

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

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

QUESTIONS

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

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2. **Pu S. HIATO**, Minister to submit to the Vote of the House Various Demands under his charge.
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4. **Pu ZODINTLUANGA**, Minister to submit to the Vote of the House Various Demands under his charge.

NGURTHANZUALA
Secretary

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SPEAKER : “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God”. (St. Matthews 5:8)

Now, we will take up questions. Let us call upon Lt. Col. Z.S. Zuala to ask starred Question No.161.

Lt. Col. Z.S. ZUALA : Will the hon'ble Minister, FCS & CA Department be pleased to state: –
How many LPG Agencies are there in Aizawl South?

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu H. Rohluna, Minister to answer the question.

Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answer to Starred Question No.161 is: - 2 such as Vanbuangi Gas Agency, Model Veng, Aizawl, and M&B Indane Gas Agency, Khatla, Aizawl.

SPEAKER : Pu Lt. Col. Z.S. Zuala, Pu K. Lianzuala and Pu P.P. Thawla to ask supplementary questions.

Lt. Col. Z.S. ZUALA : Pu Speaker, my supplementary questions are as follows –
a) It is noted that new agency at Kulikawn is proposed but this has not been set up till date. Why?
b) If a proprietor of the new agency could not carry out the business of the agency, why it has not been given to the next in line?
c) If the new agency came into existence, how will the public benefitted?

Thank you.

Pu K. LIANZUALA : Pu Speaker, when will RGGVY agency for Chhingchhip be selected?

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, selection of gas agency for Tuipang by draw of lots is included. What step has been taken so far?

SPEAKER : Now, let us call upon Pu H. Rohluna, the minister, to answer the supplementary questions.

Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answer to Pu Zuala's starred Question is that IOC authority demanded show-cause notice three times. If the selected one fails to function, the next in line should be selected. If a new Agency comes into existence at Kulikawn the filled cylinder will be more increased. If the area is small, it will serve the demand sufficiently. Chhingchhip RGGVY Agency is expected to be selected on the first week of September, 2012. Selected Agency for Tuipang does not take any action till date. So, it could not be functioned as yet.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalthansanga to ask Starred Question No.162.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Will the hon'ble minister Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs department be pleased to state: -

- a) How many ration cards is in existence under BPL and AAY during 2007-2008?
- b) How many ration cards is in existence under BPL and AAY during 2011-2012?
- c) What is the ceiling of annual income fixed for BPL and AAY?
- d) Whether monsoon stock of rice has already been purchased?

SPEAKER : Pu H. Rohluna, Minister.

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

- a) 68,000 Nos.
- b) 68,000 Nos.
- c) There is no ceiling of the annual income fixed for BPL and AAY.
- d) Yes.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalthansanga to ask starred Question.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, NLUP flagship programme is launched for three years. The ruling party claimed that NLUP as successful but practically, I opine it not successful. In this regard, is not it good to have BPL & AAY census? Secondly, if there is no ceiling of annual income fixed for BPL and AAY, I opine it should be made. Thirdly, if monsoon stock has already been purchased, is it possible to stock in each godown?

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu H. Rohluna, Minister to give the answer.

Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, 35 kgs of rice is allocated per family of BPL and AAY. The same amount of ration quota is allotted to BPL and AAY during 2007-2008 and 2010-2011. Accordingly, concerned V/C and prominent citizens are requested to select the poor family to benefit the remaining.

Regarding income of BPL and AAY, Central government has no fixation but the requisite conditions are being provided. Since, normal allocation of APL is not adequate, the allocation of rice for BPL is used as a relief to the poor. Hence, the requisite conditions made by the Central Government are not totally followed. I want to add that the central government hands over the state government to administer the allocations.

Regarding supply of food grains for monsoon stock, rice has not been purchased for the last 2 years. During the former ministry, half of the allocation from April to September was stocked in advance. It is believed that if the government determined monthly allocation appropriately, it may be possible to maintain advance stock of supply of rice. If the supply is stocked in a go-down in advance, unnecessary issue of the supply, on the other hand, should be controlled. So, go-down at easy transportation should be given on need based. But for the remote areas stocked should be made during dry season. With this, I believe large quantity of rice could be saved for monsoon season. Thank you.

SPEAKER : No, Pu K. Liantlinga to ask starred Question No.163.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Will the hon'ble minister LAD be pleased to state: – What is the existing number of Board Member in a district in respect of LIG and MIG for the year 2011-2012?

SPEAKER : Pu P.C. Lalthanliana, minister to give the answer.

Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, district-wise number of Board members for MIG & LIG during 2011-2012 are as follows: –

- 1) Aizawl District - 20 members
- 2) Lunglei District - 13 members
- 3) Champhai District - 8 members
- 4) Kolasib District - 8 members
- 5) Serchhip District - 8 members
- 6) Mamit District - 8 members
- 7) Saiha district - 8 members
- 8) Lawngtlai district - 9 members

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu K. Liantlinga and Pu P.P. Thawla to ask Supplementary Question.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, my questions are: –
a) How many persons benefitted loan under MIG and LIG respectively?
b) How many quotas are allotted to each Board member?
c) What are the criteria for selection of housing loan board member?

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, is it possible for an MLA to become Housing loan's Board members of a district council?

SPEAKER : Pu P.C. Lalthanliana, Minister to reply.

Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, housing loans are divided into MIG and LIG out of which 283 Nos. MIG and 525 Nos. LIG has already been allotted. Members within Aizawl district are given 7 Nos. quotas and 6 Nos. to members from other districts.

There are no criteria for selection of loan board member but representative from each political party are selected. Besides, representatives from the Associations like the educated unemployed association, Martyr family, MURA etc. too are appointed.

Regarding the question of Pu P.P. Thawla, the answer is “yes” as it is the decision of authority who appoints the member of the board.

SPEAKER : Pu R.L. Pianmawia to ask Starred Question No.164.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Will the hon'ble minister for Home Department be pleased to state: -

- a) Is there any initiative to repair police station and staff quarters in Tuivawl constituency?
- b) If so, when will it be started?

SPEAKER : Pu R. Lalzirliana, Minister to reply.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answers to starred Question No.164 is: -

- a) Plan for the repair of Police Station and Type-II staff Quarters No.11/12 of Sakawrdai are being initiated with the amount ₹37,245/-.
- b) It will soon be started.

SPEAKER : Pu T.T. Zothansanga to ask starred Question No.165.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Will the hon'ble Minister Taxation department be pleased to state: -

Whether wealth tax is imposed on any Mizos?

SPEAKER : Pu Zodintluanga, Minister.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, collection of wealth tax is not the purview of the state government. So, Taxation department has no such records.

SPEAKER : Pu P.P. Thawla to ask starred Question No.166.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Will the hon'ble Minister Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs department be pleased to state: -

- a) How many registered carrying contractors are there in Mizoram?
- b) What is the amount of unpaid carrying bill up to May, 2012?

SPEAKER : Pu H. Rohluna, Minister to reply.

Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answer to Starred Question No.166 is: -

- a) 703 Nos. out of which 68 Nos. under Main route and 635 Nos. under District route.
- b) The amounts of unpaid carrying bills by Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department are as follows: -
 - 1) Directorate - ₹1,80,81,427/-
 - 2) DCSO, Aizawl 'E' - ₹1,17,90,309/-
 - 3) DCSO, Aizawl 'W' - ₹23.38.282/-
 - 4) DCSO, Saiha - ₹1,99,45,693/-
 - 5) DCSO, Champhai - ₹1,45,43,896/-
 - 6) DCSO, Serchhip - ₹89,69,794/-
 - 8) DCSO, Mamit - ₹3,45,78,004/-
 - 9) DCSO, Kolosib - ₹2,74,710/-

Total - ₹14,08,18,182/-

SPEAKER : Pu K. Liantlinga and Pu Lalthansanga to ask Supplementary Questions.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, what is the procedure for payment of carrying bills? Secondly, will the remaining balance be fully paid immediately?

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, whether unpaid carrying bills includes OMSS and carrying bills on economic cost?

SPEAKER : Pu H. Rohluna, Minister to reply.

Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, all carrying bills are paid on the bases of seniority of the submission bills. Minister is not interfering in the process unless it is exceptional case.

My answer to the question of Pu Lalthansanga is, "Yes".

SPEAKER : Pu K. Liantlinga to ask starred Question No.167.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Will the hon'ble Minister, UD & PA be pleased to state: -
Whether Government of Mizoram made Regulations regarding the official work of the Municipal Council?

SPEAKER : Pu Zodintluanga, Minister to give answer.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, my answer is, 'Yes'.

SPEAKER : Pu K. Liantlianga, to ask supplementary Questions.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : If so, Pu Speaker, may the regulations be amended in tune with the present position?

SPEAKER : Pu Zodintluanga, Minister to give answer.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, as Municipal council is a new body which requires careful application. So, the government is giving attention to the regulations with due care.

SPEAKER : Pu B. Lalthlengliana to ask starred Question No.168.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Will the hon'ble Minister, FCS & CA Department be pleased to state: -

What step has been taken so far by the government regarding hijacking of filled gas cylinders in the vicinity of Silchar as published in the Evening Post on 11.6.2012?

SPEAKER : Pu H. Rohluna, Minister to give answer.

Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the matter is reported to the Area Manager, IOC, Silchar and prompt action is taken to capture the hijackers.

SPEAKER : Pu B. Lalthlengliana to ask Supplementary Question.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, nearly a month has passes from the date of publication. What are the findings?

SPEAKER : Pu H. Rohluna, Minister to give answer.

Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, there is no report of the arrest till date despite effort being given by the government. Thus, co-operation of NGOs is invited to prevent such kind of incident.

SPEAKER : Pu John Siamkunga to ask starred Question No.169.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Will the hon'ble Minister FCS & CA Department be pleased to state: -

- a) How many consumers are covered by the go-downs of S. Vanlaiphai and Sangau?
- b) Is there any proposal to reconstruct Cherhlun and Tapho godown?

SPEAKER : Pu H. Rohluna, Minister to give the answer.

Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answers are as follows: -

- a) Vanlaiphai go-down covers 5,591 consumers where as Sangau go-down covers 16,565.
- b) No.

SPEAKER : Pu R.L. Pianmawia, to ask starred Question No.170.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Will the hon'ble Minister, LAD be pleased to state: -
Whether the government has any proposal to upgrade the position of the village council and to increase their remunerations?

SPEAKER : Pu P.C. Lalthanliana, Minister to give answer.

Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, no proposal is made to increase remunerations of village council. Yet, some rules are being formulated to enhance power of village council.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalthansanga, to ask Supplementary Question.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, in regard to Site Selection Committee, only the power of village council seems to be inadequate. Is there any way to improve the power of village council?

SPEAKER : Pu P.C. Lalthanliana, Minister to answer the Supplementary Question.

Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, Site selection committee is not the purview of Local Administration Department but of Land Revenue or GAD.

SPEAKER : Members who asked starred question No.171 & 172 are presently absent from the House. So, we may proceed to starred Question No.173 to be asked by Pu T.T.Zothansanga.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Will the hon'ble Minister for Fisheries Department be pleased to state: -

When will District Fisheries Office of Champhai be made to function appropriately?

SPEAKER : Pu R. Lalzirliana, Minister to answer starred question No. 173.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, District Fisheries Office, Champhai was inaugurated in June, 2011 and is now functioning properly.

SPEAKER : Pu T.T. Zothansanga to ask Supplementary Question.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, Staffs of District Fisheries Champhai are inadequate to deal with NLUP beneficiaries. So, may the state government review strength of the establishment?

SPEAKER : Pu R. Lalzirliana, Minister to answer the supplementary question.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, inadequacy of staff is existed in all offices of Fisheries Department. It is truly regretted as post could not be created as yet due to lack of fund.

SPEAKER : Pu K. Liantlinga, to ask starred question No. 174.

Pu K.LIANTLINGA : Will the hon'ble Minister be pleased to state: -

- a) What steps have been taken by the state government to increase supply of POL & LPG?
- b) Is there a plan to upgrade Mualkhang Bottling Plant?

SPEAKER : Pu H. Rohluna, Minister to give the answer.

Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer is: -
a) Yes.
b) Yes.

SPEAKER : Pu K. Liantlinga to ask Supplementary Question.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, whether the land for extension of Mualkhang bottling plant is negotiable? Secondly, I wrote petition to the General Manager for setting up of gas agent in Aizawl South. May the state government approve the petition?

SPEAKER : Minister to give the answer.

Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, regarding negotiation for extension of land of Mualkhang gas bottling plant, approached has been made to concerned authority as it is opined that the cost of the land is excessively high even after making negotiation.

Secondly, the existence of new gas agent in Aizawl South is quite important but it may be made to cover by newly agency in Kulikawn as soon as it is in function. As of agency for the area Durtlang and Sihphir approach has also been made to concerned authority as it is now in process.

SPEAKER : Pu John Rotluangliana, Deputy Speaker to ask supplementary question.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Speaker, it is learned that negotiation for extension land of Mualkhang Bottling Plants is stopped due to assessment of the value of land which is allegedly higher than expected by concerned authority. The concerned Minister has mentioned in his wound up speech the other day that even the concerned DC as not being able to deal with re-assessment of value of the said land. If so, Pu Speaker, is not it appropriate to appoint another DC who is able to deal with re-assessment?

SPEAKER : Now, Pu K. Liantlinga to ask starred Question No.175.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Will the hon'ble minister Home department be pleased to state: -
a) How many arms & ammunitions have been seized by government during 2008-2012 (in year wise)?
b) Whether such arms & ammunitions are being kept? If not, to whom they were handed over?

SPEAKER : Question hour is over. So, let us call upon the hon'ble Minister to answer only this question.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answer to Starred Question No. 175 is: -
a) 2008 - 56 Nos. Arms and 2102 Nos. ammunitions.

- 2009 - 64 Nos. Arms and 2596 Nos. ammunitions.
 2010 - 52 Nos. Arms and 876 Nos. ammunitions.
 2011 - 57 Nos. Arms and 501 Nos. ammunitions.
 2012 - 32 Nos. Arms and 179 Nos. ammunitions.
 Total - 261 Nos. Arms and 6254 Nos. ammunitions.
- b) Seized Arms and ammunitions are kept in government custody and are issued to the following individuals are: –
1. DBBL gun to the owner, K. Kharo on 13.1.2009.
 2. SBBL gun to the owner, Lalthuneia S/O Sangneihkima of Kolasib Hmar Veng, on 15.5.2012.
 3. 32 Pistol to the owner, Zorampara, President, PAMRA in Zimanama on 22.2.2008.
 4. DBBL gun to the owner, I.S. Chhadia of Tuisumpui Village on 17.5.2010.
 5. 32 Revolver (Made in India) to Thangkanglova, Dy. S.P. in Zimmanama on 18.3.2009.
 6. 32 Pistol to Pi Gracy L. Bawitlung, as settled by a 1st Class Magistrate on 9.7.2010.
 7. 22 Rifles to the owner, Pu Lalchhuanawma of Zemabawk on 18.6.2012.
 8. 9 mm Pistol is delivered by Pu Lalhriatpuia of Ramhlun North.
 9. DBBL gun to the owner, Pu J. Tlaidy of Saiha Vengpui on 19.6.2012.
 10. SBBL gun to the owner, Pu Chhilia of Lungbun on 3.12.2012 after settled by the court.
 11. SBBL gun to the owner, Pu Lalchhunga S/o Thangdailova (L) of Champhai Kanan on 1.3.2012.
 12. SBBL gun to the owner, Pu Lalchungnunga of Tuidam.
 13. SBBL gun (2 Nos.) to the owner, to Pi Gracy B. Bawitlung as settled by a 1st Class Magistrate on 3.3.2011 and 17.3.2011 respectively.

SPEAKER : Question hour is over. Some members, Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana, Pu Lalrinliana Sailo, Pu Laldingliana, Brig. T.Sailo and Pu Lalduhoma could not attend the House on casual ground. The hon'ble Chief Minister, the House leader could attend the House as well due to the programme for improvement of Mizoram House, New Delhi.

Next is financial business. We will take up the demand of three ministers at the same time. The ministers are: – 1) Pu S. Hiato, Pu H. Rohluna and Pu Zodintluanga. First, let us call upon Pu S. Hiato to submit his demands to the House.

Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your kind permission and of the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram, I move Demand No.25, 40 and 43 for ₹237,72,81,000/- only for meeting expenses during 2012-13 in respect of the following departments: -

Demand No.	Department	Amount
No.25	PHE	₹132,79,78,000.00

No.40	Industries	₹97,56,70,000.00
No.43	Tourism	₹7,36,33,000.00
	TOTAL	₹237,72,81,000.00

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now, let us call upon Pu H. Rohluna, the Minister to submit his demands to the House.

Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your kind permission and of the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram, I move the following Demands for meeting expenses during 2012-2013 in respect of the following departments: -

Demand No.	Department	Amount
No.17	Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs	₹237,11,35,000.00
No.36	Environment & Forests	₹96,25,85,000.00
	TOTAL	₹333,37,20,000.00

Thank you Sir.

SPEAKER : Now, let us call upon Pu Zodintluanga, Minister to submit his demands to the House.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker with your kind permission and of the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram, I move the Demand No. 88, 22, 46 and 48 for ₹214,98,92,000/- only for meeting expenses during 2012-2013 in respect of the following departments: -

Demand No.	Department	Amount
No.8	Taxation	₹10,10,00,000.00
No.22	Sports & Youth Services	₹35,81,03,000.00
No.46	Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation	₹1,64,01,73,000.00
No.48	Information & Communication Technology	₹5,06,16,000.00
	TOTAL	₹2,14,98,92,000.00

Thank you.

SPEAKER : 3 Ministers have submitted their demands to the House and we will now have discussion. As usual practice for discussion, each member will have ten minutes. Now, let us call upon Pu R.L. Pianmawia.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I will start from PHE. Pu Speaker, the Department constructed water tank in various places where necessity is felt. In large villages, the department supplies water with the help of vehicle. It is also concern of the department to distribute septic tank in rural areas. DPR has already been prepared for Tuivawl pump and Darlawn Augmentation Scheme. In this connection, I would like to inform concerned minister

that water tanks of Zohmun, Vaitin and Pehlawn provided by the department are less sufficient to feed the whole villagers. So, it will be much appreciated if more tanks are provided in the said villages.

Next, Demand No.43, Tourism department. I would like to congratulate the department for being able to implement any demand within my constituency. In this connection, it will be much appreciated if the minister determines inauguration of tourist lodges which have already been completed. It may as well be grateful if the demand of a person for a job of Grade-IV in Darlawn Tourist lodge in return to a land he donated to the department is fulfilled.

In FCS& CA Department, I would like to thank the hon'ble Minister for the plan for construction of go-down at Sakawrdai and for the repair of Darlawn godown. I also thank him for the programme of RGGLV and plan for setting up petrol pump in the constituency. Apart from these, I have to inform him that E. Phaileng go-down being constructed during the previous ministry remains unused. It will be much appreciated if the government determines the best use of this building which involves large amount of money for the construction.

Regarding Demand No. 36, it is truly appreciated as large amount of fund is utilized in my constituency such as for construction of a R.O. Forest office and staff quarters at Darlawn and Sakawrdai. Besides, staff quarters has also been constructed at Mauchar and North Tinghmun. It indicates efficiency of concerned minister in fulfilling the needs of his staffs as well as concerned people in the areas. It is learned that the department received ₹4280 lakhs from the 13th Finance Commission for implementation of Green India Mission. I request the minister to give priority to my constituency when the said fund is distributed.

In Taxation Department, I would like to thank the minister for his prompt action to amend the rules for taxation. This indicates his true concern for the welfare of his department.

In Sports & Youths Services Department, it is truly appreciative as playgrounds are constructed at Darlawn, Sakawrdai and Zohmun and pavilion at Ratu. We are happy to learn that he also has a plan for improvement of Darlawn's playground. Apart from these, we are thankful to him as he has given us a number of sports materials to my constituency.

In UD&PA, I would like to thank him for he had a plan for improvement of Darlawn as a census town. So, I request him to release second installment of the said fund from UD & PA. Again, I have to extend my thanks to the minister for the plan for installation of information KIOSK in 12 villages and provisions for IT infrastructure for High School level. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

Pu CHAWNGTINTHANGA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Let me start with the importance of Tourism which is increasing every year. For example, Lengpui Airport was constructed under the ministry headed by Pu Lal Thanhawla despite many obstacles and criticism. But now, we are experiencing the benefit. Likewise, Minister of Tourism is giving his best effort for construction Tourist Lodges and Rest Houses in various places. As we see now, Tourists resort of Hmuifang is hardly lying unoccupied. So, I would like to thank the hon'ble minister for the achievements. In the meantime, Khanpui Tourist Lodge which has already been completed long time back

remains un-inaugurated till today. I, therefore, request him to inaugurate as early as possible. In this connection, I would like to inform the House that no Tourist Lodge is available in my constituency. As such, I request concerned minister to construct Tourist Lodge at Phullen, Suangpuilawn, Vanbawng and Phuaibuang.

Demand No.25, PHE. I would like to thank the hon'ble Minister for completion of water pump for Vanbawng as the same for Phuibuang is also at hand. I also want to point out that construction of tanky under Rain-water Harvesting Scheme is taken up in different parts of my constituency. In the meantime, Phullen and Suangpuilawn have no sufficient water supply for which I request him to determine proposal for construction of water pump from Tuiriza and Thenlui respectively. It may as well be grateful if pipe lines of water supply to Daido, Khanpui, Lailak, Hmunghak, Khawruhlian, Sesawng and Chalfil are immediately repaired.

Regarding Demand No.12, I would like to thank the hon'ble minister for the steps taken by the government to resolve food problems. It is truly appreciated as the problem of supply of food to Phuaibuang was immediately resolved due to immediate action taken by the minister as 8,000 quintals of rice is supplied within barely a week. His prompt action is truly appreciative.

In Sports & Youths Services Department, the progress of our state is leaping. Our sportsmen won numbers of medal in National and International level which indicates the success of "Catch Them Young" policy. Our achievement with completion of Rajiv Gandhi Stadium resulted in the progress of each individual sports enthusiast youth that consequently placed Mizoram on a pedestal of games and Sports in the North-East region. In this regard, it should be noted that the said progress is not the result of the efforts of the people of Aizawl only, but larger portion of the effort is contribution from rural areas. So, priority should also be given to rural areas as grass-turf field should also be provided. So, I request the hon'ble minister to give us grass-turf playground for my place of birth. Thank you.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Pu speaker, starting from Demand No.25, it is truly appreciative as water supply is improved to almost all rural villages as soon as this ministry assumed the government. Now also, DPR of Cherhlun water pump amounting to ₹3.40 crores is in the process. I request the hon'ble minister to clarify the present progress in this regard. I would also like to thank the minister for construction of South Vanlaiphai water Scheme with an estimate of ₹43 lakhs. In the meantime, I have to inform the minister regarding the problem of water supply in Khawhri village so that action is taken as necessary.

Pu Speaker, as PHE department is regarded as one of the main sources of revenue for the government, more than 20 crore rupees is expected for the department. Considering its performance, the department deserves more than the amount shown here yet, this could not be made due to financial constrain in the government. The department truly deserves credit.

Nevertheless, performance of Industries department is worth mentioning as it contributes 20% of our GSDP which exceeds ₹8,000 crore. It is regretted to mention that budget allotment in respect to this department is less than the amount expected for the reason as in PHE

department. In relation to this, I opine it is important for the government to maintain the Preferential Purchase Rules of the state as it is supposed.

In Tourism, the department is expected to collect ₹160 lakhs from non-tax revenue. So, improvement should be made. I would like to request the hon'ble minister to give more attention for setting up of Tiau and Chhimtuipui as tourists' attraction.

In FCS & CA Department, I request the hon'ble minister to prepare ration cards in tally with our population of Census, 2011. I would also like to request the minister to repair go-down of Cherhlun and Tarpho.

Demand No.36, Environment & Forests Department, the budget provision is increased by ₹5,940 lakhs. I supposed the department have enough fund to achieve NLUP programme. On the other hand, non-tax revenue decreased from 660 lakhs to 250 lakhs which is deeply regretted. So, prompt action should be taken in this regard.

Regarding Demand No.46, UD & PA, I, again would like to thank the hon'ble minister for the development fund for Hnahthial amounting to ₹7 crores. Thank you.

Pu LALRINAWMA : Thank you Pu Speaker. Even though UD & PA is new, steps taken by the department changes the appearance of Aizawl city. It is appreciated to learn that the department implemented RAY Scheme to alleviate poverty in urban areas under which Zuangtui Pilot Project covering III projects is being initiated.

In Sports & Youth Services, the department, under the leadership of an efficient minister is taking various steps for development of sports. It is truly appreciative as playground is constructed in 6 villages within Aizawl district. Besides, some of the most uncommon games in Mizoram like Sepaktakraw and Fencing are being promoted as number of enthusiast youths are now practicing regularly at Zemabawk playground which needs improvement. In this connection, let me inform the House that no action is taken till today in regard to playground of Sihphir Vengthar which has already been handed over to Sports Council. It is wise for concerned authority to develop this field for the benefit not only of the people of Sihphir, but also of Aizawl city. In the meantime, there is a suitable site at Zuangtui which may be developed as a playground. So, approach has been made to PWD to initiate the construction. Regarding Indoor stadium, construction is now being stopped due to lack of fund. It is appreciated if the hon'ble minister determines resumption of the on-going plan for the construction.

Regarding Taxation department, Vairengte Check-gate is known to be a revenue earning source for the department. But now, many traders evade the main gate by using Bukpui to bagha road. So, it is important for concerned authority to set up another check gate at the aforementioned point.

In FCS & CA, I believe it is necessary to improve the department. It seems that we do not have problem with civil supply system which is worth mentioning, but with the supply of cooking gas. Obviously the reason is our lack of self-sufficiency. Keeping in mind of the

need, the hon'ble House Leader has made an effort to exploration of natural gas in our state which is much appreciative.

In Forests & Environment department, fund for construction of hall is allocated from which Hall was constructed at Tuirial and Muthi villages. But now the fund has come to an end. It will be much grateful if such funding is continued.

In Industries Department, ₹14.7 lakh is allotted for work programme and where as expenditure during the year 2011-2012 happened to be ₹55 lakhs. The Finance Minister stated in his reply to the question that it is used for Industrial Estate. Is there any Industrial Estate other than Zuangtui Industrial Estate? Pu Speaker, I would like to emphasize that ignoring the security of small scale industries is truly an act of harassment. So, proper care should be given in regard to development of small scale industries.

In tourism, it is regretted as no work programme is seen under the department. I wonder if the department has no proper work targeted during this year. As an answer to my starred question, I am very happy to learn from the hon'ble minister that financial sanction has already been received for development of Aero-sports at Turial Airfield which will soon be started. Besides, in response to my request for construction of viewing gallery at the top of Sakawrhmutuait Tlang, I am very happy to learn that there is a plan which will soon be started.

In PHE, I thank this ministry for renewing the system of emergency water supply by truck vehicle. Nevertheless, there is a plan for renewal of Greater water supply phase-II, the project abandoned by the previous ministry. I must say that the idea of our leaders to resume the aforementioned projects deserves much appreciation. Again, if we look at the work performance of PHE, it deserves much credit as 711 out of 777 rural habitations are fully covered by work programme where as only 66 are partially covered. Yet, there are villages which will soon be covered by the programme. In the meantime, Pu Speaker, I, again would like to make a request to the government to give attention to pumping of water from Bunghmun lui for which survey and estimate already being prepared by the department. Considering fast increasing population of Aizawl, it may, as well be important for concerned authority to determine pumping of water from Tlawng or Tuirial which may also be made to cover the outskirts areas of Aizawl such as Durtlang, Sihphir and Lungdai.

In short, Pu Speaker, I do support to pass all demands. Thank you.

Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE : Thank you Pu Speaker. To start from Demand No.25, PHE, it is learned that performance of the minister for PHE is quite well on which I have to extent my thanks on behalf of the people of my constituency.

I have come across the Zalen paper this morning indicating some people in waiting the whole night for their turn to draw drinking water in some places. Pu Speaker, if fund sanctioned for Greater Aizawl Water Supply Scheme Phase-II in the previous ministry had been spent on purpose, the people would have never faced the problem of scarcity of water supply as today.

Pu Speaker, it is appreciated as Serkhan-Bagha road is being constructed. But pipeline of Bukpui water supply is destroyed in the construction. Thus, the importance of setting up a co-ordination committee of PWD and PHE arises otherwise the same problem could be brought to water supply of other places.

Regarding the term “fully covered” as stated by the member who stood before, there is a report of 70 villages as being fully covered by the work programme. But Pu Speaker, supply tank for Bualpui, even in full stock, could serve for barely half of the village. The problem is being reported to concerned official but we are told that action could not be taken instantly since it is reported as fully covered. With the plan to increase allotment of water supply from 40 litres to 55 litres per household, let me give suggestion to concerned minister that it is convenient to start it from Bualpui as the people are thirst for adequate supply of water.

Demand No.40, Industries department. Despite the concept of industry as the main foundation of our economy, no remarkable progress is seen in our industries even after decades have passed. As pointed out by the hon’ble minister, it may be more preferable to set up education industry as we are having number of experts to serve as foreman, engineers or managers. In this connection, it is grateful to learn that the Union Minister has mentioned in the Parliament discussion that under the Union Textile department, “Weaver Service Centre” will be set up in Mizoram.

In Demand No.43, Tourism department, I request the hon’ble minister to note down that Highway restaurant at Thingdawl is in need of repair as immediate action may please be taken.

Demand No.17, FCS & CA department, I would like to point out that the main problem for scarcity of cooking gas as mentioned by concerned department’s official is that the Indian oil company is not issuing cooking gas to those who have no consumers card but there are numbers of family in Mizoram without consumers card.

In Environment & Forests department, I opine the problem between Environment & Forest department and Geology & Mining department should be settled by the authority immediately so that problem of concerned people is resolved.

In Taxation department, I opine it is once again important for concerned authority to give awareness to the people the necessity of tax as the major people do not understand.

In Sports & Youths Services department, achievement of the hon’ble minister in regard to various disciplines of sports is worth mentioning. It may as well be grateful if step is taken for the progress of Hockey as ground is needed within Aizawl city.

In UD & PA, steps taken in regard to various district headquarters is highly appreciated. Regarding renovation of kolasib district, it may be pleased if Thingdawl too is made to cover by the programme as the place is lying next to Kolasib.

To conclude my speech, it will be grateful if the demands of the three ministers are supported by the House as I do feel the same to pass it. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu P.P. Thawla.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Thank you Speaker Sir. To start with, Demand No. 17, FCS & CA department, distributor for Tuipang, the headquarters of my constituency which has already been appointed under RGGVY remain un-function till today. So, I request the hon'ble minister to see the case. I would further inform the House that only a single cylinder of gas could not serve the purpose of a family. So, the system may be re-examined by concerned authority.

Regarding Demand No.22, Sports & Youth Services department, I would like to know the amount of fund sanctioned for construction of Suaka memorial cricket ground. What is the area of a plot of land acquired for the purpose and how many contractors are selected for the construction?

Pu Speaker, Mizoram contains 8 districts. It is good to know how many districts have full-fledged playground and in how many districts steps are being taken. Is there any district in which no playground is constructed? If so, is there any proposal? As the concerned minister is praised by all, I, on behalf of the people of Tuipang constituency, want to ask him of what step has been taken so far for construction of playground at Tuipang.

In UD & PA, I also would like to know the reason of Vijaya Bank in refusing issue of loan to BPL family.

In 2010, ₹8 crore is provided for development of Saiha yet, no step is being taken till date. I would like to request the hon'ble minister to examine the matter so that the people appreciated his achievements.

Demand No. 48, Information & Communication Technology, distribution of radio to the people in remote areas was a common practice. I would like to request the hon'ble minister to resume the practice if sufficient fund provision is available.

In Tourism, it is truly appreciated as we are now having numbers of attractive Tourists building in different places thanks to the effort made by our leaders.

Nevertheless, Pu Speaker, progress made under PHE is truly appreciative. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

Pu K.S. THANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Let me start with Demand No.25, PHE. The amount estimated for construction of Greater Aizawl Water Supply Scheme Phase-II is ₹108 crores. However, the hon'ble minister cancelled the assigned contractor which further effect the progress of work in my constituency too. So, I would like to request the hon'ble minister to continue with the project for 7 villages in my constituency.

In Tourism, we all seem to know that construction of number of Tourist lodge at Hmuifang are in progress yet, it is not enough to meet requirement. So, I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to determine construction of more buildings there. In relation, ₹20 crores of

DPR is made for construction of Tourist Lodge at Sialsuk, the place frequently visited by the tourists. So, I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to take immediate step in that regard.

Demand No.17, FCS & CA, I would like to thank the hon'ble Minister for his devotion and efficiency to look after the department. So far, we never have had a strong minister like him in the previous years.

In Environment & Forests department, it is sad that we are now hardly having dense forest which is worth mentioning. I opine it is important for the government to give awareness to the people so that our forests are preserved accordingly. In this connection, I would like to suggest Forests and RD department to have a good cooperation in executing the scheme of afforestation.

Coming now to Demand No.8, we all are well-aware of the fact that taxation is main source of the State's revenue. So, I opine it is important to upgrade the status of the Magistrate which deals with the case of taxation.

Demand No.22, Sports & Youth Services department, I must say that we are now beginning to enter into a golden generation with various achievements made by the Sport-enthusiast youths in various disciplines. It is very grateful to have a number of grass-turf playground as well as full-fledged sports stadium in Mizoram. In this regard, I would like to thank the hon'ble Chief Minister and concerned Minister for their valuable efforts for the progress sports. In this connection, I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to give his attention towards the south such as Saikhamakawn, Melthum and Hlimen where convenient places for construction of full-fledged sports stadium are available to relief the problems of the city on the other hand. I would like to thank the concerned minister for he has a programme of spot visit to such places.

Demand No.46, it is known to us all that the development work of our city in now in full-swing under UD & PA but no work is done in Melthum, Saikhamakawn and Hlimen as if the areas as being excluded in the project. So, I request the hon'ble minister to determine extension up to these aforesaid mentioned areas.

SPEAKER : We will now have a recess and discussion will be resumed at 2:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : To resume the discussion, let us call upon Pu K. Liantlinga.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Thank you Pu Deputy Speaker. To start with Demand No.40, budget provision of Industry department is ₹9756.70 lakhs which is increased by ₹4,300 lakhs. What I want to stress is the absence of work performance without which performance of the government could not be determined. Yet, certain ministers have shown work performance budget of their respective department but only a few work programmes where as performance

budget of some departments are not shown clearly. Pu Speaker, ₹818 lakhs is provided for PSU and I am glad that there is proposal to relief such sick units. In this connection, I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to clarify why provision to relief MIFCO and ZOHANDCO is not seen.

Regarding supply of coal, it is stated that the state quota is 1 lac metric ton and as being allotted to ZIDCO and PEMCOS with 10,000 metric ton respectively. May I know the meaning of PEMCOS? As far as my knowledge is concern, coal is generally used in brick industry but 7 brick industries existed in our state do not have chance to receive the supply. The Minister, in reply to my question stated that supply of coal will be coming from West Bengal which I think is quite inconvenient. Is it not more appropriate to make it from Bihar or Meghalaya and also whether it can be carried by train up to Silchar? Besides, carrying charge of coal is ₹8300 per metric ton. It is wise for the government to look for cheaper cost of transportation.

Regarding Demand No.25, it is grateful as ₹177 lakhs is allotted for drainage as it is shown in the work programme. Besides, it is important for the government to concentrate more on Greater Aizawl Water Supply Scheme Phase-II as water supplied is regarded as non-tax revenue.

In Forests department, we have not received performances budget as it is not possible to see which areas needs development.

In Taxation, we have seen Way Bill for transportation of 50 kgs of coal. In my opinion, the state government should not charge way bill to such case but only after earning 4/5 years. Anyway, Pu Deputy Speaker, I opine it is necessary for the government to set up sustainable brick industry. Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

Lt. Col. Z.S. ZUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, Demand No.8. It is very pleasing to learn that Taxation department earned revenue amounting to ₹180.30 crores which is much more than expected. In the coming year, the department is expected to earn ₹190.42 crores. Since computerization of payment of tax in the department, we are now able to pay tax online, thanks to the effort of our leaders.

Coming now to Demand No.24, I must say that achievement made by Sports & Youth Services department is truly praiseworthy. As known to us all, Shri Kumari Selja visited Mizoram and suggested setting up of Amphitheater. The proposed location of the building is within Aizawl South-II. I want to know what step has been taken so far in this regard. Whether Revenue department handed over land lease for the said to Sports department? It is a fact that it has already been countersigned by the concerned officials?

Coming over to Demand No.46, UD & PA is an important which concern MLAs and members of Local Council within Aizawl city. So, it is very pleasing to learn that work tender for improvement of road and surfacing with Aizawl is floated.

In Information & Communication Technology, I want to point out that with the progress of technology; I opine it is important for concerned department to be careful in dealing of information so that only true information given to the people.

In FCS & CA, I would like to thank the department for improvement in supply of sugar, rice, kerosene oil and gas.

Demand No.36, I opine the best means of preservation of forests in our State is fire control. It will be very pleasing if concentration is given to awareness which may be given to the people particularly in rural areas. Regarding preservation of bamboos, it is sad that bamboos are being devastated with the practice of consumption of bamboo shoots as part of our foods. So, it is time to control taking of bamboo shoots. Regarding preservation of wildlife, I would like to request the department to take more efforts on preserve wildlife as even tiger is on the verge of extinction. Thank you Pu Deputy Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalthansanga.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, Demand No.25. I would like to state that the progress of PHE is quite slow. So, it is important to give more efforts on the on-going projects especially on Greater Aizawl Water Supply Scheme Phase-II.

To point out the problem within constituency, the people of Biate are still facing problem of water supply till today even though it is included in work programme of the department. So, I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to determine supply of water to Biate from Ralvawng. In the meantime, the same to North Vanlaiphai and Bungtlang are very poor and attention is needed. I would also like to request the hon'ble minister to determine water supply to Bungtlang and Keitum by means of water pump from Tuichang River.

Demand No.40, we are happy for the hon'ble Minister of Industries occasionally provides furniture tools to the members as we are again expected to receive the same within this year. I would like to thank Geology & Mining for having special consideration on collection of sands (Balu) as even taxes are exempted for this business.

In Tourism, I want to point out regarding tourist lodge of East Lungdar and North Vanlaiphai both in need of immediate repair. In this connection, I would like to request the hon'ble minister to take prompt action regarding plan for construction of Tourist lodge at Khawlailung.

Demand No.17, I have to inform the House that there is an intensive problem of supply of rice and gas in my constituency. So, I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to resolve the problems with immediate effect.

Regarding Legal Metrology, we are expecting the department to earn revenue of not less than ₹8 lacs. In the meantime, the department needs strengthening otherwise, illegal practice of adulteration of petrol and rice will never be in control.

Regarding Demand No.8 Taxation, the budget allotment is more than ₹190 crores. In this connection, I opine it is important for the government to control the rate of various hardware items as the charge is exorbitantly high as a result of imposition of taxes.

Demand No. 48, Information & Communication Department, I opine it is time for us to concentrate on computer technology but on the contrary, it is sad to learn that budget provision is only ₹5 crores.

Regarding UD & PA, it is supposed to cover all major townships in Mizoram. So, I request the hon'ble Minister to take the step accordingly. I am very happy to learn that ₹55 lakhs is allotted for development works within my constituency. It is noted that Biате will also be covered with the plan. So, I would like to know when the work will be started. Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

Pu K. LALRINTHANGA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. First of all, I would like to thank to the hon'ble Minister for the proposal for Water Pump from Chemphai to Bikhawthlir, yet, it is not found in the work programme and performance budget. I also want to inform the House regarding water supply of Serlui Division as Buhchangphai, Phaisen, Phainuam and Vairengte are all facing the problem of supply of water. I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to see the problem so that necessary action is taken.

In Industries Department, I, on behalf of the beneficiaries, would like to express my appreciation to the government for providing Hand Sewing machine and Hand Saws to NLUP beneficiaries. Yet, it may be good if better quality is provided next time.

I also thank the hon'ble Chief Minister and the concerned Minister for the plan for construction of tourists destination at Serlui-B.

Demand No.17, FCS & CA department, I would like to thank to the hon'ble Minister for giving priority to the needs of food supply to rural areas.

In Environment & Forests Department, I would like to point out that some NLUP beneficiaries of Saihapui, Kolasib have no place to grow seeds received under NLUP. So, it will be much appreciated if the deserted land of forest plantation is temporarily allotted to such beneficiaries.

Pu Deputy Speaker, it is learned that Taxation Department have no check gate at Vairengte till today despite urgent necessity. So, it is wise for concerned authority to deploy at least MR employees to maintain checking if check gate is not constructed instantly. (Col. Z.S. Zuala at the Speaker's Chair) Besides, it is necessary to set up parking place for delayed vehicles. Thank you, Pu Chairman.

CHAIRMAN : Let us call upon Pu Lal Thanzara.

Pu LAL THANZARA : Pu Chairman, Demand No. 48. I am highly appreciated as State Wide Area Network (SWAN) is being introduced. If setting up of Data Centre is

completed, each of the districts will then be connected via internet and the people will see initiative of the government.

Demand No. 22, Sports & Youth Department, it is truly appreciated that the department provided artificial grass turf to number of playgrounds as flood Light is being installed at Thuamluaia Mual, Lunglei and AR ground Aizawl. As a result, FIFA is planning to set up Football Academy in Mizoram for grass root level and Football Coach will be sent to us by the month of October. Apart from this, the Sports Minister is planning to lay artificial grass turf at Chhangphut field Champhai also. Thanks to the efforts made by our leaders, we have won numbers of medal at National and International level competitions. When the North East Game is hosted by Mizoram, players and the Officials have even shown their appreciation to the hon'ble Chief Minister and Minister of Sports.

Regarding Demand No. 40, Lengte is being set up by ISAT as Export Promotion & Industrial Park so that many unemployed youths may be absorbed by the establishment. Thus, waste irons could then be sold here. In this connection, I would like to point out regarding link road within Industrial Estate which is now in poor condition. This often compels transport truck or vehicles unloading goods before reaching the destination. So, I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to reflect his proposal to that effect while winding up his demands.

Demand No. 25 PHE. I would like to mention that ₹108 crores was spent in the former ministry for construction of Greater Aizawl Water Supply Scheme Phase-11 yet, the work is quite slow. Hence, the Minister promptly cancelled the contract work which further entailed court proceedings. It is appreciated as the work is now able to go in full swing. I would also like to say that problem of water supply for Edenthlar. I request the hon'ble Minister to resolve the problem since water is the immediate needs.

In short, I would like to invite all members to pass the demands for today. Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Demand No. 27, PHE. I would like to inform the House that the people of Champhai Constituency are very happy for villages of they are now having pure water to drink. Presently, 1067 Nos. of tankers are being constructed within Champhai district. But, the problem is that supplying pipe-lines of Hnahlan needs improvement as there are leakage in many places due to rust. It is very quite pleasing to learn that we are now having major project of water supply for Aiduzawl, Tualcheng, Rabung, Neihdawn, Khuangphah, and Vaikhawtlang. Necessary extension will be intimated later during office hour.

Demand No. 43, Tourism department. Tourist Lodge for Hnahlan is being inaugurated, thanks to the efforts of our leaders. In this connection, i request the honble Minister to determine extension of Tourist Lodge Champhai as the building could no longer accommodate the increasing visitors.

In FCS&CA Department, it is appreciative as we are having a strong Minister. It may not be wrong to say that there is more sufficiency in supply of food stuff than that of the former ministry.

Demand No.22, Sports & Youth Services Department. We the members are truly appreciated for Sports Minister gives us Sports materials for distribution in our respective constituencies. I would also like to express my appreciation as the Minister has sent officials to verify laying of grass-turf at Chhangphut Field, Champhai as the people are ready to garland the visiting Minister to show their appreciation. We are also grateful for the development and undertakings of UD & PA at Champhai including the building of Indoor Stadium and providing houses for the urban poor classes.

One important point that I would like to put out at this House is that I believe it is time for the government to collect Income Tax from the public. It is necessary to have our own internal resource mobilization as the Central Budget does not cover all our needs. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu C. Ramhluna

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. I applaud the PHE Department for their outstanding work and I believe that they are one of the most efficient departments. Having said I believe their Non-tax revenue can be raised. They have covered almost all my constituency effectively with the exception of Mualbukawnpui and Bungtlang South and I would like to request the department to speed up the process as they are in dire need.

Moving on to demand no.40 for Industries Department, there is enormous stagnation at Directorate with 8 vacant posts out of 10 for functional manager. If we want to develop our industries, we have to develop the people working at this department first and provide so that they can function effectively.

The target under NLUP for 2010-2011, 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 are 3200, 1600 and 1600 respectively. However, they all have an achievement of 10,723 and I would like for them to explain how they can obtain the same achievement for the said years.

Regarding demand no.43 under Tourism, we have the memo for the regularization of Assistant Receptionists who are hired on contract during and around 1994 and 1998. However, no action has been taken to regularize these staffs and I would like to urge the minister to look into this as they paly an important part in looking after our lodges.

We have heard from the minister this morning regarding FCS&CA Department under demand no.17 that we are facing problems in several villages due to lack of monsoon stock and cap that with barely accessible roads, we have severe problems in our hands. Currently, we owed about 10 crores to carrying contractors and I believe steps should be taken to clear this debt as soon as possible.

I would like to request the increase of allocation of funds for Environment & Forest Department so that they can function efficiently and effectively.

Lastly, I would like to request the taxation minister to look into the allocation of goods because at present the VAT paid by the public is quite high especially under essential items. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalrinmawia Ralte

Pu LALRINMAWIA RALTE : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. I stand here today to thank the ministry for their outstanding work in the overall development of Mizoram. One important point I would like to mention is regarding Demand No.25 and No.36, Public Health Engineering and Environment & Forests; as well as Soil & Water Conservation Department.

Speaking from a practical point of view, I believe it is important to introduce 'convergence' of different departments. Other states from India has converge their departments thereby creating more assets for the public. For example, in order to tackle our water problem as well as to protect our environment, convergence of these 4 departments- PHE, Forests, Soil and RD is recommended so that they can function more effectively in tackling these problems.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Nirupam Chakma

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. We are all aware of the problems faced by retailers due to delayed payment from the government. We could follow in Tripura's footsteps where retailers earn their commission during distribution. Also, it is my opinion that problems at Mualkhang Bottling Plant are a non-issue and should not be used as an excuse by the ministry. Excise and Tourism are inseparable if we want to increase the amount of tourist footfall in Mizoram as potential tourists are deterred by the fact that alcohol is prohibited. We also need to improve our information system to create more publicity for various departments. Currently, most of the departments have basic information on their website, if they do have one and are seldom updated. Lastly, I would like to mention the achievement made in the field of sports and would like to thank and congratulate the persons involved. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Joseph Lalhimpuia

Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUA: Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. I would like to commend UD & PA department, Sports & Youth Department, Supply Department, PHE Department and Environment & Forests Department for their tremendous contribution towards the development of Mizoram in their respective fields. While they do have ongoing projects and potential development on the way; for the most part, the amount of work they have performed for the public is enormous and I would like to thank them for their work.

Information & Technology department has a number of projects under their belt one of which is the introduction of Fiber Optic to improve the connectivity speed of internet in Mizoram. I urge the government to supervise these projects as we are increasingly dependent on internet connectivity and social media and they are expected to play a central role in our everyday activities.

Lastly, I would like to suggest the convergence of departments for effectiveness.
Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu H. Zothangliana

Pu H. ZOTHANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. Under demand no. 46, steady steps are taken for various projects such as EWS Housing Scheme, RAY (Rajiv Awas Yojana), SIPMIU, Solar City etc and I applaud and thank the minister for his initiative. In regards to demand no.8 for Taxation Department, they are our biggest internal source of revenue and therefore should be better equipped.

For demand no .8, Taxation department play an important part and is our biggest source of revenue. However, they are seriously understaffed and I suggest that steps should be taken to increase the work force to increase efficiency.

We have seen tremendous improvement under demand no.22, Sports & Youth Services Department. I thank the Minister and staff for their hard work and would like to make one request. We would be very thankful if we can have a Mini sports complex at Sangau and Bualpui 'NG'.

We are eagerly waiting for the completion and functioning of Mizoram State Wide Area Network.

Under demand no.17, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, I thank the Minister for the construction of store house and for giving us gas agency at Sangau. However, their only quarters are in dire need of repair.

Phawngpui National Park and Ngengpui Wildlife Sanctuary under demand no.36, Environment & Forests will be handed over to Lai Autonomous District Council.

Lastly, I would like to voice my support for the three Demands for Grants. Thank you.

4:30 p.m.

SPEAKER : We shall now continue with our session. Let us now invite Pu Lalrobiaka.

Pu LALROBIAKA : Pu Speaker, thank you. First of all, I would like to commend Public Health Engineering (PHE) for their great work in providing clean water to the public. Also, I begged the government to speed up the process of Water Supply Scheme at West Phaileng to Phaileng.

In regards to Demand no.40, I applaud the minister in charge of Industries Department for his work and also for the allocation of ₹818 lakhs for PSU salaries.

It was unfortunate that there was no activity shown at the Work Programme submitted by Tourism Department with the amount of projects under their belt. I thank the minister and staff for their work and would like to urge the minister to speed the process of our proposal for the construction of Tourist Lodge at Marpara.

I commend the Minister and staffs of Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs for providing us with gas and other necessity supplies in the face of much criticism from the public.

Lastly, the scale of improvement and work seen in Environment & Forest, Sports & Youth Services and Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation departments are tremendous and I believe they rightfully deserves our accolade due to their hard work. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu R. Selthuama

Pu R.SELTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. With our state struggling financially it is high time we look for an alternate source of revenue. I believe it is high time that we increase the amount of professional tax, thereby, increasing our source of revenue.

The development seen in Sports & Youth Services is tremendous and I urge the minister to look into the unfinished playground at Lawipu as it has the capacity to be a great asset for Mizoram.

I believe the request for community halls at Nursery and Maubawk under Urban Development is still under advisement and would like to mention at the House today.

PHE department has introduced the Aizawl Greater Water Supply Scheme and with it, the hope that we can get at least one supply of drinking water per week. Also, the link drain at Maubawk is in serious need of repair and would like our respected minister to look into this.

Lastly, I thank the ministers and staffs at Industries Department and FCS & CA for their hard work. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Would our MNF Group Leader and UDA Group Leader like to say something before the House?

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Regarding the gas quota allotted to MLA's, will it be possible for our supply minister to allot one cylinder per week for MLA's?

In regards to taxation, there were some changes in the way taxes were paid with a new order that they should be paid online. I believe this is not feasible because not everyone has access to computer and internet and does not possess computer knowledge.

The Annual Plan Allocation for I & PR has decreased immensely and I urge the minister to explain this as they play an important role by acting as a communicator for the government.

Moving on to Information & Communication Technology, our mobile network given out by BSNL has become increasingly erratic with frequent periods of unavailable network. I believe it is necessary for the government to perform periodic checks to ensure effective service from the company.

Under UD & PA, I believe the Municipal Council Act should be amended with better facilities for counselors. Also, the subject transfer for counselors has not been framed till date and should be looked into as soon as possible. I believe we need to have a better policy for Town & Country Planning Department to ensure safety in the face of natural disasters. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Under Demand no.22, I thank the minister for Sports & Youth Services for the construction of Chawlhmun Volleyball Court and Zotlang Sports Centre. Furthermore, I would like to request for a spotlight and basketball court to be installed at these centres.

I would also like to request the minister for PHE for completion of Water Supply Scheme at Sairang, Phunchawng and Lungverh as well as construction of 4 water tanks at Changzawl.

Scrap metal marketing has become a profitable business in Mizoram and the 68 Licenses issued for this trade should be reviewed as most of the owners are holders of ILP and have trading license.

The FCI Godown at Ramrikawn has become a Law & Order problem and so far, plans to relocate this godown have not been acted upon. We can eliminate a number of godowns thereby providing employment as the cost of distributing supplies is met by FCI. Also, the town of Lungverh is in serious need of retailer and I urge the minister to take a course of action regarding this.

Mualkhang Bottling Plant project is at a standstill due to compensation issue and is at the brink of collapsing. The government needs to intervene with proper policy so that this project can be completed.

We have seen a number VAT being waived on certain products and would like to see VAT waived on all noodle products.

Moving on to Industries Department, I find it disappointing that there are no provisions in the budget for Skill Development for our younger generation. We can revise our estimate as they can become a great source of revenue for our state. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us now invite hon'ble minister Pu S.Hiato to wind up and plead for the passing of this Bill.

Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I thank the members who spoke out today for their interesting suggestions and for their constructive criticism and would like to mention that all of their concerns have been noted and we will try our utmost to realize their thoughts and suggestions. In answer to their queries the following villages have been targeted and they are on the targeted list of the PHE department. They are Edenthar Public Water, North Vanlaiphai and Bungtlang, Vairengte, Phaisen, Tuidam, Zohmun, Sihphir and Serhlun. Kawnpui Water Supply Scheme and Bilkhawthlir Water Supply Scheme are currently underway and will be completed soon. Also, we are about to start the work for Biate Composite Water Supply Scheme and Bungtlang South Water Supply Scheme. We are trying our best for the running of these projects but I would like the public to factor in the fact that our equipments including pumps and pipes are not without faults. Some of these equipments are in need of repair and replacement and the replacement material have to be ordered from outside the state and as such took longer time for repair.

In answer to Pu Thangtea, the Concept Note for Buarpui at NEC has been completed. Syntax has been distributed for Rainwater harvesting at Laisawral and Sesawng.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : There are a number of families that are left out who are on the list to receive syntax. Also, a number of them receive only half the amount while the contractors have received final bill. There have to be some kind of enquiry on this. Also, a number of people are facing problems at Buarpui while accessing clean water due to their location. I have mentioned this problem time and again and would like to request the minister to take a course of action.

Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER : Tourism is an important department with several projects under their belt. The reason why they are not included in our work schedule is because construction of the buildings is in the hands of PWD and we expect them to show this in their work schedule. Regarding the filling up of 34 vacant Assistant Receptionist posts, we were waiting for DP & AR to come up with final seniority list from our existing MR staffs. However, there were some discontentments among the staffs with the list which contribute to the delay. Tourist lodge at Darlawn, Sakawrdai and Khanpui is completed. Also, there are delays in the opening of tourist lodge at Chalfilh, Khankawn, Darlawn, Sakawrdai, Darzo, Vanlaiphai, East Lungdar and Thingdawl due to absence of furnitures and running water and problems with electrical wiring. (PU C. RAMHLUNA: You have approval from D.P. & A.R.; do you need the seniority list from them as the engagement is made by the department?) DPR is also completed for Sakawhmuituai and Durtlang. The request for a tourist lodge at Kawnpui, Mawmrang Tlang and Phuaibuang is being processed.

A plan for a Heritage Village under Sialsuk Mega Project Ministry is at a standstill for the moment as we are waiting for Consultancy Firm.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, can we have any sign of commitment for the renovation of Lunglei Zotlang Tourist lodge, Bung bangla and Buarpui IB as we are willing to pay for the staffing from our own fund.

Pu LALROBIAKA : Pu Speaker, can priority be given to the construction of tourist lodge at Marpara?

Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER : We will look into the construction of tourist lodge at Marpara.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, can they reconsider the policy regarding the barring of private firms from working on Tourism Projects under NEC?

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, have they started work at Bungtlang South? What is the current condition?

Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER : Moving on to Industries department, the public is facing a number of problems including employment opportunities due to lack of industries in the state that can generate employment. There are also limited promotion opportunities within the department.

In answer to Pu Liantlinga, Coal quota was given in 2010-2011, but it was decided not to continue in 2011-2012 due to severe increase in the price of coal that could affect the profit margin.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, Mineral Development Corporation was formed to deal with activities involving coal mining and production. Quotas were given to firms outside the state who have dubious history and reputation. Would it not be better to leave it in the hands of P&E?

Pu K.LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, is there any way to transport the bricks to our 7 industries in Mizoram at a cheaper price?

Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the coal quota allotment was taken by PEMCOS (Civil Pensioners Association) and ZIDCO. PEMCOS are unable to provide the list of their customers while ZIDCO customers are from M.S. Modern Brick Industry, BAirabi, M.S H.K. Brick Industry, Thenzawl, M.S.R.L Brick Industry and Bilkhawthlir.

The funds at Zuangtui Industrial Estate are for the combined expenditure of Zuangtui, Lengte, Pukpui, Luangmual and other villages.

An expert committee was formed by Finance department to look into the problems faced by PSU as they are currently running on a loss with no funds for salaries and expenditures for the staffs. Reports have been submitted to deal with the future of PSU including privatization.

Pu K.LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, there is no way for them to turn a profit considering the amount of funds they are given to operate.

Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER : Cabinet Memorandum has been made by the ministry and a decision will soon be made. One of the reasons for their problem is congested staffing without turning a profit.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, while we are on the subject of privatization, an advertisement was given in April by the Industry Department with no reply from private firms. As mentioned before, it might be a better strategy to restructure the corporation as suggested by the ADB.

Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I believe the ministry and respected members of this House are equally aware of the problems faced by the corporations under the Industry Department. The major problem is that even if there is cash infusion, majority of them went as salary to staffs with little or no leftover for other projects.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, I do not expect the full details, however, I do expect them to at least try to tackle this problem. For example, if they could shuffle the staffs to Horticulture or Food and Vegetable Processing or other departments in line with their experience and qualifications, I believe they will be more productive that way.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, the reason why I mention this particular subject is because I believe there might be a way to turn these corporations over. Will it not be possible to grant them a loan with the government acting as the guarantor so that they can function better with profit returns?

Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER : Plans have been made to expand MIFCO and have been selected as part of NLUP to grow and harvest fruits. We have the machinery for this however; we do not have enough raw materials, i.e, fruits to harvest. The Expert Committee has submitted their report and the Cabinet will decide and hand staffs over to Horticulture and other departments. The internal road at Zuangtui Industrial Estate could not be repaired due to lack of funds.

NLUP beneficiaries target is larger than the original scheme because beneficiaries from Aizawl who not were included in the original scheme were included. The fund for these added lists is taken from the leftover budget of Agriculture department. Shortage of funds for the salary in Grant-in-aid is not shown in the budget as it was shown in revenue expenditure and Planning department will shortly allot funds for the shortages.

Moving on to Geology & Mining, this department was promoted to Directorate in 2010. Even though it is a small department, it generates large revenue. Its main work at the moment is groundwater investigation and monitoring. It performs geo-technical investigation and investigates the safety of land and underground. It also gave out mining permit and mining lease. It generates more than 440 lakhs within the last three years.

Gas exploration is currently going on with 59% already been explored by ONGC. Traces of gas were found at Meidum, Kolasib. Tax received from companies for their exploration is more than eight lakhs.

Regarding the quarry at Keifang, no permit was given for mining stones to BRTF or any other individual. They were warned twice by the department regarding this with no avail. The department is hoping for a special scheme where alternative route can be constructed thereby, providing employment to the local people.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, this is a serious matter with many lives already been lost. There are other quarries owned by BRTF that is creating problems for the public. If they do not possess the license necessary for mining, serious action should be taken as they are acting against the law. We expect this kind of commitment from the minister.

Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, as mentioned before, BRTF was notified and ordered twice to stop mining without results. I believe we have to join forces with DC, GAD and Forest Department and take a serious course of action to tackle this problem.

Moving on to Industries, there are several small scale industries in Mizoram that provides employment to 40-50 people. We are paving the way for private entrepreneurs to grow by giving out loans and provide ways to obtain financial assistance. In order to promote industry, we have several Industrial areas such as Integrated Infrastructure Development Centre (IIDC) at Pukpui Lunglei, Industrial Estate at Zuangtui, Industrial Crop Centre at Luangmual, Integrated Infrastructure Development Centre (IIDC) at Zote Champhai, Export Provisional Industrial Park (EPIP) at Lengte and Bamboo Technical Park at Sairang.

Our corporation needs to improve on our entrepreneurial skills and develop our skills. We do see improvement in handloom development with our products being exported to other states. In order to promote handloom and its development, design centres such as computer aided design centre have been opened with training given to more than 300 people. Subsidized machineries have been distributed as well.

MIFCO has a perfectly functional Food Processing Unit but we lack the raw materials i.e. enough fruits to process. Central government has allotted funds for the acquisition of a Mega Food Processing Unit.

Tourism department has significantly increased its mark during the last several years with construction of several tourist lodge and highway restaurants completed. Our main problem is the staffing and maintenance of these completed buildings. We have a new scheme for adventure sports with 468.82 lakhs allocated for aero sports. There are several upcoming festivals with the recommendation of the central government to promote tourism and its department. Training is provided for students in hostel, hospitality management, food production and hotel administration in other states. The construction of Mizoram Institute of Hotel Management is expected to be completed in 2013-2014. Workshops and seminars were conducted for airport staffs, hotel staffs and taxi drivers in politeness and hospitality to tourists. The Mizoram Tourism Policy and Mizoram Recognition of Tour Operate Rule 2011 have also

been completed. Lastly, revenue generated by Tourism department during 2009-2012 is more than 470 lakhs.

Moving on to our last subject, I applaud the officers and staffs at PHE department for their effort and hard work. Since we started three or four years ago, we have covered 777 villages with only around 9 villages left which will be covered soon. We have also completed almost all pending projects except Biate. Under the allocation of business rules, 1987 1st April, 2011, the following responsibilities were given to the department: 1) Urban and Rural Water Supply Scheme 2) Public Health Sanitation 3) Ground Water Resources and Development 4) Sewage and Drainage Scheme. We received funds from MRDWP, NEC, NLCPR, MSDP and State Plan for our projects. For the first time we received funds from NEC for 4 new water supply schemes for Sangau, Phuaibuang, Bualpui (NG) and Lungzartum and several projects. Aizawl Greater Water Supply Scheme is currently going on and almost completed with funding from central government and State Plan. Currently, we have more than 40 pumping schemes. But we face hardships in maintenance of these pumps as they require large amount of manpower and capital. We have increased the tariff for water tax.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, I believe the public will accept and understand this increase in tax if it is properly explained and shown in work programme and performance budget.

Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER : Water Tariff have been increased and Passed at the House and Rules have been already made. With the increase in population, we are currently facing water shortage and will continue to do so if we do not have an alternate plan. We have worked together with Central YMA, Village Council and NGO's and have come up with suggestion for a new water scheme.

Lastly, I would like thank the House for its support and approval for passing of this Bill such as: -

Demand No.	Department	Amount
No.25	PHE	₹132,79,78,000.00
No.40	Industries	₹97,56,70,000.00
No.43	Tourism	₹7,36,33,000.00
	TOTAL	₹237,72,81,000.00

Thank you.

SPEAKER : The House has unanimously passed the following Demands: -

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We shall now invite hon'ble minister Pu H. Rohluna to wind up and seek approval for his Bill.

Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, thank you. I thank the members of this House for their participation in the discussion of this Bill. Especially regarding Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, as the work performed by this department is varied and broad and we understand if there are complaints and criticisms.

In answer to Pu R.L.Pianmawia, the godown at East Phaileng is not usable as they are in need of repair. We have to renovate the building as we want to utilize this godown. Also there is shortage of staff with no available staff to man the godown.

Darlawn Forest Division has been proposed to be included in the first phase in the Green India Mission.

As mentioned by Pu John Siamkunga, it is our wish to sync our Ration Cards with Census 2001 but I regret to say that this is not possible at this time.

SPEAKER : I believe the central minister has complained of mistakes in the census made in 2001.

Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, it was with the Union Minister of State, Petroleum and Natural Gas and was regarding Gas consumption. Either way, the allocation we received is based on 2001 census and we received 2841 metric ton which is not enough. (SPEAKER: What will be the point of basing our ration card with 2011 census if they are going to compare it with 2001 census; it means that our allocation will still not be enough.) Pu Speaker, that particular discussion was about ration cards and not the population.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Pu Speaker, I meant that there are great disparity between the ration card and actual consumers. Can the ghost consumers be taken off from the card as it is a waste?

Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I believe our respected member has been misinformed regarding this. We have submitted a proposal to the central government for the reconstruction of 20 godowns and are awaiting sanction. (SPEAKER: Starred Question no.169 states that S. Vanlaiphai has 5591 consumers according to the ration card, Sangau has 16,565 with a disparity of 11000 between them. That was the reason it was mentioned by our member)

We have ceased the Mahal project since 2010-2-11 which contributed to the decrease in revenue for Environment & Forests. We are hoping to sort out the Royalty Collection for Environment & Forests and Geology & Mineral Resources.

Construction of godown at Tuipang is completed and is awaiting explosive license. Gas quota requested by MLA's cannot be met at the moment due to shortage of gas and

any reserve we have is given to the public as priority. We can revisit this request when supply improves.

As for questions regarding the lump sum of 42.80 crores for the 13th Finance Commission, these funds are deposited with the condition that the work programme needs approval. If they are rejected, these funds will be withdrawn. However, the department has submitted six draft working plan to the ministry and we are waiting for them to release the full amount.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, since the working plan was already prepared, with the 13th Finance Commission year marking their expenditure; is it not possible for your department to do the same?

Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, it is not that we hesitated to highlight the work programme, it lies in the hands of the ministry and we are not certain whether the full amount will be granted.

Lt.Col. Z.S. Zuala advocated control of selling bamboo shoots for fear of extinction. However, we have relaxed that rule and decided that a few and control sanctuary is better than overall control. It also provides employment to several people.

There is rapid decline in tiger population in Mizoram due to development. We estimate to have a few at Dampa Tiger Reserve.

Severe shortage of gas was mentioned by Pu Lalthansanga at his constituency. Currently, there are no agents at the area as they are still waiting for their field verification. Once this goes through we hope there will be more supply of gas.

We are trying our utmost to fillup the monsoon stock at the constituency of Pu C.Ramhluna. Also, it was decided the rationing of rice at 3kgs per person is sufficient as of now due to issue with stock.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, it would mean a lot to them if they can increase the quota even for a month as they are farmers and the current quota is not sufficient for them.

Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER : I regret to say that the current quota is not changeable at the moment due to lack of funds. We are struggling as it is with the ministry losing large amount of capital with the subsidized rates.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, I believe it is the intention of the central government to list food as legal entitlement with the Food Security Bill being passed. Can we make use of that Bill and request extra funding?

Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER : Food Security Act has not been passed yet and is currently being considered by the Parliamentary Standing Committee.

The transfer modalities are being drafted for the transfer of Lawngtlai Wildlife Division from state government to Council.

We are trying our utmost to resolve the issue surrounding Mualkhang Bottling Plant especially regarding compensation and I asked the members and public for their understanding.

We are always ready to help with the preservation of biodiversity in Mizoram and currently we are planning a Botanical garden at Saikhalh with funds from 13th Finance Commission. Several buffer area at Dampa Tiger Reserve has been given over for poultry farming, pig farming and for vegetable farming.

In answer to Dr. Lalthangliana regarding LPG cylinder reserves enjoyed by MLA's, we have ceased this reservation due to shortage suffered by the public. Once this shortage is dealt with, we can always revise this subject.

I would like to call out respected member Pu Lalduhoma and mention that we are trying our best to relocate the FCI store house at Ramrikawn to Sairang. FCI also has possessed the sanction for the construction of another store house at Bairabi. We believe that it is more cost effective for us to have several store houses as the cost of transportation is met by FCI.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, if the depot is within 30 kms radius, the transportation cost is met by FCI. We can use local transport for this thereby providing employment for the locals.

Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, as for the issue regarding the absence of retailer at Lungverh, we believe it is not feasible at present as there are only 43 families residing at Lungverh with a weekly quota of just over 1 quintal. The hassle of transporting just over 1 quintal from Zuangtui might not be feasible in the business sense and as such, we might not find retailers who are willing to make that commitment. That is the reason why we are reluctant to invite tenders.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, being the representative of this area, I urge the minister in-charge to speed up the work on issue of ration card to families without ration card for which survey of families may have to be conducted. If I am not mistaken, there are 250 families occupying quarters, 500 musafir and 47 civilians. We are ready to extend our assistance if required.

Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, departmental officers with proper instruction carried out the survey on the spot. According to their report, number of families is 131. This being so, there is apprehension on our part that a retailer for small number of families would go the other way to make up for his losses. There had been such cases in the past which had created problems to the department and to the public. Anyway, we are concerned with their problem and will do what we can to alleviate their problem and would appreciate co-ordination from them.

Compensation regarding Mualkhang Bottling Plant was mentioned. It is a fact that supply department is a nodal department for LPG. Yet, compensation is within the purview of Land Revenue and Settlement Department. However, it is our commitment to alleviate problem faced by the people. Besides acquisition of land for the plant, families living there are badly in need of 11 K.V line. We still cannot meet their requirement and would continue to pursue this.

Under Environment & Forest, I want to raise one or two points for information to the hon'ble members. Mini orchiderium is set up at Sairang Nursery, 52 varieties of orchid is being collected within Mizoram; six are hybrids. Of 52 varieties, 38 have blossomed. Hence, Sairang High Tech Nursery is set up under grant from 13th Finance Commission.

Traditional medicinal garden is also set up nearby. 23 varieties of indigenous medicinal plants have been collected within Mizoram. In spite of financial crisis, we could set up the two nursery at the cost of around Rs 5,30,000 from financial provision under 13th Finance Commission.

Draft working plan of Lunglei, Tlabung, Mamit, North Vanlaiphai, Aizawl and Kolasib forest division has also been submitted to the Ministry of Environment and Forest. Without the ministry's approval, teak plants cannot be cut down.

Japan International Cooperation Agency will renovate our State Training Institute located at Bethlehem Vengthlang for which 498 lakhs is earmarked and another 18 lakhs is for front line training and staff material, and 45 lakhs had been released so far. There are many others to name besides these.

Regarding Supply, 28,410 quintals is purchased for APL at the rate of ₹8.30/kg from FCI, 14,700 quintals for BPL purchased at the rate of ₹5.65/kg and 9100 quintals for AAY at the rate of ₹3/-. Our normal monthly allocation is 52,210 quintals. Total allocation received does not meet even half of our requirements, thereby causing large spending for purchase of additional rice every year. Yet, the government is willing to be on a loss side to meet the requirement of its people. We may be labeled as inactive or indifferent to the problem of the people, but this is not so as we can see.

We have also terminated what we had previously practiced, that is, advance monsoon stock of food grains. We think we would be able to survive if monthly allocation is managed carefully with timely distribution of rice to the public through retailers.

We are also pleased to note that there is no acute problem in POL in the past month.

I also want to inform the House that if there is change for betterment, we reap the fruit of success as we see in the case of Hill State Transport Subsidy. FCI had also reimbursed large fund stuck up due to mis-management, the remaining sum would be reimbursed further for which we continue to make effort. At present, we introduce a new format which was approved by FCI and Ministry of Food. In fact, other states are advised to do as we did.

Mizoram has lack of good store houses and this matter is being pursued at central level. They have sanctioned ₹9,65,63,000 for construction of store houses. ₹596 lakhs has been released as 1st installment and the remaining sum will be released after utility certificate and progress report of 17 store houses is submitted to the ministry.

Much has been said about LPG. Distribution of charcoal by some political party does not seem to be appropriate with the problem we are facing. Past and present ministry had faced LPG problems at one time or another during their respective tenures. While other states could not have RGGLV gas agent, Mizoram could have 13 agents sanctioned by the central government and 6 have already been commissioned and the remaining 7 will shortly be commissioned.

I would also like to make a few statements on consumer affairs because they are the ones who take on the grievances of consumers. Under the State Consumer Dispute Redresal Commission, 195 cases have been filed of which 192 had been disposed of, which is 98.5%. There is also Consumer Forum in various districts and has a 98.8% record of cases disposed.

Lastly, I request the House to pass my demands such as: -

Demand No.	Department	Amount
No.17	Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs	₹237,11,35,000.00
No.36	Environment & Forests	₹96,25,85,000.00
	TOTAL	₹333,37,20,000.00

Thank you.

SPEAKER : The hon'ble minister had moved his demands. Those who agree may say 'Yes'.

(The Demands are voted and passed)

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

SPEAKER : We shall now invite Pu Zodintluanga to wind up and request the House to pass his demands.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, thank you. I will start my demand no.48 for Information & Communication Technology. The kiosk mentioned by Pu R.L. Pianmawia has been sanctioned due to strenuous effort made by the department officers. Sanctioned has been made for 300 localities and preparation for immediate installation is going on.

I agree with Pu Lalthansanga about the need to improve ICT for future generation and for today's youth. Even for Mizoram, Software Technology Park is most necessary in today's world. An MOU has been signed with Central and Mizoram University in pursuance of

this. An office site for this is allotted at Ch. Chhunga terminal and would help improve technology in our state when completed.

The unsatisfactory functioning of mobile phones in Mizoram is due to poor connectivity. Due to initiative taken by our hon'ble Chief Minister, Power Get Corporation Ltd is contracted to install overhead cable for fiber optic connection which is expected to be completed by October. The main problem faced by everyone is that work is hampered by monsoon but it is expected that there will be improvement in the near future. The improper functioning of website is a problem faced by everyone and is expected to improve when the common template and content management system is launched in August.

It is mentioned by several members regarding the meager allocation of funds for departments under my portfolio. It is a fact that Taxation, UD & PA and Sports & Youth Services are newly created departments and the expenditure is also meager. I, therefore would like to request that at least 2% of the budget fund is set aside for them to help improve development in IT sector. We have national e-governance policy under which this Assembly Secretariat is the first to make use of it then comes Taxation department. I hope other departments will follow suit.

As pointed out by Pu Zothangliana, SWAN had been inaugurated by the hon'ble Chief Minister. There is no other connectivity except BSNL which hamper the signal. The building for Data Centre is under construction and the machineries are under transshipment. E-district and Common Service Centre has also been opened and operated. Pu Speaker, I would like to add that we are doing our best to have ICT improved for the whole state.

Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUA: Pu Speaker, while the hon'ble Minister is winding up, let me remind him once again to take every possible step to have connectivity between Aizawl and Lunglei for which laying of fibre optic cable is in progress. It will also be important to follow guidelines for laying of such cable to prevent easy damage.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, we would do our best and approach the authorities of BSNL. We have not reached a concrete agreement yet regarding the installation of Reltel in district/block headquarter.

I regret to say that the installation of Taxation check gate at Bukpui suggested by Pu Lalrinawma cannot be fulfilled at present due to shortage of staff. We are not collecting arrear under the provision of Mizoram Public Demand Recovery Act. We also continue to issue personal way bill for genuine cases while trying our best to prevent misuse. I would like to inform the members that giving tax online is not insisted as compulsory by the department. Increase of professional tax is not our purview as it has to be passed by the Parliament. Exemption of tax on edible oil will not benefit the public but will go to the manufacturers or the production company.

The department is making strenuous effort in collecting taxes to help improve the financial condition of Mizoram. Taxes are collected on the basis of the following acts: -

1. Mizoram Value Added Tax Acts, 2005.

2. Mizoram Sales of Petroleum & Petroleum Products (including Motor Spirit & Lubricants) Taxation Acts, 1973.
3. Mizoram Professions Trades Callings & Employment Taxation Acts, 1995.
4. The Assam Ombudsmen & Vetting Tax Act, 1938.
5. The Central Sales Tax Act, 1956.
6. The Mizoram Society Registration Act, 2005.

Tax collected during 2011-2012 comes to ₹14,595 lakhs and crossed the demand target by ₹354.24 lakhs. Our growth rate is 31.16% while growth rate expected for the whole of India is 17%. I once again inform the House that the government is ever ready to rectify or change rate of taxes where and when it brings hardship to the public.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, if tax is exempt on edible oil, won't the MRP go down eventually? VAT of 10.5% is collected on many items, could this be reduced? Can you elaborate on Rumpum, etc.? Also, what type of way bill will be used for departmental purchases?

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the MRP is fixed at the factory and will remain the same regardless of change in taxes.

As for Rumpum, etc., the government usually studied with care where and on which items tax is to be levied. There is a provision under which departments are exempted from tax if materials purchased are from direct manufacturing firm. However, this provision is being reviewed and scrutinized and final decision will be intimated to me.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, if the Minister could clarify about income tax.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I beg the understanding of the members for not clarifying this issue as it is not the purview of Taxation Department alone. It is a policy matter requiring broader consensus.

SPEAKER : Yes, serious thought will have to be given.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, as we know the provision in the budget for Demand No.22, Sports & Youth Services is not much. Yet, there are notable achievements in urban and rural areas. Basketball court, volleyball court and fields are constructed. Our youths are making progress in various disciplines of sports at state and national levels. Coaches for different disciplines are recruited from within and outside India. Some of our playgrounds are covered with artificial grass. Our achievements are there for all to see. It is also expected that more fund will flow in from central for further improvement.

Pu Speaker, sports council has selection committee, however, there are cases where recruitment is done at the behest of the President if need arises, without going through Selection Committee. For example- Pu Zirchhunga, Lunglei, a retired J.E (PWD) was appointed without going through selection committee to look after Lunglei Sports Complex while construction was going on.

Our various achievements were mentioned in the last budget session. To continue our work of progress, I hope we will be given another chance of 5 years by the public.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, before the Minister ends his speech, does the government intend to reward Lalenkawli, Lawngtlai who came first at Boxing World Cup in Siberia? The state government used to reward those who made a mark at the world stages in previous years.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Award is given according to the specific rules and provisions being laid down in place by the sports council.

Lastly, there is not much to clarify about Demand no.46, Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation. Regarding Darlawn Town Development Programme, 2nd installment of 76.76 lakhs had been released. I regret to say that Thingdawl could not come in separate as it is included in the master plan area of Kolasib though it is not there in the census of Kolasib Urban Area.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, is there a way to rectify their position?

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, knowing the situation, the department used to include Thingdawl whenever there is project to be initiated for Kolasib Town Area. But a separate project for Thingdawl alone cannot be initiated at the moment.

It is true what Pu P.P. Thawla said about lump sum grant for NE Region. There is hardly any fund left to return to DONER from UD & PA side.

From our side, there is no specific problem regarding BPL Loans. However, there can be a problem with the bank if loaners change their trade of choice.

The construction of Amphi Theatre proposed by Pu Z.S. Zuala at his constituency is pursued and Detailed Project Report is under preparation.

Project for Housing Unit under ISSDP is underway and we are very hopeful that central will give us approval. RAY has been started at Zuangtui for 60 families with others on the pipeline. We are also waiting for sanction for Lunglei Shopping Mall and the DPR for this was completed in January 2012.

50 licenses were issued under 'The Mizoram Town Sanitation Rule, 1980' for scrap metal marketing and only 4 of them are still valid. No new license were issued or renewed after The Mizoram Municipal Act, 2007 came into practice. This issue is now transferred to the Allocation of Business Wing under Industry Department.

As for the salaries of councilors mentioned by Dr. R. Lalthangliana, it is decided that their current salary is sufficient at present.

Our department is fairly new with many improvements and work to be done. We are trying our best even though we are short staffed.

Hon'ble member Dr. Lalthangliana advocates increase of remuneration for councilors. However, we think it is quite appropriate for now considering its late existence. Regarding subject transfer, I think I have given my answer this morning during question hour.

As we know our department is newly created and the working pattern of our engineers is also very hectic. Recruitment Rule for the staffs is also being processed. (T.T. ZOTHANSANGA: Pu Speaker, if the minister could tell us whether 3rd phase for construction of houses at Champhai is coming soon.) Yes, Pu Speaker, fund for construction of houses for the homeless has come in full amount from Central government. Yet, due to financial crisis and some other reasons, the said fund could not be released in full and is expected to be released soon. (P.P. THAWLA: Pu Speaker, what about Tuipang playground?) Pu Speaker, I have generally mentioned about the said playground. If possible a better playground will certainly be constructed next term.

Pu LALDUHOMA : As I have stated earlier, the turn-over for scrap metal marketing could come to 80 crores with non-mizos collecting such materials without authorization. This has to be stopped immediately. If fee is collected from car parking why not we also collect tax from such business men? It could be a good source of revenue for the state.

I also ask whether ward members could be given sitting allowance as we too are enjoying this allowance. Also, what was the outcome of negotiation for construction of a water tank?

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I forgot to mention that there would be no problem in constructing a tanky at the proposed site. There is no specific answer to be given regarding work committee.

We are all aware that Urban Development has a wide range of works to pursue and covers the whole state. Loan is availed from Asian Development Bank. Treatment Plant is proposed to be set up at Chite Lui. SIPMIU is working on the trench for solid waste management and the fund for this is expected within the financial year.

I would like to mention that our departmental officers are devoted in their respected field of work and the execution of our projects even though we are a newly created department.

Lastly, Pu Speaker, I request the House to pass my Demands such as: -

Demand No.	Department	Amount
No.8	Taxation	₹10,10,00,000.00
No.22	Sports & Youth Services	₹35,81,03,000.00
No.46	Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation	₹1,64,01,73,000.00
No.48	Information & Communication Technology	₹5,06,16,000.00
	TOTAL	₹2,14,98,92,000.00

SPEAKER : The hon'ble Minister has moved his demands for the House to pass. Those who agree say 'aye' and those who do not agree say, 'nay'.

The House has unanimously passed the demands of the hon'ble Minister.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER : Time availed for wind up speeches is around 4 hrs and 7 minutes. I hope the hon'ble members are satisfied with clarifications and answers given by the respective ministers.

Business for today is completed. House is now adjourned and will be continued tomorrow at 10:30 AM.

Sitting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.