

**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
DISCUSSION 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.

NGURTHANZUALA
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 in 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 it 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 Superintendant, 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 compelled 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 Myanmar 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 its 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 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 Lalhimpua have something to say.

Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUA: 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 Hlmen 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 Kawrpuichhuah, 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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No.24	Medical & Public Health Services	₹183,79,36,000.00
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	TOTAL	₹196,28,81,000.00

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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No.24	Medical & Public Health Services	₹183,79,36,000.00
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	TOTAL	₹196,28,81,000.00

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER : 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.)