

**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

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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: -

- Whether there is an intention to do work on Chekkawn - N.Vanlaiphai road?
- Is there an intention to renovate N.Vanlaiphai - Artahkawn road?
- Is there a progress made in Keitum - Artahkawn road?
- 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: -

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Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : With your permission, Pu Speaker, I lay on the Table of the House the following papers: -

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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 man-power 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 Bunghmun - 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 a 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 Tingmun. 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.Tinghmun, 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.Tinghmun, 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 LALROBIKA : 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 Kanghmun 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 corporate 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 become 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 destroying 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 sources to help them controlling the free flow of drugs as it will certainly be much appreciated mostly by concerned parents. If the need arises, 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 senses 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 Ramluna 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 Bilkhawthlir 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 thought in this regard. As of the 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 politics 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 implement the selection 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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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 : 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 cooperative 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 hard 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: -

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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)