

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

**LIST OF BUSINESS**

FOR ELEVENTH SITTING ON TUESDAY, THE 31<sup>st</sup> JULY, 2012  
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)

**QUESTIONS**

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

**FINANCIAL BUSINESS  
DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS**

2. **Pu H. LIANSILOVA**, Minister to submit to the Vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
3. **Pu LAL THANHAWLA**, Hon'ble Chief Minister to submit to the Vote of the House various Demands under his charge.

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

Bills for introduction, consideration and passing.

4. **Pu H. LIANSILOVA** to beg leave of the House to introduce "The Mizoram Appropriation Bill, 2012".

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

NGURTHANZUALA  
Secretary

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**SPEAKER** : Moreover the profit of the land is for all; even the King is served from the field. (Ecclesiastes 5:9)

We shall now invite Dr. Lalthangliana to ask starred Question no.181.

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

- a) Liabilities for Loan and Works in the financial year of 2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2011-2012
- b) The amount of repayment for the yearwise
- c) Amount of exact liability for loan and work at present?

**SPEAKER :** Pu H. Liansailova, Minister of Finance to answer the questions. Kindly refrain from repeating the questions and only the answers should be given.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, liabilities incurred by loan and works at the end of each financial year is as follows-

- a) 2008-2009 - ₹3259.82 crores  
2009-2010 - ₹3163.95 crores  
2010-2011 - ₹3697.24 crores  
2011-2012 - ₹3994.48 crores
- b) Repayment yearwise is –  
2008-2009 - ₹253.56 crores  
2009-2010 - ₹718.54 crores  
2010-2011 - ₹477.12 crores  
2011-2012 - ₹715.62 crores
- c) The present liabilities are not known yet.

**SPEAKER :** Supplementary Question from Dr. R. Lalthangliana.

**Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA :** Pu Speaker, Liability in the last financial year was ₹3994.48 crores. What is the reason for the enormous increase from the previous year? Secondly, how do they make the repayment?

**SPEAKER :** Let us invite the Minister.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, we could somehow repay the loan having high interest rate availed from Asian Development Bank. This is why our outstanding liability decreased during the financial year of 2009-2010. And the reason for the increase was loan and borrowing from open market due to necessity. Repayment is done by making provision in the budget for loan repayment.

**SPEAKER :** Now, starred Question No.182 to be asked by Pu P.P. Thawla

**Pu P.P. THAWLA :** Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for General Administration be pleased to state: -

- a) Is there a proposal for construction of a new building for the Office of Deputy Commissioner at Saiha District?

- b) If there is an intention to do so, what is the progress?
- c) If not, what is the reason?

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

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, yes, we do plan to construct new buildings. The plan and estimate had been submitted to the Planning Department. Construction will be started when fund comes from the central government.

**SPEAKER** : Starred Question No.183 to be asked by Pu R.L. Pianmawia.

**Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA** : Pu Speaker, when will mid-day meal be provided to private schools?

**SPEAKER** : Now, the Minister may give his reply.

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, according to the guidelines formulated by the government of India, mid-day meal scheme is implemented in government and government aided schools. However, provision of mid-day meal to private schools has been considered by government of India but it has not been materialized.

**SPEAKER** : Now, starred Question No.184

**Pu P.P. THAWLA** : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for School Education be pleased to state-

- a) How many High School Headmasters are there in Mizoram?
- b) What is the cut-off year for High School teacher for promotion to Headmaster?
- c) Is it not possible to promote provincialised teachers of 1993 to the post of headmaster to solve problem faced due to non-availability of headmaster in some rural schools?
- d) How many working High School teachers are there under the government of Mizoram?
- e) How many working High School teacher post are lying vacant at present?
- f) Is the government unable to fill up these vacant posts?
- g) If they cannot fill these posts, what is the reason?
- h) Is there an intention to fill them up?
- i) How many government high school and middle school are there without Headmaster?

**SPEAKER** : We will invite the hon'ble Minister to reply.

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, the following are the answers-

- a) 55 high schools are without headmaster.
- b) High school teachers who have had 5 years service in the post are eligible for promotion to headmaster.
- c) Provincialised teachers are also eligible for promotion to the post of headmaster if criteria set by Recruitment Rules and their seniority justified.

- d) There are 1298 working high school teachers in Mizoram.
- e) There are 82 vacant posts for high school teachers.
- f) Steps are taken to fill up these posts.
- g) Steps are taken to fill these vacant posts.
- h) 82 vacant posts are proposed to be filled up from contract high school teachers.
- i) There are 55 high schools without headmaster and 27 middle schools without headmaster.

**Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE** : Pu Speaker, I would like to inform the House that the Headmaster of Bukpui High School was transferred to Aizawl but no substitute teacher was appointed yet. Similarly, the Headmaster of Hortoki was transferred to Thingdawl but no substitute Headmaster was appointed till now. I request the hon'ble Minister to fill up these posts.

**Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA** : Pu Speaker, starred question no.85-

- a) Amount of money deposited at K- deposit at present?
- b) Name of the departments whose money was deposited at K-deposit and the amount deposited respectively?

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite the hon'ble Minister to reply.

**Pu H. LIANSAILOVA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, in answer to respected member Dr. Lalthangliana, as on 16.7.2013, the amount at K-deposit is ₹440.47 crores in Aizawl 'S' Treasury and the departments are:

- |                             |                      |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1) SAO:AG                   | - ₹ 33,98,000/-      |
| 2) Fin. Commissioner        | - ₹ 19,37,148/-      |
| 3) AIGP – 1                 | - ₹ 10,28,35,905/-   |
| 4) LAD                      | - ₹ 8,00,00,000/-    |
| 5) S&YS                     | - ₹ 5,95,95,970/-    |
| 6) Agriculture Dy. Director | - ₹ 55,34,75,038/-   |
| 7) Horticulture             | - ₹ 1,19,44,695/-    |
| 8) AH&Vety                  | - ₹ 36,72,07,985/-   |
| 9) Industries               | - ₹ 77,47,674/-      |
| 10) UD & PA                 | - ₹ 20,41,53,480/-   |
| 11) PWD                     | - ₹ 2,56,83,055/-    |
| 12) Forest                  | - ₹ 3,17,94,32,109/- |

From Aizawl 'N' Treasury:-

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|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1) P & E                      | - ₹ 7,99,29,000/-  |
| 2) IGP                        | - ₹ 1,77,15,400/-  |
| 3) Health Services            | - ₹ 6,07,76,589/-  |
| 4) SCERT                      | - ₹ 4,26,17,037/-  |
| 5) School Education           | - ₹ 17,17,47,720/- |
| 6) SWD                        | - ₹ 12,04,93,159/- |
| 7) A & C                      | - ₹ 1,50,00,000/-  |
| 8) RD                         | - ₹ 17,10,26,634/- |
| 9) Health & Medical Education | - ₹ 3,47,87,188/-  |

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|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| 10) P&E            | - ₹ 43,25,63,695/-          |
| 11) PHE            | - ₹ 7,85,81,685/-           |
| Total              | - ₹ 1,22,52,38,107/-        |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL</b> | <b>- ₹ 4,40,46,70,216/-</b> |

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary questions from Pu Duhoma, Pu T.T.Zothansanga and Dr.R.Lalthangliana respectively.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, generally how long is department fund deposited at K-deposit? What is the longest duration?

Is ₹ 440 crores from the past financial year? What is the reason for depositing department fund at K-deposit? And how do they decide the departments whose funds are to be deposited and what is the criteria?

**Dr. R.LALTHANGLIANA** : Pu Speaker, is finance department aware of the problem faced by the departments whose fund are kept for a long time at K-deposit? Also, when will ₹ 440 crores be released to the departments?

**Pu T.T.ZOTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, can you explain the process of withdrawing money from K-deposit? Is it a fact that some amount has to be given to withdraw money from K-deposit?

**SPEAKER** : We shall now invite the Minister to answer.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, I will try my best to clear the queries of respected members of the House. At the start of our ministry, the amount of K-deposit sits at 400 crores and since then, we have struggled to reduce the amount due to our financial position and budget operation. The duration of these deposited amounts cannot be predicted as they are distributed according to the needs of the department and available fund. Their criterion is therefore, to release fund when and where required. I believe my answer covers the question posed by Pu Thangtea.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, it is understood that K-deposit is necessary for funds that are going to lapse. But why is it that fund acutely required are deposited? Is it because we are afraid of Treasury closing?

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, I do not know departments are acutely requiring fund deposited at K-deposit. If requirement is there, fund is released. As there had been cases where large amount kept at the chest are misappropriated by cashiers and others. The government is cautious in this regard, K-deposit is in some way a safe deposit.

Regarding Pu Thangtea's question, I was not aware that there were instances when fund kept at K-deposit is necessarily used. Our hon'ble Chief Minister is very cautious in such cases. As far as I know, there has not been any withdrawal of large fund for bribery or ransom during our tenure.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, what the hon'ble members should remember is that we have to be vigilant if we want to have corruption free government. One channel for prevention of large scale misappropriation of fund is to keep money at K-deposit. But is the departments require the money, it is released accordingly. However, there are cases where required amount is not released due to financial hardship or due to some other reasons. Normally, fund at K-deposit is released as and when the departments required.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalduhoma to ask starred Question No.186

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister in charge of GAD be pleased to state: -

Do the occupants of a quarter where there are more than one government servant have to pay rent separately?

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite the hon'ble Chief Minister to answer the question.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, government quarters are free of cost, there are no rental charge except small amount of License fee which the allotted person has to bear.

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

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, is it possible to change government's order issued by Secretary, GAD regarding recovery of HRA (House Rent Allowance) by onetime payment or by installment from government employees occupying government quarters? If this is not changed, it will be a heavy burden and they are not informed of this at the time allotment was made and some of the allottees had died and some had already retired.

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite the hon'ble Chief Minister to answer the question.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, it is not an order made at the sour of the moment. As the saying 'ignorance of law is no excuse', government employees should know that there is a standing order and central notification for occupation of government quarters. If defaulters are excused, it could mean one kind of corruption.

**SPEAKER** : Pu B. Lalthlengliana to ask starred Question No.187

**Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA** : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister in charge of Education be pleased to state: -

Is there any proposal to improve higher secondary school opened at Farkawn and Khawbung?

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite the concerned Minister Pu Lalsawta to answer the question.

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, there is no intention from the government to improve the said schools as they are private schools.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary question from Pu B. Lalthlengliana.

**Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA** : I do not think that should be the answer. Truly speaking, most of the institutions in Mizoram are firstly private schools. Secondary schools are few and far between in Mizoram. If such private schools are improved and strengthened many of our problems due to non-availability of seats would be solved.

Also, Pu Speaker, I am one of the members in the consultative committee on Education. But I am hurt by the way my constituency is treated regarding transfer and posting of teachers. It seems that my constituency is used as a transit camp for newly appointed teachers. For instance, there are two teachers at Samthang UPS School; one is transferred elsewhere leaving with just one teacher. Whereas in Bethlehem, Aizawl, there is a school where there are 6 students with 6 teachers. This is not the way education should be treated.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary question from Pu Lalduhoma

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker is there a way to consider the case of secondary schools already established privately such as on merit basis. Some are really genuine cases considering the requirement of the area.

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite the concerned Minister Pu Lalsawta to answer the question.

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, Pu B.Lalthlengliana's question and Pu Duhoma's question are far apart. Government intended to open secondary school under RMSA during 2013-2014 financial years. Frankly speaking, established private schools are also the cause of confusion while making appointment of teachers. It is therefore the government's desire to follow norms and regulations formulated by them.

**Pu B.LALTHLENGLIANA** : Pu Speaker, teachers employed at Farkawn and Khawbung private schools are qualified teachers. In fact, Farkawn School has 100% pass result in the last exam and they have been teaching for the last 6/7 years. I think they should not be overlooked when the government intends to upgrade or provincialize.

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, we will examine such cases when the time comes.

Regarding Pu Duhoma's question, it is not the government's intention to neglect private schools totally to themselves. Presently, classes from eight below are compulsory as well

as free. There would come a time when free and compulsory is applied to higher secondary level. When such time comes, we believe to have better improvement.

As for the transfer and posting of teachers, many factors contributed to the imbalance posting of teachers. We may ask as to why many teachers are here in Aizawl. One reason is some have to remain here due to health issue and have to be admitted or treated at the hospital on and off. Of course, this is not the case for everyone. If we are to strictly abide by the rules, the public also would not be able to follow it.

**SPEAKER** : Is that the reason why CAG Report mentioned the 5700 extra teachers in Mizoram?

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, this would not be the case if Right of Children to Free Compulsory Education Act is implemented. Excess teachers would be there if arithmetically calculated but when free and compulsory education is fully implemented, the case would be different.

**SPEAKER** : Considering CAG Report, some justifications will have to be made. Anyway, serious thought has to be given to the report as it reversely portrays the image of Mizoram.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, Mizoram is different topographically. If assessment is done basing on plain areas alone, it would not be possible for Mizoram to comply with in all cases.

**SPEAKER** : What the House Leader said is right.

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker that is all I can answer at this time.

**SPEAKER** : Question time is over so we will go to financial business that is to be concluded today. Now I call upon Pu H.Liansailova, Minister to submit his demand.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of his Excellency, the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, I move the following Demands for meeting the expenses of the following departments for the year 2101-2013, such as: -

| <b>Demand No.</b> | <b>Department</b>                   | <b>Amount</b>            |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| No.9              | Finance                             | ₹367,06,99,000.00        |
| No.13             | Personnel & Administrative Reforms  | ₹2,14,36,000.00          |
| No.14             | Planning & Programme Implementation | ₹68,57,39,000.00         |
| No.31             | Agriculture                         | ₹199,63,58,000.00        |
| No.32             | Horticulture                        | ₹118,93,55,000.00        |
|                   | <b>TOTAL</b>                        | <b>₹756,35,87,000.00</b> |

Thank you.



**SPEAKER** : Now, may I request the hon'ble Chief Minister Pu Lal Thanhawla to move his demands.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of his Excellency, the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, I move my Demands Nos.1,2,3,5,15,26,27,39,45 and 47 totaling ₹ 1386,19,39,000/- for meeting the expenses for the following departments for the year 2012-2013:-

| <b>Demand Nos.</b> | <b>Department</b>              | <b>Budget Amount</b>       |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| No.1               | Legislative Assembly           | ₹16,58,68,000.00           |
| No.2               | Governor                       | ₹10,60,000.00              |
| No.3               | Council of Ministers           | ₹5,60,70,000.00            |
| No.5               | Vigilance                      | ₹4,72,65,000.00            |
| No.15              | General Administration         | ₹50,54,55,000.00           |
| No.26              | Information & Public Relations | ₹7,89,00,000.00            |
| No.27              | District Council Affairs       | ₹243,16,85,000.00          |
| No.39              | Power & Electricity            | ₹336,89,68,000.00          |
| No.45              | PWD                            | ₹573,50,75,000.00          |
| No.47              | Minor Irrigation               | ₹147,15,93,000.00          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>       |                                | <b>₹1,386,19,39,000.00</b> |

**SPEAKER** : Two Ministers submitted their demands, discussion may follow. But let us remember that Appropriation Bill has to be signed by 12 PM tonight by the Governor and as such I kindly urge the members to utilize our time appropriately.

**Pu R. LALRINAWMA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. Our discussion today will include 15 departments as well as issues from other departments. First of all, I would like to urge the members as well as government workers so that our Plan Fund and MLA Fund can be implemented on time so that we can utilize this resource to the maximum.

Agriculture department under demand No.31 have seen tremendous improvement such as Farm Mechanization. I would also like to request the construction of simple bridges at Tuirial, Bungmual Zau, Zanthim Lui and Zau Lei as they play an important role for farm workers and farmers. I would also like to suggest the handing over of Agriculture Godown and Cold Storage at Sihphir to Sports department so that they can be useful to the public instead of leaving them empty.

Horticulture department have been useful to use especially the opening of Sion Bank.

Power & Electricity has reached a wider area within Mizoram and Thuampui, Zuangtui and Falkland are in need of new transformers and line extension.

Lastly, under demand no.45, PWD the area around Zuangtui have suffered a great deal due to the landslide caused by the extension of roads and I urge the Ministry to build a check dam at the very least while proper solution is being considered. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu John Siamkunga, followed by Pu Thlenga nd Pu K.Liantlinga

**Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. Our budget reflects the overall improvement that our State has achieved and I would like to thank the ministry for making this a reality.

DP&AR played a role in increasing the quality of our education by being able to conduct civil service exam annually thereby reducing issues faced by civil officers regarding promotion etc.

I also kindly request to increase the amount of budget for GAD eventhough it is already ₹154.15 lakhs.

I would like to mention that the Ministry does not neglect the District Council Affairs and instead increase their budgets by a sizeable amount compared to previous years.

The number of works and projects ongoing under PWD is numerous with several hydel projects and sub stations underway.

The budget for PWD shows the amount of work they perform for the betterment of Mizoram and I thank them for their hard work. In the meantime I would like to mention the need for black topping the PMGSY roads between Muallinapui and Vanlaiphai, Cherhlun and Thingsai, Chawngtui S and Vanlaiphai North.

I also thank minor irrigation department for introducing Ngawizawl MI Project.

The pineapple and orange stems distributed by Horticulture department includes several flawed stems and also I regret that the previous ministry has given low quality grape seeds for Hnahlan grape growers when it is already known that better quality seeds are available.

Lastly, I would like to pledge my support for the several demands laid down today. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu B. Lalthlengliana

**Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA** : Pu Speaker, first of all I would like to thank the ministry for the creation of Police stations which include Kawrtethawveng, Reiek and Bungtlang.

Having said that the roads along Champhai to Khawbung, Tuipui and Bungtlang to Farkawn are in need of repair and I would like the ministry to include this in their work plan.

I am very thankful and appreciative of the increase of MLA Fund and I believe that this will go a long way in the development of our respective constituencies.

As mentioned before, there was a lapse of a little more than ₹72 during the year before last budget and I would like to request the government workers and the ministry to implement a better system to utilize our plan fund so that there is no repeat of this.

Lastly, I would like to suggest the renovation of Assembly Secretariat Annexe building so that more Committee Rooms can be made available and better and more bathrooms be constructed. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu K. Liantlinga

**Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA** : Pu Speaker, regarding the 2<sup>nd</sup> World Bank Road as well as the issue regarding the Assembly are quite important not to react.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. Firstly I would like to thank the ministry for their hard work which shows in the performance budget and work programme while urging our hon'ble House Leader and Minister of DP & AR to look into the Government of Mizoram Regularization of Contract Employees Scheme, 2008.

I would also like to request the few posts that needed to be sorted out under Finance and Pay Anomaly Redressal Demand Committee under Demand No.9.

Regarding my unstarred Question No.66 of Horticulture department, last year, I was told that about ₹270.34 crores have been received for Technology Mission and that 5 Bank accounts existed for this. However, it was mentioned that 12 Bank accounts existed. So, I would like an explanation on the need for the additional 7 Bank accounts. Also, an explanation would be welcomed on the whereabouts of the funds meant for Khawhai water pump as well as Kawrtethawveng Mushroom Production Centre.

It would be a great help for patients at Mumbai Mizoram House if GAD could buy an ambulance for transporting cancer patients to and from the airport.

I give credit to the aviation department for introducing helicopter service and increasing the funds of District Council Affairs. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Next, Pu Hmingdailova Kiangte followed by Pu V.L. Robiaka.

**Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE** : Pu Speaker, thank you. I would like to start with demand no.45 PWD and would like to thank the hon'ble Chief Minister for sanctioning fund provisions for the repair, maintenance of roads such as Serkhan - Bagha, Mualkhang - Kawnpui and Kawnpui - Hortoki. I would like to request for the renovation of Hortoki IB as it is in grave condition as of now.

After several failed attempts, Tuirial Hydel Project is coming along as well as projects such as Lungreng HEP, Kolodyne phase-II, Mat and Tuivai hydel projects and I thank the hon'ble Chief Minister for his dedication.

RGGVY has been a success in some villages while it failed completely in some cases and I believe more care should be taken to reverse the negatives. Transformer is also needed at Khamrang and Bualpui North.

Under the Demand No.32 of Agriculture, MOU was signed with three companies such as Godrej oil Palm for Kolasib and Mamit, Ruchi Soil Industry for the South and Oil Palm Acrotech Pvt. Ltd for Serchhip. Are there still reservations regarding these companies? If not, when will the work be started by such companies?

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalrobiaka.

**Pu LALROBIAKA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. Starting with PWD, the amount of work and achievements completed by this department is remarkable such as repairs and maintenance of national highways and other inner city roads; increase of development fund in every district; sanctioning of funds for West Phaileng- Marpara road as Rawpuichhip - W. Lungdar and Aizawl - Reiek.

Regarding RGGVY, I believe that more ground can be covered if we look more into the case of contractors.

Under the capable hands of our hon'ble Chief Minister and GAD, we are on the final stages of construction of Mizoram House at Chanakyapuri, Delhi and Hajorhah.

Demand No.1 for Legislative Assembly, I thank the ministry for the purchase of ambulance and for the increment in MLA development fund.

Due to the efficiency of Agriculture department, 55 tractors, 808 power tillers, water pumps and other machineries have been distributed so far.

Lastly, I would like to thank Horticulture department for their commendable work while pledging my support to the demands. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalthansanga

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. I would like to start by mentioning the R.R. issue especially nursing school under Demand No.13, Personnel & Administrative Reforms. Could this delay be due to favoritism shown to a single individual as this has caused stagnation as a whole?

Under demand No.31, Agriculture, Falkawn Zau is in dire need of accessible road as farmers are unable to transport their bulk produce. Also, how does the allocation of fund for RGGVY works and what is the process for this as my constituency is in need of help under this scheme? Since the introduction of SIR, workers under my constituency are facing less produce and I would like to find a way to compensate them and return to the old method.

The orange seed supplied by Horticulture department seems to be of inferior quality and I would be grateful if information regarding suppliers, quality and origin of seeds could be given.

Under the Demand No.1, Legislative Assembly, I am really grateful for the sanction of new ambulance. Regarding the administration of Assembly, I believe just a few headway was made as shown in the CAG report. I believe we need to monitor these so that better progress can be made.

Progress has been made under Minor Irrigation with several projects in the pipeline such as Sidar. However, due to the absence of maintenance, there has been an issue where several families are unable to maintain their rice fields at Tuipui Zau.

Moving on to PWD, Sialsir and Piler are not eligible for PMGSY due to their low population and I would like to beg for the construction of road under State plan. Also, I believe it would be in the better interest of the public if we gave our contractors under PMGSY a bit of relaxation regarding their completion date as they are facing problems due to price escalation.

Lastly Pu Speaker, Planning Committee has been introduced at District level with MLA's as members. What will be our function and what will be the implementation process? Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : We will now disperse for recess and will continue our session at 2:00 p.m.

**2:00 p.m**

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : We will now continue our discussion starting by Pu Joseph Lalhimpua.

**Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUA:** Thank you Pu Deputy Speaker. I will start with Demand No.14 by thanking Planning & Programme Implementation for their increase of MLA fund from 10 to 30 lakhs as this can go a long way in the development of our constituencies.

In Demand No.14, under the guidance of our hon'ble Chief Minister and Planning Minister, we have Planning Committee at District Level, High Powered Committee and a committee for empowerment of people's community for public service institution, NLUP and several other projects. We have also seen the Work Programme which showed improvements in several areas. I believe it would be beneficial if there is a proper work calendar to increase productivity. Also, it would be more beneficial in the future if the recruitment process of research officers and other staff at Planning Service is revised.

Pu Deputy Speaker, programme for the replacement of retention budget given to us by DoNER Ministry for a particular project should be in place as there are several projects on the pipeline that cannot be completed and those funds should be channeled to other projects.

Under General Administration, our hon'ble Chief Minister has issued a commitment that vehicles should be available to MLA's whenever they are out of station. However, this commitment has not been realized till now and is only available to MLA's subject to availability.

I would like to urge Information & Public Relations Department to be the leader in the field of journalism and to try their utmost to update the public with any news regarding the undertakings of the government, especially in this day and age where social media played an important role in our lives.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu T.T. Zothansanga

**Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. First of all, I would like to question the Property Returns of government workers and whether they are accepted or not. Regarding the Registration of Births & Death, it would be a great help if the certificate could be issued at Champhai District as this would make it easier for the public.

I have a few queries regarding the function of Planning as my demands and projects are never under normal priorities and always have to be added by our hon'ble Chief Minister as additional projects.

We are fortunate that Champhai District has been sanctioned with substantial amount for its development at this year's budget. These projects include the renovation of highway between Champhai and Hmunhmeltha and the formation cutting for new roads between Vaphai to Murlen, Khawzawl to Ngaizawl, Hnahlan to Tualcheng, Tualcheng to Selam, Khawzawl to Tualpui, Khawzawl to Neihdawn and Champhai to Tiau. I would also like to suggest that the old road along Saitual highway be renovated so that Saitual Quarry will not be a hindrance to the general public.

I thank Power & Electricity Department for installing 133 Kv sub-station at Champhai at the cost of more than ₹12 crores. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu C. Ramhluna

**Pu C. RAMHLUNA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. Regarding the unfortunate accident that happened at Keifang, one person by the name of Lalbiaknunga, Khawzawl also met with an accident while on the way to help those victims from the bus accident and lost his life. I believe we owe this brave man some remuneration or at least some kind of reward for giving his life for someone else.

Under demand No.9 Finance department, the provision for pensioners was significantly reduced which amounts to ₹2,388 lakhs less than it were before. Does the government believe that this will be sufficient?

Regarding the critical illness basis for teachers under P&AR, is there any way for their close ones to attend in their stead while they are unable?

Also, if there is a way to speed up the process of regularization of the posts of Assistant Receptionist under Tourism, it would definitely be most welcomed.

I believe our Budget Sessions would be more effective if the Planning Board had a meeting before the start of Budget Session in consultation with MLA's so that the needs and wants of our constituencies could be incorporated with the demands of the Session.

I kindly request information regarding the whereabouts of the capital that was sanctioned two years ago for acquiring Village level computer and furniture under NLUP and the leftover for Medical expenses which amounts to 20 lakhs under the same sanction order. Thank you.

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

**Pu P.P. THAWLA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. I would like to start with Finance Department.

Under Demand No.9, as the revised salary for workers at Mission School unfortunately came without arrears. It would be appreciated if the arrears are included.

It would be really helpful if the I&PR Department (Demand No.26) could distribute more radios so that flow of information is evenly distributed across the state.

Under Demand No. 39, P & E, the folder light system started by ZEDA was very practical and helpful especially in villages without power supply. It would be deeply appreciated if the quota was increased.

I respectfully request PWD (Demand No.45) to atleast provide us with a black top road between Hrangchalkawn to Lawngtlai.

Under demand No.47, I thank the hon'ble Minister for introduction of Khawlailung Anti-Erosion Scheme.

I would like to suggest the promotion of Minor Irrigation Sub-Division at Saiha District to a full fledged Division.

Pu Deputy Speaker, under demand No.27, I thank the Ministry for increasing the budget for District Council by ₹4,114 lakhs. In the meantime, i would like for the district council to have a free and fair election irrespective of whoever is ruling at State Level, i.e free of interference from the ruling party at State Level.

Lastly, under the Demand No.15, it would be deeply appreciated if an explanation is given to the members of the House regarding the functioning of the three new district councils.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu Nirupam Chakma

**Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. First of all, I would like to propose the budget increase for I & PR department as they played an important role in this technological age and for the widening of their activities.

I would also like to suggest introduction of internet website for all the departments and for the regular maintenance and update of these websites.

On behalf of the three Autonomous District Councils, I thank the Ministry, especially our hon'ble Chief Minister and Finance Minister for increasing the budget of the district councils by three times of last year budget.

One small correction under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) is needed. I would like for Minor Irrigation to implement this programme and for the capital be given to the District Council.

There are several development schemes planned for this year such as Improvement of Bad Communications, Second World Bank Road Project to name a few. I thank the Ministry for these schemes while asking for an increase on NABARD Scheme.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I ask the members of this House why NLUP is barely mentioned during this Session regardless of the important role it played among the people of Mizoram. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : It is now 3:02 p.m and who will be the next? Yes, Pu K.S. Thanga.

**Pu K.S. THANGA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. I would like to start with Demand No.14, Planning. I thank the department for their work in promoting the need and infrastructure of Mizoram. I also thank the Ministry, especially our hon'ble Chief Minister and Finance Minister for making it possible to increase our Plan Budget by 35.29%.

As previously mentioned by our respected member Pu Nirupam Chakma, it is due to the hard work of the current Ministry that NLUP was implemented thereby helping the lives of thousands of people in Mizoram.

It is apparent that the plan intends to uplift and develop the people especially the youths. The plan allocation has also been adjusted to avoid rendering the government employees to go without pay for months at a stretch.

Under Demand No.9, we now have surplus revenue of ₹627 crores whereas we usually credited funds in the past. Our outstanding liabilities are also maintained at 50 per cent. Although we keep facing hardships and problems during this transitional period, I sincerely believe that we are gradually stabilizing our economic infrastructure which will definitely affect a positive impact in the future.



The mode of recruitment for state civil service has also been systematically altered to enable fresh young minds to compete in consecutive years instead of recruiting on a large scale at once. The government has also completely stopped the practice of employees hiring substitutes for themselves as proxies. The government is also on the verge of implementing the M.R. regularization scheme which the opposition has vehemently demanded of the government in the past.

The government has also prepared and introduced a scientific and technological strategy to increase agriculture productions in every sector. The old jhum system has been replaced by the SRI with the aid of hi-tech mechanization. The department of Horticulture has also made remarkable progress and is now producing international quality flowers which are exported abroad.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu Lalduhoma.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Starting with the Planning Department, the Ministers kept complaining about the lack of funds for development but I believe if we utilize the NLCPR, I am sure much of the financial problems will be resolved.

Under the GAD, the contractor appointed to construct the Mumbai Mizoram House has done virtually nothing so far whereas the binding agreement with the government of Mizoram is extremely advantageous for him. The Subject Committee has made a report on this when we visited the site and I suggest we buy out the contractor for whatever he has expended and construct the building on our own.

Moving on to Horticulture, ₹370 lakhs has been sanctioned under the Jhumland Development Ministry and 3 community nursery blocks are set up in Kolasib, Sateek and Chawngte. I would like to know how much fund has been spent so far and what is the balance amount? If the sanction has been utilized correctly, we would have a huge reserve of seedlings by now but as we all know, this is hardly the case. I request the Minister to give me an explanation on how the fund has been used.

Huge amount of funds are being channeled towards the purchase of fertilizers which are somewhat negotiated under a cloud of mystery. I would like to know if the fertilizers actually reach the farms and plantations of the beneficiaries. The government encouraged the production of vermicompose but the fertilizer has no buyers which render the industry stagnant and its growth stunted.

I am grateful that the PWD department has bought out the landowners near the Vaivakawn junction to widen the road. I hope the construction will be initiated as soon as possible to ease the burden of commuters.

I am deeply pleased that we have received crores of funds for widening Vaivakawn-University-Sihmui road. The opposition is hopeful that the construction will not be tendered and undertaken by the government itself. The road connecting New Secretariat and Govt. Complex cannot be traversed by heavy vehicles because the retaining wall is still not

constructed. If the government allows the contractor to submit an incomplete final bill, the organization at Kangthelhkawn can undertake the construction afterwards. In the meantime, though the road is newly constructed, they neglected to build a proper side-drain which exposed the road to severe weathering from overflowing rainwater. Same is the case for Vaivakawn-Zotlang road which is severely damaged soon after it was constructed. The approach road to the zoo along the Lengpui Airport road also needs to be repaired.

The contractors appointed under the RGGVY were paid upfront by the previous government and they supplied 80% the materials at once. These materials were damaged as they could not be used all at once and the remaining 20% was completely ignored by the contractor. I request the government to look into this and I also advise to refrain from selecting contractors from outside the state when the department can undertake the project without any hassle. The government also promised to put a transformer at Chawlhmun but nothing has been done so far.

We have to be extremely careful about the direct funding received from the central through flagship programmes such as the NRHM, RMSA, SSA, PMGSY, etc. because our future funding and sanction depend on our performances. There is talk about teachers under deficit schools who will soon enjoy the 6<sup>th</sup> Pay and how they might not receive arrears. These schools were promoted to deficit status in 1985 and I fail to understand why they should be refused an arrear for their services.

I hear that there is a proposal to hike the electric bill by more than 10 per cent. I advise the government to cease this drastic bill spikes and instead increase the bill gradually at a time.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Dr. Lalthangliana.

**Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA** : I would like to add to the comments of Pu Thlenga this morning about the lack of sufficient bathrooms in the recess rooms of both the ruling and opposition.

The budget of I & PR Department has been dramatically reduced by as much as ₹102 lakhs which will definitely have a negative impact on their efficiency and progress. I also request the hon'ble Chief Minister to look into the proposition to implement the pension scheme from the Journalist Welfare Fund. There is also rumour about helicopter service in the state. I strongly advise the government to choose the company carefully because services like, Pawan Hans has met with accidents frequently.

I urge the government to create a Jt. Director post at Lunglei under the Accounts and Treasuries which would ease the burden of the region immensely. Furthermore, the office of Accounts and Treasuries is too under-staffed to deal with the GPF, Pension, entitlement, etc. for the whole state. It may be time to trifurcate the department for better efficiency in the future.

**4:30 p.m.**

**SPEAKER** : Let us now invite the hon'ble Minister to win up the discussion and beg leave of the House to pass the Bill.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : This year's budget has been prepared a little differently from the previous budgets as you may have noticed. It is true that the allocation of funds appear to be unbalanced pertaining to some departments but I assure you that the main reason is related to our attempt to achieve our objectives through specific departments.

We have made huge strides in terms of financial management and if this pattern is stabilized, we hope to achieve as much as 54.4% drop on our fiscal liability. We have mentioned most of these in the budget report and therefore, I will not reiterate the matter. We are pleasantly optimistic in the implementation of the NLUP and when the gestation period is completed, we hope to garner in a sustainable economic development which in turn should affect the per capita income positively.

Pu K. Liantlinga enquired about Mushroom project under Horticulture. We currently have these units at Mamit and Tuidam. The project at Tuidam is already functional while construction is still going on at Mamit. ₹50 lakhs is required to set up a single Unit and the estimate includes trainings and purchase of equipments among other components. We have created 12 accounts under the Technology Mission but I regret to say that I cannot furnish the balances in these accounts at the moment.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, I would like to know under what head did they utilize the 25% beneficiary contribution in the past?

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : The contributions were utilized in the form of matching the subsidized equipments for farmers, and are not collected as a compulsory contribution if they do not receive the equipments. (Pu K. LIANTLINGA: Pu Speaker, I am told that there are only 5 bank accounts. In any case, can the hon'ble Minister tell us the remaining balances in these accounts) I do not have the exact figures at this time but I also suspect that the hon'ble member may have confused it with the Technology Mission.

We are encouraged to purchase vermicompose which is organic manure. The farmers are now able to sell them at ₹10/12 per Kg. However, we are still hindered by some minute issues such as farmers trying to sell fake vermicompose to the government. Furthermore, we are still unable to buy all the vermicompose manufactured by the farmers. (Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA: Pu Speaker, can the Minister enlighten us about the predicament of grape growers in the eastern regions?)

**Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE** : Pu Speaker, can the field officers be instructed to examine the produce more carefully to avoid erroneous purchase of fake vermicompose?

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, the vermicompose are bought on a large scale and it would be extremely tedious to check each bag. Pu Lalthansanga pointed out the miserable failure in the implementation of SRI at Lungdar which is deeply regrettable but I would like to assure you that the project is successful at most other places of implementation.

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, the information received by the hon'ble Minister appears to be inaccurate.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : I hardly think that I am misinformed. At the same time, there are those who focus on the drawbacks of the project and these people are quite loud in their criticism. It is apparent that the project is generally successful because we have a 10% increase in rice production after the SRI technique was introduced and implemented.

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : I am not saying that the technique is useless. I simply expressed my wish that the farmers be given more opportunities to learn the technique so as to apply them successfully.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : We are doing our best to train the farmers as we go. As a matter of fact, we hope to utilize the SRI in areas double the size of this year. Our agricultural experts are continuously giving demonstrations under the KVK.

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, I urge the government to better equip these KVK since the farmers have little faith under the present condition. The meager financial support offered by the government is also virtually useless.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : I find it difficult to understand why the farmers grumble about the amount of financial support when they are compelled to farm their lands even if the government is not involved. Anyway, I will have our officials take it into consideration and hopefully we will make progress in the matter. As an alternative to Jhum farming we initiated the community nursery in the rural areas with ₹300 lakhs for funding but the project is virtually shelved as we lack the necessary skills among the farmers.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, most of the nursery owners' claim that there is almost no chance for success since the government did not instruct them on what to plant, where to sell or potential markets in the first place.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, we provide them with the amount we feel that they need. And there are those who decide to see only the demerits from the implementation.

Anyway we have decided to amend the contract regularisation scheme mainly because of the lapse in procedure. We are still open to suggestions and advices in this regard.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Pu Speaker, can they give precedence and seniority to those who joined on contract basis before 2008 in the DPC?

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : We have made extensive enquiries in this regard and although that is what we feel would be fair, the Supreme Court ruling prohibit endowment of seniority without the DPC, which was adopted only in 2008. We have to consider the welfare of the employees as well and hence I hope we will soon come up with an agreeable solution.. (Pu C. RAMHLUNA: Pu Speaker, can we have a copy of the amendment rules? In the previous copy, it allowed employees with 7 or more years services to appeal their case to court, we have regularized many employees in my former department as a result) I think that you are

misinformed. They have no eligibility to make that claim. Those who were in service for 7 years and over may only be considered for redressal with their merits in mind and only if there is a vacancy can they be regularised. (Pu K.LIANTLINGA: Pu Speaker, it is odd that a High Court may have a ruling over the Supreme Court order, which would be the case if the Minister's words were true. There are indeed those who appealed to the High Court and won because their seniority would be superseded by those who joined later, if the scheme is to be followed from 2008) Pu Speaker, there is an argument about seniority which the department proposed to tackle after their DPC is screened to see if they fulfill the requirements.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Pu Speaker, the DPC is going to be used to determine their seniority as stated in the scheme of 2008. Unless the engagements of the previous workers are to be accepted as the date of appointment, they are at a disadvantage.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : The decision is not in the hands of the department but the court. Thus, we have not much weight in the outcome of the decision.

**Pu C. RAMHLUNA** : Pu Speaker, what happened to the ₹3.50 crores allocated for the purchase of desktop computers under the NLUP in 2010-2011 at village levels?

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : That project was suggested by the central experts for easier monitoring at village and district levels but we found that the proposal was not executable and impractical due to several reasons. Although the APEX Board has already approved of it, the fund was never used and later diverted to other requirements and the rest are still safely in the NLUP accounts.

Pu Speaker, I humbly request the House to pass my Demands such as Finance, Personnel & Administrative Department, Agriculture and Horticulture Department, coming to a total of ₹7,56,3587,000/-

**SPEAKER** : The hon'ble Minister has requested the permission of the House. All those in favor please say Aye, those who oppose it say Nay. The House has unanimously passed the Demands of the hon'ble Minister. Let us now move on to the hon'ble Chief Minister's Demand and invite him to wind up the discussion and ask the permission of the House for passage.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : Thank you Pu Speaker. I express my gratitude to the sincere and hon'ble members of the House who have participated in the discussion.

Starting with the Demand of Legislative Assembly, I am profoundly pleased by the performances and dedication of the officers and staff of the office. They are efficient and prompt in their care of the Speakers and MLAs. Their tireless work is much appreciated.

There was a question this morning concerning Vigilance and specifically about property returns. There are many people who neglected and ignored the governing rules and

acted as they saw fit. Although we have nothing against them personally, it is our duty to punish them for disregarding the law. Otherwise, we have no issues in terms of property returns.

We have several Mizoram Houses outside the state and as Pu Thangtea pointed out earlier, the employees there are extremely overworked since most of us wanted to stay there. We are constructing a building at Najarbagh which we hope will be a beneficial guesthouse for travelers. We were given a building site at Bangalore but it was eventually lost within official procedural technicalities and political turbulence. In the meantime, we rented a building at the cost of ₹80,000/- which will hopefully ease the burden of travelers to a large extent.

We have a medium size guesthouse in Mumbai which is meant neither for big officers nor the Liaison Officer but mostly for medical patients. We also have an appropriate and attractive building site at the city but we are forced to tender the construction because of financial hardship. We are currently requesting a House site to the authorities of Pune and Chennai. In regard to the workers, we prefer local residents if they are available..

**SPEAKER** : Sir, the local workforce is available but it appears they demand better work-contracts and better benefits.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, that is exactly what we want – to offer them better pay and benefits instead of muster roll engagement but sadly, our financial condition limits our capability and there is very little we can do about it.

The members expressed their desire to hire other helicopter service rather than Pawan Hans due to their accident rate and vulnerability but the contract was tendered and we are compelled to choose the lowest bid which is the Pawan Hans.

On the matter of pay and salary, the state government servants receive much higher pay than their counterparts in other N.E states. We are so deeply immersed in corruption that we often forget how fortunate we really are. The members are very protective of the journalists, this is understandable to a certain extent and we have provided them with numerous benefits as a result. In the meantime, it sometimes feel like everyone connected with journalism proclaim themselves as ‘accredited journalists’ which is very odd considering the size of our state and population. Therefore, we will have to set an appropriate criteria and conditions to identify the real accredited journalists in the future.

As it concerns the national security, the Air Force has requested a place at the Lengpui airfield. We have allowed 4 jetfighters to be stationed there. Since our state is sandwiched by two foreign countries, it is a vital point in terms of national security and the central has also requested a radar station to monitor air traffic and we have granted them lands at Lunglei district. With trade and commerce in view, the central has also granted the construction of airport at the southern region but this is only in theory before we can find a convenient place for construction. Some local political parties argue about direct funding for the District Council Affairs but we think that it is the best method for autonomous administration. However, to follow this system an amendment of the Constitution is required and if it is achieved, the District Councils will receive ₹10 crores directly from the central and it will be reflected in their budget.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, why is the amendment of the Constitution necessary?

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : I regretfully have to say that I am not well educated and I cannot explain the technical aspect of requirements for amendment of the Constitution.

The hon'ble member, Pu P.P. Thawla mentioned the use of threats at the South which I strongly condemn. If he ever hears of such incident transpiring in the future, a strong and immediate action will be taken by the government.

**Pu P.P. THAWLA** : Pu Speaker, I did not mean physical threats but minority intimidation by bigger political parties during elections.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, is that a subtle way of telling us not to campaign over there?

**Pu P.P. THAWLA** : I did not intend to convey that feeling but what I am saying is that even the central politicians often come to our state to campaign but that is the depth of their involvement. As such, the bigger established parties should not delve too deeply in minority elections or intimidate them with their importance and wealth aiming to sway their opinions.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, none of the party officials who went there to campaign used government properties except their power of speech. I do not think it should be termed as threat or intimidation.

**SPEAKER** : Indeed. Please refrain from using those terms in the Assembly House. The choice of word is not accurate and inappropriate to describe the events of the campaign.

**Pu P.P. THAWLA** : Pu Speaker, the use of NLUP as an instrument to confuse and affect the people has a very serious impact on the votes.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : We should not point fingers at anyone. Someone may have used that leverage but in reality, we did provide them with everything we have promised although it is not actually our responsibility.

About the raise in electric power consumption fee that Pu Duhoma spoke about earlier, it is not the state that raised the fee. In any case, the fee is raised by 30 Paise only and it should not have a negative impact on the livelihood of the consumers. The hon'ble member also shared my view about the RGGVY. He explained why the work cannot be hurried and we cannot afford to dismiss the contractors at this time either. The hon'ble Finance Minister mentioned the damaged and defective transformers all over the state and I am ashamed to say that this problem is self-made most of the time. People steal the wires and cables for petty gains and they are ultimately the ones who suffer the consequences. If the Tuirial Power project has been taken up

by the previous ministry, we would probably have sufficient power by now. But they chose to abandon it when they came to power simply because it was initiated by the Ministry it has replaced. The solar batteries have been introduced to remote areas without electricity. It has proven to be an immense help to the BADP areas. We are also turning our attention towards other sources of energy such as wind power, solar and hydro-electricity but our main impediment here is also compensation demands.

We have proposed or undertaken several projects at this time and unless we face other crisis, they will be implemented gradually as time allows us. I agree with the opposition's dissatisfaction with the Minor Irrigation projects which I also feel are vital to the successful implementation of the NLUP..

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, some of the pipes require repairs before they can be used. Where can we expect funds for these repairs?

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : 95.26% of the funds will be used for developmental works and we have already received the sanctions. We have low man-power and some of them are regrettably corrupt and dishonest. This is a major hindrance for development.

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, the road connecting Biate to Artahkawn is being repaired by the department and while we are grateful, we feel that the construction is very sub-standard. Can you do something about this?

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : We have already received ₹200 crores from the Planning Commission for road maintenance and our engineers will map plans on repairs very shortly. This is my reaction to all the requests of the members regarding roads in your respective constituencies.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, there is no urinal in the garages below. Can you construct a latrine for the drivers and 4<sup>th</sup> Graders?

**SPEAKER** : We have often considered that but the place is almost crumbling..

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, we also need a new committee room..

**SPEAKER** : I am aware of the need but we cannot afford to conduct 4 committees simultaneously.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, we have made a good progress and have covered the road from Chhumlliankawn to Chawngte. Tender has been given out for Thenzawl, Serchhip and Buarpui road and will be constructed by BADP. Pu Speaker, I request all our hon'ble members to be attentive in their respective constituencies for the success of NLUP.



Shri Pranab Mukherjee will send a CMD from National Insurance Company Ltd. And I hope this will clear the obstacles we face regarding our vehicle insurances.

We are trying to make our State the most peaceful state in the country and many gun runners license had been seized by the police department and due to the surveillance and actions taken by the hon'ble Ministers rebels have their hands tied and many of their leaders have been captured. The agreement which was signed in 1994 has become null and void since they rebel against it. UPF was established on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2006 and a meeting was held between Home Ministry, Manipur Government and UPF. But HPC 'D' does not surrender their Arms but deceive their fellow rebels and civilians. So, necessary actions had to be taken. There are many Bru who are willing to come back to Mizoram and those who are willing will come back and necessary actions will also be taken against Bru rebels. Rebels who have surrendered themselves will also be provided rehabilitation.

Pu Speaker, I appeal to pass the following Demands: -

| <b>Demand Nos.</b> | <b>Department</b>              | <b>Budget Amount</b>       |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| No.1               | Legislative Assembly           | ₹16,58,68,000.00           |
| No.2               | Governor                       | ₹10,60,000.00              |
| No.3               | Council of Ministers           | ₹5,60,70,000.00            |
| No.5               | Vigilance                      | ₹4,72,65,000.00            |
| No.15              | General Administration         | ₹50,54,55,000.00           |
| No.26              | Information & Public Relations | ₹7,89,00,000.00            |
| No.27              | District Council Affairs       | ₹243,16,85,000.00          |
| No.39              | Power & Electricity            | ₹336,89,68,000.00          |
| No.45              | Public Works Department        | ₹573,50,75,000.00          |
| No.47              | Minor Irrigation               | ₹147,15,93,000.00          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>       |                                | <b>₹13,86,19,39,000.00</b> |

Thank You.

**SPEAKER** : The hon'ble Speaker has wound up the discussion and appeal to pass his Demands such as Demand No.1 and 2 which are voted and Demand No.3, 5, 15, 26, 27, 39, 45 and Demand No.47 which amounts to ₹13,86,19,39,000/-. Those in favour to pass these Demands may say 'Aye' and those who oppose may say 'No'.The 'Ayes' have it.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : I thank all my fellow members and the hon'ble Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : The following Demands of the hon'ble House leader has been unanimously passed by the House: -

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| No.26        | Information & Public Relations | ₹7,89,00,000.00            |
| No.27        | District Council Affairs       | ₹243,16,85,000.00          |
| No.39        | Power & Electricity            | ₹336,89,68,000.00          |
| No.45        | Public Works Department        | ₹573,50,75,000.00          |
| No.47        | Minor Irrigation               | ₹147,15,93,000.00          |
| <b>TOTAL</b> |                                | <b>₹13,86,19,39,000.00</b> |

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : The hon'ble Finance Minister Pu H. Liansailova may appeal to introduce, "The Mizoram Appropriation Bill, 2012" in the House.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, I appeal to introduce "The Mizoram Appropriation Bill, 2012" in the House.

**SPEAKER** : Do we all agree? The hon'ble Minister may now introduce his Bill in the House.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, we all know the importance of this bill and I appeal to pass this, "The Mizoram Appropriation Bill, 2012" in the House.

**SPEAKER** : The hon'ble Minister had introduce and appeal to pass, "The Mizoram Appropriation Bill, 2012" in the House, and all those in favour to pass this may say, 'Aye' and those who oppose may say, 'No'. Nobody opposes. Now, "The Mizoram Appropriation Bill, 2012" is now unanimously passed by the House.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : We have come to the end of today's session and we will resume our session at 10:30 p.m. tomorrow, the 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2012.

Sitting is adjourned at 7:05 p.m.