

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

**LIST OF BUSINESS**

FOR NINTH SITTING ON FRIDAY, THE 27<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2012  
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)

**QUESTIONS**

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

**LAYING OF PAPER**

2. **Pu C. RAMHLUNA** to lay on the Table of the House a copy of Statement of Action taken on Action Taken Report of Public Accounts Committee.

**PRESENTATION OF REPORTS**

3. **Pu C. RAMHLUNA** to present to the House the Eighteenth Report of Public Accounts Committee on the Report of Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the year 2007-2008 relating to Health & Family Welfare Department.
4. **Pu C. RAMHLUNA** to present to the House the Nineteenth Report of Public Accounts Committee on the Appropriation Accounts for the years 2008-2009 & 2009-2010 (Excess Expenditure)

**FINANCIAL BUSINESS**

***DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS***

5. **Pu LALSAWTA**, Minister to submit to the Vote of the House Various Demands under his charge.
6. **Pu NIHAR KANTI**, Minister to submit to the Vote of the House Various Demands under his charge.
7. **Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA**, Minister to submit to the Vote of the House Various Demands under his charge.

NGURTHANZUALA  
Secretary

SPEAKER : Train a child in a way that he should go, and when he is old  
he will not turn from it. (Proverbs 22:6)

We will begin with the Question Hour. Let us invite Pu R.L. Pianmawia to ask Starred Question No.141.

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

- a) Is there any plan to resolve shortage of J.E. in the P&E Department?
- b) What have the government done to speed up works under RGGVY?
- c) What is the estimate amount for RGGVY? How much has been spent so far and how much is left?

**SPEAKER** : The concerned minister, Pu Lal Thanhawla, the hon'ble Chief Minister is absent. Let us call Pu R. Lalzirliana, hon'ble Minister to answer on his behalf.

**Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, there is indeed an attempt to fill up the 44 Nos. vacant post of JE as permission of the government is being seek.

Contractors are constantly urged to expedite the work where as the amount estimate is ₹26,765.580 lakhs. Up until the 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2012, ₹22,904.50 lakhs has been spent with ₹3,886.08 lakhs remaining.

**SPEAKER** : Next, starred Question No.142 and Pu K. Liantlinga to ask.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for Disaster Management & Rehabilitation be pleased to state: –

- a) Number of families affected by the natural disasters during 2011-2012 (in district-wise)
- b) Amount of funds spent by the government for assistance (in district-wise)

**SPEAKER** : The hon'ble Minister, Pu Nihar Kanti to answer the question.

**Pu NIHAR KANTI, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, families affected by natural disasters during 2011-2012 (in district-wise) are as shown belows: -

Sl. Nos.	District	Nos. of family
1	Aizawl	113
2	Lunglei	170
3	Saiha	186
4	Lawngtlai	508
5	Champhai	389
6	Kolasib	254
7	Serchhip	104
8	Mamit	372
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,096</b>

The government spent the following amount from Relief & Rehabilitation to the following districts: -

Sl. Nos.	District	Amount spent
1	Aizawl	₹8,65,000.00
2	Lunglei	₹26,53,000.00
3	Saiha	₹13,93,000.00
4	Lawngtlai	₹40,25,500.00
5	Champhai	₹29,50,500.00
6	Kolasib	₹47,53,000.00
7	Serchhip	₹12,00,000.00
8	Mamit	₹19,97,375.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>₹1,98,37,875.00</b>

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary questions from Pu K. Liantlinga and then Pu Lalduhoma.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Pu Speaker, I would like to know how much is in hand and how much is the unspent balance for each district. How much is spent for the purchase of silpauline and polytarpauline? What is the rate?

The tender invited 120, 140 and 160 even though GSM-70 and 90 are commonly used. Does the department intend to buy all such qualities?

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, the rubber boat provided to us for saving of drowns is too big. May the concerned minister provide 2/3 persons carrier boat? Also, the diving gear being provided is of incomplete set as some parts are missing and hence unusable. May the department provide a complete set so that it is used as purpose?

**SPEAKER** : Next, Pu Lalthansanga.

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, may the department provide search & rescue equipments in the water hazard areas or to each district?

**SPEAKER** : The hon'ble Minister to answer the questions.

**Pu NIHAR KANTI, MINISTER** : I am regretted for not being able to provide balance of the amount of fund this time. In any case, I do not believe that we have much balance anymore. We spent approximately ₹3/4 crores on silpauline every year and we have a specific approved rate for the supply. I am aware of the concerns of both the hon'ble members and I will see what we can do about it.

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite Pu C. Ramhluna to ask Starred Question No. 143.

**Pu C. RAMHLUNA** : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for Labour Employment and Industrial Training Department be pleased to state: –

- a) How many members are enlisted under The Mizoram Building & Other Construction Welfare?
- b) How many Mizos are there?
- c) What are the benefits provided under the welfare?
- d) How many have availed the benefits?
- e) How much fund has been collected under the 1% donation from the established contractors?

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalrinliana Sailo, the hon'ble Minister may answer the question.

**Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, the answer is: -

- a) 513 members.
- b) 509 members are Mizos.
- c) 17 members have availed the benefits.
- d) 1% collected from concerned contractors amounting to ₹5,56,07,981.

The answer to c) indicates that if a member dies while in service, he will be given ₹15,000/- as ex-gratia. If he met with an accident while at work, he may be given ₹50,000/-. If he became invalid due to accident, he will be given upto ₹2,500/-. If the member is hospitalized, he may receive ₹300/- for 5 days from the day of admission and ₹50/- for the rest of his stay upto ₹10,000/- total. If the member is involved in an accident away from the place of his duty, he may avail ₹20,000/-. A woman may be given ₹2,000/- when she gives birth and if she has been a member for at least a year. If a person has been a member for a year, their children may receive a tribal scholarship for their higher education after passing HSLC. If the student obtains the highest mark in a district at the HSSLC level, he/she may be given ₹3,000/- as incentive. The school admission fee of 2 of the member's children will be provided. ₹1,000/- can be availed for taking care of the corpse of the member if he dies. When a member has less than 15 years till his pension, he may be loaned upto ₹50,000/- at minimal interest for construction of a house. If a member registered himself for 3 years and if he has not attained the age of 55 may avail a loan upto ₹10,000/- for purchase of equipments to help his work, at minimal interest. Pu Speaker, to avail all these benefits, the employee must register himself at a fee of ₹25/- and must deposit ₹10/- every month which will be given back at the time of his pension.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary questions from Pu Lalduhoma, Pu Lalthansanga and Pu C. Ramhluna.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, this really is a good Welfare but we have very little awareness. May the department organize awareness campaigns especially in the rural areas?

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : I would like to advise the department to use the VCs as the nodal agents and the rules may be translated in Mizo version. Are the members mostly from Aizawl district?

**Pu C. RAMHLUNA** : How is it that I am not aware of the Welfare before when Pu Duha's constituency has already availed the benefits? I want to know the bank where they deposit the fund and would it be necessary to obtain permission from the Aizawl centre if the benefits are to be enjoyed in the villages? Are certificates necessary to avail the benefits?

**SPEAKER** : The hon'ble Minister to answer the answer.

**Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, we are a small department and this Welfare is a practically new venture for us. I understand the concerns of the members and would like to assure them that we are doing our best to encompass the people as much as possible.

The awareness campaigns will certainly be made in the future but as of now, we are setting ourselves up and there is much to do in the establishment itself. That is actually why other districts are unaware of the Welfare.

The funds are being deposited in the State Bank of India and yes, death certificates, etc are required to avail the benefits of the Welfare.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalduhoma may ask starred Question No. 144.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Will the hon'ble Minister for Power & Electricity Department be pleased to state: -

- a) When will the electrification of Tualpui under the RGGVY be completed?
- b) How many poles are put up?
- c) Is it completed at this time?
- d) When will the electrification of Melriat - Phunchawng under the RGGVY be completed?
- e) What is the situation, now?

**SPEAKER** : Pu R. Lalzirliana to answer the question.

**Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, my answer is: -

- a) It was estimated to be completed by August, 2012 but it seems impossible since there were problems which hindered the work.
- b) 35 poles are put up among which 6 are 11Kv lines and 25 LT lines.
- c) It is not yet completed.
- d) The Melriat-Phunchawng line will be started whenever the quantity variation is received. e) No work has been done at this time.

**SPEAKER** : Pu John Siamkunga to ask starred Question No.146 since Pu B. Lalthlengliana is not here to ask Question No.145.

**Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA** : Will the hon'ble Minister for Power & Electricity be pleased to state: -

When will the Tuirial Hydel Project be completed?

**SPEAKER** : As the concerned Minister is not present, we shall invite Pu R. Lalzirliana to provide the answer.

**Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER** : The project is estimated to be completed by 2014.

**SPEAKER** : Dr. R. Lalthangliana is absent; so we will move on to Starred Question No.148 to be asked by Pu C. Ramhluna.

**Pu C. RAMHLUNA** : Will the hon'ble Minister for Higher & Technical Education Department be pleased to state-

- a) Whether notification has already been issued for setting up a separate establishment for the Mizoram Scholarship Board?
- b) If so, when?
- c) Who is the Secretary of the Board?
- d) Is he an officer in the Higher & Technical Department? If so, what is his position in the seniority list?

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite Pu Lalsawta, Minister to answer the queries.

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER** : Pu speaker, my answer is: -

- a) The Board has been put in a separate establishment under the Higher & Technical Department.
- b) The notification was issued on the 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2010.
- c) Dr. R. Rualthansanga is the Secretary.
- d) Yes, he is. He is 97<sup>th</sup> in the seniority list.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Has the government decided to proceed with the centralization scheme?

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER** : The centralization of scholarship is put into effect for some time now. Since we have to deal with some adjustments, we hope to be able to function regularly from the next year. Some departments are excluded from the centralization. We have appointed some experts who are not necessarily senior officers because we feel their input is more valuable. We feel the need to encourage the use of scholarship instead of stipend since stipends do not have ceilings and it is expected to be of more effective on the Plan Fund.

**SPEAKER** : Pu K. Lianzuala to ask Starred Question No.149.

**Pu K. LIANZUALA** : Will the hon'ble Minister for Power & Electricity be pleased to state: -

What is the progress on Tuirial Hydel Project?

**SPEAKER** : Pu R. Lalzirliana, hon'ble Minister to answer the question.

**Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER** : According to the progress report on January 2012, 62.01% has been completed.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalduhoma to ask starred Question No.150.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Will the hon'ble Minister for Higher & Technical Education Department be pleased to state: -

- a) What is the condition for the proposed location for establishment of the National Institute of Technology? When will the institution be moved in in?
- b) How many faculty members are there?
- c) Has the requirements of the hostellers been provided?

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalsawta, Minister may react to the question.

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER** : My answer is: -

- a) Pu Speaker, since it involves approval of the National Institute of Technology experts and the assistance of the Revenue & Settlement Department, the process could not be expedited yet land survey and demarcation has been done. Hopefully, it will be ready shortly.
- b) There are 3 branches of study with one faculty for each. There are 11 faculties in total.
- c) As far as my knowledge is concern, requirements of the hostellers are being met.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary question from Pu Lalduhoma.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, I am unsure of the proposed location even though 5 years has passes since the establishment. I hardly believe we will be able to construct the buildings by the given period. The Mentor Institute of Nagpur has agreed to shoulder the responsibility of hosting the institute for 5 years and it is my opinion that we should accept their offer instead of hastening things here unsatisfactorily. Are you confident that you will be able to complete the construction within 5 years?

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalsawta, Minister.

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER** : This is a serious matter and we do not want our initial students to have bad records which might influence future students to opt for other institutes. However, it is the decision of the Ministry of Human Resource Development and all we can do is give them free land to set up the institute. We already have acquired necessary lands at Thenzawl and hence we paid no further attention to the land being offered at Lengpui.

**SPEAKER** : There was a pervading rumor that the people of Lengpui offered free lands before Thenzawl was proposed. Did the rumor never reach you officially?

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER** : All I have heard is from the newspapers and I have not seen any official documents pertaining to the offer of free lands at Lengpui. In any case, we

have had bad experiences in the past about offers of free lands because the people would not permit construction even after signing an affidavit to give their lands, citing the example of Mizoram University. Furthermore, Lengpui is a town and I do not think there will be 300 acres of land that is required.

**SPEAKER** : When did this happen?

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER** : It was back in 1997-1998. As Lengpui is closer to Aizawl, it is the obvious choice for the officers but as the documents are almost cleared at this point.

**SPEAKER** : Did not the House Leader say that Thenzawl have bigger lands compare to Lengpui.

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER** : They preferred Lengpui so much that they were willing to make allowance for 100 acres less than the 300 they stipulated. Meaning, they will allow the establishment even if there is only 200 acres.

**SPEAKER** : Are you concerned that there might not be that much land at Lengpui?

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER** : It does not necessarily mean that there is a deficit. It was just an emphasis on how much they wanted to set up the institute there.

We are not the only ones who are in a hurry to set up the institute, the central kept pressuring us to enable the institute to function and suggested renting houses until the constructions are completed. The members mentioned Nagpur but the central would not hear about it. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : The members absent are Pu Lal Thanhawla, Pu B. Lalthlengliana and Pu S. Laldingliana.

We will now move on to Laying of Papers with Pu C. Ramhluna who will lay a copy of "Statement of Action Taken on Report of Public Accounts Committee."

**Pu C. RAMHLUNA** : Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I hereby lay, "Statement of Action Taken on Report of Public Accounts Committee relating to Taxation Department on the report of Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the year 2004-2005, 2005-2006 and 2006-2007."

**SPEAKER** : The hon'ble member will now present "Eighteenth Report of Public Accounts Committee on the report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the year 2007-2008 relating to Health & Family Welfare Department" and the "Nineteenth Report of Public Accounts Committee on the Appropriation of Account for the years 2008-2009 & 2009-2010 (Express Expenditure)."



**Pu C. RAMHLUNA** : Pu Speaker, with your permission, I hereby lay on the table of the House, "Eighteenth Report of Public Accounts Committee on the report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the year 2007-2008 relating to Health & Family Welfare Department" and the "Nineteenth Report of Public Accounts Committee on the Appropriation of Account for the years 2008-2009 & 2009-2010 (Express Expenditure)."

The Eighteenth report is about the undertakings of Health & Family Welfare under the NRHM. The Health department has given comments on some of the paragraphs and neglected to do so in others. Therefore, the committee has examined the response of the department and felt it insufficient and requested for departmental evidence. While the department claimed that it has achieved 97% of its objectives on paper, the real achievement was considerably less than its claim. Based on the evidences, the committee thus made several recommendations which must be strictly observed by the department.

**SPEAKER** : We will now move on to Financial Business, we will discuss the demands of the hon'ble Ministers, Pu Lalsawta, Pu Nihar Kanti and Pu P.C. Lalthanliana. Let us invite Pu Lalsawta first to submit his demands first.

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, with the consent of the Governor and your permission, I hereby submit my demands such as: -

<b>Demand Nos.</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Budget Amount</b>
No.4	Law & Judicial	₹18,73,70,000.00
No.12	Parliamentary Affairs	₹45,00,000.00
No.21	Higher & Technical Education	₹59,96,74,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>₹7,21,77,28,000.00</b>

Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Next, Pu Nihar Kanti.

**Pu NIHAR KANTI, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, with the consent of the Governor and your permission, I hereby submit my demands: -

<b>Demand Nos.</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Budget Amount</b>
No.30	Disaster Management & Rehabilitation	₹16,78,38,000.00
No.34	Animal Husbandry & Veterinary	₹1,19,52,35,000.00
No.41	Sericulture	₹24,46,55,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>₹1,60,77,28,000.00</b>

Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu P.C. Lalthanliana.

**Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, with the consent of the Governor and your permission, I hereby submit my demands such as: -

<b>Demand Nos.</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Budget Amount</b>
No.19	Local Administration	₹42,47,13,000.00
No.29	Social Welfare	₹67,47,64,000.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>₹1,09,95,77,000.00</b>

Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : The Ministers have submitted their demands, now; we will begin our discussion with 10 minutes being to each member allotted. Let us start with Pu R. Lalrinawma, hon'ble member.

**Pu R. LALRINAWMA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. The law college has been taken up by the government now and we have many developments as a result. A separate building is being constructed for the college. The law department have very few staff members and officers which is a problem when Law Bills are to be passed in the House therefore, I beg you to extend them allowance for typos and other mistakes. The parliament has recently approved the establishment of 2 High Courts in the North East but very little headway has been made so far.

I think the Parliamentary Affairs Department should conduct more training because there could be misunderstandings between the departments that are supposed to work together simply because we have insufficient knowledge of rules and procedures.

The Education Department has made impressive strides towards development of education such as the Education Reform, for example. At the same time, I would like to convey the concerns of Zemabawk Government High School whose English teacher was transferred to another school. They request the government to recall him to his former post. There are sometimes uneven distributions of assistance under the Disaster Management Department based on the constituency, although their suffering is the same. I thank the Vety Department for constructing dispensaries where they are sorely needed while the Sericulture has also seen much progress in terms of construction of Sericulture Complex for better efficiency.

Pu Speaker, last year the LAD Minister answered my starred Question with, "The department is aware of the need for correcting the Sihphir Village Council boundary" but yet no progress has been made on that matter till today. I urge the hon'ble Minister to attend to this as soon as possible.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Hmingdailova Kiangte.

**Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE** : Pu Speaker, Education Department is a very important part of development even in the rural areas therefore, I would like to remind the hon'ble Minister to pay closer attention to the needs of the remote areas. Inspections are not carried as expected by the government and although our requirements are met gradually, the shortage of teachers is a huge problem and one of the biggest concerns of the village schools. I request the Minister to make note of this and take actions to provide sufficient teachers as quickly as possible.

I am pleased by the work done under the Disaster Management but I would also like to encourage them to work even harder since their service is needed everywhere within the state. I am glad they have upgraded their search and rescue equipments and increased their rehabilitation assistance to ₹1,50,000. I would also like to remind the hon'ble Minister that rescue equipments are also sorely needed at my constituency.

Under Animal Husbandry and Vety Department, I request the Minister to give us atleast one VFA because it is impossible to rear animals without having a VFA. Finally, I commend the works done by the LAD and the Social Welfare Department because they are the practical applications to the needs of rural areas. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu Lalrobiaka.

**Pu LALROBIAKA** : I am happy that the Education Minister has realized the need for a change of system under education and while there may be some things that are unsatisfactory, it is my opinion that we should give them time to adjust to the new system. My colleague mentioned the shortage of teachers in the rural areas and I completely agree with him. There are some teachers who would not go to their appointed posts which poses a huge problem for the villages. I request the Minister to find a solution to eradicate this annoyance.

It is sad to hear about the students who are unable to receive their scholarships and teachers who went without pay for a stretch of 3 months. I hope the department will soon provide the necessary funds.

Although we often conduct trainings under the Parliamentary Affairs Department, we are still ignorant of the rules and procedures of the office. Thus, it is a must for each of us to give an effort to learn these procedures. The improvements I have seen under Disaster Management impresses me greatly as their works are especially appreciated in the rural areas.

The LAD is intimately involved in the everyday life of the people and their works include uncommon problems which is why I feel that their budget might be insufficient to accomplish their work efficiently.

In my capacity as the MLA of Mamit District, I would like to thank the hon'ble Minister for Social Welfare for providing us with funds under the MSDP because we are now able to address the problems of schools which we cannot hope to accomplish with the funds provided under the school education. They have built Girls hostels, Homes and given us nutrition programmes.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu K.S. Thanga.

**Pu K.S. THANGA** : I would like to request the hon'ble Minister for Education to provide Lungleng village with teachers because they do not have sufficient teachers to keep the school going. School at Sialsuk also does not have peon and LDC to take care of clerical works even though it is the examination centre. Schools at Sateek and Thiak village are at the risk of toppling over and they need quick assistance. Pu Deputy Speaker, I think the department

should find a new way of employing teachers because the ones we have appointed so far only wants to work in the city which leaves a big problem for the villages.

I am deeply pleased by the progress made under the Vety Department which goes hand in hand with the NLUP. In spite of many allegations, the NLUP has been instrumental in the increase of livestock in the villages and very soon it will provide livelihood for many villagers.

Under the LAD, if you take a look at the Hmuifang Tourist Centre and Resort, the surrounding areas are being cleared and the trees are cut down to make way for new constructions. Taking the poor forest reserve of the state into account, it is very sad to see the trees being cut down as they are 100/200 years old. I have a VC pass there which some people advised me to surrender to the government but seeing how the precious trees are treated, I do not know if it is a good idea. In the same manner, the neighbouring villages are deeply concerned about this and I hope the hon'ble Minister will pay more attention to its development.

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like the hon'ble Minister for Law to clarify why there is a recommendation to appoint a judge from outside the state in the High Court. Also, what is the reason for proposal to extend the service of the Law Secretary?

Under the Parliamentary Affairs Department, I am truly impressed by the efficiency of the Parliamentary Secretariat when we went for an orientation training there. I would like to know if we can make provisions to have a General Secretary in our state as well.

The Education budget has been increased considerably this year and the salary allocation has seen a marked increase. However, there are none of us from the rural constituencies who are satisfied with the condition of education. I do not blame the minister personally but there are hints that some people have more weight in the transfer and posting of teachers. It is our duty to serve the people of the state irrespective of their locations and postings should be done in proportion to the number of students in each school.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Your time is up but we still have 5 minutes before break. So, I will let you continue until then.

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. It is good to see that the Disaster Management has increased the fund assistance for the victims of natural disasters. In the meantime, poly tarpaulins are too heavy and bulky for use and hence I would like to advise the hon'ble Minister to invite tenders depending upon the demand.

Moving on to Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Department, the government refused to recognize the dead cows under the NLUP as being dead due to epidemic disease and hence the farmers simply lost their benefits. I urge the government to rectify its mistake and compensate not only the NLUP beneficiaries but those farmers whose cows suffered the same epidemic. We are still awaiting the promised posting of a demonstrator in my constituency under Sericulture.

Regarding LAD, there is no provision for allotting House sites for the VCs at Biate and N. Vanlaiphai since we have been declared a town now. I hope the government will soon clarify how it will function under the Civil SDO.

I am not impressed by the budget allocation for the Social Welfare Department which works in direct relation with the people. This is a very precious department for the rural areas and I hope the government will quickly address their dilemma.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Our time has ended. The sitting will be resumed at 2:00 p.m. in the afternoon.

### **2:00 P.M.**

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : 5 members have participated in the discussion so far. We will begin the afternoon sitting with Pu Lal Thanzara.

**Pu LAL THANZARA** : Starting with Disaster Management, Pu Speaker, I also commend their works while I request the hon'ble Minister to allocate more funds for prevention of imminent disasters. Under Law & Judicial Department, the government extended the service of the Principal Secretary by 6 months which do not hamper the promotion chances of any incumbent. The government merely felt that his experience and expertise was still needed. Therefore, it is very sad that the MZP misunderstood the intention of the government.

Regarding Demand No.20, I would like to explain that the choices for the location of the NIT are not for the Chief Minister or the Education Minister to make. The central is the deciding force and we can only stand by and accept their decision.

The LAD often gives out housing loans for those who cannot afford to build a house of their own but I think we should provide bigger package of loans and lessen the beneficiaries if necessary because some people often avail loans which are insufficient to construct a proper house.

I am pleased with the works done by the Social Welfare Department especially their project of feeding the old and those who cannot look after themselves. I would like to advise the hon'ble Minister for Disaster Management to work in synchronization with the PWD to achieve a higher level of efficiency. Thank you.

**Lt.Col. Z.S. ZUALA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to request the hon'ble Minister for Disaster Management to send experts to my constituency and find a way to prevent landslides and other imminent dangers. The officers of the department required to be alerted to the calamities and they should report themselves to the DC office whenever they go out on the field.

The Social Welfare Department has done much to assist the old and frail. I am pleased that they intend to construct a Bal Bhavan at ITI and although we receive funds for the

construction of Anganwadi Centre, it is not sufficient for completion and I hope it will be increased in the future.

Under Demand No.19, LAD, I understand that 400 families are to receive the housing loan. I sincerely feel that the amount of loan should be increased to enable the poor to complete their house construction. Moving to Education, are there no inspections conducted to ensure the teacher-student ratio? I also hope that they will hold better technical entrance exam this year.

The department of AH & Vety has proposed to construct a slaughter house at my constituency for which I am very grateful. They have also taken huge steps in sericulture which I believe can have a deep impact on our economy.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu R.L. Pianmawia and then Pu Rinthanga.

**Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to thank the Disaster Management Department for providing silpaulines and tarpaulins whenever it is needed. If they can provide us with motorboats and other rescue equipments, we would be extremely grateful.

Coming to Demand No. 34, I am pleased to witness the developments made under the department but still several steps to be taken. We have requested for a Dispensary at Sakawrdai and a Rural Animal Health Centre at Zohmun. I understand that it may be difficult to set up a Dispensary but I believe the government will be able to set up a rural animal health centre quite easily. I also request the Minister to give us chickens to start poultry farms in my constituency.

Under Demand No.41, the Darlawn Sericulture farm has been neglected for a long time with only one M.R. in attendance. I request the department to renew its undertakings there. In the meantime, I thank the department for allocating funds for the repair of its quarters.

I have plenty of reasons to be thankful to the LAD who practically work hand in hand with the people. The hon'ble Minister fortunately stopped the use of tender for rural works which is extremely beneficial for the people. I would also like to know if the VC wages could be raised a bit higher. I hope the departmental restructuring will be completed soon and that the Finance Department will release the amount needed for the purpose. I am also grateful that the old age pension has been increased and that more people are able to receive the benefits.

The Social Welfare Department has constructed a building and 14 Anganwadi buildings for which I would like to express my thanks. They have also sanctioned funds under the IDFV for 15 villages in my constituency. The former Ministry sanctioned ₹3 lakhs for road construction but it was not enough and I request the Minister to grant us the necessary amount to finish the construction. I also request the Minister to build a Nutrition Sub-Godown at Sakawrdai for more convenience.

I heard that there is a proposal to have a Gram Navolaya Court at Sakawrdai and I hope it will be established as soon as possible.

We have often submitted complaints against the Headmaster of Darlawn High School but no action has been taken so far. I would like to know why our complaints are not addressed. Is there any way for the private high schools to receive computers as the government high schools do?

Coming to Education, the department has constructed several buildings and provided us with the required number of Hindi Teachers but they were later transferred to other places without our consent and knowledge. Can you just appoint the teachers from our own area? The post of Director is temporary at best which is a hindrance to the administrative system. Can you make the post permanent in the future? The shortage of teachers may also be solved by converting the attaches to regular teachers. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu Rinthanga.

**Pu K. LALRINTHANGA** : I would like to begin with an expression of thanks to the Social Welfare Department for creating the post of CDPO and giving us an office at my constituency. The Serlui village is now provided with an Anganwadi Centre as well.

The hon'ble Minister for AH&Vety provided us with a dispensary building at Bilkhawthlir for which the people are extremely grateful. Vety doctors are sorely needed in the area because they are the main source of milk for Kolasib town. I heard that the government is going to recruit new doctors and I hope they will appoint a doctor for Bilkhawthlir dispensary.

Under the LAD, the department has distributed 478 steel almirahs to the poor and I am impressed by the Minister's decision to select the beneficiaries in odd numbers to ensure that, irrespective of party affiliations, the people will receive their dues fairly.

My fellow members mentioned their problems under the Education Department and we are faced with the same dilemma in my constituency. Therefore, I would like to advise the government to appoint SSA teachers from the villages itself instead of appointing city residents who refuse to attend their duties.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu P.P. Thawla.

**Pu P.P. THAWLA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, we have 5 Government High Schools without headmasters in Saiha which I hope the government is aware of. The DEOs doesn't seem to be concerned enough about conducting school inspections which might be one of the causes of deterioration in quality in rural education. If the government takes prompt actions on negligent and indolent teachers, I am sure it will have a massive impact on rural education.

In the meantime, I would like to express my gratitude to the Higher & Technical Department for making the proposal to construct the college building at Saiha District.

Coming to Demand No.30, the Minister do not seem to discriminate between ruling and opposition in the distribution of silpauline and I encourage him to keep it up.

The LAD department has constructed several VC houses in my constituency and I also know that they provide assistance to the economically weaker section of the society for which I am deeply thankful. I also urge the government to pressure the central to increase the quota for old age pension in the state. I am pleased that the department listens to the recommendations of the MLAs in selecting the beneficiaries for Housing Loans. However, I fail to understand why the department budget has been decreased by ₹160 lakhs since they are an important and integral part of village development.

The Social Welfare Department has done much to improve the living standards of the rural areas. They have given the NGOs several PA sets and other necessary equipments and tools for public assemblies. They have also provided the aged with hearing aids and other assistance. Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu Nirupam Chakma.

**Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, regarding the School Education and Higher & Technical Education, we have promised in our manifesto that we would set up a reform commission which we have done when we assumed power. I would like to know the progress and development made by the commission so far. Furthermore, I would also like to commend our strong Minister for the progress he has made since he took over the department. The members have already mentioned the major problem faced by the village schools and I think when we interview the candidates, the board should make sure that they are really willing to work in remote areas.

I have already highlighted the need to provincialize Kamla Nagar College and Law College in my constituency for better administration and efficiency.

I hope the rate of silpauline will be revised and kept uniform in the future. We have to ascertain potential disaster and disaster prone areas to ensure that the victims are assisted immediately.

Under the Animal Husbandry Department, we are in sore need of Rural Animal Health Centre in my constituency. Since the government has implemented the NLUP, many beneficiaries have chosen cow rearing as their trade. However, many of these cows died recently which means that the help of qualified experts are essential to rear them successfully.

I hope the LAD will soon distribute bigger amount of funds for Housing Loans. The Social Welfare Department has selected 710 beneficiaries from my constituency for which the people are immensely thankful. They are now waiting for the second installment and I hope the government will release the fund shortly.

I would like to know when we are going to be provided with at least a sub-divisional court. Also, I would like to urge the Education Department to seek the advice of the concerned MLA when they are going to recruit teachers in our areas to ensure that the schools will not be neglected by the appointees. Thank you.



**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu K. Liantlinga.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Starting with Education, the hon'ble Minister promised to repair the Republic School building but nothing has been done so far. I request him again to start the repairs as soon as possible. There is no Plus 2 at the Sialsuk range which is needed very urgently by the surrounding areas. The alteration made in the advertisement for recruitment of teachers was deeply concerning and reflective of the inefficiency of the department. We have several trained teachers who specifically took training because they are interested in teaching. Hence, we should recruit only those who want to teach and not those who merely want the job. We often hear about teachers unable to receive their pay for months which is very unfortunate. I hope the department will find a way to resolve the issue. Under technical education, the Lunglei Polytechnic have only 4/5 permanent faculty while the rest are hired on contract basis. If the government wants efficiency, it should appoint more permanent faculties. Moreover, their pay differs from Aizawl Polytechnic which is very odd.

Coming to Law and Judiciary, they are an essential part of the administrative system and new laws are continually required with the passage of time. Therefore, I hope they will not have laws and amendments pending too long like before.

Under Social Welfare, we now have a recruitment rule after 28 years but there is no intention to appoint a permanent director even after we have a recruitment rule for 2 years.

I would like the hon'ble Minister to explain how the funds are received in installments under the Demand No. 19 because the rural areas think that they will receive the funds in one sanction. It is also unfortunate that the Housing Loan allocation has been decreased to ₹400 lakhs from ₹800 lakhs.

Under AH & Vety, as soon as the competent authorities certify the compensation beneficiaries, the department should sanction the funds. Since the hon'ble Minister is responsible for the two departments, I am sure it would not be a problem. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Next, Pu Joseph Lalhimpua.

**Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUA:** Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. First and foremost, I would like to commend the hon'ble Minister of Education for his efficiency and vision. Under his leadership, they are currently making a transfer and posting rule and I will be very pleased if he could tell me how far they have progressed with it. In my constituency we have the Lunglei Govt. High School built in 1947. There are 321 students with only 3 Hindi teachers and our science teacher has received a transfer order recently. I request the hon'ble Minister to provide us with more teachers to elevate our standards of education. In the Higher Secondary level, there are several schemes offered by the UGC one of which is the Girls Hostel. This can be easily requested instead of diverting development funds from the DoNER.

I am deeply pleased with the work done by the Social Welfare Department. I do not know exactly who takes up the Labour & Employment department but since we live in a very

competitive world, we need to have an appropriate manner of recruitment and appointment for the youths.

Sericulture is an extremely important department for the rural areas and there are many villagers making a living under the department. The hon'ble Minister has given us a grainage centre at Zobawk which is a huge relief for the clusters of Zobawk, Rotlang and Hnathial. I hope the department will make more effort to achieve better efficiency. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu Zothangliana.

**Pu ZOTHANGLIANA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, I am very happy to see that sufficient budget for education has been allocated this time. Several lecturers were transferred from the Lawngtlai College which is very demoralizing for the students and the people of Lawngtlai. I have requested the Minister to spare us lecturers that we still have and he has heeded my request for which I am very grateful. The people of Sangau village have established a higher secondary school from their own pocket and I have delivered their wish to make the school an exam centre to the hon'ble Minister. I request the Minister to kindly grant them their wish.

I am pleased that the department of Law and Judicial has allocated ₹52 lakhs to refurbish and develop the magistrate office at Lawngtlai. There are several successful works and proposals to be highlighted under the AH and Vety Department some of which are the construction of Vety quarters at Bualpui Ng and Sangau as well as the proposal to set up a Veterinary Polyclinic at Aizawl with an estimate of ₹483 lakhs.

I would like to request the hon'ble Minister for Disaster Management to send experts to look at the landslide at Sangau II which caused 5/6 families to vacate their homes and to suggest the next course of action.

I would also like to encourage the department of Local Administration to keep up their good work. In the meantime, it is unfortunate that the amount of Housing Loans had to be lessened but I expect the remaining amount of funds will be utilized appropriately.

The Social Welfare Department has worked very hard to implement the 'persons with disabilities, PWD (Equal opportunities, protection of right and full participation) Act, 1995', the government has already released a notification and I am very happy with their effort. The department has also successfully implemented several undertakings such as the Eklavya Model Residential School at Lunglei and Serchhip, Multi Sectoral Development Programme, Multi Sectoral Development Plan Fund for Minority Concentration Districts, under the Article 275(1). I agree with my fellow members in urging the conduction of education inspection at the rural areas. I fail to understand why the department keeps transferring our teachers who are sorely needed by the schools. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu John Siamkunga.

**Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA** : I feel that the government is sincerely trying to strive for development by looking at the balancing of allocation of budget. On the subject of CCE, I know

the department is doing its utmost to successfully implement the system but unless the authorities recruit teachers who are really interested in their vocation, it will be a major cause of deterioration in standard and quality. I also request the department to seek the advice of the MLAs about posting and transfer. In regard to Higher & Technical Education, Hnathial College has now offered Geography subject and I would like to suggest the college to be converted into a Geography College.

I would like to mention my gratitude to the Minister for LAD as he has done much to improve the living conditions of the rural areas. He has selected beneficiaries for Housing Loans without a hint of discrimination between the ruling and the opposition.

The Social Welfare Department is a department which looks after the poor and the frail. They are giving old age pension to 26359 people from the BPL families. They also give assistance to disabled persons and I am happy that their budget has been increased by ₹4 Crores this year.

Under DM & R, most of the disasters are man-made and I think it would be a huge help if the Minister could arrange awareness campaigns to teach the people about how they can endanger their own selves.

AH & Vety and Sericulture are line departments for NLUP and they play a vital role in the success of the scheme. There are no dead cattle in my constituency and the people have established a local society which is very helpful.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Please try to wind up your speech as we have reached our time limit now.

**Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA** : We are now beginning to reap our harvests under Sericulture and since Hnathial is a very suitable place, the progress they have made is worthy of note, I wish them success in the future. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : It is 4 o'clock now; we will take a short break after which we will finish our discussion.

**Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA, MINISTER** : Pu Deputy Speaker, there are only a handful of members who have not participated. Shall we finish the discussion and take a break afterwards? The Minister can wind up the discussion after we take the break.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : We have already ordered the snacks therefore we will convene here again in half an hour.

**4:30 p.m.**

**SPEAKER** : Pu C. Ramhluna will start.

**Pu C. RAMHLUNA** : Pu Speaker, I do not understand why there are no work programmes and hardly an appropriate performance budget under the Social Welfare

Department. They are the go-to department for the rural areas and they have done much to develop the villages for which I am very grateful. I would like to know what progress they have made so far regarding the grant of 4 hectares per family under the forest dweller scheme of the Tribal Act. I would also like the department to form an enquiry committee on the purchase of tin roofing under the Multi Sectoral Development Programme which was done without inviting tender.

It is regretful that the Housing Loan has been reduced to ₹400 lakhs from ₹800 lakhs under the LAD. 40% VC/Local Body Funds are generally used to cater to party needs and I request the hon'ble Minister to put a stop to it.

I would like to extol the Sericulture department for their promotion and development of mulberries in the state. 'Eri' is being cultivated in Assam and I think we should also conduct experiments to see if we can grow it as well.

Concerning the AH & Vety, I wonder if the NLUP beneficiaries whose cattle died could be compensated for their losses. 23 cows died at Sihphir alone and their milk production has decreased by 493 litres. They have also expended ₹3,48,530 for treatment of their cattle. The hon'ble Minister has also promised to repair the artificial incubator at Mampui Vety farm during the previous session but nothing has been done so far. I request the Minister to take action as soon as possible.

I thank the Minister of Disaster Management for his generosity in granting silpauline when we need them. At the same time, I am perplexed as to why it is being sold at ₹770 when the Govt. approved rate is ₹717. The central government also gave directions to purchase only ISI certified products but the department did not deem it compulsory when they invited the tender.

In regard to Higher & Technical Education, the Govt. of India gave directives to the states to allocate 6 per cent of the budget for Higher and Technical Education but we have set aside only 0.22 per cent. If the Mizoram Scholarship Board's Secretary is put at a Director level, it would not be fair if the 87<sup>th</sup> in Seniority is appointed for the post. The overseas scholarship is included in their manifesto and yet it is not mentioned anywhere in the budget.

**Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA :** Pu Speaker, starting with Demand No.19, I wish the distribution of Housing Loans would be more even per constituency in the future. Under the Law and Judicial, a site has been purchased at Champhai under the order of the High Court. But the land they bought is very small and no actual work can be undertaken. If the department is going to make such undertakings in the future, I hope the MLAs will be informed and their advice sought before making the purchase.

In regard to Vety, there are lots of beneficiaries who have chosen animal husbandry as their trade. However, we have very little doctors and I fear this will have a negative impact on the success of the NLUP implementation in the area.

I sympathize with the Education Department Executives because we have so many organizations and groups in the state which makes endless demands. We need to have a

stable and solid organization with concrete aims and objective to further education in the state. The Minister and Executive officers are doing their best to improve the quality of education and they have now even proposed the implementation of an Educational Reform but the system of education has gone terribly wrong for a long time now and it is a colossal task indeed to make right what was wrong for decades.

In response to an unstarred question, it was mentioned that the Champhai Venglai High School would be upgraded to a Higher Secondary School. I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to confirm if this is true or not. In the meantime, I also request teachers to ask themselves why they are appointed for the job and to delve deeper in the objective of imparting quality education to the students.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Chawngtinthanga and then Pu Lalduhoma.

**Pu CHAWNGTINTHANGA:** Starting with Demand No.29, the Social Welfare Department is a unique and extremely helpful department even for other departments. They provide assistance where other departments are incapable of helping out. They built homes, schools and hostels and they also established the Anganwadi pre-schools and I am pleased by their performances in the past.

Looking at the budget of the LAD, it is extremely distressing to note that although there are funds allocated for the beautification and development of the urban areas, the budget itself has been cut down so drastically that there are hardly any funds for the rural areas.

Under the Animal Husbandry, the death of cattle in recent times has been used to vehemently criticize the government since it is chosen as one of the NLUP trades by many beneficiaries. This is indeed an unprecedented catastrophe and it should not be used as a political lever to attack the department or the ruling party.

I understand how the people of Thenzawl must feel by the location choice of the Central Human Resource Development for the Mizoram NIT. But I would like to reiterate and assure the people not only of Thenzawl but the whole state that this is not the decision of the Chief Minister or the Education Minister. It was the free handed decision of the central to establish the campus at Lengpui.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, Education Department is one of the oldest departments in the state and instead of trying to negate the demands of the NGOs, I believe it is our responsibility as leaders of the state, to listen to their problems and try to find a solution. The Sairang Primary School-I have had very little faculty members for a long time now and I request the Minister to give us adequate teachers for better education. The Chief Minister promised to recommend the construction of an Indoor Stadium at Zonnam Primary School-II compound to the Education Minister and I sincerely hope this will come true in the near future.

The members mentioned how the Mission School teachers are unable to receive the revised pay till today and I also think this is a very grave matter. If we look at the recruitment

rules, the teachers are required to attend and pass the DIET training. However, it is general knowledge that even those who have no training are appointed for the post.

193 teachers were let go under the VRS in 2010, but the central soon after condoned their qualifications and accepted them as qualified teachers. They wanted full pensions and full salaries to be paid as arrear and the Minister wrote a note sheet to consider these payments when funds are available. I believe we have more funds than ever this year and I hope the department will take actions to make the payment.

I wish to thank the Social Welfare Minister for his quick actions in assisting the people whenever necessary. He has given us funds to construct a road in my constituency which is very helpful for the people with small trades and livelihood.

The distribution of Grant-in-aid last year was very unfair and uneven. From the ₹100 lakhs allocated last year, only ₹45 lakhs was distributed to the NGOs. ₹50 lakhs is being allocated for the purpose this year and there are a handful of organizations which genuinely needs the fund such as the TNT Centre, Bethel Tawngtai Camping Centre, etc. I hope the worthy organizations will receive the fund this year.

The proposal to erect a high mast at Tuivamit has been pending for a long time and the basketball court at Chawlhmun also requires a sport night-light and I hope the LAD Minister will provide us with our needs.

In regard to Vety, I am surprised that the Minister has not made any statement about the disastrous deaths of the NLUP cows. Instead of trying to hide the disaster, the department should consult the Vety College experts and find out the reason for their deaths.

We have a Sericulture centre at Rangvamu in my constituency but they have no proper approach road. The centre is very helpful for the surrounding areas and I do not think that too much fund will be needed to construct the road.

Under the DM & R, several families in my constituency were unable to work in the NREGS because of emergencies and rescue works. But now the government has allowed these people to receive the NREGS wages without actually participating in the work. I am very grateful by this move and it would be a big help if all the VC's are aware of this exception. 2075 martyr families were given ₹15,000 by the government in 2005-2009. The total number of families registered is 2507 and the remaining families were completely neglected by the government till date. Is the government going to take care of these families?

**SPEAKER** : Dr. R. Lalthangliana and afterwards we will invite the Minister to wind up the discussion.

**Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA** : Pu Speaker, under the DM & R, the distribution of compensation is extremely uneven in different districts. Some victims are given as much as ₹1 lakh while others receive only ₹1000 lakhs. We must have an appropriate system of giving monetary assistance so that the victims will not feel neglected or discriminated by the

government. The departmental coordination with the DC office is also a matter of serious consideration. It is the office of the DC which generally distributes the funds and resources and unless they are in perfect synchronization and coordination with the DM & R, there will be a lapse and delay in doling out assistance to the victims. The supply of poly-tarpouline is handled by Hmingmawii Industry at the rate of ₹770 when the government rate is ₹717. The required ISI certification mark is also rumoured as not present in their goods. I wonder why the department accepts such incomplete and inferior standard goods.

From an answer to unstarred question, it appears that 15 check slips were issued for the purchase of cows. This is not how we should negotiate and make deals. Until the cows are safely in our hands the checks should not have been issued. Furthermore, there are strange rumours flying around the NLUP cows and I hope the department will make enquiries and factual reports about it.

Under Law and Judicial, the department advertised 32 Mizoram Judicial Service posts as vacant but just a day before the interview was to be conducted, the posts were cancelled and only 5 posts were available. It seems they are still dealing with the problem and I request the Minister to give us an update.

Moving on to Education, the budget of SCERT is drastically reduced this year and I fear this would have a negative impact on their efficiency. SCERT is involved and responsible for most of the educational activities and I think we should revise its budget to enable them to work without hindrance. It is sad that we are unable to provide midday meal to primary schools when we have already received ₹1954.89 lakhs for the purpose last year. We have only one academic officer in the MBSE and unless we have at least 3, we are going to be faced with a huge problem.

I am at a loss as to why Guest Lecturers are given a salary of ₹10,000/- only when SSA teachers receive ₹25,000/-. The lecturers at Polytechnic are also still not regularized but I hope these problems will be studied and rectified by the coming reform commission.

**SPEAKER** : 20 members have participated in the discussion, we will now invite the Ministers to wind up and beg leave of the House to pass their Demands. Let us call upon the hon'ble Minister, Pu Lalsawta first.

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER** : I would like to thank all the members for their insightful discussions. We have made good progress under the Law and Judicial, if the condition of our finance will allow us we are hoping to vet better than ever.

**SPEAKER** : The House Leader, the ministers of Finance or the DP & AR are not here in the House but please continue.

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER** : We are ready to set up a High Court in Aizawl but the funds are pending from the central and unless we receive the sanction we are unable to make much headway. It is comforting to see that more and more members are coming to realize the necessity of an in-depth awareness about Parliamentary Affairs and we hope to conduct trainings

on the subject very soon. I was unable to study the dissolution of the Sports Council mentioned by Pu Hmingdailova Kiangte but hopefully we will have time to discuss it later. Pu Lalthansanga expressed his desire to have a Mizo High Court Judge.

**Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE** : Pu Speaker, I won the case in Court but the Council conducted a separate election afterwards. This is a move against the Act we have passed in the House under the previous Ministry.

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, court cases takes a long time to settle and it is unfortunate that the hon'ble member met with such an obstacle. However, we can talk about it at a personal level to clarify and resolve the issue. I would like to inform the members that we already have a Mizo High Court Judge, viz. Pu Thanga Vaiphei.

Pu Lalthansanga also enquired about professional charge in court cases. This is a crucial fee for the government because the funds received are utilized to pay for the salaries of the government advocates. In regard to Gram Nayalaya, we are faced with two problems. One, if it had fallen to the hands of the government we would have prepared the rules in a short time but it is to be framed by the High Court and they have made very little progress in this respect. Also, we are unable to create the post at this time. I hope this answers the request of Pu RL Pianmawia as well.

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER** : Regarding provincialization of Deficit Colleges as stated by Pu N.P. Chakma, the case is under consideration.

Pu Speaker, I would like to make correction regarding the term 'ordinary LLB' used by me while explaining vetting of Gramnayalaya as it could be misinterpreted. So, I would like to say that I did not mean to degrade the status of LLB but the necessity of an experienced LLB in vetting of law.

**SPEAKER** : You have the right to do so by giving your signature below the text and it will be accepted.

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER** : As stated by Pu H. Zothangliana, we all have doing our best for the government; yet, it is somewhat difficult to work out plans which have been formulated.

Regarding acquirement of land for construction of Court Building at Champhai, the department did not make decision of its own as the land so acquired happened to be the most convenient site even in the opinion of NGOs Champhai.

**Pu T.T.ZOTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, the land acquired for construction of Court building at Champhai become quite small as some portions has been slashed off. So, I request the government to determine the case once again.

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER** : As requested by Pu T.T. Zothansanga, Pu Speaker, the land so acquired shall be re-examined.



Regarding Advertisement for 32 posts of Judicial Officers, Finance Department and DP&AR made an objection to fill up such a large number of posts for lack of fund. The advertisement, therefore, was withdrawn.

Regarding SCERT, it is often regarded as the backbone of our educational system but allotment of the budget to that effect is quite small. The reason is that our state is not sufficient enough to allot the budget as demanded. Since SCERT is not functioning as a separate directorate, the budget is not shown in a separate statement.

Regarding provision of computer to non-governmental schools, we are also planning to provide desktop or laptop computer to each High School as well as Higher Secondary School.

The performance of SSA is clearly indicated in the C & AG Report as numbers of inexperienced teachers are attached to SSA. Most of the attached teachers have no experience in dealing of financial matters and ignorant of Financial Regulation and Conduct Rules yet, work performance under SSA is somehow maintained. So, advertisement is being issued for new recruitment.

In the meantime, the ministry has given important to setting up of Education Reform Commission which concerns merit system recruitment. There is much criticism against the new system for we are now in transitional period as numbers of teacher have opted attachment under SSA. Consequently, many submitted their resignation for better job. So, the new educational policy of merit system of recruitment may not be success as expected. But we are bound to follow the system as far as possible.

Regarding attachment of teacher as well as rationalization of teachers, High Level Official Committee is being set up under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary and we will try to implement information and statistical data to that effect.

Regarding appointment of teachers, Pu Speaker, I am afraid that laborious students of today may have a misconception that teaching jobs as being applicable only to the relatives of those with powerful background. So, it is important for us to determine building of the future as well as hope for the upcoming students.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, it may be the best measure to hand over the said recruitment to MPSC.

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER** : That is true. But selected candidates on merit system did not want to join their post which caused serious difficulties to the government and for the students which seems to be the main problem. It may best to appoint only genuinely interested persons.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Pu Speaker, I opine it is best to appoint trained teachers as an apprentice training.

**SPEAKER** : Members from Aizawl city may agree with it but obviously not by members from remote constituency.

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER** : That is not totally true but merit system of recruitment requires quality education. I also want to point out that teacher having higher qualification is not necessarily the best teacher as teaching requires some sort of talent. So, we need talented teachers. Talented teachers always know how to interact with the students and as to how to make the students understand their lessons. Anyhow, we need reformation through education by means of educated teachers. So, text books should be revised on regular basis in elementary and secondary stage which is expected for improvement our educational quality. So, this policy will be implemented during this ministry.

Regarding the case of transfer of 2 teachers, one for Hindi and the other for science subject, the rules & regulations are always necessary to give relaxation. As per recruitment rules, it may be necessary to make advertisement in subject-wise. Yet, Science and Mathematics teachers generally do not choose to undergo such training. Thus, it is often necessary to relax training system for Science and Mathematics teachers.

Speaking of inadequacy of teachers, some MLAs have even employed teacher from their own pocket. It is very pleasing to learn that we are now determining to meet the requirement. In this connection, I opine it is necessary to consider equal distribution of teacher to each school. To a certain extent, it may be wise to ignore the case of ill-conduct teachers even if found as it is not possible to carry on teaching in school without them.

Regarding preference of teacher as given by PRESTA, it is to be noted that numbers of teacher have undergone training in VRS, SSA and RMS. Even so, it is commonly heard of appointment of untrained teachers.

**Pu C. RAMHLUNA** : That is true, Pu Speaker. I have known many of untrained teachers being appointed where as hundred remain unselected.

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, trained teachers are selected but many more are comes up every year.

**Pu C. RAMHLUNA** : What I do not understand is that a number of untrained were selected while 100 of trained teachers being left out.

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER** : Education Department adopted Teachers Eligibility Test (TET) as also in other states. It is only an eligibility test for examination for the post of teacher. But it is not compulsory. Anyhow, it may be necessary to review the system.

Pu Speaker, the system of education in our state is quite gloomy yet, it is improving gradually. As known to us all, our state does not have any reliable resource till today. Even so, we are being given an opportunity to attain self-sufficiency through education. According to Annual Status of Educational Report (ASER), Mizoram remain in backward

position as it ranks 74<sup>th</sup> position in the World. Thus, revision of text book is suggested in complying with their recommendations. I am, as a concerned minister of Education well aware of the fact that Science, Mathematics and English subjects are quite important to improve our educational status in the world and the problem could be resolved by upgradation of text books of schools.

Regarding inspection of Schools, there is a determination to revive the system of school inspection in each sub-division. Pu Speaker, it is not possible to explain all the problems instantly, yet, it will be dealt as necessary with each of the concerned member.

In the meantime, salary is also the main problem for the teachers. So, the hon'ble Chief Minister too has given the best effort to resolve the problem as it will be discussed later with the Finance Minister as necessary. In the same manner, Headmasters too have problems of their own as there are some Schools without Headmaster. We are now trying to resolve such problems.

Regarding Education Reform Commission, task force has been set up with number of committees under it. Such committees will make recommendations as necessary as soon as the commission is set up. Pu Speaker, I would also like to express my opinion in the House that Education Reform Commission should not be changed at once but steadily. In the same way, the practice of by-heart system among the students will also be ousted gradually by actual understanding of any lesson.

Pu Speaker, in India, we have AIEEE in which a student obtaining 40% of marks in Class 12 will be entertained. Generally, Guwahati University granted lesser marks than that of University of other States. While 90-100 marks is granted under University of other States, Guwahati University granted only 80-90 marks. If so, students from Guwahati University will never be selected in the National level competition. Hence, it is necessary for concerned authority to make adjustment in compliance with other University students with immediate effect.

Pu Speaker, the case of Republic Middle School is under examination as to whether fund for minor work is used for salary. Anyhow, I have noted down the point for further consideration.

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, what about pre-metric scholarship which was not drawn last year as for this year too, which has not yet been issued?

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, we have made an approach to Planning and Finance Departments as we are informed that it is proposed to be issued as early as possible including last year scholarship. Regarding the question of Higher Secondary School of Sangau, Examination Centre will be given on merit basis as the case is to be decided by MBSE. Pu Speaker, dealing of the case of CCE is the purview of SCERT and is adopted on our own choice. But the people failed to understand for the thought that it may cause idleness to teachers and the students. CCE is not implemented yet in our state but I believe it will be done sooner or later for advanced states already adopted the policy.

Regarding posting of excessive teachers within Aizawl as stated by certain members, most of them are old-aged and no longer befitted to go outside their home place where as some were posted for want of pension from their own home. In fact, they need special consideration.

**SPEAKER** : If such teachers are too old as stated, is there any wrong entry of date of birth in the service book?

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, the Commissioners were instructed to examine wrong entry of date of birth and to make arrangement for voluntary retirement.

**Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA** : Pu Speaker, I request the minister to take immediate action regarding those schools having a single teacher.

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, we will look into the matter. In this connection, I want to point out that Right of Children to Free & Compulsory Education Act has its own schedule with appropriate Pupil Teacher Ratio (PTR). But the problem is that this schedule is prepared on the basis of number of students in a school but not on class-wise and therefore could not be applied accordingly in the context of Mizoram. So, we should have some consideration in that case. This should not be considered as a matter of right. I would like to inform member of know about it.

Pu Speaker, the case of Tuipuiral will be examined as necessary. In this connection, I would like to emphasize that it is inappropriate to pressurize concerned authority by means of illegal activity such as mass-hunger strike or mass-procession etc. just to put the government in disgrace for such actions will not help resolving the problem instantly. Regarding NIT at Thenzawl, concerned authority did not like the site for it takes times more than two hours from airport. It is, therefore, abandoned and settled at Lengpui. Regarding lack of Academic Officer in MBSE, the government is determining immediate solution of the problem.

As per recommendation of Education Reform Commission, 6% of its budget fund should be increased but no increase in found here. I request the members to understand the situation. Regarding teachers of Polytechnic Institution at Lunglei, all of them were being employed on contract basis as some of them now become overage. So, the government determines remedial measure to that effect. As UGC frequently by-passes the state government in dealing with cases, a request is made to UGC to intimate the state government in all transactions that concern with Mizoram. As we are formulating Service Manual of Directors and all Principals, the progress is slowed down for new regulations of UGC came into existence in 2010. Now, mode of selection of the Principal and his colleagues is to be done openly.

Regarding fund for scholarship as asked by certain members, overseas scholarship for the current year has not yet been given. Inadequacy of lecturer as asked by my fellow member, some guest lecturers were being appointed to alleviate the problem as their salary is in process.

Pu Speaker, rape case is commonly known in Mizoram. As such, techniques of self-defend were taught under the programme of SSA. Apart from this, children who need special care are also the concern of SSA. Numbers of enthusiast youths from various Academics under SSA are sent to participate in the National, State and District level competition as numbers of Medal were brought home. We have even heard a rumour that a famous football club Manchester United is seeking for football players of Mizo background thanks to the effort of Sports department and SSA. In the meantime, it is worth mentioning that numbers of staff quarters, schools building and even hostel for ladies are constructed in number of places.

Pu Speaker, I must say that SCERT is our main brains which actively to upgrade the educational standard of our state. In the meantime, it is appreciated as each of the minister as well as number of time he is invited as Chief Guest of certain function is being recorded. But I wonder for what purpose and in what sense such record is maintained. I am afraid that there is misconception with the people that those invited VIPs as just playing publicity. On the contrary, it is to be noted that any concerned VIPs considered themselves as doing good things for publicizing ideals and values of a particular department as well as achievement of the government.

Pu Speaker, I would also like to inform the House that there is a determination to introduce Active Based Learning (ABL) which is greatly benefitted by school children in other countries. It concern active participation of children in their learning at school as well as interaction of individual student with their teachers so as to make the schools attractive to children. In this way, inferiority complex in the individual student will be driven off. We have even sent group of the officers to Chennai to study the system.

**Pu T. T. ZOTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, in the answer to unstarred question, Champhai Venglai High School is mentioned as Higher Secondary School. What is the true status of the school? Secondly, since there is no sanction for the Principal of GM Higher Secondary School of Champhai, a private Principal is being employed by concerned member from his MLA Fund. May the government consider giving of Principal to the said school?

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, the case will be re-examined. Regarding the question of Government Technology, I supposed it is of vocational education programme for class 11 and 12. Pu Speaker, I beg consideration of the House if decision of the government disheartened concerned people as action taken after closing of the school. Here, the Mizoram Board of School Education may as well be related to this case as there might have been misconception that examination of High School or Higher Secondary school as being conducted by the Mizoram Board of School Education. It is not so, yet the Mizoram Board of School Education has played an important role in technical seat examination of last year as of the latest one on which it deserve much credit for being able to conduct the examination quite smoothly.

Pu Speaker, I would also like to state that wrong impression on MBSE from outside is inevitable and so may be taken for granted. As a minister of the department, I am familiar with the detail of works of the department and I further observe intensive effort rendered by the existing officers and staff of the department. Yet, there are problems which originated since many years back and could not be solved instantly as pending of such files often spoils

reputation of the department. Despite many criticisms, the department is now preparing new text books as well as revision for science and commerce. Besides, numbers of college building are being constructed from DoNER Ministry.

In regard to Law & Judicial Department, separation of Judiciary is included in the election manifesto of this ministry. So, we set up Law commission. Apart from this, Pu Speaker, 6 Nos. of Court building is constructed at different places. Problems relating to court building will be determined after completion of the construction. Now, we have a separate Judiciary which many people do not understand about it. It should be noted that all cases will now be settled by the court itself.

Pu Speaker, the 7<sup>th</sup> Volume of Mizoram Court is now completed and the architect is Pu P. Chakraborty. In order to make our High Court the best use of it, it will be important for Law department to fully back-up the Government advocate, Public Prosecutor, Accountant General as well as Advocate in the Supreme Court.

Pu Speaker, I would like to emphasize that my departments such as Law department, School Education, Higher & Technical Education and SCERT are working hard enough for the state government but people do not understand the fact which is truly regretted.

To conclude my speech Pu Speaker, I beg the House to pass my demands such as:

<b>Demand Nos.</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Budget Amount</b>
No.4	Law & Judicial	₹18,73,000.00
No.12	Parliamentary Affairs	₹45,00,000.00
No.20	School Education	₹578,20,90,000.00
No.21	Higher & Technical Education	₹124,32,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>₹721,71,63,000.00</b>

Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : The hon'ble Minister has wound up discussion on his demands and begged the House to pass it. Now, we will vote for it.

**(The demands are voted and passed).**

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER** : Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : Now, let us call upon Pu N.K. Chakma, Minister to wind up discussion on his demands and beg the House to pass it.

**Pu N. K. CHAKMA, MINISTER** : Thank you Pu Speaker. It is quite pleasing to see that some members made constructive speeches and also made suggestion for improvement of my departments. All the suggestions are noted down and action will be taken as necessary.

Regarding supply of silpauline, Pu C. Ramhluna criticized that no ISI mark is seen on the supply item despite terms & condition of the said quotation. In this case, it is to be noted that the purpose of the government is that only a good quality is supplied.

Pu Speaker, regarding Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department, there is a lot of incidents such as burning houses, floods, landslides, cyclones, etc. I would like to inform the House that there was a landslide of stone quarry near Keifang on 21.7.2012. The hon'ble Chief Minister has even made statement on the subject cited above as the possibility of giving financial assistance as the department is expected to arrange it with immediate effect.

Pu Speaker, the importance of Disaster Management is increasing more and more. So, it is important for the department to put more effort as disaster occurs in Mizoram every year. It is the duty of concerned department to give awareness to the public and teach the people of how to defend ourselves from any disaster. Pu Speaker, in order to prevent premature death and our valuable assets from being destroyed, the department set up the mini-action plan project for landslide in Mizoram. Application of financial assistance is submitted to the National Disaster Management Authority on which a positive outcome is expected. Apart from this, we have made an approach to central authority to enlist Mizoram in National Cyclone Grid Mitigation Project as we are in cyclone prone area.

Pu Speaker, according to the Disaster Management Act, 2005, we have even set up State Disaster Management Authority under the Chairmanship of the hon'ble Chief Minister with the Disaster Committee in every District, Block and Village Level. Besides, Disaster Response Force has also been set up in each of the battalion of Mizoram Police. D.C. Compound is selected for Emergency Operation Centre. 49 police forces from the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion MAP have even been trained at Gwuhati where as number of relief instruments is being stored at the Emergency Operation Centre in Aizawl, Lunglei, Saiha and Serchhip districts. Furthermore, Aizawl Taxi Drivers and NGOs were given training for such relief. As requested by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, State Disaster Management Plan is proposed to be set up.

Pu Speaker, since school children are prone to any disaster which could happen any time, the National Disaster Management with keeping in mind of the need to take precaution measures to introduce the National Safety Programme. The programme has already been implemented in two districts such as Aizawl and Serchhip. The main objective of the programme is saving the life of school children from any disaster, for which training is given to school children and teacher. It is truly appreciative as the meeting was convened by the National Disaster Management Authority under the chairmanship of the hon'ble Chief Minister Pu Lal Thanhawla, Shri M. Shashri Rati, Vice Chairman of Disaster Management Authority with other concerned officials as the meeting emphasizes the need for taking precaution measures. The meeting indicates priority being given by concerned Central Minister as well as by the state government towards disaster management. Apart from this, vice Chairman of the Committee proposes to take preventive measures also in every department. It is truly appreciated as effective measures have been taken by this committee.

Pu Speaker, the department also takes its step in various districts too. One of the most defective results brought by disaster is causing the life of numbers of domestic cow

provided under NLUP which is deeply regretted. The hon'ble Chief Minister has even made a statement in this regard as Enquiry Committee has even been set up for this purpose.

**SPEAKER** : Insurance of the life of such domestic animals may not be suggestive for the government as it will only sum up burdens for the government.

**Pu N.K. CHAKMA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, the department is working hard for health services of the domestic animals as vaccination and other treatments is given on regular basis. The department serves as a watchdog against bird flu and swine flu which could come any time. To this concern, 5 Veterinary hospitals and 15 Nos. dispensaries are being set up for prevention of animals.

Pu Speaker, since supply of fodder is the main problem in Mizoram, the department set up Animal Feed Farm at Ramrikawn which produces feeds for pigs and poultry. Besides, the department also set up fodder processing unit at Thenzawl which concern for processing of green fodder and dry fodder. Apart from this, the department also takes up Grassland Development Scheme by setting up a committee in each district.

Priority has also been given by the government for providing healthy meats of every kind. For this purpose, slaughter house is being set up at Aizawl, Serchhip and Lunglei. Step has also been taken for increase of milk production. Not only this, Liquid Nitrogen Plant as well as bio-gas plant has been set up in 2011. The department also set up Life Insurance Scheme for cattle particularly of the best quality. Since then, there are many who have insured their cattle as some of them even claimed insurance for the dead of their cows. Hence, number of NLUP beneficiary opted trades which concerned Animal Husbandry.

In short, the department made various progresses during 2012-2013 which concern mostly of health of our domestic animals. One of the remarkable steps taken by the department is setting up of Veterinary Poly Clinic at Aizawl which is expected to function as a Referral Hospital. It is expected to be completed within a year. Besides, Rural Animals Shelter House has also been set up at Champhai as Layer chicken farm being set up at Tanhril. Now, we are having Training Cum-Conference Centre which is being constructed. Thank you.

**Pu C. RAMHLUNA** : Pu Speaker, what is the actual disease which costs the life of number of cows recently?

**Pu N. K. CHAKMA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, the disease is proved to be of Foot & Mouth Disease (FMD) which remains unchecked in India. Hence, the department makes intensive efforts on preventive measures as by giving of all kinds of vaccine to domestic animals.

Pu speaker, it is very pleasing to have four enthusiast members making constructive discussion on Sericulture. The department has a separate Directorate in 1985 where as more than 2000 families depend on Sericulture Farming. The Department need more fund for achieving the programme. If more funds are provided in the budget, the department will become more successful.



Pu Speaker, the department contains 287 staff as the post of 4 District Sericulture Officers posts were created and filled up. Now, we have 40 Nos. of Sericulture Extension Officers upgraded to a gazetted status where as 30 posts of technical staff too will soon be filled up.

The department produces cocoon of 82.50 metric ton. Pu Speaker, 150 lakhs of rupees received from NLUP will be utilized for development of various programmes of Sericulture.

So, Pu Speaker, I beg the House to pass my demands such as: -

<b>Demand Nos.</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Budget Amount</b>
No.30	Disaster Management & Rehabilitation	₹16,78,38,000.00
No.34	A.H. & Veterinary	₹1,19,52,35,000.00
No.41	Sericulture	₹24,45,55,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>₹1,60,77,28,000.00</b>

Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu N. K. Chakma, Minister begged the House to pass his demands. It will now be voted.

**(The demands are voted and passed).**

**Pu N. K. CHAKMA, MINISTER** : Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : Now, let us call upon Pu P.C. Lalthanliana, Minister to wind up discussion on his demands and beg the House to pass it.

**Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER** : Thank you Pu Speaker as atmosphere of the discussion on this day is quite pleasant.

As we know, the amount of budget provision allotted in respect of LAD is reduced. Yet, we are satisfied.

Regarding Social Welfare Department, I would like to inform the House that 2<sup>nd</sup> installment of IAY under Lawngtlai Multi-Sectoral Development Programme (MSDP) may be issued shortly. As of issue of GCI Sheets; the programme is handed over to the district councils for the beneficiaries may have good houses. As known to me, 30 kgs of the GCI sheets is supplied at the rate of ₹3,000/bundle. As it is meant for remote villages, carrying charge of ₹300/- is imposed to each beneficiary.

Pu Speaker, we want the project to be the best as success of the programme depends on it. Pu C. Ramhluna, MLA also is being appointed as one of the members of the committee in his district council.

**Pu N.P. CHAKMA** : Pu Speaker, there are 710 beneficiaries in my constituency but no one has yet been received the fund. Why?

**Pu C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, in Chawngte constituency, I have actually handed the fund to concerned beneficiaries. Forests Act, 1990 is regarded as a kind of jubilee for forest dwellers. Various Committees were set up at state and village level. A study group is sent to Tripura to see how it is practices in the state. Since it is necessary to impart the knowledge to concerned people, awareness campaign is organized in each district in which three facilitators were deployed to deal with those Forests dwellers. Coordination Committee is also being set up to determine any case which may be claimed by the dwellers as the Committee represents Revenue, Forests and LAD.

Regarding old-aged pension, it is given to 2854 persons, ₹250 to 80 years of age and above and ₹550 to 85 years of age and above. Yet, we could not cover old-aged above 80 other than Saiha district where in Saiha district; all 81 years of age and above are covered. It is sanctioned on monthly basis. Now, we have 1890 Nos. of Anganwadi centres all having a building of its own. ₹1,75,000 is sanctioned for each Anganwadi centre and ₹100 lakhs is proposed for repairing of the building. Regarding a permanent post of Director, we have Recruitment Rules in which only joint Director serving not less than five years are eligible for promotion to Director. But now, Joint Director holds the post of Director without completing the age of requirement. After the retirement of Joint Director, the post of Director and Joint Director will be vacated. A new Joint Director will then serve as the Director not less than 5 years. So, there could not be permanent post of Director as yet unless Recruitment Rules is amended.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Pu Speaker, is not it a Director on contract basis? Is there any relaxation?

**Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, there are many stagnation of posts in Social Welfare Department. It will be very grateful if we have officiating or condoned Director. Point raised by Pu Lalduhoma regarding negligence of TNT, I want to inform the House that we are aware of the possibility as we have been doing our best to accommodate with it.

Regarding issue of fund to village councils, it may be noted that the village councils are categorized into five different types as fund allotted to them differs from one another from the 1<sup>st</sup> installment. The balance of 1<sup>st</sup> installment will be issued in the second installment. There is allegation that Village Council fund as being used as party fund in the district councils. It is to be noted that such funds should not be utilized by any political party as party fund.

Regarding the amount of remuneration to the members of village councils, it is difficult to increase even though the increasing demand. Yet, it is indispensable to do so according to availabilities of fund. It is pleasing to learn that financial assistance to the economically weaker section is highly appreciated by the members. As known to us all, budget allotment as a whole is reduced this year but it may be increased after discussion with the Finance Minister.

Pu Speaker, land allotment for Public Park at Hmuifang is complaint by various members as it is felt that the same is intensely needed also in Aizawl City. Besides, Pu Speaker, it is also important to construct approach road to the State Guest House yet it may not be safe for the people while the nearby trees are felled. So, careful measure should be taken. Pu Speaker, land allotment for public places requires joint verification with Revenue Department. So, verification is now being carried out. The former village council allotted a number of areas to individuals as large numbers of trees were felled. So, an urgent public meeting was called and the matter is brought to the authorities. Some dense forests are also allotted to private but the trees have not been felled yet. We all seem to have a common opinion in this regard, Pu Speaker. Regarding boundary dispute between Sihphir and Lungdai, we have sent Circle Assistant a couple of time and a joint verification team has even made spot verification. The main reason of the dispute seems to be originated from the difference of distant determined by both groups where as one group determined on the basis of kilometer and the other on miles.

**Pu R. LALRINAWMA** : Pu Speaker, a milestone erected by BRTF indicated the point as 15 miles but now it has already been rewritten as kilometer which happened to be the main reason for the dispute. The said milestone is accepted by the Village Council of Sihphir 'S' as the boundary with the neighboring Lungdai village. On the other hand, Lungdai Village Council claimed their area up to Sethupkawn which has been declared as Aizawl city area. In fact, they have no right to claim the said area. Boundary description is started from top of Sakawthmuituai tlang to downward which is clear enough.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : This is obviously true as measurement of the area of Aizawl is started from Head Post Office. If 5 furlongs is equal to 1 km and 8 furlongs is equal to 1 mile, there should be more differences from one another in 15 kilometres or 15 miles.

**SPEAKER** : The said boundary has now becomes district boundary. So, it is necessary to settle the dispute with due care.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Pu Speaker, I do support your opinion and I, now understand the actual boundary from the statement of Pu R. Lalrinawma.

**Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, it is quite pleasing to hear the opinion of the members. Anyhow, it is not the case that can be settled from the House since prior decision of GAD as well as of the Deputy Commissioner, Aizawl and Kolasib district is required.

**Pu R. LALRINAWMA** : Lungdai Village Council claimed the area since the time when a signboard "Welcome to Aizawl City" is placed at Sethupkawn.

**Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, the department too wants to settle the matter sooner but it requires joint verification. It is quite easy to find fault against others but difficult to pursue the case for improvement. Various members indicate their wish to increase the amount allotted for housing loan, both for MIG and LIC. It has already been increased and difficult to increase over again due to lack of fund.

Regarding issue of housing loan, all districts other than Aizawl and Lunglei have the same number of Board Member. But allotment of quota to board members, it may be differ from one another. It is to be noted that no partiality is evolve in the case. Anyhow, we will determine equal distribution when allotment is made.

**SPEAKER** : There might have been some differences with number of applicants in each district.

**Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, quota as well as board system is still in practice in the allotment housing loan. Here, it may be noted that concerned minister is not involve in allotment of quota.

**SPEAKER** : As you have pointed out earlier, any board member may allot his quota to the applicant within or outside Aizawl as it is not based on the number of population of each district.

**Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, I believe Pu Duhoma hardly visit his constituency as he is not aware of the progress of installation of high-mass electric post at Tuivamit. Regarding the demand of spot light at Chawlhmun, LAD has abandoned street light within municipal area.

Regarding suspicion of Pu Lalduhoma on mortgage of LSC for housing loan, the matter is enquired as demand is made to each concerned VCP to certify the existence of LSC. Accordingly, the VCP certified the document. Now, guarantor of not lower rank than LDC is again demanded to improve loan recovery.

To conclude my speech, I thank to all the members for their constructive participation in the discussion of my demands. So, I beg the House to pass my demands such as: –

<b>Demand Nos.</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Budget Amount</b>
No.19	LAD	₹42,47,13,000.00
No.29	Social Welfare	₹67,47,64,000.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>₹109,94,77,000.00</b>

**SPEAKER** : Pu P.C. Lalthanliana, the Minister has wound up his demands and begs the House to pass it. Now, it will be voted.

**(The demands are voted and passed)**

**Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER** : Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : Now our business for today is finished. Session will be resumed on the 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2012 at 10:30 a.m.

Sitting is adjourned (9:05 p.m.)