLIANA**, Minister to submit to the Vote of the House Various Demands under his charge.
4. **Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA**, Minister to submit to the Vote of the House Various Demands under his charge.

NGURTHANZUALA
Secretary

SPEAKER : Learn to do good; seek justice, rebuke the oppressor; defend the fatherless, plead for the widow. (Isaiah 1:17)

We will now take up question hour and the first question belong to Pu B. Lalthlengliana who is unable to come and authorized to Ramhluna in his stead. However, we will skip that for now as our Rules 50 demands. I invite Pu K. Lianzuala to ask starred Question No.122.

Pu K.LIANZUALA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for Public Works Department be pleased to state: - Time to start black topping of Chhingchhip to Hualtu, Hmuntha and Thentlang road under PMGSY.

SPEAKER : As concerned minister is absent, we will invite Pu R. Lalzirliana to answer.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answer to hon'ble Member's question is – DPR is prepared for Chhingchhip - Hualtu as Thentlang - Hmuntha is put under PMGSY Phase 7, Part-II and for that, DPR is prepared.

SPEAKER : We will not take supplementary question and go to our next question. I invite Pu R.L. Pianmawia to ask starred Question No.123.

Pu R.L.PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for Rural Development Department be pleased to state: - Whether there is a chance to make a more effective MGNREGS Workers Welfare than the current one?

SPEAKER : Let us invite the hon'ble Minister Pu R.Lalzirliana to reply.

Pu R.LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer is - If there is a suggestion or plan to change the current MGNREGS Workers Welfare to be more effective, it can be done through State Employment Guarantee Council to Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India.

SPEAKER : As there is no supplementary question, we will go to our next question and invite Pu K. Liantlinga to ask starred Question No.124.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, Will the hon'ble Minister for Soil & Water Conservation Department be pleased to state: -

- a) How many metric ton of broom harvested during 2011-2012 under NLUP.
- b) Who are the buyers and the purchased rate?

SPEAKER : Let us invite the concerned Minister Pu J.H. Rothuama to reply.

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answers are as follows: -

- a) Dried Broom harvested during 2011-2012 under NLUP is 725.36 Metric ton.
- b) There are different buyers but the largest buyers are Zoram Industry and Hnam Chhantu. They purchase at the rate of ₹30-50/- per Kg. However, the rate varies as the situation changes.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu K. Liantlinga, Pu P.P. Thawla and Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu K.LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, the answer given today is in contrast with the Performance Budget, we may excuse that. Today, we give our interest in plantation of broom as in this respect; the Forest Department collects royalty per kg. at a different rate. Is there a way to stop the practice when coffee, rubber and oil palm cultivators are exempted from this?

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, my supplementary question is: - the office of Soil & Water Conservation and PHE are opened its Division in Saiha at the same time. While PHE Division functions from the start, Soil & Water Conservation fails to function till date. What is the reason? How did they use the quarters and offices they built?

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, as we heard, different kind of royalty was collected from broom. Can we just ignore this royalty for a long time as the planters are in need of development? Can the Minister take an initiative in this regard by consulting the concerned departments? Does the government take initiative in the utilization and commercialization of its stick and leaf? From the government Press Release, it is known that they were exported to Russia. Who is the exporter and is it still continued? Can we find other foreign markets?

SPEAKER : We will invite the Minister to reply. If he cannot deliver all the answers, we will have to excuse him.

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the Forest Department may collect royalty from brooms which are of natural habitat. We have no knowledge in this regard as they are different department. Under Soil Department, we do not collect royalty from planters under NLUP. Regarding Soil Division in Saiha, we cannot function right now as we are short in staff. The Department also does not know who export broom to Russia.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, the Forest Department collects a royalty of ₹7/- from natural habitat. Besides, they also collect from planters of private and of NLUP, I have the receipt here. Can this be stopped?

SPEAKER : The hon'ble Minister for Soil cannot give answer to that.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, he does not answer my questions that are not hard for him. There is no need to involve the House Leader as it requires only his initiative.

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the department will take the initiative.

SPEAKER : Let us rest the subject; this should be put on the purview of the government in the future. Now, let us invite Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte to ask starred Question No.125.

Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for PWD be pleased to state: - Whether there is an intention to convert the National Highway 54 to Mualkhang into a pucca road?

SPEAKER : Let us invite Pu R.Lalzirliana to reply.

Pu R.LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer is - Mualkhang road is scheduled for black topping. It is under PMGSY Phase-7, Part-II road, estimate is made for pavement work, and DPR will be ready this year.

SPEAKER : We will not take supplementary question and go to the next question. Let us invite Dr. R. Lalthangliana to ask starred Question No.126.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA: Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for Planning & Programme Implementation Department be pleased to state: -

- a) Amount of State share in the coming Annual Plan for 2012-2013.
- b) Number of plan prepared for Loan and Works.

SPEAKER : Let us invite the hon'ble Minister Pu H. Liansailova to reply.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answers to the hon'ble Member's question are: -

- a) Amount of State share is 70.15 crore.
- b) Fund prepared for Loan and Works are as follows: -

LOAN

(1) NABARD -	50 crore
(2) NCDC -	1.50 crore
Total -	₹51.50 crore.

WORKS

1) 13 th Finance Commission Grant -	113.85 crore
2) Scheme-wise, ACA -	487.46 crore
3) SPA for NLUP -	370.00 crore

4) SPA for other projects	-	144.44 crore
5) SPA for special programme for Road Development	-	200.00 crore
6) ACA for EAP	: -	
a) Mizoram State Roads Project	-	10.00 crore
b) North Eastern State Roads Investment Programme	-	30.00 crore
c) SIPMIU	-	5.16 crore
7) NABARD	-	50.00 crore
NCDC	-	1.50 crore.
Total	-	1,412.41 crore.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Dr. R. Lalthangliana.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, it is known that increase of budget brings liabilities as they were always loans and, if our budget increases, our liabilities increase. What I want to know is when can we clear these liabilities? Besides, it appears that there is no fund in our budget for Works in the Annual Plan; are we hopeful that we can get fund for work? If so, what kinds of fund will we have?

SPEAKER : Let us invite the Minister to reply.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, according to the FRBM Rules, we have to control the entire revenue surplus and our deficits. The 13th Finance Commission prepared fiscal correction path for us to follow in addition to the rules laid down by the 12th Finance Commission. With this, we are trying our best to liquidize our liabilities through loan taken from ADB. We hope that it will decrease in time if we put a tight rein in our budget management. We will also notice that our expenditure on pension will decrease after we introduced the New Pension Defined Scheme. Regarding fund for Work, we are going in a project base so that we can maintain salaries of the government employees and set aside fund for the development of farmers. In addition, we hope to receive fund from DoNER (NLCPR) and NEC and also from Centrally Sponsored Schemes for works project.

SPEAKER : Now, we will invite Pu Lalduhoma to ask his supplementary question.

Pu LALDUHOMA : From the previous Ministry Pu Speaker, our liability rate becomes very high measuring from our GSDP and we have to pass FRBM Act on the central demand. If we ask why this happened, we can say that it is due to the low rate of our GSDP. Therefore, I want to ask the Finance Minister whether there is any plan big enough to increase the State GSDP.

SPEAKER : We will skip the answer for now but we will expect the minister to answer when winding-up his demand. Now, let us invite Pu Lalthansanga to ask starred Question No.127.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for PWD be pleased to state: -

- a) Whether there is an intention to do work on Chekkawn - N.Vanlaiphai road?
- b) Is there an intention to renovate N.Vanlaiphai - Artahkawn road?
- c) Is there a progress made in Keitum - Artahkawn road?
- d) How far construction of Artahkawn - Biate road has been completed?

Besides, may the Minister explain in his wind-up speech what happen to the sanction for Artahkawn - Biate road? We know that for this road, there is a double sanction and it seems that one sanction just vanished. Can he tell me the whereabouts? Also, what happen to the construction of Chhanchhuahna Bridge (Lei)? Is the project still going on?

SPEAKER : The hon'ble Minister Pu R. Lalzirliana to reply.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answers to hon'ble member's questions are: -

- a) Yes, we will start work as much as possible during 2012-2013.
- b) Yes, we are planning to do strengthening and re-surfacing during 2012-2013.
- c) 28.134 kms of Keitum - Artahkawn road is finished. The current contractor was replaced in order to expedite the work.
- d) 23.40 kms of Artahkawn - Biate road is finished. Due to price escalation during the period 2008 – 2010, 4.60 kms cannot be covered. In addition, the double sanction mentioned by the member will be used for other purposes and will not be pocketed by our officials.

SPEAKER : Starred Question No.128 and Pu Lalrobiaka to ask.

Pu LALROBIAKA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for Sports & Youth Services Department be pleased to state: -

- a) Whether the government takes step for development of Contact Sport?
- b) Whether practice pit and playground are reserved for different disciplines?

SPEAKER : Let us invite the hon'ble concerned Minister Pu Zodintluanga.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answers to starred question No.128 are as follows: -

- a) Yes, every year the government sanction promotional fund and sports materials are purchase as convenient and we prepare training pitch.

b) Yes, they were reserved for different disciplines.

SPEAKER : We will take supplementary question and invite first Pu Lalrobiaka, Pu K.Liantlinga and Pu Lalthansanga.

Pu LALROBIAKA : Pu Speaker, thank you. First I would like to convey my thanks to the hon'ble Chief Minister and Sports Minister for their earnest efforts for development of sport in our State. My question is - Is there any other fields being prepared for contact sports or else since it is hardly convenient to use our major field AR Lammual or Mualpui ground for such disciplines? Secondly, can sports material be given to those involves in such disciplines?

SPEAKER : Now, let us invite Pu K. Liantlinga.

Pu K.LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. My question are: -

- a) Apart from football, how many contact sports personality from Mizoram are being employed under the company or in the national level?
- b) What is the exact amount being sanctioned as promotional fund this year?
- c) What is the amount distributed to each Sports related association from the promotional Fund?
- d) Did the hon'ble Chief Minister fulfill his commitment to provide Boxing Ring to each District? Whether they are available for practice?

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, my questions are –

- a) What is the progress made for the construction of mini-Sport Complex at Bungtlang and Keitum?
- b) Is there a provision to build one or two mini-Sport Complex within Tuichangral as we have plenty of space?

SPEAKER : The hon'ble Minister, Pu Zodintluanga to reply.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I, first of all would like to say that it is of contact sports that make our State reputable in the national level of sports. I am sorry to say that the government cannot equip them with sport materials or places as being deserved. Right now, we are doing our best by placing them in any available space we have. Boxing, Judo, Karate and Taekwondo have their own centre at Mission Vengthlang and recently, SAI opened a new centre at Lunglei. Judo and Wrestling practices are accommodated in Ramhlun Sport Complex; and for Muaythai, it will be constructed at private owned land as the government does not possess convenient land for the purpose. Wushu practice is accommodated in YMA Hall, Republic Veng as taekwondo in YMA Hall, Electric Veng. Boxing Hall will soon be constructed within the premise of Ramhlun Sport Complex.

Regarding sport materials, we only place order when the concerned Association/Federation gives their approval for the brand or manufacturing company. Also, Boxing Ring is distributed to each district headquarters as promised by the hon'ble Chief Minister. Regarding job opportunity for contact sports, several sports-

persons join Army through their respective discipline. On Promotional Fund, I will try to deliver the exact amount during this Session and announce that the exact amount will be given to each Association.

Regarding construction of mini-Sport Complex at Bungtlang and Keitum, progress has been made by the contractor and its concerned department. Besides, proposal for construction of Mini-Sports Complex at Khawbung which is within Tuichangral constituency is under processed as fund to that effect is put under the State's priority list submitted at DoNER.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, Khawbung is not within Tuichangral constituency but it is of Tuipuiral. Thus, it would be appreciated if one mini-Sports Complex is constructed within Tuichangral. There are many in the area of Serchhip-Bungtlang-Keitum while there is none within Tuichangral.

Pu K.LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, may the minister give the number of Association right now?

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, it appears that the western-side is not in the picture. Can there be any development for this part meaning Lunglei District and the neighboring districts?

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, development works is being done within the hon'ble Member Dr.Lalthangliana's constituency. Right now, we are putting artificial grass at Thuamluaia field which is under his constituency and also in Rahsi veng, we are doing earthwork for Cricket Field. We will move downward from this as we are planning to cover more grounds.

SPEAKER : Now, we will invite Pu Lalduhoma to ask his starred Question No.129.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for Industries Department be pleased to state: –

- a) How many Super Passy-Press we have in Mizoram? What are the capacity and the capacity utilization and where?
- b) How many pineapple juice extractors do we have and what are the capacity and the capacity utilization and where?
- c) How many orange juice extractor do we have and what is the capacity, the capacity utilization and where?
- d) Are we able to produce concentrated juice?
- e) Whether we make profit from the process of wild Alocasia, locally named Baibing?

SPEAKER : Let us invite the hon'ble Minister, Pu S. Hiato to reply.

Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answer to hon'ble member Pu Duhoma's questions are as follows: -

- a) We have one and its capacity is 25 quintals per hour, its capacity utilization is 20 quintals per hour. It is being set up in Fruit Juice Concentrate Plant at Chhingchhip.
- b) This is also in Chhingchhip under the same Plant. Its capacity is 30 quintals per hour and the capacity utilization is 30 per hour.
- c) We have two namely Fruit Juice Concentrate Plant at Chhingchhip and the other Food Processing Plant at Sairang. Its capacity is 10 quintals per hour and capacity utilization is 8 quintals per hour.
- d) We are able to make concentrated juice from passion fruit but not from orange and pineapple.
- e) Yes, we have made profit from processing Baibing.

SPEAKER : Question hour is over (Interruption)

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, the Minister answers us its capacity in per hour and its utilization in per day. May he correct his answer?

SPEAKER : You may repeat your answer as your answer to one in per hour and the other in per day.

Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answer (b) is that we have one Plant in Chhingchhip with a capacity of 30 quintals per hour and the capacity utilization is 30 quintals per hour.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, as we do not know the working hour per day, it would be appreciated if the minister gives detail information during this Session.

SPEAKER : Now that our question hour is over and we will go to the next business. Today, two members Pu Lal Thanhawla and Pu B.Lalthlengliana cannot attend the Session.

Now, we will invite Pu H. Liansailova, hon'ble Minister to lay the following papers on the Table of the House: -

- 1) Report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India on State Finances for the year ended 31st March, 2011 (Report No.1).
- 2) Report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India on Civil, Revenue and Commercial for the year ended 31st March, 2011 (Report No.2).
- 3) Appropriation Accounts for the year 2010-2011 relating to Government of Mizoram.
- 4) Finance Accounts for the year 2010-2011, Volume-1 relating to Government of Mizoram.
- 5) Finance Accounts for the year 2010-2011, Volume-2 relating to Government of Mizoram.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : With your permission, Pu Speaker, I lay on the Table of the House the following papers: -

- 1) Report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India on State Finances for the year ended 31st March, 2011 (Report No.1).
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Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now, distribute the copy. To take up the Demand, I will invite first, Pu R. Lalzirliana to submit the Demand No.11, No.16, No.35 and No.38 totally ₹665,40,43,000.

Pu R.LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor and with your permission, I submit the following Demands under my concerned departments, such as: -

Demand Nos.	Department	Budget Amount
No.11	Secretariat Administration	₹71,51,39,000.00
No.16	Home (including Prison)	₹442, 24,58,000.00
No.35	Fisheries	₹24,23,73,000.00
No.38	Rural Development	₹127, 40,73,000.00
TOTAL		₹665, 40, 43,000.00

SPEAKER : Now, let us invite Pu J.H. Rothuama to submit his Demands.

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, Sir, I move the Demand No.6, No.7, No.33 and No.37 totally ₹114,58,23,000/- for meeting expenses during 2012-13 in respect of the following departments: -

Demand Nos.	Department	Budget Amount
No.6	Land Revenue & Reforms	₹21,23,22,000.00
No.7	Excise & Narcotics	₹20,25,58,000.00
No.33	Soil & Water Conservation	₹59,96,74,000.00
No.37	Cooperation	₹13,12,69,000.00
TOTAL		₹114,58,23,000.00

SPEAKER : Now, two ministers have submitted their Demands in the House for meeting expenses of their respective departments. We will take vote after discussion. As practice, we will give each member 10 minutes and warning bell will ring in 8 minutes.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, yesterday you mentioned about 'ruling' that we appreciate very much. When winding speeches, no minister should try to play the people's mind and give a long sermon of their achievements. Instead, we appreciate more if the minister noted down important points made by the members and react to that. I, therefore, want you to have a good ruling in that area.

SPEAKER : That is good. I think the minister will follow as he already given us his departments' achievement and work schedules. Let us try to not confine in policy matters but try our best to have a good discussion. Who will speak first? Yes, Pu Chawngtinthanga.

Pu CHAWNGTINTHANGA: Pu Speaker, as I am not feeling well and I am going to ask for leave of absent in the afternoon. That is why I chose to be the first.

I will go straight to Demand No.16 - Home Department. This department becomes stronger and more efficient under the guidance of an efficient Minister. In keeping Law & Order, we excel and this Ministry benefits in earning a good name. They are equipped with new weapons and are efficient in its execution as we witness this in many incidents. They are the sole guardians of our State and the free flowing of development works is in their hand. It would be much appreciated if we strengthened Police out-posts in rural areas. Within my constituency, we have an I.R. Station at Suangpuilawn and Khawlian, which we may all know is a disturb area. They lack mobility which gives them many hardships in covering their areas efficiently. Their quarters are dilapidated and needs new buildings. I have voiced out this to the government but still there is no development. I request again the minister to react and take step to improve the condition.

On Demand No.35 - Fisheries, there are seed productions and development of Cold Water Fisheries that we need. Most of our fish ponds are situated in higher ground and there are few in the plain. Therefore, we have many fresh water ponds and not enough cold-water fishponds that we need. Nevertheless, I heard that negotiation is going on to have this and I am very thankful. While letting fish in a riverine fishpond, we have to take great measures in its safekeeping. Besides, I want the department to be more careful in the future in distributing fishes as they often neglect that such fishes have to travel to far-off villages.

On Rural Development, it is the department from where we get our income by those who are not able to enjoy Border Area Development Funds. We are also happy to have daily wages under NREGP, which was used for making assets. However, material component become less and less and I urge our officials to widen their search in order to gain a larger component.

On Land Revenue & Settlement, I give important to Regulation of Land holding as the rich and powerful people eat many of our good and easy access lands. Many of our free land are LSC by the powerful and this cause a lot of problem in rural villages, as many of them cannot cultivate land due to this. Under the Regulation of Land holding, we can cancel many LSC which were given to the rich and powerful and make way for the under privileges.

On Demand No.7, Excise & Narcotic, we have many drug abuses in our State. As such, it is the purview of this department to maintain law & order in prohibiting abusive drugs and narcotic from market. As of now, there is lack of manpower and facilities to work effectively. The demand for more staff is made to the government a couple of times but no positive result has yet been received. It would be appreciated if the government fulfilled the demand in order to strengthen the department.

On Demand No.33, Soil & Water Conservation, I am thankful that the department is making a fresh start after all this time. Due to introduction of NLUP, it rises again by showing its importance in the development of our State economy. There is a minor and major works under NLUP as we are trying to cover 1,000 hectares of land for rubber plantation. Not only this, NLUP fund is allotted for cash crops and spices as for establishment of departmental nurseries and plantations. It is important that we give our support to this department.

Next, Demand No.37, Co-operation, it is thankful that fund provisions are made for grant-in-aid, subsidy, investment, loan & advances under this department. The amount allotted may not be huge, it is sufficient for the department to maintain the normal works. We have many established Societies in Mizoram but due to poor monitoring, they became bankrupt in a space of time. Therefore, it is important that we give our support in helping the concerned people. Pu Speaker, thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Next, Pu Lalthansanga.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : At the out set Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to mention about Demand No.35, Fisheries Department.

It is regretted to learn that distribution of fish seeds has not been done according to need base as there are beneficiaries who do not have fish pond. Besides, it is learned that fish-seeds are not distributed freely but one has to pay ₹20 to ₹25 per packet of seeds. In this connection, I want to know when the department is planning to supply fish-seeds in my constituency.

On Demand No.16 - Home Department, I am very happy to learn that there is a plan for construction of Police Station at N. Vanlaiphai along with one Type-III staff-quarters and two Type-II staff-quarters. It would be also appreciated if the minister for R.D. could find a way to improve the approach road from material component.

At the sametime, I would also like to mention regarding the murder case of Rev. Chanchinmawia. When this Ministry assumed the government, there is a commitment that the case will be taken care of and information will be given to Legal Cell. Is there any progress with the investigation? Besides, there is a rumor that Special Force will be set up by Brig. T. Sailo. Is this true? According to the speech of our first Chief Minister, Pu Ch. Saprawnga in the book 'Ka zin kawng', it was once formed during the period of District Council. Pu Zoramthanga, the former Chief Minister, as he came into power also promised to revoke the Chakma District Council which made us very happy at that time. However, the story is the same; we made commitment but no approach has been made to fulfill it.

In Revenue Department, I think it would be of a tremendous help if the Revenue Services is introduced. Right now, any officer posted in this department acts in his own interest and not for the development of the department which impedes the progress of the department. Regarding Cadastral Survey, I opine this should be pushed forward in spite of its low plan fund so that the government may favor the department with more funds in future.

In Soil Department, there is enough fund provisions to execute the works. From NABARD, ₹3.62 crore is received for rubber plantation with State matching share of ₹4 crore. Besides, from RKVY, there is ₹1000 lakh for productivity. It is further learned that there is a plan to cover Maicham and Vanva and I am very happy about that. If we can find a way to import good quality rubber, it will be of a tremendous help for the planters and obviously the production will increase.

There are many things to say in different departments in this limited time. Lastly, I ask hon'ble Minister for R.D. why his department does maintain performance budget and work programme. With that, Pu Deputy Speaker, I conclude my speech with thanks.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, let us invite Pu K. Lianzuala.

Pu K. LIANZUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I first of all would like to convey my thanks to the hon'ble Speaker and Deputy Speaker for arranging a Morgue Van for rural constituencies. This will help us a lot in the future as being rural MLA, we have many bodies to dispatch now and then and I am thankful indeed.

I would also like to point as I examine the departmental work programme of 2012-2013, Rural Development and GAD, the two major departments fails to maintain their work programmes which truly is disappointing. On Demand No.16 - Home, very little was done for improvement of Sainik School which was established in the previous Ministry and it was almost abandoned. But as this Ministry came into power, initiative is made to revive the school as construction of the building is now under completion. The contract work is taken up by Prasad & Company, Hyderabad and Hindustan Prefab Ltd. I express my thanks through this House to the 45 families who surrendered their land without claiming any compensation for this to come into reality. However, Pu Dy. Speaker, despite sanction money amounting to

₹1787.33 lakhs received from DoNER, the firm manager pointed out shortage of fund for the project. Hence, it may be wise to clarify to the House how much is received by the contractor.

Another thing I would like to say, Pu Deputy Speaker is, there is a plan for pumping of water supply to this school from Tuikum. Is there a way for the local people also to benefit the supply? I think that the government owes them this favour since Sainik School Committee is being set up and the government should give its approval as it will become an important factor in the future. Moreover, I thank the government for construction of District Jail at Chhiahtlang.

On Demand No.35, it is known to us all that Fisheries department is our main source of supply of healthy food since it concern for supplying fish-seed to fish-farmers. However, the distribution concentrated in the western part and neglected other regions. Is there a way to concentrate its interest in other parts?

On Demand No.7 - Excise & Narcotics, it is learned that when a vendor makes preference of his choice, he often faces an obstacle. While he prefers wine from Hnahlan, he is compelled to get it of Champhai. Is this the right way to conduct the business, Pu Dy. Speaker? Does the vendors have right to choose their preference?

On Demand No.33 - Soil Department, this department is one of the oldest departments. But since it is incorporated with NLUP, broom cultivations in various districts are now successful. I would like to mention few particular farmers, Pi Khawvelthangi of Serchhip who becomes success through broom cultivation and coffee plantation as her income during 2011-12 amounting to ₹1.5 lakh and Pu Tlanghmingthanga of Pilerh, who harvested 20 qtls. of coffee during 2010-11. These are all due to the initiative of Soil Department. Thank you for giving me a good time, Pu Dy. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Next, Dr. R. Lalthangliana.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, our demands today consists of many important departments. I will start from Demand No.11 - SAD.

It is known that many staffs are facing problem of conveyances. Is there a way to arrange bus services on a regular basis?

On Demand No.35 - Fisheries, I would like to suggest a new delivery method of fish-seeds. Everytime when the suppliers delivered fish-seeds, number of dead seeds is included. To avoid this, why not give the beneficiaries the money to buy their own choices of seeds? It is obvious that no one will buy dead seeds but the best for his own pond. Besides, Pu Deputy Speaker, it may as well a good idea to introduce prawn in Mizoram considering the price which is higher than the fish to increase the income of concerned farmers.

On Prison, we have a prison at Sazai, Lunglei but there is insufficiency of staff-quarters which is very trying for them. If sufficient amount of fund is expected this year, why not the department constructed more staff-quarters at Sazai? Not only this, Pu Dy. Speaker, since construction of main building of this prison has not been completed, it will be much appreciated if concerned authority expedited the work as the existing building could no longer accommodate all inmates.

Coming now to Home Department, is there a way to change the method of giving Award to policemen? Apart from the existing Award, why not give such award also in a battalion? It is obvious that moral of any policeman will be boosted if there is more incentive and other award to receive. Regarding Constable and Havildar, fixation of their pay as per the 6th Pay Commission indicates they are lagged way behind to those who enjoy equal status of pay in the previous Pay Commission. This should be reconsidered with immediate effect. Besides, what is the progress made so far in regard to Life Insurance Policy? This should be resolved immediately as their services demands to cover even disturbed areas where their life is in danger all the time. Regarding improvement of Police buildings, there is not much progress to see till date as there are still many buildings which needs reconstruction and repair. At the sametime, TA/DA of the Police should not be ignored. It is regretted to learn that many of them cannot draw their TA/DA in time and some have to wait for 2 years. This is not an appropriate way to serve our policemen and priority should therefore be given to them so that their problems are being resolved immediately.

Regarding Police Outpost, it is quite important that an Outpost be set up at Buarpui since it is one of the most important villages in the western side since it is linked by PMGSY approached road from Lunglei and also by Bunglemun - Aizawl road. Besides, it is a tri-junctioned point which will be useful strategically in any situation in the long run. Regarding recruitment of MPRO staff, it was done neither by floating advertisement nor by following formality or interview. Is it that necessary or are we in demand so much? If so, can the minister give us clarification?

On Demand No.37, Cooperation, there is some wrong moves we have made in the establishment of Cooperation and that is changing the Registrar so often. Changing of Head of the department in such a short time of interval affects administration of the department itself. Secondly, it is wrong that Cooperative Societies Rules, 2012 is not yet ready for use and we still do not possess Cooperative Development Council. Besides, District Office in other states is administered not only by ARCS but by Deputy Registrar and we should follow this method. Furthermore, we should re-examine fund allocation to Societies that is not enough for establishment.

On Demand No.6, Land Revenue & Settlement, I criticize proposal for posting of Assistant Surveyor Officer in every district as I opine that we can manage only in a few. Another important thing is that this department does not purchase any new vehicle for a very long time even though their works demands conveyance to move here and there. It is sad to learn that preparation to reorganize the department is

still underway. In the meantime, staff that the department needed most is Surveyor but less than 200 only are there at present. We should give this important as their services are in demand everywhere, whether it is in the Directorate or District Office. Besides, considering imbalance strength of staff allotted in the department, it is rather unbelievable that dealing of their works have not been jeopardized repeatedly.

In Demand No.33, Soil, I think that we should propagate rubber plantation by using fund from RKVY and IWMP. We should also make plan for water-harvesting scheme as our rivers does not hold sufficient amount of water for plantation. This department is in a way an Engineering Department as works concerns flood control, ground-water researching and anti-ocean. They need Agriculture and Civil Engineer in order to accomplish this and we should provide them with this and give them space to work.

Lastly, on R.D. Department, there are many works going on under NREGS. We receive many complaints concerning material components where the contract works were put aside for the V/C. Here, the ruling party used to take away the contract without consulting the V/C where the opposition party rules. There is nothing to deny as it is a common practice. Nevertheless, it is wrong unless we should follow the rule and act accordingly. It is the peoples' fund and we should execute it for the interest of the people. Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you for giving me time as I have to absent in the afternoon. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will invite Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte and then Pu K. Liantlinga.

Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE : Pu Deputy Speaker, I will start with Demand No.6 - Land Revenue. It is a fact that we all wants land, and the most common problem we face is land dispute, which was manmade. I hope the concerned Minister will find a way to settle land dispute and how to exercise punishment in and out of his department and straighten the discipline.

In Demand No.33, Soil & Water Conservation, this department is not only soil conservation but also forest conservation. Their works on plantation of rubber, coffee and broom are excellent. However, we have to destroy our forests in order to plant broom, but I will not dwell on this. Overall, I think their work is satisfactory.

To say a few words on Demand No.37 - Cooperation, in other States, Pu Deputy Speaker, Societies set up under this department are successful and brings many incomes. In rural areas, they open Society and some of them are successful while others wither. I think we have not yet pick up the knowhow. Its function is of much important for villages as they control price escalation and I hope that the minister and the department to open more societies in the future.

Coming now to Demand No.38, Rural Development Department, this department concerns many developmental works for rural people. Say NREGS, it is

the lifeline for rural people as it provided day-to-day employments. However, material component that was introduced recently does not reach the common people as the V/C and the department handled it. I request the minister to look into this matter. Iron roofing materials were distributed to the poor as under IAY we receive fund for repairing and building of houses. We also have Community Hall under Social Education. Within my constituency, there are two villages that do not have, such as Khamrang and Kawnpui Venglai. I request the minister to give us his word to fulfill the promise made for Khamrang and give us fund to finish the construction of Kawnpui Venglai Town Hall. Besides, job card review was done only in Kolasib District and this brings many complaints. I request the Minister to look again in this regard.

On Demand No.16, Home, this Ministry maintains law & orders strictly. During Christmas and New Year, there is nothing to hear the sound of lighting crackers and bomb as rebels/insurgents are arrested efficiently by our police forces. During our campaign in 2008, we are very interested in recruiting Police and Homeguard but we have not seen any result till date. I think that there is about 500 posts vacancy of different ranks in this department. Besides, concerning Mizoram Police Service, the Director of Fire & Emergency post was made functional but a senior MPS officer is being posted there but this will be DIG or Addl. Secretary if goes to Secretariat. Likewise, why not make the Mizoram Home Guard Commandant General into functional so that a Senior Administrative Grade MPS Officer may take the post. I hope the Minister can find a way to put this right and that is why I make a suggestion.

There is also one thing that I would like to say and that is the case of MPS Officers. They enter the post as Gazetted officer but cannot reach the post of Secretary while their counterpart from clerical staff can. It would be appreciated if the minister finds a solution in this respect. Within my constituency, we propose an Out-Post at Bukpui since long time back and it will be much appreciated if it is achieved. There is a BOP at Phaisen, but they are in distress due to lack electricity. Also at BOP Zophai, power supply is regular but the approach road bridge is very poor which causes problem. I want the minister to mind these matters.

Lastly, Demand No.35 - Fisheries, it is a very important department as many lives depend on it. I think it is very important that in future fish-seeds is distributed in time and upgrade the quality. Besides, there is a rumor that fish-seeds are also provided to those who does not have fish-pond. If it is true, it would be much appreciated if the practice is not repeated in future.

I cannot cover all our demands though; I give my support to pass it.
Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu K. Liantlinga.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : To start my speech with Cooperation, Pu Deputy Speaker, ₹268 lakh of fund is set aside for State Level Society from this year's budget

and ₹30 lakh for State Primary Society which decreases by ₹100 lakhs from last year budget. The Central Government allocated ₹14,300 crore for Cooperative Society and we can get ₹20 crore for development of State Level, District Level and Primary Society. However, due to lack of Rules of the Mizoram Cooperative Development Council, we cannot get the actual amount which further affected rural people and bring stagnation to development of Cooperative Society in rural areas. I request that the Minister made clarification in this matter.

On Demand No.33, Soil & Water Conservation, I opine a good Performance Budget is laid. Here, progress in Hillside Terracing, Water harvesting and Nursery are shown. From last year fund provision of ₹26 crore, 5401 families were developed through Rubber Plantation, Broom Harvesting and Coffee Plantation where as the total production is 760 metric tons amounting to ₹2.28 crore. This year, there are six targets that include 3139 families which will cost an expenditure of ₹535 lakh where as in their on-going works, 196 families are targetted. It is pleasing to look their work performance so as the performance budget. Besides, we all know that broom is sold in the market at the rate of ₹50/- only and collecting taxes from it therefore should be stopped. It is also imperative that we provide Israel Hi-tech Green House for preservation of broom sticks as it is wither easily. If we follow the right path, we may easily get 20/30 crore rupees from brooms industry. Therefore, it would be appreciated if the minister and the department give interest in it and are able to differentiate the formal and informal economy.

On Demand No.7 - Excise, the budget is ₹20.25 crore. While having implemented the Total Prohibition Act, we still have abundant liquors flowing in our state. We spent ₹20 crore for enforcement but failed miserably. I heard that a Study Group was formed and we do not know whether the prohibition was going to be revoked or not. If the minister can give us report on that, it would be much appreciated. If Total Prohibition is revoked, we can get a revenue of 20/30 crore rupees. While spending such a huge amount of funds, we have to think this carefully. It is determined that about 100 crore in spent on liquor every year. Regarding Winery, I opine it is wise not to collect taxes for at least five years as within this period, concerned manufacturers will establish themselves and that afterward we may do as necessary. One other thing, we put only ₹5 lakh in Secret Service which in my opinion is not enough to cover their expenses in view of their works. If we really want to wipe out liquor, we have to put more funds at their disposal.

Going to Demand No.38, Rural Development, it is sad that the department failed to furnish work programme and performance budget. The department have a lot of fund at disposal under major works, grant-in-aid, non-salary and from BRGF totalling ₹105 crore. The department is supposed to have work programme with huge amount of funds at its disposal otherwise; practice of corruption is at hand. Besides, the Finance Minister in his budget speech stressed out the importance of having work programme and performance budget especially in connection to BRGF and BADP and this should be followed.

On Demand No.35, Fisheries, the department is able to produce a good work programme and performance budget thanks to the efficiency of concerned officials. The budget increases from ₹20 crore to ₹24.23 crore. What I want to said is that Zofishfed received ₹30 lakh grant-in-aid from the Central Government as the Central Government is very generous in handing out grant-in-aid for development of private sector. However, the State Government, making excuse of its financial problems finds ways and means to delay the release of funds instead of encouraging them. We have to stop this but encourage our private sector to expand their fields so as to bring more developments in our State.

On Demand No.16, Home Department, being a big department, the budget also is big which is ₹14.36 crore for minor works and other charges. While this is the case, TA/DA of staffs could not be drawn in time. Their duty compels them to cover long distant and sometime, outside the state. It is not appropriate for them to wait their TA/DA for many years. I urge the Minister and Finance Minister to find a way to resolve this problem. Lastly, I want the Minister in-charge to note that departmental work programme and performance budget should be produced in the future. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Our time is over and we will recess. We will resume our discussion at 2:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m

SPEAKER : We will resume our discussion and invite Pu R.L. Pianmawia to have his speech.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, thank you. First, I would like to convey my thanks to Assembly Secretariat for purchasing morgue van knowing our hardships collectively.

On Demand No.16, Home, I am very thankful that a new type-II staff-quarter is constructed at Sakawrdai, New Vervek and Darlawn during 2011-2012. Besides, plan was made to construct 3 Nos. of RCC staff-quarters during 2012-2013. It is also very fortunate that a large fund was put for Police Modernization. With this kind of fund, I hope that a new vehicle each for Sakawrdai and Darlawn could be purchased. However, it is sad to learn that construction of a new building for BOP Zohmun, Vaitin, New Vervek and Darlawn are not included in the project. During rainy season, we have to cover the building with silpaulin. Besides, petrol they receive is not enough for them to perform the regular work. They need more supply of petrol in order to work efficiently. We also need Outpost as many areas are sensitive such as Mauchar and North Tinghmun. I submitted a request for these two villages but we receive a negative response due to shortage of police. This shows that we need to recruit more police and post them in such sensitive areas. In addition, the police camp in the border area is dilapidated and electricity is not regular. Thankfully, they receive solar light but this also needs to be improved.

On Demand No.35, Fisheries, while the department becomes very useful, the system of distribution fish-seeds needs improvement. Within my constituency, a family receives aid many times by using different names from the family. Instead of giving aid to one family repeatedly, why not give to other deserving ones. Besides, in N.Tingmun, the community and a society looks after a fishpond called Tingdil and they received fish seed once. After improving the pond, they are now in need of fish-seeds. May the department provide their needs?

On Demand No.38, I thank the department for providing iron-sheet roofing materials despite insufficiency of fund this year and also for implementing 100 days labour which happened to be the main source of income in rural areas. Apart from these, it is truly appreciated that Community Hall at N.Tingmun, Zohmun, Sakawrdai and Sailutar are constructed under School Education and toilet being constructed in 17 Nos. of Middle and Primary Schools. At the sametime, Pu Speaker, I would like to point out that construction of Community Hall at North Serzawl, Ratu and Lungsum could not be completed as yet due to shortage of fund. I earnestly request concerned minister to kindly give fund provision for completion. Apart from this, Pu Speaker, it is regretted to learn that fund allocated for construction of BDO Office from Housing for Project is being diverted for the salary of teachers. We are also looking forward for fund for the repair of Kepran Community Hall. It is much appreciated that construction of staff-quarters of BDO has already been completed.

We have learned from the hon'ble minister that IAY could not be implemented at Darlawn despite numbers of poor who needs housing assistance. As such, I request concerned minister to find an alternative so that each of the family has a house for living.

On Demand No.6, I request concerned authority to expedite dealing of case regarding transfer of Sawleng under Darlawn Township as survey has not been initiated till date.

On Demand No.7, fund allotted in respect of Expenditure of Secretariat Civil Service is minimal. Is there a way to allot more in the R.E. if we expect work efficiency from them?

On Soil Department, I am happy that the budget increases this year. With this, there is a prospect of recruitment of more staff for Forest Range office of Darlawn as there is no IV-grade at present and only one staff sit there. From the work programme, there is a scheme under CSS and RKVY for upliftment of the poor. It will be much appreciated if concerned department included my area when the project such as CSS, RVP and FPR are implemented to 5 Districts. Pu Speaker, as per confirmation of the agricultural experts from outside that the temperature of Mizoram is suitable for rubber plantation, many families in Kepran and Zohmun pursues the occupation accordingly. As such, I request the department to cover these two villages within my constituency when plan is submitted. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us invite Pu R. Lalrinawma.

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, as conservation of our planet is in our hand, the department of Soil & Water Conservation Department executes the works accordingly. It is one of the oldest departments in our state but is being neglected for a very long time. However, this Ministry revives the prospective by using it as one of the nodal departments for NLUP under which many trades are introduced.

On Co-operation, it is a fact that no effective work can be done without cooperation. We lack confidence to speak out our mind when we find fault which brought disharmony in our society. If we have confidence and wants the truth, we should dare to speak our mind and point out the wrong-doers. In this way, we will be able to have a strong and dependable society.

Pu Speaker, we all seems to be aware of how hard the Excise Department works but the department remains in short of staff which may be resolved immediately.

Pu Speaker, Land Revenue & Reforms, being an important department has many cases concerning land disputes. As such, the department needs legal advice now and again and it would be much benefitted if the right to employ a lawyer is available to represent those having dispute land. I am happy to learn that drafting of Revenue law is underway which is needed.

As my fellow members have stated, there are numbers of areas where Rural Development is needed but falls outside the coverage of BADP and Backward Region Grant Fund. Most families in rural areas are depending on housing assistance from RD such as roofing materials. The work of the department truly indicates the government as the father of the people.

On Home Department, it is comforting to know that law & order is being restored. The Fire Department also is well-equipped now as we look forward for opening of a new Fire sub-station in Aizawl North area. Besides, it is appreciative that the Assam Rifles are moving in to Zokhawsang as preparation is now in full swing. However, farmers from this area face a problem concerning approach road as the Assam Rifle land is not encroachable to reach their farms. We have to find an alternative approach road from our plan fund. Pu Speaker, members from the opposition bench stated that performance is not repetitive. However, some dealings need to be repeated as it involves department fund. During the previous Ministry, supply of angle iron post and goat-proof wire-mesh were being tendered without approval of the State Purchase Advisory Board or Departmental Purchase Advisory Board. As there was no fund for such supply materials, the suppliers had to go to the court. As a consequence, this Ministry is inherited a heavy debt out of material supply in the previous ministry with the total amounting to ₹16,26,80,000/- and the department have to recover it from its plan fund. This financial year, fund allotted to Home Department is ₹442 crore and if we have to deduct the previous debt amount

from it, nothing much remains for the departmental works. I therefore wish the department is blessed so that problem inherited from the previous ministry is resolved and the work is continued smoothly. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now, Pu Lalrobiaka.

Pu LALROBIAKA : Pu Speaker, I am happy that today we have the opportunity to discuss various demands.

On Demand No.16, Home Department, I convey my thanks to concerned minister for maintaining law & order. Our Security Personnel are able to work freely now as their hands are no longer bound. In the past, the people in Dampa Constituency were threatened by the insurgents that further bring insecurity. Now, under an efficient leadership of the Minister and the determination of the Police Force we, the people of Dampa region can now live in free. In addition, the hon'ble Minister shows his favour by building police staff-quarters at Marpara as repair of staff quarters at Phuldungsei is being assured. The department might have been mocked due to supply of goat-proof wire mesh and mobile latrine in the previous ministry. But in my constituency, we see changes as it is greatly improved by this ministry as we have a DSP in West Phaileng in addition to the existing one. Since this is the case, we need another Police Outpost at Kanghai area as ours is a vast constituency and the police in W. Phaileng have to cover my area a long distant to dealing with some incidents in my constituency. It would be much appreciated if one Police Outpost is allotted in this area.

Pu Speaker, we have ₹44,224 crore for Education & Training, Secret Service, Crime Investigation, Vigilance and Battalion. It is very satisfactory as our way of life changes and crime rate is higher as developments go forward. I am also happy to say that the fund of Forensic Science laboratory increases. With this amount of fund, I hope that we may be able to tackle crime more effectively. I suggest that we equip Forensic Science more and bring out its important so that dealing of investigation will become effective in the future. I praise the Minister for his principle and carrying it out with determination.

On Demand No.35, Fisheries, as already stated by my fellow members, the distribution system need to be improved. It is also learned that financial assistance to fishpond goes to one family repeatedly. I request that the staff go to the spot and verify the situation prior to distribution of fund otherwise; some deserving owners of fish-pond may not get their share.

On Demand No.38, Rural Development, the department is immensely benefitted in rural areas as numbers of Community Hall and schools for social education are being constructed as so playgrounds. We, the rural people rely on the work of this department and we should always be thankful for it.

On Demand No.6, Revenue Department, a new Boundary Committee is formed under this Ministry so that we may have a definite boundary line and a

clear-cut border area. I request the department to be more careful in dealing of LSC/Periodic Patta by avoiding pen-laps error and doing demarcation from the office table otherwise, they will bring up dispute between neighbors.

On Excise & Narcotics, the department should be well-equipped in order to counter drug trafficking within our state effectively.

On Co-operation, we need to be more aware of its usefulness. The hon'ble Minister takes great measure in promoting 'Co-operation Movement'. If we are aware of its usefulness, we will have more progress in the future. With all these in mind, I give my support to pass these demands, thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu John Siamkunga.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. To start from an important point of the demands we have been discussing, the growth rate of our GSDP is regarded important by the opposition and I am of the same opinion. If we look into the growth rate such as in 2006-2007 - 10.75%, 2007-2008 - 16.06%, 2008 - 2009 - 22.02%, 2009-2010 - 20.89% and 2010-2011 - 7.81% which decreases tremendously. This indicates increases in the tax revenue and relatively decreases in the state non-tax revenue which result in fluctuation.

To emphasize on the pattern of our budget, we have seen in the budget of Soil Department this financial year which increases enormously than last year due to the projects taken up by the department such as development of brooms and rubber industry. Likewise, the budget of other departments such as Agriculture increases while others are decreases. Sometimes, it is a necessary to put a large fund in the Plan section and in other cases in the Non-plan section. The pattern of allocation of fund shows how the government intends to govern. Therefore, it is important that we give our best in the pattern of our budget as it shows the image of the government.

Pu Speaker, the opposition complains about the District Councils' budget stating that they are not given enough to meet their demands. However, their budget increases to ₹6,962 lakh this year. While this is the case, plan fund of the Mara Autonomous District Council decreases to ₹30 lakhs while on the other hand, their Non-plan fund is up compare to last year. We have to know that all these trends of changing of our budget have its reasons. If we put more fund in the Plan Fund, it means that we have work to do with this Plan and the same goes with Non-Plan Fund. It also indicates that project started with Plan Fund needs Non-Plan for it to work.

On Revenue, it is appreciative to have Mizoram Land Revenue & Settlement Bill. If the hon'ble Minister can tell us when they will finish drafting the bill and what is the progress so far. On Home Department, I give my thanks to the Minister for his efficiency in maintaining Law & Order. If possible, I request that check-gate at Thingsai be upgraded into a full-fledge as it is of an important junction. Since this check-gate is put in function, many stolen bikes and gas cylinders meant to be shipped to Burma were seized. Likewise, is there a way to open police outpost at

Cherhlun via Ngharchhip also? We also need at least MR employee at Rest Houses within my constituency. In addition, is there any mean to rebuild Soil Rest House at Cherhlun which becomes dilapidated. It would also be appreciated if RO quarter of Soil Department is constructed at Thingsai. On Home Department, may SDPO post at Hnahthial which had been withdrawn by the previous ministry be reinstated as the building still stands for rent? Pu Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER : Next, Pu Lalrinthanga and then Pu C. Ramhluna.

Pu K.LALRINTHANGA : Pu Speaker, I will start my discussion with Demand No.1 Secretariat Administration Department.

I want to point out regarding answers given to the Assembly questions. It appears that many answers are forwarded without giving much notice by the concerned Secretary. This kind of lack of interest shown by the Secretary hurts the feelings of members. I hope in future we avoid this practice.

Pu Speaker, I want to state that the approach road to Civil Secretariat via Tuikual River is not wide enough. I suggest that it is widened as there is still space as this will become an important road in the upcoming plan for Greater Aizawl City.

On Demand No.16, Home Department, I am thankful to the Minister for installation of IR Battalion at Phaisen and Saiphai which are located near the boundary. I also want to convey my thanks to him for fund provision for construction of IR building at Phaisen. While this is the case, the area remains unelectrified as public leaders as well as the people there informed me whenever I visited Phaisen. Besides, this place is known as a convenient route for smuggling as many smugglers were apprehended by the local people. However, I advise them not to give interest in it since it is the responsibility of the Police and Excise forces. I, therefore, request the hon'ble Minister of Home as well as Excise to examine the situation and set up a check-gate if deemed necessary.

On Revenue Department, the Mizoram Boundary Committee is formed under the guidance of the hon'ble Revenue Minister. I hope that this Committee will ensure safety and fulfill the desire of the Mizo people in respect of our boundary lines. In addition, it is time for all party to determine setting up of our boundary lines in consensus with the neighboring states.

On fisheries Department, we have many fishponds under the department. I have heard that there is land dispute with Agriculture Department. If this is a fact, immediate solution may be seek as there are many farmers who gives more interest in making fishpond than cultivation. I will not dwell on the much criticized distribution system of fish-seeds as my fellow members have already made enough point to that effect.

On Rural Development, I think it is not appropriate that the department supervises works under material component. The department supervises which seems

to be the purview of the VEC. It is known that the quality of works done by the department is generally poor. It is further learned that the department workers negotiate with concerned VEC and party workers as the work is being handed over to them. But their works does not meet the standard we expected, it would be much appreciated if they do not practice the system anymore in future. Besides, we have been constructed a Community Hall in many places and it would be appreciated if concerned MLA is informed beforehand as it is important for him to know the location and for which places plan may be made.

Regarding Excise Department, it is known that some ministers and elders of some churches are in favour of withdrawing the Mizoram Liquor (Prohibition & Control) Act while in the name of a Committee, they opposed the same. This shows that we are in favour of withdrawal but afraid that the Committee may be tarnished if we voice out our opinion in the public. I think we have to look into this matter closely and try to find out how to resolve the problem. We have to find a way how to benefit instead of opposing it. We have to carefully determine as to whether the prohibition is benefitted or not; can we solve the problem of the consumers who drinks unhealthy liquor?

SPEAKER : Now, Pu C. Ramhluna.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, I want to discuss about changing of change our pattern. First, we have Demand for Grants, Work Programme and lastly Budget Session in which we the members discusses whatever we want. It is a fact that we have mention anything we want whether it is of Work Programme or Demand for Grants. One solution which occupies my mind is that we have a State Planning Board and if we invite the member to have a discussion with all members of our demand for each constituency before Budget Session which they in turn try to incorporate it. Our discussion may be more effective. For 3 years, I have been participated in the discussion but no improvement is made in the work schedule and demand programme.

First, Demand No.11, SAD, the department, being largest number of government employees should be provided with new building which will accommodate the whole staff. Is there any intention to construct a new building for SAD? If so, where? Secondly, problems of staffs will be alleviated if the Secretariat purchased staff buses. Besides, purchase of stationery should be done more carefully as some officer practices corruption through stationery materials.

On Demand No.16, Home Department, obviously the there is sufficient amount of fund allotted for Housing under the department. Is there a way to set up Police out-post at Bungtlang which may be maintained from this fund. Since there is ₹880.00 lakhs for housing alone, it would be appreciated if it is made possible. Besides, I heard that there is an intention to allot IR Bn. at Thingkah. If so, may the hon'ble Home Minister explain the progress? In addition, is there a way to release TA/DA of PSO with immediate effect? Also, may the Minister explain in his wind up speech regarding the agreement between the HPC (D) and the Congress Party in

which the Congress allegedly violated the agreement which resulted in insurgency? Pu Speaker, is there a way to place the senior most DGP to Home Secretary and place the next in line in the vacated post? If we follow guidelines of the 6th Pay Commission recommendation accordingly, many problems in Home department will be resolved.

On Demand No.35, Fisheries, we have seen in Performance Budget 2010-2011 that there are maintenance of Ice plant, cold storage and production of Ice block in three places. The one at Sairang is not functioning due to mechanical problem. As we ask the workers how to deal with it, we have been referred replacement to repair as the cost of repairing is high. As such, no work is done for a long period of time. Pu Speaker, we have seen an expenditure of ₹8 lakhs from the Annual Plan of ₹31 lakhs. May the minister clarify how it is spent? Is it for repairing or maintenance of the existing one? Besides, it is learned that poly-culture of giant prawn has been tried at Lengpui. What is the outcome? Are the seeds available for distribution?

On Demand No.5 to No.8, I think that we have to implement 100 days labour under NREGS in a definite ways. If we can do this with a definite plan, we will be able to promote livelihood of numbers of family. In addition, I am very happy that this year iron sheet roofing material is made available.

On Soil & Water Conservation, the department which was once a small department has now becomes a major department. While this is the case, the department is lack of manpower since implementation of NLUP as the work concerns monitoring, evaluation and supervision which requires more staffs. As we give fund provisions, we have to improve strength of the department at the same time. It is learned that the work of conservation of soil may be done in some departments such as PWD, Forest, P & E and Agriculture. In fact, a clear-cut definition should be maintained by concerned authority as to which portion should be taken up by a particular department. Thank you Pu Speaker.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, the reason for our down-sizing budget according to the opposition is that large amount of fund being allotted to NLUP which concerns the people as a whole.

Next, Demand No.38, Rural Development. During the previous Ministry, the department undertaken IWDP while this Ministry undertaken IWMP. Under Champhai District, we have 20 proposals being initiated as the others are in line. When will the remaining be started? It seems that concentration is given in the constituency of Pu Rova and Pu Rina. According to work schedule, my constituency is placed in the last portion the arrangement which I think is not fair as we have to wait for a long time. Is it not possible to schedule the time more evenly as it concern livelihood of the rural people? It is also a shame that we revoke State Level Monitoring Cell and Internal Audit Cell. Our state is too young to practice corruption by any given chance. As such, we have to improve the system by giving important to appropriate management of fund provisions.

On Land Revenue, I thank this Ministry for purchasing a piece of land at Vaivakawn which enable widening of road as this further resolves traffic problem to larger extents. While this is the case, the problem of Bawngkawn-Sairang road upto the junction of Chaltlang road may as well be attended to avoid traffic jam. To my knowledge, the aforesaid private land is claimed by a party worker while the document stated that it is for the extension of roads for public purpose. May the Revenue Minister examine the case and explain the situation, if possible?

On Home Department, it is regretted to learn that out of ₹880 lakhs allotted for housing, none is set aside for my constituency. Anyway, I hope that fund allotted this time is spent systematically so as not to follow the same path of the previous ministry under which only 44% of fund allotted was spent for the purpose of Police Modernation and the rest 56% without proper management which left numbers of Police Out-Post and Police Station in a lurch. This shows that we are ready to indulge in corruption instead of serving for the safety of our land. If possible, I want to know how many fund we have in Modernization Scheme. In addition, the situation of our boundary remains an important issue which even drawn concern of our Students Union as a demand is made to the government to immediately resolve the problem. We should be able to clearly identify our boundaryline so as to protect accordingly. I may conclude my speech here due to limit of time as I give my support to pass these demands. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Next, I invite Lt. Col. Z.S. Zuala and then Pu N.P.Chakma and Pu P.P. Thawla.

Lt. Col. Z.S. ZUALA : To start from Land Revenue & Reforms Department, Pu Speaker, I would like to mention regarding Counter Insurgency & Jungle Warfare School being located at Vairengte. The assigned officials informed our government that this training school may be shifted to the neighboring states unless enough space is provided for the establishment which needs improvement. As such, it is important for our government also to seek immediate solution of the problem by initiating agreement with those who claimed compensation or else we may lose an opportunity to put Mizoram in a world map due to this famous training centre. In Chhingchhip, someone donated his land to Sainik School in view of the welfare of the upcoming youths as this school will bring educational stability in their village. It will be much appreciated if concerned landholder at Vairengte does the same.

Next, it is learned that there are numbers of LSC existed within the area occupied by the Assam Rifles despite the proposal that the vacated land will be allotted for public use. As such, it is necessary for the House to back-up concerned authority in preserving the said for the public so that land record is maintained carefully or else we may lose it to some privates.

On Demand No.16, Home Department, the previous ministry neglected maintenance of Sainik School as interest was not given. As this ministry headed by Pu Lal Thanhawla assumed the government, plan is initiated for the establishment as we

are now able to see a favorable result as students who may complete their study from this institution have more opportunity to obtain a satisfactory job in Central Services. Our neighboring State Manipur has benefits much from Sainik School as many students are able to enter in the Central Services especially in Defense Service as there are more than a thousand officers from Manipur who achieved Defense Services. Regarding Home Guard, the services rendered so far is impeccable since it is made up of the Ex-servicemen. It is wise for the government to recruit more for safety measure.

Next, there is an allocation for Police Modernization in our budget which is much appreciative. What I think will be good in the implementation of this scheme is giving a modernized training to our police personnels to let them know the technical know-how of using any weapon and be able to differentiates whether it is good or not. In the meantime, it is wise to equip them with advanced weapons from this fund. Pu Speaker, the standard of recruitment given in the previous ministry to 5 Nos. IR Battalions was not satisfactory. However, I do not criticize the personnel. We, therefore, should be more careful in the future and recruit more battalions by engaging Army Recruiting Department to train them and selection will be made without involving nepotism.

On Rural Development, I have a feeling that fund is spent in some urban areas despite the fact that the department concern only for rural areas. Pu Speaker, I opine it is important to give awareness to concerned beneficiaries so that they are not depends only on financial assistance from the department as to give intensive effort to make a living out of the fund. Regarding the material component, many said it involve corruption in it execution. I therefore request the concerned minister to chalk out a definite plan to that effect. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Pu Nirupam Chakma, next.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, thank you for giving me time. It would not be easy for me to accommodate eight departments within 10 minutes. I therefore will make only a few.

Firstly, on Fisheries, I do appreciate achievement of the department yet we still need to put more efforts in order to increase the production so that we would no longer need to import fishes from outside. I am confident that self-sufficiency in fishes will soon be achieved with NLUP to back us up.

On Soil Department, I appreciate for the achievement and for being able to produce performance budget and work performance while other major departments failed to do so. Hundreds of families are able to earn their livings through NLUP thanks to the effort of this ministry. At the same time, I request concerned authority to introduce broom cultivation in my constituency also as we have large amount of natural brooms. It may as well be important for the government to pave the way for marketing of the products.

On Cooperation, it seems that cooperative society is not being able to survive in Mizoram. I opine we have not yet discover the process despite many efforts being made. In other States, Agriculture and Veterinary Sector are placed under Cooperative. In Gujarat, dairy farming taken up under Veterinary sector and are able to produce large quantity of milks for export. We must also take substantial measure in order to achieve in cooperation as to give training to concerned farmers of the procedure and management.

On Excise, the government should give important to the report of the Committee and try to chalk out the main reason for increase of liquors in Aizawl and Lunglei District but not in the exempted area of District Councils. We have to think carefully and prepare ourselves to adopt a new policy if the situation demands.

On Land Revenue, we often have a problem whenever there is land acquisition to deal with which shows that we do not follow the right procedure in dealing with such cases. Regarding Indo-Bangladesh border fencing, the Govt. of Mizoram issue a notification in the Mizoram Gazette on 13.11.2006 but it does mention the exact length of the border for fencing. This brings many hardships to the people in such areas as some houses lies outside the proposed area for fencing. Therefore, it is necessary to engage some experts to give awareness to concerned families in the proposed areas. Otherwise, we may face problems whenever there is land acquisition.

On Home Department, I am thankful that there is no criticism against law & order situation as we are in a peaceful state thanks to the efforts of hon'ble Home Minister. At the sametime, I am thankful for a proposal for setting up of Police quarters at Borapansury. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Next, Pu P.P. Thawla.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, I will start with Demand No.16, Home Department. I must say that this department is unsafe for one as it is much reliable to others. What I want to point out is that compensation is given to some who are injured in some incidents where as it is neglected to some others. Is there a specific provision for compensation which may be claimed by those who suffers injury and those who die in the accident?

In Home Department, we have Fire Department in Saiha. While they service is count as of much helpful in some incidents, they also faced much criticism. The reason is that they sometimes fail to store enough waters in times of need as the tanker of fire ambulance is not able to store enough water to put out the fire, it takes some hours to refill it from some distant places. Is there a way to provide the department with a larger tank at the station?

Within my constituency, there is a village which the immigrants from Myanmar used it as doorway to Mizoram. The climate there is extremely hot as it is situated in an extreme corner where MAP and MPRO are placed. It would be

appreciated if some staff-quarters and latrines are provided. Last year, some were constructed from MLA fund but could not be cover as a whole. Pu Speaker, we are now having 5 Nos. I.R Battalions and it would be much appreciated if one is put within my constituency. In addition, I.R. Battalion being deployed to other states stays more than two years exceeding the time originally specified. What is the reason? Is the term for the deployment outside is being extended?

On Demand No.38, Rural Development, I want to make one request, Pu Speaker. In any execution of work under BADP or IAY, it would be appreciated if a copy list of work orders and its working agency be furnished to each concerned MLA. Regarding distribution of roofing materials to rural areas, I request concerned minister to give us two or three quotas so that we may be able help those who have been sidelined by the ruling party.

Next, Demand No.33, Soil & Water Conservation, while concentration to plantation of rubber is given by the government, I request concerned minister to include my constituency also as there are numbers of families who are engage in the plantation on their own interest. Regarding coffee plantation, the one at Tuipang 'L' is being left unattended as Soil Division there does not function anymore. How will the government deal with this plantation?? Is there a plan to hand-over this to someone?

On Demand No. 37, Co-operation, I opine extension of the term of Board of Directors is a good decision. As of the budget allocation, the amount falls down to ₹303 lakh as it is much regretted since there are many poors who rely upon co-operatiion. May the government reconsider the case? Thank you.

SPEAKER : We will now take recess and discussion will be resumed at 4:30 p.m.

4:30 p.m

SPEAKER : To resume our discussion, may I invite Pu R. Selthuama.

Pu R. SELTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, I will go to Home Department first. I opine that our Police deserve credit in maintenance of peace in our state. While this is the case, there are youths who regular make noises in some corners of the street or localities as the police service is much needed in such situation.

Coming to Rural Development, approach has been made to the department for fund provision for construction of Community Hall in two localities within my constituency. However, we are informed that fund for this purpose is stop and we again turned to UD & PA for the same purpose but our demand could not be fulfilled. Pu Speaker, I support the distribution of roofing material to the poors and it

will be much appreciated if the practice is continued. When attending a meeting of plan discussion at New Delhi with some officials, we have shown our schemes to the officials from other states as their attention were drawn so much that they would also apply for the same particularly of distribution of water tank. I am happy to learn that ₹400 lakh is allocated under this scheme. Apart from this Pu Speaker, I would like to mention that a provision of daily wages through NREGA is a blessing for many of us. However, it appears that this brings idleness to many of concerned families and is much regretted. Hence, we have to find a way to improve the system. Regarding the material component, it is regretted as its affected co-operation among numbers of Village Councils. The process may be simplified if machineries are deployed to do the work as it will further expedite the work.

On Revenue Department, Cadastral Survey is done in my locality a short time ago as it was perplexing to see that a measuring tape remain in use in the process. Is there a way to introduce more advanced instruments to avoid mistake? Apart from the problem of land disputes, there are times when order of High Court and the Revenue clashes in which the verdict of the High Court stands on description of the boundary while the Revenue department based on measurement of land. Hence, it is necessary for us to amend the Land Acquisition Act so that it is suitable for our state instead of using the existing Land Acquisition Act, 1894.

To conclude my speech, I want to point out regarding the implementation of NLUP in Soil Department. It is much appreciated that those beneficiaries who opted brooms cultivation becomes successful with their line of trade. I opine it is suggestive if the majority chose this trade since it is inexpensive as brooms plantation goes well with our climatic condition. Thank you.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, I first of all have to make a request to all the ministers to prioritize any problem concerning the constituency of the hon'ble Speaker as it is inconvenient for him to mention in the House.

Last year we passed the budget for meeting expenses of every department. As such, we are expecting to see the outcome through work performances and work programmes unless it is difficult for the members to support passing of the demands. I appreciate those departments who produce work performance and work schedule for it reflects efficiency of its concerned ministers as well as the officials respectively. I believe the departments who are not able to produce the said would request lumpsum fund to meet their expenditure.

To start from Fisheries Department, it is known to us that our main problem lies with Public Sector Undertakings (PSU). While we are expecting a resourceful income from them, most of the undertakings failed miserably that they are not able to produce even for the salary of their own staffs. However, since privatization, Fisheries Department with ZOFISHFED under its wing is functioning normally and makes a good profit. I think that we have to give them special consideration in the distribution of funds. While ₹300 lakh is allotted to ZOFISHFED,

about ₹270 lakh remain unreleased. What is the reason? It is necessary that we release the fund as soon as possible to avoid increase of our GSDP.

On Excise, work achievement of the department is quite impressive due to coordination of the CYMA and CADS. Due to their efforts, many lives were saved by seizing of drugs and destroy it consequently. Hence, I think it is inadequate to put ₹5 lakh only for Secret Service. I also felt that if the department seeks more resources to help them controlling the free flow of drugs as it will certainly be much appreciated mostly by concerned parents. If the need arise, I suggest that pull fund is made available when R.E. is prepared. I opine this is the real performance budget as it reflected their actual performances.

There are certain members who are concerns for the Boundary Committee since it is formed for the first time. Border fencing work is started since 2005 with 4 Nos. of contractors with whom the government lose its interest for failing the terms & conditions laid down for the construction. This later brought problem to concerned people in the border areas as there are many households and lands which lies outside the proposed fencing line as no more space would be available for the animals to roam freely. Thus, a memorandum is submitted. This led to submission of memorandum but failed to wake attention of the then Chief Minister. Now, we have to start a new but could not make out at present how to deal with the work-done. It may be better if it is dismantled and make a fresh start.

To move on to Soil Department, 3,000 families are targeted for Rubber plantation under NLUP out of which 657 families have already received the fund and the remaining 2,343 families may be given before their term is over. ₹30 crore is allotted for this purpose with one lakh to each beneficiary. However, only 550 stems were distributed at the rate ₹20/- and the total expenditure to each beneficiary is ₹11,000/-. It is learned that the supply work is given to Silchar Rubber Nursery of Balacherra without inviting quotation. Survival rate of the plants is 60% which means that about 40% may die as planting is done. If so, why not acquired the supply from Ngalchawm where the government is selling one polypot at the rate of ₹80/-? Obviously we are wasting ₹30 crore to nothing which happened to be of a serious case. Besides, Pu Speaker, while the proposed area for the plantation is along the National Highway from Lunglei to Silchar road but the plant is being issued without exemption. I opine it is a crime to select beneficiary without identifying first whether he or she is held from the cultivable area.

On Revenue Department, land lease issued to Bru Students' Association at Zonuam Berampu Veng is allegedly being planned for transfer near Old Age Home, Government Complex. However, But there was an objection from the Local Council of Government Complex and NGOs as families there are lives here for a long time with hopes that the occupied land may be allotted to them by the government. As such, I want to know whether the government insisted to lease the land to Bru Students' Association.

Pu Speaker, Land occupied by the Assam Rifles brought us continuous problem to deal with. The previous MNF Ministry passed a bill "The Mizoram (Restriction on use of Transfer Land) Act, 2002 and was gazetted. According to enclosure of the bill, there are 43 LSCs, 15 House Passes, 3 Department lands and 1 Garden LSC totaling to 62 Passes within the said area. Obviously such passes were issued during 1970 to 1996 and I have no knowledge as to whether another pass is issued afterwards. The land is divided into 7 Blocks covering 20,50,929 Sq.metre and cancellation of such LSCs may be done if the government deemed necessary and no court can make any objection. It is further stated that Advisory Committee should also be set up. Did the government follow the prescription and whether any rules are made in this regard? If so, is the government ready to release it?

On Home Department, it is learned that Gorkhali community in Mizoram appeals to the government to put them in the OBC status. What is the decision of the government in this regard and how this will be dealt? Pu Speaker, I would also like to invite our Home Minister to visit the Sairang Police Station to witness the problem. Furthermore, I would like to know whether there is a plan for extension of fencing wall of prisons in Mizoram and reaction of the government in regard to setting up of SSA's Primary School at Buarchep, Phainuam by the government of Assam. This issue could not be ignored since it is of a serious matter.

Regarding the distribution of IAY, it is suggested in the last meeting that distribution should be done in the presence of the concerned villagers and MLA. I support the idea for the problem will be minimized as the right person will be able to receive the beneficiary. In order to fulfill this, the members should give our best support to the NGOs.

SPEAKER : 18 members have participated in the discussion. Let us now invite the hon'ble Minister for Home, Pu R. Lalzirliana to wind-up the discussion and to beg the house to pass his demands.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I am very grateful to my fellow members for participating in the discussion of my demands. While pointing out our weakness, they have delivered an encouraging speech for the betterment of each of the department which truly is appreciated.

Pu Chawngtinthanga has pointed out regarding Police building at Suangpuilawn and Khawlian and. I want him to know that there is plan to renovate this building as soon as possible. Regarding suggestion for distribution of fish-seeds, I found no reason why we cannot do as suggested as long as it concern improvement. He also pointed out regarding shortage of component compares to the previous years. The reason is that the State has to contribute 10% for material component where as 100 days employment scheme is of cent percent centrally sponsored. As such, we have to follow 60:40 while in the previous year ratio for the same was 80:20. This is done in order to preserve interest of concerned the people.

The hon'ble member Pu Lalthansanga asked the time for distribution of fish seed. Now is the time but from our past experience, we have an opinion that it will be more effective if the supply is given on subsidized. Under NLUP, beneficiaries are given in cash for purchase fish-seeds. Regarding the case of Rev. Chanchinmawia, as pointed by the member, we feared that the CBI only confirms what the Special Investigation Team found. As such, we cannot pursue the matter as we desire.

The hon'ble member Pu K. Lianzuala pointed out the problem faced by the contractor of Sainik Welfare School at Chhingchhip in connection with fund provision. The fund was released to PWD on 22nd June, 2012 and after going through necessary paper-works, fund will be released to concerned contractor for continuation of work. On Fisheries, there is an area where the cultivation is found to be profitable and we are planning to take up as soon as possible. The problem is that we cannot cover all the suggested areas but concentrate only on a few.

The hon'ble member Dr. R. Lalthangliana has pointed out regarding bus service to Secretariat Complex. Way back, we hired a bus at the rate of ₹28,000/- per month but it has now been stopped due to the problem of payment of hiring charge. Yet, we are still trying to resolve this problem. Besides, his suggestion to give out cash to fish-farmers is followed in some areas through NLUP. Apart from this, the department has to provide oxygen to such fish farms in order to help farmers achieved their occupation.

There is a suggestion for construction of Prison staff-quarters on which I would like to inform the House that this could not be made from fund provisions in hand yet, we may be able to cover it from ₹30 crore which is expected from NLCPR. On Police Department, questions have been raised regarding Life Insurance. I want the House to know that we insured life of each and every police personnel as we have even made negotiation with the Insurance Company to provide factor which is more benefitting to any insurer. Regarding TA/DA, we are unable to cover them all and in time of expected as most of the police works demands travelling which compels mounting of TA/DA. Regarding recruitment of MPRO, we are doing as the work demand it. Many were recruited in the previous ministry without advertisement as it was urgently needed. Regarding the question of Pu Hmingdailova of the recruitment of I.R. Police, we have been waiting for the approval as there are more than 500 vacant posts.

On Rural Development, suggestion is made that concern execution of material component. The suggestion is good yet; I opine the existing system also is good enough as it is executed following the rules. I regret that we cannot produce work performance and work programme in time as we received information late which further delayed us to produce it to the Govt. Press for printing. It is now kept in the Planning Office and we will try to deliver the xerox-copy to the members within the session. Pu Speaker, IAY is allegedly benefitted by some who do not deserve while families who actually deserved were being excluded. The advice of concerned MLA should be taken into account in selection of the beneficiary. Pu R. Lalrinawma

suggested that a committee should be formed which concern for the welfare of the people in urban area as in the High Power Committee and Sinlung Hill Development Committee. It is also important that we find a bypass route for Zokhawsang for the benefit of the cultivators in the surrounding areas.

Regarding the suggestion of Pu V.L. Robiaka which concern setting up of Police Out-post at Kanghmun, we have been receiving numbers of demand for the same as well as Police Beat Post but we cannot fulfill as yet. Hopefully, it may be fulfilled in the near future as the upcoming plan entails creation a new post etc. If we can do this, it will help us in reducing the expenditure on POL and other things. My answer also covers the question of Pu John Siamkunga relating to Thingsai Out-Post.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Pu Speaker, there is a Police station in Thingsai under which there is one check-gate which need improvement and not the Police Station.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, if that is the case, we will try to do it. Pu K. Lalrinthanga pointed out that he is not satisfied with the answer furnished by the SAD regarding question of the House Committee and I promise that we will be more careful in future. Pu C. Ramhluna pointed out the capacity of the Secretariat building which is said to be of less accommodative for all the staffs as some officers are said to have been works from home or their quarters. In this regard, construction of a new building is being proposed and will soon be started by PWD.

In Home Department, I am happy that some members pointed out the condition of I.R. at Saiphai, Phaisen and the lack of power supply for which we are trying to provide them with solar lighting as soon as possible. Pu Ramhluna also pointed out the important of placing a Police Battalion at Thingkah as we also know the importance as we are going to place 3rd IR Bn. shortly. He also allegedly stated that an agreement as being signed by the government with HPC 'D' in the last election. If so, may he read it out that agreement in the house, with your permission, Pu Speaker?

SPEAKER : As the hon'ble Minister approved to do so, he may now read out the agreement.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, this letter is from the HPC of their first meeting with Pu Lal Thanhawla ah his private residence at New Delhi on 15.7.2012. We have a discussion on two critical topics which concerns the unfinished agenda of the Hmar in Mizoram and the release of SPLA. Twice, we have settle down for discussion as we agreed that by discarding the MNF Party in the election and help the Congress-I to victory, our demands will be resolved under his ministry. This is a Quote from Pu Lal Thanhawla, the hon'ble Chief Minister: 'the largest NGO i.e. YMA opposes this issue from every corner as any party who assume the ministry will not go against YMA. As such, it will be very difficult to proceed with this issue'.

Secondly, while discussing the case of SPLA, he further stated that he will never trust Pu Hmingchungnunga as long as the world exists. We had another meeting in 2008, two months before the election at Imphal, Manipur at Nirmala Hotel, Thanggal Bazaar. The Congress-I was represented by Pu Lal Thanzara (younger brother of Pu Lal Thanhawla) and Pu J.C. Sengluaia. From HPD 'D' (I), Zosangbera and our President Pu Lalhmingthanga Sanate met the representative of the Congress-I. With my proposal, the two Presidents talked over the telephone to which a loud speaker was connected.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Pu speaker, if the discussion is termed as an agreement, let be it.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, there is still more and if they want me to read it out, I can do so. The one I read is of the 15th July and was signed by C. Hmar, Asst. Secretary.

Pu LAL THANZARA : Pu Speaker, you permitted to read it out which is not an agreement. Does the MNF made an agreement to be read out in the House? If so, may the Home Minister do so?

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, why not let him read it out so that I may be able to make a clarification?

Pu K.S. THANGA : Pu Speaker, please let the Home Minister read out the agreement between MNF and HPC.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, what I want to know is the meaning of this letter.

Pu LAL THANZARA : Pu Speaker, he is right, it is only a letter not an agreement.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, there is no Congress-I for a long time. Pu Speaker, may he give this for House property?

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, I can always give this for House property.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I am very happy that we are not only discussing the matter but are being read-out in this august House by the hon'ble member. I praise the member for his attitude.

Definitely, there was an agreement between the MNF Party and the HPC in 1994. It is stated in the Memorandum of Settlement, 1994, that "as passed by the MNF High Command and appeal made to the Prime Minister and taken up in the Assembly House, the government will, in-toto take step to make it successful." There is another agreement dated Aizawl, the 17th February, 1998 which stated that "the

HPC Demand Area will be included in the Sixth Schedule". This is of a serious matter and should be determined by the government very carefully.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, government under the previous Congress ministry promised to put the HPC Demand Area in the Sixth schedule. So, one should not point a finger to others in this matter. Let us all be cleared that our state needs a new face.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Thirdly, Pu Speaker, the Sinlung Hill Development Council Area will be taken care of as agreed by the Govt. of Mizoram and the HPC. Therefore, it does not make sense if there is an agreement to put the Demand Area in the sixth schedule as stated.

SPEAKER : Matter relating to the Sixth schedule is in the hand of the Parliament.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Home Minister give us the copy?

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, the government is supposed to have that copy or I can give out the copy tomorrow if insisted. At the time of the agreement, there was no HPC 'D' but only HPC. In the same manner, the then ministry who made a promise was Congress.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, it not fair as both parties signed the agreement without any intention to fulfill it. Therefore, we need a government that govern for the welfare of the Mizo people and strengthen our unity.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, there are many unfulfilled terms which are included in the agreement between the MNF and the Govt. of India. So, we will review cases relating to the agreement signed by the HPC and the government as necessary. Pu Speaker, this will be given to House property as desired by Pu C. Ramhluna. As of cultivation of prawn-seeds at Lengpui, it will be taken up when experts from Bombay are available. Before that, some will be purchased and which will be kept in some government-owned farms at the cost of ₹3 to ₹6 lakh.

On RD, it appears that only Pu Thawla and Pu Ramhluna appreciate the distribution of iron sheet roofing materials. While this is it, Pu Thawla asked for only 2 or 3 bundles (Pu P.P. Thawla : I made a mistake, it is for 3 quotas). I think he is too self-denying as our Finance Minister suggests that we give him 12 quotas if he needs it. So, we may give Pu P.P. Thawla and Pu Ramhluna to cover their needs.

Regarding the damage Ice Plant and Cold Storage, some of them are irreparable yet; the one at Bawngkawn after being repaired is now in a working condition as of Bikhawthlir and Kolasib are under repair. We also have to know that IWMP cannot be placed wherever we want. We have a work programme which

should be placed one at a time. Regarding PIA, it is due to shortage of staff in RD that we have to give them to other departments.

On Home Department, we have heard many complain regarding the condition of police housings. It is a fact that many quarters are not fit for renting and so need renovation. If possible, we are trying to cover as much as we can from the coming NLCPR funds. Besides, I want the hon'ble member Col. Z.S. Zuala to know that the existing staff of Home Guard being given comprises ex-servicemen.

The hon'ble member N.P. Chakma mentioned the important of Fisheries Department while self-sufficiency in fish supply has not yet been met. I want him to know that we are trying our best to attain it through NLUP.

Pu P.P. Thawla pointed out regarding unequal amount of grant issued as death gratuity to landslide victims of Darlawn and Saitual. While accident which occurred near Darlawn is of the fault of the driver, the one at Saitual is termed as of natural calamity and the cash given thereof could not be the same. Regarding lack of water in some tanks of Fire Ambulances, I want him to know that we recently allotted 2 new tanks to Siaha with a capacity of 4000 litres each. As of the placement of IR Bn. at Thingkah, it is underway and there is no time limit for the duration of posting of IR Battalion outside. Regarding BADP, I think there are committee members from his constituency including BRGF. I will also instruct the department to give a copy of work order to PD.

On fisheries, we receive ₹22 lakh out of ₹301 lakh has been received as 1st installment. After we spent the fund, we will submit Utility Certificate for the next installment. On Home, the question of whether to give OB status to Gorkhali community is the purview of the Cabinet which may be forwarded to central authority after carefully re-examined. Regarding extension of Jail fencing, there are many complaints but if it has to be extended, we have to do it from the foundation. As such, we have to give more though in this regard. As of he incident at Phainuam, it is under the police investigation so is not convenient to elaborate now in the House.

Regarding the selection of beneficiary of IAY, it is done by BDO, V/C, and in the past with NGOs. However, it is known that involvement of politic in the process creates many problems.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, it is passed in the district level that approval of the concerned members in the selection should be taken into account and should be done through public meeting. It seems that concerned minister is not willing to to implement the selection as as passed by the aforesaid committee.

Pu R.LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I can promise that we will take up this starting with the permanent wide list.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, we have a lot of discussion regarding IAY and mode of selection by Serchhip District Vigilance Committee. I

opine that the department should take more interest in the selection system as to make verification accordingly.

Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, it seems that the hon'ble minister is obliging to make a commitment. So, just before that, I have to state my opinion that the terms of the proposed system may seem to be good but not applicable to this context. If the selection has to be decided through public meetings, there will certainly be a clash of opinion from two different parties even for the selection of only two or more beneficiaries which will complicate the process. As such, I think the selection done by the Local Council is good enough for the present situation.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, we may accept the selection done through public meeting as the best for now and we will try to execute it the works with our best effort and we should not have to worry in this regard.

Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUIA: Pu Speaker, in Lunglei District we have a meeting under the chairmanship of our MP and conclude that selection done through public meeting is not good idea as it may cause disharmony among the public.

SPEAKER : That will depend on a particular area or villages. Let us continue with the discussion.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, this is taking so much time but bear it with me. This year, under MGNREGS, the Central give its approval ₹32,748.65 lakh for 100 days employment with matching share of ₹2,533 lakh. We are going to have enough funds for development works and for 100 days employment in every district and transparency is expected in every works done through this fund and in order to maintain transparency, social audit is done twice a year. The Central Government has even made an extension to the 2,000 schedule works rules of NREGS in order to help concerned families achieving their respective fields of occupation such as cultivation of cash crops and farms. Besides, there is an intention to set up BNRGSK house in every V/C area.

In IAY, fund allocated for housing increases to ₹48,500/- and ₹15,000/- for improvement of the same. In this regard, matching share of the State government is 9:10. In 2012, we received ₹1261.53 lakh against our target to achieve 2,332 Nos. housings out of which 3,227 Nos. housing is being completed that is 138.38%. This year, we are expecting to receive ₹1172.84 lakh from the Central and ₹220.23 lakh is allotted under Plan fund where as our target is 2,687. Besides, IWDP project has now been completed and is now replaced by IWMP which is now underway. To start the project, there are certain phases such as preparatory phase, work phase and consolidated phase and we are now in a preparatory phase and project works will soon be started. The State government put ₹500 lakh of matching share.

Besides, we have SGSY the main objective of which happened to be poverty alleviation. In order to fulfill this, National Rural Life Mission is introduced

in Mizoram and ₹470 lakh is put under annual action plan where matching share will be ₹47 lakh. For the year 2012-13, ₹281 lakh is being approved as districts such as Kolasib and Serchhip are being selected for implementation of the project. This scheme is made for 7 years. In addition, we have a new scheme called the North East Rural Livelihood in which the funding is of cent percent central. Under this scheme, the Ministry of North Eastern Region in coordination with World Bank will work to provide a permanent source of income to the under-privileged in the rural areas. Under DRGF, development funds in favour of the 2 districts such as Lawngtlai and Saiha are being increased as ₹200 lakh is being set-aside for capacity building. In BADP, we are working in 16 blocks with cent percent central funding. For this year, we received ₹4,017 lakh and work execution will be inspected by a third party. To that effect, Consultancy Firm is being deployed to do the inspection. Apart from these funds, we have a NEC funded project under which the project of Irrigation and Flood Control Project at the cost of ₹432.16 lakh is in progress at Ngopa. We hope to finish this by 2013.

Pu Speaker, we have been planning to purchase 6 Nos. Gypsy vehicle as per work demands under certain BDOs of Rural Development Department. In this regard, I would like to inform the House there is particular sources for purchase of such vehicles but thanks to the practice of systematic use of fund by the department, we are able to make contribution from various blocks.

SAD, being a newly department under my concern, I supposed it is of a large department. Under SAD, there are 62 departments and 82 Personal Branches comprising of 1,204 Nos. staffs. The department concerns dealing from electrical appliances to stationery including medical expenses. As such, most of the staffs are working in very congested rooms as a separate room could not be provided to many officers. The 13th Finance Commission gives us fund provision amounting to ₹2,000 lakh for construction of additional Secretariat building and PWD will undertake the construction. The department somehow is able to manage itself only with 91 vehicles out of which 27 are more than 10 years in service.

On Home Department, we all have experienced a peaceful atmosphere during Christmas and New Year as displaying fireworks was prohibited. I convey my thanks to the public for their obedience to the government order and much as well to the NGOs and Police forces without whom the aforesaid will not be achieved. As already pointed out, the 3rd, 4th and 5th IR Bn. Headquarters will be placed at Lawngtlai District, Sakawrtuichhun and Rengdil. Construction of the buildings will be taken up by TCIL as we hope to receive the fund immediately. Regarding Mizos Refugees at Saikhan of Tripura, unlike other refugees who fled their camp on their own wishes, were forced out of their households and plantations. To that concern, there was a plan to recompensate such families but unfortunately could not be achieved during the last 10 years ruling of MNF. As for this ministry, approach has been made to the central to compensate the same as we have taken a risk to make a payment of ₹75,000/- to each as 1st installment from the provision received for repatriation of Tuikuk refugees. We later received the fund as demanded and will be given to concerned families who have scattered in different places such as

Zampuitlangdung, Zawlnuam, and Champhai. Those resides in Zampuitlangdung will be compensated by the government of Tripura.

On equipment of Police, we have signed an agreement with BSNL to link all Police stations with internet in order to access Crime & Criminal Tracking Network System (CCTNS). The first important work for CCTNS is selection of Assistant Integrator for which an agreement was signed with MS Waltra Pvt. Ltd. on 29.3.2012. In this, we are one of the best participants in India and I thank the Police personnel for this. Apart from this, we have a plan to equip our Police forces with modern weapons like Call M4 carbine as approval has already been obtained for purchase of 200 Nos. Besides, Heckler & Coach MP5 and A3 of 9 mm guns of 18 Nos. will soon be purchased. Not only these, Pu Speaker, as a replacement of carbine Sten gun, we have obtained permission for purchase of Bereta MX4 from BSF. Besides Pu Speaker, there is a plan for purchase of certain number of Sniper guns.

Regarding the deployment of of IR Bn. Outside Mizoram, the 3rd IR Battalion are deployed in Assam in January, 2010 and they remain there till date. In addition, the 5th IR Bn. are also deployed in Manipur and Uttar Pradesh for election duty.

The 13th Finance Commission gives us ₹31 crore for construction of 24 Police Stations and Outposts and plan has been made to start work. I also want to inform Pu Lalrinliana Sailo that we are going to include plans for Zophai and Phaisen. Construction of Mizoram Police headquarters too is underway as Tele-Communication Consultant India Limited is being selected to take up the contract works which comprises construction 3 Battalion Headquarters and the Police Headquarter and will be funded by the Central Government.

The establishment of Forensic Science Laboratory has now becomes successful as we have a new office building at New Capital near the office of DRDA. The demand for the posts of Asst. Director which deals with fingerprint, photography, lie-detection, cyber forensic, and DNA is under consideration as 4 new posts of Scientific Officer will also be created. To add a few points on Fire Department, the post of S.S.O. is being filled up through MPSC as 2 posts of S.O. posts through promotion. We have also constructed staff-quarters as well as repairing in various places. With fund provision of ₹30 crore from the 13th Finance Commission for reinforcement of the department, we will construct Fire Station at the entrance of New Secretariat and at ITI. We will also build 4 Nos. Type-II quarters at Armed Veng and Champhai respectively.

As already stated, construction of Sainik School at Chhingchhip is underway at the cost of ₹100 crore. Now, 1st installment is being released and the executing agency will be Hindustan Prefed. Ltd. Regarding Prison, We have received ₹20 crore from the Finance Commission which will be utilised for renovation as well as reconstruction of the existing Jails. This year, we are trying to open District jail at Serchhip as we have opened the same at Lawngtlai recently. Step has also been taken for upgradation of the status of Home Guard.

In Police, our budget is ₹442 crore which is not flexible to cover our needs. We have a shortage in medical expenses as well as TA/DA. WE also consume a lot of POL as we have to do spot verification in every complaint made through the Police Station. In fact, we have more field works than desk job. As Home department is the image of Mizoram, we have to work harder amidst many criticisms.

Lastly, regarding HPC 'D', we didn't even term them as an insurgent group as we first came into power since they did not make any trouble. However, as time goes by, they started causing some troubles by demanding money etc. from some Village Councils and the local people within Hmar area. They have eventually made an objection against YMA, the most respected NGO in Mizoram to form within Hmar inhabited areas. Since the government take their action against YMA quite seriously, the Chairman, Army Chief, and Dy. Army Chief of HPC 'D' with a hope to end insurgency but it does not stop their movement. Hence, the government decided to take further action as the situation demanded. Pu Speaker, it is the desire of the government to prevail peace in the Hmar inhabited area as development works cannot be taken up due to disturbances caused by the said Group. Today, we put ₹300 lakh for Sinlung Hill Development Council which concern development of Hmar people. Besides, ₹3 crore of RKVY has also been allocated for Hmar people. As such, we appeal to the volunteers to disband their arms and come home to support their family. The government is always already to help them in setting up their livelihoods through NLUP or other means.

I thank to all the members for your perseverance. Pu Speaker, I move the following demands under my concerned departments for favor of passing by the House, such as: -

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No.11	Secretariat Administration	₹71,51,39,000.00
No.16	Home (including Prison)	₹442, 24,58,000.00
No.35	Fisheries	₹24,23,73,000.00
No.38	Rural Development	₹127, 40,73,000.00
	TOTAL	₹665, 40, 43,000.00

SPEAKER : As the Minister has wound-up the discussion and beg the House to pass his demands, we will take vote. Those who are in favour of pass the Demand Nos.11, 16, 35, and 38 may say 'ayes'. As we all are in favour, this House has passed the following Demands: -

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Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Thank you Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Let us now invite Pu J.H. Rothuama to wind up the discussion and ask the permission of the House to pass his demands.

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, it is difficult to react to each point mentioned by the members but I have to try my best to cover as much as possible.

I will start from Land Revenue department. We are all aware of the shortage of the department in dealing with the existing problems which have been piled up since the previous years particularly of duplicity of land passes or leases. Measure which has been taken to resolve the problem is the introduction of land reforms which concern with solid infrastructure. Collection of tax revenue happened to be the main problem due to shortage of staff as work cannot be completed in time. As such, it is decided to empower the BDOs, SDOs and DCs as the District Collectors and we have assigned a revenue village for the convenient of public concern and to speed up the process of tax collection.

We are in the process of preparing the Land Reform Bill, 2011 on which I regret to say that it takes much time due to requirement of intensive research and study. We have invited our senior IAS and expert pensioners from the Law Department to draft the Bill and the Expert Committee examines Land Reform Bills of the past as well as suggestions made by NGOs, private and other organizations. I was hoping to introduce the Bill at this session but could not be done as yet due to shortage of time and we have to wait for the next session.

We also need to provide at least one Surveyor to assist the assigned BDOs and SDOs to speed up the process of tax collection and land survey as well but we are not able to fill up the vacant posts as yet. Our surveyors work intensively so as to plot the land and they are further assigned to take up survey work of Lunglei District this year and Serchhip District by the following year. For this purpose, we have received ₹549.76 lakhs from the Central with a matching share of ₹32 lakhs for the state government. We are asking for another ₹359.55 lakhs for the survey of Serchhip District by the next year with a matching share of ₹37 lakhs which is also included in the budget.

Land acquisition of the Assam Rifle cannot be expedited but the hon'ble House Leader is much concern for the case and the private landholdings will therefore be cancelled when the Assam Rifle vacated the place.

We have another land disputes with the Army such as of the Vairengte Jungle Warfare Training Centre in which is extremely embarrassing to see numerous fake land passes for want of compensation. There are court cases in pending and as the hon'ble Chief Minister suggested, we should not involve ourselves with such scams. We are hoping to resolve the case very soon. In the meantime, there are people who are found guilty in such cases but insisted to an appeal to the court.

SPEAKER : They did not only file the case, the court is indecisive and the cases therefore are being kept in pending for over 10 years which happened to be our main drawback for development.

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA, MINISTER : That is exactly why the cases cannot be expedited. It would certainly be possible to speed up the process but that doesn't necessarily mean that we can make the compensation payment or our debts. Therefore, we need to pace ourselves in order to avoid further complications and errors.

Pu Speaker, the process of land acquisition takes meticulous care as we have hundreds of land passes including plicate passes that requires careful examination. In any case, it falls to us to uphold our integrity and honesty. Fake passes creates mounting problems as payment of compensations are due which is quite a hindrance to legal process.

We have often discussed acquisition of land at Mualkhang which further indicates our loss of integrity for personal gains. The two passes overlapped each other as we are unable to make conclusion for a long time. Even when we finally reluctantly accepted their documents, the Central refused to pay the funds and nothing can be done about it.

SPEAKER : It is my constituency and it is a fact that filing of compensation cases in court has immobilized all their assets and they can do nothing about it.

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA, MINISTER : Moving on to Demand No. 7, Excise, I am deeply impressed by the efficiency and exhaustive work done by our Excise personnel. Since the MLTP Act is enforced in our state, most of the workforces are concentrated on prevention of bootlegging and drug smuggling.

We have 97 vacant posts which we are unable to fill up as yet. Even so, we have a good cooperation with the NGOs which eases much of the burden of the department. We do not have plan fund like other departments and hence our efficiency is very much hindered by our lack of financial assistance. At the same time, the government has taken intensive steps to improve the department as the abandoned project of construction of Commissioner's office has now been resumed; the inspectors are promoted to gazette status and owing to the efforts of the Commissioner and Secretary, we have received highly advanced equipments from the US which will be extremely useful in the future.

Regarding Champhai Winery, we have tried to lower the price following the general sentiment of the consumers but the producers demanded to maintain with the original price. But since the product could not be sold as much as expected by the producers, they again demanded to lower the price and to exempt them from VAT and Excise duty. After examining the case, we decided to increase the VAT while the Excise Duty is cut to half to lower the price. But the market is still

falling down considerably which caused us to advise them to improve the quality of their product. We have issued permit to 2 persons to set up new winery under the NLUP with the hope to create a sense of competition among them.

We have set up a study group to assess the situation as it has been 15 years since introduction the MLTP Act in our state. However, as I have mentioned, Excise is a small department with a few funds to spare which limits our resources as well as efficiency. We were given ₹5 lakhs at the beginning of our Ministry which was utilized to the fullest for assisting the NGOs and the VCs and we are requesting another package of assistance from the government since it is not enough.

Coming to Soil & Water Conservation, Demand No.33, this is a department with huge potential as it is now being tied up with the NLUP undertakings. Among the plantations selected for the NLUP beneficiaries, rubber shows high prospect of success as it has a high rate of survival and found to be suitable in most of the regions of our state. The Industry department met with a small problem in the beginning due to increasing number of beneficiaries but is now able to cope with the situation as poly-bags and the plants will soon be distributed to all the beneficiaries.

As of Broom cultivation, it is in tune with our Mizo tradition as it can be harvested in a short period of time and there is nothing to worry about the marketing of the products.

Pu Speaker, the Coffee Board has keen interest in coffee plantations in Mizoram as we have several ideal places for the plantations and I am told that it can even be planted along with rubber plantations. We have made an approach to the Ministry of Urban Development for fund provisions for construction of District Offices and hopefully we may receive the sanction sooner or later. The Coffee Board has also made recommendations for supply of coffee seeds which further indicates that we will do away with letting random contractors get involved in the supply as in last year.

In regard to Demand No.37, Cooperation, considering numbers of co-operative society at the state and the district level, our budget which is barely ₹10 crores seems to be less sufficient. The state level cooperative society is increasing within the last few years with enormous profits in the process. The highest earners such as Apex Bank and the MIZOFED generates transaction of over ₹100 crores which is indeed, quite reassuring.

Cooperative society is essential as it is an integral instrument for the economic development. Realizing the importance, any advanced state gives priority to improvement of co-operative society. We have even included in our party manifesto that we would set up a Cooperative Development Council and to achieve it, we need to amend the Cooperation Act by introducing a new set of rules. The rules are being prepared as we discussion about it and will be finalized shortly.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, we have heard a rumor that case as being filed in connection with land disputes at Bawngkawn. Does the minister have anything to say in this regard?

SPEAKER : That is not a subject of our business.

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA, MINISTER : It is not appropriate to discuss the matter now. Anyway, the performances of the societies are acceptable and in some cases even impressive with the amount of profits they have earned. I would like to inform the House that we expect from the central, an amount of ₹20 crores to strengthen the cooperatives out of which the state has already sanctioned ₹2 crore of its matching share of 10%. So, Pu Speaker, I request the House to pass the following Demands of the departments under my concern, such as: -

Demand Nos.	Department	Budget Amount
No.6	Land Revenue & Reforms	₹21,23,22,000.00
No.7	Excise & Narcotics	₹20,25,58,000.00
No.33	Soil & Water Conservation	₹59,96,74,000.00
No.37	Cooperation	₹13,12,69,000.00
TOTAL		₹114,58,23,000.00

Thank you.

SPEAKER : The hon'ble Minister, after winding up the discussion and has begged leave of the House to pass the Demands of the departments under his concern. All those who are in favour say 'yes'. This House has unanimously passed the following Demands of the departments under his concern, such as: -

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We have concluded our business for today and sitting will be resumed tomorrow, the 27th 7, 2012 (Friday) at 10:30 a.m

(Sitting is adjourned)

**SIXTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MIZORAM
(ELEVENTH SESSION)**

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR NINTH SITTING ON FRIDAY, THE 27th JULY, 2012
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)

QUESTIONS

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

LAYING OF PAPER

2. **Pu C. RAMHLUNA** to lay on the Table of the House a copy of Statement of Action taken on Action Taken Report of Public Accounts Committee.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

3. **Pu C. RAMHLUNA** to present to the House the Eighteenth Report of Public Accounts Committee on the Report of Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the year 2007-2008 relating to Health & Family Welfare Department.
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FINANCIAL BUSINESS

DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS

5. **Pu LALSAWTA**, Minister to submit to the Vote of the House Various Demands under his charge.
6. **Pu NIHAR KANTI**, Minister to submit to the Vote of the House Various Demands under his charge.
7. **Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA**, Minister to submit to the Vote of the House Various Demands under his charge.

NGURTHANZUALA
Secretary

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SPEAKER : Train a child in a way that he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it. (Proverbs 22:6)

We will begin with the Question Hour. Let us invite Pu R.L. Pianmawia to ask Starred Question No.141.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Will the hon'ble Minister for Power & Electricity Department be pleased to state: –

- a) Is there any plan to resolve shortage of J.E. in the P&E Department?
- b) What have the government done to speed up works under RGGVY?
- c) What is the estimate amount for RGGVY? How much has been spent so far and how much is left?

SPEAKER : The concerned minister, Pu Lal Thanhawla, the hon'ble Chief Minister is absent. Let us call Pu R. Lalzirliana, hon'ble Minister to answer on his behalf.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, there is indeed an attempt to fill up the 44 Nos. vacant post of JE as permission of the government is being seek.

Contractors are constantly urged to expedite the work where as the amount estimate is ₹26,765.580 lakhs. Up until the 31st May, 2012, ₹22,904.50 lakhs has been spent with ₹3,886.08 lakhs remaining.

SPEAKER : Next, starred Question No.142 and Pu K. Liantlinga to ask.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for Disaster Management & Rehabilitation be pleased to state: –

- a) Number of families affected by the natural disasters during 2011-2012 (in district-wise)
- b) Amount of funds spent by the government for assistance (in district-wise)

SPEAKER : The hon'ble Minister, Pu Nihar Kanti to answer the question.

Pu NIHAR KANTI, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, families affected by natural disasters during 2011-2012 (in district-wise) are as shown belows: -

Sl. Nos.	District	Nos. of family
1	Aizawl	113
2	Lunglei	170
3	Saiha	186
4	Lawngtlai	508
5	Champhai	389
6	Kolasib	254

7	Serchhip	104
8	Mamit	372
TOTAL		2,096

The government spent the following amount from Relief & Rehabilitation to the following districts: -

Sl. Nos.	District	Amount spent
1	Aizawl	₹8,65,000.00
2	Lunglei	₹26,53,000.00
3	Saiha	₹13,93,000.00
4	Lawngtlai	₹40,25,500.00
5	Champhai	₹29,50,500.00
6	Kolasib	₹47,53,000.00
7	Serchhip	₹12,00,000.00
8	Mamit	₹19,97,375.00
TOTAL		₹1,98,37,875.00

SPEAKER : Supplementary questions from Pu K. Liantlinga and then Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, I would like to know how much is in hand and how much is the unspent balance for each district. How much is spent for the purchase of silpauline and polytarpauline? What is the rate?

The tender invited 120, 140 and 160 even though GSM-70 and 90 are commonly used. Does the department intend to buy all such qualities?

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, the rubber boat provided to us for saving of drowns is too big. May the concerned minister provide 2/3 persons carrier boat? Also, the diving gear being provided is of incomplete set as some parts are missing and hence unusable. May the department provide a complete set so that it is used as purpose?

SPEAKER : Next, Pu Lalthansanga.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, may the department provide search & rescue equipments in the water hazard areas or to each district?

SPEAKER : The hon'ble Minister to answer the questions.

Pu NIHAR KANTI, MINISTER : I am regretted for not being able to provide balance of the amount of fund this time. In any case, I do not believe that we have much balance anymore. We spent approximately ₹3/4 crores on silpauline every year and we have a specific approved rate for the supply. I am aware of the concerns of both the hon'ble members and I will see what we can do about it.

SPEAKER : Let us invite Pu C. Ramhluna to ask Starred Question No. 143.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for Labour Employment and Industrial Training Department be pleased to state: –

- a) How many members are enlisted under The Mizoram Building & Other Construction Welfare?
- b) How many Mizos are there?
- c) What are the benefits provided under the welfare?
- d) How many have availed the benefits?
- e) How much fund has been collected under the 1% donation from the established contractors?

SPEAKER : Pu Lalrinliana Sailo, the hon'ble Minister may answer the question.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer is: -

- a) 513 members.
- b) 509 members are Mizos.
- c) 17 members have availed the benefits.
- d) 1% collected from concerned contractors amounting to ₹5,56,07,981.

The answer to c) indicates that if a member dies while in service, he will be given ₹15,000/- as ex-gratia. If he met with an accident while at work, he may be given ₹50,000/-. If he became invalid due to accident, he will be given upto ₹2,500/-. If the member is hospitalized, he may receive ₹300/- for 5 days from the day of admission and ₹50/- for the rest of his stay upto ₹10,000/- total. If the member is involved in an accident away from the place of his duty, he may avail ₹20,000/-. A woman may be given ₹2,000/- when she gives birth and if she has been a member for at least a year. If a person has been a member for a year, their children may receive a tribal scholarship for their higher education after passing HSLC. If the student obtains the highest mark in a district at the HSSLC level, he/she may be given ₹3,000/- as incentive. The school admission fee of 2 of the member's children will be provided. ₹1,000/- can be availed for taking care of the corpse of the member if he dies. When a member has less than 15 years till his pension, he may be loaned upto ₹50,000/- at minimal interest for construction of a house. If a member registered himself for 3 years and if he has not attained the age of 55 may avail a loan upto ₹10,000/- for purchase of equipments to help his work, at minimal interest. Pu Speaker, to avail all these benefits, the employee must register himself at a fee of ₹25/- and must deposit ₹10/- every month which will be given back at the time of his pension.

SPEAKER : Supplementary questions from Pu Lalduhoma, Pu Lalthansanga and Pu C. Ramhluna.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, this really is a good Welfare but we have very little awareness. May the department organize awareness campaigns especially in the rural areas?

Pu LALTHANSANGA : I would like to advise the department to use the VCs as the nodal agents and the rules may be translated in Mizo version. Are the members mostly from Aizawl district?

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : How is it that I am not aware of the Welfare before when Pu Duha's constituency has already availed the benefits? I want to know the bank where they deposit the fund and would it be necessary to obtain permission from the Aizawl centre if the benefits are to be enjoyed in the villages? Are certificates necessary to avail the benefits?

SPEAKER : The hon'ble Minister to answer the answer.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, we are a small department and this Welfare is a practically new venture for us. I understand the concerns of the members and would like to assure them that we are doing our best to encompass the people as much as possible.

The awareness campaigns will certainly be made in the future but as of now, we are setting ourselves up and there is much to do in the establishment itself. That is actually why other districts are unaware of the Welfare.

The funds are being deposited in the State Bank of India and yes, death certificates, etc are required to avail the benefits of the Welfare.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalduhoma may ask starred Question No. 144.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Will the hon'ble Minister for Power & Electricity Department be pleased to state: -

- a) When will the electrification of Tualpui under the RGGVY be completed?
- b) How many poles are put up?
- c) Is it completed at this time?
- d) When will the electrification of Melriat - Phunchawng under the RGGVY be completed?
- e) What is the situation, now?

SPEAKER : Pu R. Lalzirliana to answer the question.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, my answer is: -

- a) It was estimated to be completed by August, 2012 but it seems impossible since there were problems which hindered the work.
- b) 35 poles are put up among which 6 are 11Kv lines and 25 LT lines.
- c) It is not yet completed.

- d) The Melriat-Phunchawng line will be started whenever the quantity variation is received. e) No work has been done at this time.

SPEAKER : Pu John Siamkunga to ask starred Question No.146 since Pu B. Lalthlengliana is not here to ask Question No.145.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Will the hon'ble Minister for Power & Electricity be pleased to state: -
When will the Tuirial Hydel Project be completed?

SPEAKER : As the concerned Minister is not present, we shall invite Pu R. Lalzirliana to provide the answer.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : The project is estimated to be completed by 2014.

SPEAKER : Dr. R. Lalthangliana is absent; so we will move on to Starred Question No.148 to be asked by Pu C. Ramhluna.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Will the hon'ble Minister for Higher & Technical Education Department be pleased to state-

- a) Whether notification has already been issued for setting up a separate establishment for the Mizoram Scholarship Board?
- b) If so, when?
- c) Who is the Secretary of the Board?
- d) Is he an officer in the Higher & Technical Department? If so, what is his position in the seniority list?

SPEAKER : Let us invite Pu Lalsawta, Minister to answer the queries.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu speaker, my answer is: -
a) The Board has been put in a separate establishment under the Higher & Technical Department.
b) The notification was issued on the 16th February, 2010.
c) Dr. R. Rualthansanga is the Secretary.
d) Yes, he is. He is 97th in the seniority list.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Has the government decided to proceed with the centralization scheme?

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : The centralization of scholarship is put into effect for some time now. Since we have to deal with some adjustments, we hope to be able to function regularly from the next year. Some departments are excluded from the centralization. We have appointed some experts who are not necessarily senior officers because we feel their input is more valuable. We feel the need to

encourage the use of scholarship instead of stipend since stipends do not have ceilings and it is expected to be of more effective on the Plan Fund.

SPEAKER : Pu K. Lianzuala to ask Starred Question No.149.

Pu K. LIANZUALA : Will the hon'ble Minister for Power & Electricity be pleased to state: -
What is the progress on Tuirial Hydel Project?

SPEAKER : Pu R. Lalzirliana, hon'ble Minister to answer the question.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : According to the progress report on January 2012, 62.01% has been completed.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalduhoma to ask starred Question No.150.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Will the hon'ble Minister for Higher & Technical Education Department be pleased to state: -

- a) What is the condition for the proposed location for establishment of the National Institute of Technology? When will the institution be moved in in?
- b) How many faculty members are there?
- c) Has the requirements of the hostellers been provided?

SPEAKER : Pu Lalsawta, Minister may react to the question.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : My answer is: -

- a) Pu Speaker, since it involves approval of the National Institute of Technology experts and the assistance of the Revenue & Settlement Department, the process could not be expedited yet land survey and demarcation has been done. Hopefully, it will be ready shortly.
- b) There are 3 branches of study with one faculty for each. There are 11 faculties in total.
- c) As far as my knowledge is concern, requirements of the hostellers are being met.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, I am unsure of the proposed location even though 5 years has passes since the establishment. I hardly believe we will be able to construct the buildings by the given period. The Mentor Institute of Nagpur has agreed to shoulder the responsibility of hosting the institute for 5 years and it is my opinion that we should accept their offer instead of hastening things here unsatisfactorily. Are you confident that you will be able to complete the construction within 5 years?

SPEAKER : Pu Lalsawta, Minister.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : This is a serious matter and we do not want our initial students to have bad records which might influence future students to opt for other institutes. However, it is the decision of the Ministry of Human Resource Development and all we can do is give them free land to set up the institute. We already have acquired necessary lands at Thenzawl and hence we paid no further attention to the land being offered at Lengpui.

SPEAKER : There was a pervading rumor that the people of Lengpui offered free lands before Thenzawl was proposed. Did the rumor never reach you officially?

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : All I have heard is from the newspapers and I have not seen any official documents pertaining to the offer of free lands at Lengpui. In any case, we have had bad experiences in the past about offers of free lands because the people would not permit construction even after signing an affidavit to give their lands, citing the example of Mizoram University. Furthermore, Lengpui is a town and I do not think there will be 300 acres of land that is required.

SPEAKER : When did this happen?

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : It was back in 1997-1998. As Lengpui is closer to Aizawl, it is the obvious choice for the officers but as the documents are almost cleared at this point.

SPEAKER : Did not the House Leader say that Thenzawl have bigger lands compare to Lengpui.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : They preferred Lengpui so much that they were willing to make allowance for 100 acres less than the 300 they stipulated. Meaning, they will allow the establishment even if there is only 200 acres.

SPEAKER : Are you concerned that there might not be that much land at Lengpui?

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : It does not necessarily mean that there is a deficit. It was just an emphasis on how much they wanted to set up the institute there.

We are not the only ones who are in a hurry to set up the institute, the central kept pressuring us to enable the institute to function and suggested renting houses until the constructions are completed. The members mentioned Nagpur but the central would not hear about it. Thank you.

SPEAKER : The members absent are Pu Lal Thanhawla, Pu B. Lalthlengliana and Pu S. Laldingliana.

We will now move on to Laying of Papers with Pu C. Ramhluna who will lay a copy of “Statement of Action Taken on Report of Public Accounts Committee.”

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I hereby lay, “Statement of Action Taken on Report of Public Accounts Committee relating to Taxation Department on the report of Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the year 2004-2005, 2005-2006 and 2006-2007.”

SPEAKER : The hon’ble member will now present “Eighteenth Report of Public Accounts Committee on the report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the year 2007-2008 relating to Health & Family Welfare Department” and the “Nineteenth Report of Public Accounts Committee on the Appropriation of Account for the years 2008-2009 & 2009-2010 (Express Expenditure).”

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, with your permission, I hereby lay on the table of the House, “Eighteenth Report of Public Accounts Committee on the report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the year 2007-2008 relating to Health & Family Welfare Department” and the “Nineteenth Report of Public Accounts Committee on the Appropriation of Account for the years 2008-2009 & 2009-2010 (Express Expenditure).”

The Eighteenth report is about the undertakings of Health & Family Welfare under the NRHM. The Health department has given comments on some of the paragraphs and neglected to do so in others. Therefore, the committee has examined the response of the department and felt it insufficient and requested for departmental evidence. While the department claimed that it has achieved 97% of its objectives on paper, the real achievement was considerably less than its claim. Based on the evidences, the committee thus made several recommendations which must be strictly observed by the department.

SPEAKER : We will now move on to Financial Business, we will discuss the demands of the hon’ble Ministers, Pu Lalsawta, Pu Nihar Kanti and Pu P.C. Lalthanliana. Let us invite Pu Lalsawta first to submit his demands first.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with the consent of the Governor and your permission, I hereby submit my demands such as: -

Demand Nos.	Department	Budget Amount
No.4	Law & Judicial	₹18,73,70,000.00
No.12	Parliamentary Affairs	₹45,00,000.00
No.21	Higher & Technical Education	₹59,96,74,000.00
	TOTAL	₹7,21,77,28,000.00

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Next, Pu Nihar Kanti.

Pu NIHAR KANTI, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with the consent of the Governor and your permission, I hereby submit my demands: -

Demand Nos.	Department	Budget Amount
No.30	Disaster Management & Rehabilitation	₹16,78,38,000.00
No.34	Animal Husbandry & Veterinary	₹1,19,52,35,000.00
No.41	Sericulture	₹24,46,55,000.00
TOTAL		₹1,60,77,28,000.00

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu P.C. Lalthanliana.

Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with the consent of the Governor and your permission, I hereby submit my demands such as: -

Demand Nos.	Department	Budget Amount
No.19	Local Administration	₹42,47,13,000.00
No.29	Social Welfare	₹67,47,64,000.00
TOTAL		₹1,09,95,77,000.00

Thank you.

SPEAKER : The Ministers have submitted their demands, now; we will begin our discussion with 10 minutes being to each member allotted. Let us start with Pu R. Lalrinawma, hon'ble member.

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. The law college has been taken up by the government now and we have many developments as a result. A separate building is being constructed for the college. The law department have very few staff members and officers which is a problem when Law Bills are to be passed in the House therefore, I beg you to extend them allowance for typos and other mistakes. The parliament has recently approved the establishment of 2 High Courts in the North East but very little headway has been made so far.

I think the Parliamentary Affairs Department should conduct more training because there could be misunderstandings between the departments that are supposed to work together simply because we have insufficient knowledge of rules and procedures.

The Education Department has made impressive strides towards development of education such as the Education Reform, for example. At the same time, I would like to convey the concerns of Zembawk Government High School whose English teacher was transferred to another school. They request the government to recall him to his former post. There are sometimes uneven

distributions of assistance under the Disaster Management Department based on the constituency, although their suffering is the same. I thank the Vety Department for constructing dispensaries where they are sorely needed while the Sericulture has also seen much progress in terms of construction of Sericulture Complex for better efficiency.

Pu Speaker, last year the LAD Minister answered my starred Question with, “The department is aware of the need for correcting the Sihphir Village Council boundary” but yet no progress has been made on that matter till today. I urge the hon’ble Minister to attend to this as soon as possible.

SPEAKER : Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte.

Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE : Pu Speaker, Education Department is a very important part of development even in the rural areas therefore, I would like to remind the hon’ble Minister to pay closer attention to the needs of the remote areas. Inspections are not carried as expected by the government and although our requirements are met gradually, the shortage of teachers is a huge problem and one of the biggest concerns of the village schools. I request the Minister to make note of this and take actions to provide sufficient teachers as quickly as possible.

I am pleased by the work done under the Disaster Management but I would also like to encourage them to work even harder since their service is needed everywhere within the state. I am glad they have upgraded their search and rescue equipments and increased their rehabilitation assistance to ₹1,50,000. I would also like to remind the hon’ble Minister that rescue equipments are also sorely needed at my constituency.

Under Animal Husbandry and Vety Department, I request the Minister to give us atleast one VFA because it is impossible to rear animals without having a VFA. Finally, I commend the works done by the LAD and the Social Welfare Department because they are the practical applications to the needs of rural areas. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalrobiaka.

Pu LALROBIAKA : I am happy that the Education Minister has realized the need for a change of system under education and while there may be some things that are unsatisfactory, it is my opinion that we should give them time to adjust to the new system. My colleague mentioned the shortage of teachers in the rural areas and I completely agree with him. There are some teachers who would not go to their appointed posts which poses a huge problem for the villages. I request the Minister to find a solution to eradicate this annoyance.

It is sad to hear about the students who are unable to receive their scholarships and teachers who went without pay for a stretch of 3 months. I hope the department will soon provide the necessary funds.

Although we often conduct trainings under the Parliamentary Affairs Department, we are still ignorant of the rules and procedures of the office. Thus, it is a must for each of us to give an effort to learn these procedures. The improvements I have seen under Disaster Management impresses me greatly as their works are especially appreciated in the rural areas.

The LAD is intimately involved in the everyday life of the people and their works include uncommon problems which is why I feel that their budget might be insufficient to accomplish their work efficiently.

In my capacity as the MLA of Mamit District, I would like to thank the hon'ble Minister for Social Welfare for providing us with funds under the MSDP because we are now able to address the problems of schools which we cannot hope to accomplish with the funds provided under the school education. They have built Girls hostels, Homes and given us nutrition programmes.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu K.S. Thanga.

Pu K.S. THANGA : I would like to request the hon'ble Minister for Education to provide Lungleng village with teachers because they do not have sufficient teachers to keep the school going. School at Sialsuk also does not have peon and LDC to take care of clerical works even though it is the examination centre. Schools at Sateek and Thiak village are at the risk of toppling over and they need quick assistance. Pu Deputy Speaker, I think the department should find a new way of employing teachers because the ones we have appointed so far only wants to work in the city which leaves a big problem for the villages.

I am deeply pleased by the progress made under the Vety Department which goes hand in hand with the NLUP. In spite of many allegations, the NLUP has been instrumental in the increase of livestock in the villages and very soon it will provide livelihood for many villagers.

Under the LAD, if you take a look at the Hmuifang Tourist Centre and Resort, the surrounding areas are being cleared and the trees are cut down to make way for new constructions. Taking the poor forest reserve of the state into account, it is very sad to see the trees being cut down as they are 100/200 years old. I have a VC pass there which some people advised me to surrender to the government but seeing how the precious trees are treated, I do not know if it is a good idea. In the same manner, the neighbouring villages are deeply concerned about this and I hope the hon'ble Minister will pay more attention to its development.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like the hon'ble Minister for Law to clarify why there is a recommendation to appoint a judge from outside the state in the High Court. Also, what is the reason for proposal to extend the service of the Law Secretary?

Under the Parliamentary Affairs Department, I am truly impressed by the efficiency of the Parliamentary Secretariat when we went for an orientation training there. I would like to know if we can make provisions to have a General Secretary in our state as well.

The Education budget has been increased considerably this year and the salary allocation has seen a marked increase. However, there are none of us from the rural constituencies who are satisfied with the condition of education. I do not blame the minister personally but there are hints that some people have more weight in the transfer and posting of teachers. It is our duty to serve the people of the state irrespective of their locations and postings should be done in proportion to the number of students in each school.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Your time is up but we still have 5 minutes before break. So, I will let you continue until then.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. It is good to see that the Disaster Management has increased the fund assistance for the victims of natural disasters. In the meantime, poly tarpaulins are too heavy and bulky for use and hence I would like to advise the hon'ble Minister to invite tenders depending upon the demand.

Moving on to Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Department, the government refused to recognize the dead cows under the NLUP as being dead due to epidemic disease and hence the farmers simply lost their benefits. I urge the government to rectify its mistake and compensate not only the NLUP beneficiaries but those farmers whose cows suffered the same epidemic. We are still awaiting the promised posting of a demonstrator in my constituency under Sericulture.

Regarding LAD, there is no provision for allotting House sites for the VCs at Biate and N. Vanlaiphai since we have been declared a town now. I hope the government will soon clarify how it will function under the Civil SDO.

I am not impressed by the budget allocation for the Social Welfare Department which works in direct relation with the people. This is a very precious department for the rural areas and I hope the government will quickly address their dilemma.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Our time has ended. The sitting will be resumed at 2:00 p.m. in the afternoon.

2:00 P.M.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : 5 members have participated in the discussion so far. We will begin the afternoon sitting with Pu Lal Thanzara.

Pu LAL THANZARA : Starting with Disaster Management, Pu Speaker, I also commend their works while I request the hon'ble Minister to allocate more funds for prevention of imminent disasters. Under Law & Judicial Department, the government extended the service of the Principal Secretary by 6 months which do not hamper the promotion chances of any incumbent. The government merely felt that his experience and expertise was still needed. Therefore, it is very sad that the MZP misunderstood the intention of the government.

Regarding Demand No.20, I would like to explain that the choices for the location of the NIT are not for the Chief Minister or the Education Minister to make. The central is the deciding force and we can only stand by and accept their decision.

The LAD often gives out housing loans for those who cannot afford to build a house of their own but I think we should provide bigger package of loans and lessen the beneficiaries if necessary because some people often avail loans which are insufficient to construct a proper house.

I am pleased with the works done by the Social Welfare Department especially their project of feeding the old and those who cannot look after themselves. I would like to advise the hon'ble Minister for Disaster Management to work in synchronization with the PWD to achieve a higher level of efficiency. Thank you.

Lt.Col. Z.S. ZUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to request the hon'ble Minister for Disaster Management to send experts to my constituency and find a way to prevent landslides and other imminent dangers. The officers of the department required to be alerted to the calamities and they should report themselves to the DC office whenever they go out on the field.

The Social Welfare Department has done much to assist the old and frail. I am pleased that they intend to construct a Bal Bhavan at ITI and although we receive funds for the construction of Anganwadi Centre, it is not sufficient for completion and I hope it will be increased in the future.

Under Demand No.19, LAD, I understand that 400 families are to receive the housing loan. I sincerely feel that the amount of loan should be increased to enable the poor to complete their house construction. Moving to Education, are there no inspections conducted to ensure the teacher-student ratio? I also hope that they will hold better technical entrance exam this year.

The department of AH & Vety has proposed to construct a slaughter house at my constituency for which I am very grateful. They have also taken huge steps in sericulture which I believe can have a deep impact on our economy.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu R.L. Pianmawia and then Pu Rinthanga.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to thank the Disaster Management Department for providing silpaulines and tarpaulins whenever it is needed. If they can provide us with motorboats and other rescue equipments, we would be extremely grateful.

Coming to Demand No. 34, I am pleased to witness the developments made under the department but still several steps to be taken. We have requested for a Dispensary at Sakawrdai and a Rural Animal Health Centre at Zohmun. I understand that it may be difficult to set up a Dispensary but I believe the government will be able to set up a rural animal health centre quite easily. I also request the Minister to give us chickens to start poultry farms in my constituency.

Under Demand No.41, the Darlawn Sericulture farm has been neglected for a long time with only one M.R. in attendance. I request the department to renew its undertakings there. In the meantime, I thank the department for allocating funds for the repair of its quarters.

I have plenty of reasons to be thankful to the LAD who practically work hand in hand with the people. The hon'ble Minister fortunately stopped the use of tender for rural works which is extremely beneficial for the people. I would also like to know if the VC wages could be raised a bit higher. I hope the departmental restructuring will be completed soon and that the Finance Department will release the amount needed for the purpose. I am also grateful that the old age pension has been increased and that more people are able to receive the benefits.

The Social Welfare Department has constructed a building and 14 Anganwadi buildings for which I would like to express my thanks. They have also sanctioned funds under the IDFV for 15 villages in my constituency. The former Ministry sanctioned ₹3 lakhs for road construction but it was not enough and I request the Minister to grant us the necessary amount to finish the construction. I also request the Minister to build a Nutrition Sub-Godown at Sakawrdai for more convenience.

I heard that there is a proposal to have a Gram Navolaya Court at Sakawrdai and I hope it will be established as soon as possible.

We have often submitted complaints against the Headmaster of Darlawn High School but no action has been taken so far. I would like to know why our complaints are not addressed. Is there any way for the private high schools to receive computers as the government high schools do?

Coming to Education, the department has constructed several buildings and provided us with the required number of Hindi Teachers but they were later transferred to other places without our consent and knowledge. Can you just appoint the teachers from our own area? The post of Director is temporary at best which is a hindrance to the administrative system. Can you make the post permanent in the future? The shortage of teachers may also be solved by converting the attaches to regular teachers. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Rinthanga.

Pu K. LALRINTHANGA : I would like to begin with an expression of thanks to the Social Welfare Department for creating the post of CDPO and giving us an office at my constituency. The Serlui village is now provided with an Anganwadi Centre as well.

The hon'ble Minister for AH&Vety provided us with a dispensary building at Bilkhawthlir for which the people are extremely grateful. Vety doctors are sorely needed in the area because they are the main source of milk for Kolasib town. I heard that the government is going to recruit new doctors and I hope they will appoint a doctor for Bilkhawthlir dispensary.

Under the LAD, the department has distributed 478 steel almirahs to the poor and I am impressed by the Minister's decision to select the beneficiaries in odd numbers to ensure that, irrespective of party affiliations, the people will receive their dues fairly.

My fellow members mentioned their problems under the Education Department and we are faced with the same dilemma in my constituency. Therefore, I would like to advise the government to appoint SSA teachers from the villages itself instead of appointing city residents who refuse to attend their duties.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu P.P. Thawla.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, we have 5 Government High Schools without headmasters in Saiha which I hope the government is aware of. The DEOs doesn't seem to be concerned enough about conducting school inspections which might be one of the causes of deterioration in quality in rural education. If the government takes prompt actions on negligent and indolent teachers, I am sure it will have a massive impact on rural education.

In the meantime, I would like to express my gratitude to the Higher & Technical Department for making the proposal to construct the college building at Saiha District.

Coming to Demand No.30, the Minister do not seem to discriminate between ruling and opposition in the distribution of silpauline and I encourage him to keep it up.

The LAD department has constructed several VC houses in my constituency and I also know that they provide assistance to the economically weaker section of the society for which I am deeply thankful. I also urge the government to pressure the central to increase the quota for old age pension in the state. I am pleased that the department listens to the recommendations of the MLAs in selecting the beneficiaries for Housing Loans. However, I fail to understand why the department

budget has been decreased by ₹160 lakhs since they are an important and integral part of village development.

The Social Welfare Department has done much to improve the living standards of the rural areas. They have given the NGOs several PA sets and other necessary equipments and tools for public assemblies. They have also provided the aged with hearing aids and other assistance. Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Nirupam Chakma.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, regarding the School Education and Higher & Technical Education, we have promised in our manifesto that we would set up a reform commission which we have done when we assumed power. I would like to know the progress and development made by the commission so far. Furthermore, I would also like to commend our strong Minister for the progress he has made since he took over the department. The members have already mentioned the major problem faced by the village schools and I think when we interview the candidates, the board should make sure that they are really willing to work in remote areas.

I have already highlighted the need to provincialize Kamla Nagar College and Law College in my constituency for better administration and efficiency.

I hope the rate of silpauline will be revised and kept uniform in the future. We have to ascertain potential disaster and disaster prone areas to ensure that the victims are assisted immediately.

Under the Animal Husbandry Department, we are in sore need of Rural Animal Health Centre in my constituency. Since the government has implemented the NLUP, many beneficiaries have chosen cow rearing as their trade. However, many of these cows died recently which means that the help of qualified experts are essential to rear them successfully.

I hope the LAD will soon distribute bigger amount of funds for Housing Loans. The Social Welfare Department has selected 710 beneficiaries from my constituency for which the people are immensely thankful. They are now waiting for the second installment and I hope the government will release the fund shortly.

I would like to know when we are going to be provided with at least a sub-divisional court. Also, I would like to urge the Education Department to seek the advice of the concerned MLA when they are going to recruit teachers in our areas to ensure that the schools will not be neglected by the appointees. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu K. Liantlinga.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Starting with Education, the hon'ble Minister promised to repair the Republic School building but nothing has been done so far. I

request him again to start the repairs as soon as possible. There is no Plus 2 at the Sialsuk range which is needed very urgently by the surrounding areas. The alteration made in the advertisement for recruitment of teachers was deeply concerning and reflective of the inefficiency of the department. We have several trained teachers who specifically took training because they are interested in teaching. Hence, we should recruit only those who want to teach and not those who merely want the job. We often hear about teachers unable to receive their pay for months which is very unfortunate. I hope the department will find a way to resolve the issue. Under technical education, the Lunglei Polytechnic have only 4/5 permanent faculty while the rest are hired on contract basis. If the government wants efficiency, it should appoint more permanent faculties. Moreover, their pay differs from Aizawl Polytechnic which is very odd.

Coming to Law and Judiciary, they are an essential part of the administrative system and new laws are continually required with the passage of time. Therefore, I hope they will not have laws and amendments pending too long like before.

Under Social Welfare, we now have a recruitment rule after 28 years but there is no intention to appoint a permanent director even after we have a recruitment rule for 2 years.

I would like the hon'ble Minister to explain how the funds are received in installments under the Demand No. 19 because the rural areas think that they will receive the funds in one sanction. It is also unfortunate that the Housing Loan allocation has been decreased to ₹400 lakhs from ₹800 lakhs.

Under AH & Vety, as soon as the competent authorities certify the compensation beneficiaries, the department should sanction the funds. Since the hon'ble Minister is responsible for the two departments, I am sure it would not be a problem. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Next, Pu Joseph Lalhimpua.

Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUA: Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. First and foremost, I would like to commend the hon'ble Minister of Education for his efficiency and vision. Under his leadership, they are currently making a transfer and posting rule and I will be very pleased if he could tell me how far they have progressed with it. In my constituency we have the Lunglei Govt. High School built in 1947. There are 321 students with only 3 Hindi teachers and our science teacher has received a transfer order recently. I request the hon'ble Minister to provide us with more teachers to elevate our standards of education. In the Higher Secondary level, there are several schemes offered by the UGC one of which is the Girls Hostel. This can be easily requested instead of diverting development funds from the DoNER.

I am deeply pleased with the work done by the Social Welfare Department. I do not know exactly who takes up the Labour & Employment

department but since we live in a very competitive world, we need to have an appropriate manner of recruitment and appointment for the youths.

Sericulture is an extremely important department for the rural areas and there are many villagers making a living under the department. The hon'ble Minister has given us a grainage centre at Zobawk which is a huge relief for the clusters of Zobawk, Rotlang and Hnathial. I hope the department will make more effort to achieve better efficiency. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Zothangliana.

Pu ZOTHANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I am very happy to see that sufficient budget for education has been allocated this time. Several lecturers were transferred from the Lawngtlai College which is very demoralizing for the students and the people of Lawngtlai. I have requested the Minister to spare us lecturers that we still have and he has heeded my request for which I am very grateful. The people of Sangau village have established a higher secondary school from their own pocket and I have delivered their wish to make the school an exam centre to the hon'ble Minister. I request the Minister to kindly grant them their wish.

I am pleased that the department of Law and Judicial has allocated ₹52 lakhs to refurbish and develop the magistrate office at Lawngtlai. There are several successful works and proposals to be highlighted under the AH and Vety Department some of which are the construction of Vety quarters at Bualpui Ng and Sangau as well as the proposal to set up a Veterinary Polyclinic at Aizawl with an estimate of ₹483 lakhs.

I would like to request the hon'ble Minister for Disaster Management to send experts to look at the landslide at Sangau II which caused 5/6 families to vacate their homes and to suggest the next course of action.

I would also like to encourage the department of Local Administration to keep up their good work. In the meantime, it is unfortunate that the amount of Housing Loans had to be lessened but I expect the remaining amount of funds will be utilized appropriately.

The Social Welfare Department has worked very hard to implement the 'persons with disabilities, PWD (Equal opportunities, protection of right and full participation) Act, 1995', the government has already released a notification and I am very happy with their effort. The department has also successfully implemented several undertakings such as the Eklavya Model Residential School at Lunglei and Serchhip, Multi Sectoral Development Programme, Multi Sectoral Development Plan Fund for Minority Concentration Districts, under the Article 275(1). I agree with my fellow members in urging the conduction of education inspection at the rural areas. I fail to understand why the department keeps transferring our teachers who are sorely needed by the schools. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu John Siamkunga.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : I feel that the government is sincerely trying to strive for development by looking at the balancing of allocation of budget. On the subject of CCE, I know the department is doing its utmost to successfully implement the system but unless the authorities recruit teachers who are really interested in their vocation, it will be a major cause of deterioration in standard and quality. I also request the department to seek the advice of the MLAs about posting and transfer. In regard to Higher & Technical Education, Hnathial College has now offered Geography subject and I would like to suggest the college to be converted into a Geography College.

I would like to mention my gratitude to the Minister for LAD as he has done much to improve the living conditions of the rural areas. He has selected beneficiaries for Housing Loans without a hint of discrimination between the ruling and the opposition.

The Social Welfare Department is a department which looks after the poor and the frail. They are giving old age pension to 26359 people from the BPL families. They also give assistance to disabled persons and I am happy that their budget has been increased by ₹4 Crores this year.

Under DM & R, most of the disasters are man-made and I think it would be a huge help if the Minister could arrange awareness campaigns to teach the people about how they can endanger their own selves.

AH & Vety and Sericulture are line departments for NLUP and they play a vital role in the success of the scheme. There are no dead cattle in my constituency and the people have established a local society which is very helpful.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Please try to wind up your speech as we have reached our time limit now.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : We are now beginning to reap our harvests under Sericulture and since Hnathial is a very suitable place, the progress they have made is worthy of note, I wish them success in the future. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : It is 4 o'clock now; we will take a short break after which we will finish our discussion.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, there are only a handful of members who have not participated. Shall we finish the discussion and take a break afterwards? The Minister can wind up the discussion after we take the break.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We have already ordered the snacks therefore we will convene here again in half an hour.

4:30 p.m.

SPEAKER : Pu C. Ramhluna will start.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, I do not understand why there are no work programmes and hardly an appropriate performance budget under the Social Welfare Department. They are the go-to department for the rural areas and they have done much to develop the villages for which I am very grateful. I would like to know what progress they have made so far regarding the grant of 4 hectares per family under the forest dweller scheme of the Tribal Act. I would also like the department to form an enquiry committee on the purchase of tin roofing under the Multi Sectoral Development Programme which was done without inviting tender.

It is regretful that the Housing Loan has been reduced to ₹400 lakhs from ₹800 lakhs under the LAD. 40% VC/Local Body Funds are generally used to cater to party needs and I request the hon'ble Minister to put a stop to it.

I would like to extol the Sericulture department for their promotion and development of mulberries in the state. 'Eri' is being cultivated in Assam and I think we should also conduct experiments to see if we can grow it as well.

Concerning the AH & Vety, I wonder if the NLUP beneficiaries whose cattle died could be compensated for their losses. 23 cows died at Sihphir alone and their milk production has decreased by 493 litres. They have also expended ₹3,48,530 for treatment of their cattle. The hon'ble Minister has also promised to repair the artificial incubator at Mampui Vety farm during the previous session but nothing has been done so far. I request the Minister to take action as soon as possible.

I thank the Minister of Disaster Management for his generosity in granting silpauline when we need them. At the same time, I am perplexed as to why it is being sold at ₹770 when the Govt. approved rate is ₹717. The central government also gave directions to purchase only ISI certified products but the department did not deem it compulsory when they invited the tender.

In regard to Higher & Technical Education, the Govt. of India gave directives to the states to allocate 6 per cent of the budget for Higher and Technical Education but we have set aside only 0.22 per cent. If the Mizoram Scholarship Board's Secretary is put at a Director level, it would not be fair if the 87th in Seniority is appointed for the post. The overseas scholarship is included in their manifesto and yet it is not mentioned anywhere in the budget.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, starting with Demand No.19, I wish the distribution of Housing Loans would be more even per constituency in the future. Under the Law and Judicial, a site has been purchased at Champhai under the order of the High Court. But the land they bought is very small and no actual work can be undertaken. If the department is going to make such undertakings in the future, I hope

the MLAs will be informed and their advice sought before making the purchase.

In regard to Vety, there are lots of beneficiaries who have chosen animal husbandry as their trade. However, we have very little doctors and I fear this will have a negative impact on the success of the NLUP implementation in the area.

I sympathize with the Education Department Executives because we have so many organizations and groups in the state which makes endless demands. We need to have a stable and solid organization with concrete aims and objective to further education in the state. The Minister and Executive officers are doing their best to improve the quality of education and they have now even proposed the implementation of an Educational Reform but the system of education has gone terribly wrong for a long time now and it is a colossal task indeed to make right what was wrong for decades.

In response to an unstarred question, it was mentioned that the Champhai Venglai High School would be upgraded to a Higher Secondary School. I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to confirm if this is true or not. In the meantime, I also request teachers to ask themselves why they are appointed for the job and to delve deeper in the objective of imparting quality education to the students.

SPEAKER : Pu Chawngtinthanga and then Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu CHAWNGTINTHANGA: Starting with Demand No.29, the Social Welfare Department is a unique and extremely helpful department even for other departments. They provide assistance where other departments are incapable of helping out. They built homes, schools and hostels and they also established the Anganwadi pre-schools and I am pleased by their performances in the past.

Looking at the budget of the LAD, it is extremely distressing to note that although there are funds allocated for the beautification and development of the urban areas, the budget itself has been cut down so drastically that there are hardly any funds for the rural areas.

Under the Animal Husbandry, the death of cattle in recent times has been used to vehemently criticize the government since it is chosen as one of the NLUP trades by many beneficiaries. This is indeed an unprecedented catastrophe and it should not be used as a political lever to attack the department or the ruling party.

I understand how the people of Thenzawl must feel by the location choice of the Central Human Resource Development for the Mizoram NIT. But I would like to reiterate and assure the people not only of Thenzawl but the whole state that this is not the decision of the Chief Minister or the Education Minister. It was the free handed decision of the central to establish the campus at Lengpui.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, Education Department is one of the oldest departments in the state and instead of trying to negate the demands of the

NGOs, I believe it is our responsibility as leaders of the state, to listen to their problems and try to find a solution. The Sairang Primary School-I have had very little faculty members for a long time now and I request the Minister to give us adequate teachers for better education. The Chief Minister promised to recommend the construction of an Indoor Stadium at Zonuam Primary School-II compound to the Education Minister and I sincerely hope this will come true in the near future.

The members mentioned how the Mission School teachers are unable to receive the revised pay till today and I also think this is a very grave matter. If we look at the recruitment rules, the teachers are required to attend and pass the DIET training. However, it is general knowledge that even those who have no training are appointed for the post.

193 teachers were let go under the VRS in 2010, but the central soon after condoned their qualifications and accepted them as qualified teachers. They wanted full pensions and full salaries to be paid as arrear and the Minister wrote a note sheet to consider these payments when funds are available. I believe we have more funds than ever this year and I hope the department will take actions to make the payment.

I wish to thank the Social Welfare Minister for his quick actions in assisting the people whenever necessary. He has given us funds to construct a road in my constituency which is very helpful for the people with small trades and livelihood.

The distribution of Grant-in-aid last year was very unfair and uneven. From the ₹100 lakhs allocated last year, only ₹45 lakhs was distributed to the NGOs. ₹50 lakhs is being allocated for the purpose this year and there are a handful of organizations which genuinely needs the fund such as the TNT Centre, Bethel Tawngtai Camping Centre, etc. I hope the worthy organizations will receive the fund this year.

The proposal to erect a high mast at Tuivamit has been pending for a long time and the basketball court at Chawlhmun also requires a sport night-light and I hope the LAD Minister will provide us with our needs.

In regard to Vety, I am surprised that the Minister has not made any statement about the disastrous deaths of the NLUP cows. Instead of trying to hide the disaster, the department should consult the Vety College experts and find out the reason for their deaths.

We have a Sericulture centre at Rangvamual in my constituency but they have no proper approach road. The centre is very helpful for the surrounding areas and I do not think that too much fund will be needed to construct the road.

Under the DM & R, several families in my constituency were unable to work in the NREGS because of emergencies and rescue works. But now the government has allowed these people to receive the NREGS wages without actually

participating in the work. I am very grateful by this move and it would be a big help if all the VC's are aware of this exception. 2075 martyr families were given ₹15,000 by the government in 2005-2009. The total number of families registered is 2507 and the remaining families were completely neglected by the government till date. Is the government going to take care of these families?

SPEAKER : Dr. R. Lalhangliana and afterwards we will invite the Minister to wind up the discussion.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, under the DM & R, the distribution of compensation is extremely uneven in different districts. Some victims are given as much as ₹1 lakh while others receive only ₹1000 lakhs. We must have an appropriate system of giving monetary assistance so that the victims will not feel neglected or discriminated by the government. The departmental coordination with the DC office is also a matter of serious consideration. It is the office of the DC which generally distributes the funds and resources and unless they are in perfect synchronization and coordination with the DM & R, there will be a lapse and delay in doling out assistance to the victims. The supply of poly-tarpouline is handled by Hmingmawii Industry at the rate of ₹770 when the government rate is ₹717. The required ISI certification mark is also rumoured as not present in their goods. I wonder why the department accepts such incomplete and inferior standard goods.

From an answer to unstarred question, it appears that 15 check slips were issued for the purchase of cows. This is not how we should negotiate and make deals. Until the cows are safely in our hands the checks should not have been issued. Furthermore, there are strange rumours flying around the NLUP cows and I hope the department will make enquiries and factual reports about it.

Under Law and Judicial, the department advertised 32 Mizoram Judicial Service posts as vacant but just a day before the interview was to be conducted, the posts were cancelled and only 5 posts were available. It seems they are still dealing with the problem and I request the Minister to give us an update.

Moving on to Education, the budget of SCERT is drastically reduced this year and I fear this would have a negative impact on their efficiency. SCERT is involved and responsible for most of the educational activities and I think we should revise its budget to enable them to work without hindrance. It is sad that we are unable to provide midday meal to primary schools when we have already received ₹1954.89 lakhs for the purpose last year. We have only one academic officer in the MBSE and unless we have at least 3, we are going to be faced with a huge problem.

I am at a loss as to why Guest Lecturers are given a salary of ₹10,000/- only when SSA teachers receive ₹25,000/-. The lecturers at Polytechnic are also still not regularized but I hope these problems will be studied and rectified by the coming reform commission.

SPEAKER : 20 members have participated in the discussion, we will now invite the Ministers to wind up and beg leave of the House to pass their Demands. Let us call upon the hon'ble Minister, Pu Lalsawta first.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : I would like to thank all the members for their insightful discussions. We have made good progress under the Law and Judicial, if the condition of our finance will allow us we are hoping to vet better than ever.

SPEAKER : The House Leader, the ministers of Finance or the DP & AR are not here in the House but please continue.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : We are ready to set up a High Court in Aizawl but the funds are pending from the central and unless we receive the sanction we are unable to make much headway. It is comforting to see that more and more members are coming to realize the necessity of an in-depth awareness about Parliamentary Affairs and we hope to conduct trainings on the subject very soon. I was unable to study the dissolution of the Sports Council mentioned by Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte but hopefully we will have time to discuss it later. Pu Lalthansanga expressed his desire to have a Mizos High Court Judge.

Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE : Pu Speaker, I won the case in Court but the Council conducted a separate election afterwards. This is a move against the Act we have passed in the House under the previous Ministry.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, court cases takes a long time to settle and it is unfortunate that the hon'ble member met with such an obstacle. However, we can talk about it at a personal level to clarify and resolve the issue. I would like to inform the members that we already have a Mizos High Court Judge, viz. Pu Thanga Vaiphei.

Pu Lalthansanga also enquired about professional charge in court cases. This is a crucial fee for the government because the funds received are utilized to pay for the salaries of the government advocates. In regard to Gram Nayalaya, we are faced with two problems. One, if it had fallen to the hands of the government we would have prepared the rules in a short time but it is to be framed by the High Court and they have made very little progress in this respect. Also, we are unable to create the post at this time. I hope this answers the request of Pu RL Pianmawia as well.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Regarding provincialization of Deficit Colleges as stated by Pu N.P. Chakma, the case is under consideration.

Pu Speaker, I would like to make correction regarding the term 'ordinary LLB' used by me while explaining vetting of Gramnayaalaya as it could be misinterpreted. So, I would like to say that I did not mean to degrade the status of LLB but the necessity of an experienced LLB in vetting of law.

SPEAKER : You have the right to do so by giving your signature below the text and it will be accepted.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : As stated by Pu H. Zothangliana, we all have doing our best for the government; yet, it is somewhat difficult to work out plans which have been formulated.

Regarding acquirement of land for construction of Court Building at Champhai, the department did not make decision of its own as the land so acquired happened to be the most convenient site even in the opinion of NGOs Champhai.

Pu T.T.ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, the land acquired for construction of Court building at Champhai become quite small as some portions has been slashed off. So, I request the government to determine the case once again.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : As requested by Pu T.T. Zothansanga, Pu Speaker, the land so acquired shall be re-examined.

Regarding Advertisement for 32 posts of Judicial Officers, Finance Department and DP&AR made an objection to fill up such a large number of posts for lack of fund. The advertisement, therefore, was withdrawn.

Regarding SCERT, it is often regarded as the backbone of our educational system but allotment of the budget to that effect is quite small. The reason is that our state is not sufficient enough to allot the budget as demanded. Since SCERT is not functioning as a separate directorate, the budget is not shown in a separate statement.

Regarding provision of computer to non-governmental schools, we are also planning to provide desktop or laptop computer to each High School as well as Higher Secondary School.

The performance of SSA is clearly indicated in the C & AG Report as numbers of inexperienced teachers are attached to SSA. Most of the attached teachers have no experience in dealing of financial matters and ignorant of Financial Regulation and Conduct Rules yet, work performance under SSA is somehow maintained. So, advertisement is being issued for new recruitment.

In the meantime, the ministry has given important to setting up of Education Reform Commission which concerns merit system recruitment. There is much criticism against the new system for we are now in transitional period as numbers of teacher have opted attachment under SSA. Consequently, many submitted their resignation for better job. So, the new educational policy of merit system of recruitment may not be success as expected. But we are bound to follow the system as far as possible.

Regarding attachment of teacher as well as rationalization of teachers, High Level Official Committee is being set up under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary and we will try to implement information and statistical data to that effect.

Regarding appointment of teachers, Pu Speaker, I am afraid that laborious students of today may have a misconception that teaching jobs as being applicable only to the relatives of those with powerful background. So, it is important for us to determine building of the future as well as hope for the upcoming students.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, it may be the best measure to hand over the said recruitment to MPSC.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : That is true. But selected candidates on merit system did not want to join their post which caused serious difficulties to the government and for the students which seems to be the main problem. It may best to appoint only genuinely interested persons.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, I opine it is best to appoint trained teachers as an apprentice training.

SPEAKER : Members from Aizawl city may agree with it but obviously not by members from remote constituency.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : That is not totally true but merit system of recruitment requires quality education. I also want to point out that teacher having higher qualification is not necessarily the best teacher as teaching requires some sort of talent. So, we need talented teachers. Talented teachers always know how to interact with the students and as to how to make the students understand their lessons. Anyhow, we need reformation through education by means of educated teachers. So, text books should be revised on regular basis in elementary and secondary stage which is expected for improvement our educational quality. So, this policy will be implemented during this ministry.

Regarding the case of transfer of 2 teachers, one for Hindi and the other for science subject, the rules & regulations are always necessary to give relaxation. As per recruitment rules, it may be necessary to make advertisement in subject-wise. Yet, Science and Mathematics teachers generally do not choose to undergo such training. Thus, it is often necessary to relax training system for Science and Mathematics teachers.

Speaking of inadequacy of teachers, some MLAs have even employed teacher from their own pocket. It is very pleasing to learn that we are now determining to meet the requirement. In this connection, I opine it is necessary to consider equal distribution of teacher to each school. To a certain extent, it may be wise to ignore the case of ill-conduct teachers even if found as it is not possible to carry on teaching in school without them.

Regarding preference of teacher as given by PRESTA, it is to be noted that numbers of teacher have undergone training in VRS, SSA and RMS. Even so, it is commonly heard of appointment of untrained teachers.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : That is true, Pu Speaker. I have known many of untrained teachers being appointed where as hundred remain unselected.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, trained teachers are selected but many more are comes up every year.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : What I do not understand is that a number of untrained were selected while 100 of trained teachers being left out.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Education Department adopted Teachers Eligibility Test (TET) as also in other states. It is only an eligibility test for examination for the post of teacher. But it is not compulsory. Anyhow, it may be necessary to review the system.

Pu Speaker, the system of education in our state is quite gloomy yet, it is improving gradually. As known to us all, our state does not have any reliable resource till today. Even so, we are being given an opportunity to attain self-sufficiency through education. According to Annual Status of Educational Report (ASER), Mizoram remain in backward position as it ranks 74th position in the World. Thus, revision of text book is suggested in complying with their recommendations. I am, as a concerned minister of Education well aware of the fact that Science, Mathematics and English subjects are quite important to improve our educational status in the world and the problem could be resolved by upgradation of text books of schools.

Regarding inspection of Schools, there is a determination to revive the system of school inspection in each sub-division. Pu Speaker, it is not possible to explain all the problems instantly, yet, it will be dealt as necessary with each of the concerned member.

In the meantime, salary is also the main problem for the teachers. So, the hon'ble Chief Minister too has given the best effort to resolve the problem as it will be discussed later with the Finance Minister as necessary. In the same manner, Headmasters too have problems of their own as there are some Schools without Headmaster. We are now trying to resolve such problems.

Regarding Education Reform Commission, task force has been set up with number of committees under it. Such committees will make recommendations as necessary as soon as the commission is set up. Pu Speaker, I would also like to express my opinion in the House that Education Reform Commission should not be changed at once but steadily. In the same way, the practice of by-heart system among the students will also be ousted gradually by actual understanding of any lesson.

Pu Speaker, in India, we have AIEEE in which a student obtaining 40% of marks in Class 12 will be entertained. Generally, Guwahati University granted lesser marks than that of University of other States. While 90-100 marks is granted under University of other States, Guwahati University granted only 80-90 marks. If so, students from Guwahati University will never be selected in the National level competition. Hence, it is necessary for concerned authority to make adjustment in compliance with other University students with immediate effect.

Pu Speaker, the case of Republic Middle School is under examination as to whether fund for minor work is used for salary. Anyhow, I have noted down the point for further consideration.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, what about pre-metric scholarship which was not drawn last year as for this year too, which has not yet been issued?

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, we have made an approach to Planning and Finance Departments as we are informed that it is proposed to be issued as early as possible including last year scholarship. Regarding the question of Higher Secondary School of Sangau, Examination Centre will be given on merit basis as the case is to be decided by MBSE. Pu Speaker, dealing of the case of CCE is the purview of SCERT and is adopted on our own choice. But the people failed to understand for the thought that it may cause idleness to teachers and the students. CCE is not implemented yet in our state but I believe it will be done sooner or later for advanced states already adopted the policy.

Regarding posting of excessive teachers within Aizawl as stated by certain members, most of them are old-aged and no longer befitted to go outside their home place where as some were posted for want of pension from their own home. In fact, they need special consideration.

SPEAKER : If such teachers are too old as stated, is there any wrong entry of date of birth in the service book?

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the Commissioners were instructed to examine wrong entry of date of birth and to make arrangement for voluntary retirement.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, I request the minister to take immediate action regarding those schools having a single teacher.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, we will look into the matter. In this connection, I want to point out that Right of Children to Free & Compulsory Education Act has its own schedule with appropriate Pupil Teacher Ratio (PTR). But the problem is that this schedule is prepared on the basis of number of students in a school but not on class-wise and therefore could not be applied accordingly in the context of Mizoram. So, we should have some consideration in that case. This should

not be considered as a matter of right. I would like to inform member of know about it.

Pu Speaker, the case of Tuipuiral will be examined as necessary. In this connection, I would like to emphasize that it is inappropriate to pressurize concerned authority by means of illegal activity such as mass-hunger strike or mass-procession etc. just to put the government in disgrace for such actions will not help resolving the problem instantly. Regarding NIT at Thenzawl, concerned authority did not like the site for it takes times more than two hours from airport. It is, therefore, abandoned and settled at Lengpui. Regarding lack of Academic Officer in MBSE, the government is determining immediate solution of the problem.

As per recommendation of Education Reform Commission, 6% of its budget fund should be increased but no increase is found here. I request the members to understand the situation. Regarding teachers of Polytechnic Institution at Lunglei, all of them were being employed on contract basis as some of them now become overage. So, the government determines remedial measure to that effect. As UGC frequently by-passes the state government in dealing with cases, a request is made to UGC to intimate the state government in all transactions that concern with Mizoram. As we are formulating Service Manual of Directors and all Principals, the progress is slowed down for new regulations of UGC came into existence in 2010. Now, mode of selection of the Principal and his colleagues is to be done openly.

Regarding fund for scholarship as asked by certain members, overseas scholarship for the current year has not yet been given. Inadequacy of lecturer as asked by my fellow member, some guest lecturers were being appointed to alleviate the problem as their salary is in process.

Pu Speaker, rape case is commonly known in Mizoram. As such, techniques of self-defend were taught under the programme of SSA. Apart from this, children who need special care are also the concern of SSA. Numbers of enthusiast youths from various Academics under SSA are sent to participate in the National, State and District level competition as numbers of Medal were brought home. We have even heard a rumour that a famous football club Manchester United is seeking for football players of Mizo background thanks to the effort of Sports department and SSA. In the meantime, it is worth mentioning that numbers of staff quarters, schools building and even hostel for ladies are constructed in number of places.

Pu Speaker, I must say that SCERT is our main brains which actively to upgrade the educational standard of our state. In the meantime, it is appreciated as each of the minister as well as number of time he is invited as Chief Guest of certain function is being recorded. But I wonder for what purpose and in what sense such record is maintained. I am afraid that there is misconception with the people that those invited VIPs as just playing publicity. On the contrary, it is to be noted that any concerned VIPs considered themselves as doing good things for publicizing ideals and values of a particular department as well as achievement of the government.

Pu Speaker, I would also like to inform the House that there is a determination to introduce Active Based Learning (ABL) which is greatly benefitted by school children in other countries. It concern active participation of children in their learning at school as well as interaction of individual student with their teachers so as to make the schools attractive to children. In this way, inferiority complex in the individual student will be driven off. We have even sent group of the officers to Chennai to study the system.

Pu T. T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, in the answer to unstarred question, Champhai Venglai High School is mentioned as Higher Secondary School. What is the true status of the school? Secondly, since there is no sanction for the Principal of GM Higher Secondary School of Champhai, a private Principal is being employed by concerned member from his MLA Fund. May the government consider giving of Principal to the said school?

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the case will be re-examined. Regarding the question of Government Technology, I supposed it is of vocational education programme for class 11 and 12. Pu Speaker, I beg consideration of the House if decision of the government disheartened concerned people as action taken after closing of the school. Here, the Mizoram Board of School Education may as well be related to this case as there might have been misconception that examination of High School or Higher Secondary school as being conducted by the Mizoram Board of School Education. It is not so, yet the Mizoram Board of School Education has played an important role in technical seat examination of last year as of the latest one on which it deserve much credit for being able to conduct the examination quite smoothly.

Pu Speaker, I would also like to state that wrong impression on MBSE from outside is inevitable and so may be taken for granted. As a minister of the department, I am familiar with the detail of works of the department and I further observe intensive effort rendered by the existing officers and staff of the department. Yet, there are problems which originated since many years back and could not be solved instantly as pending of such files often spoils reputation of the department. Despite many criticisms, the department is now preparing new text books as well as revision for science and commerce. Besides, numbers of college building are being constructed from DoNER Ministry.

In regard to Law & Judicial Department, separation of Judiciary is included in the election manifesto of this ministry. So, we set up Law commission. Apart from this, Pu Speaker, 6 Nos. of Court building is constructed at different places. Problems relating to court building will be determined after completion of the construction. Now, we have a separate Judiciary which many people do not understand about it. It should be noted that all cases will now be settled by the court itself.

Pu Speaker, the 7th Volume of Mizoram Court is now completed and the architect is Pu P. Chakraborty. In order to make our High Court the best use of it,

it will be important for Law department to fully back-up the Government advocate, Public Prosecutor, Accountant General as well as Advocate in the Supreme Court.

Pu Speaker, I would like to emphasize that my departments such as Law department, School Education, Higher & Technical Education and SCERT are working hard enough for the state government but people do not understand the fact which is truly regretted.

To conclude my speech Pu Speaker, I beg the House to pass my demands such as: -

Demand Nos.	Department	Budget Amount
No.4	Law & Judicial	₹18,73,000.00
No.12	Parliamentary Affairs	₹45,00,000.00
No.20	School Education	₹578,20,90,000.00
No.21	Higher & Technical Education	₹124,32,000.00
	TOTAL	₹721,71,63,000.00

Thank you.

SPEAKER : The hon'ble Minister has wound up discussion on his demands and begged the House to pass it. Now, we will vote for it.

(The demands are voted and passed).

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Now, let us call upon Pu N.K. Chakma, Minister to wind up discussion on his demands and beg the House to pass it.

Pu N. K. CHAKMA, MINISTER : Thank you Pu Speaker. It is quite pleasing to see that some members made constructive speeches and also made suggestion for improvement of my departments. All the suggestions are noted down and action will be taken as necessary.

Regarding supply of silpauline, Pu C. Ramhluna criticized that no ISI mark is seen on the supply item despite terms & condition of the said quotation. In this case, it is to be noted that the purpose of the government is that only a good quality is supplied.

Pu Speaker, regarding Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department, there is a lot of incidents such as burning houses, floods, landslides, cyclones, etc. I would like to inform the House that there was a landslide of stone quarry near Keifang on 21.7.2012. The hon'ble Chief Minister has even made statement on the subject sited above as the possibility of giving financial assistance as the department is expected to arrange it with immediate effect.

Pu Speaker, the importance of Disaster Management is increasing more and more. So, it is important for the department to put more effort as disaster occurs in Mizoram every year. It is the duty of concerned department to give awareness to the public and teach the people of how to defend ourselves from any disaster. Pu Speaker, in order to prevent premature death and our valuable assets from being destroyed, the department set up the mini-action plan project for landslide in Mizoram. Application of financial assistance is submitted to the National Disaster Management Authority on which a positive outcome is expected. Apart from this, we have made an approach to central authority to enlist Mizoram in National Cyclone Grid Mitigation Project as we are in cyclone prone area.

Pu Speaker, according to the Disaster Management Act, 2005, we have even set up State Disaster Management Authority under the Chairmanship of the hon'ble Chief Minister with the Disaster Committee in every District, Block and Village Level. Besides, Disaster Response Force has also been set up in each of the battalion of Mizoram Police. D.C. Compound is selected for Emergency Operation Centre. 49 police forces from the 1st and 3rd Battalion MAP have even been trained at Gwahati where as number of relief instruments is being stored at the Emergency Operation Centre in Aizawl, Lunglei, Saiha and Serchhip districts. Furthermore, Aizawl Taxi Drivers and NGOs were given training for such relief. As requested by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, State Disaster Management Plan is proposed to be set up.

Pu Speaker, since school children are prone to any disaster which could happen any time, the National Disaster Management with keeping in mind of the need to take precaution measures to introduce the National Safety Programme. The programme has already been implemented in two districts such as Aizawl and Serchhip. The main objective of the programme is saving the life of school children from any disaster, for which training is given to school children and teacher. It is truly appreciative as the meeting was convened by the National Disaster Management Authority under the chairmanship of the hon'ble Chief Minister Pu Lal Thanhawla, Shri M. Shashri Rati, Vice Chairman of Disaster Management Authority with other concerned officials as the meeting emphasizes the need for taking precaution measures. The meeting indicates priority being given by concerned Central Minister as well as by the state government towards disaster management. Apart from this, vice Chairman of the Committee proposes to take preventive measures also in every department. It is truly appreciated as effective measures have been taken by this committee.

Pu Speaker, the department also takes its step in various districts too. One of the most defective results brought by disaster is causing the life of numbers of domestic cow provided under NLUP which is deeply regretted. The hon'ble Chief Minister has even made a statement in this regard as Enquiry Committee has even been set up for this purpose.

SPEAKER : Insurance of the life of such domestic animals may not be suggestive for the government as it will only sum up burdens for the government.

Pu N.K. CHAKMA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the department is working hard for health services of the domestic animals as vaccination and other treatments is given on regular basis. The department serves as a watchdog against bird flu and swine flu which could come any time. To this concern, 5 Veterinary hospitals and 15 Nos. dispensaries are being set up for prevention of animals.

Pu Speaker, since supply of fodder is the main problem in Mizoram, the department set up Animal Feed Farm at Ramrikawn which produces feeds for pigs and poultry. Besides, the department also set up fodder processing unit at Thenzawl which concern for processing of green fodder and dry fodder. Apart from this, the department also takes up Grassland Development Scheme by setting up a committee in each district.

Priority has also been given by the government for providing healthy meats of every kind. For this purpose, slaughter house is being set up at Aizawl, Serchhip and Lunglei. Step has also been taken for increase of milk production. Not only this, Liquid Nitrogen Plant as well as bio-gas plant has been set up in 2011. The department also set up Life Insurance Scheme for cattle particularly of the best quality. Since then, there are many who have insured their cattle as some of them even claimed insurance for the dead of their cows. Hence, number of NLUP beneficiary opted trades which concerned Animal Husbandry.

In short, the department made various progresses during 2012-2013 which concern mostly of health of our domestic animals. One of the remarkable steps taken by the department is setting up of Veterinary Poly Clinic at Aizawl which is expected to function as a Referral Hospital. It is expected to be completed within a year. Besides, Rural Animals Shelter House has also been set up at Champhai as Layer chicken farm being set up at Tanhril. Now, we are having Training Cum-Conference Centre which is being constructed. Thank you.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, what is the actual disease which costs the life of number of cows recently?

Pu N. K. CHAKMA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the disease is proved to be of Foot & Mouth Disease (FMD) which remains unchecked in India. Hence, the department makes intensive efforts on preventive measures as by giving of all kinds of vaccine to domestic animals.

Pu speaker, it is very pleasing to have four enthusiast members making constructive discussion on Sericulture. The department has a separate Directorate in 1985 where as more than 2000 families depend on Sericulture Farming. The Department need more fund for achieving the programme. If more funds are provided in the budget, the department will become more successful.

Pu Speaker, the department contains 287 staff as the post of 4 District Sericulture Officers posts were created and filled up. Now, we have 40 Nos. of Sericulture Extension Officers upgraded to a gazetted status where as 30 posts of technical staff too will soon be filled up.

The department produces cocoon of 82.50 metric ton. Pu Speaker, 150 lakhs of rupees received from NLUP will be utilized for development of various programmes of Sericulture.

So, Pu Speaker, I beg the House to pass my demands such as: -

Demand Nos.	Department	Budget Amount
No.30	Disaster Management & Rehabilitation	₹16,78,38,000.00
No.34	A.H. & Veterinary	₹1,19,52,35,000.00
No.41	Sericulture	₹24,45,55,000.00
TOTAL		₹1,60,77,28,000.00

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu N. K. Chakma, Minister begged the House to pass his demands. It will now be voted.

(The demands are voted and passed).

Pu N. K. CHAKMA, MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Now, let us call upon Pu P.C. Lalthanliana, Minister to wind up discussion on his demands and beg the House to pass it.

Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER : Thank you Pu Speaker as atmosphere of the discussion on this day is quite pleasant.

As we know, the amount of budget provision allotted in respect of LAD is reduced. Yet, we are satisfied.

Regarding Social Welfare Department, I would like to inform the House that 2nd installment of IAY under Lawngtlai Multi-Sectoral Development Programme (MSDP) may be issued shortly. As of issue of GCI Sheets; the programme is handed over to the district councils for the beneficiaries may have good houses. As known to me, 30 kgs of the GCI sheets is supplied at the rate of ₹3,000/bundle. As it is meant for remote villages, carrying charge of ₹300/- is imposed to each beneficiary.

Pu Speaker, we want the project to be the best as success of the programme depends on it. Pu C. Ramhluna, MLA also is being appointed as one of the members of the committee in his district council.

Pu N.P. CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, there are 710 beneficiaries in my constituency but no one has yet been received the fund. Why?

Pu C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, in Chawngte constituency, I have actually handed the fund to concerned beneficiaries. Forests Act, 1990 is regarded as a kind of jubilee for forest dwellers. Various Committees were set up at state and village level. A study group is sent to Tripura to see how it is practices in the state. Since it is necessary to impart the knowledge to concerned people, awareness campaign is organized in each district in which three facilitators were deployed to deal with those Forests dwellers. Coordination Committee is also being set up to determine any case which may be claimed by the dwellers as the Committee represents Revenue, Forests and LAD.

Regarding old-aged pension, it is given to 2854 persons, ₹250 to 80 years of age and above and ₹550 to 85 years of age and above. Yet, we could not cover old-aged above 80 other than Saiha district where in Saiha district; all 81 years of age and above are covered. It is sanctioned on monthly basis. Now, we have 1890 Nos. of Anganwadi centres all having a building of its own. ₹1,75,000 is sanctioned for each Anganwadi centre and ₹100 lakhs is proposed for repairing of the building. Regarding a permanent post of Director, we have Recruitment Rules in which only joint Director serving not less than five years are eligible for promotion to Director. But now, Joint Director holds the post of Director without completing the age of requirement. After the retirement of Joint Director, the post of Director and Joint Director will be vacated. A new Joint Director will then serve as the Director not less than 5 years. So, there could not be permanent post of Director as yet unless Recruitment Rules is amended.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, is not it a Director on contract basis? Is there any relaxation?

Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, there are many stagnation of posts in Social Welfare Department. It will be very grateful if we have officiating or condoned Director. Point raised by Pu Lalduhoma regarding negligence of TNT, I want to inform the House that we are aware of the possibility as we have been doing our best to accommodate with it.

Regarding issue of fund to village councils, it may be noted that the village councils are categorized into five different types as fund allotted to them differs from one another from the 1st installment. The balance of 1st installment will be issued in the second installment. There is allegation that Village Council fund as being used as party fund in the district councils. It is to be noted that such funds should not be utilized by any political party as party fund.

Regarding the amount of remuneration to the members of village councils, it is difficult to increase even though the increasing demand. Yet, it is indispensable to do so according to availabilities of fund. It is pleasing to learn that financial assistance to the economically weaker section is highly appreciated by the

members. As known to us all, budget allotment as a whole is reduced this year but it may be increased after discussion with the Finance Minister.

Pu Speaker, land allotment for Public Park at Hmuifang is complaint by various members as it is felt that the same is intensely needed also in Aizawl City. Besides, Pu Speaker, it is also important to construct approach road to the State Guest House yet it may not be safe for the people while the nearby trees are felled. So, careful measure should be taken. Pu Speaker, land allotment for public places requires joint verification with Revenue Department. So, verification is now being carried out. The former village council allotted a number of areas to individuals as large numbers of trees were felled. So, an urgent public meeting was called and the matter is brought to the authorities. Some dense forests are also allotted to private but the trees have not been felled yet. We all seem to have a common opinion in this regard, Pu Speaker. Regarding boundary dispute between Sihphir and Lungdai, we have sent Circle Assistant a couple of time and a joint verification team has even made spot verification. The main reason of the dispute seems to be originated from the difference of distant determined by both groups where as one group determined on the basis of kilometer and the other on miles.

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, a milestone erected by BRTF indicated the point as 15 miles but now it has already been rewritten as kilometer which happened to be the main reason for the dispute. The said milestone is accepted by the Village Council of Sihphir ‘S’ as the boundary with the neighboring Lungdai village. On the other hand, Lungdai Village Council claimed their area up to Sethupkawn which has been declared as Aizawl city area. In fact, they have no right to claim the said area. Boundary description is started from top of Sakawthmutuiang to downward which is clear enough.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : This is obviously true as measurement of the area of Aizawl is started from Head Post Office. If 5 furlongs is equal to 1 km and 8 furlongs is equal to 1 mile, there should be more differences from one another in 15 kilometres or 15 miles.

SPEAKER : The said boundary has now becomes district boundary. So, it is necessary to settle the dispute with due care.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, I do support your opinion and I, now understand the actual boundary from the statement of Pu R. Lalrinawma.

Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, it is quite pleasing to hear the opinion of the members. Anyhow, it is not the case that can be settled from the House since prior decision of GAD as well as of the Deputy Commissioner, Aizawl and Kolasib district is required.

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Lungdai Village Council claimed the area since the time when a signboard “Welcome to Aizawl City” is placed at Sethupkawn.

Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the department too wants to settle the matter sooner but it requires joint verification. It is quite easy to find fault against others but difficult to pursue the case for improvement. Various members indicate their wish to increase the amount allotted for housing loan, both for MIG and LIC. It has already been increased and difficult to increase over again due to lack of fund.

Regarding issue of housing loan, all districts other than Aizawl and Lunglei have the same number of Board Member. But allotment of quota to board members, it may be differ from one another. It is to be noted that no partiality is evolve in the case. Anyhow, we will determine equal distribution when allotment is made.

SPEAKER : There might have been some differences with number of applicants in each district.

Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, quota as well as board system is still in practice in the allotment housing loan. Here, it may be noted that concerned minister is not involve in allotment of quota.

SPEAKER : As you have pointed out earlier, any board member may allot his quota to the applicant within or outside Aizawl as it is not based on the number of population of each district.

Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I believe Pu Duhoma hardly visit his constituency as he is not aware of the progress of installation of high-mass electric post at Tuivamit. Regarding the demand of spot light at Chawlhmun, LAD has abandoned street light within municipal area.

Regarding suspicion of Pu Lalduhoma on mortgage of LSC for housing loan, the matter is enquired as demand is made to each concerned VCP to certify the existence of LSC. Accordingly, the VCP certified the document. Now, guarantor of not lower rank than LDC is again demanded to improve loan recovery. To conclude my speech, I thank to all the members for their constructive participation in the discussion of my demands. So, I beg the House to pass my demands such as: –

Demand Nos.	Department	Budget Amount
No.19	LAD	₹42,47,13,000.00
No.29	Social Welfare	₹67,47,64,000.00
	TOTAL	₹109,94,77,000.00

SPEAKER : Pu P.C. Lalthanliana, the Minister has wound up his demands and begs the House to pass it. Now, it will be voted.

(The demands are voted and passed)

Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Now our business for today is finished. Session will be resumed on the 30th July, 2012 at 10:30 a.m.

Sitting is adjourned (9:05 p.m.)

**SIXTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MIZORAM
(ELEVENTH SESSION)**

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR TENTH SITTING ON MONDAY, THE 30th JULY, 2012
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)

QUESTIONS

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NGURTHANZUALA
Secretary

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SPEAKER : “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God”.
(St. Matthews 5:8)

Now, we will take up questions. Let us call upon Lt. Col. Z.S. Zuala to ask starred Question No.161.

Lt. Col. Z.S. ZUALA : Will the hon’ble Minister, FCS & CA Department be pleased to state: –
How many LPG Agencies are there in Aizawl South?

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu H. Rohluna, Minister to answer the question.

Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answer to Starred Question No.161 is: - 2 such as Vanbuangi Gas Agency, Model Veng, Aizawl, and M&B Indane Gas Agency, Khatla, Aizawl.

SPEAKER : Pu Lt. Col. Z.S. Zuala, Pu K. Lianzuala and Pu P.P. Thawla to ask supplementary questions.

Lt. Col. Z.S. ZUALA : Pu Speaker, my supplementary questions are as follows –

- a) It is noted that new agency at Kulikawn is proposed but this has not been set up till date. Why?
- b) If a proprietor of the new agency could not carry out the business of the agency, why it has not been given to the next in line?
- c) If the new agency came into existence, how will the public benefitted?

Thank you.

Pu K. LIANZUALA : Pu Speaker, when will RGGVY agency for Chhingchhip be selected?

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, selection of gas agency for Tuipang by draw of lots is included. What step has been taken so far?

SPEAKER : Now, let us call upon Pu H. Rohluna, the minister, to answer the supplementary questions.

Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answer to Pu Zuala’s starred Question is that IOC authority demanded show-cause notice three times. If the selected one fails to function, the next in line should be selected. If a new Agency comes into existence at Kulikawn the filled cylinder will be more increased. If the area is small, it will serve the demand sufficiently. Chhingchhip RGGVY Agency is expected to be selected on the first week of September, 2012. Selected Agency for Tuipang does not take any action till date. So, it could not be functioned as yet.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalthansanga to ask Starred Question No.162.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Will the hon'ble minister Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs department be pleased to state: -

- a) How many ration cards is in existence under BPL and AAY during 2007-2008?
- b) How many ration cards is in existence under BPL and AAY during 2011-2012?
- c) What is the ceiling of annual income fixed for BPL and AAY?
- d) Whether monsoon stock of rice has already been purchased?

SPEAKER : Pu H. Rohluna, Minister.

Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answer to the starred Questions is:-

- a) 68,000 Nos.
- b) 68,000 Nos.
- c) There is no ceiling of the annual income fixed for BPL and AAY.
- d) Yes.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalthansanga to ask starred Question.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, NLUP flagship programme is launched for three years. The ruling party claimed that NLUP as successful but practically, I opine it not successful. In this regard, is not it good to have BPL & AAY census? Secondly, if there is no ceiling of annual income fixed for BPL and AAY, I opine it should be made. Thirdly, if monsoon stock has already been purchased, is it possible to stock in each godown?

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu H. Rohluna, Minister to give the answer.

Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, 35 kgs of rice is allocated per family of BPL and AAY. The same amount of ration quota is allotted to BPL and AAY during 2007-2008 and 2010-2011. Accordingly, concerned V/C and prominent citizens are requested to select the poor family to benefit the remaining.

Regarding income of BPL and AAY, Central government has no fixation but the requisite conditions are being provided. Since, normal allocation of APL is not adequate, the allocation of rice for BPL is used as a relief to the poor. Hence, the requisite conditions made by the Central Government are not totally followed. I want to add that the central government hands over the state government to administer the allocations.

Regarding supply of food grains for monsoon stock, rice has not been purchased for the last 2 years. During the former ministry, half of the allocation from

April to September was stocked in advance. It is believed that if the government determined monthly allocation appropriately, it may be possible to maintain advance stock of supply of rice. If the supply is stocked in a go-down in advance, unnecessary issue of the supply, on the other hand, should be controlled. So, go-down at easy transportation should be given on need based. But for the remote areas stocked should be made during dry season. With this, I believe large quantity of rice could be saved for monsoon season. Thank you.

SPEAKER : No, Pu K. Liantlinga to ask starred Question No.163.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Will the hon'ble minister LAD be pleased to state: – What is the existing number of Board Member in a district in respect of LIG and MIG for the year 2011-2012?

SPEAKER : Pu P.C. Lalthanliana, minister to give the answer.

Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, district-wise number of Board members for MIG & LIG during 2011-2012 are as follows: –

- 1) Aizawl District - 20 members
- 2) Lunglei District - 13 members
- 3) Champhai District - 8 members
- 4) Kolasib District - 8 members
- 5) Serchhip District - 8 members
- 6) Mamit District - 8 members
- 7) Saiha district - 8 members
- 8) Lawngtlai district - 9 members

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu K. Liantlinga and Pu P.P. Thawla to ask Supplementary Question.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, my questions are: –
 a) How many persons benefitted loan under MIG and LIG respectively?
 b) How many quotas are allotted to each Board member?
 c) What are the criteria for selection of housing loan board member?

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, is it possible for an MLA to become Housing loan's Board members of a district council?

SPEAKER : Pu P.C. Lalthanliana, Minister to reply.

Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, housing loans are divided into MIG and LIG out of which 283 Nos. MIG and 525 Nos. LIG has already

been allotted. Members within Aizawl district are given 7 Nos. quotas and 6 Nos. to members from other districts.

There are no criteria for selection of loan board member but representative from each political party are selected. Besides, representatives from the Associations like the educated unemployed association, Martyr family, MURA etc. too are appointed.

Regarding the question of Pu P.P. Thawla, the answer is “yes” as it is the decision of authority who appoints the member of the board.

SPEAKER : Pu R.L. Pianmawia to ask Starred Question No.164.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Will the hon’ble minister for Home Department be pleased to state: -

- a) Is there any initiative to repair police station and staff quarters in Tuivawl constituency?
- b) If so, when will it be started?

SPEAKER : Pu R. Lalzirliana, Minister to reply.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answers to starred Question No.164 is: -

- a) Plan for the repair of Police Station and Type-II staff Quarters No.11/12 of Sakawrdai are being initiated with the amount ₹37,245/-.
- b) It will soon be started.

SPEAKER : Pu T.T. Zothansanga to ask starred Question No.165.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Will the hon’ble Minister Taxation department be pleased to state: -

Whether wealth tax is imposed on any Mizos?

SPEAKER : Pu Zodintluanga, Minister.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, collection of wealth tax is not the purview of the state government. So, Taxation department has no such records.

SPEAKER : Pu P.P. Thawla to ask starred Question No.166.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Will the hon’ble Minister Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs department be pleased to state: -

- a) How many registered carrying contractors are there in Mizoram?
- b) What is the amount of unpaid carrying bill up to May, 2012?

SPEAKER : Pu H. Rohluna, Minister to reply.

Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answer to Starred Question No.166 is: -

- a) 703 Nos. out of which 68 Nos. under Main route and 635 Nos. under District route.
- b) The amounts of unpaid carrying bills by Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department are as follows: -
 - 1) Directorate - ₹1,80,81,427/-
 - 2) DCSO, Aizawl 'E' - ₹1,17,90,309/-
 - 3) DCSO, Aizawl 'W' - ₹23.38.282/-
 - 4) DCSO, Saiha - ₹1,99,45,693/-
 - 5) DCSO, Champhai - ₹1,45,43,896/-
 - 6) DCSO, Serchhip - ₹89,69,794/-
 - 8) DCSO, Mamit - ₹3,45,78,004/-
 - 9) DCSO, Kolosib - ₹2,74,710/-

Total - ₹14,08,18,182/-

SPEAKER : Pu K. Liantlinga and Pu Lalthansanga to ask Supplementary Questions.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, what is the procedure for payment of carrying bills? Secondly, will the remaining balance be fully paid immediately?

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, whether unpaid carrying bills includes OMSS and carrying bills on economic cost?

SPEAKER : Pu H. Rohluna, Minister to reply.

Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, all carrying bills are paid on the bases of seniority of the submission bills. Minister is not interfering in the process unless it is exceptional case.

My answer to the question of Pu Lalthansanga is, "Yes".

SPEAKER : Pu K. Liantlinga to ask starred Question No.167.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Will the hon'ble Minister, UD & PA be pleased to state: -

Whether Government of Mizoram made Regulations regarding the official work of the Municipal Council?

SPEAKER : Pu Zodintluanga, Minister to give answer.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, my answer is, 'Yes'.

SPEAKER : Pu K. Liantlianga, to ask supplementary Questions.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : If so, Pu Speaker, may the regulations be amended in tune with the present position?

SPEAKER : Pu Zodintluanga, Minister to give answer.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, as Municipal council is a new body which requires careful application. So, the government is giving attention to the regulations with due care.

SPEAKER : Pu B. Lalthlengliana to ask starred Question No.168.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Will the hon'ble Minister, FCS & CA Department be pleased to state: -

What step has been taken so far by the government regarding hijacking of filled gas cylinders in the vicinity of Silchar as published in the Evening Post on 11.6.2012?

SPEAKER : Pu H. Rohluna, Minister to give answer.

Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the matter is reported to the Area Manager, IOC, Silchar and prompt action is taken to capture the hijackers.

SPEAKER : Pu B. Lalthlengliana to ask Supplementary Question.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, nearly a month has passes from the date of publication. What are the findings?

SPEAKER : Pu H. Rohluna, Minister to give answer.

Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, there is no report of the arrest till date despite effort being given by the government. Thus, co-operation of NGOs is invited to prevent such kind of incident.

SPEAKER : Pu John Siamkunga to ask starred Question No.169.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Will the hon'ble Minister FCS & CA Department be pleased to state: -

- a) How many consumers are covered by the go-downs of S. Vanlaiphai and Sangau?
- b) Is there any proposal to reconstruct Cherhlun and Tapho godown?

SPEAKER : Pu H. Rohluna, Minister to give the answer.

Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answers are as follows: -
 a) Vanlaiphai go-down covers 5,591 consumers where as Sangau go-down covers 16,565.
 b) No.

SPEAKER : Pu R.L. Pianmawia, to ask starred Question No.170.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Will the hon'ble Minister, LAD be pleased to state: -

Whether the government has any proposal to upgrade the position of the village council and to increase their remunerations?

SPEAKER : Pu P.C. Lalthanliana, Minister to give answer.

Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, no proposal is made to increase remunerations of village council. Yet, some rules are being formulated to enhance power of village council.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalthansanga, to ask Supplementary Question.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, in regard to Site Selection Committee, only the power of village council seems to be inadequate. Is there any way to improve the power of village council?

SPEAKER : Pu P.C. Lalthanliana, Minister to answer the Supplementary Question.

Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, Site selection committee is not the purview of Local Administration Department but of Land Revenue or GAD.

SPEAKER : Members who asked starred question No.171 & 172 are presently absent from the House. So, we may proceed to starred Question No.173 to be asked by Pu T.T.Zothansanga.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Will the hon'ble Minister for Fisheries Department be pleased to state: -

When will District Fisheries Office of Champhai be made to function appropriately?

SPEAKER : Pu R. Lalzirliana, Minister to answer starred question No. 173.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, District Fisheries Office, Champhai was inaugurated in June, 2011 and is now functioning properly.

SPEAKER : Pu T.T. Zothansanga to ask Supplementary Question.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, Staffs of District Fisheries Champhai are inadequate to deal with NLUP beneficiaries. So, may the state government review strength of the establishment?

SPEAKER : Pu R. Lalzirliana, Minister to answer the supplementary question.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, inadequacy of staff is existed in all offices of Fisheries Department. It is truly regretted as post could not be created as yet due to lack of fund.

SPEAKER : Pu K. Liantlinga, to ask starred question No. 174.

Pu K.LIANTLINGA : Will the hon'ble Minister be pleased to state: -
 a) What steps have been taken by the state government to increase supply of POL & LPG?
 b) Is there a plan to upgrade Mualkhang Bottling Plant?

SPEAKER : Pu H. Rohluna, Minister to give the answer.

Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer is: -
 a) Yes.
 b) Yes.

SPEAKER : Pu K. Liantlinga to ask Supplementary Question.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, whether the land for extension of Mualkhang bottling plant is negotiable? Secondly, I wrote petition to the General Manager for setting up of gas agent in Aizawl South. May the state government approve the petition?

SPEAKER : Minister to give the answer.

Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, regarding negotiation for extension of land of Mualkhang gas bottling plant, approached has been made to concerned authority as it is opined that the cost of the land is excessively high even after making negotiation.

Secondly, the existence of new gas agent in Aizawl South is quite important but it may be made to cover by newly agency in Kulikawn as soon as it is in function. As of agency for the area Durtlang and Sihphir approach has also been made to concerned authority as it is now in process.

SPEAKER : Pu John Rotluangliana, Deputy Speaker to ask supplementary question.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Speaker, it is learned that negotiation for extension land of Mualkhang Bottling Plants is stopped due to assessment of the value of land which is allegedly higher than expected by concerned authority. The concerned Minister has mentioned in his wound up speech the other day that even the concerned DC as not being able to deal with re-assessment of value of the said land. If so, Pu Speaker, is not it appropriate to appoint another DC who is able to deal with re-assessment?

SPEAKER : Now, Pu K. Liantlinga to ask starred Question No.175.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Will the hon'ble minister Home department be pleased to state: –

- a) How many arms & ammunitions have been seized by government during 2008-2012 (in year wise)?
- b) Whether such arms & ammunitions are being kept? If not, to whom they were handed over?

SPEAKER : Question hour is over. So, let us call upon the hon'ble Minister to answer only this question.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answer to Starred Question No. 175 is: –

- a) 2008 - 56 Nos. Arms and 2102 Nos. ammunitions.
2009 - 64 Nos. Arms and 2596 Nos. ammunitions.
2010 - 52 Nos. Arms and 876 Nos. ammunitions.
2011 - 57 Nos. Arms and 501 Nos. ammunitions.
2012 - 32 Nos. Arms and 179 Nos. ammunitions.
Total - 261 Nos. Arms and 6254 Nos. ammunitions.
- b) Seized Arms and ammunitions are kept in government custody and are issued to the following individuals are: –
 1. DBBL gun to the owner, K. Kharo on 13.1.2009.
 2. SBBL gun to the owner, Lalthuneia S/O Sangneihkima of Kolasib Hmar Veng, on 15.5.2012.
 3. 32 Pistol to the owner, Zorampara, President, PAMRA in Zimanama on 22.2.2008.
 4. DBBL gun to the owner, I.S. Chhadia of Tuisumpui Village on 17.5.2010.

5. 32 Revolver (Made in India) to Thangkanglova, Dy. S.P. in Zimmanama on 18.3.2009.
6. 32 Pistol to Pi Gracy L. Bawitlung, as settled by a 1st Class Magistrate on 9.7.2010.
7. 22 Rifles to the owner, Pu Lalchhuanawma of Zemabawk on 18.6.2012.
8. 9 mm Pistol is delivered by Pu Lalhriatpuia of Ramhlun North.
9. DBBL gun to the owner, Pu J. Tlaidy of Saiha Vengpui on 19.6.2012.
10. SBBL gun to the owner, Pu Chhilia of Lungbun on 3.12.2012 after settled by the court.
11. SBBL gun to the owner, Pu Lalchhunga S/o Thangdailova (L) of Champhai Kanan on 1.3.2012.
12. SBBL gun to the owner, Pu Lalchungnunga of Tuidam.
13. SBBL gun (2 Nos.) to the owner, to Pi Gracy B. Bawitlung as settled by a 1st Class Magistrate on 3.3.2011 and 17.3.2011 respectively.

SPEAKER : Question hour is over. Some members, Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana, Pu Lalrinliana Sailo, Pu Laldingliana, Brig. T.Sailo and Pu Lalduhoma could not attend the House on casual ground. The hon'ble Chief Minister, the House leader could attend the House as well due to the programme for improvement of Mizoram House, New Delhi.

Next is financial business. We will take up the demand of three ministers at the same time. The ministers are: – 1) Pu S. Hiato, Pu H. Rohluna and Pu Zodintluanga. First, let us call upon Pu S. Hiato to submit his demands to the House.

Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your kind permission and of the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram, I move Demand No.25, 40 and 43 for ₹237,72,81,000/- only for meeting expenses during 2012-13 in respect of the following departments: -

Demand No.	Department	Amount
No.25	PHE	₹132,79,78,000.00
No.40	Industries	₹97,56,70,000.00
No.43	Tourism	₹7,36,33,000.00
TOTAL		₹237,72,81,000.00

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now, let us call upon Pu H. Rohluna, the Minister to submit his demands to the House.

Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your kind permission and of the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram, I move the following Demands for meeting expenses during 2012-2013 in respect of the following departments: -

Demand No.	Department	Amount
No.17	Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs	₹237,11,35,000.00
No.36	Environment & Forests	₹96,25,85,000.00
	TOTAL	₹333,37,20,000.00

Thank you Sir.

SPEAKER : Now, let us call upon Pu Zodintluanga, Minister to submit his demands to the House.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker with your kind permission and of the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram, I move the Demand No. 88, 22, 46 and 48 for ₹214,98,92,000/- only for meeting expenses during 2012-2013 in respect of the following departments: -

Demand No.	Department	Amount
No.8	Taxation	₹10,10,00,000.00
No.22	Sports & Youth Services	₹35,81,03,000.00
No.46	Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation	₹1,64,01,73,000.00
No.48	Information & Communication Technology	₹5,06,16,000.00
	TOTAL	₹2,14,98,92,000.00

Thank you.

SPEAKER : 3 Ministers have submitted their demands to the House and we will now have discussion. As usual practice for discussion, each member will have ten minutes. Now, let us call upon Pu R.L. Pianmawia.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I will start from PHE. Pu Speaker, the Department constructed water tank in various places where necessity is felt. In large villages, the department supplies water with the help of vehicle. It is also concern of the department to distribute septic tank in rural areas. DPR has already been prepared for Tuivawl pump and Darlawn Augmentation Scheme. In this connection, I would like to inform concerned minister that water tanks of Zohmun, Vaitin and Pehlawn provided by the department are less sufficient to feed the whole villagers. So, it will be much appreciated if more tanks are provided in the said villages.

Next, Demand No.43, Tourism department. I would like to congratulate the department for being able to implement any demand within my constituency. In this connection, it will be much appreciated if the minister determines inauguration of tourist lodges which have already been completed. It may as well be grateful if the demand of a person for a job of Grade-IV in Darlawn Tourist lodge in return to a land he donated to the department is fulfilled.

In FCS& CA Department, I would like to thank the hon'ble Minister for the plan for construction of go-down at Sakawrdai and for the repair of Darlawn

godown. I also thank him for the programme of RGGLV and plan for setting up petrol pump in the constituency. Apart from these, I have to inform him that E. Phaileng godown being constructed during the previous ministry remains unused. It will be much appreciated if the government determines the best use of this building which involves large amount of money for the construction.

Regarding Demand No. 36, it is truly appreciated as large amount of fund is utilized in my constituency such as for construction of a R.O. Forest office and staff quarters at Darlawn and Sakawrdai. Besides, staff quarters has also been constructed at Mauchar and North Tingmun. It indicates efficiency of concerned minister in fulfilling the needs of his staffs as well as concerned people in the areas. It is learned that the department received ₹4280 lakhs from the 13th Finance Commission for implementation of Green India Mission. I request the minister to give priority to my constituency when the said fund is distributed.

In Taxation Department, I would like to thank the minister for his prompt action to amend the rules for taxation. This indicates his true concern for the welfare of his department.

In Sports & Youths Services Department, it is truly appreciative as playgrounds are constructed at Darlawn, Sakawrdai and Zohmun and pavilion at Ratu. We are happy to learn that he also has a plan for improvement of Darlawn's playground. Apart from these, we are thankful to him as he has given us a number of sports materials to my constituency.

In UD&PA, I would like to thank him for he had a plan for improvement of Darlawn as a census town. So, I request him to release second installment of the said fund from UD & PA. Again, I have to extend my thanks to the minister for the plan for installation of information KIOSK in 12 villages and provisions for IT infrastructure for High School level. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

Pu CHAWNGTINTHANGA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Let me start with the importance of Tourism which is increasing every year. For example, Lengpui Airport was constructed under the ministry headed by Pu Lal Thanhawla despite many obstacles and criticism. But now, we are experiencing the benefit. Likewise, Minister of Tourism is giving his best effort for construction Tourist Lodges and Rest Houses in various places. As we see now, Tourists resort of Hmuifang is hardly lying unoccupied. So, I would like to thank the hon'ble minister for the achievements. In the meantime, Khanpui Tourist Lodge which has already been completed long time back remains un-inaugurated till today. I, therefore, request him to inaugurate as early as possible. In this connection, I would like to inform the House that no Tourist Lodge is available in my constituency. As such, I request concerned minister to construct Tourist Lodge at Phullen, Suangpuilawn, Vanbawng and Phuaibuang.

Demand No.25, PHE. I would like to thank the hon'ble Minister for completion of water pump for Vanbawng as the same for Phuibuang is also at hand. I also want to point out that construction of tanky under Rain-water Harvesting Scheme

is taken up in different parts of my constituency. In the meantime, Phullen and Suangpuilawn have no sufficient water supply for which I request him to determine proposal for construction of water pump from Tuiriza and Thenlui respectively. It may as well be grateful if pipe lines of water supply to Daido, Khanpui, Lailak, Hmunghak, Khawruhlian, Sesawng and Chalfilh are immediately repaired.

Regarding Demand No.12, I would like to thank the hon'ble minister for the steps taken by the government to resolve food problems. It is truly appreciated as the problem of supply of food to Phuaibuang was immediately resolved due to immediate action taken by the minister as 8,000 quintals of rice is supplied within barely a week. His prompt action is truly appreciative.

In Sports & Youths Services Department, the progress of our state is leaping. Our sportsmen won numbers of medal in National and International level which indicates the success of "Catch Them Young" policy. Our achievement with completion of Rajiv Gandhi Stadium resulted in the progress of each individual sports enthusiast youth that consequently placed Mizoram on a pedestal of games and Sports in the North-East region. In this regard, it should be noted that the said progress is not the result of the efforts of the people of Aizawl only, but larger portion of the effort is contribution from rural areas. So, priority should also be given to rural areas as grass-turf field should also be provided. So, I request the hon'ble minister to give us grass-turf playground for my place of birth. Thank you.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Pu speaker, starting from Demand No.25, it is truly appreciative as water supply is improved to almost all rural villages as soon as this ministry assumed the government. Now also, DPR of Cherhlun water pump amounting to ₹3.40 crores is in the process. I request the hon'ble minister to clarify the present progress in this regard. I would also like to thank the minister for construction of South Vanlaiphai water Scheme with an estimate of ₹43 lakhs. In the meantime, I have to inform the minister regarding the problem of water supply in Khawhri village so that action is taken as necessary.

Pu Speaker, as PHE department is regarded as one of the main sources of revenue for the government, more than 20 crore rupees is expected for the department. Considering its performance, the department deserves more than the amount shown here yet, this could not be made due to financial constrain in the government. The department truly deserves credit.

Nevertheless, performance of Industries department is worth mentioning as it contributes 20% of our GSDP which exceeds ₹8,000 crore. It is regretted to mention that budget allotment in respect to this department is less than the amount expected for the reason as in PHE department. In relation to this, I opine it is important for the government to maintain the Preferential Purchase Rules of the state as it is supposed.

In Tourism, the department is expected to collect ₹160 lakhs from non-tax revenue. So, improvement should be made. I would like to request the hon'ble

minister to give more attention for setting up of Tiau and Chhimtuipui as tourists' attraction.

In FCS & CA Department, I request the hon'ble minister to prepare ration cards in tally with our population of Census, 2011. I would also like to request the minister to repair go-down of Cherhlun and Tarpho.

Demand No.36, Environment & Forests Department, the budget provision is increased by ₹5,940 lakhs. I supposed the department have enough fund to achieve NLUP programme. On the other hand, non-tax revenue decreased from 660 lakhs to 250 lakhs which is deeply regretted. So, prompt action should be taken in this regard.

Regarding Demand No.46, UD & PA, I, again would like to thank the hon'ble minister for the development fund for Hnahthial amounting to ₹7 crores. Thank you.

Pu LALRINAWMA : Thank you Pu Speaker. Even though UD & PA is new, steps taken by the department changes the appearance of Aizawl city. It is appreciated to learn that the department implemented RAY Scheme to alleviate poverty in urban areas under which Zuangtui Pilot Project covering III projects is being initiated.

In Sports & Youth Services, the department, under the leadership of an efficient minister is taking various steps for development of sports. It is truly appreciative as playground is constructed in 6 villages within Aizawl district. Besides, some of the most uncommon games in Mizoram like Sepaktakraw and Fencing are being promoted as number of enthusiast youths are now practicing regularly at Zemabawk playground which needs improvement. In this connection, let me inform the House that no action is taken till today in regard to playground of Sihphir Vengthar which has already been handed over to Sports Council. It is wise for concerned authority to develop this field for the benefit not only of the people of Sihphir, but also of Aizawl city. In the meantime, there is a suitable site at Zuangtui which may be developed as a playground. So, approach has been made to PWD to initiate the construction. Regarding Indoor stadium, construction is now being stopped due to lack of fund. It is appreciated if the hon'ble minister determines resumption of the on-going plan for the construction.

Regarding Taxation department, Vairengte Check-gate is known to be a revenue earning source for the department. But now, many traders evade the main gate by using Bukpui to bagha road. So, it is important for concerned authority to set up another check gate at the aforementioned point.

In FCS & CA, I believe it is necessary to improve the department. It seems that we do not have problem with civil supply system which is worth mentioning, but with the supply of cooking gas. Obviously the reason is our lack of

self-sufficiency. Keeping in mind of the need, the hon'ble House Leader has made an effort to exploration of natural gas in our state which is much appreciative.

In Forests & Environment department, fund for construction of hall is allocated from which Hall was constructed at Tuirial and Muthi villages. But now the fund has come to an end. It will be much grateful if such funding is continued.

In Industries Department, ₹14.7 lakh is allotted for work programme and where as expenditure during the year 2011-2012 happened to be ₹55 lakhs. The Finance Minister stated in his reply to the question that it is used for Industrial Estate. Is there any Industrial Estate other than Zuangtui Industrial Estate? Pu Speaker, I would like to emphasize that ignoring the security of small scale industries is truly an act of harassment. So, proper care should be given in regard to development of small scale industries.

In tourism, it is regretted as no work programme is seen under the department. I wonder if the department has no proper work targeted during this year. As an answer to my starred question, I am very happy to learn from the hon'ble minister that financial sanction has already been received for development of Aero-sports at Tuirial Airfield which will soon be started. Besides, in response to my request for construction of viewing gallery at the top of Sakawrhmutuai Tlang, I am very happy to learn that there is a plan which will soon be started.

In PHE, I thank this ministry for renewing the system of emergency water supply by truck vehicle. Nevertheless, there is a plan for renewal of Greater water supply phase-II, the project abandoned by the previous ministry. I must say that the idea of our leaders to resume the aforementioned projects deserves much appreciation. Again, if we look at the work performance of PHE, it deserves much credit as 711 out of 777 rural habitations are fully covered by work programme where as only 66 are partially covered. Yet, there are villages which will soon be covered by the programme. In the meantime, Pu Speaker, I, again would like to make a request to the government to give attention to pumping of water from Bunghmun lui for which survey and estimate already being prepared by the department. Considering fast increasing population of Aizawl, it may, as well be important for concerned authority to determine pumping of water from Tlawng or Tuirial which may also be made to cover the outskirt areas of Aizawl such as Durtlang, Sihphir and Lungdai.

In short, Pu Speaker, I do support to pass all demands. Thank you.

Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE : Thank you Pu Speaker. To start from Demand No.25, PHE, it is learned that performance of the minister for PHE is quite well on which I have to extent my thanks on behalf of the people of my constituency.

I have come across the Zalen paper this morning indicating some people in waiting the whole night for their turn to draw drinking water in some places. Pu Speaker, if fund sanctioned for Greater Aizawl Water Supply Scheme Phase-II in

the previous ministry had been spent on purpose, the people would have never faced the problem of scarcity of water supply as today.

Pu Speaker, it is appreciated as Serkhan-Bagha road is being constructed. But pipeline of Bukpui water supply is destroyed in the construction. Thus, the importance of setting up a co-ordination committee of PWD and PHE arises otherwise the same problem could be brought to water supply of other places.

Regarding the term “fully covered” as stated by the member who stood before, there is a report of 70 villages as being fully covered by the work programme. But Pu Speaker, supply tank for Bualpui, even in full stock, could serve for barely half of the village. The problem is being reported to concerned official but we are told that action could not be taken instantly since it is reported as fully covered. With the plan to increase allotment of water supply from 40 litres to 55 litres per household, let me give suggestion to concerned minister that it is convenient to start it from Bualpui as the people are thirst for adequate supply of water.

Demand No.40, Industries department. Despite the concept of industry as the main foundation of our economy, no remarkable progress is seen in our industries even after decades have passed. As pointed out by the hon'ble minister, it may be more preferable to set up education industry as we are having number of experts to serve as foreman, engineers or managers. In this connection, it is grateful to learn that the Union Minister has mentioned in the Parliament discussion that under the Union Textile department, “Weaver Service Centre” will be set up in Mizoram.

In Demand No.43, Tourism department, I request the hon'ble minister to note down that Highway restaurant at Thingdawl is in need of repair as immediate action may please be taken.

Demand No.17, FCS & CA department, I would like to point out that the main problem for scarcity of cooking gas as mentioned by concerned department's official is that the Indian oil company is not issuing cooking gas to those who have no consumers card but there are numbers of family in Mizoram without consumers card.

In Environment & Forests department, I opine the problem between Environment & Forest department and Geology & Mining department should be settled by the authority immediately so that problem of concerned people is resolved.

In Taxation department, I opine it is once again important for concerned authority to give awareness to the people the necessity of tax as the major people do not understand.

In Sports & Youths Services department, achievement of the hon'ble minister in regard to various disciplines of sports is worth mentioning. It may as well be grateful if step is taken for the progress of Hockey as ground is needed within Aizawl city.

In UD & PA, steps taken in regard to various district headquarters is highly appreciated. Regarding renovation of kolasib district, it may be pleased if Thingdawl too is made to cover by the programme as the place is lying next to Kolasib.

To conclude my speech, it will be grateful if the demands of the three ministers are supported by the House as I do feel the same to pass it. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu P.P. Thawla.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Thank you Speaker Sir. To start with, Demand No. 17, FCS & CA department, distributor for Tuipang, the headquarters of my constituency which has already been appointed under RGGVY remain un-function till today. So, I request the hon'ble minister to see the case. I would further inform the House that only a single cylinder of gas could not serve the purpose of a family. So, the system may be re-examined by concerned authority.

Regarding Demand No.22, Sports & Youth Services department, I would like to know the amount of fund sanctioned for construction of Suaka memorial cricket ground. What is the area of a plot of land acquired for the purpose and how many contractors are selected for the construction?

Pu Speaker, Mizoram contains 8 districts. It is good to know how many districts have full-fledged playground and in how many districts steps are being taken. Is there any district in which no playground is constructed? If so, is there any proposal? As the concerned minister is praised by all, I, on behalf of the people of Tuipang constituency, want to ask him of what step has been taken so far for construction of playground at Tuipang.

In UD & PA, I also would like to know the reason of Vijaya Bank in refusing issue of loan to BPL family.

In 2010, ₹8 crore is provided for development of Saiha yet, no step is being taken till date. I would like to request the hon'ble minister to examine the matter so that the people appreciated his achievements.

Demand No. 48, Information & Communication Technology, distribution of radio to the people in remote areas was a common practice. I would like to request the hon'ble minister to resume the practice if sufficient fund provision is available.

In Tourism, it is truly appreciated as we are now having numbers of attractive Tourists building in different places thanks to the effort made by our leaders.

Nevertheless, Pu Speaker, progress made under PHE is truly appreciatve. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

Pu K.S. THANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Let me start with Demand No.25, PHE. The amount estimated for construction of Greater Aizawl Water Supply Scheme Phase-II is ₹108 crores. However, the hon'ble minister cancelled the assigned contractor which further effect the progress of work in my constituency too. So, I would like to request the hon'ble minister to continue with the project for 7 villages in my constituency.

In Tourism, we all seem to know that construction of number of Tourist lodge at Hmuifang are in progress yet, it is not enough to meet requirement. So, I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to determine construction of more buildings there. In relation, ₹20 crores of DPR is made for construction of Tourist Lodge at Sialsuk, the place frequently visited by the tourists. So, I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to take immediate step in that regard.

Demand No.17, FCS & CA, I would like to thank the hon'ble Minister for his devotion and efficiency to look after the department. So far, we never have had a strong minister like him in the previous years.

In Environment & Forests department, it is sad that we are now hardly having dense forest which is worth mentioning. I opine it is important for the government to give awareness to the people so that our forests are preserved accordingly. In this connection, I would like to suggest Forests and RD department to have a good cooperation in executing the scheme of afforestation.

Coming now to Demand No.8, we all are well-aware of the fact that taxation is main source of the State's revenue. So, I opine it is important to upgrade the status of the Magistrate which deals with the case of taxation.

Demand No.22, Sports & Youth Services department, I must say that we are now beginning to enter into a golden generation with various achievements made by the Sport-enthusiast youths in various disciplines. It is very grateful to have a number of grass-turf playground as well as full-fledged sports stadium in Mizoram. In this regard, I would like to thank the hon'ble Chief Minister and concerned Minister for their valuable efforts for the progress sports. In this connection, I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to give his attention towards the south such as Saikhamakawn, Melthum and Hlimen where convenient places for construction of full-fledged sports stadium are available to relief the problems of the city on the other hand. I would like to thank the concerned minister for he has a programme of spot visit to such places.

Demand No.46, it is known to us all that the development work of our city in now in full-swing under UD & PA but no work is done in Melthum, Saikhamakawn and Hlimen as if the areas as being excluded in the project. So, I request the hon'ble minister to determine extension up to these aforesaid mentioned areas.

SPEAKER : We will now have a recess and discussion will be resumed at 2:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : To resume the discussion, let us call upon Pu K. Liantlinga.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Thank you Pu Deputy Speaker. To start with Demand No.40, budget provision of Industry department is ₹9756.70 lakhs which is increased by ₹4,300 lakhs. What I want to stress is the absence of work performance without which performance of the government could not be determined. Yet, certain ministers have shown work performance budget of their respective department but only a few work programmes where as performance budget of some departments are not shown clearly. Pu Speaker, ₹818 lakhs is provided for PSU and I am glad that there is proposal to relief such sick units. In this connection, I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to clarify why provision to relief MIFCO and ZOHANDCO is not seen.

Regarding supply of coal, it is stated that the state quota is 1 lac metric ton and as being allotted to ZIDCO and PEMCOS with 10,000 metric ton respectively. May I know the meaning of PEMCOS? As far as my knowledge is concern, coal is generally used in brick industry but 7 brick industries existed in our state do not have chance to receive the supply. The Minister, in reply to my question stated that supply of coal will be coming from West Bengal which I think is quite inconvenient. Is it not more appropriate to make it from Bihar or Meghalaya and also whether it can be carried by train up to Silchar? Besides, carrying charge of coal is ₹8300 per metric ton. It is wise for the government to look for cheaper cost of transportation.

Regarding Demand No.25, it is grateful as ₹177 lakhs is allotted for drainage as it is shown in the work programme. Besides, it is important for the government to concentrate more on Greater Aizawl Water Supply Scheme Phase-II as water supplied is regarded as non-tax revenue.

In Forests department, we have not received performances budget as it is not possible to see which areas needs development.

In Taxation, we have seen Way Bill for transportation of 50 kgs of coal. In my opinion, the state government should not charge way bill to such case but only after earning 4/5 years. Anyway, Pu Deputy Speaker, I opine it is necessary for the government to set up sustainable brick industry. Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

Lt. Col. Z.S. ZUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, Demand No.8. It is very pleasing to learn that Taxation department earned revenue amounting to ₹180.30 crores which is much more than expected. In the coming year, the department is

expected to earn ₹190.42 crores. Since computerization of payment of tax in the department, we are now able to pay tax online, thanks to the effort of our leaders.

Coming now to Demand No.24, I must say that achievement made by Sports & Youth Services department is truly praiseworthy. As known to us all, Shri Kumari Selja visited Mizoram and suggested setting up of Amphitheater. The proposed location of the building is within Aizawl South-II. I want to know what step has been taken so far in this regard. Whether Revenue department handed over land lease for the said to Sports department? It is a fact that it has already been countersigned by the concerned officials?

Coming over to Demand No.46, UD & PA is an important which concern MLAs and members of Local Council within Aizawl city. So, it is very pleasing to learn that work tender for improvement of road and surfacing with Aizawl is floated.

In Information & Communication Technology, I want to point out that with the progress of technology; I opine it is important for concerned department to be careful in dealing of information so that only true information given to the people.

In FCS & CA, I would like to thank the department for improvement in supply of sugar, rice, kerosene oil and gas.

Demand No.36, I opine the best means of preservation of forests in our State is fire control. It will be very pleasing if concentration is given to awareness which may be given to the people particularly in rural areas. Regarding preservation of bamboos, it is sad that bamboos are being devastated with the practice of consumption of bamboo shoots as part of our foods. So, it is time to control taking of bamboo shoots. Regarding preservation of wildlife, I would like to request the department to take more efforts on preserve wildlife as even tiger is on the verge of extinction. Thank you Pu Deputy Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalthansanga.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, Demand No.25. I would like to state that the progress of PHE is quite slow. So, it is important to give more efforts on the on-going projects especially on Greater Aizawl Water Supply Scheme Phase-II.

To point out the problem within constituency, the people of Biate are still facing problem of water supply till today even though it is included in work programme of the department. So, I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to determine supply of water to Biate from Ralvawng. In the meantime, the same to North Vanlaiphai and Bungtlang are very poor and attention is needed. I would also like to request the hon'ble minister to determine water supply to Bungtlang and Keitum by means of water pump from Tuichang River.

Demand No.40, we are happy for the hon'ble Minister of Industries occasionally provides furniture tools to the members as we are again expected to receive the same within this year. I would like to thank Geology & Mining for having special consideration on collection of sands (Balu) as even taxes are exempted for this business.

In Tourism, I want to point out regarding tourist lodge of East Lungdar and North Vanlaiphai both in need of immediate repair. In this connection, I would like to request the hon'ble minister to take prompt action regarding plan for construction of Tourist lodge at Khawlailung.

Demand No.17, I have to inform the House that there is an intensive problem of supply of rice and gas in my constituency. So, I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to resolve the problems with immediate effect.

Regarding Legal Metrology, we are expecting the department to earn revenue of not less than ₹8 lacs. In the meantime, the department needs strengthening otherwise, illegal practice of adulteration of petrol and rice will never be in control.

Regarding Demand No.8 Taxation, the budget allotment is more than ₹190 crores. In this connection, I opine it is important for the government to control the rate of various hardware items as the charge is exorbitantly high as a result of imposition of taxes.

Demand No. 48, Information & Communication Department, I opine it is time for us to concentrate on computer technology but on the contrary, it is sad to learn that budget provision is only ₹5 crores.

Regarding UD & PA, it is supposed to cover all major townships in Mizoram. So, I request the hon'ble Minister to take the step accordingly. I am very happy to learn that ₹55 lakhs is allotted for development works within my constituency. It is noted that Biate will also be covered with the plan. So, I would like to know when the work will be started. Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

Pu K. LALRINTHANGA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. First of all, I would like to thank to the hon'ble Minister for the proposal for Water Pump from Chemphai to Bikhawthlir, yet, it is not found in the work programme and performance budget. I also want to inform the House regarding water supply of Serlui Division as Buhchangphai, Phaisen, Phainuam and Vairengte are all facing the problem of supply of water. I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to see the problem so that necessary action is taken.

In Industries Department, I, on behalf of the beneficiaries, would like to express my appreciation to the government for providing Hand Sewing machine and Hand Saws to NLUP beneficiaries. Yet, it may be good if better quality is provided next time.

I also thank the hon'ble Chief Minister and the concerned Minister for the plan for construction of tourists destination at Serlui-B.

Demand No.17, FCS & CA department, I would like to thank to the hon'ble Minister for giving priority to the needs of food supply to rural areas.

In Environment & Forests Department, I would like to point out that some NLUP beneficiaries of Saihapui, Kolasib have no place to grow seeds received under NLUP. So, it will be much appreciated if the deserted land of forest plantation is temporarily allotted to such beneficiaries.

Pu Deputy Speaker, it is learned that Taxation Department have no check gate at Vairengte till today despite urgent necessity. So, it is wise for concerned authority to deploy at least MR employees to maintain checking if check gate is not constructed instantly. (Col. Z.S. Zuala at the Speaker's Chair) Besides, it is necessary to set up parking place for delayed vehicles. Thank you, Pu Chairman.

CHAIRMAN : Let us call upon Pu Lal Thanzara.

Pu LAL THANZARA : Pu Chairman, Demand No. 48. I am highly appreciated as State Wide Area Network (SWAN) is being introduced. If setting up of Data Centre is completed, each of the districts will then be connected via internet and the people will see initiative of the government.

Demand No. 22, Sports & Youth Department, it is truly appreciated that the department provided artificial grass turf to number of playgrounds as flood Light is being installed at Thuamluaia Mual, Lunglei and AR ground Aizawl. As a result, FIFA is planning to set up Football Academy in Mizoram for grass root level and Football Coach will be sent to us by the month of October. Apart from this, the Sports Minister is planning to lay artificial grass turf at Chhangphut field Champhai also. Thanks to the efforts made by our leaders, we have won numbers of medal at National and International level competitions. When the North East Game is hosted by Mizoram, players and the Officials have even shown their appreciation to the hon'ble Chief Minister and Minister of Sports.

Regarding Demand No. 40, Lengte is being set up by ISAT as Export Promotion & Industrial Park so that many unemployed youths may be absorbed by the establishment. Thus, waste irons could then be sold here. In this connection, I would like to point out regarding link road within Industrial Estate which is now in poor condition. This often compels transport truck or vehicles unloading goods before reaching the destination. So, I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to reflect his proposal to that effect while winding up his demands.

Demand No. 25 PHE. I would like to mention that ₹108 crores was spent in the former ministry for construction of Greater Aizawl Water Supply Scheme Phase-11 yet, the work is quite slow. Hence, the Minister promptly cancelled the contract work which further entailed court proceedings. It is appreciated as the work

is now able to go in full swing. I would also like to say that problem of water supply for Edenthar. I request the hon'ble Minister to resolve the problem since water is the immediate needs.

In short, I would like to invite all members to pass the demands for today. Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Demand No. 27, PHE. I would like to inform the House that the people of Champhai Constituency are very happy for villages of they are now having pure water to drink. Presently, 1067 Nos. of tankers are being constructed within Champhai district. But, the problem is that supplying pipe-lines of Hnahlan needs improvement as there are leakage in many places due to rust. It is very quite pleasing to learn that we are now having major project of water supply for Aiduzawl, Tualcheng, Rabung, Neihdawn, Khuangphah, and Vaikhawtlang. Necessary extension will be intimated later during office hour.

Demand No. 43, Tourism department. Tourist Lodge for Hnahlan is being inaugurated, thanks to the efforts of our leaders. In this connection, i request the honble Minister to determine extension of Tourist Lodge Champhai as the building could no longer accommodate the increasing visitors.

In FCS&CA Department, it is appreciative as we are having a strong Minister. It may not be wrong to say that there is more sufficiency in supply of food stuff than that of the former ministry.

Demand No.22, Sports & Youth Services Department. We the members are truly appreciated for Sports Minister gives us Sports materials for distribution in our respective constituencies. I would also like to express my appreciation as the Minister has sent officials to verify laying of grass-turf at Chhangphut Field, Champhai as the people are ready to garland the visiting Minister to show their appreciation. We are also grateful for the development and undertakings of UD & PA at Champhai including the building of Indoor Stadium and providing houses for the urban poor classes.

One important point that I would like to put out at this House is that I believe it is time for the government to collect Income Tax from the public. It is necessary to have our own internal resource mobilization as the Central Budget does not cover all our needs. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu C. Ramhluna

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. I applaud the PHE Department for their outstanding work and I believe that they are one of the most efficient departments. Having said I believe their Non-tax revenue can be raised. They have covered almost all my constituency effectively with the exception of

Mualbukawnpui and Bungtlang South and I would like to request the department to speed up the process as they are in dire need.

Moving on to demand no.40 for Industries Department, there is enormous stagnation at Directorate with 8 vacant posts out of 10 for functional manager. If we want to develop our industries, we have to develop the people working at this department first and provide so that they can function effectively.

The target under NLUP for 2010-2011, 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 are 3200, 1600 and 1600 respectively. However, they all have an achievement of 10,723 and I would like for them to explain how they can obtain the same achievement for the said years.

Regarding demand no.43 under Tourism, we have the memo for the regularization of Assistant Receptionists who are hired on contract during and around 1994 and 1998. However, no action has been taken to regularize these staffs and I would like to urge the minister to look into this as they paly an important part in looking after our lodges.

We have heard from the minister this morning regarding FCS&CA Department under demand no.17 that we are facing problems in several villages due to lack of monsoon stock and cap that with barely accessible roads, we have severe problems in our hands. Currently, we owed about 10 crores to carrying contractors and I believe steps should be taken to clear this debt as soon as possible.

I would like to request the increase of allocation of funds for Environment & Forest Department so that they can function efficiently and effectively.

Lastly, I would like to request the taxation minister to look into the allocation of goods because at present the VAT paid by the public is quite high especially under essential items. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalrinmawia Ralte

Pu LALRINMAWIA RALTE : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. I stand here today to thank the ministry for their outstanding work in the overall development of Mizoram. One important point I would like to mention is regarding Demand No.25 and No.36, Public Health Engineering and Environment & Forests; as well as Soil & Water Conservation Department.

Speaking from a practical point of view, I believe it is important to introduce 'convergence' of different departments. Other states from India has converge their departments thereby creating more assets for the public. For example, in order to tackle our water problem as well as to protect our environment, convergence of these 4 departments- PHE, Forests, Soil and RD is recommended so that they can function more effectively in tackling these problems.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Nirupam Chakma

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. We are all aware of the problems faced by retailers due to delayed payment from the government. We could follow in Tripura's footsteps where retailers earn their commission during distribution. Also, it is my opinion that problems at Mualkhang Bottling Plant are a non-issue and should not be used as an excuse by the ministry. Excise and Tourism are inseparable if we want to increase the amount of tourist footfall in Mizoram as potential tourists are deterred by the fact that alcohol is prohibited. We also need to improve our information system to create more publicity for various departments. Currently, most of the departments have basic information on their website, if they do have one and are seldom updated. Lastly, I would like to mention the achievement made in the field of sports and would like to thank and congratulate the persons involved. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Joseph Lalhimpuia

Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUA: Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. I would like to commend UD & PA department, Sports & Youth Department, Supply Department, PHE Department and Environment & Forests Department for their tremendous contribution towards the development of Mizoram in their respective fields. While they do have ongoing projects and potential development on the way; for the most part, the amount of work they have performed for the public is enormous and I would like to thank them for their work.

Information & Technology department has a number of projects under their belt one of which is the introduction of Fiber Optic to improve the connectivity speed of internet in Mizoram. I urge the government to supervise these projects as we are increasingly dependent on internet connectivity and social media and they are expected to play a central role in our everyday activities.

Lastly, I would like to suggest the convergence of departments for effectiveness. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu H. Zothangliana

Pu H. ZOTHANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. Under demand no. 46, steady steps are taken for various projects such as EWS Housing Scheme, RAY (Rajiv Awas Yojana), SIPMIU, Solar City etc and I applaud and thank the minister for his initiative. In regards to demand no.8 for Taxation Department, they are our biggest internal source of revenue and therefore should be better equipped.

For demand no .8, Taxation department play an important part and is our biggest source of revenue. However, they are seriously understaffed and I suggest that steps should be taken to increase the work force to increase efficiency.

We have seen tremendous improvement under demand no.22, Sports & Youth Services Department. I thank the Minister and staff for their hard work and would like to make one request. We would be very thankful if we can have a Mini sports complex at Sangau and Bualpui 'NG'.

We are eagerly waiting for the completion and functioning of Mizoram State Wide Area Network.

Under demand no.17, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, I thank the Minister for the construction of store house and for giving us gas agency at Sangau. However, their only quarters are in dire need of repair.

Phawngpui National Park and Ngengpui Wildlife Sanctuary under demand no.36, Environment & Forests will be handed over to Lai Autonomous District Council.

Lastly, I would like to voice my support for the three Demands for Grants. Thank you.

4:30 p.m.

SPEAKER : We shall now continue with our session. Let us now invite Pu Lalrobiaka.

Pu LALROBIAKA : Pu Speaker, thank you. First of all, I would like to commend Public Health Engineering (PHE) for their great work in providing clean water to the public. Also, I begged the government to speed up the process of Water Supply Scheme at West Phaileng to Phaileng.

In regards to Demand no.40, I applaud the minister in charge of Industries Department for his work and also for the allocation of ₹818 lakhs for PSU salaries.

It was unfortunate that there was no activity shown at the Work Programme submitted by Tourism Department with the amount of projects under their belt. I thank the minister and staff for their work and would like to urge the minister to speed the process of our proposal for the construction of Tourist Lodge at Marpara.

I commend the Minister and staffs of Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs for providing us with gas and other necessity supplies in the face of much criticism from the public.

Lastly, the scale of improvement and work seen in Environment & Forest, Sports & Youth Services and Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation departments are tremendous and I believe they rightfully deserves our accolade due to their hard work. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu R. Selthuama

Pu R.SELTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. With our state struggling financially it is high time we look for an alternate source of revenue. I believe it is high time that we increase the amount of professional tax, thereby, increasing our source of revenue.

The development seen in Sports & Youth Services is tremendous and I urge the minister to look into the unfinished playground at Lawipu as it has the capacity to be a great asset for Mizoram.

I believe the request for community halls at Nursery and Maubawk under Urban Development is still under advisement and would like to mention at the House today.

PHE department has introduced the Aizawl Greater Water Supply Scheme and with it, the hope that we can get at least one supply of drinking water per week. Also, the link drain at Maubawk is in serious need of repair and would like our respected minister to look into this.

Lastly, I thank the ministers and staffs at Industries Department and FCS & CA for their hard work. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Would our MNF Group Leader and UDA Group Leader like to say something before the House?

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Regarding the gas quota allotted to MLA's, will it be possible for our supply minister to allot one cylinder per week for MLA's?

In regards to taxation, there were some changes in the way taxes were paid with a new order that they should be paid online. I believe this is not feasible because not everyone has access to computer and internet and does not possess computer knowledge.

The Annual Plan Allocation for I & PR has decreased immensely and I urge the minister to explain this as they play an important role by acting as a communicator for the government.

Moving on to Information & Communication Technology, our mobile network given out by BSNL has become increasingly erratic with frequent periods of unavailable network. I believe it is necessary for the government to perform periodic checks to ensure effective service from the company.

Under UD & PA, I believe the Municipal Council Act should be amended with better facilities for counselors. Also, the subject transfer for counselors has not been framed till date and should be looked into as soon as possible. I believe

we need to have a better policy for Town & Country Planning Department to ensure safety in the face of natural disasters. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Under Demand no.22, I thank the minister for Sports & Youth Services for the construction of Chawlhmun Volleyball Court and Zotlang Sports Centre. Furthermore, I would like to request for a spotlight and basketball court to be installed at these centres.

I would also like to request the minister for PHE for completion of Water Supply Scheme at Sairang, Phunchawng and Lungverh as well as construction of 4 water tanks at Changzawl.

Scrap metal marketing has become a profitable business in Mizoram and the 68 Licenses issued for this trade should be reviewed as most of the owners are holders of ILP and have trading license.

The FCI Godown at Ramrikawn has become a Law & Order problem and so far, plans to relocate this godown have not been acted upon. We can eliminate a number of godowns thereby providing employment as the cost of distributing supplies is met by FCI. Also, the town of Lungverh is in serious need of retailer and I urge the minister to take a course of action regarding this.

Mualkhang Bottling Plant project is at a standstill due to compensation issue and is at the brink of collapsing. The government needs to intervene with proper policy so that this project can be completed.

We have seen a number VAT being waived on certain products and would like to see VAT waived on all noodle products.

Moving on to Industries Department, I find it disappointing that there are no provisions in the budget for Skill Development for our younger generation. We can revise our estimate as they can become a great source of revenue for our state. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us now invite hon'ble minister Pu S.Hiato to wind up and plead for the passing of this Bill.

Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I thank the members who spoke out today for their interesting suggestions and for their constructive criticism and would like to mention that all of their concerns have been noted and we will try our utmost to realize their thoughts and suggestions. In answer to their queries the following villages have been targeted and they are on the targeted list of the PHE department. They are Edenthlar Public Water, North Vanlaiphai and Bungtlang, Vairengte, Phaisen, Tuidam, Zohmun, Sihphir and Serhlun. Kawnpui Water Supply Scheme and Bilkhawthlir Water Supply Scheme are currently underway and will be

completed soon. Also, we are about to start the work for Biate Composite Water Supply Scheme and Bungtlang South Water Supply Scheme. We are trying our best for the running of these projects but I would like the public to factor in the fact that our equipments including pumps and pipes are not without faults. Some of these equipments are in need of repair and replacement and the replacement material have to be ordered from outside the state and as such took longer time for repair.

In answer to Pu Thangtea, the Concept Note for Buarpui at NEC has been completed. Syntex has been distributed for Rainwater harvesting at Laisawral and Sesawng.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : There are a number of families that are left out who are on the list to receive syntex. Also, a number of them receive only half the amount while the contractors have received final bill. There have to be some kind of enquiry on this. Also, a number of people are facing problems at Buarpui while accessing clean water due to their location. I have mentioned this problem time and again and would like to request the minister to take a course of action.

Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER : Tourism is an important department with several projects under their belt. The reason why they are not included in our work schedule is because construction of the buildings is in the hands of PWD and we expect them to show this in their work schedule. Regarding the filling up of 34 vacant Assistant Receptionist posts, we were waiting for DP & AR to come up with final seniority list from our existing MR staffs. However, there were some discontentments among the staffs with the list which contribute to the delay. Tourist lodge at Darlawn, Sakawrdai and Khanpui is completed. Also, there are delays in the opening of tourist lodge at Chalfilh, Khankawn, Darlawn, Sakawrdai, Darzo, Vanlaiphai, East Lungdar and Thingdawl due to absence of furnitures and running water and problems with electrical wiring. (PU C. RAMHLUNA: You have approval from D.P. & A.R.; do you need the seniority list from them as the engagement is made by the department?) DPR is also completed for Sakawhmuituai and Durtlang. The request for a tourist lodge at Kawnpui, Mawmrang Tlang and Phuaibuang is being processed.

A plan for a Heritage Village under Sialsuk Mega Project Ministry is at a standstill for the moment as we are waiting for Consultancy Firm.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, can we have any sign of commitment for the renovation of Lunglei Zotlang Tourist lodge, Bung bangla and Buarpui IB as we are willing to pay for the staffing from our own fund.

Pu LALROBIKA : Pu Speaker, can priority be given to the construction of tourist lodge at Marpara?

Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER : We will look into the construction of tourist lodge at Marpara.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, can they reconsider the policy regarding the barring of private firms from working on Tourism Projects under NEC?

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, have they started work at Bungtlang South? What is the current condition?

Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER : Moving on to Industries department, the public is facing a number of problems including employment opportunities due to lack of industries in the state that can generate employment. There are also limited promotion opportunities within the department.

In answer to Pu Liantlinga, Coal quota was given in 2010-2011, but it was decided not to continue in 2011-2012 due to severe increase in the price of coal that could affect the profit margin.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, Mineral Development Corporation was formed to deal with activities involving coal mining and production. Quotas were given to firms outside the state who have dubious history and reputation. Would it not be better to leave it in the hands of P&E?

Pu K.LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, is there any way to transport the bricks to our 7 industries in Mizoram at a cheaper price?

Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the coal quota allotment was taken by PEMCOS (Civil Pensioners Association) and ZIDCO. PEMCOS are unable to provide the list of their customers while ZIDCO customers are from M.S. Modern Brick Industry, BAirabi, M.S H.K. Brick Industry, Thenzawl, M.S.R.L Brick Industry and Bilkhawthlir.

The funds at Zuangtui Industrial Estate are for the combined expenditure of Zuangtui, Lengte, Pukpui, Luangmual and other villages.

An expert committee was formed by Finance department to look into the problems faced by PSU as they are currently running on a loss with no funds for salaries and expenditures for the staffs. Reports have been submitted to deal with the future of PSU including privatization.

Pu K.LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, there is no way for them to turn a profit considering the amount of funds they are given to operate.

Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER : Cabinet Memorandum has been made by the ministry and a decision will soon be made. One of the reasons for their problem is congested staffing without turning a profit.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, while we are on the subject of privatization, an advertisement was given in April by the Industry Department with no

reply from private firms. As mentioned before, it might be a better strategy to restructure the corporation as suggested by the ADB.

Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I believe the ministry and respected members of this House are equally aware of the problems faced by the corporations under the Industry Department. The major problem is that even if there is cash infusion, majority of them went as salary to staffs with little or no leftover for other projects.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, I do not expect the full details, however, I do expect them to at least try to tackle this problem. For example, if they could shuffle the staffs to Horticulture or Food and Vegetable Processing or other departments in line with their experience and qualifications, I believe they will be more productive that way.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, the reason why I mention this particular subject is because I believe there might be a way to turn these corporations over. Will it not be possible to grant them a loan with the government acting as the guarantor so that they can function better with profit returns?

Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER : Plans have been made to expand MIFCO and have been selected as part of NLUP to grow and harvest fruits. We have the machinery for this however; we do not have enough raw materials, i.e, fruits to harvest. The Expert Committee has submitted their report and the Cabinet will decide and hand staffs over to Horticulture and other departments. The internal road at Zuangtui Industrial Estate could not be repaired due to lack of funds.

NLUP beneficiaries target is larger than the original scheme because beneficiaries from Aizawl who not were included in the original scheme were included. The fund for these added lists is taken from the leftover budget of Agriculture department. Shortage of funds for the salary in Grant-in-aid is not shown in the budget as it was shown in revenue expenditure and Planning department will shortly allot funds for the shortages.

Moving on to Geology & Mining, this department was promoted to Directorate in 2010. Even though it is a small department, it generates large revenue. Its main work at the moment is groundwater investigation and monitoring. It performs geo-technical investigation and investigates the safety of land and underground. It also gave out mining permit and mining lease. It generates more than 440 lakhs within the last three years.

Gas exploration is currently going on with 59% already been explored by ONGC. Traces of gas were found at Meidum, Kolasib. Tax received from companies for their exploration is more than eight lakhs.

Regarding the quarry at Keifang, no permit was given for mining stones to BRTF or any other individual. They were warned twice by the department

regarding this with no avail. The department is hoping for a special scheme where alternative route can be constructed thereby, providing employment to the local people.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, this is a serious matter with many lives already been lost. There are other quarries owned by BRTF that is creating problems for the public. If they do not possess the license necessary for mining, serious action should be taken as they are acting against the law. We expect this kind of commitment from the minister.

Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, as mentioned before, BRTF was notified and ordered twice to stop mining without results. I believe we have to join forces with DC, GAD and Forest Department and take a serious course of action to tackle this problem.

Moving on to Industries, there are several small scale industries in Mizoram that provides employment to 40-50 people. We are paving the way for private entrepreneurs to grow by giving out loans and provide ways to obtain financial assistance. In order to promote industry, we have several Industrial areas such as Integrated Infrastructure Development Centre (IIDC) at Pukpui Lunglei, Industrial Estate at Zuangtui, Industrial Crop Centre at Luangmual, Integrated Infrastructure Development Centre (IIDC) at Zote Champhai, Export Provisional Industrial Park (EPIP) at Lengte and Bamboo Technical Park at Sairang.

Our corporation needs to improve on our entrepreneurial skills and develop our skills. We do see improvement in handloom development with our products being exported to other states. In order to promote handloom and its development, design centres such as computer aided design centre have been opened with training given to more than 300 people. Subsidized machineries have been distributed as well.

MIFCO has a perfectly functional Food Processing Unit but we lack the raw materials i.e. enough fruits to process. Central government has allotted funds for the acquisition of a Mega Food Processing Unit.

Tourism department has significantly increased its mark during the last several years with construction of several tourist lodge and highway restaurants completed. Our main problem is the staffing and maintenance of these completed buildings. We have a new scheme for adventure sports with 468.82 lakhs allocated for aero sports. There are several upcoming festivals with the recommendation of the central government to promote tourism and its department. Training is provided for students in hostel, hospitality management, food production and hotel administration in other states. The construction of Mizoram Institute of Hotel Management is expected to be completed in 2013-2014. Workshops and seminars were conducted for airport staffs, hotel staffs and taxi drivers in politeness and hospitality to tourists. The Mizoram Tourism Policy and Mizoram Recognition of Tour Operate Rule 2011 have

also been completed. Lastly, revenue generated by Tourism department during 2009-2012 is more than 470 lakhs.

Moving on to our last subject, I applaud the officers and staffs at PHE department for their effort and hard work. Since we started three or four years ago, we have covered 777 villages with only around 9 villages left which will be covered soon. We have also completed almost all pending projects except Biata. Under the allocation of business rules, 1987 1st April, 2011, the following responsibilities were given to the department: 1) Urban and Rural Water Supply Scheme 2) Public Health Sanitation 3) Ground Water Resources and Development 4) Sewage and Drainage Scheme. We received funds from MRDWP, NEC, NLCPR, MSDP and State Plan for our projects. For the first time we received funds from NEC for 4 new water supply schemes for Sangau, Phuaibuang, Bualpui (NG) and Lungzartum and several projects. Aizawl Greater Water Supply Scheme is currently going on and almost completed with funding from central government and State Plan. Currently, we have more than 40 pumping schemes. But we face hardships in maintenance of these pumps as they require large amount of manpower and capital. We have increased the tariff for water tax.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, I believe the public will accept and understand this increase in tax if it is properly explained and shown in work programme and performance budget.

Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER : Water Tariff have been increased and Passed at the House and Rules have been already made. With the increase in population, we are currently facing water shortage and will continue to do so if we do not have an alternate plan. We have worked together with Central YMA, Village Council and NGO's and have come up with suggestion for a new water scheme.

Lastly, I would like thank the House for its support and approval for passing of this Bill such as: -

Demand No.	Department	Amount
No.25	PHE	₹132,79,78,000.00
No.40	Industries	₹97,56,70,000.00
No.43	Tourism	₹7,36,33,000.00
	TOTAL	₹237,72,81,000.00

Thank you.

SPEAKER : The House has unanimously passed the following Demands: -

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We shall now invite hon'ble minister Pu H. Rohluna to wind up and seek approval for his Bill.

Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, thank you. I thank the members of this House for their participation in the discussion of this Bill. Especially regarding Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, as the work performed by this department is varied and broad and we understand if there are complaints and criticisms.

In answer to Pu R.L.Pianmawia, the godown at East Phaileng is not usable as they are in need of repair. We have to renovate the building is we want to utilize this godown. Also there is shortage of staff with no available staff to man the godown.

Darlawn Forest Division has been proposed to be included in the first phase in the Green India Mission.

As mentioned by Pu John Siamkunga, it is our wish to sync our Ration Cards with Census 2001 but I regret to say that this is not possible at this time.

SPEAKER : I believe the central minister has complained of mistakes in the census made in 2001.

Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, it was with the Union Minister of State, Petroleum and Natural Gas and was regarding Gas consumption. Either way, the allocation we received is based on 2001 census and we received 2841 metric ton which is not enough. (SPEAKER: What will be the point of basing our ration card with 2011 census if they are going to compare it with 2001 census; it means that our allocation will still not be enough.) Pu Speaker, that particular discussion was about ration cards and not the population.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Pu Speaker, I meant that there are great disparity between the ration card and actual consumers. Can the ghost consumers be taken off from the card as it is a waste?

Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I believe our respected member has been misinformed regarding this. We have submitted a proposal to the central government for the reconstruction of 20 godowns and are awaiting sanction. (SPEAKER: Starred Question no.169 states that S. Vanlaiphai has 5591 consumers according to the ration card, Sangau has 16,565 with a disparity of 11000 between them. That was the reason it was mentioned by our member)

We have ceased the Mahal project since 2010-2-11 which contributed to the decrease in revenue for Environment & Forests. We are hoping to sort out the Royalty Collection for Environment & Forests and Geology & Mineral Resources.

Construction of godown at Tuipang is completed and is awaiting explosive license. Gas quota requested by MLA's cannot be met at the moment due to shortage of gas and any reserve we have is given to the public as priority. We can revisit this request when supply improves.

As for questions regarding the lump sum of 42.80 crores for the 13th Finance Commission, these funds are deposited with the condition that the work programme needs approval. If they are rejected, these funds will be withdrawn. However, the department has submitted six draft working plan to the ministry and we are waiting for them to release the full amount.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, since the working plan was already prepared, with the 13th Finance Commission year marking their expenditure; is it not possible for your department to do the same?

Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, it is not that we hesitated to highlight the work programme, it lies in the hands of the ministry and we are not certain whether the full amount will be granted.

Lt.Col. Z.S. Zuala advocated control of selling bamboo shoots for fear of extinction. However, we have relaxed that rule and decided that a few and control sanctuary is better than overall control. It also provides employment to several people.

There is rapid decline in tiger population in Mizoram due to development. We estimate to have a few at Dampa Tiger Reserve.

Severe shortage of gas was mentioned by Pu Lalthansanga at his constituency. Currently, there are no agents at the area as they are still waiting for their field verification. Once this goes through we hope there will be more supply of gas.

We are trying our utmost to fillup the monsoon stock at the constituency of Pu C.Ramhluna. Also, it was decided the rationing of rice at 3kgs per person is sufficient as of now due to issue with stock.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, it would mean a lot to them if they can increase the quota even for a month as they are farmers and the current quota is not sufficient for them.

Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER : I regret to say that the current quota is not changeable at the moment due to lack of funds. We are struggling as it is with the ministry losing large amount of capital with the subsidized rates.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, I believe it is the intention of the central government to list food as legal entitlement with the Food Security Bill being passed. Can we make use of that Bill and request extra funding?

Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER : Food Security Act has not been passed yet and is currently being considered by the Parliamentary Standing Committee.

The transfer modalities are being drafted for the transfer of Lawngtlai Wildlife Division from state government to Council.

We are trying our utmost to resolve the issue surrounding Mualkhang Bottling Plant especially regarding compensation and I asked the members and public for their understanding.

We are always ready to help with the preservation of biodiversity in Mizoram and currently we are planning a Botanical garden at Saikhalh with funds from 13th Finance Commission. Several buffer area at Dampa Tiger Reserve has been given over for poultry farming, pig farming and for vegetable farming.

In answer to Dr. Lalthangliana regarding LPG cylinder reserves enjoyed by MLA's, we have ceased this reservation due to shortage suffered by the public. Once this shortage is dealt with, we can always revise this subject.

I would like to call out respected member Pu Lalduhoma and mention that we are trying our best to relocate the FCI store house at Ramrikawn to Sairang. FCI also has possessed the sanction for the construction of another store house at Bairabi. We believe that it is more cost effective for us to have several store houses as the cost of transportation is met by FCI.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, if the depot is within 30 kms radius, the transportation cost is met by FCI. We can use local transport for this thereby providing employment for the locals.

Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, as for the issue regarding the absence of retailer at Lungverh, we believe it is not feasible at present as there are only 43 families residing at Lungverh with a weekly quota of just over 1 quintal. The hassle of transporting just over 1 quintal from Zuangtui might not be feasible in the business sense and as such, we might not find retailers who are willing to make that commitment. That is the reason why we are reluctant to invite tenders.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, being the representative of this area, I urge the minister in-charge to speed up the work on issue of ration card to families without ration card for which survey of families may have to be conducted. If I am not mistaken, there are 250 families occupying quarters, 500 musafir and 47 civilians. We are ready to extend our assistance if required.

Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, departmental officers with proper instruction carried out the survey on the spot. According to their report, number of families is 131. This being so, there is apprehension on our part that a retailer for small number of families would go the other way to make up for his losses. There had been such cases in the past which had created problems to the

department and to the public. Anyway, we are concerned with their problem and will do what we can to alleviate their problem and would appreciate co-ordination from them.

Compensation regarding Mualkhang Bottling Plant was mentioned. It is a fact that supply department is a nodal department for LPG. Yet, compensation is within the purview of Land Revenue and Settlement Department. However, it is our commitment to alleviate problem faced by the people. Besides acquisition of land for the plant, families living there are badly in need of 11 K.V line. We still cannot meet their requirement and would continue to pursue this.

Under Environment & Forest, I want to raise one or two points for information to the hon'ble members. Mini orchiderium is set up at Sairang Nursery, 52 varieties of orchid is being collected within Mizoram; six are hybrids. Of 52 varieties, 38 have blossomed. Hence, Sairang High Tech Nursery is set up under grant from 13th Finance Commission.

Traditional medicinal garden is also set up nearby. 23 varieties of indigenous medicinal plants have been collected within Mizoram. In spite of financial crisis, we could set up the two nursery at the cost of around Rs 5,30,000 from financial provision under 13th Finance Commission.

Draft working plan of Lunglei, Tlabung, Mamit, North Vanlaiphai, Aizawl and Kolasib forest division has also been submitted to the Ministry of Environment and Forest. Without the ministry's approval, teak plants cannot be cut down.

Japan International Cooperation Agency will renovate our State Training Institute located at Bethlehem Venghlang for which 498 lakhs is earmarked and another 18 lakhs is for front line training and staff material, and 45 lakhs had been released so far. There are many others to name besides these.

Regarding Supply, 28,410 quintals is purchased for APL at the rate of ₹8.30/kg from FCI, 14,700 quintals for BPL purchased at the rate of ₹5.65/kg and 9100 quintals for AAY at the rate of ₹3/-. Our normal monthly allocation is 52,210 quintals. Total allocation received does not meet even half of our requirements, thereby causing large spending for purchase of additional rice every year. Yet, the government is willing to be on a loss side to meet the requirement of its people. We may be labeled as inactive or indifferent to the problem of the people, but this is not so as we can see.

We have also terminated what we had previously practiced, that is, advance monsoon stock of food grains. We think we would be able to survive if monthly allocation is managed carefully with timely distribution of rice to the public through retailers.

We are also pleased to note that there is no acute problem in POL in the past month.

I also want to inform the House that if there is change for betterment, we reap the fruit of success as we see in the case of Hill State Transport Subsidy. FCI had also reimbursed large fund stuck up due to mis-management, the remaining sum would be reimbursed further for which we continue to make effort. At present, we introduce a new format which was approved by FCI and Ministry of Food. In fact, other states are advised to do as we did.

Mizoram has lack of good store houses and this matter is being pursued at central level. They have sanctioned ₹9,65,63,000 for construction of store houses. ₹596 lakhs has been released as 1st installment and the remaining sum will be released after utility certificate and progress report of 17 store houses is submitted to the ministry.

Much has been said about LPG. Distribution of charcoal by some political party does not seem to be appropriate with the problem we are facing. Past and present ministry had faced LPG problems at one time or another during their respective tenures. While other states could not have RGGLV gas agent, Mizoram could have 13 agents sanctioned by the central government and 6 have already been commissioned and the remaining 7 will shortly be commissioned.

I would also like to make a few statements on consumer affairs because they are the ones who take on the grievances of consumers. Under the State Consumer Dispute Redresal Commission, 195 cases have been filed of which 192 had been disposed of, which is 98.5%. There is also Consumer Forum in various districts and has a 98.8% record of cases disposed.

Lastly, I request the House to pass my demands such as: -

Demand No.	Department	Amount
No.17	Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs	₹237,11,35,000.00
No.36	Environment & Forests	₹96,25,85,000.00
	TOTAL	₹333,37,20,000.00

Thank you.

SPEAKER : The hon'ble minister had moved his demands. Those who agree may say 'Yes'.

(The Demands are voted and passed)

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

SPEAKER : We shall now invite Pu Zodintluanga to wind up and request the House to pass his demands.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, thank you. I will start my demand no.48 for Information & Communication Technology. The kiosk mentioned by Pu R.L. Pianmawia has been sanctioned due to strenuous effort made by the department officers. Sanctioned has been made for 300 localities and preparation for immediate installation is going on.

I agree with Pu Lalthansanga about the need to improve ICT for future generation and for today's youth. Even for Mizoram, Software Technology Park is most necessary in today's world. An MOU has been signed with Central and Mizoram University in pursuance of this. An office site for this is allotted at Ch. Chhunga terminal and would help improve technology in our state when completed.

The unsatisfactory functioning of mobile phones in Mizoram is due to poor connectivity. Due to initiative taken by our hon'ble Chief Minister, Power Get Corporation Ltd is contracted to install overhead cable for fiber optic connection which is expected to be completed by October. The main problem faced by everyone is that work is hampered by monsoon but it is expected that there will be improvement in the near future. The improper functioning of website is a problem faced by everyone and is expected to improve when the common template and content management system is launched in august.

It is mentioned by several members regarding the meager allocation of funds for departments under my portfolio. It is a fact that Taxation, UD & PA and Sports & Youth Services are newly created departments and the expenditure is also meager. I, therefore would like to request that at least 2% of the budget fund is set aside for them to help improve development in IT sector. We have national e-governance policy under which this Assembly Secretariat is the first to make use of it then comes Taxation department. I hope other departments will follow suit.

As pointed out by Pu Zothangliana, SWAN had been inaugurated by the hon'ble Chief Minister. There is no other connectivity except BSNL which hamper the signal. The building for Data Centre is under construction and the machineries are under transshipment. E-district and Common Service Centre has also been opened and operated. Pu Speaker, I would like to add that we are doing our best to have ICT improved for the whole state.

Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUIA: Pu Speaker, while the hon'ble Minister is winding up, let me remind him once again to take every possible step to have connectivity between Aizawl and Lunglei for which laying of fibre optic cable is in progress. It will also be important to follow guidelines for laying of such cable to prevent easy damage.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, we would do our best and approach the authorities of BSNL. We have not reached a concrete agreement yet regarding the installation of Reltel in district/block headquarter.

I regret to say that the installation of Taxation check gate at Bukpui suggested by Pu Lalrinawma cannot be fulfilled at present due to shortage of staff. We are not collecting arrear under the provision of Mizoram Public Demand Recovery Act. We also continue to issue personal way bill for genuine cases while trying our best to prevent misuse. I would like to inform the members that giving tax online is not insisted as compulsory by the department. Increase of professional tax is not our purview as it has to be passed by the Parliament. Exemption of tax on edible oil will not benefit the public but will go to the manufacturers or the production company.

The department is making strenuous effort in collecting taxes to help improve the financial condition of Mizoram. Taxes are collected on the basis of the following acts: -

1. Mizoram Value Added Tax Acts, 2005.
2. Mizoram Sales of Petroleum & Petroleum Products (including Motor Spirit & Lubricants) Taxation Acts, 1973.
3. Mizoram Professions Trades Callings & Employment Taxation Acts, 1995.
4. The Assam Ombudsmen & Vetting Tax Act, 1938.
5. The Central Sales Tax Act, 1956.
6. The Mizoram Society Registration Act, 2005.

Tax collected during 2011-2012 comes to ₹14,595 lakhs and crossed the demand target by ₹354.24 lakhs. Our growth rate is 31.16% while growth rate expected for the whole of India is 17%. I once again inform the House that the government is ever ready to rectify or change rate of taxes where and when it brings hardship to the public.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, if tax is exempt on edible oil, won't the MRP go down eventually? VAT of 10.5% is collected on many items, could this be reduced? Can you elaborate on Rumpum, etc.? Also, what type of way bill will be used for departmental purchases?

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the MRP is fixed at the factory and will remain the same regardless of change in taxes.

As for Rumpum, etc., the government usually studied with care where and on which items tax is to be levied. There is a provision under which departments are exempted from tax if materials purchased are from direct manufacturing firm. However, this provision is being reviewed and scrutinized and final decision will be intimated to me.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, if the Minister could clarify about income tax.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I beg the understanding of the members for not clarifying this issue as it is not the purview of Taxation Department alone. It is a policy matter requiring broader consensus.

SPEAKER : Yes, serious thought will have to be given.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, as we know the provision in the budget for Demand No.22, Sports & Youth Services is not much. Yet, there are notable achievements in urban and rural areas. Basketball court, volleyball court and fields are constructed. Our youths are making progress in various disciplines of sports at state and national levels. Coaches for different disciplines are recruited from within and outside India. Some of our playgrounds are covered with artificial grass. Our achievements are there for all to see. It is also expected that more fund will flow in from central for further improvement.

Pu Speaker, sports council has selection committee, however, there are cases where recruitment is done at the behest of the President if need arises, without going through Selection Committee. For example- Pu Zirchhunga, Lunglei, a retired J.E (PWD) was appointed without going through selection committee to look after Lunglei Sports Complex while construction was going on.

Our various achievements were mentioned in the last budget session. To continue our work of progress, I hope we will be given another chance of 5 years by the public.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, before the Minister ends his speech, does the government intend to reward Lalenkawli, Lawngtlai who came first at Boxing World Cup in Siberia? The state government used to reward those who made a mark at the world stages in previous years.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Award is given according to the specific rules and provisions being laid down in place by the sports council.

Lastly, there is not much to clarify about Demand no.46, Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation. Regarding Darlawn Town Development Programme, 2nd installment of 76.76 lakhs had been released. I regret to say that Thingdawl could not come in separate as it is included in the master plan area of Kolasib though it is not there in the census of Kolasib Urban Area.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, is there a way to rectify their position?

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, knowing the situation, the department used to include Thingdawl whenever there is project to be initiated for Kolasib Town Area. But a separate project for Thingdawl alone cannot be initiated at the moment.

It is true what Pu P.P. Thawla said about lump sum grant for NE Region. There is hardly any fund left to return to DONER from UD & PA side.

From our side, there is no specific problem regarding BPL Loans. However, there can be a problem with the bank if loaners change their trade of choice.

The construction of Amphi Theatre proposed by Pu Z.S. Zuala at his constituency is pursued and Detailed Project Report is under preparation.

Project for Housing Unit under ISSDP is underway and we are very hopeful that central will give us approval. RAY has been started at Zuangtui for 60 families with others on the pipeline. We are also waiting for sanction for Lunglei Shopping Mall and the DPR for this was completed in January 2012.

50 licenses were issued under 'The Mizoram Town Sanitation Rule, 1980' for scrap metal marketing and only 4 of them are still valid. No new license were issued or renewed after The Mizoram Municipal Act, 2007 came into practice. This issue is now transferred to the Allocation of Business Wing under Industry Department.

As for the salaries of councilors mentioned by Dr. R. Lalthangliana, it is decided that their current salary is sufficient at present.

Our department is fairly new with many improvements and work to be done. We are trying our best even though we are short staffed.

Hon'ble member Dr. Lalthangliana advocates increase of remuneration for councilors. However, we think it is quite appropriate for now considering its late existence. Regarding subject transfer, I think I have given my answer this morning during question hour.

As we know our department is newly created and the working pattern of our engineers is also very hectic. Recruitment Rule for the staffs is also being processed. (T.T. ZOTHANSANGA: Pu Speaker, if the minister could tell us whether 3rd phase for construction of houses at Champhai is coming soon.) Yes, Pu Speaker, fund for construction of houses for the homeless has come in full amount from Central government. Yet, due to financial crisis and some other reasons, the said fund could not be released in full and is expected to be released soon. (P.P. THAWLA: Pu Speaker, what about Tuipang playground?) Pu Speaker, I have generally mentioned about the said playground. If possible a better playground will certainly be constructed next term.

Pu LALDUHOMA : As I have stated earlier, the turn-over for scrap metal marketing could come to 80 crores with non-mizos collecting such materials without authorization. This has to be stopped immediately. If fee is collected from car parking why not we also collect tax from such business men? It could be a good source of revenue for the state.

I also ask whether ward members could be given sitting allowance as we too are enjoying this allowance. Also, what was the outcome of negotiation for construction of a water tank?

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I forgot to mention that there would be no problem in constructing a tanky at the proposed site. There is no specific answer to be given regarding work committee.

We are all aware that Urban Development has a wide range of works to pursue and covers the whole state. Loan is availed from Asian Development Bank. Treatment Plant is proposed to be set up at Chite Lui. SIPMIU is working on the trench for solid waste management and the fund for this is expected within the financial year.

I would like to mention that our departmental officers are devoted in their respected field of work and the execution of our projects even though we are a newly created department.

Lastly, Pu Speaker, I request the House to pass my Demands such as: -

Demand No.	Department	Amount
No.8	Taxation	₹10,10,00,000.00
No.22	Sports & Youth Services	₹35,81,03,000.00
No.46	Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation	₹1,64,01,73,000.00
No.48	Information & Communication Technology	₹5,06,16,000.00
	TOTAL	₹2,14,98,92,000.00

SPEAKER : The hon'ble Minister has moved his demands for the House to pass. Those who agree say 'aye' and those who do not agree say, 'nay'.

The House has unanimously passed the demands of the hon'ble Minister.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER : Time availed for wind up speeches is around 4 hrs and 7 minutes. I hope the hon'ble members are satisfied with clarifications and answers given by the respective ministers.

Business for today is completed. House is now adjourned and will be continued tomorrow at 10:30 AM.

Sitting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

**SIXTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MIZORAM
(ELEVENTH SESSION)**

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR ELEVENTH SITTING ON TUESDAY, THE 31st JULY, 2012
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)

QUESTIONS

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

FINANCIAL BUSINESS
DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS

2. **Pu H. LIANSILOVA**, Minister to submit to the Vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
3. **Pu LAL THANHAWLA**, Hon'ble Chief Minister to submit to the Vote of the House various Demands under his charge.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Bills for introduction, consideration and passing.

4. **Pu H. LIANSILOVA** to beg leave of the House to introduce "The Mizoram Appropriation Bill, 2012".

ALSO
to introduce the Bill
to move that the Bill be taken into consideration
AND
to move that the Bill be passed.

NGURTHANZUALA
Secretary

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SPEAKER : Moreover the profit of the land is for all; even the King is served from the field.
(Ecclesiastes 5:9)

We shall now invite Dr. Lalthangliana to ask starred Question no.181.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA: Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for Finance be pleased to state-

- a) Liabilities for Loan and Works in the financial year of 2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2011-2012
- b) The amount of repayment for the yearwise
- c) Amount of exact liability for loan and work at present?

SPEAKER : Pu H. Liansailova, Minister of Finance to answer the questions. Kindly refrain from repeating the questions and only the answers should be given.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, liabilities incurred by loan and works at the end of each financial year is as follows-

- a) 2008-2009 - ₹3259.82 crores
2009-2010 - ₹3163.95 crores
2010-2011 - ₹3697.24 crores
2011-2012 - ₹3994.48 crores
- b) Repayment yearwise is –
2008-2009 - ₹253.56 crores
2009-2010 - ₹718.54 crores
2010-2011 - ₹477.12 crores
2011-2012 - ₹715.62 crores
- c) The present liabilities are not known yet.

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question from Dr. R. Lalthangliana.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA: Pu Speaker, Liability in the last financial year was ₹3994.48 crores. What is the reason for the enormous increase from the previous year? Secondly, how do they make the repayment?

SPEAKER : Let us invite the Minister.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, we could somehow repay the loan having high interest rate availed from Asian Development Bank. This is why our outstanding liability decreased during the financial year of 2009-2010. And the reason for the increase was loan and borrowing from open market due to necessity. Repayment is done by making provision in the budget for loan repayment.

SPEAKER : Now, starred Question No.182 to be asked by Pu P.P. Thawla

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for General Administration be pleased to state: -

- a) Is there a proposal for construction of a new building for the Office of Deputy Commissioner at Saiha District?
- b) If there is an intention to do so, what is the progress?
- c) If not, what is the reason?

SPEAKER : Let us now invite hon'ble Chief Minister to answer the questions.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, yes, we do plan to construct new buildings. The plan and estimate had been submitted to the Planning Department. Construction will be started when fund comes from the central government.

SPEAKER : Starred Question No.183 to be asked by Pu R.L. Pianmawia.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, when will mid-day meal be provided to private schools?

SPEAKER : Now, the Minister may give his reply.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, according to the guidelines formulated by the government of India, mid-day meal scheme is implemented in government and government aided schools. However, provision of mid-day meal to private schools has been considered by government of India but it has not been materialized.

SPEAKER : Now, starred Question No.184

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for School Education be pleased to state-

- a) How many High School Headmasters are there in Mizoram?
- b) What is the cut-off year for High School teacher for promotion to Headmaster?
- c) Is it not possible to promote provincialised teachers of 1993 to the post of headmaster to solve problem faced due to non-availability of headmaster in some rural schools?
- d) How many working High School teachers are there under the government of Mizoram?
- e) How many working High School teacher post are lying vacant at present?
- f) Is the government unable to fill up these vacant posts?
- g) If they cannot fill these posts, what is the reason?
- h) Is there an intention to fill them up?
- i) How many government high school and middle school are there without Headmaster?

SPEAKER : We will invite the hon'ble Minister to reply.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the following are the answers-

- a) 55 high schools are without headmaster.
- b) High school teachers who have had 5 years service in the post are eligible for promotion to headmaster.
- c) Provincialised teachers are also eligible for promotion to the post of headmaster if criteria set by Recruitment Rules and their seniority justified.
- d) There are 1298 working high school teachers in Mizoram.
- e) There are 82 vacant posts for high school teachers.
- f) Steps are taken to fill up these posts.
- g) Steps are taken to fill these vacant posts.
- h) 82 vacant posts are proposed to be filled up from contract high school teachers.
- i) There are 55 high schools without headmaster and 27 middle schools without headmaster.

Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE : Pu Speaker, I would like to inform the House that the Headmaster of Bukpui High School was transferred to Aizawl but no substitute teacher was appointed yet. Similarly, the Headmaster of Hortoki was transferred to Thingdawl but no substitute Headmaster was appointed till now. I request the hon'ble Minister to fill up these posts.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, starred question no.85-

- a) Amount of money deposited at K- deposit at present?
- b) Name of the departments whose money was deposited at K-deposit and the amount deposited respectively?

SPEAKER : Let us invite the hon'ble Minister to reply.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, in answer to respected member Dr. Lalthangliana, as on 16.7.2013, the amount at K-deposit is ₹440.47 crores in Aizawl 'S' Treasury and the departments are:

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| 1) SAO:AG | - ₹ 33,98,000/- |
| 2) Fin. Commissioner | - ₹ 19,37,148/- |
| 3) AIGP – 1 | - ₹ 10,28,35,905/- |
| 4) LAD | - ₹ 8,00,00,000/- |
| 5) S&YS | - ₹ 5,95,95,970/- |
| 6) Agriculture Dy. Director | - ₹ 55,34,75,038/- |
| 7) Horticulture | - ₹ 1,19,44,695/- |
| 8) AH&Vety | - ₹ 36,72,07,985/- |
| 9) Industries | - ₹ 77,47,674/- |
| 10) UD & PA | - ₹ 20,41,53,480/- |
| 11) PWD | - ₹ 2,56,83,055/- |
| 12) Forest | - ₹ 3,17,94,32,109/- |

From Aizawl 'N' Treasury:-	
1) P & E	- ₹ 7,99,29,000/-
2) IGP	- ₹ 1,77,15,400/-
3) Health Services	- ₹ 6,07,76,589/-
4) SCERT	- ₹ 4,26,17,037/-
5) School Education	- ₹ 17,17,47,720/-
6) SWD	- ₹ 12,04,93,159/-
7) A & C	- ₹ 1,50,00,000/-
8) RD	- ₹ 17,10,26,634/-
9) Health & Medical Education	- ₹ 3,47,87,188/-
10) P&E	- ₹ 43,25,63,695/-
11) PHE	- ₹ 7,85,81,685/-
Total	- ₹ 1,22,52,38,107/-
GRAND TOTAL	- ₹ 4,40,46,70,216/-

SPEAKER : Supplementary questions from Pu Duhoma, Pu T.T.Zothansanga and Dr.R.Lalthangliana respectively.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, generally how long is department fund deposited at K-deposit? What is the longest duration?

Is ₹ 440 crores from the past financial year? What is the reason for depositing department fund at K-deposit? And how do they decide the departments whose funds are to be deposited and what is the criteria?

Dr. R.LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, is finance department aware of the problem faced by the departments whose fund are kept for a long time at K-deposit? Also, when will ₹ 440 crores be released to the departments?

Pu T.T.ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, can you explain the process of withdrawing money from K-deposit? Is it a fact that some amount has to be given to withdraw money from K-deposit?

SPEAKER : We shall now invite the Minister to answer.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I will try my best to clear the queries of respected members of the House. At the start of our ministry, the amount of K-deposit sits at 400 crores and since then, we have struggled to reduce the amount due to our financial position and budget operation. The duration of these deposited amounts cannot be predicted as they are distributed according to the needs of the department and available fund. Their criterion is therefore, to release fund when and where required. I believe my answer covers the question posed by Pu Thangtea.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, it is understood that K-deposit is necessary for funds that are going to lapse. But why is it that fund acutely required are deposited? Is it because we are afraid of Treasury closing?

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I do not know departments are acutely requiring fund deposited at K-deposit. If requirement is there, fund is released. As there had been cases where large amount kept at the chest are misappropriated by cashiers and others. The government is cautious in this regard, K-deposit is in some way a safe deposit.

Regarding Pu Thangtea's question, I was not aware that there were instances when fund kept at K-deposit is necessarily used. Our hon'ble Chief Minister is very cautious in such cases. As far as I know, there has not been any withdrawal of large fund for bribery or ransom during our tenure.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, what the hon'ble members should remember is that we have to be vigilant if we want to have corruption free government. One channel for prevention of large scale misappropriation of fund is to keep money at K-deposit. But is the departments require the money, it is released accordingly. However, there are cases where required amount is not released due to financial hardship or due to some other reasons. Normally, fund at K-deposit is released as and when the departments required.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalduhoma to ask starred Question No.186

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister in charge of GAD be pleased to state: -

Do the occupants of a quarter where there are more than one government servant have to pay rent separately?

SPEAKER : Let us invite the hon'ble Chief Minister to answer the question.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, government quarters are free of cost, there are no rental charge except small amount of License fee which the allotted person has to bear.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, is it possible to change government's order issued by Secretary, GAD regarding recovery of HRA (House Rent Allowance) by onetime payment or by installment from government employees occupying government quarters? If this is not changed, it will be a heavy burden and they are not informed of this at the time allotment was made and some of the allottees had died and some had already retired.

SPEAKER : Let us invite the hon'ble Chief Minister to answer the question.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, it is not an order made at the sour of the moment. As the saying 'ignorance of law is no excuse',

government employees should know that there is a standing order and central notification for occupation of government quarters. If defaulters are excused, it could mean one kind of corruption.

SPEAKER : Pu B. Lalthlengliana to ask starred Question No.187

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister in charge of Education be pleased to state: -

Is there any proposal to improve higher secondary school opened at Farkawn and Khawbung?

SPEAKER : Let us invite the concerned Minister Pu Lalsawta to answer the question.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, there is no intention from the government to improve the said schools as they are private schools.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu B. Lalthlengliana.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : I do not think that should be the answer. Truly speaking, most of the institutions in Mizoram are firstly private schools. Secondary schools are few and far between in Mizoram. If such private schools are improved and strengthened many of our problems due to non-availability of seats would be solved.

Also, Pu Speaker, I am one of the members in the consultative committee on Education. But I am hurt by the way my constituency is treated regarding transfer and posting of teachers. It seems that my constituency is used as a transit camp for newly appointed teachers. For instance, there are two teachers at Samthang UPS School; one is transferred elsewhere leaving with just one teacher. Whereas in Bethlehem, Aizawl, there is a school where there are 6 students with 6 teachers. This is not the way education should be treated.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu Lalduhoma

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker is there a way to consider the case of secondary schools already established privately such as on merit basis. Some are really genuine cases considering the requirement of the area.

SPEAKER : Let us invite the concerned Minister Pu Lalsawta to answer the question.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, Pu B.Lalthlengliana's question and Pu Duhoma's question are far apart. Government intended to open secondary school under RMSA during 2013-2014 financial years. Frankly speaking,

established private schools are also the cause of confusion while making appointment of teachers. It is therefore the government's desire to follow norms and regulations formulated by them.

Pu B.LALTHLEGLIANA : Pu Speaker, teachers employed at Farkawn and Khawbung private schools are qualified teachers. In fact, Farkawn School has 100% pass result in the last exam and they have been teaching for the last 6/7 years. I think they should not be overlooked when the government intends to upgrade or provincialize.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, we will examine such cases when the time comes.

Regarding Pu Duhoma's question, it is not the government's intention to neglect private schools totally to themselves. Presently, classes from eight below are compulsory as well as free. There would come a time when free and compulsory is applied to higher secondary level. When such time comes, we believe to have better improvement.

As for the transfer and posting of teachers, many factors contributed to the imbalance posting of teachers. We may ask as to why many teachers are here in Aizawl. One reason is some have to remain here due to health issue and have to be admitted or treated at the hospital on and off. Of course, this is not the case for everyone. If we are to strictly abide by the rules, the public also would not be able to follow it.

SPEAKER : Is that the reason why CAG Report mentioned the 5700 extra teachers in Mizoram?

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, this would not be the case if Right of Children to Free Compulsory Education Act is implemented. Excess teachers would be there if arithmetically calculated but when free and compulsory education is fully implemented, the case would be different.

SPEAKER : Considering CAG Report, some justifications will have to be made. Anyway, serious thought has to be given to the report as it reversely portrays the image of Mizoram.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, Mizoram is different topographically. If assessment is done basing on plain areas alone, it would not be possible for Mizoram to comply with in all cases.

SPEAKER : What the House Leader said is right.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker that is all I can answer at this time.

SPEAKER : Question time is over so we will go to financial business that is to be concluded today. Now I call upon Pu H.Liansailova, Minister to submit his demand.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of his Excellency, the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, I move the following Demands for meeting the expenses of the following departments for the year 2101-2013, such as: -

Demand No.	Department	Amount
No.9	Finance	₹367,06,99,000.00
No.13	Personnel & Administrative Reforms	₹2,14,36,000.00
No.14	Planning & Programme Implementation	₹68,57,39,000.00
No.31	Agriculture	₹199,63,58,000.00
No.32	Horticulture	₹118,93,55,000.00
	TOTAL	₹756,35,87,000.00

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now, may I request the hon'ble Chief Minister Pu Lal Thanhawla to move his demands.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of his Excellency, the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, I move my Demands Nos.1,2,3,5,15,26,27,39,45 and 47 totaling ₹ 1386,19,39,000/- for meeting the expenses for the following departments for the year 2012-2013:-

Demand Nos.	Department	Budget Amount
No.1	Legislative Assembly	₹16,58,68,000.00
No.2	Governor	₹10,60,000.00
No.3	Council of Ministers	₹5,60,70,000.00
No.5	Vigilance	₹4,72,65,000.00
No.15	General Administration	₹50,54,55,000.00
No.26	Information & Public Relations	₹7,89,00,000.00
No.27	District Council Affairs	₹243,16,85,000.00
No.39	Power & Electricity	₹336,89,68,000.00
No.45	PWD	₹573,50,75,000.00
No.47	Minor Irrigation	₹147,15,93,000.00
	TOTAL	₹1,386,19,39,000.00

SPEAKER : Two Ministers submitted their demands, discussion may follow. But let us remember that Appropriation Bill has to be signed by 12 PM tonight by the Governor and as such I kindly urge the members to utilize our time appropriately.

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Our discussion today will include 15 departments as well as issues from other departments. First of all, I would like to urge the members as well as government workers so that our Plan Fund and MLA Fund can be implemented on time so that we can utilize this resource to the maximum.

Agriculture department under demand No.31 have seen tremendous improvement such as Farm Mechanization. I would also like to request the construction of simple bridges at Tuirial, Bungmual Zau, Zanthim Lui and Zau Lei as they play an important role for farm workers and farmers. I would also like to suggest the handing over of Agriculture Godown and Cold Storage at Sihphir to Sports department so that they can be useful to the public instead of leaving them empty.

Horticulture department have been useful to use especially the opening of Sion Bank.

Power & Electricity has reached a wider area within Mizoram and Thuampui, Zuangtui and Falkland are in need of new transformers and line extension.

Lastly, under demand no.45, PWD the area around Zuangtui have suffered a great deal due to the landslide caused by the extension of roads and I urge the Ministry to build a check dam at the very least while proper solution is being considered. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu John Siamkunga, followed by Pu Thlenga nd Pu K.Liantlinga

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Our budget reflects the overall improvement that our State has achieved and I would like to thank the ministry for making this a reality.

DP&AR played a role in increasing the quality of our education by being able to conduct civil service exam annually thereby reducing issues faced by civil officers regarding promotion etc.

I also kindly request to increase the amount of budget for GAD eventhough it is already ₹154.15 lakhs.

I would like to mention that the Ministry does not neglect the District Council Affairs and instead increase their budgets by a sizeable amount compared to previous years.

The number of works and projects ongoing under PWD is numerous with several hydel projects and sub stations underway.

The budget for PWD shows the amount of work they perform for the betterment of Mizoram and I thank them for their hard work. In the meantime I would

like to mention the need for black topping the PMGSY roads between Muallinapui and Vanlaiphai, Cherhlun and Thingsai, Chawngtui S and Vanlaiphai North.

I also thank minor irrigation department for introducing Ngawizawl MI Project.

The pineapple and orange stems distributed by Horticulture department includes several flawed stems and also I regret that the previous ministry has given low quality grape seeds for Hnahlan grape growers when it is already known that better quality seeds are available.

Lastly, I would like to pledge my support for the several demands laid down today. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu B. Lalthlengliana

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, first of all I would like to thank the ministry for the creation of Police stations which include Kawrtethawveng, Reiek and Bungtlang.

Having said that the roads along Champhai to Khawbung, Tuipui and Bungtlang to Farkawn are in need of repair and I would like the ministry to include this in their work plan.

I am very thankful and appreciative of the increase of MLA Fund and I believe that this will go a long way in the development of our respective constituencies.

As mentioned before, there was a lapse of a little more than ₹72 during the year before last's budget and I would like to request the government workers and the ministry to implement a better system to utilize our plan fund so that there is no repeat of this.

Lastly, I would like to suggest the renovation of Assembly Secretariat Annexe building so that more Committee Rooms can be made available and better and more bathrooms be constructed. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu K. Liantlinga

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, regarding the 2nd World Bank Road as well as the issue regarding the Assembly are quite important not to react.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Firstly I would like to thank the ministry for their hard work which shows in the performance budget and work programme while urging our hon'ble House Leader and Minister of DP &

AR to look into the Government of Mizoram Regularization of Contract Employees Scheme, 2008.

I would also like to request the few posts that needed to be sorted out under Finance and Pay Anomaly Redressal Demand Committee under Demand No.9.

Regarding my unstarred Question No.66 of Horticulture department, last year, I was told that about ₹270.34 crores have been received for Technology Mission and that 5 Bank accounts existed for this. However, it was mentioned that 12 Bank accounts existed. So, I would like an explanation on the need for the additional 7 Bank accounts. Also, an explanation would be welcomed on the whereabouts of the funds meant for Khawhai water pump as well as Kawrtethawveng Mushroom Production Centre.

It would be a great help for patients at Mumbai Mizoram House if GAD could buy an ambulance for transporting cancer patients to and from the airport.

I give credit to the aviation department for introducing helicopter service and increasing the funds of District Council Affairs. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Next, Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte followed by Pu V.L. Robiaka.

Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE : Pu Speaker, thank you. I would like to start with demand no.45 PWD and would like to thank the hon'ble Chief Minister for sanctioning fund provisions for the repair, maintenance of roads such as Serkhan - Bagha, Mualkhang - Kawnpui and Kawnpui - Hortoki. I would like to request for the renovation of Hortoki IB as it is in grave condition as of now.

After several failed attempts, Tuirial Hydel Project is coming along as well as projects such as Lungreng HEP, Kolodyne phase-II, Mat and Tuivai hydel projects and I thank the hon'ble Chief Minister for his dedication.

RGVY has been a success in some villages while it failed completely in some cases and I believe more care should be taken to reverse the negatives. Transformer is also needed at Khamrang and Bualpui North.

Under the Demand No.32 of Agriculture, MOU was signed with three companies such as Godrej oil Palm for Kolasib and Mamit, Ruchi Soil Industry for the South and Oil Palm Acrotech Pvt. Ltd for Serchhip. Are there still reservations regarding these companies? If not, when will the work be started by such companies?

SPEAKER : Pu Lalrobiaka.

Pu LALROBIAKA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Starting with PWD, the amount of work and achievements completed by this department is remarkable such as repairs and maintenance of national highways and other inner city roads; increase

of development fund in every district; sanctioning of funds for West Phaileng-Marpara road as Rawpuichhip - W. Lungdar and Aizawl - Reiek.

Regarding RGGVY, I believe that more ground can be covered if we look more into the case of contractors.

Under the capable hands of our hon'ble Chief Minister and GAD, we are on the final stages of construction of Mizoram House at Chanakyapuri, Delhi and Hajorhah.

Demand No.1 for Legislative Assembly, I thank the ministry for the purchase of ambulance and for the increment in MLA development fund.

Due to the efficiency of Agriculture department, 55 tractors, 808 power tillers, water pumps and other machineries have been distributed so far.

Lastly, I would like to thank Horticulture department for their commendable work while pledging my support to the demands. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalthansanga

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I would like to start by mentioning the R.R. issue especially nursing school under Demand No.13, Personnel & Administrative Reforms. Could this delay be due to favoritism shown to a single individual as this has caused stagnation as a whole?

Under demand No.31, Agriculture, Falkawn Zau is in dire need of accessible road as farmers are unable to transport their bulk produce. Also, how does the allocation of fund for RGGVY works and what is the process for this as my constituency is in need of help under this scheme? Since the introduction of SIR, workers under my constituency are facing less produce and I would like to find a way to compensate them and return to the old method.

The orange seed supplied by Horticulture department seems to be of inferior quality and I would be grateful if information regarding suppliers, quality and origin of seeds could be given.

Under the Demand No.1, Legislative Assembly, I am really grateful for the sanction of new ambulance. Regarding the administration of Assembly, I believe just a few headway was made as shown in the CAG report. I believe we need to monitor these so that better progress can be made.

Progress has been made under Minor Irrigation with several projects in the pipeline such as Sidar. However, due to the absence of maintenance, there has been an issue where several families are unable to maintain their rice fields at Tuipui Zau.

Moving on to PWD, Sialsir and Piler are not eligible for PMGSY due to their low population and I would like to beg for the construction of road under State plan. Also, I believe it would be in the better interest of the public if we gave our contractors under PMGSY a bit of relaxation regarding their completion date as they are facing problems due to price escalation.

Lastly Pu Speaker, Planning Committee has been introduced at District level with MLA's as members. What will be our function and what will be the implementation process? Thank you.

SPEAKER : We will now disperse for recess and will continue our session at 2:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will now continue our discussion starting by Pu Joseph Lalhimpua.

Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUA: Thank you Pu Deputy Speaker. I will start with Demand No.14 by thanking Planning & Programme Implementation for their increase of MLA fund from 10 to 30 lakhs as this can go a long way in the development of our constituencies.

In Demand No.14, under the guidance of our hon'ble Chief Minister and Planning Minister, we have Planning Committee at District Level, High Powered Committee and a committee for empowerment of people's community for public service institution, NLUP and several other projects. We have also seen the Work Programme which showed improvements in several areas. I believe it would be beneficial if there is a proper work calendar to increase productivity. Also, it would be more beneficial in the future if the recruitment process of research officers and other staff at Planning Service is revised.

Pu Deputy Speaker, programme for the replacement of retention budget given to us by DoNER Ministry for a particular project should be in place as there are several projects on the pipeline that cannot be completed and those funds should be channeled to other projects.

Under General Administration, our hon'ble Chief Minister has issued a commitment that vehicles should be available to MLA's whenever they are out of station. However, this commitment has not been realized till now and is only available to MLA's subject to availability.

I would like to urge Information & Public Relations Department to be the leader in the field of journalism and to try their utmost to update the public with any news regarding the undertakings of the government, especially in this day and age where social media played an important role in our lives.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu T.T. Zothansanga

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. First of all, I would like to question the Property Returns of government workers and whether they are accepted or not. Regarding the Registration of Births & Death, it would be a great help if the certificate could be issued at Champhai District as this would make it easier for the public.

I have a few queries regarding the function of Planning as my demands and projects are never under normal priorities and always have to be added by our hon'ble Chief Minister as additional projects.

We are fortunate that Champhai District has been sanctioned with substantial amount for its development at this year's budget. These projects include the renovation of highway between Champhai and Hmunhmeltha and the formation cutting for new roads between Vaphai to Murlen, Khawzawl to Ngaizawl, Hnahlan to Tualcheng, Tualcheng to Selam, Khawzawl to Tualpui, Khawzawl to Neihdawn and Champhai to Tiau. I would also like to suggest that the old road along Saitual highway be renovated so that Saitual Quarry will not be a hindrance to the general public.

I thank Power & Electricity Department for installing 133 Kv sub-station at Champhai at the cost of more than ₹12 crores. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu C. Ramhluna

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. Regarding the unfortunate accident that happened at Keifang, one person by the name of Lalbiaknunga, Khawzawl also met with an accident while on the way to help those victims from the bus accident and lost his life. I believe we owe this brave man some remuneration or at least some kind of reward for giving his life for someone else.

Under demand No.9 Finance department, the provision for pensioners was significantly reduced which amounts to ₹2,388 lakhs less than it were before. Does the government believe that this will be sufficient?

Regarding the critical illness basis for teachers under P&AR, is there any way for their close ones to attend in their stead while they are unable?

Also, if there is a way to speed up the process of regularization of the posts of Assistant Receptionist under Tourism, it would definitely be most welcomed.

I believe our Budget Sessions would be more effective if the Planning Board had a meeting before the start of Budget Session in consultation with MLA's so that the needs and wants of our constituencies could be incorporated with the demands of the Session.

I kindly request information regarding the whereabouts of the capital that was sanctioned two years ago for acquiring Village level computer and furniture under NLUP and the leftover for Medical expenses which amounts to 20 lakhs under the same sanction order. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu P.P. Thawla

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. I would like to start with Finance Department.

Under Demand No.9, as the revised salary for workers at Mission School unfortunately came without arrears. It would be appreciated if the arrears are included.

It would be really helpful if the I&PR Department (Demand No.26) could distribute more radios so that flow of information is evenly distributed across the state.

Under Demand No. 39, P & E, the folder light system started by ZEDA was very practical and helpful especially in villages without power supply. It would be deeply appreciated if the quota was increased.

I respectfully request PWD (Demand No.45) to atleast provide us with a black top road between Hrangchalkawn to Lawngtlai.

Under demand No.47, I thank the hon'ble Minister for introduction of Khawlailung Anti-Erosion Scheme.

I would like to suggest the promotion of Minor Irrigation Sub-Division at Saiha District to a full fledged Division.

Pu Deputy Speaker, under demand No.27, I thank the Ministry for increasing the budget for District Council by ₹4,114 lakhs. In the meantime, i would like for the district council to have a free and fair election irrespective of whoever is ruling at State Level, i.e free of interference from the ruling party at State Level.

Lastly, under the Demand No.15, it would be deeply appreciated if an explanation is given to the members of the House regarding the functioning of the three new district councils.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Nirupam Chakma

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. First of all, I would like to propose the budget increase for I & PR department as they played an important role in this technological age and for the widening of their activities.

I would also like to suggest introduction of internet website for all the departments and for the regular maintenance and update of these websites.

On behalf of the three Autonomous District Councils, I thank the Ministry, especially our hon'ble Chief Minister and Finance Minister for increasing the budget of the district councils by three times of last year budget.

One small correction under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) is needed. I would like for Minor Irrigation to implement this programme and for the capital be given to the District Council.

There are several development schemes planned for this year such as Improvement of Bad Communications, Second World Bank Road Project to name a few. I thank the Ministry for these schemes while asking for an increase on NABARD Scheme.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I ask the members of this House why NLUP is barely mentioned during this Session regardless of the important role it played among the people of Mizoram. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : It is now 3:02 p.m and who will be the next?
Yes, Pu K.S. Thanga.

Pu K.S. THANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. I would like to start with Demand No.14, Planning. I thank the department for their work in promoting the need and infrastructure of Mizoram. I also thank the Ministry, especially our hon'ble Chief Minister and Finance Minister for making it possible to increase our Plan Budget by 35.29%.

As previously mentioned by our respected member Pu Nirupam Chakma, it is due to the hard work of the current Ministry that NLUP was implemented thereby helping the lives of thousands of people in Mizoram.

It is apparent that the plan intends to uplift and develop the people especially the youths. The plan allocation has also been adjusted to avoid rendering the government employees to go without pay for months at a stretch.

Under Demand No.9, we now have surplus revenue of ₹627 crores whereas we usually credited funds in the past. Our outstanding liabilities are also maintained at 50 per cent. Although we keep facing hardships and problems during this transitional period, I sincerely believe that we are gradually stabilizing our economic infrastructure which will definitely affect a positive impact in the future.

The mode of recruitment for state civil service has also been systematically altered to enable fresh young minds to compete in consecutive years instead of recruiting on a large scale at once. The government has also completely stopped the practice of employees hiring substitutes for themselves as proxies. The

government is also on the verge of implementing the M.R. regularization scheme which the opposition has vehemently demanded of the government in the past.

The government has also prepared and introduced a scientific and technological strategy to increase agriculture productions in every sector. The old jhum system has been replaced by the SRI with the aid of hi-tech mechanization. The department of Horticulture has also made remarkable progress and is now producing international quality flowers which are exported abroad.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Starting with the Planning Department, the Ministers kept complaining about the lack of funds for development but I believe if we utilize the NLCPR, I am sure much of the financial problems will be resolved.

Under the GAD, the contractor appointed to construct the Mumbai Mizoram House has done virtually nothing so far whereas the binding agreement with the government of Mizoram is extremely advantageous for him. The Subject Committee has made a report on this when we visited the site and I suggest we buy out the contractor for whatever he has expended and construct the building on our own.

Moving on to Horticulture, ₹370 lakhs has been sanctioned under the Jhumland Development Ministry and 3 community nursery blocks are set up in Kolasib, Sateek and Chawngte. I would like to know how much fund has been spent so far and what is the balance amount? If the sanction has been utilized correctly, we would have a huge reserve of seedlings by now but as we all know, this is hardly the case. I request the Minister to give me an explanation on how the fund has been used.

Huge amount of funds are being channeled towards the purchase of fertilizers which are somewhat negotiated under a cloud of mystery. I would like to know if the fertilizers actually reach the farms and plantations of the beneficiaries. The government encouraged the production of vermicompose but the fertilizer has no buyers which render the industry stagnant and its growth stunted.

I am grateful that the PWD department has bought out the landowners near the Vaivakawn junction to widen the road. I hope the construction will be initiated as soon as possible to ease the burden of commuters.

I am deeply pleased that we have received crores of funds for widening Vaivakawn-University-Sihmui road. The opposition is hopeful that the construction will not be tendered and undertaken by the government itself. The road connecting New Secretariat and Govt. Complex cannot be traversed by heavy vehicles because the retaining wall is still not constructed. If the government allows the contractor to submit an incomplete final bill, the organization at Kangthelhkawn can undertake the construction afterwards. In the meantime, though the road is newly constructed, they

neglected to build a proper side-drain which exposed the road to severe weathering from overflowing rainwater. Same is the case for Vaivakawn-Zotlang road which is severely damaged soon after it was constructed. The approach road to the zoo along the Lengpui Airport road also needs to be repaired.

The contractors appointed under the RGGVY were paid upfront by the previous government and they supplied 80% the materials at once. These materials were damaged as they could not be used all at once and the remaining 20% was completely ignored by the contractor. I request the government to look into this and I also advise to refrain from selecting contractors from outside the state when the department can undertake the project without any hassle. The government also promised to put a transformer at Chawlhmun but nothing has been done so far.

We have to be extremely careful about the direct funding received from the central through flagship programmes such as the NRHM, RMSA, SSA, PMGSY, etc. because our future funding and sanction depend on our performances. There is talk about teachers under deficit schools who will soon enjoy the 6th Pay and how they might not receive arrears. These schools were promoted to deficit status in 1985 and I fail to understand why they should be refused an arrear for their services.

I hear that there is a proposal to hike the electric bill by more than 10 per cent. I advise the government to cease this drastic bill spikes and instead increase the bill gradually at a time.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Dr. Lalthangliana.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : I would like to add to the comments of Pu Thlenga this morning about the lack of sufficient bathrooms in the recess rooms of both the ruling and opposition.

The budget of I & PR Department has been dramatically reduced by as much as ₹102 lakhs which will definitely have a negative impact on their efficiency and progress. I also request the hon'ble Chief Minister to look into the proposition to implement the pension scheme from the Journalist Welfare Fund. There is also rumour about helicopter service in the state. I strongly advise the government to choose the company carefully because services like, Pawan Hans has met with accidents frequently.

I urge the government to create a Jt. Director post at Lunglei under the Accounts and Treasuries which would ease the burden of the region immensely. Furthermore, the office of Accounts and Treasuries is too under-staffed to deal with the GPF, Pension, entitlement, etc. for the whole state. It may be time to trifurcate the department for better efficiency in the future.

4:30 p.m.

SPEAKER : Let us now invite the hon'ble Minister to win up the discussion and beg leave of the House to pass the Bill.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : This year's budget has been prepared a little differently from the previous budgets as you may have noticed. It is true that the allocation of funds appear to be unbalanced pertaining to some departments but I assure you that the main reason is related to our attempt to achieve our objectives through specific departments.

We have made huge strides in terms of financial management and if this pattern is stabilized, we hope to achieve as much as 54.4% drop on our fiscal liability. We have mentioned most of these in the budget report and therefore, I will not reiterate the matter. We are pleasantly optimistic in the implementation of the NLUP and when the gestation period is completed, we hope to garner in a sustainable economic development which in turn should affect the per capita income positively.

Pu K. Liantlinga enquired about Mushroom project under Horticulture. We currently have these units at Mamit and Tuidam. The project at Tuidam is already functional while construction is still going on at Mamit. ₹50 lakhs is required to set up a single Unit and the estimate includes trainings and purchase of equipments among other components. We have created 12 accounts under the Technology Mission but I regret to say that I cannot furnish the balances in these accounts at the moment.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, I would like to know under what head did they utilize the 25% beneficiary contribution in the past?

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : The contributions were utilized in the form of matching the subsidized equipments for farmers, and are not collected as a compulsory contribution if they do not receive the equipments. (Pu K. LIANTLINGA: Pu Speaker, I am told that there are only 5 bank accounts. In any case, can the hon'ble Minister tell us the remaining balances in these accounts) I do not have the exact figures at this time but I also suspect that the hon'ble member may have confused it with the Technology Mission.

We are encouraged to purchase vermicompose which is organic manure. The farmers are now able to sell them at ₹10/12 per Kg. However, we are still hindered by some minute issues such as farmers trying to sell fake vermicompose to the government. Furthermore, we are still unable to buy all the vermicompose manufactured by the farmers. (Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA: Pu Speaker, can the Minister enlighten us about the predicament of grape growers in the eastern regions?)

Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE : Pu Speaker, can the field officers be instructed to examine the produce more carefully to avoid erroneous purchase of fake vermicompose?

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the vermicompose are bought on a large scale and it would be extremely tedious to check each bag. Pu Lalthansanga pointed out the miserable failure in the implementation of SRI at Lungdar which is deeply regrettable but I would like to assure you that the project is successful at most other places of implementation.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, the information received by the hon'ble Minister appears to be inaccurate.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : I hardly think that I am misinformed. At the same time, there are those who focus on the drawbacks of the project and these people are quite loud in their criticism. It is apparent that the project is generally successful because we have a 10% increase in rice production after the SRI technique was introduced and implemented.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : I am not saying that the technique is useless. I simply expressed my wish that the farmers be given more opportunities to learn the technique so as to apply them successfully.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : We are doing our best to train the farmers as we go. As a matter of fact, we hope to utilize the SRI in areas double the size of this year. Our agricultural experts are continuously giving demonstrations under the KVK.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, I urge the government to better equip these KVK since the farmers have little faith under the present condition. The meager financial support offered by the government is also virtually useless.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : I find it difficult to understand why the farmers grumble about the amount of financial support when they are compelled to farm their lands even if the government is not involved. Anyway, I will have our officials take it into consideration and hopefully we will make progress in the matter. As an alternative to Jhum farming we initiated the community nursery in the rural areas with ₹300 lakhs for funding but the project is virtually shelved as we lack the necessary skills among the farmers.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, most of the nursery owners' claim that there is almost no chance for success since the government did not instruct them on what to plant, where to sell or potential markets in the first place.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, we provide them with the amount we feel that they need. And there are those who decide to see only the demerits from the implementation.

Anyway we have decided to amend the contract regularisation scheme mainly because of the lapse in procedure. We are still open to suggestions and advices in this regard.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, can they give precedence and seniority to those who joined on contract basis before 2008 in the DPC?

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : We have made extensive enquiries in this regard and although that is what we feel would be fair, the Supreme

Court ruling prohibit endowment of seniority without the DPC, which was adopted only in 2008. We have to consider the welfare of the employees as well and hence I hope we will soon come up with an agreeable solution.. (Pu C. RAMHLUNA: Pu Speaker, can we have a copy of the amendment rules? In the previous copy, it allowed employees with 7 or more years services to appeal their case to court, we have regularized many employees in my former department as a result) I think that you are misinformed. They have no eligibility to make that claim. Those who were in service for 7 years and over may only be considered for redressal with their merits in mind and only if there is a vacancy can they be regularised. (Pu K.LIANTLINGA: Pu Speaker, it is odd that a High Court may have a ruling over the Supreme Court order, which would be the case if the Minister's words were true. There are indeed those who appealed to the High Court and won because their seniority would be superseded by those who joined later, if the scheme is to be followed from 2008) Pu Speaker, there is an argument about seniority which the department proposed to tackle after their DPC is screened to see if they fulfill the requirements.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, the DPC is going to be used to determine their seniority as stated in the scheme of 2008. Unless the engagements of the previous workers are to be accepted as the date of appointment, they are at a disadvantage.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : The decision is not in the hands of the department but the court. Thus, we have not much weight in the outcome of the decision.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, what happened to the ₹3.50 crores allocated for the purchase of desktop computers under the NLUP in 2010-2011 at village levels?

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : That project was suggested by the central experts for easier monitoring at village and district levels but we found that the proposal was not executable and impractical due to several reasons. Although the APEX Board has already approved of it, the fund was never used and later diverted to other requirements and the rest are still safely in the NLUP accounts.

Pu Speaker, I humbly request the House to pass my Demands such as Finance, Personnel & Administrative Department, Agriculture and Horticulture Department, coming to a total of ₹7,56,3587,000/-

SPEAKER : The hon'ble Minister has requested the permission of the House. All those in favor please say Aye, those who oppose it say Nay. The House has unanimously passed the Demands of the hon'ble Minister. Let us now move on to the hon'ble Chief Minister's Demand and invite him to wind up the discussion and ask the permission of the House for passage.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Thank you Pu Speaker. I express my gratitude to the sincere and hon'ble members of the House who have participated in the discussion.

Starting with the Demand of Legislative Assembly, I am profoundly pleased by the performances and dedication of the officers and staff of the office. They are efficient and prompt in their care of the Speakers and MLAs. Their tireless work is much appreciated.

There was a question this morning concerning Vigilance and specifically about property returns. There are many people who neglected and ignored the governing rules and acted as they saw fit. Although we have nothing against them personally, it is our duty to punish them for disregarding the law. Otherwise, we have no issues in terms of property returns.

We have several Mizoram Houses outside the state and as Pu Thangtea pointed out earlier, the employees there are extremely overworked since most of us wanted to stay there. We are constructing a building at Najarbagh which we hope will be a beneficial guesthouse for travelers. We were given a building site at Bangalore but it was eventually lost within official procedural technicalities and political turbulence. In the meantime, we rented a building at the cost of ₹80,000/- which will hopefully ease the burden of travelers to a large extent.

We have a medium size guesthouse in Mumbai which is meant neither for big officers nor the Liaison Officer but mostly for medical patients. We also have an appropriate and attractive building site at the city but we are forced to tender the construction because of financial hardship. We are currently requesting a House site to the authorities of Pune and Chennai. In regard to the workers, we prefer local residents if they are available..

SPEAKER : Sir, the local workforce is available but it appears they demand better work-contracts and better benefits.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, that is exactly what we want – to offer them better pay and benefits instead of muster roll engagement but sadly, our financial condition limits our capability and there is very little we can do about it.

The members expressed their desire to hire other helicopter service rather than Pawan Hans due to their accident rate and vulnerability but the contract was tendered and we are compelled to choose the lowest bid which is the Pawan Hans.

On the matter of pay and salary, the state government servants receive much higher pay than their counterparts in other N.E states. We are so deeply immersed in corruption that we often forget how fortunate we really are. The members are very protective of the journalists, this is understandable to a certain extent and we have provided them with numerous benefits as a result. In the

meantime, it sometimes feel like everyone connected with journalism proclaim themselves as 'accredited journalists' which is very odd considering the size of our state and population. Therefore, we will have to set an appropriate criteria and conditions to identify the real accredited journalists in the future.

As it concerns the national security, the Air Force has requested a place at the Lengpui airfield. We have allowed 4 jetfighters to be stationed there. Since our state is sandwiched by two foreign countries, it is a vital point in terms of national security and the central has also requested a radar station to monitor air traffic and we have granted them lands at Lunglei district. With trade and commerce in view, the central has also granted the construction of airport at the southern region but this is only in theory before we can find a convenient place for construction. Some local political parties argue about direct funding for the District Council Affairs but we think that it is the best method for autonomous administration. However, to follow this system an amendment of the Constitution is required and if it is achieved, the District Councils will receive ₹10 crores directly from the central and it will be reflected in their budget.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, why is the amendment of the Constitution necessary?

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : I regretfully have to say that I am not well educated and I cannot explain the technical aspect of requirements for amendment of the Constitution.

The hon'ble member, Pu P.P. Thawla mentioned the use of threats at the South which I strongly condemn. If he ever hears of such incident transpiring in the future, a strong and immediate action will be taken by the government.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, I did not mean physical threats but minority intimidation by bigger political parties during elections.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, is that a subtle way of telling us not to campaign over there?

Pu P.P. THAWLA : I did not intend to convey that feeling but what I am saying is that even the central politicians often come to our state to campaign but that is the depth of their involvement. As such, the bigger established parties should not delve too deeply in minority elections or intimidate them with their importance and wealth aiming to sway their opinions.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, none of the party officials who went there to campaign used government properties except their power of speech. I do not think it should be termed as threat or intimidation.

SPEAKER : Indeed. Please refrain from using those terms in the Assembly House. The choice of word is not accurate and inappropriate to describe the events of the campaign.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, the use of NLUP as an instrument to confuse and affect the people has a very serious impact on the votes.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : We should not point fingers at anyone. Someone may have used that leverage but in reality, we did provide them with everything we have promised although it is not actually our responsibility.

About the raise in electric power consumption fee that Pu Duhoma spoke about earlier, it is not the state that raised the fee. In any case, the fee is raised by 30 Paise only and it should not have a negative impact on the livelihood of the consumers. The hon'ble member also shared my view about the RGGVY. He explained why the work cannot be hurried and we cannot afford to dismiss the contractors at this time either. The hon'ble Finance Minister mentioned the damaged and defective transformers all over the state and I am ashamed to say that this problem is self-made most of the time. People steal the wires and cables for petty gains and they are ultimately the ones who suffer the consequences. If the Tuirial Power project has been taken up by the previous ministry, we would probably have sufficient power by now. But they chose to abandon it when they came to power simply because it was initiated by the Ministry it has replaced. The solar batteries have been introduced to remote areas without electricity. It has proven to be an immense help to the BADP areas. We are also turning our attention towards other sources of energy such as wind power, solar and hydro-electricity but our main impediment here is also compensation demands.

We have proposed or undertaken several projects at this time and unless we face other crisis, they will be implemented gradually as time allows us. I agree with the opposition's dissatisfaction with the Minor Irrigation projects which I also feel are vital to the successful implementation of the NLUP..

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, some of the pipes require repairs before they can be used. Where can we expect funds for these repairs?

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : 95.26% of the funds will be used for developmental works and we have already received the sanctions. We have low man-power and some of them are regrettably corrupt and dishonest. This is a major hindrance for development.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, the road connecting Biate to Artahkawn is being repaired by the department and while we are grateful, we feel that the construction is very sub-standard. Can you do something about this?

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : We have already received ₹200 crores from the Planning Commission for road maintenance and our engineers

will map plans on repairs very shortly. This is my reaction to all the requests of the members regarding roads in your respective constituencies.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, there is no urinal in the garages below. Can you construct a latrine for the drivers and 4th Graders?

SPEAKER : We have often considered that but the place is almost crumbling..

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, we also need a new committee room..

SPEAKER : I am aware of the need but we cannot afford to conduct 4 committees simultaneously.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, we have made a good progress and have covered the road from Chhumlliankawn to Chawngte. Tender has been given out for Thenzawl, Serchhip and Buarpui road and will be constructed by BADP. Pu Speaker, I request all our hon'ble members to be attentive in their respective constituencies for the success of NLUP.

Shri Pranab Mukherjee will send a CMD from National Insurance Company Ltd. And I hope this will clear the obstacles we face regarding our vehicle insurances.

We are trying to make our State the most peaceful state in the country and many gun runners license had been seized by the police department and due to the surveillance and actions taken by the hon'ble Ministers rebels have their hands tied and many of their leaders have been captured. The agreement which was signed in 1994 has become null and void since they rebel against it. UPF was established on 15th August, 2006 and a meeting was held between Home Ministry, Manipur Government and UPF. But HPC 'D' does not surrender their Arms but deceive their fellow rebels and civilians. So, necessary actions had to be taken. There are many Bru who are willing to come back to Mizoram and those who are willing will come back and necessary actions will also be taken against Bru rebels. Rebels who have surrendered themselves will also be provided rehabilitation.

Pu Speaker, I appeal to pass the following Demands: -

Demand Nos.	Department	Budget Amount
No.1	Legislative Assembly	₹16,58,68,000.00
No.2	Governor	₹10,60,000.00
No.3	Council of Ministers	₹5,60,70,000.00
No.5	Vigilance	₹4,72,65,000.00
No.15	General Administration	₹50,54,55,000.00
No.26	Information & Public Relations	₹7,89,00,000.00
No.27	District Council Affairs	₹243,16,85,000.00

No.39	Power & Electricity	₹336,89,68,000.00
No.45	Public Works Department	₹573,50,75,000.00
No.47	Minor Irrigation	₹147,15,93,000.00
TOTAL		₹13,86,19,39,000.00

Thank You.

SPEAKER : The hon'ble Speaker has wound up the discussion and appeal to pass his Demands such as Demand No.1 and 2 which are voted and Demand No.3, 5, 15, 26, 27, 39, 45 and Demand No.47 which amounts to ₹13,86,19,39,000/-. Those in favour to pass these Demands may say 'Aye' and those who oppose may say 'No'.The 'Ayes' have it.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : I thank all my fellow members and the hon'ble Speaker.

SPEAKER : The following Demands of the hon'ble House leader has been unanimously passed by the House: -

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Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : The hon'ble Finance Minister Pu H. Liansailova may appeal to introduce, "The Mizoram Appropriation Bill, 2012" in the House.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I appeal to introduce "The Mizoram Appropriation Bill, 2012" in the House.

SPEAKER : Do we all agree? The hon'ble Minister may now introduce his Bill in the House.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, we all know the importance of this bill and I appeal to pass this, "The Mizoram Appropriation Bill, 2012" in the House.

SPEAKER : The hon'ble Minister had introduce and appeal to pass, " The Mizoram Appropriation Bill, 2012" in the House, and all those in favour to pass this may say, 'Aye' and those who oppose may say, 'No'. Nobody opposes. Now, "The Mizoram Appropriation Bill, 2012" is now unanimously passed by the House.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : We have come to the end of today's session and we will resume our session at 10:30 p.m. tomorrow, the 1st August, 2012.

Sitting is adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

**SIXTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MIZORAM
(ELEVENTH SESSION)**

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR TWELFTH SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 1st AUGUST, 2012
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)

QUESTIONS

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

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

2. * Resolutions

NGURTHANZUALA
Secretary

* Please see Bulletin Part-II No. 225, SI No. 1-10 dated the 25th July, 2012 for relative precedence of Private Members' Resolution to be moved.

SPEAKER : Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour. (Romans 13:7)

Starred Question No.201 is shared by Pu K.Lalrinthanga and Pu Lalrobiaka. Pu K.Lalrinthanga may ask this question.

Pu K. LALARINTHANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Our question is for the concerned Minister for Social Welfare Department.

- a) Are old citizen/veteran pensions given on monthly?
- b) How many have enjoyed old age pension today?
- c) Why is the amount of their pension not equal?
- d) How many are enjoying the widow relief scheme?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister Pu Lalthanliana to answer the question.

Pu P.C LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer to the hon'ble Ministers questions are: -

- a) We are unable to give the pensions on monthly basis because the list needs to be updated and it takes time. We have given pensions upto the month of March and we have received sanctions till the month of June.
- b) The number of persons who have enjoyed old age pensions are 26,359 and among them, 23,505 receive ₹250 per month and 2,854 receive ₹550 per month.
- c) Due to the difference of their age, 80 yrs and above receive ₹500/- from the Central government plus ₹50/- from the State government. Below 80 yrs of age receive ₹200 from the Central Government and ₹50 from the State Government.
- d) Under IGMWPS scheme, there are 891 beneficiaries and they receive ₹200 per month.

SPEAKER : Supplementary questions may be stated by Pu Lalrobiaka followed by Pu K. Lalrinthanga.

Pu LALROBIAKA : Thank you Pu Speaker. My supplementary questions are: -

- a) Is there a scheme under Social Welfare Department for widows who lost their husbands who are daily bread earners?
- b) Does Social Welfare still distribute Hearing Aid, wheelchairs and walking sticks for senior citizens and physically challenged?

SPEAKER : Pu K. Lalrinthanga may ask his supplementary question.

Pu K. LALRINTHANGA : Pu Speaker, my supplementary question is: -

When is the proper time to submit recommendations for senior citizens who does not have anyone to take care of them?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA , MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I will start with the question of Pu Lalrobiaka.

Under National Family Benefit Scheme, an amount of ₹10,000/- are given to 614 Nos. widows of age 18 years - 64 years.

In the year 2009 and 2010, 140 Nos. of hearing aid and Wheel chair were purchased from Alimco and were distributed among those who need it. The equipments were sent out to every CDPO office in every district for easy access for concerned beneficiaries and recommendation concerned doctor also is necessary.

Regarding the question of Pu K. Lalrinthanga, I think recommendations could be submitted to our CDPO and the names will be registered in the list at appropriate time.

SPEAKER : Our next question is shared by Dr. R. Lalthangliana and Pu. P.P. Thawla. Dr. R. Lalthangliana may ask the question.

Dr R.LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, starred Question No.202: -

- a) Does this ministry intend to resume projects initiated by the former ministry such as restructuring Transport Department?
- b) What action has been taken against the order for restructuring Transport Department which was released in 2009 and being cancelled in 2010?
- c) Are there any new strategies for administering Transport Department?
- d) Are the posts of Station Superintendent still lying vacant for Saiha, Lawngtlai and Lunglei?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister, Pu P.C Zoram Sangliana is out of station but Pu J.H. Rothuama will answer the question in his place.

Pu J.H.ROTHUAMA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer to the hon'ble minister's questions is: -

- a) Plans for the succession of Re- Structure of Transport Department are ongoing.
- b) Plans for re-structuring are reviewed and will be proceed for implementation. We are still waiting for the result for proposal for re-structuring.
- c) It will be decided after the re-structuring of the administration of the department.

SPEAKER : Starred Question No.203 and Dr. R. Lalthangliana to ask.

Dr.R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, My question is - Is there a pool bus for the government employees working in new secretariat complex and those living in the nearby areas.

SPEAKER : The hon'ble minister Pu J.H. Rothuama to answer the question.

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA, MINISTER : The answer to the hon'ble member question is - City bus deployed by the State Transport Authority was discontinued by the owners but arrangement is made as M.S.T Bus is in service during this stop gap.

SPEAKER : Starred Question No.204 to be asked by Pu C. Ramhluna.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, my questions are: -
 a) Is there a proposal to hand-over Vety Farm at Mampui to LADC, Lawngtlai District?
 b) If so, when will it be done?
 c) When will the incubator be repaired?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister Pu Nihar Kanti to answer the question.

Pu NIHAR KANTI, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, my answer is: -
 a) Yes.
 b) It is not possible to give the specific time.
 c) It will be exchanged with a brand new machine.

SPEAKER : Question No.205 will be asked by Pu K. Liantlinga.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My question No.205 is for the concerned Minister of Environment & Forest Department: -
 What progress has been made so far regarding shifting of riverine forest reserve?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister Pu H. Rohluna to answer the question.

Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Speaker. The answer is -
 Under the chairmanship of the hon'ble Minister of Environment & Forest Department, a meeting was held among the senior officers on Dt.4.7.2011. A Joint meeting was held with the concerned ministers of Land Revenue & Settlement, Environment & Forest Department and Local Administration Department and in pursuance to the conclusion made by the committee; State Level Committee was established under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary. Under the chairmanship of

each concerned Deputy Commissioner, District Level Committee was established as per the Notification No.B.11020/6/20110-FST Dt.14.5.2012 to take the following initiatives as: –

- 1) Identify the settlement area within the riverine reserve forest.
- 2) Identify families who have revenue pass and utilize the land for cultivation.
- 3) Identify the area which is good for cultivation.
- 4) Identify the area of forest which may be exchanged with riverine reserve forest.

Revenue Department will not issue any land pass until all the initiatives are completed which is expected within six months. A review meeting may be held after three months.

SPEAKER : Supplementary questions, to be asked by Pu K. Liantlinga and Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Even though the project has not been fully implemented, has it been notified to the Central Government regarding this scheme? Thank you.

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister to answer the question.

Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, it has not been notified to the Central Government but I have once mentioned regarding this scheme in 2009 at the All India Forest Ministers' Meeting. Official information to the Ministry of Environment & Forest will be given only after the statistic is ready.

Regarding the question by Pu Lalduhoma, there have been so many encroachments which happened to be our main problem in the dealing. The concerned department has to take steps according to the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 but unfortunately, the former ministry had issued number of LSC within the riverine forest reserve area which also creates problems. Hopefully, encroachment problems will be resolved with the help of our resolutions.

SPEAKER : Pu T.T. Zothansanga to ask his question.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, my question is for the concerned Minister of Environment & Forest: -

How many reserve forest do we have in Mizoram?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister to answer the question.

Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answer to the question of the hon'ble Minister is: -

The reserved forest in question comprises the following areas: -

- 1) Very dense forest - 134 sq. kms.

2)	Moderately dense forest	- 6,521 sq. kms.
3)	Open forest	- 12,855 sq. kms.
	Total	- 19,240 sq. kms.

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question to be stated by Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, in Murlen National Park of my constituency, we have 20 Nos. of employees who have been working on M.R. basis for 20 years. Is there a way to promote them to a higher skill as suggested PCCF?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister to answer the question.

Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, we have no plan to promote the said MR employees at the moment as their appointments are of centrally sponsored scheme. Since most of our forests are being reserved as Sanctuaries, National Park etc., we may all take our parts in reservation of our forests.

SPEAKER : Next, Pu K. Liantlinga.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My question is for the concerned Minister of Health & Family Welfare Department, starred Question No. 208: - Is it against the Rules that the government is not having plan for recruitment of 66 Nos. doctors on 3F Regulation?

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, this does not break the Mizoram Health Services (MHS) Rules, 2009.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Pu Speaker, starred Question No.209 for the concerned minister of PHE Department: - When will the Greater Hnahthial Water Supply Scheme at Tuichang be completed?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister Pu S. Hiato to give the answer.

Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the ongoing work of Greater Hnahthial Water Supply Sheme at Tuichang will be completed before March, 2013.

SPEAKER : Dr. R. Lalthangliana to ask his supplementary question.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, my questions are as follows: -

- a) It is learned that there is a plan for construction of another water supply scheme for Lunglei area. So, how and from which the project will be funded and what progress has been made in this regard?
- b) What progress has been made in regard to Buarpui water supply project?

SPEAKER : The concerned minister to answer the question.

Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, regarding Lunglei Greater Water Supply, we are surveying Mat river and DPR will be prepared after surveying work is done. Regarding Buarpui water supply scheme, we have made a survey and after the completion, application will be submitted either to DoNER or Urban & Rural Development, the Govt. of India.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalrobiaka to ask Starred Question No.211.

Pu LALROBIAKA : Starred question No.211, which is for the concerned Minister of Transport Department: - The system of taxi services on every alternate day is no longer in practice. Is it because of the initiative of the Taxi Owners Association?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister to answer the question.

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, it is not due to the initiative of the taxi owners or taxi drivers.

SPEAKER : Pu C. Ramhluna to ask starred Question No.212.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, my question is for the concerned Minister of Transport Department: -

- a) What is the cost of high security number plate?
- b) Is anyone being assigned to take up the work?
- c) What is the deadline for every vehicle to have a high security number plate?
- d) Does the transport department take VAT from high security number plate?

SPEAKER : Pu J.H. Rothuama to answer the question.

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answer to the question of the hon'ble member are as follows: -

- a) The costs of high security number plate for various types of vehicles are as follows: -
 - i) Two wheeler (scooter) - ₹669/-
 - ii) Two wheeler (motorcycle) - ₹668/-
 - iii) Three wheeler (passenger & goods) - ₹940/-
 - iv) Light, Medium & Heavy Commercial vehicle/trailers combination - ₹945/-
- b) Yes.
- c) The 26th April, 2014.
- d) Transport Department does not impose VAT in this regard.

SPEAKER : Pu T.T. Zothansanga to ask starred Question No.213.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : My question, Pu Speaker is: - Is anyone filed a court case in regard to the election of MADC?

SPEAKER : Hon'ble Chief Minister to give the answer.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, it is not known that a court case being filed regarding MADC election.

SPEAKER : Pu T.T. Zothansanga to ask Supplementary question.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : There have been many complaints relating to EVM in the recently concluded election of MADC. Pu Speaker, if the hon'ble Chief Minister who also is in-charge of the Election Commission is aware that the Election Commission takes any complains against EVM as of serious matter?

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

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, anyone have the right to freedom of speech. I will inquire if the Election Commission finds this offensive but I have read that EVM cannot be muddled.

SPEAKER : Dr R. Lalthangliana will ask starred Question No.214.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA: Pu Speaker, starred Question No.214 are as follows: -

- a) Revenue Collection of Transport Department for the last three years i.e. 2009-2010, 2010-2011 & 2011-2012 by the following Wings: -
 - i) MST Wing
 - ii) MV/STA Wing
- b) Total Number of employees under (i) and (ii).

SPEAKER : On behalf of concerned minister, Pu J.H. Rothuama may give the answer.

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, here is the answer.

a)

Sl/No	Wing	2009-10 (in lakh)	2010-11 (in lakh)	2011-12 (in lakh)
1	MST/PPP	202.11	232.82	214.58
2	MV/STA	813.71	929.23	1852.11

b) Total No. of employees under: -

- i) MST Wing - 527 Nos
- ii) MV/STA Wing - 113 Nos.

SPEAKER : Pu K. Liantlinga to ask starred Question No. 215.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, my question is: - May the hon'ble Minister give the amount of tax received from different types of vehicle from the year 2008 -2012?

SPEAKER : Since concerned minister is absent today, Pu J.H. Rothuama may give the answer in his stead.

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer is: - The amount of vehicle tax received from transport department during the period 2008 - 2012 is ₹2,804.36 lakhs.

SL.No	Financial Year	Road Tax	Passenger & Goods tax	Total
1.	2008 - 2009	285.89	143.83	429.72
2.	2009 - 2010	311.92	134.45	446.37
3.	2010 - 2011	352.34	193.27	545.61
4.	2011 - 2012	1180.38	202.28	1382.66
	Grand Total	2130.53	673.83	2804.36

SPEAKER : Next, Pu John Siamkunga to ask starred Question No.216.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Pu Speaker, my questions are as follows: -
 a) When will the post of a doctor at South Vanlaiphai be filled up?
 b) Is it possible to post more doctors at Hnahthial CHC?

SPEAKER : Since the concerned Minister is absent, the hon'ble Minister, Pu R.Lalzirliana may answer in his stead.

Pu R.LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : The answer are as follows: -
 a) Due to the lack of manpower, we are unable give a specific timing for filling up the post of doctor in South Vanlaiphai.
 b) Due to the lack of manpower, there is no plan for posting of more doctors in Hnahthial PHC.

SPEAKER : Pu C. Ramhluna to ask starred Question No. 218.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, my question is for the concerned Minister for Health & Family Welfare Department –
 a) How many posts of Health Workers are there in Mizoram?

- b) How many male and female health workers are appointed on regular appointments, under state contract, RCH and NRHM?
- c) What is the amount of remuneration provided to those of State contract employees and Central contract employees?
- d) When will the contractual employees be regularized?

SPEAKER : Pu R. Lalzirliana may answer the question since the concerned minister is absent today.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : The answer is: -

- a) There are 382 Nos. of male post and 388 Nos. of female post in Mizoram.
- b) The present status of Health Workers in Mizoram are: -
 - i) Regular - 237 males and 310 females.
 - ii) State Contract - 20 males and 13 females.
 - iii) RCH Contract - 12 males and 79 females.
 - iv) NRHM Contract - 110 males and 231 females
 - Total - 379 males and 633 females.**
 - Grand total - 1012.**
- c) The amount of remuneration to State Contractual employees - ₹11,360/- and Contract Employees under Central contract schemes are: -
 - Category I - 900
 - Category II - 2
 - Category III - 10800.
- d) We are unable to give the timing for regularization of contractual employees.

SPEAKER : Pu T.T Zothansanga to ask starred Question No.219.

Pu T.T ZOTHANSANGA : My question is: - What are the awards received by Health Department?

SPEAKER : Pu R. Lalzirliana to answer the question.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer is: - The Awards received by Health department are as follows: -

- 1) Second position in outstanding improvement in NRHM, 2010.
- 2) Award for Most improvement in State Health Sector Small State, 2011.
- 3) Award for Outstanding Improvement in Programme Implementation of RSBY in North East Region, 2011.
- 4) Population Foundation of India in J.R.D - Tata Memorial Award, 2012.

SPEAKER : We have come to the end of question hour and we will move on to Private Member's Resolution. I will call upon Pu Lalduhoma to move his Resolution, "Skilled-I of the Mizoram Home Guard Volunteers may be placed at the status of work-charge".

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, there are about 1020 Home Guards in Mizoram out of which about 80/90 are deployed in different parts of Mizoram and about 150 in the ministerial service. Much progress had been made to promote their status, but at the same time, many improvements as of the advantage they can enjoy needs to be made.

Earlier, the hon'ble member Pu R.L. Pianmawia submitted the same resolution but unfortunately it was not selected in the balloting but it gives me immense pleasure to know that we share the same opinion regarding my private resolution. So, I move this resolution that, "Skilled-I Mizoram Home Guard Volunteers may be placed at the status of work-charge" and appeal to the House to pass this resolution.

SPEAKER : We will start the discussion and each member will have 10 minutes. The concerned minister raised his hand so Pu R. Lalzirliana, the hon'ble Minister may have his time.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, in comparison to all the other states' Home Guards, Mizoram is the second best in India in the advantages and services they enjoy. They enjoy 15 days paternity leave and 45 days maternity leave, as their duty allowance have been increased. They also enjoy rifle allowance and ration allowance as their washing allowance has also been increased and rank pay for Corporal, Sergeant.

Work-charge status can only be given to technical department such as PHE, PWD and Power & Electricity Department and after completion of a project, they are automatically terminated. So, if we have to put our Home Guards on work charge status, they will all be terminated from their post. So, as a concerned Minister of Home Department, I know it is impossible and I think we do not need to discuss this any further.

SPEAKER : Pu R.L. Lianmawia.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Regarding this resolution, I, a simple man who does not know ways of establishment in the government share the same opinion with Pu Lalduhoma, but considering the rules and regulations of the establishment of the government, I support the concerned minister and request the hon'ble member to withdraw his resolution as this is an impossible. Thank you.

Lt. Col. Z.S. ZUALA : Thank you Pu Speaker. Many of our ex-servicemen are recruited as Home Guards and for sometime they were look after by ex-servicemen. They have also established a training centre at Sesawng. Work-charge level is a CPWD terminology and they are not link with the department at all and though they are very favourable to promote them to a work- charge level, it will be against the code of conduct and of the government rules. So, I oppose this resolution. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalthansanga.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, funds for taking care of our Home Guards are a matching share between the Central government and the State Government. At present 232 posts are lying vacant and I opined this should be filled up as it will provide employment to many. Home Guards are deployed in different station, from guarding the VIP to the FCI godown. So, considering the importance of their duty, I propose we should at least increase their salary and take initiatives for them to enjoy a pension scheme if we are unable to promote them to a work-charge level. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu K. Lalrinthanga.

Pu K.LALRINTHANGA : Pu Speaker, the hon'ble member Pu Lalduhoma is also a veteran and I am sure he will know the ways of establishment in this issue. I also think he is aware that work-charge status could only be given in technical departments like PHE, PWD and P & E. We should also keep in mind how work-charge appointment is automatically terminated after completing the project. So, I do not have much to say regarding this resolution but suggest we should not pass this resolution. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte.

Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Our Home Guards are trained by Army pensioners as so unlike other states, their standards are also different and they are also equipped with rifles. They will benefit perfectly if they have to enter into the police academy. But, to put them to a work-charge status is technically impossible since it is only applicable in PHE, PWD and P & E Departments. So, it may also be wise to withdraw this resolution and I suggest we do not pass this resolution. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu R. Selthuama.

Pu R. SELTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, this resolution is very thoughtful and will be very beneficial. Our Home Guards are very commendable and they are also efficient in performing their duty. But work-charge status is under central PWD manual and will not be applicable for them. Though I would like to support this resolution very much, it is technically impossible to accede to this resolution. So, I suggest that we should only discuss this and not proceed to pass the resolution. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu K. Liantlinga.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, the status of our Home Guards has been promoted in the former session and I am sure we are all aware of the importance of their duty. They are deployed in the House of VIP's, Banks, Godown and other important places. I think we should have a broad mind in this matter; let us take the

term 'work-charge' as an error and use another word like, 'IV Grade'. So, I think we should be more open minded and consider this as an effort to give a better privilege to our Home Guards by upgrading their status as this will benefit the people. As Legislators, we have the authority to make a change in the rules for the benefit of the people and I think this is the time to exercise our powers. SO, I request all my hon'ble fellow members to be more open minded in this issue and pursue to pass this resolution for the benefit of the people. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu C. Ramhluna.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. The State Government gives importance to our Home Guards and I am glad for the initiatives they have taken.

From our discussion we seem to be of the opinion that it is impossible to pass this resolution because of the the rules. But I want to say that we are legislators who are here to make the rules or change it if needed. So, let us consider this very carefully. The 232 vacant posts are still not filled up and from the CAG report, 2002 – 2011; Home Guards are deployed in 9 different agencies. Pu Speaker, they are very useful and I think we should consider the merit of this resolution and I suggest we should all agree to pass this resolution. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Chawngtinthanga.

Pu CHAWNGTINTHANGA: Pu Speaker, considering all the advantages made by the State government to benefit our Home Guards like the ration allowances, rifle allowances, rank pay and many others, I am glad that Mizoram holds the 2nd best position in the administration of Home Guards all over India. Pu Speaker, the hon'ble member Pu Liantlinga stated that we can amend and make the rules and to consider this resolution with a broad mind. But we have to know that we are bound to our constitution and we cannot amend and make laws which might breach the constitution.

Regarding the placing of our Home Guards in 'workcharge' status, we all know that it is technically not possible as this status is only applicable to departments like PHE, PWD and P & E. Besides they will be terminated soon after the completion of the department's project. But I understand the benefits it will bring to our Home Guards. So, I suggest that we try to form or create another way in another resolution? Thank you.

SPEAKER : Morning session is over and we will resume the discussion at 2:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m.

SPEAKER : So far, eleven members have their say. We will now invite Pu K.Lianzuala.

Pu K. LIANZUALA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I would like to urge our respected member to reconsider his resolution as I believed that he is not well prepared and not well informed.

We are aware of the importance of Home Guard service and the tremendous service they provide to the people. Their performance and discipline is even superior to the army and police services. The government has provided them with numerous incentives and additional services to them and I hope that they will continue in the future.

However, I believe it is in the interest of all persons concerned that this resolution should be retract as the mentioned Work-charge Skilled I is not practical as they do not have existing work-charge for the volunteers. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu P.P. Thawla

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I believe the current resolution regarding Mizoram Home Guard is rolled out in good faith with acute understanding of the workings and accomplishments achieved by them. Over the years, the current ministry has bestowed several allowances and benefits for the service and I believe that it will continue to do so in the future.

I am among the lucky individual who get to witness the commitment and sincerity with which they perform their duties. Their importance is in par with the police service and their current number is not satisfactory. In order to entice the youth to volunteer for this service, we need to make the benefits and allowances more attractive and as such, I would like to pledge my support for this resolution. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu T.T Zothansanga

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. First of all, when submitting their resolutions, I would like to urge the members to keep the public and their betterment foremost in their minds. I would also like to mention that I have tremendous respect for the owner of the resolution.

In regards to the promotion of home guard volunteers to work-charge or work-charge level, I completely support the statement made by our respected home minister as I believe that our current situation is not comparable to other more developed states in India and as such cannot bestow all the benefits that it has given to their subjects.

I find it disheartening that they are being used as a symbol due to political reasons. Due to our current financial situation I believe that it would be more practical to improve their ration, uniforms and other benefits instead of changing it to work charge level. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu R. Lalrinawma

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. There were times when the home guard services have given up hope of ever receiving benefits and improvement from the government. However, during the last few years the current ministry has introduced several benefits, medical facilities and allowances. As an ex-legal adviser for the home guard, I would like to thank the ministry for that.

In regards to the resolution, the ministry is still working on ways to improve benefits and allowances with the possibility of becoming a full time employees of departments such as excise, environment and forest, police and prison departments. At present promoting them to work charge level is not feasible as it means that they can be allotted at departments such as PWD, PHE, P&E etc which do not require their services. Lastly, we are all aware of the work the ministry has done for them and can be misconstrued by other services that do not enjoy the same and as such I would like to mention that the resolution should not be passed during this time. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu S. Laldingliana

Pu S. LALDINGLIANA : Pu Speaker, thank you. We have all heard of the amazing and sincere work performed by the home guard volunteer services and I would like to add that they have also performed outside of their normal duty all over Mizoram.

Having said that the government has favored them and with your permission I would like a few of the changes made for them. Duty allowance has increased from ₹ 143 to ₹184 and since 1.7.2010 increased to ₹ 235 which means that even the lowest rank can now receive ₹ 7855 a month. They now have enjoyed ration allowance, rifle allowance and washing allowance. The allowances of corporals, sergeants and quarter masters have also been increased.

The above statement clearly shows that the government recognized the work performed by the services and as such bestow several benefits and allowances whenever possible. Also, we have also heard the reasons why this resolution cannot be passed, and why it will not change the current setup even if we passed the resolution. As such I would like to respectfully urge our respected member to retract his resolution. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalrobiaka

Pu LALROBIAKA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I empathies with the owner of the resolution as I also felt that the Home Guard has performed a great service for the people of Mizoram and would like to see them rewarded as much as possible. As mentioned before, we are all aware of the benefits and allowances they have received from the government such as rifles allowance, ration allowance and

washing allowance. Be that as it may, I believe the resolution is not in line with the opportunities available within the service.

Keeping in mind the financial issues the government is currently facing, I believe the current resolution is not possible even though they have excellent performance. They have 24 hours duty in several banks, jails, VIP duty, FCI, supply godown and even as traffic duty. I would like to mention the benefit they have enjoyed which I was not aware of. On top of 45 days maternity leave, they are also entitled to 15 days paternity leave and 30 days medical leave. They also have quotas in different departments such as Police – 10%, Excise – 5%, Forest – 5% and Prison – 5%. They also have ex-gratia grand. Keeping in mind the number of benefits and allowances they have and are currently enjoying and with the current financial situation of the government as it is, I believe this resolution is not possible and would like to kindly request our respected member to retract this resolution. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Nirupam Chakma

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. With all due respect, the current resolution is not at all possible as the Home Guard service as they do not have any Work attached and thus do not possess any work to charge. However, I do believe that the government should find a way to upgrade their status and improve the facility provided to them since their nature of duty is quite important which include security related duties.

SPEAKER : Are they provided with the appropriate firearms?

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : They perform the same duties and carry the same responsibilities as CRP. They are provided with firearms during their duties....

SPEAKER : While you are standing, does the government allot security from the Home Guard Service instead of Police at Pu Nihar Kanti's residence?

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Yes, Pu Speaker, that is the case at my residence as well. Even though I do not support the resolution, I believe their status and position should carry the same level of respect as the CRP and as such they should be rewarded with the appropriate facilities and benefits and their level of position should be upgraded. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalrinmawia Ralte followed by Pu H. Zothangliana.

Pu LALRINMAWIA RALTE : Pu Speaker, thank you. As mentioned before me by our respected members, I wholly support the importance, involvement and service provided by the Home Guard Service. However, I do believe that the current resolution does not reflect their current situation due to the fact that they are not in possession of work and as such the work cannot exist for them to charge.

I would like to state the government has done and intend to do everything it can to improve and upgrade the current situation of the home guards. Next to Punjab, Mizoram is the highest state to bestow benefits and allowances to the home guards in India. Even though their nature of duty and their fitness and training is in par with police, it is not possible for them to receive the same remuneration as them given our financial situation at present. The state government has paid for 70% of the cost for their maintenance and the rest is funded by the central government. However, the central government still owed more than 14 crores since 2002-2003 for their upkeep and the government is still pursuing this so that they can receive the fund owed to them.

Even though they deserve all the financial and non-financial upgrade mentioned before, at present the government has no available resource to make that happen and as such I would like to voice my opinion and would like to mention that at present the resolution should not be passed. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu H. Zothangliana

Pu H. ZOTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, thank you. As mentioned before me, I wholly support the exceptional duties performed by the Home Guard service and believe that they deserve rewards and benefits in line to their nature of work. However, due to several reasons, one being the financial strain the government is currently facing I believe it is not possible to pass the resolution as it is.

Taking the resolution in another direction, it can be interpreted as creating a vacant post i.e. reserved post for them in departments such as PWD, PHE and P&E as they did in departments such as police, excise & narcotics, E&F and prison. Again, this is also not possible at the moment due to financial reasons.

As mentioned earlier, 70% of the Non-Plan expenditure is spend as salary for government workers with only 30% leftover for the general public. And as such I would like to mention that the resolution cannot be passed during this time. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Joseph Lalhimpua followed by Dr. R. Lalthangliana. After that we shall have to invite the House Leader followed by the mover.

Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUA: Pu Speaker, thank you. We have heard many times the work performed by the Home Guard Services and I also have seen and visited their training centre several times and have seen firsthand the amount of discipline they possess and the level of training they received and would like to mention that it is one of the best and the quality of their training and service is no less than the police department or other services.

One suggestion I would like to contribute is the introduction of skill development under trade or industries department. This will enable and prepare them

for life beyond the service. I would also like to mention that the men within the service are on duty for 24 hours while other home guards within the country are on duty for only nine hours at one time. This shows their dedication to their work and I believe that they deserve recognition and commendation for this alone.

Having said that, even though this resolution will greatly benefit the service I believe during this time the government has no possible solution to make this resolution happen. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Dr. R. Lalthangliana

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, thank you. This resolution has an added value due to the fact that the owner of the resolution has firsthand experience within the force as well as being under his area of constituency. Due to this, I feel that we should try our utmost to make this resolution a reality and should not stop at just commending the service on their tremendous contribution to the people of Mizoram.

I would also like to mention that the previous ministry also played a role in improving and upgrading the benefits and allowances enjoyed by the Home Guard volunteers. These upgrades include increasing washing allowance, trading allowance, mess allowance and out of pocket fund among many others.

The duty area for the Home Guard volunteers is quite broad than we expected which includes central and district jails, power house, FCI godown, DC offices and residences, VIP duty, radio station, medical stores, Lengpui airport and many others. Due to this they were given opportunities and quotas in several departments.

I believe this House should try our utmost and should look for ways to upgrade and improve their position given the amount of work they performed with dedication. We can remove the technicality of the rules and amend the rules so that their future ends at just skill-I and rule out the nature of work-charge so that this resolution can be passed. Lastly I would like to mention that I support this resolution and would like to urge the members of this House to support this resolution. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Although Pu P.C. Lalthanliana has raised his hands, I have to deny him his say regarding this resolution as we are almost at the end of our session and running out of time. We will now invite the concern Minister.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, thank you. I have already had my say and would like to mention just one point. I have no doubt regarding the performance and discipline shown by the home guards and if possible would like to pass this resolution. However, we do have existing rules and regulations and under that rule, we cannot pass this resolution if we do not amend the rule first. As the time for amendment has already passed I believe this resolution cannot be

passed during this time. This is not to say that we can always come back and reconsider the rules to make this resolution happen in the future. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Would the House Leader like to have his say?

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, thank you. After all said and done, this resolution is an interesting and important one and I wholly agree with our members in the sense that they deserve recognition and rewards for their endless service to the general public. I would also like to mention that any resolution, regardless of the owner will be passed by the House if they benefit the general public as a whole.

As explained earlier by our respected Home Minister, the resolution as it stands is not in line with the existing rules. If the resolution has come as a way to amend the rules, then that makes it a whole different situation and we might be able to make that happen. However, with the rules currently as it is, the resolution is not possible to be brought forward.

I also believe that it is unfair to compare them to other work charge departments such as PWD and PHE as their area of work and duty completely varies. As mentioned earlier, I believe Mizoram home guards are one of the most decorated and recognized within the entire country. I, for one would like to commend them on the amount of discipline and commitment they have shown to their work and duties and regret to say that during this time this resolution cannot be passed due to the existing rules and the current financial situation. Thank you.

SPEAKER : We shall now invite the owner of the resolution and he has the permission to request for the adoption of this resolution.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. The one thing that is foremost in our minds when submitting resolution by opposing MLA's is that "Will the resolution be passed? Will it get through?" We seldom submit resolution that we feel will not be passed.

One of the main reasons for my submission of this resolution is that there is no file of any sort prepared by the Cabinet during 20th March 2009 which was mentioned by the Home Minister. On the contrary, the Home Guard Association is at its wits end due to nonexistent action from the government.

I would like to explain and clear the air regarding the definition of 'Work Charge' mentioned earlier. We do not have to take the work literally as it simply means to explain the scale or level of their positions well as their pay scale. It means that instead of ending their service at just Skilled-I level, they should be promoted to Work Charge level. As for the mentioned rules and regulations, there was never any change in rules when the Skilled-II workers were promoted to Skilled-I, it was just decided by the Ministry. If that was possible before, why is it not possible now? Why the mention of rules now?

SPEAKER : Just a minute, we are nearly out of time now.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, I am almost done. What I am asking for is not much, Pu Speaker. Even if they are promoted to work charge level, they still would not be in the level of Grade-IV regular post. The Home Guards are self-sufficient and pays for themselves when they perform their duties. If we can develop them and invest in them, they can be used in the same cadre as IR Bn and we will also benefit more if we can promote them to regular force. Lastly, I would like to request the House to take into consideration the benefits that can be seen from passing this resolution and would like to beg them to support this resolution. Thank you.

SPEAKER : We will now take a vote on the resolution “Promotion of Mizoram Home Guard volunteers from Skilled-I to Work Charge level”, all in favor of the resolution say “Agree” and those who do not say “Disagree”. The voice vote has a majority of members who do not agree. At this time the resolution “Promotion of Mizoram Home Guard volunteers from Skilled-I to Work Charge level” has not been passed by the House.

We have completed our business for the day and will continue our session tomorrow, i.e. 2.8.2012 at 10:30 AM.

Sitting adjourned at 4:05 PM

**SIXTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MIZORAM
(ELEVENTH SESSION)**

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR THIRTEENTH SITTING ON THURSDAY, THE 2nd AUGUST, 2012
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)

QUESTIONS

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

LAYING OF PAPERS

2. **Pu H. LIANSILOVA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House copies each of the following :
(1) Statement on Six monthly review of the Finance Minister on the Fiscal Position of the Government of Mizoram for the First Half of 2010-2011 (April, 2010-September, 2010).

(2) Statement on Six monthly review of the Finance Minister on the Fiscal Position of the Government of Mizoram for the Second Half of 2010-2011 (October, 2010-March, 2011).

PRESENTATION OF REPORT

3. **Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUA** to present to the House the Second Report of Subject Committee-I on Action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the First Report of Subject Committee-I on Mizoram Houses relating to General Administration Department

STATEMENT BY A MINISTER

4. **Pu H. LIANSILOVA** to make a statement on correction of answer to starred question No. 181 asked by Dr. R. Lalthangliana regarding 'Sorkar Leiba chungchang'.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Bills for introduction, consideration and passing.

5. **Pu LALSAWTA** to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Board of School Education (Amendment) Bill, 2012”.

ALSO
to introduce the Bill
to move that the Bill be taken into consideration
AND
to move that the Bill be passed.

6. **Pu ZODINTLUANGA** to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram (Establishment of Independent Local Body) Ombudsman (Amendment) Bill, 2012”.

ALSO
to introduce the Bill
to move that the Bill be taken into consideration
AND
to move that the Bill be passed.

7. **Pu ZODINTLUANGA** to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2012”.

ALSO
to introduce the Bill
to move that the Bill be taken into consideration
AND
to move that the Bill be passed.

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SPEAKER : But let justice run down like water, And righteousness like a mighty stream. (Amos 5:24)

We shall start with Question and Answer session and since Pu B. Lalthlengliana is not present to ask Starred Question No.221, we shall proceed to No.222. Let us now invite Pu Lalduhoma to ask Starred Question No.222.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, will the Hon'ble Minister in charge of PWD be please to state-

- a) What is the approximate length of pipe laid down by Mobile Phone Company due to their work thereby damaging completed road works?
- b) What is the condition or do they have an agreement with the Government regarding the mentioned pipes?

SPEAKER : We shall now invite the minister in charge of PWD to answer the question.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, in answer to the questions posed by our respected member:-

- a) The length of pipes laid down by Mobile Phone Company is 440.60 kms.
- b) The company has an agreement with the government and has performed their work under the advisement of the government.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, normally when individuals caused any damage to these roads they have to pay the government for the damages, if the damaged length is already 440.60 kms what is the progress of their repair works and at what rate are they compensating the government for? What is the amount deposited for this and on whose account does it gone to? Will the PWD be using this deposit for repairing the damaged roads?

SPEAKER : Let us invite the hon'ble Chief Minister to answer the questions.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I do have all the detailed information with me but will try to provide with whatever information I have. The works carried out by this Authorized Mobile Phone Service Provider is only started after permission is given by the Ministry of Transport & Highways and then PWD and after an agreement with condition was signed. At present, 198 kms of roads have been damaged due to the works carried out by the mobile company and majority of them have already been repaired with the exception of a few kilometers. The restoration rate is ₹1405 per square metre.

SPEAKER : Let us now invite Dr. R. Lalthangliana to ask starred question number 223.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, what is the progress of the construction of a bridge at Darzokai Tuipui D?

SPEAKER : Let us invite the hon'ble Chief Minister to answer the question.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, tender have been floated for the construction of a suspension bridge, and is expected to start this year with a donation of 216.21 lakhs received from DONER Ministry. It was delayed due to the current hydel power work carried out by NTPC at Kawlchaw. A more permanent bridge is expected later on with Border Roads having already submitted an estimate.

SPEAKER : Supplementary questions from Dr. R. Lalthangliana and Pu Lalthansanga.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Can you give the time frame for the duration of this work? Also, who are the contractors for the construction of Tlawng Bridge near Lengpui Airport and when will they complete this bridge?

SPEAKER : Pu Lalthansanga

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, when will they start the construction of Tuichang Bridge and have they floated the tender for this and how many times? Is there any way to upgrade the quality and construction of Mat Bridge?

SPEAKER : Let us invite the hon'ble Chief Minister to answer the question.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, where is the Mat Bridge situated? Is it along the road to Lunglei?

SPEAKER : Along the road to Sailiankawn, between Serchhip and Thenzawl along World Bank Road.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : It is our responsibility to repair whatever needs repairing.

The construction of Tlawng Bridge is taken up by Tantia Construction Company and is expected to be completed by December, 2013. The cost of constructing Mat Bridge will be taken up by ADB and tender has been floated. Currently, I cannot give any tentative date for the completion of this bridge.

SPEAKER : If you can answer the question regarding Tuichang Bridge.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Where is it situated? (Pu Lalthansanga: Between Keitum and Khawllailung) it was constructed during P.C ministry and if needed, we will carry out the repairs.

SPEAKER : Let us invite Pu K. Liantlinga to ask starred question no.224

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. What is the reason for unanswered questions submitted by MLA's during Assembly Session?

SPEAKER : Let us invite hon'ble Minister Pu Lalsawta to answer the question.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the main reasons questions remain unanswered during Assembly Session are as follows-

The Department does not receive the Assembly question on time. It took a longer time for the file to reach the concerned Minister. Sometimes the answer has to be researched and data has to be collected from various departments and directorate and as such the answer might not be ready on time.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu K. Liantlinga.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : The rules clearly states that the questions should be submitted within 15 days and how come they still cannot receive the questions on time? Can they trace this from Despatch register and Acknowledgement receipt? I saw about 10 questions that were marked with 'Answer not received' during last session.

SPEAKER : Does the Minister have anything to say about this?

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I will give the Interim reply as I cannot make a satisfactory reply right now. In the last Session, these departments failed to send a reply to the Assembly questions:-

Industries Department was unable to send the reply as it took time to finish the enclosure they prepared.

Home Department was not able to send it as the concerned minister did not approved it on time.

The Planning Department has to re-direct the entire question they got to other department and was unable to deliver it on time.

To answer the last question, we, The Parliamentary Affairs Department and the Legislative Assembly Secretariat will try to find viable answer to it.

Pu T.T.ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, there are four omitted figure on my question Unstarred question No. 141, can they be added here now?

SPEAKER : We have something we want to say from the Assembly Secretariat. The Session is called a month before the actual date and I urge all members to prepared beforehand their question and not leave it till the last 15 day as is usually the case because this means you are late.

Second, the office procedure is slow in the government so there will be hitches but I do not think the volume of an answer comes into it now with computer, Xerox machine. I requested all departments to give priority to the questions of our hon'ble members in future. Now let us call Pu Lalrobiaka to ask his question.

Pu LALROBIAKA : Thank you, Speaker, my starred question 225 is when will the Aibawk-Darlung Black topping under PMGSY, which was started in 2006, will be finished?

SPEAKER : Let us call the concerned minister to reply.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the plan is to finish it on this coming autumn.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question, Pu Lalrobiaka.

Pu LALROBIAKA : Pu Speaker, this work has been going for a long time and I requested the concerned minister to finish it soon. My supplementary question is: how many progress we made on the the 2nd World Bank Road, Rawpuichip to Multi Modal Transport proposal?

SPEAKER : Let us call the Chief Minister to reply.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the black topping of Aibawk to Tlawng is finish and works is going on to finish Tlawng to Darlung road black topping. The work is given to two contractors and they both were already given extension to finish their contracts.

The 2nd World Bank road is to connect Lawngtlai and we have been given permission. We are waiting for the Finance Ministry, Department of Economic Affairs to clear the permission for a loan.

Concerning Tuichang Bridge, the contractor stop their work due to a threat received, it was re-tender but no contractor was found. The Department is doing its best to find a contractor by modifying the base design as we speak.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, I do not believe the Tuichangral Road Action Committee threatens the contractor. Personally, I believe their action border on disrespect for our Government.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, it is hard to know exactly what the truth. If the contractor say that they are threaten, the department can do nothing but the project is not abandon, it is still process.

SPEAKER : Now, let us call member Pu R.L. Pianmawia to ask question no. 226.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, my questions No.226 to be answered by the PWD Minister are:

- a) How much fund is received for PMGSY Scheme from 2008 to 31 June, 2012, how much fund has already been released and is there any lapse fund?
- b) If there is any lapse fund, how is it to be spent?

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answers to member R.L. Pianmawia question are:

- a) The fund received for PMGSY Scheme from 2008 to 31 June, 2012 is ₹298.79 crores and the amounts already spend is ₹303.45 crores.
- b) There is no lapse fund and as is seen from the figure, there is a deficit.

SPEAKER : Let member Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte present his question 227.

Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE : Thank you, Pu Speaker, starred question 227, to be answer by the concerned minister; is there any intention to make the Lengpui-Hortoki way a motorable road?

SPEAKER : Let us call the Chief Minister to answer.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : At present, there is no plan to make Lengpui-Hortoki way a motorable road.

SPEAKER : Supplementary questions from Pu Hmingdailova and Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE : As we know, a sizeable length of this road is already motorable road; my supplementary question is whether the remaining 3 km. can be made motorable by negotiating with those people who holds the land.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, my question concerns the Vaivakawn – Ropaiabawk road and falls within the bounds of our current discussion. Despite its importance, it is still very basics and I want to know whether anything can be done to improve it.

SPEAKER : Let us call the Chief Minister to answer it.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the abovementioned road (i.e., Lengpui – Hortoki road) falls under PMGSY and NECPR scheme and there is no plan to right now to take up further works on it but if needed, a new plan must be put in place.

Concerning Vaivakawn – Ropaiabawk road, ₹2 crores is currently set aside from Special Plan Assistance scheme for the work.

SPEAKER : Let us call House member Pu John Siamkunga to raise his question.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for Soil & Water Conservation Department be pleased to state -

- a) Whether the Soil Department plan to construct R.O. quarter at Thingsai?
- b) The Soil Rest House at Cherhlun is very run down; does the Department plan reconstruct it?

SPEAKER : Let us call Minister J.H. Rothuama to answer them.

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, my answers are:

- a) We will not be able to construct R.O. quarter during this Financial Year due to funds constraint.
- b) The answer is the same concerning question (b).

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu John Siamkunga.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Pu Speaker, the Soil R.O. currently resides as a quest at another house as there is no quarter, but it is clear that this cannot go on indefinitely. I sincerely urge the department to do something about it. Also, there are some who chooses coffee under NLUP but still do not receives the coffee seeds, can they get it on time, when will they be able to distribute it?

SPEAKER : Let us call Minister J.H. Rothuama to answer them.

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, we are aware of the importance of the situation and we will try to rectify it as soon as possible. On the matter of Coffee, the selectors are higher than estimated but it is being taken care of and of broom grass, the department is doing it best to meet the demand.

SPEAKER : We will now go to question No.229 and we will call Pu Lalthansanga to present the question.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker, my starred question no. 229 are:-

- a) How much fund is earmarked for 2010-11 and 2011-12 Sport Promotional Fund?
- b) How much is set aside for Infrastructure Component?

SPEAKER : Let us call the concerned Minister to answer them.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer is:-

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| a) Sport promotional Fund for 2010-11 | - | ₹437 lakh |
| Sport Promotional Fund for 2011-12 | - | ₹429 lakh. |
| b) For Infrastructure | | |
| 2010-11 | - | ₹380 lakh |
| 2011-12 | - | ₹851.56 lakh |

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu. Lalthansanga, Pu Lalduhoma and Pu K. Liantlinga

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, we know the fund earmarked for 2010-11 and 2011-12, how much will be earmarked for 2012-13? According to the work programmed, 280 lakh seems to be the earmarked? Is this true? Since this is the funds proposed, this means that different discipline will hardly be able to function, is there any way to increase the fund?

SPEAKER : Pu. Lalduhoma

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, firstly, I want to ask whether a spotlight can be fixed at Chawlhmun Basketball Court. Secondly, how much is earmarked for Zotlang Sport Centre? When will the work be started? And, can a contractor who will not be too familiar with the Minister be selected?

SPEAKER : Another supplementary question from Pu K. Liantlinga

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, a Mini Sport Centre was constructed at Pitarte Tlang but it still needs a lot of work such as parking area, landscaping, is any fund set aside for this? Another question is whether a pavilion and gallery can be added at the Republic Field?

SPEAKER : Let us call the Minister to answer the questions

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, to answer the supplementary question of Pu Lalthansanga, there will not be spending on foreign Coach as there in the previous two years and Associations are encouraged to select them from local area, this is the reason for the cut in the fund but the Associations will still get their fund.

To answer Pu Lalduhoma, ₹100 lakh is earmarked for Zotlang Sport Complex, the work for which will commence as soon as an approval is received from the Central Planning. As for the Spot-light for Chawlhmun Basketball Court, we will not be able to do it for now.

As for Pu K. Liantlinga, the work at Pitarte Tlang is still considered unfinished as the fund is still requested to the Donor Ministry. As concerning Republic Field, the drainage system that we used at other fields are not adequate for this particular field but everything is done to make it better and addition of a pavilion is ongoing from SPA.

SPEAKER : The question hour is now over and we will go to another business. We shall now have Laying of Papers and call on Pu H. Liansailova to lay:-

Statement on Sixth Month monthly review of the Finance Minister on the Fiscal position of the Government of Mizoram for the First Half of 2010-2011 (April, 2010-September, 2010).

Statement of Sixth monthly review of the Finance Minister on the Fiscal position of the Government of Mizoram for the Second Half of 2010-2011 (October, 2010-March, 2011).

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your permission and consent of this august House, I lay before the House these Statement:-

Statement on Sixth Month monthly review of the Finance Minister on the Fiscal position of the Government of Mizoram for the First Half of 2010-2011 (April, 2010-September, 2010).

Statement of Sixth monthly review of the Finance Minister on the Fiscal position of the Government of Mizoram for the Second Half of 2010-2011 (October, 2010-March, 2011).

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. Now we shall have a Report Presentation and we will call on Pu Joseph Lalhimpua to present 'The Second Report of Subject Committee-I on Action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the First report of Subject Committee-I on Mizoram Houses relating to General Administration Department'.

Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUA: Pu Speaker, with your permission, I would like to explain a few things before I submit the report.

On March 28, 2012, the Subject Committee-I already presented the main Report. This Report we are about to present highlight the undertaking of the Government pertaining to the recommendation submitted by the previous committee under the chairmanship of Pu Lalrobiaka, MLA. Chapter-I highlighted the accepted

undertaking of the Government and Chapter-II highlighted the Not to pursue recommendation. Chapter-III highlights those undertaking of the Government deemed unsatisfactory by the Committee.

Now, with your permission and consent I present “The Report on the Action Taken by the Government on the recommendation contained in the 1st Report of the Subject Committee-I on Mizoram Houses relating to Central Administration Department”, Thank you.

SPEAKER : Please hand out the copy of “A statement on correction of answer to...” by Pu H. Liansailova, Minister.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, I like to seize the time to appeal that the 6th Monthly Review as well as the Fiscal Responsibility on Budget Management Act be handed out earlier than this in the future as they are now redundant.

SPEAKER : Let the concerned Minister take note on that and now let invite Pu H. Liansailova to present “A statement on correction of answer to starred question no.181 asked by Dr. R. Lalthangliana” regarding government debt.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Speaker, during this Budget Session, there are a number of typing mistakes in the document from the Finance Department and I would like to correct that. Concerning starred Question No. 181, (b), the correct answer and figures are:- 2008-09 = ₹.223. 56 lakh; 2009-10 = ₹. 718. 54 lakh; 2010-11 = ₹477.12 lakh; 2011-12 = ₹715. 62 lakh since the other mistakes are corrected orally, I would not repeat them here. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Since it induces neither a question nor a discussion, let the copy be handed out and we shall now move to Legislative Business. Let Pu Lalsawta, Minister introduce “The Mizoram Board of School Education (Amendment) Bill, 2012”, to the House.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor and your consent, I ask to introduce “The Mizoram Board of School Education (Amendment) Bill, 2012”, to the House. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Do we give him permission to introduce the Bill? Yes, now let him introduced it and move it for discussion

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I present “The Mizoram Board of School Education (Amendment) Bill, 2012” to the House to be discussed and then pass with the consent of the House. Let me elaborate, the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 birthed new changes in all India, i.e., the previous Board Examination on Class-IV and Class-VII was removed and all examination, repeating class by student was also removed. This new Act gave the Academic Authority to the SCERT (State Council of educational Research and Training) and not to MBSE (Mizoram Board of School Education). Due to this, there

is a need to amend the MBSE Act, 1975 since the MBSE only have authority over the High School and Higher Secondary. Thank you.

SPEAKER : The Minister has explained the nature of the Bill, but we will open a short time for discussion and clarification. Dr. R. Lalthangliana

Dr. R.LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, this Act, 2009, is somewhat mandatory in its nature and as SCERT is fully competent to take it up, I think it prudent that we pass it up as we would want to have longer discussion on Ombudsman and VAT.

SPEAKER : Anyone else? Pu Lalduhoma

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, I concur with my fellow member and move on to other matter.

SPEAKER : Since we all seem of one opinion, does the Minister wants to clarify anything?

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, I just wanted clarification on two points. First, since the authority was remove from MBSE upto High School, does the Board still need be there? Second, under the Powers and Duties of the Board, can the Board still give affiliation to Primary and Middle School? If not, should we treat it as we did a patent error?

SPEAKER : Now let the Minister clarify and move for votes to pass the Act

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, we also have taken note of what was just pointed out but since education is somewhat continuous, we see no reason for them not to continue.

As concerning the other point, we do not have a specific rule pertaining to Affiliation or Recognition and since the term used itself is under consideration, to be in sync with the Central Government, we want to leave it for another time.

SPEAKER : Are you putting a motion to pass the Act?

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, if the hon'ble Members can accept the Act as it is and not treated it as patent error and if they are open to future amendment, then yes, I ask the House to pass the Act.

SPEAKER : Now, the Minister has move for a pass motion and this House passes "The Mizoram Board of School Education (Amendment) Bill, 2012.

We shall now move on to our next business and call on Pu Zodintluanga, Minister to introduce “The Mizoram Establishment of Independent Local Body Ombudsman (Amendment) Bill, 2012”.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your permission and consent, I now introduce “The Mizoram Establishment of Independent Local Body Ombudsman (Amendment) Bill, 2012”.to the House, Thank you

SPEAKER : Is there anyone who disagrees? Let him introduce the Bill and if necessary, move a motion for it to be passed.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, we all know the Indian Constitution set up the Central Finance Commission and it regulates the flow and separation of funds between the Centre and the State. The 13th Finance Commission set aside a total of ₹3251 lakh from 2011-2012 upto 2014-2015 for Performance grant specifically and the Mizoram State has to fulfilled 10 specific undertaking and all of these has been met but the problem is that this grant is for Local Rural Bodies and so, our Local Council and Municipal Council cannot make use of it. So, this Bill move to amend ‘ Village Council’ as used in the Mizoram Establishment of Independent Local Bodies Ombudsman Bill to ‘Local Bodies’ so that all councils can partake of this grant here and in the future, thank you

SPEAKER : I want to clarify that although the Mizoram Establishment of Independent Local Bodies Ombudsman Bill was already introduce to the House and passed by the House as an Act, it is still possible for the concerned Minister to ask for amendment if the situation calls for it. Now, we shall have question hours concerning the Amendment Bill. I call upon Pu C. Ramhluna.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, I just wanted clarification on two things. First, in the first amendment, Section 2 on ‘after Clause (e) of sub-section (b)’ is just a definition but there is an ‘1’ in the definition on Section 2, I was wondering, shouldn’t it be ‘after Clause (e) of sub-section 1 (b) or if the ‘1’ is omitted. Also, there is no ‘2’ in the definition.

Another is that the definition of Local Body should be under (e) but F,G,H,I,J follow it and if so, are we to put the clause as EE or should we move down to F? Can the Minister clarify it for me?

SPEAKER : Pu Lalduhoma

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, in accordance with my fellow Member, I think it necessary to insert Section 2 (1) in the Section 2 Amendment as there is a rather long line to be inserted after ‘c’ and it does not say where it is in the Act or what clause should it be. Shouldn’t this be moved to the bottom by adding a ‘k’ so that it can be treated as a patent error? Anyhow, is it necessary to replace ‘Village Council’ with ‘Local Body’ in the Amendment?

SPEAKER : Pu R. Lalrinawma

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, I think the Minister forgot to mention to the House that there is a typing mistake. There should be an (e)(a) under (e) and since they wanted to put 'Local Bodies' under (e), this is right as the definition has to follow an Alphabetical order.

SPEAKER : Any body else want to comment further? No, then we shall call the Minister to clarify and move a motion for it to pass.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Speaker, as respected member Pu R. Lalrinawma mention, there should be an (e)(a) under Amendment of Section II.

Pu LALDUHOMA : One more thing I wanted to say, there is already no.1 under Section 2 as well as 'a', 'b' and his already falls all the way to 'j'. is it not too much that an (e) should carry an (a). Anyway, it is not proper that Local Council definition should follow a definition of Investigative Officer. I think it more proper that we move this to the bottom.

SPEAKER : Pu Chawngtinthanga

Pu CHAWNGTINTHANGA: Pu Speaker, every member speaks the truth but in Law Drafting, the definition went according to an Alphabetical order and what member Pu Lalduhoma says is true, but even in other Amendment that we made, in order not to disturb the numbering we used more or less the same system, such as Section II a (a). If we are to put it on the bottom, all the other sequence will be affected, so, can we accept the suggestion of the Minister?

SPEAKER : Now, the Minister will not sit as members will address to him along with the Chair

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, if the House Members agreed along with the patented error, I move a motion to pass the Bill.

SPEAKER : Wait, there are two suggestions, one is that it is correct that (e) should have an (a) and another is that a (k) should be added after (j) for the Local Body definition. The House needs to resolve this.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Respected member Pu Chawngtinthanga gave two suggestions; what it means is that if a clause carries a sub-clause, the subject is related but there is no relation between a definition on an Investigative Officers and a Local Body but if the House say it s acceptable, I concur. Of the two suggestions, the second one is preferable to the first as the Local Body can be tag an (f) after the (e) and the others will follow as such.

SPEAKER : Now, Pu Lalduhoma presents a clear argument and Pu Chawnginthanga offer another alternative. Looking at the present Bill, it would not be too much trouble to redraft and modify it...Dr. R. Lalthangliana

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, if we go on to all the others implication, this will take too long

SPEAKER : Maybe, Dr. R. Lalthangliana

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, if we went too far, I think it will be a problem. I think the suggestion of hon'ble member Pu Lalduhoma is good; this is only a draft anyway and it is perfect timing to make changes.

SPEAKER : Let us invite the House Leader.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I think the suggestion of member Pu Lalduhoma is very good as it is still in the draft stage anyway and it can be incorporated easily.

SPEAKER : Now we have a question, do the members agree to put it as a patent error? And if so, let us call the Minister to comment on it and move a motion for it to be passed.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker; I present "The Mizoram Establishment of Independent Local Body Ombudsman (Amendment) Bill, 2012" along with the understanding that it will be accepted as a patent error for the House to pass, Thank you

SPEAKER : Now, we shall have a vote, those who accept the proposal, please raise your hand. Alright, "The Mizoram Establishment of Independent Local Body Ombudsman (Amendment) Bill, 2012" is now pass in the House

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Speaker

SPEAKER : Now, we have one more amendment to discuss. Let us call Pu Zodintluanga, Minister to introduce "The Mizoram Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2012 to the House

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your permission and consent of the House, I ask to introduce "The Mizoram Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2012" to the House

SPEAKER : Are we all in agreement? Let the Minister introduce the Bill and move a motion for it to be passed.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your permission and consent of the House, I introduce “The Mizoram Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2012” to the House. The main aim of this amendment is to make those who already have Registration under the Mizoram Value Added Tax Act, 2005 as well as future register to give them a Permanent Account Number (PAN) card. Pu Speaker, it is important that we have PAN Card for VAT Registration; online trading system as well as VAT Tax collection and the Central Government is also urging us. This PAN number is important not only for business transaction, inter-state commerce and online system, the Centre is proposing to implement Goods and Service Tax (GST) and if implemented, this PAN Card will be very important. This is the reason why this Bill is introduced to amend ‘The Mizoram Value Added Tax Bill’

SPEAKER : The Minister has explained the need for this Amendment Act. He may now open the discussion.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, it is not my intention to go into detail on the Bill itself. What I wanted to highlight is that to make PAN Card is not easy; it requires many documents and is very specific in its demand, for example, they cannot simply accept the initial ‘K’ in a name, it has to be either Khiangte, Khawlhing or Kawilam; but since it will be important in Domestic and International Trade, it is a must. So, even if we are to pass the Bill, I suggest that at least a 6 month period will be used to give awareness on the subject.

SPEAKER : Anyone else? Yes, Pu Lalthansanga.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, I wanted clarification regarding the Pin mentioned by the Minister, if we do not have a good system for PIN, then, can PAN Card uphold the PIN? If not, then our problem only grows. GST is mentioned and that it is to be implemented, if so, then all the tax will go to Central via GST, then what is the need for PAN Card? Another thing is, is it because the GST is not well received at the Centre that the Centre is using PAN Card as an instrument to hurry its agenda, can the Minister please clarify for me.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, It seems that we will start with those who do not have yet registration but I wanted the Department to have a lenient time for those already registered. I also think that awareness is a must, with minute information as to where it can be done, how much is needed for it etc., and I propose the Bill be passed by the House.

SPEAKER : Pu Chawngtinthanga.

Pu CHAWNGTINTHANGA: As mentioned by my fellow House member, PAN Card will soon be a must in future and as the Minister mentioned earlier, the Finance Ministry is preparing to introduced GST as well, in part for smoother business transaction within and outside the country and for measures against Tax

Evasion. If such is the case, I gave my support for this Bill and ask at the same time that the department show leniency for a time.

SPEAKER : Pu John Siamkunga.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Pu Speaker, I just wanted to show my support for this Bill and highlight briefly that PAN Card can be used to identify us by our number instead of with our name with it. This is especially convenient for Mizo as we tend to have similar name. Nowadays, Pan Card number is considered more important than our permanent or current address as it is quicker.

SPEAKER : Pu Nirupam Chakma.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, the intention of the Amendment is clear from what my fellow members have discussed. First, it is imperative for those who wanted to have permanent account under Vat to have it and secondly, that those who already have Registered Dealership also need to have PAN card. What I wanted to point out is that, since it has manifold purpose, registration should also expand to service holders and other people.

SPEAKER : Now, there are a few things to clarify from our discussion. Concerning the 2(A), 2 (A) (A), I think we simply let it be as it concerns PAN Card in which similar subject are contained with slight variation. For example, when it comes to the Constitution, 241 (A) contained Gramsobha and 241 (B) contained Panchayat. When it uses A, B, the difference is wider and when it uses A, A, the difference is smaller. Now, let us call the Minister and if extra time is needed, let him ask for it.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Speaker, as mentioned by my hon'ble fellow members, new changes constantly sprung up in our society and PAN Card registration is one of many things that follow such a change. There are some businessperson already using PAN Card and it greatly minimize their troubles and time spend on online payment, Tax Return file etc. But I also know personally that PAN Card registration takes time and is taxing and we also know that the Department will also have to spend a great amount of time on guiding and helping those who wanted to register as some of them will be quite blind and who never went beyond Mizoram.

Concerning the question of Pu Lalthansanga on the validity of TIN no. as a means of identification, every State have their own TIN and cannot be used for common identification and hence the need for PAN Card. To answer Pu K. Liantlinga question, the Law Department have their own drafting policy and we assume that it will be alright to use it as well...

SPEAKER : Should we take a break or not? Do we wish to continue? Alright, we shall continue.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, this Amendment covers only those registered under VAT in the Taxation Department for now but in the future, I hope the people of Mizoram will also benefit from it. To summed up, the importance of PAN Card is manifold as it is nowadays used to trace even terrorist and there will come a time, in the near future, when nothing can be done without a PAN Card. Even today, Our Voter's ID as well as other ID has now become almost obsolete when we travel outside of Mizoram. Keeping in mind all that has been discussed and debated, I now solicit this respected House to pass "The Mizoram Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2012," Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now that the concerned Minister gave all clarification, we now shall have a vote. Those who agree to pass "The Mizoram Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2012," say 'aye' and those who do not agree 'nay'. Now, this House passes "The Mizoram Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2012.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : The 6th Sitting and 11 Session of The Mizoram State Legislative Assembly commenced on the 16th July, 2012 and we have come to the last day and final hour of the Session, i.e., 2nd, August, 2012, today. We used 13 days for this Session and these are the main features of our Session.

1. **QUESTION & ANSWER**

Starred Question: -

Question Submitted	-	410
Question Admitted	-	387
Question Rejected	-	23
Added to List of Business	-	240
Answered in House	-	87
Question left unanswered in House	-	153

Unstarred Question: -

Question Submitted	-	101
Question Admitted	-	84
Question Rejected	-	17
Changed from Starred Question	-	119

2. **OBITUARY**

A Moment of Silence is observed in memory of Pu Zalawma and Pi L. Thanmawii, both former members of the House.

3. **PRESENTATION OF BUDGET**

The Finance Minister introduce the Mizoram Budget, 2012, August to 2013, March on the first day of the session i.e. 16.7.2012 and after all the demands were discussed and debated by the House Members, the Budget was passed on 31.7.2012 cordially by the House.

4. **LAYING OF PAPERS**

These paper were laid before the House during our Session :

- i) The 20th Annual report of the Mizoram Public Service Commission, 2010-2011.
- ii) The Mizoram Municipalities (Procedure & Conduct of Business) (First Amendment) Rules, 2012.
- iii) Statement of action taken by the Government against Subject Committee-IV further recommendation.
- iv) Correction of Budget Speech.
- v) Report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India on State Finances for the year ended 31st, March, 2011 (Report No.1).
- vi) Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on Civil, Revenue.
- vii) Commercial for the year ended 31st, March, 2011 (Report No. 2).
- viii) Appropriation Accounts for the year 2010-2011 volume 1 & 2 relating to Government of Mizoram.
- ix) Finance Accounts for the year 2010-2011 volume 1 & 2 relating to Government of Mizoram.
- x) Statement on Sixth Monthly review of the Finance Minister on the Fiscal Position of the Government of Mizoram for the First Half of 2010-2011 (April, 2010 to September, 2010).
- xi) Statement on Sixth Monthly review of the Finance Minister on the Fiscal Position of the Government of Mizoram for the Second Half of 2010-2011 (October, 2010 to March, 2010).

5. **PRESENTATION OF REPORTS**

Business Advisory Committee Report

- i) Fourth Report of Subject Committee – V, Pu K. Lalrinthanga
- ii) 18 & 19 Report of PAC, Pu C. Ramhluna
- iii) Second Report of Subject Committee-I, Pu Joseph Lalhimpuia

6. **CALLING ATTENTION MOTION**

Pu R. Lalrinawma calls attention to the fact of cows dying due to pestilence within his Constituency.

Pu Lalduhoma calls for a motion on the subject of importing Cow for NLUP. He also call for a motion on the irregularities found in the Combined Competitive Examination conducted by the Mizoram Public Service Commission and was given clarification by Pu H. Liansailova, Minister in charge.

7. **LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

These Bill were discussed and passed during the Session

- i) The Mizoram Local Fund (Accounts & Audit) (First Amendment) Bill, 2012.
- ii) The Mizoram Societies Registration (Amendment) Bill, 2012.
- iii) The Mizoram Board of School Education (Amendment) Bill, 2012.

- iv) The Mizoram (Establishment of Independent local Body) Ombudsman.
- v) (Amendment) Bill, 2012.
- vi) The Mizoram Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2012.

8. **PRIVATE MEMBERS BUSINESS**

Dr. R. Lalthangliana Resolution “Let the Centre be moved to declare the Birthday of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar as Anti-racism Day” and moved by Pu P.P. Thawla on 20.7.2012 was discussed and rejected by the House.

The Resolution of Pu Lalduhoma “Let those who are Skilled-I amongst the Mizoram Home Guard Volunteers be promoted to Work Charge Status” was also discussed and rejected by the House.

9. **STATEMENT BY A MINISTER**

The Transport Minister gave a Statement on the tragic accident of Champhai Bus due to landslide near Keifang in which 18 people lost their lives and another 16 people sustained injury. The House expressed their heartfelt condolence on both parties and the Chief Minister announced that ₹ 1, 50,000/- will be given to each of those who lost their lives.

Pu H. Liansailova, Minister, also gave a statement on the answer of starred question No. 181 “Description on Government debt”.

Now, our Session has now come to a smooth end and each member is diligent and I know, exhausted. I wanted to thank all those who put their mind and effort in the smooth running of the Session and I extend my thanks to the Parliamentary Affairs Committee? For all the answers and to those Departments which gave answers to all the questions put to them. We failed to obtain one answer each for Starred and Unstarred question but we received the one for the Unstarred Question this morning and it will be forwarded later to the members.

The Government Officials also turn out satisfactorily and I wanted to remind all of you that what we did here is for the good and future of our people and State and I urge you all to continue to put your best effort to it.

The House is adjourned, *Sine die*.