

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

**LIST OF BUSINESS**

FOR FIRST SITTING ON TUESDAY, THE 12<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2013  
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)

**GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS**

1. **HIS EXCELLENCY, VAKKOM PURUSHOTHAMAN**, Governor of Mizoram **to address the House.**
  
2. **Dr. NGURDINGLIANA**, to move motion of Thanks on the Address of the Governor in the following form :  
“That the Members of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly assembled in this session are deeply grateful to the Governor for the address which he has been pleased to deliver to the Assembly on the 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2013”.

NGURTHANZUALA  
Secretary

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Hon'ble Speaker and Hon'ble Members,

It gives me great pleasure to address you at the commencement of the thirteenth session of the Sixth Legislative Assembly of Mizoram. I take this opportunity to convey my greetings and good wishes to all of you and the people of Mizoram. I am sure that Mizoram will continue its steady march on the path of peace and prosperity.

1. I am proud to state that Bye-Election to 8-Chalfilh (ST) AC has been conducted successfully under peaceful atmosphere as a result of combined efforts of the government, political parties, NGOs and all other stakeholders. I take this opportunity to congratulate the successful candidate, Dr. Ngurdingiana and welcome him to this august House.

2. I would like to reiterate before this august Assembly my Government's commitment to provide efficient, responsive, fair and just administration at all levels of governance. My Government continues its commitment to providing clean, responsive, accountable and target oriented administration. In its endeavour to shift the focus of the government departments from process to results, my Government decided to implement the Results Framework Document (RFD), which is essentially a record of goals laid down at the beginning of the year and results achieved. At first, 40 departments are selected to prepare their RFDs. The achievements of each Department against the performance goals laid down at the beginning of the year will be reviewed by the High Power Committee on Government Performance under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary in the middle and end of each year. This will provide an objective and fair basis to evaluate department's overall performance at the end of the year.

3. Maintaining peace and tranquility, securing the safety of the citizens and affecting progress and development in all fields have always been among top priorities of my Government. I congratulate our efficient law enforcing agencies supported by NGOs, religious institutions, media and the general public in contributing towards maintaining our status as one of the most peaceful states in the country. A comprehensive package to strengthen our Police force had been undertaken under the Police Modernization Scheme, under which our police forces are being provided with the latest equipments, building infrastructures and vehicles to enforce law and order effectively. The new state of the art Forensic Laboratory Building at the New Secretariat Complex has been inaugurated. Construction of

District Mobile Forensic Units at Aizawl and Lunglei are underway and will soon be operational.

4. It is heartening to declare that Implementation of Flagship New Land Use Policy (NLUP) launched in 2010-11 targeting 1, 20,000 families over a period of 5 years for both on-farm and off-farm activities has made good progress. During 2010-11 and 2011-12, 96139 families have been covered and 1,20,000 families are scheduled to be covered in 2012-13. In view of increase in the number of eligible families after the household survey of 2009, a proposal has also been submitted to the Planning Commission for additional 15,000 beneficiaries in addition to original target of 1,20,000 families. In order to strengthen sustainability of the various projects under NLUP, an initiative has also been taken to explore technical and supplementary funding support from the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) of United Nations and their global partner namely University of Minnesota. The growing public awareness and the motivation of farmers are evident from the spontaneous response of farmers and the public when on 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2013; 'Farmers Day' was observed at the State's capital and the entire district headquarters. A number of best performing beneficiaries and best performing villages were given awards to underline the importance of farmers in building up Mizoram economy. Farmers and the public highly appreciated the initiative. So far the Planning Commission has released ₹ 838.82 Crores exclusively for NLUP in addition to the fund flow of ₹ 246.38 Crores from CSS under the Convergence Plan. Due to enhanced allocation of fund under NLUP, allocation under RKVY has also gone up from ₹ 30.36 Crores in 2011-12 to ₹ 200.91 Crores in 2012-13.

5. My Government puts utmost importance to the safety and security of its people from all sorts of dangers, disasters and calamities. To combat the menace of fire, the Fire Department has been equipped with sophisticated and modern fire fighting equipments. Landslide is a common phenomenon in our state. This hazard causes much damage to property, loss of lives and soil erosion. The Mizoram Landslide Management Action Plan has been formulated and financial requirements have been submitted to the National Disaster Management Authority for consideration.

6. Agriculture remains the strongholds of Mizoram economy. There have been several remarkable progresses and achievements in the field. Area under rice cultivation under WRC has increased from 13,150 hectares to 13,880 hectares during last year, which accounts for an increase of 5.50%. The estimated production of rice

under WRC during 2012-13 is 30,536 MT against 26,300 MT of last year production, which is an increase of 16%. The area under Boro Rice Cultivation (Summer Rice) has also gone up to 1572.30 hectares during 2012-13 as compared to 450 hectares during 2011-12. The area under Jhum cultivation has also declined by 16.9% during 2012-13. Under oil palm cultivation, an additional area of 3700 hectares has been covered in addition to 9345 hectares covered during the previous year totaling 13,045 hectares. The availability of farm power has been increased tremendously during this current year as a result of distribution of 100 nos. of power tillers and 200 nos. of mini power tillers with higher subsidy. I am proud to say that my Government received 'Krishi Karman Awards' for commendable achievements in total food grains production (category III) from the Hon'ble President of India on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2013.

7. My Government is acutely aware of the need to ensure that all the people avail better health care facilities. Rural Health care has therefore been given priority. Several PHCs and Sub Centers were built, construction of 50 bedded Integrated AYUSH Hospital at Thenzawl will commence shortly. The immunization services are being provided through existing network of Hospitals, main Centers, CHCs, PHCs, Sub-Centres and Dispensaries. Besides, under Pulse Polio Immunization Scheme, children under five years of age are given additional polio drop every year. The 150 bedded State's Referral Hospital at Falkawn, which was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2012, will be upgraded into 400 bedded hospital during the 12<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan.

8. Providing quality education at all levels has always been one of the top priorities under my Government. Infrastructure development of collegiate institutions, polytechnic institutions and secondary and elementary educational institutions has made good progress. ₹ 2582.40 lakhs has been projected for language development under Modern Language Teaching Programme and ₹47536.37 lakhs for strengthening education under SSA & RMSA. Mid-day meal is being implemented successfully without interruption since its inception. As many as 1503 Primary Schools and 1022 Upper Primary Schools have benefited under the scheme during this year. Textbooks and School Uniforms have been distributed to students free of cost. ₹ 4827.03 lakhs has been utilized for strengthening of 154 existing schools under Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA).

9. My Government is committed to maintenance of Public Distribution System (PDS) for the benefit of the poor people. The main constraint has always been the inability to bring adequate quantity of supplies to the state due to unfavourable road

conditions especially during monsoon season. The State Government has been putting an all out efforts to ensure that sufficient stock of rice as well as LPG is maintained at all times.

10. We are taking every possible measure to strengthen and consolidate the network of transportation in the state. Introduction of Helicopter Service was one of the remarkable steps my government has taken in the recent past. With this, the capital city of Aizawl has now been connected with most of the district headquarters and other important towns. The service has greatly benefited the public especially critical medical patients and people living in remote areas. More number of helipads are proposed to be constructed during the 12<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan in order to achieve all round air connectivity within Mizoram.

11. My Government has taken various e-Governance initiatives for effective delivery of services to citizens at their doorsteps. The infrastructure required for delivering of e-Services has been put in place. The Mizoram State Wide Area Network (MSWAN) has been created covering all the district headquarters and block headquarters with the state capital. For delivery of e-Services at the grassroot level, 136 Common Services Centres (CSCs) have been set up through which citizens will access basic government services at their doorsteps. The e-District Mission has also been launched to enable efficient delivery of services and to proactively provide information to citizens. This will facilitate delivery of Government to Citizens (G2C) services.

12. Improved power generation continues to be a thrust area of my Government. A number of power projects are being taken up. Construction of 12MW Serlui'B' SHP has been completed, Construction of 5MW Hydel Project at river Tlawva in Champhai District at the projected cost of ₹ 57.49 crores is expected to be completed in the year 2015. My Government also accords high priority to Rural Electrification. Steps are being taken to speed up the implementation of the current RGGVY (Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana) Project. Electrification of 93 unelectrified villages is completed and 346 villages have been covered under Intensive Electrification Scheme and as many as 14920 families have been provided with free connections.

13. Supply of adequate and clean water to the citizens in both rural and urban areas has been given priority. Several programmes are being undertaken for providing safe drinking water supply to various towns and villages during 2012-13. Renewal of

Greater Aizawl Water Supply Scheme (Phase I) under JNNURM is being taken up. Augmentation of Greater Lunglei Water Supply Scheme and Greater Serchhip Water Supply Scheme under UIDSSMT are being done with the estimated amount of ₹ 867.00 lakhs and ₹ 689.60 lakhs respectively achieving 78.28% and 75% physical progress. Greater Saiha Water Supply Scheme and Tlabung Water Supply Scheme are also being taken up with the estimated amount of ₹ 2070.20 lakhs and ₹ 441.00 lakhs.

14. Lack of adequate and quality infrastructure is a major hurdle in the growth of our economy. Therefore, it is imperative that the infrastructure deficit is overcome and adequate investment takes place. My Government has taken major steps to ensure that impediments in this area are eliminated. Construction and improvement of roads and highways are being taken up at a number of places. Construction of 100 Km Multi Modal Transit Project is in progress and formation cutting of 60 Km has been completed. Reconstruction of Mizoram House at Chanakyapuri New Delhi has been completed and was recently inaugurated. The foundation stone for Mizoram House, Navi Mumbai was also laid on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2013 by the Hon'ble Chief Minister. Construction of Mizoram House at New Town Kolkata is also in progress.

15. My Government continues to strive for effective implementation of various Rural Development Programmes. We have done exceptionally well in implementation of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS). During the current financial year, a total of about ₹ 25862 lakhs was spent under the programme with funding from the central as well as State matching share. Under Indira Awaaz Yojana (IAY) financial assistance is being provided to 1524 families living below poverty line for construction and upgradation of houses. Mizoram is the first state among the small states of India to implement the National Rural Livelihood Mission which aims at creating efficient and effective institutional platforms for the rural poor to enable them to increase household income through sustainable livelihood enhancements and improved access to financial services. The Annual Action Plan of the Mizoram State Rural Livelihood Mission for the year 2012-2014 has been approved by the National Empower Committee on the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2012 with a budget of ₹ 9.93 crores.

16. Industrial growth is the key to a healthy economic progress. My Government aims at bringing about a systematic improvement in the industrial sector through convergence with the NLUP. Under Micro Enterprise and Handloom, 30 trades have been proposed to be selected by the beneficiaries. An amount of ₹ 10,119.72 lakhs was disbursed for 1<sup>st</sup> phase of NLUP during 2010-11 to 2012-13 to cover 10726

numbers of beneficiaries against the physical target of 3200 numbers. During this financial year as many as 8692 nos. of family will be covered out of the target of 8500 nos. With the State contributing to 14 percent of all India bamboo production, bamboo processing has become one of the most viable industries in the State. With support from the National Bamboo Mission, the Department through Bamboo Development Agency will set up various bamboo depots across the state for uniform supply of bamboo and at reasonable rates for the industrial units. It will also set up bamboo treatment plants and bamboo retail outlets for sale and display of bamboo products manufactured by local bamboo industries.

17. My Government accords high priority to improvement in marketing agricultural produces for protecting the general interest of the farmers by providing physical market infrastructures. As of now, there are as many as 224 markets within the state which not only provides places for selling agricultural produces but also provides employment to a number of people particularly women and weaker section of the society. Development of border trade with Myanmar and Bangladesh is being actively taken up which would significantly boost the economy of the State.

18. Mizoram offers great opportunities for tourism, including archeological and heritage tourism, cultural tourism and eco-tourism. With the financial assistance from Ministry of Tourism, Govt. of India, a number of projects are being implemented to develop Mizoram into a major tourist destination. The central government has also accorded financial sanction of ₹ 468.82 lakhs for activation and strengthening of aerosport in Mizoram.

19. Rich forest reserves with its varied flora and fauna is one of the greatest assets of Mizoram. My Government has been making continuous effort to protect its forest and environment. Formulation of appropriate strategy to curb the menace of wildfire, unregulated felling and depletion due to traditional practice of shifting cultivation has always been our major concern. National Afforestation Programme (NAP) is being implemented effectively in the State through Village Forest Development Committees. During the current year, about 2,86,000 seedlings were planted. In order to reinforce measures for forest protection and improve forest health, Intensification of Forest Management Programme is being implemented in the State.

20. My Government is deeply concerned about the welfare of its people, especially the weaker section, the minorities and the youth. Several child welfare programmes, women welfare programmes, welfare programmes for the disabled and

the aged are being carried out. Mamit and Lawngtlai are among the 90 districts selected across the country for implementation of the Multi-Sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) which aims at improving the socio-economic parameters and basic amenities for improving the quality of life of the people and reducing imbalances in line with priority attached to inclusive growth.

21. We all agree that sports and youth development play a pivotal role in shaping the nation. My Government has been making sincere efforts for development of sports infrastructure. Mizoram sees a tremendous growth in this sector. Major projects like Rajiv Gandhi Stadium at Mualpui, Indoor Stadium at Aizawl, laying of Astro Turf at AR Lammual, Aizawl, Indoor Stadium at Champhai, Cricket Stadium at Sihhmui, State Sports Academy, Zobawk, Indoor Stadium at Bungtlang and Keitum, Mini Sports Complex, Lengpui, Regional Sports Training Centre, Saidan, etc., are being taken up. More projects are expected to be sanctioned in the near future.

22. It is heartening to notice that taxes and revenue collection is improving substantially. Collection of Revenue up to December 2012 by the Land Revenue & Settlement Department amounts to ₹93,65,278.00. The revenue collection for the current year 2012 - 2013 up to January, 2013 through VAT alone is ₹132 crores against the target of A 170 crores which is expected to be achieved by end of the year. The revenue generated from various markets under Trade & Commerce Department during the current year up to January 2013 is ₹114 lakhs. State lottery contributes to ₹330.90 lakhs of revenue generation during the year 2012-2013. Collection under the Small Savings Schemes during the year up to February 2013 amounts to ₹1001.675 lakhs. Under Excise & Narcotics Department, a total of about ₹245 lakhs was collected during upto January 2013. Transport Department has also collected ₹2316.01 lakhs during upto Jan 2013 already exceeding their target of ₹1342.00 lakhs for 2012-13 by a huge margin.

23. Hon'ble Speaker and Hon'ble Members of this august House, I have briefly presented before you a summary of the Policies, Programmes and some significant achievements of my Government as also the plan of action for further development. I would like to conclude by reiterating that my Government remains fully committed to maintenance of peace and to conducting the affairs of the State in an efficient and transparent manner for all-round development of the State and its people. I am confident that my Government will receive full cooperation of its people as well as all the Hon'ble Members of the House, in this endeavour.



24. I extend my best wishes to you again and wish your deliberations every success.

Jai Hind! Jai Mizoram!

**SPEAKER** : “Without your wisdom and power, and your guidance,  
Glories and thrones soon fade away.  
But you are an everlasting fortress for all nations,  
Be our ruler, O’ King of kings”.

May the copy of the Governor’ Speech may be laid on the Table of the House. Motion of Thanks on the Governor’s Speech is received from Dr. Ngurdingliana and is seconded by Pu K. Lianzuala. Now, let us call upon Dr. Ngurdingliana to move the motion of Thanks.

**Dr. NGURDINGLIANA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. With your permission Sir, I move to this august House that “the members of the Legislative Assembly assembled in this session are deeply grateful to the Governor for the addressed to the House which he had been pleased to deliver to the Assembly on the 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2013.”

**SPEAKER** : Dr. Ngurdingliana has moved the motion of thanks to the Governor’s Address. Discussion will be held on the day so fixed later.

Now, Business of the House for today is over. Session will be resumed at 10:30 AM tomorrow.

Sitting is adjourned (11:10 AM)

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

**LIST OF BUSINESS**

FOR SECOND SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 13<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2013  
(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.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

2. **THE SPEAKER** to announce Panel of Chairmen.

**PRESENTATION OF REPORTS**

3. **THE SPEAKER** to present to the House the Thirteenth Report of the Business Advisory Committee for the current session.

**DISCUSSION ON MOTION OF THANKS**

4. Discussion on Motion of Thanks on the Address of the Governor (to be concluded).

NGURTHANZUALA  
Secretary

**SPEAKER** : But let judgment rundown as waters, and righteousness as almighty stream.

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Now, we will take up Questions. Let us call upon Col. Z.S. Zuala to ask Starred Question No.1.

**Lt. Col. Z.S. ZUALA** : Will the hon'ble Minister for E & F Department be pleased to state: - From where a variety of bamboo of 60 ft long and without its sheath-scar may be obtained?

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

**Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, the answer is - It is not known.

**SPEAKER** : Let us call upon Pu Lalduhoma to ask Starred Question No.2.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Will the hon'ble Minister for Social Welfare Department be pleased to state: -

- a) How many sitting has already been held by State Level Coordination Committee in respect to Persons with Disability till date since 2010?
- b) Whether the state government has actually implemented employment reservation of 3% seat to Persons with Disability as per the Persons with Disability Act?

**SPEAKER** : Let us call upon Pu P.C. Lalthanliana, hon'ble Minister to give the answer.

**Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, answer to starred Question No.2 are as follows: -

- a) Meeting of the State level Coordination Committee for Persons with Disabilities is held only once, on the 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2013.
- b) As per Disability Act, 3% seat reservation is actually implemented for Persons with Disability with appointment at the following Groups: -
  - Group A - 5 posts (including MCS & MJS)
  - Group B - 3 posts

Group C - 12 posts

Group D - 10 posts

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalduhoma to ask Supplementary Question.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, it is true that disables needs special attention. My question is: -

- i) May the Committee, in future call more committees concerning Persons with Disability?
- ii) Will the Committee determine employment reservation of 3% post to Persons with Disability as per the aforementioned Act?
- iii) It is a fact that the central government gives priority to the welfare of the disabled. If so, may the state government set up a separate cell under Labour & Employment Department to deal with the welfare of the disabled?

**SPEAKER** : Let us call upon concerned Minister to give the answer.

**Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, I am regretted to point out that the Coordination Committee could not give more attention towards the disables as expected. So, we may try to do so from now on. Regarding reservation of 3% of post, all the departments are informed to follow accordingly. In 2007, 873 posts are identified for the appointment of the disable persons.

Regarding setting up of a Special Cell under Employment Exchange, the District Employment Exchange is assigned to carry out special attention for persons with disabilities.

**SPEAKER** : Pu P.P. Thawla to ask starred Question No.3.

**Pu P.P. THAWLA** : Will the hon'ble Minister for Transport Department be pleased to state: -

- a) Is Transport Department ready for restructuring the department itself as proposed?
- b) Will Office of the Superintendent of Saiha, Lawngtlai and Lunglei district be closed?

**SPEAKER** : Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana, Minister to give the answer.

**Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, answer to Starred Question No.3 are as follows: -

- a) Larger portion of restructuring of Transport Department has already been completed and some yet to be done.
- b) The office of Superintendents Saiha, Lawngtlai and Lunglei district will be closed and the DTO of each district will be assigned to take up responsibility of the Superintendent.

**SPEAKER** : Pu P.P. Thawla, to ask supplementary Questions.

**Pu P.P.THAWLA** : Pu Speaker, my supplementary questions are: -

- i) Actually, DTO of Lawngtlai and Saiha are assigned to take the charge of BDO in addition to his own duty. Is it possible to assign to him a dual charge?
- ii) Which authority is responsible for dismantling of a temporary office building of MST at Kawlchaw East?
- iii) For what purpose the building materials were used?

**Pu H. ZOTHANGLIANA** : Pu Speaker, is it a fact that the charge of DTO and BDO of Lawngtlai has already been separated?

**SPEAKER** : Let us call upon Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana, Minister to give the answer.

**Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, following the decision made by the Cabinet Meeting in 2008 for restructuring Transport department, initiative has been taken. Now, 75% of restructuring work is being completed. No other decision can be made by a single department of its own. Anyhow, the Department will note down points mentioned by the members and the case will be brought for further action.

Regarding temporary MST office at Kawlchaw East, the member will be given a written answer within this session as I am afraid that wrong answer might have been given. As of supplementary question raised by Pu H. Zothangliana, DTO is authorized to take up dealing of all works of Superintendent.

**SPEAKER** : Now, let us call upon Pu K. Lalrinthanga, to ask starred Question No.4.

**Pu K. LARINTHANGA** : Will the hon'ble Minister for AH & Veterinary Department be pleased to state: -Whether production of milk increases after supply of cows to the NLUP beneficiaries?

**SPEAKER** : Let us call upon Pu N. K. Chakma, Minister to give the answer.

**Pu N. K. CHAKMA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, only milk production of MULCO increases by 2,600 litres per day. Yet, we are expecting to increase all the productions within Mizoram.

**Pu K. LALRINTHANGA** : Pu Speaker, may the hon'ble Minister furnish to the House, the statistical record of milk production in Mizoram?

Secondly, will more efforts be given to increase the production of milk if requirement for Mizoram is being verified?

**SPEAKER** : Pu N.K. Chakma to give the answer.

**Pu N.K. CHAKMA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, 949 beneficiaries of NLUP selected trade of Dairy Farming where as each beneficiary will be given two cows each. Out of 949 beneficiaries, 804 have received the cows and the remaining 290 cows will be given to shortly.

Pu Speaker, production of 42 lakhs litres of milk is expected if the programme is fully achieved. Now, the production is increased by 2,600 litres even before the plan is fully harvested. Pu Speaker, it is our dreams to bring about White Revolution in Mizoram.

We have a proposal for installation of treatment plant for Milk Processing Unit at Chhingchhip with an estimate of ₹350 lakhs.

Regarding compensation on death cattle, Pu Speaker, I am regretted to mention that I have no idea how much it is given. In the same manner, total number of cattle rearing in Mizoram could not be given as yet as I do not have a statistical record. Anyhow, I will try to give him written answer within this session.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, it is unfortunate that cows given to some beneficiaries died soon after it is received which is solely responsibility of the government. The cattle were carried upon the back of a

truck through a long distant and so were prone to suffer some sorts of health-problem and we are not aware of those cattle should be given medical aids when arrived which obviously is the reason for their death. Yet, we still are importing such cattle by the same process and the problem we are now facing is supply of their feedings and without resolving the problem first, production of 15/20 litres of milk may not be achieved. Thus, the government is determining procurement of the said supply on subsidized rate.

Pu Speaker, milk production in our state is increasing thanks to the effort made by the government. Yet, we have a problem with the marketing as so experienced by MULCO. In order to resolve the problem, we made a proposal for installation of treatment plant which may be started within 5/6 months from now as stated. Through this process, milk will further be processed for ghee, paneer, butters etc. and will be distributed through collection centre which will be set up at various localities. Besides, preservation centre will also be set up at Serchhip.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Pu Speaker, my question is not clearly answered. Will the hon'ble Minister give me a clear answer within this session?

**SPEAKER** : Now, let us call upon Pu Lalthansanga to ask Starred Question No.5.

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : Will the hon'ble Minister, PHE be pleased to state: -

What is the reason for the delay of financial sanction for construction of Biate composite water supply scheme?

**SPEAKER** : Pu S. Hiato, Minister to give the answer.

**Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, it is because the Central Public Health Engineering & Environmental Organization (CPHEEO) could not give technical approval. Yet, it may be received shortly.

**SPEAKER** : Any Supplementary question?

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, the same question is asked occasionally in the session but the answers given were not the same. So, my questions are as follows: -



- i) Is the amount of water supply per head 400 MLD?
- ii) Is there a new Scheme for water supply for rural villages?
- iii) Will the composite water supply scheme be achieved during this ministry?

**Pu K. LALRINTHANGA** : Pu Speaker, my questions are as follows: -

- i) When will Bilkhawthlir water supply scheme which is now under construction be completed?
- ii) May the hon'ble Minister give priority to the repair of pipe-line of water supply for Vairengte?

**Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, PHE department wish to cover rural water supply scheme as much as possible but the proposed amount of ₹32 crores is being rejected as the expenditure is quite high. So, the department is instructed to cover only major villages and so the estimate is submitted afresh comprising Part-A and Part-B. Part-A includes Biate, Khawhai, East Lungdar, Tlangpui and Tlangmawi. Part-B includes North Vanlalphai, Leng, Sailulak, North Mualcheng, Sialhawk and Bawktlang. The estimated amount of Part-A and Part-B is ₹50.03 crores. After submitting the project to central authority, we are again insisted not to include small villages. Accordingly, a new scheme is again submitted. If our demand is approved, the work could be completed during this ministry.

Regarding allotment of supply of water per head, the department maintains allotment of 40 MLD as far as applicable. Yet, it is difficult to maintain the quantity as we frequently encountered damage or corroded pipe-lines which could not be repaired instantly.

Regarding improvement of Vairengte water supply, it is included in the new scheme. As of Bilkhawthlir water supply scheme, it is under construction. Pu Speaker, I will give the answer in more detail when demand is discussed. Thank you.

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, may I know the quantity of water supply for the period January - April of each year?

**Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, the department has no such report of water supply till date. Petition is now submitted to the Central Government for survey of water supply in the villages.

**SPEAKER** : Now, let us call upon Pu Lalrobiaka to ask Starred Question No.6.

**Pu LALROBIAKA** : Will the hon'ble Minister for Transport Department be pleased to state: -

Is there any Taxi Permit for Aizawl being issued during this Ministry?

**SPEAKER** : Concerned minister to give the answer.

**Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, answer to Starred Question No.6 is: - No.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary Question from Pu Lalrobiaka.

**Pu LALROBIAKA** : During this year, Pu Speaker, is there any proposal to relax restriction of issue of Taxi permit for the time being?

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary question.

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, my Supplementary Questions are as follows: -

- i) How many taxi permits are being renewed?
- ii) If so, what criteria are used for renewal of such permits?
- iii) What is the qualification to drive a taxi?

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Pu Speaker, my Supplementary Questions are as follows: -

- i) How many taxis are in service within Aizawl city?
- ii) Since taxi is commonly used as public conveyance, it seems that the existing taxi services hardly meet the demand. Is there any plan to issue more taxi permits?
- iii) How many times training for taxi drivers is organized by the department? If not, is there any plan to do so?

**SPEAKER** : Let us call upon Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana, Minister to give the answer.

**Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, there is no proposal to relax issue of taxi permit as yet. Regarding the questions relating to taxi permit, 1371 Nos. permit are being replaced and 69 Nos. are renewed. It may be noted that taxi permit has often been replaced if the rules permit. Regarding selling of taxi

permit, some suspected persons are detained under the police custody. In accordance with the rules formulated by the Central Government, taxi permit is issued only to driving license holder.

Pu Speaker, regarding training for taxi drivers, it is given every year during Road Safety Week and in cooperation with the traffic police not only to the drivers of taxi but also of maxi-cab and two-wheelers. Regarding the question of issue of more taxi permits, neither the government nor the department deemed to be important as yet. As such, there is no plan to do so for the time being.

**SPEAKER** : Now, let us call upon Pu P.P. Thawla, to ask Starred Question No. 7.

**Pu P.P. THAWLA** : Will the hon'ble Minister for District Council Affairs Department be pleased to state: -

- i) What is the amount of allotment of plan funds in respect of the three District Councils?
- ii) What is the amount of revised estimate allotted to each district?
- iii) If size of the amount is different as per demand made by the three districts?

**SPEAKER** : Now let us call upon Pu Lal Thanhawla, Chief Minister to give the answer.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, answers to Starred Questions No.7 are as follows: -

S/Nos.	Autonomous District	Salary Component	Non-Salary Component	Total
1	Lai	₹.1631.93 lakh	₹.459.07 lakh	₹.2091.00 lakh
2	Mara	₹.1280.00 lakh	₹.353.00 lakh	₹.1633.00 lakh
3	Chakma	₹.1062.58 lakh	₹.208.42 lakh	₹.1271.00 lakh

Pu Speaker, ₹382 lakh is demanded by Mara Autonomous District Council and was allotted ₹50 lakh; Chakma Autonomous District Council demanded ₹450 lakh and was allotted ₹150 lakh; Lai Autonomous District Council asked ₹64.00 lakh and was allotted as the demand. Allotment has not been made as per proposed revised estimate submitted by the three Autonomous Districts.

**SPEAKER** : Let us call upon Pu T.T. Zothansanga to ask Starred Question No. 8.

**Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA** : Will the hon'ble Minister for Social Welfare department be pleased to state: - Whether Working Women's Hostel constructed by the Ministry of Women & Child Development and Ministry of DoNER at Jasola, New Delhi admitted any Mizo Woman?

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

**Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, my answer to the question is 'Yes', we have one Mizo woman staying at the hostel.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary question from Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

**Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, only a few people knew about the said Hostel. As far as my knowledge is concern, this hostel is constructed to accommodate more than 500 women from the North East only. So, may I know the following: -

What is the actual capacity of this hostel? May our government give notice regarding this hostel to the public? May our government help those who are willing to stay at the Hostel?

**SPEAKER** : Will the hon'ble Minister to give the answer.

**Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, 45 seats each is allotted to each state of the North East. Our state government has even publicized in some local newspapers, radio and local cable networks. Several applications were received but only one woman actually stays there.

**SPEAKER** : Pu K. Lianzuala to ask Starred Question No.9.

**Pu K. LIANZUALA** : Will the hon'ble Minister, AH & Veterinary department be pleased to state:-

How many adult cows have been given to the beneficiaries NLUP?

**SPEAKER** : Pu N.K. Chakma, Minister to answer the supplementary question.

**Pu NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, the answer is: - 290 Nos. of cows’.

**SPEAKER** : Pu K. Liantlinga to ask supplementary question No.10.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Will the hon’ble Minister for Fisheries department be pleased to state –

Whether our government has any law for protection of living beings in the water?

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

**Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, answer to the Starred Question is – Yes, it has “The Mizoram Fisheries Act, 2002”.

**SPEAKER** : Any supplementary question.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Pu Speaker, obviously we need rules for protections of all living beings in water. Whether the Environment & Forests department has proposal to formulate rules for protection of such living beings?

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, may the government make rules to control pollution of the rivers and its environment?

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

**Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, there is a proposal for amendment of the Mizoram Fisheries Act, 2002 but it cannot be done as yet since Environment & Forests department is not NLUP nodal department actually. But for the time being, the Mizoram Forests Act, 1955, the Wild Life Protection Act, 1972 and the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 may be used for protection of the rivers and living beings in water. In fact, The Mizoram Fisheries Act, 2002 concerns only for protection of living beings in water.

Regarding the question of Pu Lalduhoma on control of pollution in water, we have Pollution Control Board which needs public participation. So, awareness will be given to public and prompt action will be taken.

**SPEAKER** : Question hour is over. Now, let us call upon Pu R. Lalzirliana, Minister to deliver statement on “kidnapping and seizure of arms”.

**Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER** : Thank you, the hon’ble Speaker. Even though most of the people knew from the newspapers and television that our fellow mizos are being kidnapped, I opine it is important to give a statement to this august House.

Pu Speaker, 5 persons of Chikha village, Mamit district were being kidnapped by National Liberation Front of Tripura (NLFT) on the 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2013 between 4 to 5 AM. The persons are: –

- 1) Vanlalfaka, MR employee under Forest department (BLFM returnee).
- 2) Lalliansanga, MR employee under Forest department.
- 3) Sangmawia, MR employee under Forest department.
- 4) Nelson Vanlalruatkima (28) S/o K. Thanzama (L), Hunthar veng, Aizawl.
- 5) Lalrammawia (22) S/o K. Thanzama (L), Hunthar veng, Aizawl.

We have learned about the incident on the same day from Tripura State Special Branch at 4:00 PM. As soon as the exact place of the incident is known, Mizoram Police and a team of CID (SB) were sent to Chikha. As the Polices were heading up to the boundary of Bangladesh, the NLFT have reached Bangladesh. SP CID (SB) too was immediately heading for Tripura to have tete-a-tete with SP (CID) of Tripura. It is learned that NLFT has 15 to 20 trained persons from Tripura refugee camp. It is believed that kidnapping is planned for wants of ransom. On 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2013(7:21 AM), the kidnappers informed family members of the hostages and demanded a ransom of ₹1 crore. The Project Director of Wildlife was immediately requested by concerned families to take prompt action as the dateline is only 3 days with effect from 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2013. But the government on the other hand, insisted to safe the hostages without giving any ransom. As the hostages were kept in Bangladesh, it is not convenient to send our Police forces and so the government implored the central External Affairs Ministry to contact the government of Bangladesh.

On behalf of our government, I would like to express my gratitude to

NGOs, journalists and media for being able to control impending communal violence which may erupt by publicizing the incident.

As a consequence, the government set up “The Crisis Management Group” under the chairmanship of hon’ble Minister for Home Affairs so that the hostages are rescued safe and sound. In pursuance of the incident, the government summoned leaders of MKHC, Central YMA, MZP, MSU and YMA of Hunthar veng at the Office Chamber of Home Minister to discuss about the incident and how to deal with the case. The committee decided that the case should be dealt without giving ransom or compromising to safeguard communal violence between the two tribes.

I would also like to inform the House that numbers of Arms & Ammunitions were seized on the 7.3.2013 in the farmhouse of Pu Rohmingliana. The details of seizures arms & ammunition are as follows: -

<b>Sl/Nos.</b>	<b>Items</b>	<b>Numbers</b>	<b>Manufacture</b>
1	Rifles (AK 47)	21 Nos.	USSR Mfd.
2	Rifles (AK 47)	2 Nos.	China Mfd.
2	LMG 5.56	1 No.	Singapore Mfd.
3	CBAR Rifles	1 No.	USA Mfd.
4	Ammunition (AK47)	86 Nos.	Nil
5	Ammunition (CBAR Rifles)	67 Nos.	Nil
6	Ammunition (LMG 5.56)	24 Nos.	Nil
7	Maxine	30 Nos.	Nil
8	Rifles (AK 47)	8 Nos.	USSR Mfd.
9	Maxine & Ammunition	632 Nos.	Nil
10	Pistols (3032 TOMCAT)	32 Nos.	USA Mfd.
11	Ammunitions	12 Nos.	Nil

Serial No. 8 and 9 were seized later from the 3 Chakmas at the farmhouse. As a result of the interrogation on 8/3/2013, C. Lalngakthanga (47) S/o C. Saplala of Sazek, Bangladesh and Rohmingliana (44), S/o C.L. Thuama (L) of Vaivakawn, Zohnuai too were arrested.

Serial No 10 and 11 such as 32 pistols (3032 TOMCAT), made in USA and 12 ammunitions were seized on 9/3/2013 at 3:30 PM. A criminal case was registered against Rupan Chakma (28), S/O Durjoy Chakma of Khakrachori,

Bangladesh who possessed the said items at Hotel Sangchia, Zarkawt.

All of the persons involved in the case of illegal possession of arms were seized on 7/3/2013, 8/3/2013 and 9/3/2013 successively as cases were registered against each of them.

Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : We will now resume our business. The following are Panel of Chairmen for this Session, such as:-

- 1) Lt. Col. Z.S. Zuala.
- 2) Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte
- 3) Pu P.P. Thawla.
- 4) Pu Lalthansanga.

Members absent from today's Session are: -

- 1) Pu Lalrinliana Sailo
- 2) Pu N.P. Chakma
- 3) Pu S. Laldingliana

Now, we will take up Presentation of report of BAC on 19/2/2013. In pursuance of yesterday's Governor Address, Business of the House is taken place. It will be much appreciative if the House agreed with the report. If the House agreed, the report may be laid on the Table of the House. Now, we will have discussion on motion of thanks to the Governor's Address to be moved by Dr. Ngurdingliana. Each member shall be allotted 5 minutes and 10 minutes for group leaders. Now, let us call upon Dr. Ngurdingliana to move the motion of thanks on the Governor's Address.

**Dr. NGURDINGLIANA** : Pu Speaker, it is quite exciting to have discussion on the Governor's Address for he has pointed out in general, the works done by his government.

As my party assumes the government, the hon'ble Chief Minister pointed out that transparent government would be formed as a document framework (FRD) is being set up immediately under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary which indicates confidence of this government to maintain transparency. Besides, the government strongly follows the policy of oriented development.

Pu Speaker, it is, again, a great pleasure to hear from the Governor of



his thanks to various NGOs for maintaining peace and harmony in the state.

The Governor further pointed out regarding Modernization of Police by setting up forensic laboratory building at the New Secretariat Complex and District Mobile Forensic Unit at Lunglei and Aizawl district to support crime detection of police forces.

It is also a great pleasure to hear that NLUP, the flagship programme of the government which covered 12,000 families in the previous year is now increased to 15,000 families. In this regard, there is a proposal from Foods & Agriculture Organization of United Nations and University of Minnesota for the success of NLUP.

Pu Speaker, it is pleasing to learn that the state government also takes prompt action towards disaster management for which petition for financial sanction has been submitted for the action plan submitted previously.

In Agriculture, the government conducted district-wise meets to encourage farmers. Apart from this, there is a proposal to extent WRC coverage which is truly appreciated.

I also want to point out that priority is given to Public Health by setting up number of more Sub-Centres, PHC, CHC in rural areas and Ayush hospital at Thenzawl. Besides, Falkawn hospital is upgraded to 150 bedded.

The government also takes various steps for quality education. Supply of mid-day meal is continued as usual. Besides, pupils obtain enormous progress by means of RMS and SSA project under which text books and school uniforms were freely supplied to the pupils.

Furthermore, Pu Speaker, the Governor has pointed out our sufficiency in supply of Food and LPG gas which is truly appreciative.

It is also learned from the Governor that priority given by the government towards roads and air communication such as helicopter services which links all the district headquarters with Aizawl. We have even learned about the proposal to extent the aforesaid communication to other major towns in Mizoram.

Yet, Pu Speaker, it is somewhat incomplete as the Governor missed out steps taken by the government regarding improvement made in power suppl

It is pleasing to note that Saiha Water Supply Scheme is taken up. Pu Speaker, likewise, construction of hundred meters multi-modal transit project is in progress. Besides these, it was pleasant to have that the hon'ble Chief Minister opened Delhi Chanakyapuri Mizoram House and also laid the stone for Kolkata Mizoram House.

The Governor speech highlighted that the state had performed significantly well under National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme and National Rural Livelihood Mission. Pu Speaker, under Multi-Sectoral Development Programme, out of the 90 Districts selected from the country, Mamit and Lawngtlai are included which indeed is a stepping stone for developments.

Pu Speaker, we have heard of the various developments in Sports for the youths. This Government has taken huge steps for the development of sports. Another pleasant note which is commendable is the feat in various departments like Trade & Commerce, Transport, which are now able run without deficit. Therefore, I give thank to the Governor's speech and seek the support of the House to pass the motion. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Just in time, you took 12 minutes. Next, Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

**Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, we have come towards the end of the present term. We are in a stage where the previous Chief Minister stated that we shook hands and have now in the verge of completion. Pu Speaker, there is one stigma created by the opposition which pricked me yesterday. It is unfortunate that it will remain in history that they walked out of the House during the Governor's speech. Infact, they walked out at that time when the Governor stated that the beneficiaries of NLUP will be up-graded to 15,000 Nos. It is unpleasant that the party is unable to appreciate such a feat. It is indeed disrespect shown to the House as well the people who elected them. Pu Speaker, B.J.P is quite used to this practice. Therefore, I had an opinion that, in order to feel free to approach them, they must have done the same. During the Congress party as opposition, there was retaliation but not that intensive to disturb the session. It is my sincere plea that such an act does not happen again in the House. Pu Speaker, election is in the corner, thus, unwanted

act may prevail and hon'ble Home Minister should warm-up and prepared for that.

The Governor's speech on the whole is satisfactory. The term used from process to result by the Governor's speech is what strikes me. The previous Government completed its terms with developments in process without results. But it is grateful that the present Government is able to produce framework documents of 40 departments. I appreciate this Government.

The Governor stated that maintaining peace and tranquilities, securing the safety of the citizens and affecting progress and development in all fields have always been among top-priorities of his government. We all are aware of the hardship faced during 20 years of insurgency. We have climbed to a stage where peace and tranquilities prevail and we are able to proceed towards development.

The Governor emphatically stated the safety and security of its people which was gratifying. Pu Speaker, there is so much to speak of but very little time. I appreciate whatever the Governor has mentioned. In fact, I personally pay high respect to his Excellency, the Governor as an individual. He has held the Speaker's offices for two terms in Kerala. I approved of how he is governing our state and I give my support. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalrobiaka.

**Pu LALROBIAKA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. I am grateful that today we are able to discuss the Governor's speech under a peaceful atmosphere. We all know that unless peace and tranquility prevails, there cannot be any development. In order to attain this peace, it is necessary that law enforcing agencies are supported by NGOs, Religious Institutions, Media and general public. In the previous ministry, we have heard of militant outfits such as NSCN. Pu Speaker, in my constituency in Dampa, there were training camps which also serves as hiding places of arms and ammunitions. As of now, such places were demolished and we have not heard of such militants activities. Therefore, it is commendable that we have attained peace as we are enjoying now.

Pu Speaker, it is commendable that we are able to see Performance Reports and Result Framework Documents here. The developments we have seen today's such as NLUP and RKVY are worth-mentioning. Pu Speaker, the Evening Post dated 11.3.2013 highlighted the speech of the hon'ble Opposition Leader made at

Lunglei assuring NLUP would be continued if his party come to power. Pu Speaker, I thank him for the assurance given. I thank for Krishi Gramin Award for farmers. All these are due to the fact that this Government is sincere and hard-working. So, I thank the Governor's speech and give my support. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Now let us call Pu K. Lianzuala.

**Pu K. LIANZUALA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. I would first of all like to thank the mover of this Motion. It is unfortunate that this morning Zoram Times Newspaper highlighted the unwanted scene created by the opposition party members yesterday. In fact, they walked out of the House as the Governor mentioned about NLUP. Pu Speaker, what we should realize is that there are NLUP beneficiaries from various departments; people are satisfied with the scheme. It is unfortunate that there will be a record of Proceedings of the House that the opposition members walking out during the Governor's address.

It was enlightening to hear from the Governor's speech of various developments under Health & Family Welfare. I appreciate that this Government does not neglect rural areas. It is pleasant to hear that urban and rural areas are given equal priorities in development.

I would like to thank the Government for providing Helicopter service as it is truly beneficial for the people. At the same time, I thank increase in tax revenue. I give my support to the motion of thanks to Governor's address. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Next, Pu Lalthansanga.

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. I salute my leader as we know he is 91 years old and today he still attend session. As we meet in this august house to discuss how to move ahead in development, it is unfortunate that there has to be a walk out during the Governor's speech. Pu Speaker, we often mention that we are the most peaceful state. But we have to analyse if this is the real state political war; we are suffering from political cancer. We need politically peaceful.

Pu Speaker, during by-election of Chalfilh constituency, there was political war yet the Governor mentioned peaceful atmosphere as being prevailed. The main weapon of the war is NLUP. The people have accepted NLUP as its flagship programmed but this programme does not cover the general masses. Thus, it may

seem right in saying as the result of NLUP. But in actual practice, the programme needs review and supervision. At first, it was mono-scheme, as of now it is composite scheme.

Pu Speaker, the Governor has mentioned about cash crop. In spite of what the Governor mentioned, we may not yield effective result if we do not take up marketing strategy. The marketing committee needs to step up its game and remain vigilance.

Pu Speaker, I opine that if we can make more achievements at greater height in power supply, water supply and cooking gas as in the Governor's speech, than according to me, it would be the best Governor's speech. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Lt. Col. Z.S. Zuala.

**Lt. Col. Z.S. ZUALA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. It is a satisfying Governor's speech as he is a veteran politician. It is appreciative that the Governor first welcome hon'ble member Pu Dr. Ngurdingliana, winner of Chalfilh constituency by-election. Pu Speaker, it was unfortunate that the opposition members walk out of the house as the Governor mentioned about NLUP. I was wondering if they have walked out because they love the poor people so much so that they insisted the government to increase NLUP or if they do not pay keen to the welfare of the poor. In my constituency Aizawl South-II, the beneficiaries of NLUP are 32.30% non-congress. Pu Speaker, I wanted to highlight this to ensure the leaders that NLUP is not alone the Congress party programme.

Pu Speaker, I would like to thank for upgradation of firefighting equipments which have been procured. And, I also thank hon'ble Chief-Minister for resuming construction of Referral Hospital to its present status. Pu Speaker, it is commendable that scarcity of supply of cooking gas is not spoken of in the House any more. Therefore, I plead all members to accept the growth and development that occur during this Government. I give my support to the motion. Thank you.

**Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. The Governor's speech comprises only of a summary of development; there are huge areas that have not been covered. I would like to speak in support of the speech.

Pu Speaker, first of all, when Lengpui Airport project was taken up,

there was criticism such as it will serve as a privilege only for the rich and upper society. But as of now, like a cancer patient mentioned to me, this airport is for the sick and under privileged like us. We are able to reach Mumbai for cancer treatment in a day. Pu Speaker, likewise, NLUP is also in its gestation period. It is a stepping stone to resolve the state into one of the most self-sufficient states in the country. In regard to winner of NLUP beneficiaries, Pu Speaker, the award is not a fake. I visited Pu C. Lalpianthanga's WRC on the spot and his field and fish farm was truly a magnificent view. He was a second place winner. The walking out of opposition members from the House yesterday was an insult to the farmers. I regret such incident occurred. Like I mentioned earlier, it is gestation period, results will be harvested. Likewise, a huge fund has to be invested to reap its harvest.

Pu Speaker, the Government has taken steps like no other Government has done such as laying the foundation stones of Mizoram House at different states. It is an utmost measure to safeguard the people of our state. Apart from this, construction of a bridge at Chhim is commendable as it has been the people long desire to have the bridge. It is an important infrastructure for development of Mizoram.

Pu Speaker, I would like to thank for Helicopter service. And, Pu Speaker, Rajiv Gandhi Stadium which is completed is a blessing and a great milestone achievement for the youths.

In regard to PHE, the Governor's speech is just a summarized of the achievements. It is commendable on how the Government is struggling to complete Greater Aizawl Water Supply scheme. Likewise, it is pleasant to know that Tuirial Hydel Project will be commissioned by the end of 2014. I, therefore give my support to the motion. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : It is time for lunch break. Meeting will be resumed at 2:00 P.M.

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

**SPEAKER** : So far, 7 members have participated in the discussion. Next, Pu B. Lalthlengliana.

**Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA :** Pu Speaker, thank you. From the Governor's speech there is nothing new as of new project. Out of 48 departments available, the Governor mentioned only 20 departments. Pu Speaker, does it mean that the rest of the departments are sitting idle?

Pu Speaker, MNF Legislature party members walked out because we detest the system of NLUP. In fact, we are in support of the scheme. However, we are unsatisfied with the system of implementation. During the election, the people were promised with ₹1 lakh which has not been distributed till date. Now in 2010-2011 budget, there is fund allocation of ₹234 crores and 82 lakhs. Pu Speaker, if the selection of beneficiaries is as mentioned by hon'ble members from Aizawl South-II, then there is nothing to be against the scheme. But, as in my Constituency, all the beneficiaries of NLUP in the first and second phase are of Congress party. Moreover, in the third phase, they insisted the people on enrolling for membership of congress party so as to benefit ₹2 lakh of NLUP. Pu Speaker, what we detest is the system of its implementation. We completely detest that ₹400 crores is allocated for NLUP in the budget for the benefit of one party. In fact, it is the people's fund that had been allocated. We definitely condemn this act and against it absurdly.

I believe it to be correct what Synod Social Front Survey report highlighted in regard to NLUP beneficiaries in which is 86.6% beneficiaries of NLUP are of Congress party, MNF 0.3% and MPC 0.6%. Pu Speaker, this is the finding of Synod Social Front. This is the reason why we detest NLUP like I have mentioned earlier. We did walk out while Governor mentioned about NLUP because of its implementation. I would like the hon'ble ruling members to know that we do not mind making history in support of what we believe is absurd state of affairs.

Pu Speaker, I thank for helicopter service. The Governor mentioned that it is ideal for transportation of sick persons from the remote rural area. But, what I would like to request instead is that Doctors be given in all PHC centers before election.

In School Education, The Governor mentioned that mid-day meal is provided continuously. But in my Constituency and other Constituencies, I was informed that mid-day have stopped since October. As such, the Governor should not give wrong information to the House.

Pu Speaker, what was mentioned in Power Department is not sufficient

keeping in mind the need of the hour, which is electricity. In my constituency, there are projects which I observed with finger cross for its completion.

Last session, I requested hon'ble House leader to repair the roads within my Constituency on which he made a sort of commitment but nothing has been done. Thus, I request that these roads be repaired before YMA General Conference which will be held in my constituency during October this year.

**SPEAKER** : Next, Pu R. Lalrinawma.

**Pu R. LALRINAWMA** : Pu Speaker, in every sentence of the Governor's speech, there is point of appreciation to be made. The first Para of the Governor's speech highlighted the peaceful atmosphere of by-election for Chalfilh constituency. This made me very glad as in recent times of election, there were certain kinds of complains made in regards to voting machine, rigging etc. Pu Speaker, it was a pleasant relieve that in this election the opposition parties have nothing to complain and accept the defeat gracefully. But in the words of the ruling party members, it was the NLUP Policy that won the election.

Records have been made in the House like the walking out of the House during Governor's speech. During the MNF ministry, violent occurs due to Aiiipuk episode. Pu Speaker, it is unfortunate that history is created in that connection. They have left a mark in the minds of the people for creating history of unwanted incidents.

As for NLUP policy, opposition members are speaking about the policy and so are the ruling party members. This proves that it is a very significant policy which is worth mentioning.

Pu Speaker, I thank you for the efficient responsive fair and just administration. It is amazing how development is occurring in agriculture department. It is enlighting to learn about the Common Service Centre from the Governor's speech. Pu Speaker, likewise, if we mentioned every para, we can go on for more than an hour. Thus, I wil come towards the end of my speech as I give my support to the Motion. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu K. Liantlinga.



**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. First of all, I would like to thank for the new member in the House. But I disagree with the Governor when stated that election as being held successfully under peaceful atmosphere.

Secondly, I will not speak about RFD but I will just mention that it is not a new scheme/projects. The Central Government has practiced earlier. Here, we have Report 2009 - 2010 of the Central Government. I just wanted to highlight that it is not new as members have mentioned, but it is imposed by Central Government. Recently, the Cabinet Secretary came to give training for the process. Reports have to be submitted quarterly. If we follow central guideline, it will prove to be beneficial and effective as it will affect the budget. Therefore, we should be careful in its application.

In regard to NLUP, the opposition members walked out yesterday with a reason, that is, its selection implementation and allotment of its membership drive. Therefore, I see no harm in what they did. It is incorrect to utilise as a weapon of political campaign as the programme has been adopted by the Government. It is the duty of the Government to govern with peace and equality to safeguard democracy. It is incorrect to corrupt the minds of the people with the policy.

In Agriculture, there is a difference in the statistical report. Last year, the answer given for starred question No.6 stated that 26,300 metric tons of rice was harvested. But as per the Governor's speech, it is 30,536 metric tons. Pu Speaker, we should be careful in giving the statistical report as it could make a huge difference while procuring demands from FCI. Thus, Pu Speaker, we should upgrade the Economic & Statistic Department. This department will carefully collect manually the statistic reports of all products that are reported. Pu Speaker, correct statistic will provide smooth operation while approaching central Government. Like recently, Managing Director of NRHM attended the meeting on infant mortality rate. It so happen that the mortality rate rises immensely. The Director was questioned as to why it was so high, he was unable to answer then as that was the statistic report he was given. Later, he apologized and said the report was taken from grass root-level so it was high. Pu Speaker, incorrect statistic hampers and makes quite a difference. Therefore, adequate measure should be taken.

Lastly one more point, the agent of LPG should organize the system of distribution more systematically. I appreciate helicopter service. Thank you. **(SPEAKER** : You have used up your time; you can speak at length during demand).

Thank you. The development that has been laid for the 12<sup>th</sup> Five Years Plan is commendable as it will bring huge development for the state. I give my support to the motion. Thank you.

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

**Pu K.S. THANGA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. It is unfortunate that MNF Legislature party walked out during Governor's speech yesterday. Even one of the members seems quite reluctant to walk out but party discipline seems to bind him. Anyway, in regard to NLUP, the first target figure was 1,20,000 beneficiaries and now, there is an additional which is 15,000/- families. The people accept this policy which is shown in the recently concluded by-election. Pu Speaker, I visited as many as 19 villages as the people are happy with the policy. Thus, they showed their gratitude by reflecting in the poll results. Pu Speaker, Congress MLA's and Ministers campaigned with their own vehicles and without designation plate while MP of MNF was intervened for campaigning with designation plate. We, the Congress party abide by the rules. Pu Speaker, everyone is pleased with NLUP Policy.

Secondly, the Governor raised point regarding Public Safety. Fire Department which in the past was retarded is now well equipped as the status of the Director becomes DIG rank. Pu Speaker, a continuous problem we have been facing in Mizoram is landslide. In this regard, it is grateful that well-developed plan is made by the government.

Thirdly, we have seen point regarding step taken for promotion of Agriculture. Last year, we produced 4,233 tons of rice. While the practice of jhum cultivation is declining by 40% of the cultivators, it is grateful that our production increases by 10% thanks to the implementation of NLUP. Apart from this, increase of our production is the result of availability of Power Tiller at a subsidized rate of 75% the amount which is affordable for the poor farmers also. Due to the policy of the government in spending a large amount of funds for the benefit of our cultivators, the strength of manpower becomes 1,08,740. Besides, step taken for processing oil palm is commendable. Obviously many villages will become prosper and some Districts are going to be rich shortly. Now, a oil palm processing factory is being set up at Bukvannei with a plan to build another at Thenzawl and Rotlang.

Regarding Referral Hospital, the previous government abandoned the project as offer was made to Roman Catholic and Salvation to purchase it. But the

project is now resumed under the leadership of our Chief Minister with 150 bedded with specialists to look after the hospital. This will be upgraded shortly into 400 bedded. With all the progresses highlighted in the Governor speech, I want to give my support to the Motion. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : Who will be the next or are we going to stop the discussion? Yes, Pu Ramhluna.

**Pu C. RAMHLUNA** : Pu Speaker, I am thankful for the opportunity to discuss on the Governor's speech. This year, the speech has only 24 paragraphs while in the past it contains about 31 to 32 paragraphs and hence development works of many departments are omitted for example, bye-election of Chalfilh constituency. So, I congratulate the newly elected member on behalf of my party.

I am thankful that RFD is made and a Helicopter service is available now. While this is the case, Pu Speaker, out of 49 departments in Mizoram, development of only 20 departments are mentioned by the Governor while DCA (District Council Affairs) also is omitted. Since direct funding from the central is a burning topic in the Autonomous District Council areas, I would like to know if it is a fact or not. Likewise, Minor Irrigation and UD & PA are also among the omitted. Pu Speaker, since these two important departments directly concerns the public, it would be appreciated if the progress of works are made known to the public.

Regarding Law Enforcing Agency, which is the Police, GPF and MR have been applied by many staffs as in other departments but the department is unable to give them. In addition, they cannot even draw their TA/DA for a long time as some of three to four years back. It would be thankful if the problem is resolved. Besides, it seems that law enforcement is a bit weak as insurgent groups such as Santi Bahini are able to smuggle arms and ammunitions within Mizoram which were later used against us. Not only this, we have number of kidnap cases which further indicate the weakness of Law Enforcing Agency. In This connection, Pu Speaker, even though there is a plan for placing of IR Bn. at Thingkah which is my constituency, but no steps has yet been taken till today.

NLUP it is a subject which cannot be ignored. There was a walk out from the House yesterday by my party members as we opine from the light of the Governor's speech that there is injustice in the execution of NLUP. It seems that about 88% of NLUP beneficiaries are of Congress Party. During the election

campaign, the people are being assured to benefit one lakh rupees of NLUP if their party won majority. As a result, they have won the election and soon after, injustice is observed in the implementation of NLUP as partiality in the selection of the beneficiary. So, in protest, we left the House. The government further claims that provision of NLUP will be funded as PM's special package but plan fund is used to cover the expenses of NLUP which further affected in delay of payment of the salary of the government servants as many departments could no longer subsidize materials to the public. Besides, this further caused problem in withdrawal of GPF and payment of medical reimbursement. Overall, it seems that many suffer due to the introduction of NLUP.

(Chairman at the Chair)

Pu Chairman, It is grateful to learn from the speech of the Governor that progress as being made in Agriculture as our production of rice increases. However, when calculate rate of the total production of rice, it is not much as expected as 40 loads could be produced in one acre of land. Hence, more efforts should be made to increase our production.

Regarding Healthcare, I am grateful that some sorts of progress are seen. But in my constituency, Smart Card could not be produced as yet since processing photos will be ready only in December. Besides, PHC's in my area re not well-equipped as X-ray machine at Bungtlang is out of service. In addition, Health-worker is not provided in most of the Heath Clinic Centres and Sub-Centres in my area. Regarding construction of Ayush Hospital at Thenzawl, I am thankful to learn that it is in progress but PHC in different districts such as Lunglei, Serchhip, and Kolasib are not equip with a supporting staff for the doctors as effective performance could not be made.

Regarding Power Supply, is there a way to improve the RGGVY as the performance is quite slow? In my constituency, a demand for supply of solar light was made but in vain. On multi-modal transport, we have been facing a problem in claiming compensation and hence, will be much appreciated if transparency is observed in the dealing.

On Sports & Youth Services, I opine it is time for us to determine a new Sport Policy. Due to limit of time, I may conclude my speech here. Thank you, Pu Chairman.

**CHAIRMAN** : Next, Pu R.L. Pianmawia.

**Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA** : Pu Chairman, it is sad to learn that the opposition members are not satisfied with the governor's speech obviously due to ignorance of facts which prompts them to criticize. We all have witnessed the opposition members walking out of the House while discussing NLUP of the Governor's speech. Obviously their main concern is distribution of one lakh rupees right after the election whereas on the contrary, their party's first priority in the previous ministry was to revoke the Chakma District Council and to bring self-sufficiency in Mizoram within three years. However, they have failed to do so during their ten years reign. While this is the case, the Congress Ministry introduces NLUP to alleviate the status of the privileged so that they are able to see daylight. We, therefore, initiate NLUP to attain self-sufficiency and the MNF will see the positive outcome very shortly.

I am very thankful that the Governor, in his speech mentions the bye-election of Chalfil constituency in which the Congress Party won. I congratulate Dr. Ngurdingliana, the newly elected member who is here with us.

On Police Modernization, I am thankful that progress has been made such as construction of buildings and purchase of advanced weapons. Besides, peace prevails in Mizoram due to dedication and hard work of the government servants and all NGOs. Besides, it is much thankful to learn that there is a plan to cover more beneficiaries under NLUP and sufficient amount of fund being made available to promote the cultivators.

It is grateful to learn that the Mizoram Landslide Management Action Plan is made available for the benefit of the victim of natural calamities. Much as well, it is thankful that power tiller are made available to farmers on subsidized rate with a view to increase the production of rice crops in which our government have even received President's Award for best production of rice crops.

Regarding healthcare, it is thankful as the government prioritizes rural healthcare in which my constituency is the first area visited by the healthcare team. I am happy to learn that the underprivileged are now able to receive healthcare from the hospital by giving only ₹60/- where as the actual cost is ₹60,000/-. In fact, there are many reasons to appreciate to the Governor's speech if we consider ourselves 'the champion of the poor'.

While there are much more points to mention as of electricity, sports, PHE and other departments, I may conclude my speech and give my support to the Motion. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN** : Let us invite Pu H. Zothangliana.

**Pu H. ZOTHANGLIANA** : Pu Chairman, thank you. First of all would like to proclaim that it is because of God only that the Congress party won bye-election of Chalfilh Constituency. The MNF and its allied political parties claim their victory in the election of Lai Autonomous District 2010 and of the Mara Autonomous District as a sign of their party victory for the coming general election of 2013. A strong opposition was put by the MNF and the allied parties against the Congress for the upcoming general election. But with God on our side, the Congress Party won the general election of 2013 with a landslide victory of 80% seats. Pu Chairman, the MNF and its allied party members claim that they walked out of the House as only of Congress party benefitted NLUP. This is not true, Pu Chariman as I have a proof in my constituency. For example, out of 199 Nos. households of Pang village, 171 Nos. received NLUP. Likewise, in villages such as Archhuang, Vartek-kai, Vartek, Tialdawnglung and Lungtian-II from which I have got 30% votes only but NLUP beneficiaries are more than that. In Mizoram, there are about 2 lakh families where as NLUP covers about 1.3 lakh families and all such families could not be of congress party alone. As such, I must say that the performance of the opposition party in the House yesterday was absolutely un-mizos.

Recently, there was a prevailing rumor of confiscation of arms and some armed rebels as on the prowl in some parts of Mizoram. What matter most is of armed rebels who had freely built their camps within Aizawl but after their arrests were freed without any case being charged. Such kind of incident is not happen under this ministry thanks to a strong an improved Home Department to maintain peace. In the meantime, I would like to express my appreciation to the government for the plan for placing IR Bn. at Thingkah.

Pu Chairman, The Helicopter Service is indeed, appreciative as it is greatly benefitted by people remote areas for airlifting ill-patient on urgent case. Regarding water supply, no water-pumping scheme was made during their two successive terms. Whereas, in this ministry, there are 18 Nos. of water supply schemes within four years and 2 projects located within my constituency such as Lawngtlai Greater Water Supply Scheme and Sangau Greater Water Supply Scheme.

In the same manner, Saiha, Tuipang, and the northern part of Mizoram also benefit the scheme.

On Roads & Highways, a remarkable improvement is seen within this ministry. Due to the initiative of the Parliamentary Secretary and the hon'ble Chief Minister, I am happy to learn that proposal for renovation of Lawngtlai road is underway as so with construction of Darzo Bridge. Besides, proposal for up-gradation of Lawngtlai P & E Sub-Division and opening of Sub-divisional office at Bungtlang 'S' are in the process.

On IAY, while only a handful of families benefitted the scheme during the previous ministry, number of the beneficiary under this ministry tripled the previous one. On Tourism, initiative of the hon'ble Chief Minister in forming Tourism Development Board shows our dedication for the development of tourism in Mizoram. For this purpose, the government hires P.K. Dong, an expert from Sikkim and the architect of development of tourism in Sikkim. Under his guidance, I am confident that we will become a developed State in tourism very shortly. Thus, I support this Motion of thanks on the Governor's speech. Pu Chairman, thank you.

**CHAIRMAN** : Pu K.Lalrinthanga.

**Pu K. LALRINTHANGA** : Pu Chairman, thank you. I want to start my speech on this Motion of Thanks with bye-election of Chalfilh constituency. Under the situation of many threats, the election was conducted peacefully. Even though the Election Commission of India prohibits defamation of any candidate, the Congress party candidate received one from PRISM on which the opposition party took advantages. In the end, my party somehow has won the election and I congratulate the newly elected member.

I have something to say about in NLUP. I am happy that fund provision for upgradation of the poor is allotted in the Budget which as far as my knowledge is concern, never happens in Mizoram. It has many impacts in and out of politics as thousands joins the Congress party believing that this party truly concerns the economic condition of the poors.

My next point, Pu Chairman, is fund provision for promotion of Aero-Sports amounting to ₹468 lakh. This will proof how well-advance we become in sports during this ministry. At the same time, I thank the service of Helicopter in the

remote areas such as Tlabung, Saiha and Lunglei etc.

In regard to the practice of jhum cultivation, the government initiates a plan to stop the system by introducing NLUP. As NLUP comes into force, the practice of shifting cultivation decreases by 16.9% as we have learned from the Governor speech. If we could maintain the same trend, we may be able to drive-off the practice of jhum cultivation very shortly and we may regain our valuable forests which will further help us change the climatic condition with the policy of Green Mizoram. Thank you.

**Pu R. SELTHUAMA** : Pu Chairman, regarding demonstration of the opposition party by leaving the House while the Governor deliver his speech, it is regretted as it create a new history in Mizoram in a negative approach. However, it is not surprising to witness the incident as they have even made another demonstration by claiming that they are not Indian as they fought for partition of Mizoram from India but later claims they are Indians as they came back to rule the state government. I wish that such kind of unbecoming practices is not repeated in this august House.

As pointed out by the Governor, bye-election of Chalfilh constituency was concluded smoothly. I congratulate the elected member and am happy to welcome him to fill up the vacant seat next to me. In this connection, it is regretted as some political parties are in the habit of feeding wrong information to the voters such as the congress party as favoring NLUP only to their party members and to those who affiliate in their party. It is not so, Pu Speaker as I have a proof in my constituency as 186 Nos. of beneficiaries out of 600 are of parties other than Congress party. Hence, Pu Speaker, it is a degrading for the House to give baseless information and so should be stopped once and for all.

As the desire of our leaders, survey on NLUP beneficiaries was conducted by the YMA in 2009 and according to their findings, about 1,60,000 families are in a condition to benefit NLUP out of which 1,35,000 are selected without considering which parties ones belongs. The fact is Pu Speaker, only of congress party members are not that much as the numbers selected for the beneficiary which further indicates that other party members too are covered. But still, they criticize the system of NLUP which I opine as unbecoming. During the election campaign for bye-election, the opposition parties informed the people that the congress ministry as not being able to make provision for NLUP claiming that our budget too small for that purpose. Despite the claim, we now have seen the ministry



fulfilling assurance made to the people, thanks to an able leadership of Pu Lal Thanhawla. I am proud to mention that some beneficiaries are now beginning to make a prosperous result as some even receives bonus as a prize of their successes. Therefore, this policy introduced by the Congress party truly supports those who cannot help themselves. Once again, I would like to remind concerned people that distribution of NLUP fair and was done without discrimination.

Next, thanks to the able leadership of our Home Minister, peace prevails in Mizoram unlike in the previous Ministry. In the previous years, we witnessed the incident such as kidnapping and extortion of money alternately which even compelled the present Home Minister to have a court case. However, truth prevails in the end as he has a strong witness who happens to be a security guard to the PRO. We no longer heard of rebels as being camped within Mizoram or walking freely in the streets. As such, our State is known as the most peaceful State in India.

Pu Speaker, I remember leader of the previous ministry mentioning proudly that developments will be jumping within his party ministry and that some will not willing to join employment under the government for he will transform Mizoram into 'Switzerland of the East'. But unfortunately, we have not seen the result till today. As such, I give my sincere support to this Motion of Thanks. Thank you.

**Pu P.P. THAWLA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. I am somewhat feeling pensive as we are now in the last sitting of the 6<sup>th</sup> Mizoram State Assembly as every member are anticipatedly preparing for the upcoming general election. In the meantime, I want to share words of congratulation conveyed by the Governor to the newly elected member from Chalfilh constituency, Dr. Ngurdingliana.

Out of 50 departments under the government of Mizoram, only 21 departments are being mentioned in the Governor's speech. I am regretted to see that the opposition members walking out of the House as the Governor might have lost interest to continue with his speech. Pu Speaker, as I came across a copy of the Governor's speech, I have found out that it contains 21 pages only and the affairs of the District Councils being omitted. I presume it is due to failure of the government to provide additional fund which have been applied in 2012. As such, I myself find no reason to appreciate this speech.

Pu Speaker, despite the Governor's speech pointing out the Government of Mizoram as being taken a great leap in healthcare, the situation in

rural areas remains unchanged. In PHC's within my constituency such as Phurra, Chhualung and Chakhang, we have no doctors and nurses to run the clinic. As such, I have found no point to appreciate to the Governor's speech.

Regarding continuation of mid-day meal as pointed in No.8, I am regretted to mention that I have visited 38 villages within my constituency in the month of January and my finding was that concerned teachers have to contribute money from their own pocket to provide midday meal for their students.

Despite the progress of the government in power supply as pointed out in No.12, I find it hard to agree as most of the calls I receive from my constituency are of irregularity of power supply even in the period of HSLC examination of their children. Parents of the students were so concern for the problem since they have depends only on it for long. The government assigned RGGVY for supply of power in rural areas but progress is quite slow as transformers being installed are of 25 KV with a capacity of barely 15 households. As such, I regret to convey to the House that the people are grieving for shortage of power supply.

Likewise, in the department of Food & Civil Supply, the problem of scarcity of cooking gas as well as supply of rice which remain unsolved. We are far behind from self-sufficiency as pointed in the Governor's speech.

Regarding Healthcare as pointed out in No.10, it is sad to learn that only well-to-do families are able to enjoy treatment at some Private Hospitals as poorer section of the people could not afford to get the same medical reimbursement from such hospitals are not accepted. In fact, it is a pressing need for the government to determine the case. Much as well, it is important for the government to equip PHC in rural areas with more facilities. At the same time, I would like to mention that the helicopter service in remote district headquarters is truly appreciated as it serves a great purpose.

Coming now to the much debated programme i.e. NLUP, I attended the launching of NLUP at Saiha In 2011 and what I have learned from that is, anyone who is willing to benefit NLUP should remain loyal to Congress Party. I presume for the same reason, the opposition members walked out of the House to show their grievances on partiality in dealing with NLUP. **(SPEAKER: A moment please. As our time is up, will we continue with discussion or resume later? Alright. As we have more members to speak, we will resume after recess. Please continue as you still have**

2 minutes.) Pu Speaker, thank you. Last year the Synod Social Front conducted a survey on NLUP and its beneficiaries. In their report, only 1% of the total number of beneficiary received 1 lakh rupees. In my constituency, some beneficiaries already received three installments of fund and they are mainly of beneficiaries who are engage in orange plantation etc. But since the seedlings being distributed are determined as for example 250/- per seedlings and deducted from the total amount one has to be received, it is not possible for any beneficiary to receive the amount in full. I, therefore suggest that all the beneficiaries received the fund completely.

Pu Speaker, it is clearly pointed out at Point No.10 that 89.6% of beneficiaries of NLUP are of supporters of Congress Party and this indicates partiality is involves in the selection of the beneficiary. This is how our government deals with NLUP, the flagship programme. We appreciate for those who benefitted the programme but at the same time, it is regretted to learn that many deserving families have been missed out. Apart from this, NLUP policy is being manipulated by the Congress Party for their election campaign in the previously concluded election of MADC as names of selected beneficiary during the election were again deleted after the election. Not only this, some Government servants are included in the list. As such, I find it difficult to support this Motion of thanks to the Governor's Address moved by Dr. Ngurdingliana.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : At the outset Pu Speaker, let me congratulate Dr. Ngurdingliana on his victory in the recently concluded bye-election.

As we discuss on the Vote of thanks to the Governor's Address, the notion which crosses my mind is that the condition of Mizoram would have been much different if the Congress party had made intensive efforts as they have done so in time of pre-election. In the meantime, I regret the incident of the day before as we are expecting to conclude this term with smooth ending.

Pu Speaker, I must say that my party supports NLUP for it resemble to our policy matter. I opine it is not necessary to criticize the source of funding whether it is of a Prime Minister's Special Package or of the Plan Fund of the state budget.

We often speak of the needs to modify the system of NLUP not in the sense of criticism but out of true concern for the achievement of the programme itself. In this regard, I would like to request concerned authority to give attention to any suggestion which may be made by the members. In fact, it is difficult to make a clear

cut opinion on the existing implementation of NLUP as to whether the Government programme or Party programme. It will be highly appreciated if the beneficiaries are selected by a village committee or village council in cooperation with NGOs so as to cover the entire people with the programme. It is sad to learn that the programme is manipulated to threaten voters in rural areas. In this connection, it is a shame to learn the incident in Vaitin in which NLUP fund issued in favor of Lawmsanga is being held for refusing to support Congress party. Apart from this, ₹500 each is deducted from the amount to be received by the beneficiaries as some beneficiaries were compelled to change trades they have chosen which is absolutely against the guidelines. So, proper supervision is important in regard to implementation of the programme.

Pu Speaker, four or five years has been passes since the implementation of NLUP and we are now expecting to see in the Governor's address regarding its marketing and processing. We may have a problem with marketing of raw-gingers but it is learned from the Trade Fair at Maidan that there is a good prospect if it is processed in the form of powder. Despite large amount of supply order being received from major entrepreneurs, the demand could not be fulfilled due to lack of machinery for dehydration of gingers which impedes the processing. Pu Speaker, if there is provision fund covering infrastructure for marketing and processing of any concerned trades under the programme, why not the government utilize it for purchase of the required machinery where there is a good opportunity being opened for ginger production? Likewise, why not the government purchases machinery for processing Hatkora where there is a good prospect of marketing for the production? It is sad to learn that many plantations are wasted due to lack of machineries for further processing of the production.

My fellow members pointed out Serlui-B to have been worth producing power energy of 12 mega watts but in practical, it hardly produces 12 mega watts. So, I believe the report is of the maximum amount. I have personally visited the spot and regretted to learn that environmental clearance to that effect has not been resolved till today. It is unfortunate for the government to take up such a substantial project without having laid down appropriate plan beforehand.

Apart from this, Pu Speaker, despite large amount of fund sanctioned by Tourism development Authority for setting up tourists' attraction at Serlui yet, I could not find where or in which place the work is laid.

In regard to power supply, RGGVY is where rural electrification is depending upon. It has already been started since the former ministry as ₹991 lakhs is spent for hiring consultant which I opine as a waste of fund considering a few roles it plays. Pu Speaker, when PAC made a spot visit to RGGVY project of Rulpuihlim which has been falsely reported by concerned official as being completed, it is regretted to learn that the work was then started in urgent manner by deploying most of the villagers there just before our spot visit to show that the work as being completed as false report given. Yet, the truth could not be hidden as woods used for the posts were still green as a proof that the work is done barely a couple of days ago and in haste. In fact, some villages which have been reported as being done are not so as the report of number of electrified family too is hardly reliable. So, Pu Speaker, I am afraid that additional financial sanction may not be issued from the central when actually needed. Despite 89% of the estimate amount which has already been drawn by the two concerned construction companies as only 11% remains, the work is being halted deliberately. What I would like to suggest in regard to the agreement is that those contractors may be suspended if they insisted not to continue and the department may take up the work. Even though expected date for completion of the project is March, 2010, it has been rescheduled twice since then. It is desirable if the existing work is left as it is and we may proceed to the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase.

Lastly, I am amazed that the Sports policy could not be finalized till today as it remains in a draft stage. It seems that the concerned department prefers to stay in that stage than implementing appropriate policy and having manual of its own.

At the same time, I would like to point out that the Scouts Training Centre at Tanhril needs a larger area. Despite the adjoining areas being surrendered to the state government for extension of the said centre, no step has yet been taken. I request the Government to take immediate step to this concern. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : Next, Dr. R. Lalthangliana

**Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA**: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I, first of all congratulate Dr. Ngurdingliana, the new member of this House. I wish him success in his service to the people.

At the outset, Sl. No.8 of the Governor's Address stated that "the mid-day mill as successfully implemented without any interruption since its inception", I

opine the statement is false as supply of mid-day meal is irregular in many places despite strict order issued by the Supreme Court. In fact, it is degrading for the Governor to include false statement in his speech.

Again, it is further stated in Sl. No.3 that “the government is maintaining peace and tranquility, securing the safety of the citizens and affecting progress and development in all field have been among top priority of my Government”. Despite the speech that Mizoram as under a peaceful situation, some citizens are presently being held by their kidnappers longer than expected. It is, therefore, high time for the government to take immediate step to rescue such persons.

In RKVY, I opine coordination between concerned company and the department of Power & Electricity Department has not been maintained appropriately. As such, repairing of transformer for Buarpui and the surrounding villages has taken almost a year. It is regretted to learn that large amount of fund is wasted without achieving the project which is worth mentioning. Hence, it will be much appreciated if concerned minister made a commitment to give immediate attention to the problem to see that the project is achieved at it best.

Pu Speaker, it is quite appreciative that improvement of roads is now in full for the general election is drawing near. In this connection, I would like to inform concerned minister that MZU road which is nowadays covers by soils may also be repaired with immediate effect. At the same time, I suggest concerned minister that the on-going construction of road within Dawrpui area may be done at night time as it effect day-to-day life of the people living beyond the construction area such as Ramhlun North and South which is a one-way traffic.

Pu Speaker, I speculatively studied the Governor’s speech and I hardly found point which concerns the welfare of our youths despite their status as the future assets of our state. We are fortunate to have large number of educated as well as talented youths and their welfare and future lies in the hand of the government. In the meantime, I opine the policy of Youths Commission during the previous ministry should have been highlight in the Governor Address.

Regarding road communication, may I remind concerned minister an urgent need of black-topping of road such as Lunglei - Buarpui, Thenzawl - Buarpui and Aibawk - Buarpui which becomes intensively weak. It is regretted that the said is not included in the Governor’s Speech. In the same manner, we have not seen in the

Speech matter which concern Air transport. Apart from this, it is important for the government to seek the welfare of staffs of Lengpui Airport who are very much saddened by the proposal to hand over Lengpui Airport to the Airport Authority of India.

As known to us all, Pu Speaker, NLUP, an election manifesto of the Congress Party is said to be funded from Prime Minister's Package and without affecting the Annual Plan Budget of our state. Even so, it has not been implemented even after three years of this term lapses. Yet, a little amount is now seen in the budget by the end of its fourth year. The budget is not being used by Government properly. While, the success of NLUP are always seen in the Media by means of successful farmers which has been started not less than six years ago. It seemed that it is false information to the public. In regard to selection of NLUP beneficiaries, 88.7 % are from Congress Party, 0.3% from MNF and 0.7 from MPC. 10.3% of the beneficiaries are not being enlisted of Congress Party. As reported by the Study Group of Mizoram synod social Front. (**SPEAKER** : Your calculation might have been wrong if the beneficiaries are selected in proportion of the number of Political Parties.) Pu Speaker, if findings of a Study Group of Synod Social Front are not complaint, it requires to reflect in the House. The report stated that 89.6% of the beneficiaries are enlisted into Congress Party.

The New Land Use Programme is not being complaint but needs modification with the selection of beneficiaries. It is to remember that this Government is not Government of a Party but it is Government of the people. As a member of this august House, one should seek the best means of administration for the people. Pu Speaker, I want to say that it is important to manage the state budget for all departments concern. In fact, 40 departments have been affected by the flagship programme of the government as it results in shortage of funds. Pu Speaker, the General Election will be held by the end of this year. If MNF Party wins majority in the election, we may continue with NLUP as it is good for the people. This indicates we support the programme. But what I want to say is that careful management of such a large amount of fund is important. We did not opposed Governor's Address but we need to deliver what we support.

Pu Speaker, thank you for you had shown endurance with the performance of the opposition members in the discussion. As today is just the beginning of our discussion, I do hope that you may give us a chance to express our opinion freely. Hence, I request your understanding beforehand. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : Now, we will call upon Leader of the House to wind up our discussion.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : Thank you very much, Pu Speaker. I congratulate and welcome Dr. Ngurdinglana in this august House. I also extend my thanks to the people of Chalfil Constituency.

I thank to the reactions of members on the Governor's Speech but I beg their understandings beforehand as I may not be able to react to each and every point due to limit of time.

Most of the members mentioned about NLUP. I want to thank to the leaders of congress party for implementing the flagship programme of the Government. Pu Speaker, we all wish to have the best system of selection of beneficiary which is worth to lay on heavenly table, but being here in the world, we cannot afford to have though. In the meantime, suggestions of the members will open our eyes to implement the programme at the best possible. If it were reported in written to the nodal ministers or Vice-Chairman of the implementing Board or the Chairman of the Apex Board of NLUP, prompt action may be taken against any wrong doer. I also think the complaint will be true that supporters of congress party are more selected. I feel that it is a must and should not to be criticized. But I did not see list of beneficiary for I have enough confidence on the enforcing officials. But if there is any misappropriation in the process, we are responsible to it. But I want to inform the House that we did not witness any of their deeds. I request the hon'ble members to have understanding. Regarding payment of ₹1 lakh each to all the beneficiaries as pointed out by the certain members; I said that the value of ₹30,000/- which was given in NLUP implementation of the previous congress ministry as equivalent with ₹1 lakh of the present day. Anyhow, it is thankful for some others have confidence to give out ₹1 lakh to each beneficiary on the first day I assume the office of Chief Minister.

Pu Speaker, this is how the government proceeds; showing that we stand by the election manifesto, ₹100 crore is allocated as the first budget session is held. But as the system formulated by our experts is being forwarded to the central authority, numbers of point are found for modification. As we explained the policy to the central authority, they understand right away that the programme further concerns afforestation, Sustainable Agriculture & Allied Services Economy, Sustainable Water Resources Management the policies which all are beneficial for solution of the global



warming. At the same time, we should have taken the period of detainment of the proposal for modification as an opportunity to give awareness to concerned public as well as for training to concerned officials. In resolving the problems, God has provides us with helps from All Mizo Farmers Union, Hnam Chhantu Pawl, Widows and others Unions.

To implement the programme at the best possible, the government of Mizoram had set up Apex Board under the Chairmanship of the Chief Minister and we are fortunate that we have received a good cooperation from church leaders and NGO's. Pu Speaker, our demand for implementation of the programme was only ₹1,500 crores but the central government had been very kind by sanctioning ₹3,000 crores with the thought that more fund is needed for purchase of vehicles and for cluster farming etc. but we had to contribute ₹300 crores from the state's fund.

We have often encourages each beneficiary to take up their respective trades with a sense of honesty, sincerity, hardworking and fear of God otherwise it could affect the reputation of the Mizos as a whole as so the government if the programme failed. As no one is perfect, we need cooperation of the members as well as the people in order to achieve the programme.

From our past experience of selection of NLUP beneficiaries, we need to be more careful this time as leaders of parties other than congress discouraged their supporters not to take seriously of NLUP for fear of losing in the coming general election. Despite such kind of encouragements, all beneficiaries were given the same treatment regardless of which party he belongs and the government continues to give assistance to anyone who is working hard for success.

Pu Speaker, researchers from Minnesota University, USA including the Executive Member of FAO came to Mizoram to study the system of NLUP and their finding is that farmers under NLUP have given enough interest in their respective lines of work yet scientific method is needed in the process. Those researchers came to know about NLUP from one Mizo student of their University.

Unfortunately, some of us mulls over if NLUP fund is actually of Prime Minister's Special Package. Not only this, there is a speculation that many of the government servants could not draw their salary due to NLUP which is allegedly funded from the State's plan but not from the Prime Minister's Special Package as previously stated. Pu Speaker, I represent the government of Mizoram in the plan

discussion many times in which NLUP has never been included in the fund allocated to the State government as it is the plan incorporated within special package from Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs. In this regard, I would like to inform the people through the House that it is absolutely illegal to utilize any plan fund being allotted to the state government for other purposes. If any government servant is unable to draw his salary, it is responsibility of the concerned department. It is a must that all government servants should draw their salaries. The Finance Minister informs all the departments in the beginning of the year to submit requirement for salaries so that it is incorporated in the allocation of plan fund. If there is any being left out, the department is responsible to it.

This year, Pu Speaker, 1,35,000 families will be covered by NLUP and I hope that no selected family will be left out as the main objective of NLUP is to alleviate the economic conditions of the poor in such a way to obtain self-sufficiency.

Coming now to Power & Electricity department, it is a fact that Serlui 'B' Hydel Project is initiated by the former Congress Ministry. Mr. Pranab Mukherji, the then Vice-Chairman of the Planning Commission too had keen interest on this project but some experts advised our government to abandon the project for the rate of power unit consumption i.e. ₹4.50/- which is said to be excessively high. Thus, the Project is being abandoned. The project was estimated to produce 9 megawatts and the Economic Clearance, Forests Clearance and Environmental Clearance which had already been obtained. It is unfortunate that the project had not been continued in the MNF Ministry and that those leaders who had published Press Release of the MNF Party should know the fact. I would also like to inform the House that Forests Clearance has not been obtained for the new project of Serlui 'B' Hydel Project which is estimated to produce 12 megawatts except of the previous one. As such, no Press Release should be made against this ministry.

Some members complain the Governor's speech for not covering the detail project. In my opinion, time does not allow covering all the projects as some have already been covered in his speech of the previous session and should not be repeated. Regarding power supply, I do not think it is appropriate to accuse the government of our shortage since only 3 megawatts of our production remains under the authority of the State Government as 4 and above mega watts is of the central government. First of all, we need to obtain environmental as well as forest clearance which usually takes 5 to 10 years.

As already stated, Serlui Hydel project is able to produce only 8 mega watts even though it is expected to produce 12 mega watts. Apart from our own production of power supply, we are now appealing to the central government for allocation of coal block for commercial purposes. If it is achieved, we may be able to have 500 to 1000 mega watts.

Regarding selection of NLUP beneficiary, instruction is repeatedly given to concerned authority not to evolve partiality in the process of selection which is totally against the policy of the government as impartiality is our motto.

Pu Speaker, it is truly appreciated that our fellow member Pu K. Liantlinga stresses the need to introduce RFD as the same is encouraged by our Prime Minister. As of Performance Monitoring & Evaluation System for the Departments of Government, there is a plan to introduce result oriented approach instead of process oriented approach system and for this purpose; result framework document is being formulated. A representative from the Prime Minister's office came to Mizoram and conducted training at ATI and is greatly benefitted. Regarding punishment, it should be highlighted in the ACR. It is a worse kind of punishment which may be given to the government servant.

Regarding inadequacy of doctors, many were regularized but the problem may not be resolved since most of them were being employed since the previous ministry. Regarding plant for excavation of oil in the area of Thenzawl and Keihfang, the workers came to visit me last night and related to me that the oil deposit in such areas is as much as of oil deposit in Iran. If so, we may be able to produce sufficient amount of oil in our State. India relies on natural gas imported from Iran as we often encounter problem with the supply. As for this plant, our main problem lies with clearing of the ground and compensation as so happened in the process of construction of various roads such as Sihmui to MZU, Railway to Sairang and Multi Modal Transport Projects. Regarding exploration of oil source in the southern part of Mizoram, Reliance Company is entrusted to take up the work but progress has not been made as expected and thus necessary to approach the company to expedite the work.

Being the sons of the soil, we should not work under none Mizos. So, we the members should try our best to prevent our land and the people from assimilation by outsiders. The government is of the belief that we have been provided by God with sufficient amount of hidden wealth beneath the soil of Mizoram. We

therefore recruited ONGC to explore oil by starting from Bilkhawthlir and Thingdawl. It was quite a promising project as the same was again initiated in the area of Hunthar veng, Aizawl and a plot of land had also been acquired. However, as the general election of MLA comes, we have lost the election as the ONGC took no further step to Hunthar veng. Pu Speaker, during 2007/2008, we have made an approach to the minister for petroleum for renewal the abandoned project. At the same time, Multi Modal Transport Project has also been taken up by organizing a joined venture with the Engineers from Myanmar but the project had been abandoned after we lost the general election. As my party again came into power, we proposed to continue the abandoned project and take necessary steps. Soon after the work is started, the existence of large volume of natural gas is discovered at Meidum, Bairabi. In this regard, it is learned that ONGC and Government of Tripura existed working partnership for the pattern of thermal project to produce 625 MW out of which 20 MW to be shared by us. Payment has already been made yet, no effective step is being taken since then.

What I want to emphasize is our wealth of natural resources and the blessings to each family of the Mizos. May the blessings to each family strengthen the unity of all churches in expansion of our preaching of the gospel which happened to be the purpose of this government.

Pu Speaker, I would like to express my gratitude to all the members for actively participated in the discussion on the Governors Address. I would further like to request them to give cooperation to each minister by giving suggestion for the smooth functioning of the government. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : The hon'ble Chief Minister has wound up the discussion. Now, let us call upon Dr. Ngurdingliana to say anything what he want and let him beg the House to adopt it.

**Dr. NGURDINGLIANA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. As the hon'ble Chief Minister has stated, I am glad to see that the members actively participated in the discussion of the Governor's Speech. So, I request this august House to pass the Motion of Thanks of the Governor's Speech. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : The motion of thanks on the Governor's Address has been discussed and the Members of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly in this Session are deeply grateful to the Governor for the Address which he had been pleased to

deliver to the Assembly on the 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2013. Now, it should be voted.

(The Motion is voted as passed)

Now, The Motion of Thanks on the Governor's Address is adopted by the House.

We now have finished the Business for today. The next sitting will be held at 10:30 A.M. on the 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2013.

Sitting is adjourned. (5:23 P.M.)

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

**LIST OF BUSINESS**

FOR THIRD SITTING ON THURSDAY, THE 14<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2013  
(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.

**CALLING ATTENTION MOTION**

2. **Pu LALDUHOMA** to raise a matter of urgent public importance under rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly.

**LAYING OF PAPERS**

3. **Pu LAL THANHAWLA**, Chief Minister to lay on the table of the House a copy of "Mizoram Information Commission Annual Report 2011-2012 (April 2011-March 2012)".
4. **Pu H. LIANSILOVA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy of "The Mizoram Local Funds (Accounts and Audit) Rules, 2012".

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

Bills for introduction, consideration and passing.

5. **Pu ZODINTLUANGA**, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce "The Mizoram Entertainment Tax Bill, 2013".

**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** : Look on me and answer, LORD my God. Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death,

Psalms 13:3

Without further ado, we will start immediately with question hour. Let us invite Pu Duhoma to ask starred question No. 21 which he shared with Dr. R. Lalthangliana.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Leader of the House be pleased to state: -

- a) What is the estimate for construction of Vaivakawn to Mizoram University road?
- b) What is the estimate for widening, pavement construction and Culvert, side drains, etc?
- c) What is the total estimate? Who is the contractor? Did they follow the protocol? How many tippers and truck do they use as instructed by the agreement?

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lal Thanhawla, Chief Minister may answer the question.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, the answers are as follows:

- a) The estimate amount is ₹ 1907.64 lakhs.
- b) ₹ 2.99 crores is allocated for widening. ₹ 9.15 for pavement and ₹ 576,22,544 for side drains and culverts.
- c) The total estimate is ₹ 19.07 crores. Widening is undertaken by GP Projects ltd., Silchar; pavement by Sunshine Overseas Pvt. Ltd., Tuikhuahtlang, Aizawl. The contractors follow the agreements as much as possible and they are using 3 JCBs and 15 Tippers.

**SPEAKER** : We will invite supplementary questions from Pu Lalduhoma and Pu R. Lalrinawma.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, for the purpose of the construction, the nearby villages are very helpful and they have knocked down buildings as necessary. The MUP building was also knocked down although it was completed only recently. I request the government to allow them to work parts of the side drains and

culverts to save up for construction of a new MUP building.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalrinawma.

**Pu R. LALRINAWMA** : I would like to know if the government has any intention to black-top the newly constructed Muthi road and Aizawl-Lunglei road.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Hmingdailova. In the meantime, please adhere strictly to the subject in question.

**Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE** : What is the estimate amount of compensation for the construction of Serkhan-Bagha road? Why have they stopped the construction?

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lal Thanhawla, hon'ble Chief Minister may provide what answers he can.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : DPR is being prepared for black-topping of Muthi road as we speak. I would like to assure the hon'ble member, Pu Lalduhoma that the department will think of something to compensate for the MUP building. At the same time, we cannot thank the people of the surrounding areas enough for their cooperation and assistance as well as their patience and understanding.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalduhoma may ask his starred question No. 22.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Will the hon'ble Minister for PWD be pleased to state –

- a) What is the estimate for construction of Ramrikawn – Sihmui road?
- b) When will the work be commenced?

**SPEAKER** : The hon'ble Chief Minister may react to the question.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, we are extremely eager to start the construction but the people along the road demanded compensations which were not sanctioned in the original estimate. We have sent field



officers to verify their claims and we hope to commence work shortly in the future.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : He did not answer the estimate amount. It is deeply saddening that some people are always trying to take advantage of government projects for their personal gains. I think I echo the collective sentiment of the area in encouraging the government to verify their claims. I would also like to know the estimated amount for the compensation component as well.

**SPEAKER** : Pu K. Liantlinga.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Pu Speaker, it is not unusual to hear about people claiming compensation nowadays which is also one of the major hindrances in accomplishment of works on time. In the meantime, when we receive compensations, we are technically selling our lands to the government. Can this be stopped by taking over the lands by renting, instead of selling it out right? We will have sold all our lands very soon if this system is continued.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : We have received a sanction of ₹5309.31 lakhs from the Ministry of Urban Development through the JNNURM program. We will invite only restricted tender to avoid unnecessary problems. I agree with Pu Liantlinga regarding our general idea of compensation. Corruption has been deeply embedded in our society now and it is clear that we are going to face the issue of compensation in this project as well which is profoundly saddening.

**SPEAKER** : Let us now call upon Pu K. Lianzuala to ask his starred question No.23.

**Pu K. LIANZUALA** : Pu Speaker, will the Minister for Sports & Youth Services be pleased to state –

How many sports Centre are proposed for construction to promote sports among the youths during this Ministry?

**SPEAKER** : Pu Zodintluanga, the concerned Minister shall answer the question.

**Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, 6 Sports Centres are proposed for construction. They are –

- 1) Regional Sports Training Centre at Saidan.
- 2) Mini Sports Complex at Muallungthu.
- 3) Sports Training Centre at Phulpui.
- 4) Mini Sports Complex at Lengpui.
- 5) Sports Training Centre at Lunglei which has already been completed.
- 6) Boys' Hockey Academy at Kawnpui.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary questions from Pu K. Lianzuala, then Col. Sangzuala.

**Pu K. LIANZUALA** : Pu Speaker, I commend the hon'ble Minister for sports in his dedication and foresight. I would like to know if it would be possible to have a sports field in each constituency. Secondly, the construction of Chhiahtlang football field has been abandoned for some time now. Is the department going to complete the construction?

**SPEAKER** : Lt. Col. Z.S. Zuala.

**Lt. Col. Z.S. ZUALA** : I heard that there is a proposal to construct a modified amphitheater at Tlangnuam. Is this true?  
I would also like to know the progress made in the construction of Indoor Stadium at Kawltheihuan, Mission Veng.

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

**Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, we are hoping to construct sports centre at many of the villages apart from the constituencies. I will take a look at the Chhiahtlang field and take necessary actions.

We have prepared a DPR for the modified version of the amphitheater and we are awaiting sanction from the Ministry of Urban Development. Seeing the improvements and progress made by Mizo boys in table tennis, we are going to build a centre for the sport at Kawltheihuan and we already have the necessary funds. The building will be multi-storeyed to accommodate weightlifting and contact sports as well.

**SPEAKER** : Pu K. Liantlinga may ask the next question No. 24.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for Soil & Water Conservation be pleased to state –

- a) How much funds has been deposited in the three accounts during 2010-2011 and 2011-2012?
- b) If they are deposited in 3 accounts, are they all released now?

**SPEAKER** : Let us expect the answers from the hon'ble Minister, Pu J.H. Rothuama.

**Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, the three deposits are made in separate accounts and the total amount is ₹445.330 lakhs. All the funds are withdrawn and released from these accounts.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary question from Pu K. Liantlinga.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Pu Speaker, part of the funds are said to be used for construction of broom godown all over the state. I would like to know if the funds from the three accounts are used for its intended purpose and how many godowns have been constructed.

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

**Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, the funds from the three accounts are used for the following –

- i) Vairengte Departmental Nursery.
- ii) Hortoki PPP mode; private Pu Lalramzauva s/o Lalrema, Hortoki.
- iii) Borai Departmental Nursery.
- iv) Borai, PPP mode; Private Pu H.T. Lalnuntluanga s/o Hrangzuala Borai.
- v) Rangte Departmental Nursery.
- vi) Bualte PPP mode.
- vii) Private Pu Hrangzika s/o Lalbuaia (L) Electric Veng Lunglei.

The amount of ₹40 lakhs under the NLUP was utilized for the said purposes, ₹30 lakhs for establishment of rubber plantation, ₹10 lakhs for the establishment of coffee plantation in different districts.

₹194.491 lakhs was spent on RVP and FPR watershed project in the

following manners: -

i) Khawiva, Lunglei	-	₹ 48.643
ii) Hmuiva, Lunglei	-	₹ 46.39
iii) Kanhmun	-	₹ 33.32
iv) Kanhmun, Langkaih	-	₹ 25.902
v) Mamit	-	₹ 40.236
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>₹194.491.</b>

**SPEAKER** : Let us call upon Pu K. Liantlinga to ask starred question No.25.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Will the hon'ble Minister for Sports & Youth Services be pleased to state –

- How many qualified sports doctors do we have in Mizoram?
- Is there any intention to recruit sports doctors recently?

**Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER** : The answers is: -

- We have only one qualified sports doctor.
- We are resolving necessary cases for his immediate recruitment.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary question from Pu K. Liantlinga.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : The doctor has finished his training in 2011 but there is no rush to recruit him even on a temporary basis from the government. I would like to know if he could be recruited immediately on a contract basis for the time being and then he can be regularized later.

Also, the meager amount of only ₹125 lakhs is allocated for the promotion and development of sports in the budget. This Ministry has declared in its manifesto that sports would be one of the major focuses of the government. Can you allocate more funds then?

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

**Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER**: I understand the hon'ble member's concern but we have to follow the rules for recruitment regarding the sports doctor

because the central has laid down a separate recruitment rules. In the meantime, we are doing our best to recruit him as a regular.

**SPEAKER** : Is there anything the House Leader would like to add?

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : The doctor in question is a good person and is very dedicated to his work even though he receives no salary in the process. I am pleased by the pressure from the opposition to regularize him as we sorely need a sports doctor immediately. Therefore, I will make sure that he is given an appointment as soon as possible after this assembly is over.

**SPEAKER** : Let us now invite Pu K. Lalrinthanga to ask his starred question.

**Pu K. LALRINTHANGA** : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for Sports & Youth Services be pleased to state – How many astro-turfs field being set up in Mizoram?

**SPEAKER** : Pu Zodintluanga, Minister.

**Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER** : Answer to starred question No. 26 is: – The astro-turf has been laid in three sports grounds such as: -

- a) AR Ground, Aizawl.
- b) Rajiv Gandhi Stadium, Mualpui, Aizawl.
- c) Thuamluaia Mual Football Ground, Lunglei.

**SPEAKER** : We will expect supplementary questions from Pu K. Lalrinthanga, Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte and Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

**Pu K. LALRINTHANGA** : Pu Speaker, I would like to know the plans and vision of the sports department for the development and promotion of sports.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte.

**Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE** : Pu Speaker, I would like to know if the Minister could alter the estimate amount for fencing since the original estimate was

insufficient. I also request the hon'ble Minister to take a look at the road running alongside the playground and take necessary actions to repair it since it is a very busy road.

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

**Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA** : What is the progress on the proposal to lay an astro turf at Champhai Chhangphut field? What is the progress on the proposal to construct a race track at Champhai Zotlang? There is a good playground site at Hnahthial and we have requested the department to take a look. When will you send engineers and experts to upgrade the field?

**SPEAKER** : Pu Zodintluanga, hon'ble Minister may answer what he can.

**Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER** : The department is planning to lay astro-turfs at Kawnpui Hockey Academy and Thenzawl Hockey ground. I will take a look at the fencing estimate once we know our budget. I have already provided an answer to Pu T.T. Zothansanga's question regarding Chhangphut field. We have submitted the DPR to the central and we are awaiting the sanction.

**SPEAKER** : Pu P.P. Thawla to ask starred question No. 27.

**Pu P.P. THAWLA** : Will the hon'ble Minister for PWD be pleased to state –

- a) When will the Tongkolong-Lomasu road, under PMGSY be undertaken?
- b) What is the distance in kilometers?
- c) What is the estimate and how many groups has it been divided into?

**SPEAKER** : Let us call upon Pu Lal Thanhawla, Chief Minister to answer the question.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : We cannot determine specifically when the work would be initiated but we are inviting tenders and it will be undertaken shortly. The length of the PMGSY road is 27.50 kilometers.

**SPEAKER** : The question hour has ended with that answer.

Please note that the following hon'ble members are unable to attend the session today:  
– Pu Lalrinliana Sailo, Pu R.L. Pianmawia, Pu Nirupam Chakma, Dr. R. Lalthangliana and Dr. Ngurdingliana.

The hon'ble member, Pu Lalduhoma has submitted a Calling Attention motion referring our Rules No.59. Let us now give him the stand to explain and elaborate why the motion is availed.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, I thank you for the chance to call the House to attention. The Motion is in connection to the Vaivakawn-University road construction which was mentioned earlier. The people residing in the surrounding areas are profoundly grateful that the construction of this road has been taken up by the government. They willingly give their support to the department and are not reluctant even to sacrifice parts of their lands to have a good road. However, as we are all aware, the construction cannot but create numerous problems to the people living nearby and I have called this motion to discuss the alternatives and solutions to mitigate the dilemmas facing the people concerned.

Firstly, the contractors should be notified to utilize the number of machines and engines they have promised to use in the agreement. Unless they employ the required number of machineries, the construction will apparently be delayed by days and days. Therefore, I think that the field officers overseeing the work should be more active in doing spot verifications and checking. If the contractors fail to complete the work by the stipulated time, the people using the roads are definitely going to face hardships during the coming rainy season.

The department proposed to widen several parts of the road and they have planted red flags in the suggested places when the construction was begun. However, when the construction was actually commenced, most of these suggested places of widening were overlooked and the width of the road remained the same. The work was done seemingly without referring to the original plan and most of the promises made beforehand were breached or ignored. At the onset of the undertaking, the department led us to believe that the people whose lands would be affected would be allowed to construct retaining walls in their respective land areas. But due to communication gaps the local residents have no idea on how to approach the department in this regard.

There is an area prone to landslide along the road which was not

included in the estimate. Landslide has occurred time and time again in this particular area between Vaivakawn and Chhangurkawn. It has affected 19 families and most of them have abandoned their homes in the process. The landlords have constructed retaining walls under the departmental estimates and although they have undertaken the construction without any thought of profit, it is clear that it would not be enough come monsoon season. I, therefore, would like to request the department to provide them with other contract such as drainage construction to recover their losses because a revision of the estimate will definitely be required anyway since the landslide is an unprecedented mishap.

Furthermore, the dust raised by the construction is unbearable for the residents. I know it was not included in the estimate but I request the department to notify the contractors to spray water from time to time to lessen dust. Another effect of the construction is pipe damage which could not be averted since the PHE did not mark the places where they have buried the pipes. We have suggested to the affected families to submit their maintenance fees to the local council instead of submitting complaints to the PHE which takes too long for repairs.

Finally, there are two roads to the University one of which is proposed for a four lane. In the meantime, the landslide prone area is the main obstacle in the construction and it will also be the major cause of problems in the future. Therefore, I would like to suggest a construction of a huge drain up to Sairang village over which a concrete bridge can be laid. Unless this area is tackled appropriately, it will remain a ceaseless impediment for the road.

**SPEAKER** : The aforementioned problem can probably be solved by constructing a box culvert reaching about 15 metres similar as the one used in Sonapur Bridge.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : Even though some of the problems and complaints voiced by our respected member can be explained, I would like to suggest a site tour of the said area after the Session is over to have a better understanding of the problem area. I suggest that all the concerned officials and persons from the Department, Ministry, Local Council, NGO and other be present at this time.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, I believe this is a perfect suggestion



**SPEAKER** : We will now call upon Pu Lal Thanhawla, Chief Minister for the laying of papers titled “Mizoram Information Commission Annual Report 2011-2012 (April 2011-March 2012) before the House.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, with your permission and agreement from the House I present the “Mizoram Information Commission Annual Report 2011-2012 (April 2011-March 2012).

**SPEAKER** : Let the copies of the paper be distributed. We will now move on to Legislative Business.

We shall now invite Pu Zodintluanga, hon’ble Minister to beg to introduce “The Mizoram Entertainment Tax Bill, 2013” before the House.

**Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, with your permission and agreement from the House I would like to introduce “The Mizoram Entertainment Tax Bill, 2013”.

**SPEAKER** : Are we in agreement for the introduction of this Bill? We shall now invite hon’ble Minister to introduce and move this Bill.

**Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker with your permission and agreement from the House I introduce “The Mizoram Entertainment Tax Bill, 2013”.

We have been using Assam Amusement & Butting Tax Act, 1939 before the existence of this Bill with a few changes made to better suit the needs of Mizoram. It was suggested and decided that Mizoram is in need of our own Entertainment Tax Bill which leads to the preparation of this Bill. I would like to point out that there might be a few mistakes and other unsatisfactory features in this Bill and would like to apologize in advance for this.

Pu Speaker, this Bill is prepared keeping in mind the changing world and to suit the advancement in technology. The design for this Bill has been restructured and new provisions are added to better benefit the people of Mizoram and I would like to urge the members to pass this Bill and suggest any changes where necessary. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : The hon’ble Minister has explained his reasons

for putting up this Bill. We are the only State in North East India without an entertainment Bill. We will now open the floor for discussion with 5 to 7 minutes assigned for each speaker.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, is it necessary to assign a time slot for the speakers as they will probably be a few speakers for this Bill as it is beyond our understanding for several members.

**SPEAKER** : Then there will be no allotted time. Who will start the discussion? Pu K. Liantlinga followed by Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. I have mentioned and call for the introduction of this kind of Bill a few years back and I am very grateful that it is finally completed. On another note, there are several areas where the State is currently using the Acts and Bills of other north eastern states and I would like to urge the other departments to look into this so that they can be carried into State Act.

Also, I would like to make one suggestion regarding the amount of tax to be taken from entertainment and believe that it is feasible to reduce it to 5% to 10% so that event organizers will not be tempted to find a loophole in order to be exempted from entertainment tax. Lastly, I would like to pledge my support for this Bill. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu T.T. Zothansanga followed by Pu C. Ramhluna.

**Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. This Bill is the 75<sup>th</sup> Assembly Bill and quite impressive and I would like to thank the Legislators and department staffs for their hard work.

Turning to page No. 9 regarding Cable TV and DTH service, I quote 'Notwithstanding anything contained in Section 5, the proprietor of a cable television network providing cable service direct to home (DTH) service shall be liable to pay entertainment tax at the rate of twenty rupees', I believe the quote '₹20 should be '20%'. '.

Also, on page No.19 (e), the phrase "that the entertainment is provided by the management if a tea estate for the benefit of labour force for which no charge

for admission is made” should be excluded as it clearly shows that the Bill is taken from the Bill of Assam. This phrase is not practical for our State as we do not have a major tea estate. I would also like to pledge my support for this Bill, Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu C. Ramhluna.

**Pu C. RAMHLUNA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. I applaud our hon’ble Minister and the department for coming up with this Bill. However, I do have one query regarding the coverage of this Bill. It states that “It shall extend to the whole of Mizoram”, does this mean that it covers all the District Councils? Or do they need to adapt before applying? Also, there are a few mistakes that I would like to point out, for example, Definition para 2(b) states residential or Non residential or Non residential. I believe the latter should be written off.

Going to page 4 sub-para (i) I believe it will be easier to put it as ‘the commissioner is appointed under Section 3 of this act’. Also, under para 7 (a) I believe the ‘s’ should be taken off from ‘Entertainments Tax’.

Under page 8, the word ‘prescribed’ should be changed to ‘prescribe’ as the sentence is in present tense. Also, under para 9, under ‘penalty for non-payment of tax’, I believe implied should be changed to complied in the sentence ‘Entertainment and the provisions of section 8 are not implied with’. If our hon’ble Minister could explain this sentence for us, it would be appreciated. The word ‘mutadis incorporate’ should be changed to ‘incorporated’.

They have also left out the ‘s’ in the sentence ‘rules framed and orders and notification’. In that same page the ‘s’ from excepts should also be taken out from the sentence ‘the commissioner may, by general or special order’. Under para 19(2) I believe the ‘s’ in offense should be replaced with ‘ce’.

There are a few spelling mistakes in financial memorandum and I suggest that revision should be made. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalthansanga followed by Pu Lalrobiaka.

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. All in all I support this Bill and have only one query regarding the percentage of tax levied to the consumers. It would be deeply appreciated if the hon’ble Minister could explain if the tax is

Direct or Indirect in reference to cable operators. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalrobiaka

**Pu LALROBIAKA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. Overall, this Bill is upto satisfaction and I applaud the hon'ble Minister and departments staffs for their hard work. I do have one query about the name of this Bill. As we all know, the name of this Bill is "The Mizoram Entertainment Tax Bill, 2013" but was written as "The Mizoram Entertainment Tax Bill, 2012" under page 27. I believe this is a printing mistake and correction should be made accordingly. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalrinmawia Ralte.

**Pu LALRINMAWIA RALTE** : Pu Speaker, thank you. I duly support this Bill and all it entails and would like to congratulate our hon'ble Minister and departments staffs for coming up with this Bill. There are a few printing mistakes which was mentioned earlier, I would also like to urge our hon'ble Minister to revise this Bill so that these mistakes could be corrected. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu R. Lalrinawma.

**Pu R. LALRINAWMA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. I am happy to state that we have passed 68 Bills during this term under your guidance which shows tremendous improvement. Other than several patent errors and grammar mistakes, the completion of this Bill is quite an achievement and I applaud our hon'ble Minister and department staffs for their hard work. As mentioned by members before me, I would like to give my support to this Bill. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : We shall now invite our hon'ble Minister to explain this Bill and ask for the House to pass this Bill.

**Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, thank you. Though we have worked very hard for the completion of this Bill, we are only human and bound to make mistakes. I would like to mention that we accept and welcome any suggestions, complaints and criticisms and I will try my best to address your concerns.

The Entertainment Tax is fixed at 20% as it is the most practical at this time. This Bill is changeable by notification at any given time. The clause for Tea

Industry tax was included keeping in mind the growing tea estate within the State. Also, this Bill is State Subject and as such will be used within the whole of Mizoram. As mentioned by the members, there are several spelling mistakes and errors and with the permission of the House, these mistakes will be corrected after revision.

As mentioned by our respected member Pu Lalthansanga, taxes are collected as Indirect. For example, the organizers are the tax collectors for sports events or the cable operators are the tax collectors.

**Pu LALTHANGSANGA** : Pu Speaker, the reason why I mentioned the tax for cable is that I believe that it would serve the consumers and the government better if tax is collected directly from consumers.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, if the tax is at 20% won't our sports activity suffers as these events are organized using funds from individuals and other charitable organization with limited funds. Is there any provision for exemption from this tax?

**Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, Entertainment Tax will be collected only from those events where people have to buy tickets to enjoy the said entertainment. Tax will not be collected from events where the event is sponsored by individuals or charitable organizations. These kinds of events are exempted from paying entertainment tax.

Lastly, as this Bill is newly introduced, there might be a few clauses and other mistakes and these mistakes and changes can be made as we go along. On that note, I kindly request the House to pass 'The Mizoram Entertainment Tax Bill, 2013'.

**SPEAKER** : One more query regarding page number 21, section 22(1). This section carries the notes a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h and is followed by sub-section 2 which contains penalties. However, in section 23, the notes are written as 1,2,3,4 for 'penalty'. Do we strike out this or can be carried as patent error? Let us invite Pu Liansailova to explain this.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, I have not studied this in depth as I believe it was written on purpose.

**SPEAKER** : That is my opinion also.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, the clause is written to explain the penalty for tax evasion and I believe it was written like that so as to explain this.

**SPEAKER** : That was my opinion too but the hon'ble Minister has mentioned this as to be written off.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : Evasion of Taxes was mentioned in the penalty so I believe that there will be no problem regarding this even if it is used as it is.

**SPEAKER** : Even though I have already called the Minister due to my confusion, we will open another discussion for this topic. Pu Ramhluna

**Pu C. RAMHLUNA** : Pu Speaker, there are two penalties for Tax Evasion which was written as 22(2) and 23(1)(a) and the amount payable is different for these. They contradict each other and with all due respect to our hon'ble Finance Minister, I suggest this section should be submitted for revision.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, if the House could allow the deletion of clause no.22 Sub-no-2, then the problem will be solved.

**Pu LALRINMAWIA RALTE** : Pu Speaker, distribution of taxes will not be equal as it is and I suggest an amendment be made for this section otherwise there might be complaints later on.

**Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, 'to mobilized additional resources' is written at the beginning. So, in (6) (1) if the tax amount is ₹ 20, then it will be reduced by ₹20 where the amount is ₹40....

**SPEAKER** : Tax payers will be multiplied in this way.

**Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA** : If that is the case Pu Speaker, I suggest No.5 (b) No. (3) be revised as it also contradicts the clause.

**SPEAKER** : That will be taken care of by the people dealing with Rules.

**Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, shall we continue this after recess?

**SPEAKER :** I was hoping that it could provide a little bit more clarity.

**Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER :** Then shall we accept this as it is?

**SPEAKER :** Pu Rinawma.

**Pu R. LALRINAWMA :** Pu Speaker, it was previously mentioned by the members and I believe it will be accepted by all if clause 2 is revised.

**SPEAKER :** The hon'ble Minister has opted for the deletion of clause 2. If we felt the need to change this in the future then we can always amend the rules. We shall now invite the hon'ble Minister to beg the House to pass this Bill.

**Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, thank you. I request this House to pass 'The Mizoram Entertainment Tax Bill, 2013'.

**SPEAKER :** We shall now take a vote. Any member who agree to the passing of this Bill say 'yes' and those who are against it may say 'No'.

The House has unanimously passed 'The Mizoram Entertainment Tax Bill, 2013'.

The House is adjourned till 10:30 tomorrow 15.3.2013.

Sitting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

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

**LIST OF BUSINESS**

FOR FOURTH SITTING ON TUESDAY, THE 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2013  
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)

**PRESENTATION OF BUDGET**

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA**, to present to the House.

- a) Supplementary Demand for the year 2012-2013.
- b) Supplementary Demand fo Regular of Excess expenditure during 2008-2009 & 2009-2010.
- c) Annual Budget for the year 2013-2014 with allied papers.

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Secretary

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**SPEAKER** : “For the joy of the LORD is your strength.”  
Nehemiah 8:10

Although our rules states today be spent for Private Members’ Resolution, the budget will be presented instead. Let us invite hon’ble Minister Pu H. Liansailova to present the following (a) Supplementary Demand for the year 2012-2013. (b) Supplementary Demand for Regular of Excess expenditure during 2008-2009 & 2009-2010. (c) Annual Budget for the year 2013-2014 with allied papers before the House.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker Sir, with your permission, I rise to present the Supplementary Demand for Grants 2012-13 and the regular Budget Estimates for the year 2013-14.

1. Sir, I deem it a great privilege to present my third regular Budget as Finance Minister, in particular, at a time when the current Ministry is about to complete its full term and is presently harvesting the fruitful returns of a hard labor it has put in for the uplift of the State. Taking advantage of being in the last year of current Ministry, I may avail an opportunity of introspection since inception.

2. As Hon’ble members are aware, a number of significant development and progress have been achieved and witnessed by the State on many fronts during the term of this Ministry. Foundation stone for the institution of modern farming techniques and agricultural practices in the rural areas has been laid through implementation of New Land Use Policy. Sports and Youth services have been brought to a new height and being testified by various commendable medals we have won at National and International Levels. Laudable improvements have been unfolding in every nook and corner of the State. In fact, it is a period of memorable tenure in the history of the State.

3. Eleventh Five Year Plan Report brought out by Planning Commission of India placed the growth rate of Mizoram during the 10<sup>th</sup> Plan which covers the period between 2002 and 2007 to be 5.1 per cent. Meanwhile, growth rate of the same during the 11<sup>th</sup> Plan for the period from 2007 to 2012 is worked out to be 8.87 per cent which is an achievement indeed. Our good performance is recognized even at the national level. We are awarded “**best performing State on investment among small States**” by one of the most prominent national magazines INDIA TODAY. These achievements bear an undeniable testimony to the sincere endeavor and hard work delivered by this Ministry for tremendous progress of the State.

4. Meanwhile, I recognize that there should be no room for complacency in spite of many laudable achievements. Indian economy passed through unexpected slowdown during the last two fiscal years. Consequently, diesel prices are hiked and the subsidized use of liquefied petroleum gas per year has been capped for each household. Besides, a slew of reforms have been announced to set right the growth trajectory. It is apparent that the state's economy would be affected especially special category States like ours.

5. However, as I have mentioned in my Budget Speech last year, State Government has been taking painstaking efforts to insulate ourselves from this economic slowdown. Few fall-out of this recession has been perceived and felt but addressed satisfactorily together with hard-work of the people. It is the collective wisdom of this Ministry under the competent and capable leadership of our Hon'ble Chief Minister Pu Lal Thanhawla and the overall helping hand rendered by various stakeholders which helped the State to prevail over these troubles and come off with flying colours even under difficult economic situation.

6. Sir, it is a grand mark of respect for me to present the full Budget without Vote-on-Account in the final year of this Ministry's tenure. It is the combined effort of officials from State Government as well as my colleagues in the Ministry which help me materialize this full Budget. I want to thank them for their untiring support and flawless co-operation during those years. I am very thankful indeed to my fellow Hon'ble Members of this august House for their support and co-operation during this term. In particular, I would like to convey my heartfelt gratitude to our House Leader Pu Lal Thanhawla for the support, guidance, kind advice and impressive counsel he has given to me during those years.

## **I. OVERVIEW OF THE STATE ECONOMY**

7. Respected Sir, the Economic Survey of Mizoram 2012-13 gives a detailed analysis of the economy over the past eleven months. This report shows that the State economy during 2012-13 would grow at 10.37 per cent in real terms over the previous year against the national growth rate of 5 per cent. Hon'ble Members may recall my Budget Speech last year in which I said that double digit growth rate is expected during 2012-13 as per Thirteenth Finance Commission's projection.

8. Mr. Speaker Sir, as this survey report reveals, we will achieve the target and attain double digit growth rate as initially expected during current financial year. The

achievement is really exemplary especially in view of the current sovereign economic situation. I accord the credit of our success to hard work of the people of Mizoram, untiring support of my colleagues and generosity of the Centre.

9. The Economic Survey Report 2012-13 further shows that GSDP for 2010-11 at factor cost at current prices is estimated quickly at ₹ 6057.70 crore whereas the advance estimates of GSDP for 2011-12 is pegged at ₹ 6991.40 crore and the projected estimates of GSDP for 2012-13 is put at ₹ 8091.86 crore. At current prices, the growth of the State during 2012-13 is estimated to be 15.74 per cent over the previous year which is undeniably appreciable.

10. The Economic Survey 2012-13 reveals that Service sector remains the dominating sector in Mizoram economy by contributing 61.04 per cent while Industry sector and Agriculture sector contribute 20.29 per cent and 18.68 per cent respectively. However, little improvement is seen in Agriculture and Construction sector over the performance of last year. It is therefore our constant endeavor to invest more on Agriculture and Industry to ensure balanced and inclusive growth.

11. In view of the performance of the State economy during current year and past few years, I anticipate the growth rate of the State to be a double digit even during 2013-14. I do believe that we will make it once again.

## **II. A REVIEW OF YEAR 2012-13**

Sir, I would now come to a review of year 2012-13.

12. Respected Sir, the year 2012-13 is a year of recovery for our State. The graph of various fiscal indicators has shown upward trajectory in the chart. Besides, improvement on essential commodities' supply chain has been ushered in. Local production of various agricultural and horticultural crops shoots up to a great extent. Important sectors like construction sector, manufacturing sector, electricity, gas & water supply also show an improving trend.

13. During the year under review, Plan Grants under Thirteenth Finance Commission's recommendation are increased from ₹ 75.00 crore in 2011-12 to ₹ 113.85 crore and Non-Plan Grants from ₹ 780.35 crore to ₹ 1050.26 crore. We have benefitted a lot owing to this Commission's recommendations yet not fully. Non-plan revenue gap remains high even though it was intended to fill the same through this recommended gap grant. In spite of all these, full efforts are being taken to align our

fiscal targets to those stipulated by the Finance Commission and fulfillment of other provisions.

14. Sir, 2012-13 is also a year worth-mentioning in the fiscal history of the State owing to big jump of our Annual Plan size compared to the size of the previous year. The Annual Plan of ₹ 2300.00 crore during 2012-13, being an increase of 35.29 per cent against the size of the previous year, is the highest ever increment percentage since we attained statehood in 1987. This blessing provides the State Government an opportunity to take up more plan schemes and projects essential for economic growth of the State.

15. Respected Sir, Central Government further extended their generosity during 2012-13 by providing additional allocation to the tune of ₹ 62.17 crore to our Annual Plan on RKVY - ₹ 58.63 crore, BADP - ₹1.38 crore and NeGAP - 2.16 crore. This enhanced the Annual Plan size of 2012-13 to the level of ₹ 2362.17 crore and thereby making the increment percentage to become 38.98 per cent which is indeed exemplary for the State in all aspects.

16. During the year under review, our flagship programme New Land Use Policy has begun demonstrating its impact on the day to day activities of the beneficiaries as well as on the state economy. The production of rice, broom, pulses, maize, oilseeds, sugarcane etc. increased to a great extent. It is indeed a fruitful fiscal for the State.

### **III. BRIEF HIGHLIGHTS OF ANNUAL PLAN 2012-13**

17. Mr. Speaker Sir, I wish to avail an opportunity of underlining priority sector under Annual Plan 2012-13 in addition to what I have highlighted in my Budget speech last year.

#### **Agriculture & Allied Activities**

18. Sir, State Government is paying due attention to this sector to attain overall improvement of the whole State. It is our endeavor to revamp and reinvent MIFCO. Hence, an amount of ₹ 262.50 lakh is allocated to MIFCO under RKVY. Besides, ₹ 20.00 lakh is also earmarked for construction of link road at Aizawl Melriat Suanghuan. For maintenance of Aizawl zoological park, ₹ 26.69 lakh has also been allocated. Moreover, additional ₹ 17.00 lakh is set aside for clearing of market garbage. Likewise, ₹ 20.00 lakh has been put aside for metalling and blacktopping of approach road to Lengte Dumping Ground.

### **Mizoram State Boundary Committee**

19. As Honble Members are aware, our State is sandwiched between two foreign countries and is also bordering three neighbour States. Recently, some issues have been raised in regard to the safety and clarity of our boundary particularly in the northern side. Since this Ministry is always mindful of and sensitive to the expectations, aspirations and grievances of the people, State Boundary Committee was set up for clarification and safeguarding of the State boundary. For efficient functioning of the Committee, ₹ 5.84 lakh is allocated during the period under review.

### **Buffer to Students' scholarship**

20. This Government always pays top priority on the welfare and wellbeing of the students who could, one day, become the leaders of the State. In order to facilitate and cushion the students' welfare, an additional ₹ 34.46 lakh is allocated for scholarship liabilities, ₹ 166.42 lakh for Pre- Matric Minority Scholarship, ₹ 35.00 lakh for overseas scholarship and ₹ 6.65 lakh additional for 95 students pursuing technical and professional course at pre-matric level.

### **Industry**

21. Industrial sector is always lagging behind the other two sectors in the uplift of State economy. As a part of measures for inspiring and motivating this sector in addition to the existing efforts delivered through NLUP and others, additional fund of ₹ 35.00 lakh has been allocated for participation in International Trade Fair 2012, ₹ 14.00 lakh to Bamboo Development Agency, ₹ 30.00 lakh for purchase of cocoon, ₹ 224.00 lakh to ZOHANDCO and ₹ 615.00 lakh to MKVIB.

### **Health Services**

22. The inclusiveness and comprehensiveness of growth could be measured in terms of many parameters but the most prominent one is growth in health sector. Keeping in mind this prominence, additional fund of ₹ 160.00 lakh has been earmarked for replacement of Cobalt 60 Source, ₹ 30.00 lakh additional for operation of Referral Hospital, ₹ 50.00 lakh for patient diet, ₹ 18.00 lakh for improvement of machineries and equipments at Aizawl Civil Hospital.

23. I may now have a brief look into Receipts and Expenditure during 2012-13

### **Receipts**

24. Revised Estimates of total Revenue Receipts in 2012-13 is placed at ₹ 5259.68 crore against the Budget Estimates of ₹ 4796.48 crore. Total Capital Receipts is also revised to ₹ 426.89 crore against the Budget Estimates of ₹ 383.44 crore.

25. Revenue Surplus in the Revised Estimate of 2012-13 is ₹ 586.65 crore. Fortunately, spectacular improvement is seen in Revenue Receipts during this year.

### **Expenditure**

26. In the Revised Estimates, Gross Revenue Expenditure is placed at ₹4684.03 crore against the Budget Estimates of ₹ 4169.71 crore. Capital Expenditure in the Revised Estimates is ₹ 1582.82 crore against the Budget Estimates of ₹ 1157.54 crore.

27. The total expenditure under Consolidated Fund of the State for 201213 stands at ₹ 6266.85 crore in the Revised Estimates against the Budget Estimates of ₹ 5327.25 crore.

## **IV. BUDGET ESTIMATES 2013-14**

I now turn to estimates for Regular Budget of 2013-14.

28. Respected Sir, as Hon`ble Members are aware, Planning Commission of India has not determined the size of our Annual Plan for 2013-14 till today. However, I venture out to prepare the full Budget for 2013-14 and present the same before this august House by presuming Annual Plan size of the State to be the same size of last year. However, in actual, the Annual Plan size is expected to be stepped up by at least 10 per cent or more. As soon as Planning Commission fixes the final figure, the same would be incorporated in the Budget for regularization in the Supplementary Grant. This arrangement is being made in the hope that plan expenditure would be fast tracked and expedited from the beginning of the financial year 2013-14.

29. However, uniform spreading of expenditure throughout the year remains one of the top priorities of the Government. Full efforts are being taken to ensure speedy disposal and fast expenses of Plan fund, however, without compromising the quality of expenditure.

### **Receipts**

30. Revenue Receipts for 2013-14 is estimated at ₹ 5039.42 crore. This estimation comprises an estimation of Own Tax Revenue at ₹ 222.25 crore, State's share of Central Taxes at ₹ 935.66 crore, Own Non-Tax Revenue at ₹ 266.00 crore and Grants-in-aid from the Centre at ₹ 3615.51 crore.

31. Capital Receipts for 2013-14 is estimated at ₹ 413.01 crore. This comprises an

estimation of Public Debt and Recovery from Loan & Advances at ₹ 385.47 crore and ₹ 27.54 crore respectively.

32. Estimation of total Revenue Receipts for the year 2013-14 is increased by 5.06 per cent over the Budget Estimates of ₹ 4796.48 crore during 2012-13. Meanwhile, Estimate of Capital Receipts for 2013-14 is also increased by 13.97 per cent against Budget Estimates of the same during 2012-13.

33. Thus, the total Receipts under Consolidated Fund of the State for the year 2013-14 is estimated at ₹ 5452.44 crore which is an increase of 5.26 per cent over the Budget Estimates of the same ₹ 5179.93 crore during 2012-13.

### **Expenditure**

34. The Budget Estimates of Gross total expenditure from Consolidated Fund of the State is placed at ₹ 5397.33 crore which is an increase of just 1.31 per cent over the Budget Estimates of the same during 2012-13. Of this, Gross Revenue Expenditure accounts for ₹ 4659.61 crore and Gross Capital Expenditure contributes ₹ 737.72 crore.

35. Out of the total Revenue expenditure, Development Expenditure stands at ₹ 3245.10 crore which is 69.64 per cent and Non-Development Expenditure at ₹ 1414.51 crore which is 30.36 per cent of the total Revenue Expenditure.

36. Interest Payments for 2013-14 is estimated at ₹ 248.48 crore which is an increase of 2.68 per cent over the Budget Estimates of 2012-13.

37. Requirement for Salaries under Non-Plan, Plan and CSS for 2013-14 is estimated at ₹ 1617.13 crore, ₹ 284.77 crore and ₹ 0.21 crore respectively thereby making a total requirements for Salary Payments at ₹ 1902.11 crore which accounts for just 35.24 per cent of estimated total expenditure.

38. Even though New Defined Contributory Pension Scheme has been implemented for the employees recruited on or after 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2010 for reduction of requirements for Pension Payments, old Pension scheme still cover major portion of the State Government's employees. Therefore, I propose to set aside ₹ 250.17 crore for the expenditure on Pension Payments for fiscal 2013-14.

39. Gross Capital Expenditure is estimated at ₹ 737.72 crore of which Capital

Outlay at ₹ 601.80 crore, Public Debt at ₹ 104.72 crore and Loans & Advances at ₹ 31.20 crore. It is our constant endeavor to increase capital expenditure for maximum capital spending.

### **Non-Plan Expenditure**

40. Estimates of Non-Plan Expenditure for 2013-14 is pegged at ₹ 3097.11 crore.

### **Plan Expenditure**

41. Mr. Speaker Sir, it is not easy for the State Government to lay down our own sets of rule particularly in framing our own budgetary timeline. Central Government grips the handle of sovereign resources distribution. For the fiscal 2013-14, though the size of State Annual Plan has not yet been finalized, I take the liberty of maintaining the same size of Annual Plan for 2012-13. Revised sectoral break-up of Annual Plan outlay would be exercised when the actual size of Annual Plan for 2013-14 is properly determined in due course.

42. In the meantime, as a part of an effort to reinforce Plan administration in the State, all Departments are instructed to strictly adhere to the norms for providing administrative cost which is to be calculated as a percentage of the total salary for plan posts. This initiative is being taken with an aim at reducing Plan revenue expenditure for enhancing room for capital formation.

43. Within the presumed outlay of ₹ 2300.00 crore, I propose to allocate the following amount to different sectors as follows: (i) Agriculture & Allied Activities - ₹ 226.76 crore (ii) Rural Development - ₹ 14.92 crore (iii) Special Area Programme - ₹ 94.21 crore (iv) Irrigation & Flood Control - ₹ 142.36 crore (v) Energy - ₹ 53.99 crore (vi) Industry - ₹ 21.57 crore (vii) Transport - ₹ 101.57 crore (viii) Communications - ₹ 3.62 crore (ix) Science, Tech. & Environment - ₹ 1.28 crore (x) General Economic Service - ₹ 998.15 crore (xi) Social Services - ₹ 557.36 crore (xii) General Services - ₹ 84.21 crore.

### **Agriculture & Allied Activities**

44. It may further be stated that this Ministry is highly committed to attain self sufficiency in food grain production and to make Agriculture and allied activities a sustainable and viable vocation for livelihood support. Owing to intervention of various central schemes as well as our flagship programme New Land Use Policy, Rice cultivation area under shifting practices has decreased significantly from 25,826 Ha during 2011-12 to 23,150 Ha during 2012-13 which is 10.36 per cent reduction



over the preceding year. Productivity of rice under Jhum as well as WRC has increased considerably during 2012-13. Even Government of India recognized the achievement of the State and conferred “**Krishi Karman Awards, 2011** ” to Mizoram State for having significant improvement in food grains production during last few years.

45. In spite of all these, it will remain a priority sector of the Government to improve food grains production and other agriculture crops. Despite the fact that various components of this sector like Horticulture, Soil & Water Conservation, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries etc. also demonstrate noteworthy improvement in the last few years, State Government will continue to lay more stress on this sector in years to come.

I propose a Plan Outlay of ₹ 226.76 crore for this sector during 2013-14.

#### **MLA Local Area Development Programme**

46. I propose to allocate ₹ 1200.00 lakh for this scheme during 2013-14. The proposed amount has to be allocated uniformly to each constituency at the rate of ₹ 30.00 lakh. It is learnt that the scheme serves its purpose and is used for creation of various durable assets in many remote parts of the State.

#### **Special Area Programme**

47. As I had specifically cited in my Budget speech last year, it would be our constant endeavor all the time to decentralize power and percolate resources down to the lowest level. Even for the financial year 2013-14, I propose to set aside ₹ 300.00 lakh for Sinlung Development Council, ₹ 600.00 lakh for Lunglei High Powered Committee including Pilot Project and ₹ 500.00 lakh for five District Planning Committees - Aizawl, Champhai, Mamit, Kolasib, Serchhip.

48. In particular, plan fund received by Lunglei High Powered Committee during the tenure of this Ministry is going to exceed a whopping figure of ₹ 3000.00 lakh. Not only that, fund received by other five District Planning Committees will also surpass an amount of ₹ 1000.00 lakh. Three Autonomous District Councils are also provided handsome amount of plan fund to meet their requirements. Despite these facts, these earmarked funds would be enhanced when the size of the Annual Plan is eventually decided. I personally feel that initiative being taken by this Ministry is indeed worth- mentioning before this August House.

I propose a Plan Outlay of ₹ 9421.00 lakh under Special Area Programme.

### **Education sector**

49. Mr. Speaker Sir, in line with the main objective of Twelfth Five Year Plan i.e “**faster, more inclusive and sustainable growth**”, the State Government endeavors to put in place many programmes to bring about significant development in Education sector. As well known, our State bagged the second position in literacy percentage among all States across the country in 2011 census. Full efforts are on to achieve first literacy percentage in the country by ensuring 100 per cent enrollment of children in the school and 100 per cent inclusion of adult under Adult Education Programme.

50. Besides, full efforts are being made to create world-class infrastructure in almost every sports discipline across the State so as to ensure that the ability, capability and competitiveness of our youngsters are being lifted up not only to national level but also to international level. Moreover, action is in full swing to bring about maximum participation of our sportsperson into Summer Olympics at Rio de Janeiro, 2016. In fact, a large number of remarkable achievements have been accomplished under the ambit of sports and youth services during the past few years but limited space prevents me from revealing the full story.

I propose a Plan Outlay of ₹ 26927.92 lakh under Education sector which comprises General Education, Technical Education, Scholarship Board, Sainik Welfare & Resettlement, Sports & Youth Services and Art & Culture during 2013-14.

### **Health Care Facilities**

51. Sir, this Government is also highly committed to develop and improve the health care facilities uniformly throughout the State. In particular, the health care facilities in the State Capital need more attention as a result of soaring urbanization in the State. It may not be out of place to mention that Aizawl Civil Hospital can no longer afford to serve and meet the daily demand it receives as a result of population increase as well as due to shortage of staff, paucity of infrastructure and limited space. These deficiencies in this Hospital, in fact, invite innumerable grievances and complaints from the citizens.

52. Recognizing all these problems, the Government has decided to transfer Aizawl Civil Hospital to Falkawn Referral Hospital in stages from the year 2012-13. It is our intention to establish Medical College in this Referral Hospital in the near future. Besides, State Government is also working on improving health care facilities

all over the State. As a part of these initiatives, a proposal for recruitment of medical doctors, nurses etc. is currently under process and therefore a significant improvement on various health indicators is expected to be seen within a short span of time.

I propose a Plan Outlay of ₹ 3297.84 lakh under Medical & Public Health and ₹ 3588.00 lakh under Hospital & Medical Education during 2013-14.

### **Urban Development**

53. Upsurge of urbanization is a common phenomenon across the globe. For the State Government, proliferation of population in the State capital Aizawl is a matter of urgent concern. Being situated on a hill, State capital Aizawl calls for specific plan and design which many other cities in the country do not require. To meet these specific requirements, State Investment Programme Monitoring and Implementation Unit (SIPMIU) is currently working on improvement of sewerage and sanitation, solid waste management, Aizawl water supply and capacity development of institutions. Besides, taking advantage of Central schemes like JNNURM, RAY, BSUP etc., renovation of Aizawl city is vigorously being taken up. Besides full endeavors are being put in place to improve and cover all 23 notified towns of the State under the umbrella of these schemes and projects.

I propose a Plan Outlay of ₹ 11,550.80 lakh under Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation which comprises ₹ 10000.00 lakh for JNNURM, ₹ 516.00 lakh for North Eastern Region Urban Development Project, ₹ 300.00 lakh for Aizawl Municipal Council and ₹ 100.00 lakh for Aizawl Development Authority during 2013-14.

### **New Land Use Policy (NLUP)**

54. Mr. Speaker Sir, I may inform Hon'ble Members of this august House that our flagship programme New Land Use Policy has been making satisfactory progress. As a matter of fact, implementation of NLUP has landed the State into a new height. Exemplary affirmative change is seen in various economic parameters owing to NLUP, particularly, on per capita income and Gross State Domestic Product. Problem of shortages in agriculture as well as horticulture crops has become a history which is substituted by a problem of surplus production. Hence, I wish to avail an opportunity of outlining some of the noteworthy achievements of NLUP which have been brought about since its commencement.

55. Out of total target of 1,20,000 families, 96,139 families have been covered during the first two years. Another 29,862 families are being covered during the

current financial year. Besides, a request has been made to Planning Commission to enhance the number of beneficiaries by 15,000 due to increase in the number of eligible families. Furthermore, an amount of ₹ 1085.20 crore has been received for NLUP which comprises ₹ 838.82 crore under Additional Central Assistance and ₹ 246.38 crore under convergence through Centrally Sponsored Scheme.

56. In order to strengthen the quality of monitoring being done by State, District and Village Level Monitoring Committees, NABCONS has been engaged as the Third Party Monitoring Agency. They are expected to complete Mid-Term Appraisal by end of February, 2013.

57. Impact has been felt in short gestation trades especially in dairy cattle, piggery, poultry, broom cultivation and various trades under Industries sector. Though the milk processing facilities have been strengthened by setting up of 2 units at Serchhip and Champhai, there is a problem with MULCO because of surplus production of milk.

58. The NLUP Implementing Board constituted State Level Award Selection Committee consisting of experienced bureaucrats, professors from the University and Colleges, expert and leading citizens to make assessment of performance of beneficiaries and the villages. The Committee found that they are highly motivated and thousands of beneficiaries have increased their income 3 to 5 times.

59. In order to fulfill the announcement of our Hon'ble Chief Minister, 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2013 was observed as "Kut Hnathawktute Ni", in order to motivate farmers and the villages. The best performing beneficiaries at the District and Village level were given Awards on this day. It was found that there was enthusiastic support and appreciation all over the State.

60. In order to carry forward the NLUP objectives of sustainable development through on-farm and off-farm activities, food security, better water and soil management and various other areas where Mizoram needs better technical support, initiative has been taken to involve Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nation to make available global experts having practical experience. Four experts from the University of Minnesota came to Mizoram from 10-27<sup>th</sup> January, 2013 for detail study of complex problems of land degradation, deforestation, water scarcity, shifting cultivation and food insecurity in Mizoram. Various critical issues like citrus decline, poultry epidemic, disease of pigs and cattle, the pertinent problem faced by the farmers are examined in detail to suggest suitable remedial measures

under One Health Programme, as per the sanction order of the FAO.

61. It is extremely gratifying to note that the concept and implementation of NLUP is highly appreciated wherever it is presented.

62. The process for preparation of “exit protocol” will be taken up in the near future to take care of various follow up financial and management requirements beyond the mandated 5 years period. The spillover liability especially for long gestation crops like Orange, Arecanut, Rubber, Tea, Coffee, Oil Palm etc... along with processing and marketing support measures will be priority for preparation of exit protocol to ensure higher success in the implementation of NLUP. For this purpose, the technical, financial and management requirements for the next phase of NLUP will be prepared along with more comprehensive strategy for sustainable economic development of Mizoram involving top level experts, wherever necessary.

I propose a Plan Outlay of ₹ 370.00 crore under NLUP during 2013-14.

#### **Fiscal Sustainability**

63. Speaker Sir, the fiscal sustainability of the State could be best judged from the position of its various fiscal indicators. Fortunately, State Government has been able to limit its various fiscal indicators within the bounds of the limit prescribed by Thirteenth Finance Commission and is also determined to keep up the same trend in the years to come. For a financial year 2013-14, the revenue surplus is estimated at ₹ 381.81 crore and fiscal deficit is also anticipated to be ₹ 73.65 crore while the projected outstanding liabilities of the State is pegged at ₹ 4582.85 crore.

64. Sir, I would like to reiterate once again that existing provision of mass subsidy on food grains and power trading poses a serious threat to the prospects and sustainability of State finances. It may even derail the fiscal correction path of the State from its targets unless it is properly streamlined. I personally feel that Public Distribution System (PDS) needs to be revisited and subsequently, Ration Card holders must be categorized. PDS would be a fair and just system only if subsidy is doled out on the basis of income.

65. However, Central Government intends to roll out National Food Security Bill, 2011, as I highlighted last year, to make food a legal entitlement for all targeted population. Hon'ble Union Finance Minister has earmarked ₹ 10,000 crore over and above the normal provision in the Central Budget 2013-14 to pave the way for actual

implementation of the Bill. Besides, Direct Benefit Transfer Scheme has been initiated by Central Government since 1<sup>st</sup> of January, 2013. Hon'ble Union Finance Minister assured the people of India that Direct Benefit Transfer scheme would be rolled out throughout the country during the term of UPA Government.

66. In the course of implementation of these schemes, I assure this august House that rationalization of mass subsidy on food grains will be taken up with circumspection by the State Government for consolidation of its financial position over a medium as well as long term.

#### V. ADMINISTRATIVE INITIATIVES

Mr. Speaker Sir, I would now turn to the administrative initiatives currently undertaken by this Government.

#### **Results-Framework Documents - an instrument for improving Government performance**

67. Mr Speaker Sir, it has been felt an imperative need since long time back to re-engineer the State Government set-up and process for better and more efficient performance. Fortunately, Government of India has been implementing Performance Monitoring and Evaluation System (PMES) since 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2009 with a focus to assess the effectiveness of Government departments in their mandated functions. Under PMES, each department is required to prepare Results-Framework Documents (RFD) which provides a summary of the most important results that a department expects to achieve during the financial year.

68. Influenced by the initiative of Central Government, Government of Mizoram also has decided to adopt Results-Framework Documents in **toto** for 40 departments from the financial year 2013-14. RFD has two main purposes: (a) shift the focus of the department from process-orientation to results-orientation, and (b) provide an objective and fair basis to evaluate a department's overall performance at the end of the year. For the efficient and effective functioning of RFD system, **High Power Committee on Government Performance** under the chairpersonship of Chief Secretary has also been constituted. I do believe that RFD system will bring about a major turnaround for the improvement of Government departments' performance in due course.

#### **State Finance Commission**

69. Sir, the significance of sound and reliable financial administration for the State

finance needs no further emphasis. As a part of an effort to ensure decentralization and better financial management, Mizoram Finance Commission was constituted to make recommendations on the principles which should govern (i) the distribution between the state and the Village Council /Municipalities / Municipal Boards /the Autonomous District Councils of the net proceeds of the taxes, duties, tolls and fees leviable by the State, (ii) the determination of the taxes, duties, tolls and fees which may be assigned to, or appropriated by the Village Councils, the municipalities and the autonomous district councils and (iii) the grant-in-aid to the Village Councils, the Municipalities and the Autonomous District Councils from the Consolidated Fund of Mizoram. The Commission is expected to submit final reports within October, 2014.

### **10 per cent Lumpsum Grants for North Eastern Region**

70. Sir, various Urban Infrastructure Development projects and Slum Area Developments Projects are being implemented under 10 per cent Lumpsum Grant provisions for North East India both under the Ministry of Urban Development and the Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation, Government of India. Aizawl, Lunglei, Saiha, Champhai, Serchhip, Kolasib, Lawngtlai, Saitual, N.Vanlaiphai, Tlabung, Khawzawl, Zawlnuam and Darlawn are being covered under this provision and efforts are also on to expand its coverage to all the 23 notified towns. Till date, as many as 17 projects with the total cost of ₹ 220.90 crore have been completed. Fourteen projects with the combined total project cost of ₹ 186.53 crore are currently in progress.

### **Augmentation of Water Supply Scheme**

71. The proposal for augmentation of two major water supply projects namely, Greater Lunglei Water Supply Scheme amounting to ₹ 867.44 lakh and Greater Serchhip Water Supply Scheme costing ₹ 687.60 lakh were approved and sanctioned by Govt. of India under Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns. The proposal is intended to provide sufficient quantity of water to the people of Lunglei and Serchhip.

### **Success story of NRHM**

72. Mr, Speaker Sir, National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) is, in fact, an initiative of Government of India and however, the success of ground implementation depends to a large extent on the performance of State Government. Then, I would like to bring some of the achievements of State Government under this Mission for kind information of Hon'ble Members of this august House.

73. A total number of 978 Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA) have been

trained, provided with drug kits and made functional to bring about increase in institutional delivery, improvement in maternal and child health and bringing about better coordination between the health sector and the community.

74. Village Health & Sanitation Committee (VHSC) have been formed in all revenue villages and grant at the rate of ₹ 10000/- for each VHSC have been sanctioned in all Districts.

75. Rogi Kalyan Samiti, a patient welfare society is being actively undertaken in all District Hospitals, Community Health Centre and Public Health Centre across the State. An amount of ₹ 109.00 lakh has been released to these centers to bring about improvement for the patients, functioning of hospitals and for annual maintenance etc.

#### **Improvement in statistical data**

76. Sir, a reliable, up-to-date and elaborate statistical data is essentially a pre-requisite for a Government to embark on any economic and social development programme. Unsurprisingly, our State is, sometimes, devoid of dependable statistical data owing to which Detail Project Report of some schemes or projects call for a review or revision at a time when actual implementation is about to begin. Recognizing this constraint, Baseline survey has commenced from 2013 for the publication of Village Level Statistical Index. Besides, various statistical data compilation like Unemployment survey, Basic Statistics for Local Level Development, Statistical Handbook of Mizoram, Agricultural census survey, Meteorological data of Mizoram, Districts at a glance etc. are also published to bring about latest information of the State with the highest degree of reliability.

#### **Advancement of Horticulture**

77. Sir, Horticulture is a sector which brought us a fair amount of fame across the country as well as international level. Even Zopar at Chanmari, Aizawl alone is selling around 300000 flowers a month during peak season and 30000 during off-season within as well as outside the State. Many families are multiplying their income manifold through cultivation of horticulture crops.

78. In particular, Anthurium has earned special appreciation from various corners of the country. However, we want to improve the sector. We want to step up the cultivation of various horticulture crops in terms of production and area. Special attention is accorded to this sector under our flagship programme New Land Use Policy. Rural connectivity will be provided to the areas where important horticulture



crops with high market value are cultivated for easy market access. Plant protection equipment, tools and implements etc. will be made available to the farmers at 50 per cent subsidy to supplement their requirement and boost the production.

### **Power Generation**

79. The sincerity of the Government towards attaining self-sufficiency in power cannot be over-emphasized. Construction of 210 MW Tuivai HEP near Ngopa village under PPP mode has been initiated by availing Viability Gap Funding (VGF) from Ministry of Finance, Government of India. We hope that Tuivai HEP would be completed in a reasonable time. Besides, MoU has been signed with NEEPCO for execution of Lungreng HEP (815 MW), Chhimtuipui HEP (635 MW) and Mat HEP (76 MW) under Central sector. Moreover, MoU was also signed with NTPC for construction of Kolodyne Phase-II Hydro Electric Project (460 MW) to be completed within six and half years.

80. In addition to Hydel generation, the Government is also working on massive strengthening of Transmission line. Construction of various 132 KV transmission line connecting Kolasib to Aizawl, Melriat Sub-station to Luangmual Sub-station and Melriat Sub-station to Lunglei, Khawiva are being taken up vigorously whereas 132 KV line between Khawzawl and Champhai and 33 KV Double Circuit transmission line from Lawngtlai to Saiha are already made operational. Moreover, construction of Sub-station at Champhai and Sihhmui is under way. Particularly, Sihhmui Sub-station will be utilized for drawal of power generated by Pallatana Gas Based Station at Tripura State. I strongly believe that self-sufficiency in power would be attained within the foreseeable future.

### **Expansion of Trading across the International border**

81. Sir, since the State is endowed with lack of mineral resources, poor infrastructure and absence of private investment, laying a central focus on marketing aspect of agricultural products is a must for the Government to create employment opportunity for women and to protect the prospects and welfare of the farmers all over the State. In fact, the present Ministry has already laid strong foundation in this direction with the support of Central Government not only for the agricultural products but even for the industrial merchandise.

82. We have learnt that the rising agricultural and industrial products on account of New Land Use Policy would outsell domestic market in near future. Recognizing the upcoming limitation, full efforts are on to ensure smooth functioning of international

border trade with Myanmar and Bangladesh. In addition to my budget speech last year, I may inform this august House that proposal for improvement of Rih-Kalemyo road via Tiddim-Falam at the cost of ₹ 711.47 crore has been approved by Government of India. Actual work is expected to commence very soon. As and when this proposed road is completed, the Indo-Myanmar Border Trade from Mizoram Sector is expected to flourish immensely.

### **Progress in Industrial Sector**

83. Mr. Speaker Sir, I am happy to inform this august House that the Industrial sector of the State is making commendable progress during the last few years. Especially under NLUP, maximum efforts are on to change the land use system of **Jhum** cultivation by providing permanent engagement under Micro-enterprise and Handloom. Actually, as many as 8692 families have been covered under this project and a target of 7500 families is being set for coverage in the next phases.

84. Development of Handloom sector is being taken up by way of envisaging a project. As a part of this initiative, Detail Project Report to the tune of ₹ 16.72 crore was already submitted to Ministry of Textiles, Government of India. The project will cover all Districts of the State. Two Common Facility Centres (CFCs) for handloom development will be constructed at Aizawl and Thenzawl whereas 3 mini CFCs will also be constructed at the 3 Autonomous District Councils. A number of 162 weavers will be trained and the trained weavers will be provided Looms under the scheme.

85. During 2012-13, trainings on knitting, tailoring and embroidery have been given to 118 artisans and 53 nos of prospective weavers are also being given training on weaving. These trained weavers are provided Sewing machine, Flying shuttle, Frame loom and its accessories whereas trained artisans are presented tools, equipments and working capital assistance to the extent of ₹ 2500/- per craftsperson or weaver.

86. Sir, a need has been felt to reinforce The Mizoram Industrial Policy, 2000 since long time back. Then, new Industrial policy for the State called, "The Industrial Policy, 2012" was published a few months ago. This new policy will provide various facilities and incentives to local entrepreneurs. The policy will also open FDI or investment from outside the State under joint venture and reservation of local labour for non-technical employment. Investment up to Small Enterprise is completely reserved for local entrepreneurs. Besides, Investment Committee of the State Government has approved a proposal for establishment of Oil Palm Extraction to be

promoted by 3F Oil Palm Extraction, New Delhi.

## **VI. FISCAL REFORMS AND CONSOLIDATION**

87. Fiscal consolidation calls for endeavors both to enhance tax collection and to lower expenditure side. Efforts are on to generate maximum own tax revenue. At the same time, austerity measures are being enforced wherever they are appropriate and applicable.

88. As a part of fiscal consolidation measures, a quarterly review meeting on Revenue Receipts is being held to monitor and oversee the performance of various Departments. Various issues like departmental problems in collection of revenue, timely remission of revenue collected, possible chance of revenue pilferage etc. have been discussed in this meeting. Visible progress has been comprehended in the performance of various Departments accordingly.

89. Sir, on the other hand, fiscal consolidation also demands restraint on bulging expenditure, in particular, unproductive expenditure like Non-Plan expenditure. The reason for burgeoning Non-Plan expenditure could be ascribed to many factors like implementation of pay revision to State government's employees, release of DA arrear, escalating cost of administration, soaring cost of conduct of various elections etc. In the meantime, I would like to inform this august House that the Government is sparing no effort to curtail the swelling Non-Plan expenditure. Contingency expenditures of various Departments have been maintained constant since 10 years ago till date as a part of austerity measures. Moreover, various severe measures like budget cut under Non-Plan, imposition of blanket ban on creation of post under Non-Plan, non-filling up of vacant posts etc. have been exercised and put into effect to repress the swelling Non-Plan expenditure.

90. Mizoram Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM Act) Act, 2006 has been updated to align the requirements and stipulations recommended by Thirteenth Finance Commission. As per this Mizoram FRBM Act, the State finance is expected to maintain Revenue account in surplus, fiscal deficit and outstanding debt at 4.1 per cent and 79.2 per cent of corresponding GSDP respectively during 2013-14. I would like to inform Hon'ble Members that it is the sincere commitment of the Government to remain within those targets unless there is unavoidable circumstance.

### **Public Expenditure Review Committee**

91. As provided in Section 8 of Mizoram FRBM Act, 2006, a five member

Committee of Public Expenditure Review Committee was constituted. It has held its eight meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2012 to review half yearly position of receipts and expenditure for the first half of 2011-12 covering April, 2011 to September, 2011. This committee submitted recommendations to the State Government for the improvement of Public expenditure and to bring forward tax administration to earn more revenue.

#### **Review of Fiscal Position for the First Half of 2011-12**

92. As provided in Section 9 of sub-section (2) of Mizoram FRBM Act, 2006, a half yearly review of receipts and expenditure is to be carried out by the Minister-in-charge of Finance Department. As such, I have taken up review of the State finance for first half of 2011-12 covering the period of April, 2011 to September, 2011. Reports of my review are also being laid in the current sitting of this august house.

#### **Medium Term Fiscal Policy Statement**

93. As provided under the Rules, a Medium Term Fiscal Policy Statement which set forth the fiscal objectives and strategic priorities of the State Government in relation to certain selected indicators over the medium term is laid along with the budget documents in this session. This statement presents an assessment of sustainability relating to the balance between revenue receipts and revenue expenditure, use of capital receipts including borrowings for generating productive assets and the estimated yearly pension liabilities for the next ten years.

#### **Fiscal Policy Strategy Statement**

94. As provided by Mizoram FRBM Act, Fiscal Policy Strategy Statement is also drawn up and laid along with the budget documents in the current sittings. This statement presents an overview of the fiscal policy of current year and the policy of the ensuing year in regard to taxation, expenditure, borrowings and investments of the State Government in the instruments like Sinking Fund and Guarantee Redemption Fund. A Fiscal Correction Path laying the targets for fiscal indicators over the medium term up to 2014-15 has been charted out in the Statement.

#### **Macro Economic Framework Statement**

95. A Macro Economic Framework is drawn up and laid along with the budget documents. This statement presents an overview of the economy for the current year and of the state's economy for the ensuing year. It also touches upon the estimates of GSDP of the state and prospects of the economic growth over the medium term.

### **Consolidated Sinking Fund**

96. Sir, Consolidated Sinking Fund is being instituted to provide a cushion for redemption of Open Market Loans and other borrowings. ₹ 17.90 crore has been invested during 2012-13, which is the prescribed 0.5 **per cent** of the total outstanding liabilities of the State Government as on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2012. The continued investment of the Government results in accumulation of Sinking Fund and the principal amount already invested up to 31.3.2013 is worked out to become ₹ 135.40 crore. In 2013-14, I propose to invest ₹ 20.90 crore towards augmenting the corpus of the Fund.

### **Guarantee Redemption Fund**

97. Mizoram Guarantee Redemption Fund had been set up in May, 2009 with initial corpus fund of ₹ 50.00 lakh. It was initiated with an objective of having an amortization fund to service contingent liabilities arising out of the invocation of State Government guarantees. As on 31.3.2013, the already invested corpus fund is worked out to reach an amount of ₹ 350.00 lakh. For a financial year 2013-14, I propose to augment the corpus with additional investment of ₹ 200.00 lakh.

## **VII. MEASURES FOR AUGMENTING REVENUES**

98. Respected Sir, the issue of tax collection and tax effort is crucial in the literature on fiscal federalism in India even though taxable capacity varies across states. In fact, it is also vital for the State as well. However, the tax collections as well as tax efforts in our State still leave a big scope for improvement. In fact, tax regime in our State is endowed with many disadvantageous characteristics like limited tax base, absence of private investment other than public investment, remote locations, poor infrastructure etc. These factors deter the State from maximizing its own revenue. In spite of all these, full efforts are put into action to generate maximum own revenues. Necessary steps have been taken to ensure all available resources are tapped and drawn on. Nonetheless, I may highlight initiatives taken by the Government for augmentation of its own revenue.

### **Computerization of Tax Administration in Mizoram**

99. Development of exclusive citizen-centric web-based VAT and CST MIS software was undertaken under Mission Mode Project-Commercial Tax for State of Mizoram. The project has been approved by the Project Empowered Committee at the Centre and a sanction of ₹ 691.00 lakh has been made towards the project. Besides, an additional ₹ 26.25 lakh has been approved by the Government of India for purchase of VSAT equipment which is required for implementation of secondary connectivity. The new system will cater to the State's specific tax administration needs and

therefore, a better prevention of tax evasion is expected on account of this computerization.

#### **New software VATsoft**

100. As a part of an effort to fully draw on any available taxable components and to prevent possible tax evasion in the State, an electronic tax portal called VATsoft has been launched and put into operation. It is accessible at 'zotax.nic.in'. It offers online services such as (1) e-payment, (2) e-registration, (3) e-waybills and (4) e-returns. Besides, plans are under way to integrate other tax related services.

#### **Resumption of State's Lottery**

101. State Government's Lottery business is resumed from June, 2012. An agreement has been signed with four firms to conduct draws on behalf of the Government. It is scheduled to have 6 draws per day for each firm. Besides, administrative expenses are also charged to all firms at the rate of ₹ 400.00 per draw per scheme. This measure is being taken with an aim at improving State's own resources.

I propose no new Tax and Non-Tax proposals during the financial year 2013-14.

### **VIII. RECEIPT BUDGET FOR 2013-14**

102. Respected Sir, we have drawn up Receipt Budget 2013-14 and is laid before this august House along with other budget documents. This initiative, laying down targets of revenue collection of the different Departments under various heads of revenues is expected to bring about a positive turnaround in the increased efforts of the various Departments and Organization under the State Government for improving collection of various Tax and Non-Tax Revenues.

### **IX. CONCLUSION**

103. Mr. Speaker Sir, I personally feel that the achievements of this Ministry during the past four years are highly satisfactory in spite of no room for complacency. When the current Ministry was formed four years ago, the size of Annual Plan was ₹ 1000.00 crore only. But the same has improved to ₹ 2300.00 crore in the year 2012-13 which is more than double of the former. This improvement is indeed pleasing and heartwarming to be recorded in the plan history of our State even not to speak of 2013-14 Annual Plan size. More so, these blessings have already been translated into faster, more inclusive and sustainable development.

104. Respected Sir, while I am stressing the good performance of the Government during the past few years, I also want to say that we still have a mile to go before we achieve our goals and fully realize the objective of achieving higher growth. We need more investment from private players to generate more revenue and to create more employments. We need better infrastructure to attract an investor from outside the State. We need to improve our agricultural and horticultural output for self-reliance. We need to re-engineer Government's performance for better public service delivery. A lot remains to be done even though our past performance is praise-worthy. I do hope that the next Ministry will seek to build on the gains achieved during the current Ministry. We have capacity, potential and ability to achieve higher growth. I believe in ourselves and trust that we can do it.

105. Having said all this, I hope the Government's policies and programme will be able to bring about long term and stable economic growth and development for the State of Mizoram, the results of which will be seen within a few years to come.

106. I would like to thank all the Hon'ble Members of this august House for giving me a patient hearing.

107. With these words, I commend the Supplementary Demand for Grants 2012-13 and the regular Budget Estimates for the year 2013-14 for approval of this august House.

Thank You, Sir.

**SPEAKER** : Alright, the Budget is laid on the table of House. Since it is supposed to be discussed after 3 days, it will be done on Monday. Let me inform the House that Pu Nirupam Chakma is not able to attend session for some reasons.

Our Business for today is finished. Session will be resumed on Monday, the 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2013 at 10:30 A.M.

Sitting is adjourned

Sitting is adjourned at 11:53 AM.

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

**LIST OF BUSINESS**

FOR FIFTH SITTING ON MONDAY, THE 18<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2013  
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)

**QUESTIONS**

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

**LAYING OF PAPER**

2. **Pu H. LIANSILOVA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy of the Correction of Schedule of Demands and Appropriation for the year 2013-2014 appearing at page i & ii in the Demand for Grants 2013-2014.

**FINANCIAL BUSINESS**

**DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND  
FOR GRANTS FOR THE YEAR 2012-2013**

3. Discussion and Voting on Supplementary Demand for Grants for the year 2012-2013.

**DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND  
FOR REGULARIZATION OF EXCESS EXPENDITURE DURING  
2008-2009 AND 2009-2010.**

4. Discussion and Voting on Supplementary Demand for Regularization of Excess Expenditure during 2008-2009 and 2009-2010.

5. **LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

Bills for introduction, consideration and passing.

6. **Pu H. LIANSILOVA**, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce "The Mizoram Appropriation (No.1) Bill, 2013"

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

7. **Pu H.LIANSILOVA**, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 2013”

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

**GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR  
THE YEAR 2013-2014**

8. General Discussion on the Annual Budget for the year 2013-2014 (to commence).

NGURTHANZUALA  
Secretary

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**SPEAKER** : Dishonest money dwindles away, but whoever gathers money little by little makes it grow.

Proverbs 13:11

We will now take up Starred question No. 41. Let us call Pu Lalrobiaka hon'ble member to ask the question.

**Pu LALROBIAKA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon'ble Home Minister be pleased to state: –

If Police Outpost has been allocated for Kanghmun area?

**SPEAKER** : Let us call hon'ble minister to answer the question.

**Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, there is no allocation for Police Outpost at Kanghmun.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary questions from Pu Lalrobiaka, Pu Lalthansanga and Pu K. Lalrinthanga.

**Pu LALROBIAKA** : Pu Speaker, my question is: - What is the reason as the hon'ble minister has been reminded several times of its necessity? I request if rapid steps could be taken.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalthansanga

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. I would like to request the hon'ble Minister if additional staff and vehicle be allotted for North Vanlaiphai Police Outpost.

**SPEAKER** : Pu K. Lalrinthanga.

**Pu K. LALRINTHANGA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. I would like to ask if Police check gate could be made at Phaisen since there is a repeated report that this road has been a regular route to smugglers.

**SPEAKER** : We will call hon'ble minister to answer the question.

**Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, first of all I would like to state that- It is the wish of government to fulfill what the hon'ble members have mentioned. But, due to financial constrain we are unable to fulfill these wishes.

Pu Lalrobiaka' hon'ble member mentioned if Police Outpost could be allocated for Kanghmun. Pu Speaker, it is earmark of the government to put not just Police Outpost, but Police Station at Kanghmun. As I have said, due to financial constrain, it has not been finalized.

As for North Vanlaiphai Police Station, I have gone there and felt the need for construction of Police Station building, thus it was included. However, MPF was revised by central government, which makes us unable to take up within this financial year. But, we have handed over the PWD, we are expecting that they will tender any time.

What hon'ble member Pu K. Lalrinthanga mentioned is an important issue. It was in this route that 1<sup>st</sup> IR Police ambushed a stolen truck. Temporary check gate have been made there. The desire of the member is the desire of the government as well. Let us expect it will be fulfilled.

**SPEAKER :** Starred question No.42. Let us call upon the hon'ble member Dr. R. Lalthangliana.

**Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA :** Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister be pleased to state: - Is there any proposal to repair Sazaikawn jail?

**SPEAKER :** To answer the question, let us call the hon'ble Minister.

**Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, we are expecting to repair Sazaikawn jail in spite of financial constrains. But as for construction of building, it is impossible now.

**SPEAKER :** Supplementary question.

**Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA :** Pu Speaker, I was expecting from 12<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission fund within this year. I request the Minister if something could be done. Sazaikawn jail is located on hill-top and if there is strong wind from Bangladesh, I thought it may not survive this monsoon.

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

**Pu P.P. THAWLA** : Pu Speaker, I would like to ask if Saiha jail is included in the work schedule of jail repairs within the financial year/coming financial year.

**SPEAKER** : Hon'ble member Pu Lalduhoma.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, among jails in our State, there are still some like Saiha and Champhai which are still barbed wire fencing. Thus, I would like to ask if there is any proposal to improve these fencings.

**SPEAKER** : Let us call hon'ble Minister to answer the questions.

**Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, Pu Dr. R. Lalthangliana was invited to come along when hon'ble Chief Minister visited the jail in the constituency of the hon'ble member Pu Lalduhoma. Pu Speaker, had he accompanied us then, I would have visited Sazaikawn jail too. Let us expect that we will be able to take up with this budget which we are about to pass.

As for hon'ble member Pu P.P. Thawla's question, I request the hon'ble member to pray that there are no inmates in Saiha Jail. Anyway, whatever steps that can be taken shall be taken up.

Pu Lalduhoma's question is very important and we will look into the matter.

**SPEAKER** : We will move on to the next question. Let us call Pu K. Liantlinga to ask Starred question No. 43.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Home Minister be pleased to state –

- a) What is the total amount of TA/DA pending for transfer and posting of Mizoram Police upto 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2013?
- b) What is the reason for such pending?

**SPEAKER** : To answer the question, let us call the hon'ble Minister, Pu R. Lalzirliana.

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

- a) The total amount of TA/DA pending for transfer and posting of Police is ₹1,013 lakhs
- b) The reason for pending is that the budget provision is still the same for the past 10 years.

**SPEAKER :** Supplementary question for Pu K. Liantlinga.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA :** Pu Speaker, thank you. It is an important issue that the budget provision has not increased for the past 10 years. My question is: - If the Budget provision is made need base? Why is the budget provision not increased, where in some cases, it increases enormously? May the hon'ble Home Minister give the amount of pending TA/DA in battalion-wise? Also, I would like to ask how Police training is given. Whether in battalion-wise or platoon-wise? How many police have already been given training?

**Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE :** Pu Speaker, thank you. I would like to ask hon'ble Home Minister the present position of Bukpui outpost. Thank you.

**SPEAKER :** To answer the questions, let us call hon'le Minister.

**Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISRER :** Pu Speaker, the answer to hon'ble Minister is: -

Showing concerns towards Police Department and it is due to this fact that law and order situation is under control, in spite of problem arising now and then. Pu Speaker, it is true that there are some Police personal who are unable to receive TA/DA for 3 or more years. We have demanded to Finance Department and they sanctioned whatever additional provision was available but it is not sufficient. We are expecting that the government will look into our needs.

As of the amount pending of TA/DA in Battalion-wise, I am unable to give the list.

The answer to hon'ble member Pu Hmingdailova question is: - Due to financial constrain, rapid steps cannot be taken for Bukpui Outpost.

**SPEAKER :** Starred question No. 44. It is joint question of

three members Pu Lalduhoma, Pu Lalrobiaka and Pu T.T. Zothansanga. Let us call Pu Lalduhoma to ask the question.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon'ble UD & PA Minister be pleased to state: -

- a) In which part of Aizawl is the construction of under privileged building going on? How many?
- b) What is targeted date of completion?
- c) Who is the contractor?
- d) What is the total percentage of fund invested and percentage of work completed?
- e) What would be the criteria for selection of occupancies?
- f) For how many families the building is constructed under IHSDP?
- g) How many buildings have been completed in different District?

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

**Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, my answer to Starred Question No. 44 are as follows: -

- a) (i) Lawipu - 408 units. Pu Speaker, we have submitted DPR for construction of Privileged Home at Chite. Since no space is available at Chite, we transferred the project to Lawipu but we will refer to it as Chite in the coming answers. I request the members to understand it.
- (ii) Rangvamual - 368 units.
- (iii) Durtlang - 320 units.
- Total - 1,096 units.**

- b) Targetted date for completion is December, 2013.
- c) In the beginning M/S Mesnia Enterprise, Arunachal Pradesh works as sub-contractor to Hindustan Prefab Ltd. (Central Public Sector Unit). However, there is a misunderstanding between them and the project was terminated as advised by the government. Therefore, the government and Hindustan Prefab Ltd. made an agreement to continue the project. As of the project at Rangvamual and Durtlang, M/S Royal Infra construction Ltd. Kolkata does the contract work under National Project Construction Company Ltd. (Central Public Sector).

c) Percentages of fund used and work execution are as follows :

<b>Name of Project</b>	<b>% of fund used (From Total Project Cost)</b>	<b>% of fund used (From Fund Released)</b>	<b>% of work finished</b>
EWS Housing, Chite	22%	45%	40%
EWS Housing, Lawipu	40%	81%	40%
EWS Housing, Rangvamual	40%	84%	26%
EWS Housing, Durtlang	40%	82%	30%

d) Construction under IHSDP (Integrated Housing & Slum Development Programme) and BSUP (Basic Services to Urban Poor) are not finished yet. Housing under IHSDP is taken up at Serchhip, Champhai, Saiha, Kolasib, and Mamit and BSUP is taken up at Lawipu (Chite & Lawipu - combined project), Rangvamual and Durtlang.

e) The Ministry of Urban Poverty Alleviation provided criteria for the selection as beneficiary may be selected according to ones income.

g) The target is 1950 households and allotment to the districts is as follows: -.

1) Lunglei	-	500 families
2) Champhai	-	450 families
3) Kolasib	-	300 families
4) Saiha	-	200 families
5) Serchhip	-	350 families
6) Mamit	-	150 families.
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,950 families.</b>

Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary questions from, first Pu Lalduhoma followed by Pu T.T. Zothansanga and Pu Joseph Lalhimpua.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, my supplementary questions are as

follows: –

- i) As practice under IAY, is it permissible to concerned beneficiary to build the house in his own land so to avoid disruption of social order?
- ii) Whether the assurance given by the House Leader in the Committee is fulfilled in the remaining project?
- iii) Whether there is construction of an individual house within Aizawl City as in other districts?
- iv) What is the actual reason for failure to complete the project as per work scheduled? If the project remains uninitiated, it may be considered as invalid. How is the government plan to deal with this matter?

**Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA :** Pu Speaker, my supplementary question is: –

Is there a plan to continue the works at the District Headquarters? If so, is there an intention to submit DPR?

**Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUIA:** Pu Speaker, my questions are: -

- i) Is there any plan during the previous ministry to revert allotment of 500 households for Lunglei District as there were many speculations?
- ii) Under EWS Housing Scheme, it is learned forest royalty is taken from some beneficiaries who collected their housing materials. May such people be exempted from forest royalty so that their problem relieved?

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

**Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, thank you. Point raised by Pu Lalduhoma is true. However, the Central Government implemented BSUP with a determination to wipe-off slum habitation by setting up buildings for the homeless. Accordingly, we follow the same in taking up the project at Lawipu, Chite, Rangvamual and Durtlang. Since this scheme is criticized in the discussion of the House, the project is discontinued. However, on receiving many applications to occupy those completed, the department determines to apply for the fund once again under this scheme.

Next, the Central Government introduces a new scheme called RAY (Rajiv Awas Yajona). Under this scheme, we make pilot project which concern economically backward people so that they may be able to build or renovate their home within their own land. The fund has already been received since we are the first



in the north-east states to apply for the scheme. The area covers the whole of Mizoram.

I think my fellow member Pu Lalduhoma misunderstood my point on the progress of work whereas 80% out of the total amount sanction i.e. 40% has already been utilized. As of the progress of work under this project, I would like to inform the House that the main contractors of the project are some companies of the central and were sold to sub-contractors within Mizoram. As we approach such companies to expedite the works, it is our fellow Mizo's sub-contractors who suffer the pressure of the government. If the progress of work remains unimproved, we have no other choice than terminate the project. Thus, it is kind of difficult to take such a harsh action knowing that our very own Mizo sub-contractors will suffer the result most as they have spent enough for purchase of contract work. It may as well be aware by the public concern not to involve in any sub-contract work which may be offered by some company from outside. Pu Speaker, we have been facing the same problem with the project at Rangvamual and Durtlang while Lawipu and Chite project are being resumed.

Regarding the question of Pu Joseph Lalhimpua, there was a proposal during the previous ministry for reversion of 500 households allotted to Lunglei district for other districts. However, as the ministry changed, concerned authority did not agree to make reversion but concentrated entirely for Lunglei.

The problem faced by the beneficiaries in collecting housing materials as stated by my fellow member is true so may be considered immediately. Pu Speaker, in regard to dealing of fund, it is released on installment basis so that the beneficiary may not face problems in collecting housing materials and the project is completed on time. As for the project at Kolasib, there was an escalation of price when releasing the fund as the cost of timber woods increases from ₹250/- to ₹600. In order to avoid this kind of incident, installment system is being applied so that timber woods are acquired at a reasonable cost.

Pu Speaker, it is to be noted that a careful system is maintained for releasing the fund to the beneficiaries. After a separate Bank Account is opened, the amount is deposited with approval of concerned Local Council/VC. Thanks to the effort made by concerned officials, we are able to execute the work at our level best and for the progress in India.

**SPEAKER** : Coming now to the next business, let us invite Pu K. Lalrinthanga to ask his starred question No.45.

**Pu K. LALRINTHANGA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon'ble Minister for Fisheries Department be pleased to state: -

What is the increase rate of fishpond after implementing NLUP? Does our production increases?

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite the hon'ble Minister in-charge Pu R. Lalzirliana to reply.

**Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, the answer is:- After implementing NLUP, 1,447 more fishponds are being set up as our production also increases.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary question from Pu K. Lalrinthanga and then Pu K. Liantlinga.

**Pu K. LALRINTHANGA** : Pu Speaker, my supplementary question is: -

Is it a fact that the cost price of fishes produced in Mizoram is more expensive when it reaches Cachar? If so, which market is more profitable for the beneficiaries?

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. My supplementary questions are: -

- i) What is the total numbers of fishponds in Mizoram during the previous Ministry (district-wise)?
- ii) How much CSS fund is released to Fish-Fed?
- iii) Is there a problem in releasing the fund?
- iv) How many farms receive the CSS fund, who are they?

**SPEAKER** : Our time is up; however, we may call the Minister to reply.

**Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, thank you. As Pu K. Lalrinthanga question is unclear, I cannot give a definite answer. In my opinion, our production will increase if income of fish-farmers is increased.

As of the question regarding the number of fishponds in the previous

ministry, I do not know exactly. To answer the next question, the fund is released to Zo Fish Fed.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Pu Speaker, how many farms received the Central Sponsor Scheme and who are they?

**Pu K. LALRINTHANGA** : Pu Speaker, my question is the rate.

**SPEAKER** : Yes, I know that and the minister himself should not be blamed for not being able give a definite answer as your questions covers the whole of Mizoram. Our fellow member Pu P.C. Lalthanliana is absent today for the demise of his close friend at Lunglei.

Before we proceed to Financial Business, there is a correction to make in Demand for Grant 2013-2014, which we receive on last Friday. Let us invite the hon'ble Minister to lay on the table the corrected version.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, thank you. I would like to apology in regards to errors seen in the Budget we present on Friday. The department is doing their best to hand out to the members the correction of the budget. We ask the hon'ble members to understand for laying it on the table of the House as "A copy of the correction of scheduled of the Demand and Appropriation for the year 2013-2014 appear in page 1 & 2 in the Demand for Grant 2013-2014".

**SPEAKER** : Let the copy be handed out. Let us make correction in our respective copy of the budget. The department is willing to replace it and if it is ready, we will accept with thanks. It will be replaced during recess hour

Now, we will go to the Financial Business. I invite the Minister to submit Supplementary Demand for Grants for the year 2013-3014.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, with the recommendation of the Governor and your consent I move additional grants for demands Nos. 1,2,3,4,6,7,8,9,11,12,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,30,31,32,33,34 ,35,36,37,38,39,40,41,42,43,44,45,46,47, and 48 totaling ₹789,91,2,000/- for 2012-2013.

**SPEAKER** : We will take the demand one at a time. This

demand does not call for discussion as it represents what we already used and does not concern the principle and policy matters. If we agree, the Minister may now move for passing the bill.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER :** With your permission and of the House, Pu Speaker, I beg the House to pass the demands which has been laid totaling ₹789 crore, 91 lakh and 20 thousand.

**SPEAKER :** Do we all agree? If so, I declare that this House passes Supplementary Demand for Grants for the year 2012-2013 in concurrent.

The next business is regularization Supplementary Demand. Let us invite the hon'ble Minister to submit to the House, Supplementary Demand for Regularization of Excess Expenditure during the year 2008-2009 and 2009-2010.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, with the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and your permission, I submit to the vote of the House the following Additional Grant for Demands Nos. 8,9,20,29,30, and 33 totaling ₹39 crore, 3 lakh and 86 thousand for regularization of excess expenditure during 2008-2009 and 2009-2010.

**SPEAKER :** As practiced, this does not need voting as it comes from the recommendation of the PAC. Therefore, it is appropriate if you beg the house to pass it.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, I beg this august House to pass the Additional Grants for Demands as mentioned for the year 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 for regularization of excess expenditure.

**SPEAKER :** Now, those who agree to pass say, 'agree', if not, please say so. Now, this House agrees to pass the Supplementary Demand for Regularization of Excess Expenditure during 2008-2009 and 2009-2010.

Now, we have to pass the Appropriation Bill in order to use those Demands. Let us invite the hon'ble Minister to beg the House to pass "The Mizoram Appropriation (No.1) Bill, 2013".

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, I move "The Mizoram

Appropriation (No.1) Bill, 2013” for consideration of this august House.

**SPEAKER** : The Minister begs for introduction. As we agreed, we may let him proceed.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, I beg the House to pass “The Mizoram Appropriation (No.1) Bill, 2013”.

**SPEAKER** : The Minister begs the House to pass the bill. Let the copy be distributed as we already have passed the demand-wise.

Now, those who are in favour of passing “The Mizoram Appropriation (No.1) Bill, 2013” may say ‘agree’ and those who are not, say, ‘no’. As we all agreed, this House passed the “The Mizoram Appropriation (No.1) Bill, 2013” in concurrent.

**Pu C. RAMHLUNA** : Pu Speaker, I think there is a mistake in Demand No.30, Disaster Management & Rehabilitation. While the Assembly voted the figure 409.00, placing of the figure or typing is incorrect. If that is the case, the entire total will be incorrect. Likewise, in the schedule of the Demand of Soil & Water Conservation also is incorrect. While the number should be 55.00, it appears as 55. If that is the case, the total number 91.16 will become incorrect. I think it needs correction. Is there a way to make the correction right here?

**SPEAKER** : Does the Minister have anything to say?

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, some mistake occurs while typing in a computer. I cannot locate each mistake instantly. However, if there is a mistake, it may be corrected right now.

**Pu C. RAMHLUNA** : Pu Speaker, it is in the Demand No.30, Disaster Management & Rehabilitation.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, is it in 2008-2009?

**SPEAKER** : Yes, 2008-2009.

**Pu C. RAMHLUNA** : Pu Speaker, column No.3, DM & R Department, the amount shown is 409.00 but the total is incorrect. In addition, in Demand No.33,

Soil & Water Conservation, the correct placing of figure is 55.00, but it is shown as 55.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, with your permission, let the members make correct in their respective copy and the department will present in the correct form.

**SPEAKER :** The total number remains the same as placing of the figure is slightly mistaken.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER :** There is nothing to confuse as it is just placing of the figure.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, what is more serious is mistake with the calculation as figure placing here is incorrect and should be detected immediately. Anyway, this is not an appropriate form of placing of rupees.

**SPEAKER :** Yes, we all seem to understand the point and this kind of mistake will not be repeated. Is it not the Appropriation Bill No.1 which should be taken up now? Bill No.2 is supposed to be done later. It is appreciative as the members seem to examine the pros and con of this the Bill as to pass or not.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER :** The Bill, 2013 has already been passed and what we have to discuss now is its regularization.

**SPEAKER :** Now, let us call upon the hon'ble Minister to introduce the Mizoram Appropriation (No.2) Bill.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER :** With your kind permission, Pu Speaker, I introduce the Mizoram Appropriation (No.2) Bill in this august House.

**SPEAKER :** Let the copy be handed-off to the members. Provisions of the Bill shall be studied by members carefully. Now, let us call the Minister to beg the House to be passed it.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, I beg the House to pass 'The Mizoram Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 2013'.

**SPEAKER** : The hon'ble Minister has begged the House to passed 'The Mizoram Appropriation (N0.2) Bill, 2013'. The Bill will now be voted. (The Bill is voted and passed).

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

**SPEAKER** : Now, we will have General Discussion of Annual Budget for the year 2013-2014. 10 minutes each will be allotted to the members and 15 minutes each to group leaders. Now, let us call upon Pu P.P. Thawla to take his time.

**Pu P.P. THAWLA** : Pu Speaker, I am very happy for having the opportunity to participate in the discussion of the Annual Budget for the year 2013-2014 of the Sixth Mizoram Legislative assembly. At the same time, I congratulate the hon'ble Minister for being able to present full budget by year's ending.

First of all, what confuses me is our general practice of the long delay for filling up of posts vacated by retired government employees even though 40 years has passes since our statehood. I supposed it should be filled up automatically but it is not so. For example, a clerk of Zawngling High School who had died six years ago but the vacated post remains unfilled. If she was paid from non-plan fund, I supposed the vacant post should be filled up automatically.

Pu Speaker, numbers of Arms and Ammunitions were seized at the out skirt of Aizawl city by a joint-venture of the Assam Rifles and the Mizoram Narcotics Cell around. I opine staffs of Mizoram Narcotics Cell who were involved in the venture deserve promotion to higher rank. In this connection, Pu Speaker, it is learned that 5 persons kidnapped by an insurgency group of Tripura have not been released till today. What step has been taken so far by the government to rescue those kidnapped?

In regard to Health & Family Welfare Department, the building of our district hospital at Saiha has now becoming old as various wards, beds and latrines are useless. The hospital staffs frequently complain about the building whenever I visit the hospital as doctors and nurses there feels neglected in this hospital. It is noted that the project for construction of the building has already been submitted to the Central government of the former Ministry. Pu Speaker, unless the project is prioritized by the Chief Minister, I am afraid it is not achieved as 10 years has already been passed

since submission of the project. What is the exact position of the project, Pu Speaker?

Pu Speaker, I once agreed with the statement of the ruling party that this ministry is an answer to the prayers of the people. But to see the government not functioning as expected and much complaint from the people for irregular supply of food grains and poor condition of roads, I am beginning to doubt what I believed. So, Pu Speaker, it is important for the government to give more efforts so as to meet expectation of the people.

Pu Speaker, we all have witnessed yesterday that one Party left the House during discussion of motion of thanks to the Governor's Speech on ground of selection of NLUP beneficiaries. In my opinion, NLUP is a good programme but there are many questions from the people as some deserved families are not selected to benefit NLUP whereas on the other hand, some selected beneficiaries are of family member of government servants. I believe one party is not willing to attend yesterday's discussion for this reason. Pu Speaker, it is further alleged that NLUP fund is not completely disbursed. I am afraid that it will only be continued during the election campaign. Since the people wish to have free and fair election, the said fund should not be used by the ruling party for their election campaign. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE :** Thank you, Pu Speaker. First of all, I would like to congratulate the hon'ble Minister of Finance for presenting a favourable Budget. With the increase of budget framed by the Planning Commission, our budget increased by 8.87% which truly is appreciative. (Deputy Speaker at the Chair) I feel that the progress of our government is praiseworthy considering our poor status. Due to prioritization of investments by the state government, it is appreciated that we are awarded the best invested government among the small states of India. This truly is a remarkable achievement brought by our leaders.

During the last two years, the economic conditions of giant countries like USA, China and India declines which further affected many states. Even so, we are fortunate for not receiving the negative affect due to a wise fiscal management initiated by our leaders to achieve good governance. It is again truly appreciated as the economic survey of India highlighted the performance of our state government for the year 2011-12 which reaches 10.37% of GSDP while the aggregate increase rate of our country is 5% only.



In Power & Electricity, I opine members from the opposition have nothing much to say as Tuirial Hydel Project which has been renewed by the ministry headed by the present Chief Minister during 1996-1998 was again flatly abandoned by the next ministry formed by MNF/MPC party allegedly on ground of multiple land-holders. Otherwise, the project would have been commissioned in 2004. As such, I feel that some members have nothing much to say in regard to our shortage of power supply.

In regard to NLUP, I am happy to learn that our production of milk increases by 2,600 litres where as increase in the production of cash crops has also been witnessed during 2011-2012 and 2012-2013. As a result of implementation of NLUP, shifting cultivation is also decreased by 2,670 hectares where as our food production from WRC-1 and WRC-11 has also been increased. It is to be noted that our state received Krishi Karman award, 2011 which concern with outstanding performance in the production of food grains and individual crops of rice. For the sake of our efficient leaders, I am confident to say that this government is heading for more progresses in the field of cultivation.

For my last reference, Pu Deputy Speaker, one of the major projects being attached to NLUP is Agriculture & Allied Activities in which we receive ₹62 crore from RKVY periodically. The fund is used for construction of link road approaching lands which is found suitable for cultivation. It may be noted that roads constructed under NLUP and RKVY concern mainly of the farmers. So, I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to give priority to the welfare of rural people. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Next, Pu S. Laldingliana.

**Pu S. LALDINGLIANA** : Pu Speaker, I appreciate the presentation of a full budget by the hon'ble Finance Minister even before a regular budget is finalized in the plan. If the government is keep going on with the budget on Vote on Account, it means that Annual Plan has not been finalized and development work could not be regularized. Having unspent funds at the end of financial year indicates failure of concerned department or the government and such problem will come to an end if regular Budget is presented. In fact, this presentation is truly appreciated.

Pu Deputy Speaker, this budget provision concern for families of grass-root level as so for the poor. We have learned from the speech of the Finance

Minister that ₹226.76 crore is allocated for Agriculture & Allied Activities. Besides, ₹370 crore is allotted to NLUP, the flagship programme which is expected to be able to cover more than 1,30,000 families under NLUP.

Pu Deputy Speaker, ₹1,085 crore has already been received particularly for NLUP as the total amount received as Additional Central Assistance and CSS comes to ₹246.38. There is much speculations about the source of NLUP as of Prime Minister's Special package or else. In this regard, Pu Deputy Speaker, what is more important is if the fund actually reached the beneficiaries. It should be noted that beneficiaries across our state are rejoicing to receive assistance from the government and that is enough. It is grateful as we are able to witness a successful outcome of NLUP. In milk production also, I am glad to hear that MULCO is now busy with disposal of production of milks which immensely increases since implementation of NLUP. We are truly fortunate to have leaders whose main concerns are of alleviation of economic condition of the poor. Again, under the leadership of an able Chief Minister, Workers Day is observed on the 14<sup>th</sup> January throughout the state which truly is a notable idea as awards were given to successful beneficiaries under NLUP.

I want to add that the community of Bru and the Chakma, as I visited their areas surprised me as they kneeled and begged me not to proceed to their villages as receiving NLUP fund is enough for them and that they assured I will win again in the upcoming General election.

In the budget document of 2013-2014, we have seen some new schemes such as Detailed Fund Released and Detailed Fund Transfer to Local Bodies under which ₹300 lakh is allotted to Sinlung Hill Development Council, ₹600 lakh to Lunglei High Power Committee, ₹500/- lakh each to 5 District Planning Committees and to each Autonomous District Council as per requirement. Pu Deputy Speaker, I must say that this government is the government of equality and of transparency.

Regarding expenditure management, the government did it best to control expenditure by taking measure to reduce the administrative costs which enabled the government to save large amount of fund.

In Power & Electricity, the government is making an intensive effort for production of power supply such as Turial Hydel Project of 60 mw, the abandoned project and later renewed by the congress ministry. If things go as plan, we may be

able to commission very shortly. I would like to inform the people through this August House that MNF Ministry is responsible for our shortage of power supply. If Tuirial Hydel Project had not been abandoned by MNF ministry, it was planned to be commissioned by 2004. Apart from this, various steps has been taken for achievement of the following projects: -

- 1) Tuivai, 210 megawatts (PPP Mode)
- 2) Lungrang, 815 megawatts
- 3) Chhimluang, 635 megawatts
- 4) Mat Power Project, 76 megawatts
- 5) Kolodyne Phase-II, 460 megawatts

Besides, the government has also taken step for production of power line of 132 KV at different places. As the hon'ble Chief Minister, in 2009 assured that self-sufficiency in power supply to be achieved after 7/8 years, intensive effort has been made by the government.

In Health & Family Welfare Department, It is truly appreciated that the project of Referral Hospital is renewed and now is being renovated for Aizawl Civil Hospital. Not only this, there is a plan to set up a Medical College in the vicinity of the Referral Hospital. If it is completed, it will be of a remarkable achievement for the State government. Besides, Pu Speaker, there is a plan for construction of Cancer Hospital for which DPR is under process.

In Sports & Youth Services Department, there is a proposal to set up world-class Sports infrastructure thanks to the efficiency of hon'ble minister for Sports. In the meantime, I have to express my appreciation to the step being taken to enable our talented youths participate in the coming Summer Olympics at Brazil. On the contrary, it is regretted to learn that budget provision to this department decreases from 2009-2010 to 2012-2013. I think that it is important to reconsider the case when revise estimate is made.

In short, I Support to pass the Demands which has been discussed.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Next, Pu John Siamkunga.

**Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, I must say that the hon'ble Finance Minister truly deserve credit for being able to present full budget in the last portion of this term. Since it is a general discussion, I have to say a few points

regarding financial performance of the government. Pu Deputy Speaker, our GSDP this year increases by a margin of 15% i.e. ₹8,091.86 crores as of last year was 15.74 %.

As it appears on the budget, our revenue receipt is going to be ₹5039.42 crores which is more than our previous budget by ₹242.94 crores. Our capital receipt is ₹413.01 crores which is also more than our previous capital receipt by ₹29 crores. The consolidated fund of the state is ₹5452.44 crores and the amount of increase from last year is ₹272.51 crores. I commend the hon'ble Finance Minister for presenting a clear and simple budget which, even the layman can easily comprehend. There are several panels for development such as Sinlung Hills Development Council, Lunglei High Power Committee and the 5 District Planning Boards consisting of Aizawl District Planning Committee, Kolasib, Champhai, Mamit and Serchhip District Planning Committee with a budget of ₹500 lakhs to share between them.

One of the most reliable yardsticks for measuring the efficiency of a government is its view on educational development and I believe this Ministry has given high priority to education, which is reflected on the budget allocation. The amount of ₹26927.92 lakhs has been set aside for the education sector and I am sure this will have a deep positive impact in the future ₹300297 lakhs will be received by the Medical and Public Health which will be extremely comforting for the general masses especially the rural areas.

₹370 crores has been allocated for further implementation of NLUP and I believe this is a great improvement because the people will now be able to say that they have a solid fund in the budget now. This is an inclusive budget and from the NLUP alone, many people will have a chance to better their welfare and livelihood. The increase in per capita income - ₹61731 from ₹38582, is profoundly pleasing as it reflects the progresses and advancements we have made during the previous years. I sincerely feel that this budget is prepared with the sole ambition of achieving universally encompassing development in the state, thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Lt. Col. Z.S. Zuala.

**Lt. Col. Z.S. ZUALA** : I would like to begin by commending the Finance Department for their hard work and dedication to prepare a full and complete budget for the session. I am pleased by the reception of 'Best performing state on

investment among small states' award and the Krishi Karman Award, 2011. This is a direct result of the dedication and efficiency of the department; they are truly worthy of praise.

There is mention of bamboo development in the speech and it appears that they are considering import of bamboo variety from abroad. If they are seriously inclined to act on this, I think it would be wise to test our soil beforehand and to restrict harvesting of bamboo shoots to a certain extent.

I would like to extol the decision of the government to provide direct allotment to the Sinlung Hill Development Council, Lunglei High Power Committee and the District Planning Committees. This is a great follow up on 'more power to the people' under a democracy and I am certain that we will see a positive result very soon.

I am also happy that the previous government did not abandon the project of establishment of Hospital at Falkawn. Now that we have taken up the construction, we are able to shift wards from the Civil Hospital gradually thereby mitigating the congested condition there.

The projects under SIPMIU promised to be very beneficial for the city since there is a proposal for construction of sewage system and sanitation. There are many sites where landslides and other natural calamities can be avoided if there is good drainage and sanitation system. It is my humble opinion that the level of works done by this Ministry and the previous Ministry is highly varied. I hope even the opposition are able to recognize and appreciate the progresses made by this Ministry, thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : We will have a short break and discussions will be resumed at 2:00 p.m.

### **2:00PM**

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : 5 members have participated in the morning discussion. Let us now begin the afternoon session with Pu Lalthansanga.

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, I am pleased that the Budget has

been translated to Mizo version and I hope the people of Mizoram will have a deeper insight into the budget as a result.

It is also pleasing that we have not used the vote on account system this time and I hope this will mean that our developmental projects will be able to continue unhindered. Looking at our GSDP and our fund allocation in the budget, we seem to have made tangible improvements in terms of our economy but at the same time, we are devoid of comforting developments in the field of agriculture since we do not have even 20% considering the funds we have received for agriculture and allied sectors.

The budget proposes work projects for several aspect of development which is satisfactory for the common people while the actual implementation might be completely different. I hope the government will ensure correct utilization of the fund so that all the people will harvest the result of these implementations instead of just a handful of powerful politicians.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu Lal Thanzara.

**Pu LAL THANZARA** : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I think there are several instances to be thankful for in the budget presented by the hon'ble Finance Minister unfortunately, I will be unable to point out all of them due to lack of sufficient time. Our economy has grown considerably from the onset of this Ministry and it is indeed a huge achievement to be able to decrease our debt from ₹85.58 crores in 2008 to ₹54.40 crores in 2012. At the same time, we have introduced the NLUP which promises to be a stepping stone to betterment for thousands of unprivileged people who has no avenue to rise from their wretched conditions otherwise.

There are still some people who try to expose failures of the government and they often use power and electricity as their basis of arguments. However, the reality is that we are one of the states with the most sufficient power in the North East. Newspapers and journals of the N.E are often replete with their lack of power and their resulting complaints, but we are among the few fortunate states.

We have also made several breakthroughs in sports and our exemplary achievements are highlighted not only in the local newspapers but the central papers as well. Finally, I am grateful that we now have a state planning commission to monitor and regulate our financial expenditures. This is a huge improvement and a

notable step in the economic development of our state, thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu K. Lianzuala.

**Pu K. LIANZUALA** : Pu Speaker, I would like to commend the hon'ble Finance Minister for presenting a full budget instead of vote on account in this session.

Due to the effort of this able Ministry, we have seen remarkable developments and progresses in all sectors of the economy and I believe the opposition has also realised and acknowledged this from their previous discussions.

We have now implemented the NLUP which is in truth, colossal machinery in elevating the wretched state of the poor. Under this scheme thousands of people are now able to find stable livelihoods and professions.

We have also heard of the efforts made by our leaders to construct a dependable power project. This is a long term project which literally means that it will continue to serves as a basis for criticism of the government. Whether we are in the ruling Ministry or in the opposition, It is imperative that we support the government in implementing its policy to garner true development in the state.

I am pleased that the MLA Fund is utilized fully by the members. This is an extremely important fund and I wish the amount could be raised in order to cater as per the requirements.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to mention some points regarding NLUP. We experience and see tremendous change in the field of horticulture and other areas due to NLUP and I applaud the Ministry for coming up with this project. Lastly, I appreciate and would like to congratulate the hon'ble Finance Minister for presenting the Mizoram Budget in our own language. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu Lalrobiaka

**Pu LALROBIAKA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. Firstly, I would like to applaud our hon'ble Finance Minister for providing us with quality budget. I would like to start with NLUP and the benefits that the people of Mizoram have received. As of today, 96,139 families are covered by NLUP.

Scholarship is provided to the students studying within and outside India and a sum of ₹34.46 lakhs have been added for the purpose of providing scholarships to students studying within Mizoram. Also, a sum of ₹35 lakhs is also added for overseas students.

In the Health Sector, NRHM has been lauded as the best health-care programme in India. Funds for Referral Hospital, repairing of medical equipments and for helping lower income families have been added.

Lastly, large amount of funds are set aside for projects under Local Area Development such as Special Area Programme and District Planning Committee. We are all aware of the contents of this Budget and would like to thank the hon'ble Minister for presenting us with this Budget. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu R.L. Pianmawia

**Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. First of all, I would like to thank the Leader of the House for recognizing the talent of our Finance Minister and also our hon'ble Finance Minister for presenting us with a Budget of this quality.

The current ministry has been working nonstop for the development of Mizoram such as the completion of Sawleng Sub-station and several other investments and projects such as NLUP, RKVY. We are only at the beginning especially on NLUP which will be continued with a few improvements planned for the future.

Enough funds are allocated to Lunglei High Power Committee, Sinlung Development Council, and District Planning and to the various District Councils. I would like to end with the phrase that all these development projects and plans were possible due to the amazing leadership of our House Leader. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu K. Liantlinga

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. Those members who spoke before me are all very complimentary towards the current ministry and the Budget. However, I will instead provide constructive criticism towards the current ministry and the Budget.



Many of them have sung the praises of NLUP and I do agree to some extents. However, we must be careful in the sense that this might only be what we are looking forward to instead of working hard to earn money. There is no arguing that to some extents, this is free money given to the people to Mizoram.

We mention this Budget as full Budget even though information regarding the Plan Budget size and central assistant size is not known.

Regarding the accolade given to Mizoram by India Today as the Best performing State on investment, it might not be appropriate to mention this at a State Budget discussion as we do not know the criteria for their assessment and also this is an accolade given by only one newspaper and not by the government of India such as the Planning Commission.

A number of positive comments have been made regarding Education sector and I would like to mention that we still have a long way to go if we want the quality of our education to improve. Since we live in a mountainous area and do not have industrial production, education is our industry and we must do our best to make this possible. It is decided that the Scholarship Board should be made a full grown department but until now this has not been done. We must do more so that students do not face financial hardships. We should also revise our Education Rules to have better management with the best possible outcome.

Also, only 125 lakhs have been allocated to Sports & Youths Services which are for promotional activities, sports goods, infrastructure maintenance, for the District sports committee and for the State Level.

In Sports Council, funds allotment is less sufficient as in 2009-2010, ₹680 lakh, 2012-2013, ₹400 lakh and 2013-2014, ₹125 lakh despite the plan to send our youths to Rio De Janeiro to compete in the Olympic Games. I wonder from which fund such sports persons will be sent. I do not criticize development of infrastructure such as Rajiv Gandhi Stadium, Lammual or other Sports Complex but we have to consider who will benefit such materials if no sufficient fund is allotted for development of sports enthusiast youths. So, Pu Speaker, fund allocated to Youth Commission or Boards or Councils is less adequate to achieve the goal. So, step should be taken from grass-root level so as to attain development.

In NLUP, I am happy to learn that we have been making some sorts of

achievement. But in broom production, royalty of ₹7 is imposed which in my opinion is untimely. Anyhow, royalty should be imposed by Trade & Commerce Department if it concern for trade.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I also want to inform the House that boundary of some village council needs a clear-cut demarcation such as land-holdings of West Serzawl village council which crosses inter-district boundary. Pu Speaker, it is learned that there are 29 Nos. of periodic patta within the rubber plantation of west of Tlawng river being purchased by some officers and well-to-do persons obviously for want of compensation knowing that railways will pass through such areas. So, I suggest any land settlement within the area should be examined appropriately otherwise, NLUP, the flagship programme of this ministry will be affected.

Lastly, may concerned minister inform the House, the CD ratio as well as Deposit ratio of 17 Banks which are functioning in Mizoram? Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : It will be much appreciated if immediate action is taken by the Revenue Department. Now, let us call upon Pu K. Lalrinthanga.

**Pu K. LALRINTHANGA** : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. First of all, I appreciate financial management of the government under this ministry. According to the Planning Commission, growth rate of our budget during 2002-2007 was 5.1% where as in 2007-2012, the rate increases by 8.87% which indicates financial management of the government under this ministry is more efficient than that of the previous.

Point No.7 further indicates a remarkable growth rate of Mizoram as per Economic Survey, 2011-2013 which happened to be 10.7% while the same for the country as a whole is 5%. Thus, our Finance Minister truly deserves credits for this remarkable performance of the government.

Besides, as shown in Point No.33, the Consolidated Fund of the State received by the government happened to be ₹5254.44 crore whereas the same during 2012-2103 was ₹5179 crore indicating increase of growth rate by 5.26%. Hence, performance of our government is truly appreciative.

Again, as shown in Point No.38, it is truly appreciated that the

government implemented Defined Contributory Pension Scheme as a measure for reduction of government expenditure on pension.

I also want to express my appreciation to the government for making a wise decision for shifting of Civil Hospital to Referral Hospital of Falkawn thereby setting up a Medical College in the premises.

Also, introduction of a permanent land use system of NLUP as a replacement of shifting cultivation truly is a remarkable approach made by the government. We now have a prospect for increase of our agricultural product thanks to the efficiency of the government.

In regard to Hydel Project, it is appreciated that the government signed MoU for production of 2120 MW. Apart from this, we have Tuirial hydel project which is expected to produce 60 MW. In this connection, I want to express my regret that the opposition party by taking advantage of irregular power supply organized a demonstration and distribute candles to the public. Pu speaker, they should clearly think of the reason for the delay of Tuirial hydel project which has been abandoned during the previous ministry due to the existence of bogus land settlement in the area for want of compensation.

Lastly, I express my appreciation to the government for implementing Special Area Programme. For this reason, Lunglei High Power Committee which hardly had fund provision for development in the previous years has now received ₹600 lakhs with additional fund of ₹3,000 lakhs as SHDC received ₹300 lakhs and Planning Committees of 5 Districts received ₹500 lakhs with additional fund of ₹1,000 lakhs each. At the same time, I would like to request concerned authority to determine fund provision for the salary of lecturers and staff of Kamalanagar College and Aizawl Law College who have not been paid many months obviously due to mistake made by the Education Department. It is regretted to learn that this further result in deduction of funds allotment to five districts. So, it is important for concerned officials to be more careful in dealing with such kinds of fund. Thank you, Pu Chairman. (Pu Lalthansanga at the Speaker's Chair)

**CHAIRMAN** : Let us call upon Pu H. Zothangliana.

**Pu H. ZOTHANGLIANA** : Thank you, Pu Chairman. I, first of all, would like to express my appreciation to the government particularly to the hon'ble Minister

for Finance and his official staff for having achieved a favorable budget statement. This achievement indicates efficiency of this ministry headed by the hon'ble Chief Minister. As known to us, good governance is measure by the criteria of maintenance of GSDP. The world economy faced recession two years back as so by India with decrease of GSDP by 5%. However, GSDP of Mizoram is 10.37% which indicates the actual progress of our economy is safe under the leadership of the hon'ble Chief Minister as well as Finance Minister.

Increase of our plan fund during 2/3 years by ₹2,300 crores has won confidence of the Central Government. On the contrary, I would like to point out that the fixed position of the former ministry was quite poor with increase of our fiscal deficit. But with the efforts made by the leaders of this ministry by following the Central Guidelines of Fiscal Correction Path, a remarkable recovery has been and in return, we are able to receive budget allotment of ₹200 crore for recovery of debt. In short, the fiscal management of this ministry is good enough.

At the same time, the Central as well as the government of Mizoram are quite concern for the system of subsidy which brought us financial problems. In order to alleviate the problem, we have seen here in the budget book plan for improvement of the public distribution system thanks to the efficiency of the government.

Pu Speaker, I want to emphasize that this government truly concerns for the welfare of the three Autonomous District Councils as well as their future as plan fund to that respect is being increased by this ministry.

Pu Speaker, it is known to us that Health Minister stands on behalf of the government in dealing with health of each individual. Keeping in mind of this important role, health care scheme is being implemented for public concern. In the meantime, it is regretted to learn that the majority do not clearly understand RSBY scheme for which awareness should be given more as a whole.

In Urban Development, I would like to point out that efforts made by concerned Minister is truly praiseworthy but the need to point out the weakness of the previous ministry is regretted. As known to us all, the former ministry did not like to declare Lawngtlai as township despite it is a major town. As a result, Lawngtlai did not receive any fund under EWS while other district quarters received it. So, I am deeply grateful to receive assurance from the hon'ble Minister to include Lawngtlai in

the aforementioned scheme.

In NLUP, I am proud to mention that Food & Agriculture Organization of UNO has offered its support to NLUP, our flagship programme. In pursuance of its support, exit protocol has even been conducted. Hence, it is important for the people as well to understand which party is truly concern for the progress of Mizoram as the next General Election is drawing near. In some previous ministries, the government laid the blame on the people concern if any policy is failed. So, I want the people to know that NLUP is a policy which truly concern welfare of the people as a whole.

In Sports & Youths Services Department, it is not necessary to point out each and every progress of sports infrastructure in our state. The former ministry developed fields and indoor stadium which were useless as of Lawngtlai and Zobawk. But now, we are fortunate that our playgrounds and stadiums are upgraded to world class. It is, therefore important for sports enthusiast youths to appreciate achievement made by this government. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : Hon'ble members, our business for today is done. The House will be assembled again tomorrow at 10:30 p.m.

(Sitting adjourned at 10:30 p.m)

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

**LIST OF BUSINESS**

FOR SIXTH SITTING ON TUESDAY, THE TENTH MARCH, 2013  
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00PM to 4:00 PM)

**QUESTIONS**

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

**PRESENTATION OF REPORTS**

2. **Pu LALTHANSANGA**, to present to the House the Fifth Report of the Committee on Government Assurances, 2012-2013.

**FINANCIAL BUSINESS**

**GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR  
THE YEAR 2013-2014.**

3. General Discussion on the Annual Budget for the year 2013-2014(to be concluded).

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Secretary

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**SPEAKER** : Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. This too is meaningless.  
Ecclesiastes 5:10

We will take Starred Question No.61 and invite Pu T.T.Zothansanga to ask.

**Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon'ble Minister for Tourism Department be pleased to state –

- a) How many Tourist Lodges are constructed during this Ministry and how many are being equipped?
- b) Whether there is an intention to hand over Tourist Lodges to private company?

**SPEAKER** : The hon'ble Minister for Tourism Department, Pu S.Hiato to give the answer.

**Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, answer to the hon'ble member questions are as follows:-

- a) Number of Tourist Lodges constructed during this ministry are as follow: - Sialsuk, Aibawk, Darlawn, Khanpui, Thingsulthliah, Zawlnuam, Chakhang, Niawhtlang, Berawtlang, Bungtlang South, Chhumkhum, Phura, Longmasu, New Latawh, Maubawk 'L', Serkawr, Zawngling, Aizawl and Serlui'B' lake.
- b) Number of Tourist Lodges being equipped are: - Saichhoh, Thenzawl, Durtlang, Sakawrdai, Kanghmun, West Phaileng, Lengpui, Chawngte, Tawipui South, Serchhip, Reiek and Berawtlang. Projects funded by the Ministry of Tourism are: - Rural Tourism, Thenzawl; Rural Toursim, Lungtian; Tourist Lodge, Khawzawl; Tourist Destination, Demagiri (Tlabung).

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary question from Pu T.T. Zothansanga, Pu John Siamkunga, Pu K.Liantlianga and Pu Lalduhoma.

**Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, my supplementary questions are: –

- 1) What is the total cost of fund for equipment of Tourist Lodge at Champhai? What is the expected date of completion? A year has passed since the date of completion. May the Minister clarify the reason for the delay?
- 2) Who are those experts from Sikkim? Whether do we have such kind of expert

in Mizoram?

3) If enough revenue is collected from our Tourist Lodges?

**SPEAKER** : Next, Pu K. Liantlinga and then Pu John Siamkunga.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. May the concerned minister give number of post being created from Chowkidar to higher level or grade and what step has been taken so far for improvement of the department?

**Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA** : Pu Speaker, it is obvious from the answer given by the hon'ble Minister that Tourist Lodge at South Vanlaiphai and Darzo are completed but not yet commission. What is the reason?

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, We have the Mizoram Tourism Development Authority with budget provision of more than ₹1,000 lakh. I want to know whether it is meant to be shared with the Directorate. Generally, the project is taken up by the authority itself instead of handing it over to PWD. May the concerned minister explain the system and the detail work programme? In addition, it seems that all the members are the officials. If this is the case, I opine the fund could easily be misappropriated. Is there a way to include outsiders who are interested in Tourism? Regarding Privatization, what step has been taken so far for its implementation? Are the land value and lease period and number of property being assessed?

**SPEAKER** : Let him answer first and we may continue with other supplementary questions as necessary.

**Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, amount sanctioned for tourist lodge at Champhai and its surrounding areas are as follows: –

1) Champhai	-	₹ 270 lakh
2) Kawlkulh	-	₹ 141 lakh
3) Hringlangtlang	-	₹ 31 lakh
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>₹ 442 lakh</b>

For development of tourism, Pu P.K. Dong from Sikkim, an expert in tourism as well as an officer in Ministry of Tourism under the Government of India. Regarding revenue, it depends on the area. Although regular revenue is received from



tourist Lodge at Lunglei, Saiha, Thenzawl and Champhai, we do not get enough from others.

Regarding the question of Pu Liantlinga, there are some staffs in Toursim department who has been working on M.R. basis for 25 years where as some nearly reach their retirement. Knowing their situations, the hon'ble Chief Minister creates 34 new for regularization of such staffs. We truly are thankful to him as we are taking step for improvement.

It is true that constructed of tourist lodge at Vanlaiphai and Darzo along with N.Vanlaiphai, Bualpui NG, Sakawrdaia and Darlawn are completed. However, we are not satisfied with the work done by the PWD as some roofs are leaked and we have to repair them first. We may be able to open them after the repairing works are done.

On Pu Duha's question about Tourism Development Authority, it was established in 21.7.2008 prior to the directorate. It functions under the Chairmanship of the hon'ble Minister of Toursim, Secretary, Director, Joint Director, Deputy Secretary and Under Secretary and a representative from Tourism Department and Finance Department. Besides, a representative from Hotels Association and Tour Operator are also appointed with SE, PWD (Building) as the technical representative. The fund received is deposited in the following Banks such as: -

- 1) Axis Bank - ₹99 crore, 4 lakh 89,299 thousand (amount of interest, ₹87,20,79).
- 2) Vijaya Bank - ₹55 crore, 60,843 thousand (amount of interest, ₹12,12,42,768).

A Society is being set up to implement projects coming from Ministry of Tourism, Govt. of India. To implement such projects, approach has been taken for engagement of some technical firms. Besides, some experts have also been engaged for promotion of Aero-sports in which sponsorship can also be made with permission of the Board for Promotion of Tourism.

Pu Duha further pointed out regarding slow progress of work on Tourist Lodge at Serlui 'B'. However, Pu Speaker, 80% of the work is being completed as we are hoping to inaugurate it in June. Apart from this, we have other work components at tourist lodge at Hmuifang, Reiek, Chaltlang, Berawtlang, Lengpui, and Tlangnuam and work progress is 80%. For projects within Aizawl, the Board selected Royal Engineering, Aizawl Prop. Er. K. Lalrimawia to take up the

work and for Serlui 'B' Project, Lushai Engineering Pvt.Ltd. Prop. Michael C. Lalmuanpuia. The fund is being utilized accordingly and to make the most out of it. We engaged PWD to do the works so we cannot interfere in the supervision. However, their works standard is not to our expectation. Besides, the process of architectural design is taking quite a long time which compels delay in work. As such, the work may be tendered with some restrictions in order to receive more competent applicants. Pu Speaker, thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Next, Pu K. Lianzuala.

**Pu K. LIANZUALA** : Pu Speaker, my supplementary question is: – Whether there is an intention to construct Tourist Lodge at Baktawng?

**Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, my question for time for completion of Tourist lodge at Champhai remains unanswered.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, my question regarding privatization also.

**SPEAKER** : Let the minister answer their questions first as they truly are interest in tourism department.

**Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, too much questions are there and so easy to miss some. Regarding proposal of Tourist Lodge at Baktawng, it has already been approved but sanction could not be made as yet due to financial problem. Let us hope for the immediate sanction.

Regarding Privatization, it is also our wish to privatize tourism as soon as possible. Pu Speaker, the department is always in short of staff as we cannot improve the situations even though we have numbers of tourism enthusiast persons around. With a view to absorb such persons, the government engaged Pu P.K. Dong from Sikkim to make evaluation and to prepare terms & conditions and after completion, tourism will then be privatized. Regarding construction of Champhai Tourist Lodge, I think the work is almost finished as we prepare to open it shortly.

**SPEAKER** : Now, we will go to the next question. I invite the hon'ble member Pu B. Lalthlengliana to ask his starred question No.62.

**Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA:** Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for Agriculture Department be pleased to state –

Whether an area of 100 acres of land at Damdiai (Pangang zau) of Kolasib District being prepared for cultivation of Red Oil Palm in 2012?

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

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, the answer is –

Yes, in 2012, cultivation of oil palm was taken up at Damdiai (Pangang zau).

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary question from Pu B. Lalthlengliana and then Pu Lalduhoma.

**Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA :** Pu Speaker, who is the cultivator? Is cultivation was done at the expense of the owner of land? According to my knowledge, the cost of cultivation comes from Agriculture Department as concerned DAO supervised the work of cultivation. Is this a fact? How many owners and who are they?

**SPEAKER** : Next, Pu Lalduhoma.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, did the government aware of the problem brought by Godrej Company by demanding concerned red-oil palm cultivators to deliver the products at the main road which is quite a problem for some as there is no link road? As Red Oil is the only contract farming we have in our state, it is necessary that we provide them with appropriate link road. What is the government plan for construction of link road to Red Oil plantations?

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

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, answer to the question of Pu B. Lalthlengliana is: –

51.82 hectares of land was cultivated in the area in question. The farmers are as follows: -

- 1) S. Khaia, Tuitha Veng
- 2) L. Tholiana, Rengtekawn
- 3) Parthangzuali, Rengtekawn

- 4) T.K. Thanga, Rengtekawn
- 5) Zamchhuana, Tuitha Veng
- 6) Hawlmanga, Tuitha Veng
- 7) Seikhawgina, College Veng
- 8) K. Sailiana, Tuitha Veng
- 9) Hmingawia s/o S.K.Kama (L), Rengtekawn
- 10) Hemseia, Rengtekawn
- 11) Civilthanga, Rengtekawn
- 12) Tluanglianthanga, Tuitha Veng
- 13) Lalthanmawia, Hmar Veng
- 14) Zangura, Tuitha Veng
- 15) Liana, Tuitha Veng
- 16) Lalthangfala, Rengtekawn
- 17) C. Lalpiangthanga, Rengtekawn
- 18) Tuahmanga, Rengtekawn
- 19) Tuahtlingi, Rengtekawn
- 20) Seikhawthanga, Tuitha Veng
- 21) Remliana, Rengtekawn
- 22) Roluahpuia, Project Veng
- 23) Manga, Silchar Road
- 24) R.K. Vala, Venglai
- 25) Sanghminga, Venglai
- 26) Lalremsanga, Venglai
- 27) Ronghaka, Venglai
- 28) F. Rinkima, Venglai
- 29) B. Tluanga, Vengthar
- 30) Thianghlimi, Venglai
- 31) K.L. Hawmpuilia, Venglai
- 32) Nicholas Lianzela, Tumpui
- 33) Rinsanga, Venglai
- 34) Tlangthanzauva, Venglai
- 35) Khawmpuilia, Venglai
- 36) Lianzela, Tumpui
- 37) Rinsanga, Venglai
- 38) Tlangthanzauva, Venglai
- 39) Lalthianghlima, Salem Veng
- 40) Lalchharliana, Diakkawn

We provide them with seeds; however, being in a thick forest with no proper approach road, some wild boars and porcupines allegedly destroyed it. Investigation will soon be made.

Regarding hon'ble member Pu Lalduhoma's question, we are working with Godrej Agravat Pvt.Ltd. since 2004 for contract farming. As mentioned, there were some problems in the beginning such as Mautam in 2007-2008 which discourages many farmers. However, we made fresh efforts as we now become successful. At present, 6000 hectares of land in Kolasib District is being covered by this cultivation. We urge Godrej to set up a factory they procured 3000/4000 quintals on the spot every year at the rate of ₹4.75/- as many hard-working planters are now becoming successful. Approach has been made to the central authority to sanction fund for construction of link road to that respect. Our Chief Minister has even explains our problems to the Union Minister as our land is not plain like in other States. As a result, we are now able enjoy RKVY Scheme-II to cover more plantations as survey has been made for construction of road.

Regarding the purchase rate, we have Zonal Committee to deal with the company and take care of the rate.

(..Interruption.....)

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, my question is of the problem while the road is under construction. The company used to collect the product on the spot but now they demand the farmers to place it on the main road which creates intensive problems for the farmers.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker that is what I am saying. The Zonal Committee is instructed to deal the case with the company as to how problems of the farmers will be resolved. I supposed the process is in good term as nothing come to my notice till date.

(...interruption.....)

**Pu B. LALTHLEGLIANA:** Pu Speaker, the hon'ble Minister missed my question as he has given the names of the farmers only but not my main question of cutting of land allegedly as per instruction of DAO Kolasib and funded by the Agriculture Department fund. Is this a fact? Obviously concerned DAO used the office fund but the Directorate is unable to fill up the expenditure and thus went to the DAO liabilities. May the minister make clarification in this regard?

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, if the farmer want to cultivate land, there is fund for compensation under this scheme. However, if the DAO used fund available for cultivation, there is a way to recompense the expenditure. Pu Speaker, the DAO might have been involved in the case to put the cultivations in a compact area which happened to be the desire of the company. In addition, it must be noted that the central encourages plantation of oil palm to reconstruct our economy. Therefore, it is our intention to continue with the work started by the DAO so that his effort will not become in vain.

**SPEAKER :** Pu T.T. Zothansanga to ask starred question No.63.

**Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA :** Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for Trade & Commerce Department be pleased to state – Do we have Food Testing Laboratory?

**SPEAKER :** The hon'ble Minister Pu Lalrinliana Sailo to reply.

**Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO:** Pu Speaker, answer to Starred Question No.63, we do not have Food Testing Laboratory at present, yet we are planning to install one at Thenzawl very shortly.

**SPEAKER :** Supplementary questions, first Pu T.T.Zothansanga and then Pu R.L. Pianmawia.

**Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA :** Pu Speaker, My first question is: - Is there a way to test if foods prepare by Hotel and Restaurant is clean? Secondly, what is our progress in solving the problems with gingers marketing before and after 2009? Thirdly, if we are going to have a Food Testing Laboratory, would it also be possible to test drinking water being sold in open market and make restriction by introducing license system?

**Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA :** Pu Speaker, my supplementary question is – if we are going to have a Food Testing Laboratory, is it more appropriate to install it in Aizawl? Secondly, whether there is a difference in ginger rate in the previous and of this ministry?

**SPEAKER :** Let the minister reply as he can as some

questions seems to concerned PHE.

**Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, regarding testing of foods, Trade & Commerce Department does not have instrument for such testing. We applied fund to set up the laboratory as it has now been approved. However, the machine is quite complicate and so requires some experts to handle it. With the guidance of expert from Health Department, we are able to perform some testing but not as yet on foods. Since testing of foods is not the purview of Trade & Commerce Department, we monitor it from Health Department as it concerns healths. However, we have a testing instrument under RIPANS but the quality does not meet our demand.

Regarding the rate of ginger, we are fortunate that during this ministry the rate increases to ₹30-34/- per kg while in the past it does not even reach ₹8/- per kg. Regarding testing of supply of drinking water, we never do the testing since it is the purview of PHE department. The said Foods Testing Laboratory is decided to be installed at Thenzawl with a view to provide extensive coverage across Mizoram. Yet, we applied fund from NEC for another one for Aizawl and let us hope it is successful.

**SPEAKER :** Starred question No.64 is a clubbed question of four members. I may call Pu P.P.Thawla as his name is first in the list.

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

- a) Whether 55 vacant posts of H/S Headmaster and 27 of M/S Headmaster being filled-up?
- b) Out of teachers of High School provincialized in 1993, how many are promoted to Headmaster?
- c) If any, who are they and in which schools they were posted?
- d) Among the 55 Nos. of H/S identified as without Headmaster, how many cases are being resolved?
- e) Whether all the M.E. Schools in Mizoram are with its own Headmaster?
- f) When will the H/S, M/S, and P/S Schools without Headmaster be provided?
- g) When will Headmaster be given to Govt. H/S, Hortoki and Govt. Chalkunga H/S School?

**SPEAKER :** The hon'ble Minister, Pu Lalsawta to reply.

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, my answer to the questions from four members are as follows: –

- a) The 55 vacant posts of H/S Headmaster in Mizoram have not yet been filled-up except 27 for M/S.
- b) As no H/S is provincialised in 1993, no promotion was made.
- c) Nil
- d) Answer to question (e) & (f), there is proposal to provide headmaster among the 55 H/S and also to M/S and P/S under the government of Mizoram as soon as possible.
- g) Headmaster will be provided as soon as financial concurrence is obtained.

**SPEAKER :** We will take supplementary question from Pu Hmingdailova Kiangte, Pu K. Liantlinga and Pu P.P. Thawla.

**Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE :** Pu Speaker, my supplementary question is: –

When will the SSA teachers being attached in Aizawl be returned to their original post Tuirial and Kolasib?

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA :** Pu Speaker, to obtain the actual answer to the main question (b), may the hon'ble refers the case to H/S provincialization of 1992 as according to my knowledge, the year in question was 1992? In addition, the Central government favours us with funds for construction of school buildings, science laboratory and recruitment of teachers under RMSA. However, the State government does not execute the plan as intended as many weaker students are made to appear in the examination from private schools. Is there a way to make one time relaxation to weaker students despite provided Rules?

Secondly, in Sialsuk and the surrounding villages, no school of Higher Secondary is found till date. Is there a way to place one?

**Pu P.P. THAWLA :** Pu Speaker, from the provincialised H/S teachers of 1994, is there any teacher being promoted to Headmaster?

**SPEAKER :** The concerned minister to reply.

**Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE :** Pu Speaker, the last question should be read as Govt. Chalkunga H/S, Bukpui instead of Govt. Chaltlang H/S, Bualpui.



**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, before answering the questions, I want the members to know that the promotion pattern of Education Department is different from other departments. In any department, only a few staffs are promoted to higher grade but 20/30 teachers may get promotion at the same time in School Education Department. However, many problems arise due to negligence of some teachers to submit their ACR.

**SPEAKER :** Our time is over but the minister may finish his answer.

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER :** Thank you, Pu Speaker. The problem arises especially when one promotion is due. Besides, one promotion may also be delayed due time taken for processing. In many cases, one is not willing to enjoy his promotion due to the condition of his family and a change of environment. However, we are planning to change the system in order to resolve the problems.

Regarding teachers under SSA, many of them abandoned their teaching for a better job. Where as some transfers were made on ground of illness or unavoidable circumstances. (**Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE:** Pu Speaker, is there a way to recruit a person from the locality?) In regard to provincialization of school, it is sometime confusing to deal with the problem as there are a couple of teachers in a particular school who are in line for promotion. When a school is provincialized, we cannot put the existing Headmaster at the same post as there are many who are more senior in service than him. Thus, we need to amend Recruitment Rules. According to the new entry, no one is qualified to hold the post of Headmaster. As of High School Headmaster, it is now under process and may be issued in the next academic session.

Regarding the problem of RMSA High School as pointed out by the member, it may be noted that school is opened in every available by space and as per the guidelines. However, in some places where there is the existing school, only few enrollments is there which brings us problems to maintain it regularly. Pu Speaker, it is true that no Higher Secondary School is there within Aizawl South-III and also in Kolasib District as in other regions. At present, we are able to run only 20 HSS while there are 199 H/S in Mizoram and many students are compelled to go to other places for higher education. Pu Speaker, we still suffer the result of upgradation of 337 schools in 2008 as such schools come up with 1800 teachers which is a burden for the department to have sufficient funds for their pay. As such, the Education Department

is functioning with restraint under the government. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : We are using 11 extra minutes. Before we proceed to the next business, I invite Pu Lalthansanga, Chairman of the Committee on Government Assurances to present to the House “Brief report of the Committee on Government Assurances 2012-2013” and may explain, if necessary.

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. Our Report for today concerns assurances given in the House by the hon’ble ministers during the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Session dividing into four chapters. The 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter stated that the Committee is satisfied with the result. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Chapter stated matters which need further follow-up. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter stated further recommendation in the implementation as it is found unsatisfactory. In addition, to submit to the Committee how they implement. The 4<sup>th</sup> Chapter comprises of assurances given by the ministers which the concern department does not reply yet. It is the Committee desire that each concern department submit implementation reports of the assurances immediately to Assembly.

Pu Speaker, with your permission and recommendation of the House, I present “5<sup>th</sup> Report of Committee on Government Assurances” to the House. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Let the copy be distributed. Now, we will go to financial business i.e. discussion on Annual Budget 2013-2014. 13 Members participated in the discussion yesterday and today is the last day for discussion. We will try to follow our timing and one member will have 10 minutes. Let us invite Pu Joseph Lalhimpuia.

**Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUIA** : Pu Speaker, first, I would like to convey my thanks to the hon’ble Chief Minister and Finance Minister for giving us full budget before the Planning Commission has a definite plan for our budget. I also thank the concerned department for their hard works and dedication.

Pu Speaker, we have seen many improvements in development works as we see increase of our Annual Plan Fund. It is also grateful that we are expecting increase of our growth rate in spite of the expectation in the national level. One of the most reputed Newspapers in the Country ‘India Today’ has even select Mizoram as the best state in investments. In regards to conservation of fiscal responsibility, I am

thankful that we are giving enough important to fiscal sustainability as plan being made to provide scholarship to the students in order to develop our educational system.

Pu Speaker, we are also improving in data recording. As the hon'ble House Leader has reiterated, we need to maintain appropriate and uniform statistic in order to have a smooth operation in Planning. It is improper for a department to use a data recording which is different from other departments. As such, it is imperative for concerned authority to prepare appropriate and uniform Statistic Index and Baseline Survey of village level in order to achieve development.

It is thankful to learn from the minister that 10% lump sum provision for North Eastern Region is strongly follow up as there is a proposal to provide fund provision to the District headquarters and major towns also. At the same time, it is truly appreciated that the central government provided funds for construction of road which will link Tidim, Falam, Rih and Kalymiau for development of border trade. While this is the case, I request the government not to neglect improvement of trade route to Bangladesh which existed since the time of our ancestors.

Much as well, our achievement with performance monitoring and transparency in government administration is truly appreciated. We now have a plan to implement RFD under PMEF in 40 departments. It is also appreciated that the State Finance Commission is now fully function.

Regarding P & E Department, it is grateful to learn that step has been taken to develop power energy by setting up more power plants and hydel powers.

Many of us pointed out regarding NLUP as some believes that this programme will never be implemented in this ministry. But we now can see in reality, thanks to the effort of our leaders.

Pu Speaker, I am thankful for step taken under the Special Area Programme. In order to promote Decentralization of Powers, the government makes necessary plan which happened to be the desire of the Central Government. Now, we have District Planning Committee with fund provision of ₹500 lakh in respect to Lunglei High Power Committee. As soon as a full budget is passed by the House, we will have more funds for development works. Pu Speaker, to add few words in regard to Lunglei High Power Committee, it was started in 6<sup>th</sup> September, 1990 as today, it

turns 23 years. This ministry, within its four years tenure gives us ₹32 crore. Since the time of our ancestors, we were a tribe having our very own system of administration. As we came under the British rule, we were governed as the South Lushai Hills under the Gov't of Bengal from 1<sup>st</sup> April. However, the North and South Lushai Hills were later combined as Lushai Hills District. Since then, Lunglei District gradually deteriorated in all respects. On learning the situation, the hon'ble House Leader agreed to set up a separate Committee in 1990 as we are now enjoying the benefits. Under the initiative of our House Leader, we have submitted to the Prime Minister Office, a project known as Special Development Initiative for Lunglei District amounting to ₹104 crore. Now, the government is no longer turns its back on Lunglei District. But instead, we are given important as development covers the whole area. Many infrastructures are buildings are seen as we push ourselves forwards to attain more progresses. On behalf of the people of Lunglei, I extend my appreciation to the hon'ble Chief Minister and the Finance Minister for giving special attention to our concerns. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Next, Pu Nirupam Chakma.

**Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA** : Pu Speaker, I first of all would like to mention about Chawngte District Treasury Office. This office was inaugurated 33 years ago but remains without functioning until the hon'ble Finance Minister opened it recently. I convey my thanks on behalf of the people of CADC as it is now put into function.

We are fortunate as the hon'ble Health Minister has recently inaugurated PHC (Primary Health Centre) at Borapansury which also remains without functioning. But now it functions properly with the help of the CADC and the State Government.

In regard to NLUP, Pu Speaker, I would like to inform the House that we are expecting the government to distribute the second phase of first installment. It would be much appreciated if the first installment is distributed to the beneficiaries regardless of which party they belongs. As the Election Commission prohibits distribution of cash assistance prior to election, it is expected as soon as election is concluded.

Pu Speaker, I want to mention regarding Law College. We have two Law Colleges in Mizoram which remains at deficit status such as Mizoram Law College and Kalamanagar Law College. The government has to give 10%

contributory fund share only to the Deficit College but not the Government College which means an extra-fund has to be spent. If these two colleges are provincialized, problem of fund provision for the same will be resolved. At the same time, it will provide some benefits for teaching and non-teaching staffs. As such, I request the hon'ble Minister to make initiative and urge the government to consider the case.

In regard to NLUP, Pu Speaker, the government targeted to cover 1,50,000 households. I am happy to learn that the policy will cover not only the supporters of congress party but also of others. We must therefore stop criticizing the policy for it is a programme for all. If we want benefit NLUP continuously, we must support the Congress party.

Lastly, I want to mention regarding RSBY of Mizoram Health Care Scheme. I am glad that the request for extension of time for registration in my constituency is fulfilled as there are many who fail to register themselves on time. I also appreciate the Finance Minister Budget speech regarding result framework for strengthening the government. The Central Government on 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2009 introduced Performance Monitoring & Evaluation System for every department to follow in order to know their performances. Under PMES, every department should keep a record of their result framework and objectives of the department for one year. As the Government of Mizoram adopts this policy, I opine orientation course training to the department officials and MLAs is imperative. Pu Speaker, thank you.

**SPEAKER** : If the Leader gives permission, the hon'ble member is intending to contest in the coming CADC election. Let us hope that we will see him back after serving 5 years at CADC. Now, let us call Pu C. Ramhluna.

**Pu C. RAMHLUNA** : Pu Speaker, I think it is inappropriate to have a full Budget discussion today. Under Articles 202, 206 and 207, this kind of discussion has never been practiced before receiving full budget funds. Even if it is passed by the House on Vote on Account, the Planning Commission does not make allocation to that effect. It is somewhat difficult to understand the whole process. If we look into this financial statement, the amount remains the same which indicates that we have to approach the Planning Commission first in order to know how much we are going to receive. As such, it is not easy to discuss of how much we wish to receive. If it is passed on vote on account, it will be different. Besides, if we look into Demand for Grant, allotment of budget to 34 departments decreases while 4 departments are unchanged. It appears that we put the whole amount in the hand of the Planning &

Programme Implementation Department.

I have to clarify few points seen in the Annual Financial Statement. In taxes on vehicles, the government collected ₹ 2,317.93 last year while estimate collection for this year is ₹ 2,051 only. Is this difference because of not having a full budget? Besides, ₹ 200 crore is put for Special Plan Assistance for Road Development this year. If I am not wrong, the Finance Ministry does not approve this even though the Planning Commission approved on condition. May the situation be clarified, Pu Speaker? Is the amount already sanctioned? Apart from this case, this House has a Contingency Fund of ₹ 200 crore last year but nothing is seen for this year. What is the reason? It is known by all the members that this fund provision is greatly benefitted as we can recover our inflexibility by borrowing from the Contingency Fund.

Besides, Pu Speaker, I opine clarification is necessary in regard to receipt budget as the amount decreases immensely only after one revision. While this is the case, why did we put ₹ 26,600 in the budget this year? Regarding Devaluation of Central Taxes & Duties, ₹ 8,100 lakh and ₹ 81,371 is placed against last year and ₹ 79,265 were reflected in the revise estimate. We are now in March and is time to receive the amount. While this is the case, ₹ 935.66 crore is reflected in the budget estimate which I opine as too much for this wee of time. Besides, on entertainment tax last year, our income is ₹59 lakh as for this year we estimate the same amount. Besides, while an amount of ₹ 74 lakh should be shown after passing the act, only ₹ 59 lakh is reflected. The amounts do not seem tally considering our statement and our action.

Pu Speaker, coming now to our employment status, handed out booklet of Salary & Employment indicates 52107 Nos. of sanction post. If we examine carefully, there are 52,134 posts in Group A, B, C and D out of which 44,819 posts being fill-up and 7,315 posts vacant. At the same time, there are number of sanction posts in the three District Councils as most of them are over-staffed. Out of the total number of 8,578 posts, 6,182 posts being fill-up and 2,390 posts vacant which I opine as burdensome for concerned Autonomous District Council. It is imperative that the case be examined immediately.

Regarding plan increment, the increase rate in 2005-2006 was 11% and in 2008-2009, 17.65%. This year, we have 33.3% but by deducting NLUP fund, the increase rate becomes 13.3%. As the new ministry came into power in 2008-2009, our

GDP rate was 8.97% but now it reaches 10% which may be thankful in certain ways. However, if we determine the increase rate from Plan Budget of 2008-2009, it is 1 and a half percent only. If this is the growth rate of our GSDP, the increase rate of our Plan Budget will be more meaningful. Besides, Service Sector contributes 60%, Industry 22% and Agriculture 18%. Since Industry and Agriculture Sector are of the NLUP, its contribution is 40% and the rest 60% belongs to Transport, Storage, Trade, Hotels & Restaurants and of the government servants etc. We should maintain our growth rate as we need stability. Pu Speaker, we have to give more efforts so as to maintain a regular growth rate. Thank you, Pu Speaker for giving me an extra time.

**SPEAKER** : Pu R. Lalrinawma.

**Pu R. LALRINAWMA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. As we are discussing the last Budget of this ministry, I am thankful that during this ministry, no unpleasant incident occurs in our state despite insinuation from the opposition bench. Pu Speaker, there are many reasons to thank for this ministry as already pointed out by fellow members.

During 2012-2013, the increase rate of our Annual Plan is 2,300 crore. Comparing with the previous years, it increases by 35.29% which happened to be the highest growth of the Annual Plan since our Statehood. I am very thankful for that as so other members should. On the other hands, it is sad as some members are willing to give up NLUP which happened to be the main source of income to many families. According to the report of the Planning Commission, the growth of our GSDP in 2002-2003 was 5.1% as it becomes 8.87% during 2007-2012. The growth rate of our country is 5% only whereas our state reaches 10.37% which put us up on a pedestal as the Best in investment among all small states. Moreover, Pu Speaker, the growth rate of our GSDP for 2012-2013 indicates 15.74% thanks to the efforts of the hon'ble leaders.

We used to have a discussion on Vote on Account. However, thanks to the decision of the Planning Commission on flexibility of our budget, a full budget session will also be held. Since the delay of a full budget usually entails problems to developmental works, we need to have this kind of session so that we may be able take initiative on any development work. At the same time, I am thankful that we are going to have a definite plan for plan expenditure as all the departments will have to determine their expenditure for a year. It is a fact that we are not a self-sufficient State whereas expenditure of most of the departments is exorbitantly high. We should make some efforts to reduce our expenditure gradually by means of giving up the

practice of wasting papers and minimize the volume of the requirement of stationery goods etc.

On development of sports, it is much appreciated as intensive efforts are being made so as to promote our youths by building infrastructures in different disciplines. Vision 2016 has even been introduced so that we may be able to produce from our state many qualified participants in the upcoming Rio De Janeiro's Summer Olympic 2016.

We all are aware of how congested the Civil Hospital becomes. The government therefore renovates the Referral Hospital so as to accommodate various sections of the Hospital. It is also thankful that there is a proposal to set up a Medical College in the vicinity. It is truly appreciative as we are able to observe Labour Day on the 14<sup>th</sup> January 2013. As we have listened from the Budget Speech, intensive steps have been taken for improvement of our economy thanks to the efficiency of our leaders in this ministry. It is hopeful that all the departments will make improvement with introduction of Result Framework Document from the coming financial year so that aims and objectives of a particular department will then be transparent.

Pu Speaker, we all seems to know how funds sanctioned for Police Modernization Scheme was misappropriated in the previous ministry. It is regretted to learn that in the same manner, large amount of funds for electrification of rural areas under RGGVY has also been misused. However, this ministry ensure the success of any scheme, may be of NREG or RGGVY as we have now collected the revenue surplus of 81.81. It is truly appreciated to learn that with implementation of the Industrial Policy 2012, improvement is seen under Industries as stated in the budget speech.

Even though there are many things to mention, I wil conclude my speech here as our time is limited. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalrinmawia Ralte.

**Pu LALRINMAWIA RALTE** : Pu Speaker, I first of all would like to bring up once again, the message of Dr. Rothuama, our Ex M.P. He asked us not to belittle ourselves as we are highly regarded by the neighboring State like Nagaland. He wants us to remember that we can improve our economic condition and move towards progress. From the light of this message and of our Finance Minister speech on



various departments, it is clear that we always have a bright future to improve ourselves and our economic conditions. As such, we have to appreciate each other instead of condemning the performances of others.

Pu Speaker, the topic of NLUP may be irritative to some people as it is commonly heard since long before the election. As I have previously stated, the Secretary General, D.S. Rawat of the Associated Chambers of Commerce & Industries of India, on 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2009 sent a letter to the previous Chief Minister. The letter concerns Agriculture in India and his ideal agenda for the newly UPA-II and for the State Government. In page 8 of his letter, he indicated short term, medium term and long term agendas and the reason for failure of agriculture in the Country despite engagement of 60% of the people on agriculture and the production happened to be barely 25%. He therefore emphasizes the needs to change the system for a more productive line. He further stated the need to urge the farmers to make an alternative occupation to improve his income. This is exactly what the hon'ble Chief Minister and his party manifested in the election of 2006 – 2007 and is now being introduced.

In Mizoram, number of manual labourers is recorded as 120,000. However, the number increases after introduction of NLUP at 141,001. This indicates that 80,000 families will not be covered under NLUP. From the speech of our Finance Minister, we can see that 60% manual labourers produce only 18.68% of our GSDP. Therefore, it is clear that our economic condition is not good enough. Thank you.

**Pu B. LALTHENGLIANA :** Pu Speaker, in the allocation of the budget, only Planning Department is able to to maintain the previous amount of budget despite the expectation of the hon'ble Finance Minister an increase at least by 10% to each department. As such, it is obvious that requirement of most of the departments will not be met. I, therefore opine special consideration should be given at least to the departments such as School Education, Higher Education and Sports Department for it concern the future of our children. I supposed requirements of the departments such as Home, Medical, Agriculture and Horticulture could be met from NLUP. At the same time, I request the hon'ble Minister to prioritize the release of mounting TA/DA under Home Department.

In remote areas like my constituency, Pu Speaker, the service of Medical Officers or medical facilities could not be availed regularly which often result in loss of life. Since only one post of doctor out of 4 Nos. vacancies within my constituency is being filled up, I earnestly request concerned minister to consider

filling up of the remaining vacant posts as we have already lost many life.

From the review made by the hon'ble Minister for the year 2010 – 2013, it is obvious that the development on the Agriculture & Allied activities is quite insignificant. Whereas the area of cultivable land decreases immensely as 25,826 in 2011 – 2012 and 23,150 in 2012 – 2013, the amount of harvest on the other hand also increases hugely. I fail to understand the situation or a wrong record might have been produced in this regard. I opine there is something which remains unexposed.

Pu Speaker, I opine the budget amount allocated for High Power of various districts is less adequate and should therefore be increased to obtain more progresses in each division. As we discuss about compensation on Ramrikawn - Sihhmui road, I opine we will never be free from the practice of corruption unless immediate action is taken against those officials who are trying to make personal benefits out of it.

Regarding NLUP, had been implemented according to guidelines and regulations, it may succeed. But the monitoring committee established by the government could not even function for a week and another monitoring committee was again established from party workers meaning the monitoring is unjust. Besides, most of the beneficiaries do not utilize the fund as it should be as they purchase household materials such as T.V, Fridge, vehicles etc. In the meantime, there are some beneficiaries who have chosen trade they already have just to benefit NLUP funds. I am not against this flagship programme but the implementing system which needs improvements otherwise it will not be successful.

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

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

**Pu K.S. THANGA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. In the development of sports, Agriculture and road communications, a remarkable achievement have been made under this ministry which placed Mizoram ahead of the remaining North-east states. Apart from these, MoU concerning improvement of Hydel project is signed which will enable us produce 1700 megawatts power supply. We also have ongoing projects for production of hydro-electric project amounting to 60 megawatts such as

Tlawva project 5 megawatts and Kolodyne Phase-II 460 megawatts where as International tender has also been floated for Tuivai Hydel Project.

Pu Deputy Speaker, regarding supply of essential commodities, I would like to stress the need to improve supply of rice. Since no improvement had been made by the former ministry on agriculture, we depend on the supply from FCI, amounting to 80,000 quintals per month. Since no extra fund is allotted in the budget, we are compelled to pull it from development funds. However, intensive effort has been made by the government to maintain the situation as it is hopeful a positive outcome is seen very shortly.

Pu Deputy Speaker, with the initiative of the hon'ble Chief minister, the process for setting up of our own Medical College is in progress where as various improvements are seen in the field of Sports, Power Supply and in the implementation of Laws etc. Thank you.

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

**Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA** : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. It is much appreciated to learn that an amount of ₹15 crores is being sanctioned for the on-going project of power supply for the area of Champhai and Keifang. To expedite the work, our Engineers are doing their best as we are anxiously waiting for the companies to start their share of work. We are also grateful for the plan to set up 133 KV Sub-Station at Champhai.

At the same time, Pu Deputy Speaker, We are happy to know that ₹711 crores has been sanctioned for construction of Rihdil to Kalaymyo road and to expand our trade relation with Myanmar, we have a prospect to include Hnahlan and Zote the area which is believed to be quite convenient for the purpose.

Under Horticulture Sector, plans have been made for improvement of anthurium plantation as necessary equipments are made available on subsidized rate of 50%. Likewise, it will be much appreciated if equipments for plantation of grapes is issued on subsidized rate since 400/500 families within my constituency are engage in that occupation.

Under Agriculture Sector, I would like to inform concerned minister that the there is a vast area of suitable land for agricultural development in Champhai

and is expected to be able to contribute a great deal for development of our state.

At the same time, under urbanization scheme, people living in rural areas are moving into the nearest urban town thanks to the initiative of the hon'ble minister of UD & PA. However, considering financial involvement, the outcome is less satisfactory. So, in areas like Champhai, I suggest concerned authority entrusted E.E. to expedite the process.

Pu Deputy Speaker, in the meantime, I would like the hon'ble to note that we have been producing numbers of excellent players from Champhai district where as great progress is seen in Sports. So, it is appreciative if step is taken to promote such players.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I would also like to stress the need for us all to prevent our tribe from assimilation which may brought by the practice of making personal benefit out of political power. In order to do so, we have to prevent ourselves from such practices as from illegal immigrants from outside. It is absolutely our responsibility to save Mizoram and we must all do our parts. With that, I will conclude by stating my support to the speech of the hon'ble Finance Minister. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu R. Selthuama.

**Pu R. SELTHUAMA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, I first of all express my appreciation to an immense progress seen under the leadership of the hon'ble Chief Minister, Pu Lal Thanhawla and our Finance Minister, Pu H. Liansailova. Our economic growth rate increases during 2007 to 2012 by 8.87% and we have even been honored with the Best Performance Award on Investment among small States." From the increasing percentage of the annual plan in which was 35.29 % last year, it is obvious that the Central Government has given trust in the administration of our government. The economic growth rate for the year 2012 – 2013 was estimated as 10.37% while the growth rate of India was 5%. So, I think our leaders truly deserve credit for this outstanding achievement.

The opposition members claimed the provision for NLUP as being spent for the annual plan. Pu Deputy Speaker, how could we spend the fund specially sanctioned for NLUP where as this flagship programme is intended for upliftment the poor? It is sad that we have been framed as if having no heart for the under privileged.

In this connection, we must all aware that the people are living peacefully under the leadership of our hon'ble Chief Minister.

From the speech of the hon'ble Finance Minister, we have learned that Hydro-Electric Project has been initiated at Tuivamit 210 megawatts, Lungreng Hydro-Electric Project 815 megawatt, Chhimtuipui 635 megawatts, Kolodyne Phase-II 460 megawatts the total amounting to 2,120 megawatts. After the completion of all these projects, we will be able to 12% which is determined as 250 megawatts out of which 120 megawatts for local consumption and the remaining 130 megawatts to be sold out for our income generation.

Under Agriculture and Allied Activities, the hon'ble minister made a bold announcement that it will be a year of multiple harvests as he is determined to make it happen. In the process, the department gives out equipments like tractors and tillers on subsided rate as the department is being awarded Krishi Karman Award 2011.

Most of the opposition members criticized NLUP by claiming that the beneficiaries as being selected on party basis in which Congress party members as being prioritized in the selection. Pu Deputy Speaker, I must say that they might have been misinformed as I have a proof from my constituency that 186 Nos. of non-congress party families are included in the list. Even those unsuccessful beneficiaries from the 90's too are now making their best efforts to be successful this time. I request my fellow members to encourage and give our support to each beneficiary within our respective constituency as this scheme will directly affect the economy of our State. Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Next, Pu Lalduhoma.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, as we come to the end of the last budget session of this term, I would like to express that I am deeply mourned for the untimely demise of our hon'ble fellow member. At the same time, Pu Deputy Speaker, I appreciate your impartial conduct of this session as the hon'ble House Leader for taking our ideas into account as we play the role of constructive opposition.

It is gratifying to have new appointments such as recruitment of doctors just before the election as in the former ministry without considering financial involvement in the coming election. Pu Deputy Speaker, I have moved a motion of

No Confidence as it is unbecoming for the ministry to join hands with rebels in which I am glad that the motion was headed by the House. On the matter of Hydrel Project of Tuirial and Bairabi, a large amount of funds is utilized but still we have not enjoyed the outcome even after the inauguration.

Pu Deputy Speaker, many a times, our State has been awarded some titles by a national Newspaper, the India Today as repeatedly mentioned in the House. I opine it is not gratifying to be awarded by some Newspapers, but instead, it will be more satisfying if all these awards had been given to the Planning Commission as it may have more significance.

We have been discussing about NLUP for a long time with all the positive and negative points of view but my concern is the exit protocol. I doubt the next ministry will continue with this flagship programme. In my opinion, it is crucial for our state to set up some good processing industries as well as entrepreneurship.

Under Agriculture, we may have achieved multiple harvests as stated but meets only 20% of the demand as we still need to purchase another 80% from other sources on regular basis. Thus, we still have a long way to go in order to achieve self-sufficiency.

From the commercial banks functions in Mizoram, Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to point out the fact that only 37% is loaned to Mizoram which means that the rest ends up in other states. Thus, this indicates that we are being denied of the benefit we should enjoy. On the contrary, it is truly appreciated as the Apex Bank provides us 72% of loans.

Pu Deputy Speaker, the rate of inflation is 35.60 % and we do not have proper regulations to keep this in check where as it is truly appreciative that attention is given by our NGO's in this regard. I think the government should also take immediate steps to control it by chalking out rules and regulations to that effect.

Pu Deputy Speaker, Salaries of the government employees are given from Plan funds which amount to ₹280 crores. Such amount should be maintained under non-plan so that it brings favorable consequences to our development. At the sametime, I think we should also give more attentions to BPL record since it remains 38.6% for a long time. Hence, some sorts of step may be taken to this concern. And, I am glad that our revenue surplus has increased. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu R. Lalthangliana.

**Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA:** Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. If we examine our budget, no other significant points are seen except NLUP. But I am glad that this ministry continues to take up many plans we have made during my party's ministry such as construction of Rajiv Gandhi's Stadium (though the original plan was changed), Training Centres in Kolasib, Hockey field in Kawnpui and Thenzawl. Apart from such projects, Funds to construct a stadium at Capital Complex the project initiated during the previous ministry is diverted for construction of a stadium at Pitarte tlang. As of the success stories we have learned through the media, I must say it is not unreliable since those successful cultivators being mentioned are of hard-workings families who already started their occupations ten years back. As such, I suggest only a fact should be highlighted in the media.

Pu Deputy Speaker, coming to other important points such as the salary of SSA teachers and employees under MIFCO, the hon'ble Chief Minister once claimed that such cases lies under the responsibility of the concerned department. Considering the present situation, I suggest in future, any member should be selective of what he has to say as to not condemn our state government.

As we see, large amount of funds is allocated for NLUP as we are facing the upcoming election. The next ministry will surely have to continue this flagship programme. So, I suggest the people should not be misled by telling that this programme as to be discontinued in the next ministry unless the congress party is again in power. Lastly, I express my appreciation to our hon'ble Finance Minister for utilizing our finance in the best possible manner. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : I will now call upon the hon'ble Finance Minister to wind up the discussion.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER :** Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. 23 members have participated in our general discussions and I thank them for having a broad and constructive opinions.

The budget speech highlighted our financial status containing our fiscal management, Economic Policy, Fiscal Policy Statement and its strategy and Macro Economic Statements. The increase in our GSDP is due to our efforts and determination in which we all take our parts. It is the result of efforts made not only

by the minister or the officials but of our common efforts. From 1999, our outstanding liability increased immensely where as even in 2003-2004, it almost equalizes our GSDP as financial condition of our state was at stake. However, under the guidance of our efficient Chief Minister, our outstanding is reduced to ₹100 crores and if we are could maintain the same trend, we will soon be able to reach the stage of prescribed fiscal correction path. We need to increase our revenue surplus in order to increase our capital expenditure. As such, we have to give more efforts. At the same time, the miscellaneous expenditures of the government should also be restricted otherwise any vacant post in various departments will remain unfilled. Likewise, the District Councils should also rationalize its expenditure.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I thank our government employees for their patience on the implementation of 6<sup>th</sup> Pay as we have to go through many procedures as so it takes time. The increase or decrease in the allocation of funds to different departments depends on number of project or ongoing scheme which is taken up in a particular department. From the project taken by departments, special central assistance may be obtained in the form of EAP or ACA which result in difference of the budget amount allotted in respect to different departments.

NLUP fund has always been the first provision we receive from the Central government as prior to remittance sanction, NLUP fund is utilized to maintain government expenses. Due to NLUP funds, we are able to avail RKVY for maintenance of Agriculture & Allied sector which further enhances the budget allocation by ₹60 crores.

In the latest Bye- Election, the opposition members claimed NLUP as the main reason for their defeat. I am glad if this flagship programme is the main reason as it is now proven an effective tool for our party victory in the election since livelihood security which we have stressed are all contained in NLUP.

Regarding the exit protocol, our experts are working on it as approach has been made to concerned authority. Regarding the TA/DA of Police, advance payment was made prior to the election despite the existing financial crisis. But from the salary savings, an amount of ₹500 lakhs is set aside for their TA's in RE which may be utilized when needed. At the same time, Finance department is making intensive efforts to resolve this crisis. I request the hon'ble Home Minister also to restrain TA of our IPS officers as it may affect other staffs of the department.



**SPEAKER** : It is a fact that large amount of fund is utilized on this issue.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, regarding tax as questioned by Pu C. Ramhluna, the present budget is the amount projected by the Central Government and I hope we will soon receive the projected amount.

Regarding Contingent Fund as stated by Pu Lalduhoma, it was introduced during 2009 – 2010 but we discontinued as per instruction of AG since we have faced problems in connection with the accounting system.

(... Interruption...)

**Pu C. RAMHLUNA** : Pu Speaker, we have passed the Contingency Fund and any excess expenditure had also been regularized by PAC. Soil Department and 2 others were not reimbursed the expenditure under the contingency funds. Is it possible to simplify the procedure of the accounting system?

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, as suggested by the AG, we were trying to find another process but advance allocation can be made. Yet, we are trying our best to sort out the case. I thank all my fellow members for their active participations in the discussion and for their valuable co-operation by contributing many constructive ideas.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Pu Speaker, may our C.D. ratio and bank deposit amount for the year 2012 - 2013 be given?

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : It will be provided to you as most of the members demands for the same.

**Pu C. RAMHLUNA** : Pu Speaker, it is learned that an amount of Rs.200 crores for development of road for the year 2012-2013 has been approved by the Planning Commission. Is it true that the sanction is turned down by our Finance Minister?

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, yes it is.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, our deficit is of the target prepared

by the Finance Commission. If such is our achievements, we are not supposed to expect any kind of award. Is there a way to increase our revenue?

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER :** Since the guidelines has accordingly been followed by our government, we are awarded an amount of ₹50 crores which was utilized as a mean to reduce our liability. If we are able to maintain the same trend with our financial management, we may receive more funds. Thank you.

**SPEAKER :** I now call upon the hon'ble House Leader to have his speech.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, if we do not receive funds for improvement of internal roads within this quarter, we are assured by the Planning Commission that we will receive in the next quarter. Thank you.

**SPEAKER :** A moment please. Our time is up but we will spare a few minutes for the hon'ble House Leader.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, I am glad that this session went smoothly and the oppositions have been very constructive as we all have shared our ideas for the welfare of the people. I am also glad that our Finance Minister suggested we should have a full budget session as he has made us clear with any doubt that arises in our discussion. Regarding two colleges who are not able draw their salaries, they are paid from Centrally Sponsored Scheme. Yet, I have made a written request to concerned minister of HRD to consider the case immediately. All departments are instructed to submit their annual expenditure but these two Colleges, Chawngte College and Law College are somehow being missed out when sanctioned was made. Yet, step is being taken to expedite the release of funds.

As mentioned by Pu Lalduhoma, Tourism can be a good source of Income for a small state like us and in order to make it happen, we also have to change our outlooks. I am glad that we all take interest in NLUP. Regarding partiality claimed by the opposition members as being prevailed in the selection of beneficiary, it may be noted by the members that those who deserved are selected regardless of which party ones belongs.

The government will take appropriate action on any employees who embezzle government funds. I do not literally accuse the officials in the construction

of Vaivakawn-University road but what I am saying is that officials are often the source of corruption in these undertakings as they are the first to know about the works even in other projects as well.

Pu Speaker, I am profoundly pleased on the budget presentation by the hon'ble Finance Minister. We have seen improvements and progresses in per capita income as well as revenue surplus which is a major indication of our economic status. Finally, we need efficient leaders to make genuine progress and development and I urge the people to pray for good leaders. I thank the participants in the discussion for their mature insight and critique, I hope we will strive together for a better state and ultimately deliver a self-reliant state in the future, thank you.

**SPEAKER** : With that, we will now conclude our business for the day. The sitting will be resumed tomorrow, i.e., 20.3.2013 at 10:30 am.

Sitting is adjourned at 4:20 pm.

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

**LIST OF BUSINESS**

FOR SEVENTH SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 20<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2013  
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)

**QUESTIONS**

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

**LAYING OF PAPER**

2. **Pu H. LIANSILOVA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy of the Report of the Examiner of Local Fund Accounts on the Accounts of Local Bodies (Village Council within CADC, Champhai District and Mamit District) for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2012.
3. **Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA**, to lay on the Table of the House a copy of Statement of Actions taken by the Government against Committee on Public Undertakings further recommendation contained in the Second Report, 2012 relating to MAMCO Ltd. for the year 1998-1999, 1999-2000.

**PRESENTATION OF REPORTS**

4. **Pu K. LALRINTHANGA**, to present to the House the Fifth Report of Subject Committee-V relating to Public Health Engineering Department (Greater Aizawl Water Supply Scheme Phase-II).
5. **Pu K. LALRINTHANGA**, to present to the House the Sixth Report of Subject Committee-V relating to Agriculture Department (Watershed Development Projects in Shifting Cultivation Areas and Integrated Schemes of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize).

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6. **Pu K. LALRINTHANGA**, to present to the House the Seventh Report of Subject Committee-V relating to Tourism Department (Tourist Lodge, Chalfilh).

### **FINANCIAL BUSINESS**

#### **DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS**

7. **Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
8. **Pu LALSAWTA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
9. **Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.

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**SPEAKER** : There is no end of all the people, even of all that have been before them: they also that come after shall not rejoice in him. Surely this also is vanity and vexation of spirit.

Ecclesiastes 4:16

Pu K. Lalrinthanga may ask his starred question No.85 to start today's session.

**Pu K. LALRINTHANGA** : Will the hon'ble Minister for Transport Department be pleased to state –

- a) Is the construction of Bairabi-Sairang-Tlawng Inland Water Transport completed?
- b) How much sanction has been received? How long is the physical construction of the project?
- c) What plans are made by the government of Mizoram for maintenance?

**SPEAKER** : Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana, hon'ble Minister for Transport is not present therefore, the hon'ble Chief Minister may answer the question.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, the answers are –

- a) The project has been completed.
- b) ₹527.93 lakhs have been received from the Ministry of Shipping. The length of the physical construction is 81 kms, 350 mts.
- c) ₹5 lakhs have been allocated for maintenance for the year 2012-2013.

The sanction is 100% Grant and the maintenance cost is to be provided by the state government. All boats are required to register and pay taxes. In the southern region, we have submitted our DPR to the central Minister and the amount of ₹26.97 crores has already been approved for maintenance of Karnaphulli, Tuichawng, etc

**SPEAKER** : Let us call upon Dr. R. Lalthangliana to ask starred question No.82.

**Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA** : Will the hon'ble Minister for Social Welfare Department be pleased to state –

- a) Is there any proposal to modify job identification with the educated handicaps in mind?
- b) Is there an intention to increase the number of reservations for Persons with Disabilities in government recruitment?
- c) Is there an appropriate state policy now that we have a State Commission?

**SPEAKER** : The concerned Minister, Pu P.C. Lalthanliana may provide the answer.

**Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER** : The answers to the hon'ble member's questions are –

- a) There is no immediate plan to alter the mode of job identification presently. However, under the Draft Mizoram State Policy for PwD, job identifications may be revised as per requirement when there is job vacancy under Public Sector Undertakings.
- b) This is the criteria used all over India and hence there is no consideration to increase it from 3%
- c) The Draft Mizoram State Policy for PwD has already been prepared but up until now it is yet to be passed for implementation.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary question from Dr. R. Lalthanliana.

**Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA** : So far, the appointments made by the government are 4<sup>th</sup> Grade posts for the disabled persons. We have experts and specialists under several lines now who are qualified for higher posts such as Group A and B. what can the government do about this?

Although the norm of Central PWD for reservation is 3%, there are states like Kerala who have 5% reservation. Can our government pursue this option to have more reservation percentage?

Can the hon'ble Minister tell us when the draft is expected to be approved?

**Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, the Draft is being sent to School Education, SCERT, NIOH and Health and Family Welfare Department for approval and when it is finally approved, we will be able to consider PwD for

higher Group recruitments. Pu Speaker, we are well aware of the 5% reservation in Kerala but the reservations are to be made in accordance with the requirements of the state.

**SPEAKER** : Let us move on to Pu P.P. Thawla's starred question No.83.

**Pu P.P. THAWLA** : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare Department be pleased to state –

- a) How many doctors are there at the Aizawl Civil Hospital and Falkawn Referral Hospital respectively?
- b) How many nurses in each Hospital?
- c) How many doctors and nurses are there at Kulikawn Hospital?

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

**Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, the answers are –

- a) 123 doctors at Civil Hospital and 7 at Referral Hospital.
- b) 3 Nursing Superintendents, 21 Ward Superintendents and 157 staff nurses at the Civil Hospital. 1 Nursing Superintendent, 5 Ward Superintendents and 30 staff nurses at Falkawn Hospital.
- c) 7 doctors, 1 Nursing Superintendent, 2 Ward Superintendents and 16 staff nurses.

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite supplementary questions from Pu P.P. Thawla and Pu Lalduhoma.

**Pu P.P. THAWLA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. Is the arrangement for the posting considered satisfactory at this time? What is the progress made on the 'disappeared' OPD building enquiry?

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, the 4<sup>th</sup> Grades are extremely understaffed which compelled the Health Workers to exert themselves physically on several occasions. Can the department take action on this matter?

The hon'ble Minister gave his assurance to repair the Sairang Hospital in the 2011 session but no action has been taken so far. When will the repairs be



started?

**Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, we simply do not have sufficient doctors and nurses at this time so there is almost nothing we can do about the posting of doctors at Civil and Referral Hospitals.

The enquiring officer has already submitted the report and we are waiting to take necessary actions presently.

We are aware of the problem the hon'ble member has pointed out. We have requested the creation of posts time and time again but until we receive approval from the central department, there is very little we can do. We are also awaiting sanction from the central for the repairs of Sairang Hospital. Let us hope we will receive it soon.

**SPEAKER :** Let us invite Pu K. Liantlinga to ask starred question No.84.

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

- a) Can you tell me the date and time of Agreement signed between Mizoram Government and Hmar People Convention?
- b) Has an act been created for the Sinlung Hills Development Council based on the agreement? If it has not been created, is the government intent on its creation?

**SPEAKER :** The hon'ble Chief Minister, Pu Lal Thanhawla may provide the answer.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the agreement was signed on 27<sup>th</sup> July, 1994. The SHDC was set up based on Notification and the agreement did not require the creation of an Act.

**SPEAKER :** Supplementary questions from Pu K. Liantlinga and Pu K. Lalrinthanga.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA :** Can you please give me a copy of the agreement and the rules and order issued by the previous government?

**Pu K. LALRINTHANGA** : Can you tell me the amount of sanction granted during the previous and this government? Is the sanction allowed to be expended within the SHDC?

**SPEAKER** : The hon'ble Chief Minister may deliver the answer.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, we can give him a subsidiary copy of the agreement. The government is currently considering the implementation of Constitution and Conduct of Business, 2008 and Election Rules, 2008 of the SHDC. I think we have allocated ₹3 crores during this government for the SHDC.

**SPEAKER** : Let us now call upon Pu C. Ramhluna to ask starred question No.85.

**Pu C. RAMHLUNA** : Will the hon'ble Minister for Public Health Engineering be pleased to state –

- a) What is the sanction amount for Lawngtlai Greater Water Supply Scheme?
- b) How much of the work has been completed and how much fund has been used so far?
- c) When will it be commissioned? When it is commissioned how many villages will it benefit?

**SPEAKER** : Let the hon'ble Minister kindly provide the answer.

**Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER** : The sanction amount is ₹2564.50 lakhs while 46% of the work is completed. ₹111715479 has been expended and it is expected to function by the year 2015.

**SPEAKER** : We will entertain supplementary questions from Pu C. Ramhluna, Pu Lalduhoma and Pu R. Lalrinawma in this specific order.

**Pu C. RAMHLUNA** : Who is the contractor? How much was it tendered for? Was he able to undertake the construction as per the plan? It is my knowledge that some villages which were originally planned to be fed were cut off afterwards. Is this correct?

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, will the department be able to supply water to Tanhril more regularly? Lunglei is facing severe water scarcity these days and it is rumored that the MRs black-market the supply. Is this true?

**Pu LALRINAWMA** : Pu Speaker, can the department take action to extend the PHE water distribution line at Zemabawk and its surrounding areas?

**Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE** : Pu Speaker, the construction of Serkhan-Bagha road damaged the water supply pipe of Chaltlang. Can you fix the damage as soon as possible?

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalthansanga.

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, I asked in my unstarred question No.36 to give me details of PHE undertakings during 2009-2013 with respect to Hrangturzo constituency but their answer was very unsatisfactory. Can you provide me with better details?

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

**Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, the tendered amount was ₹19,65,85,349 and the contractor is M/S Excelsior Pvt., Kolkata and it is fully completed. Some of the villages originally proposed were dropped since they were considered as rural areas by the government.

In regard to Tanhril, the tanky we have there is insufficient to feed the village but the SIPMIU water tank is expected to be completed by 2015 which will ease their problem to a large extent. It is indeed sad and disappointing that the MR employees often use water supplies to earn money on the side. This is the case not only at Lunglei but the whole of the state. We are doing our best to rid the department of this corruption. We have suspended several workers and given warnings as well which should discourage these petty officials.

In regard to Pu Lalrinawma's request, until we finally receive funds from the Asian Development Bank, we can do very little about the extension. I would like to assure Pu Hmingdailova Kiangte that we are doing our level best to avoid problems created as a result of road construction by the PWD and we are trying to

work in tandem as much as possible in the future. Finally, I apologize to the hon'ble member, Pu Lalthansanga if he is unsatisfied with the details we have already provided. I will try to gather whatever information we have if he would specify the details he is interested in. thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : Let us now go to starred question No.86 by Pu K. Liantlinga.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Will the hon'ble Minister for Environment and Forest be pleased to state: –

- a) Has the government of Mizoram formulated an appropriate plan for logging as directed by the Supreme Court?
- b) If so, can you tell me in which area it is followed?

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite Pu H. Rohluna, Minister to give us the answer.

**Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER** : The answer, Pu Speaker, is -

- a) The government is in the process of formulating a working plan for logging.
- b) Kawrthah Forest Division has been approved and a draft working plan has been submitted to the Regional Office MoEF for the following – Mamit, Lunglei, Tlabung, Aizawl, Kolasib, N' Vanlaiphai, Thenzawl and Chakma Autonomous District Council Forest Divisions. We are awaiting approval from the MoEF.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary question from Pu K. Liantlinga.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Huge reserves of lumber are being transported to Aizawl all the time. Are these loggings done by 'marked tree permit'? How are teaks sold at the western region of the state? How much royalties are collected by the government?

**SPEAKER** : Pu R.L. Pianmawia.

**Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA** : I thought Darlawn Forest was included in the original working plan. Why is it excluded?

**SPEAKER** : Let us hear the answer from the hon'ble Minister.

**Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, we have a working plan outside reserved forest areas and based on that, private plantations are given permit to harvest their plantations. I am unable to clarify how lumber are sold at the moment. Export of lumber is handled by private associations such as the Teak Transporter Association and hence the department has no in-depth knowledge of their buyers. The checkers usually collect 6 times royalties at the check gates. We are also trying to include Darlawn Forest Division in the current Draft Working Plan.

**SPEAKER :** Pu K. Lalrinthanga may now ask his starred question No.87.

**Pu K. LALRINTHANGA :** Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the hon'ble Minister for Transport be pleased to state –

- a) Is there a plan to set up a Maxi-Cab terminal?
- b) If so, how much is the estimate? Where is it proposed?
- c) Is there an intention to set up a bus terminal in the districts? If so, in which place and what is the estimate?

**SPEAKER :** Since the concerned Minister is absent, the hon'ble Chief Minister may provide the answers in his stead.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER :** The answers are –

- a) Yes.
- b) The estimate is ₹1,000 lakhs and the proposed area is the Transport Department land on the outskirts of Melthum village.
- b) Bus terminals are to be set up at Serchhip and Kolasib Districts with an estimate of ₹3 crores each.

**SPEAKER :** Let us go to starred question no. 88 to be asked by Pu R.L. Pianmawia.

**Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA :** Will the hon'ble Minister for Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Sciences be pleased to state if it will be possible to set up a RSHC at Zohmun village under the 7<sup>th</sup> Tuivawl constituency?

**SPEAKER :** Let the hon'ble Minister answer the query.

**Pu NIHAR KANTI, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, under the circumstance, we have

too many unmanned centre to set up an additional RAHC centre.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary question from Pu R.L. Pianmawia.

**Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA** : Pu Speaker, the hon'ble Minster has assented to creation of centre in other places which are functional although they do not have the buildings yet. Can he make such assurance for Zohmun also? At the same time, can the department provide fund for the construction of the centre building for Mualcheng South as promised?

**Pu NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA, MINISTER** : I am unable to give such assurance due to our poor financial condition. If our finance allows, I will look into it as soon as possible.

**SPEAKER** : The question hour has now ended with that and I would like to inform the members that Pu P.C Zoram Sangliana is unable to attend the session due to an urgent business at hand. We will now move on to Laying of Papers wherein we will invite the hon'ble Minister Pu Liansailova to lay, "A copy of the Examiner Report of the Local Funds of Accounts of Local Bodies (Village Council within CADDC, Champhai District and Mamit District) for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2012," in the House.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, I hereby lay before this respectable House, "A copy of the Examiner Report of the Local Funds of Accounts of Local Bodies (Village Council within CADDC, Champhai District and Mamit District) for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2012,"

**SPEAKER** : While the copy of the paper is distributed, let us invite Pu Nirupam Chakma to lay, "Statements of Actions taken by the Government against Committee on Public Undertakings further recommendation contained in the Second Report 2012 relating to MAMCO Ltd. for the year 1998-1999, 1999-2000."

**Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA** : I hereby lay before this august House, the paper "Statements of Actions taken by the Government against Committee on Public Undertakings further recommendation contained in the Second Report 2012 relating to MAMCO Ltd. for the year 1998-1999 & 1999-2000."

**SPEAKER** : While the copy is being distributed, let us invite Pu K. Lalrinthanga to present –

- 1) Fifth Report of Subject Committee-V, relating to Public Health Engineering Department (Greater Water Supply Scheme Phase-II)
- 2) Sixth Report of Subject Committee-V relating to Agriculture Department (Watershed Development Projects in Shifting Cultivation Areas and Integrated Schemes of oilseeds, pulses, oil palms and maize)
- 3) Seventh Report of Subject Committee-V relating to Tourism Department (Tourist Lodge, Chalfilh)

**Pu K. LALRINTHANGA** : Pu Speaker, with your permission and the consent of the House, I hereby present –

- 1) Fifth Report of Subject Committee-V, relating to Public Health Engineering Department (Greater Water Supply Scheme Phase-II)
- 2) Sixth Report of Subject Committee-V relating to Agriculture Department (Watershed Development Projects in Shifting Cultivation Areas and Integrated Schemes of oilseeds, pulses, oil palms and maize)
- 3) Seventh Report of Subject Committee-V relating to Tourism Department (Tourist Lodge, Chalfilh)

**SPEAKER** : Let the copy of the three papers be distributed.

**Pu K. LALRINTHANGA** : Pu Speaker, I would like to explain that the copies are prepared in bigger format to include all the reports in a single copy.

**SPEAKER** : We will now move on to Financial Business, we will take up the three demands of the Ministers together at a time. Let us first invite Pu P.C. Lalthanliana, hon'ble Minister to submit his demands no. 19 & 29 before the House.

**Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER** : On the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission sir, I move the Demand Nos. 19 & 29 for ₹99,57,58,000 for meeting expenses during 2013-2014 in respect of the following departments –

<b>Demand Nos.</b>	<b>Departments</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Demand No.19	Local Administration	₹67,41,47,000.00
Demand No.29	Social Welfare	₹32,16,11,000.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>₹99,57,58,000.00</b>

Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalsawta, Minister may also move his demands no. 4,12, 20 & 21.

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER** : On the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission sir, I move the demands No. 4, 12, 20 & 21, for ₹7,05,10,40,000 for meeting expenses during 2013-2014 in respect of the following departments –

<b>Demand Nos.</b>	<b>Departments</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Demand No.4	Law and Judicial	₹17,38,91,000
Demand No.12	Parliamentary Affairs	₹ 52,70,000
Demand No.20	School Education	₹5,80,07,60,000
Demand No.21	Higher & Technical Education	₹1,07,11,19,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>₹7,05,10,40,000.00</b>

Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Finally, let us invite Pu Lalrinliana Sailo to move his Demands No.24, 28 & 44.

**Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER** : On the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission sir, I move the demands No.24, 28 & 44 for ₹1,80,96,15 for meeting expenses during 2013-2014 in respect of the following departments –

<b>Demand Nos.</b>	<b>Departments</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Demand No.24	Medical & Public Health Services	₹1,67,93,36,000
Demand No.28	Labour & Employment	₹8,10,04,000
Demand No.44	Trade & Commerce	₹4,92,75,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>₹1,80,96,15,000</b>

Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : The hon'ble Ministers have now submitted their demands and we will commence discussion with each member having 10 minutes to debate their opinions. The Group Leaders are allowed an extra 15 minutes. Pu C. Ramhluna may start the discussion.



**Pu C. RAMHLUNA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I have seen 2 lepers at Tuisentlang which I request the department to look into the case. Clinic centre were constructed at Hruitezawl, Hmunnuam and other villages but no social workers were appointed so far.

Almost none of the people in my constituency availed the health care benefits last year since the department could not complete their ID processing. I urge the department to take quick action as we are a much neglected area in health and medical services. We have a good doctor whom I would like to commend to the hon'ble Minister. However, we have no facilities which would multiply his efficiency to the utmost.

Under demand No.44, Trade and Commerce construct several markets and the funds are sanctioned by Horticulture Department. However, the construction is undertaken by MAMCO to which they transferred the fund and after completion, the new buildings are handed back to Trade & Commerce. This arrangement is extremely cumbersome and I think the department should find an easier arrangement. At the same time, these markets are poorly maintained by the VCs to whom the department passed responsibility.

At Hruitezawl in my constituency, they have built a rest house with an anonymous estimate of fund. In truth, they are merely renovating the rest house built by the MNF. There are no facilities provided there and they do not even have beds for guests. I urge the hon'ble Minister to convert the dilapidated building into a fully capable rest house.

We have a school at Phaileng which was upgraded to a Grant-in-aid by the previous MNF Ministry at the end of their term. Apart from this no action has been taken by the government and I request the Minister to find a way to help them.

We have a Civil and Session Judge at Lawngtlai and Saiha but we have to travel to Lunglei if we have a big and difficult case. Can the judges be given the same magisterial powers as the judge at Lunglei? I would also like to know if you can set up Lok Adalat at each District. Also, can you construct a Court building at Lawngtlai?

The MSDP is supposed to be received by all minorities but only the Buddhists are considered at Lawngtlai. Is there a way to make arrangements so that the Christians may also receive it?

Regarding the housing loan, the MLAs have no information whatsoever about its distribution while the people expects us to know. Is there a way to involve the MLAs more?

**SPEAKER** : Pu R. Lalrinawma.

**Pu R. LALRINAWMA** : Pu Speaker, under LAD, the Minister gave us his assurance and the people of Lungdai.....(interruption)..... The department has a fine park at Muthi Tlang which the youths would definitely visit if allowed but the approach road passes through a steep hill with the threat of an accident imminent. Is there a way to construct railings and fencing at the dangerous parts?

Under the Social Welfare, can we have a juvenile police force to apprehend underage boys and girls who commit crimes and send them to detention centre? These juveniles should not be handled by normal policemen because they are protected under Juvenile Justice Care and Protection of Children Act, 2000.

It pleases me greatly that the separation of judiciary is practically implemented under this ministry. In the meantime, I also wish that the legal department and the judicial would be separated further as other states have done.

It would be much less expensive to invite an expert to teach us about parliamentary affairs than to send officials to Delhi. I think it is a good thing that the government has now created mock parliaments to increase the knowhow of the people regarding parliamentary rules and practices.

It is mentioned that 35 has been allocated for overseas scholarship. There are several students who are applying for the scholarship but only 20 persons are normally selected. I hope the scholarship amount and the number of selected persons will be increased as we have more and more students who wish to study abroad.

I would like to thank the hon'ble Minister for opening a clinic centre at Zemabawk North and Sihphir. These clinics are immensely helpful for the surrounding areas and I also request him to open more clinics.

There are huge numbers of works undertaken by the Trade and Commerce Department. They have constructed a market at Zemabawk but the

building was under UD&PA first and then the AMC. I request the Minister to find a way to ensure that the building is used as it was intended, which is as a market.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte, next.

**Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. First of all, I would like to express my gratitude to the hon'ble Chief Minister and the Health Minister for giving us a regular M.O. at Kawnpui Primary Health Centre. Starting with LAD, the funds we receive for inter-village/town development is too little and some villages did not even receive it at all. Can it be increased to affect a better developmental impact? Same with the housing loan, there are far too few beneficiaries each year to make a positive dent in village development.

Social Welfare is an extremely useful department for the old aged and the rural areas. They give assistances to unfortunate families who have lost their bread earners and they grant pensions to people over 60 years as well as PwDs. We have 27 ICDS in Mizoram and 1980 Anganwadi whose unique assistance is a blessing to thousands of rural area residents all over the state.

I am pleased by the work done under the leadership of the hon'ble Education Minister. It is apparent that he strives for quality education in the state. The improvement we have made recently is also very encouraging because we have only 8 schools with zero pass percentage whereas we had over 30 schools with zero pass percentage only 4/5 years ago. I have visited around 30 villages where mid-day meal is implemented in their schools and what impressed me a lot is that they were able to continue giving mid-day meals without break so far. Finally, I would like to remind all the people of the state that we have a separate allocation for the NLUP implementation and it does not have a negative impact whatsoever on our regular budget, thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu B. Lalthlengliana.

**Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA** : Pu Speaker, ₹400 lakhs has been allocated for housing loan in the budget yet it is highly unlikely that the opposition will have a share in its distribution. Although the LAD is doing great work in the rural areas, they have divided it into so many smaller categories that impacting efficiency has been lost in the village level as a result. This is why the MLAs demanded the increase of MLA Fund.

The Social Welfare is exemplary in their supply of good quality nutrition to children and the old aged. I hope other departments will follow their footsteps and always verify the quality of their goods whatever they are supplying.

I approve of the hon'ble Education Minister's plan to reform education in the beginning but it seems that the report given by the board of experts has been ignored and rather than making progress, our educational system appear to suffer heavily in the process. There are numerous vacant posts of Headmaster which the hon'ble Minister promised to fill as soon as possible. This was one of our hiccups during our Ministry as well and so should be given a priority as educating the younger generations is the backbone of our State.

As for the request made by Pu Nirupam regarding Law College at Kalamanager, it would hugely be beneficial for both sides if his request is fulfilled.

There are several colleges without Principals as I believe selections can be made according to the norms set by UGC. Also, we have several polytechnics across the State and these institutions should be upgraded as they played an important role.

We have only one doctor within my constituency at Khawbung which is shared by Sesih, Bungzawn and Farkawn as well. This proved to be quite inconvenient especially in times of emergencies and I would like to request that at least one doctor be appointed at these villages and at least one PHC within my constituency.

Plans for the construction of 4/5 Sub-Centres within my constituency was abandoned and I kindly request an explanation from our hon'ble Minister as to why this plan was changed. Also, if possible we should give priority to our dental and ayush doctors regarding their posts.

Also, there was no mention of Referral Hospital in this year's work schedule. Does that mean there is no fund for the development of this hospital? And lastly, why does our government find it so hard to install one medical college for our State while other states such as Assam has several? Thank you.

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

**Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. First of all, does the government gain any headway regarding the Incentive cash award to be given to those who are successful at State Level Competitive Exams?

I thank our hon'ble Minister for his work at raising the amount of scholarships given to students as well as the separation of the Scholarship Board as an independent body; as well as the new scheme under CSS called Pre Matric Scholarship for Tribals. I also thank the government for making it possible to give IELTS/TOFFEL tests in Aizawl thereby saving examiners from incurring huge expenses. It would be very appreciative if our hon'ble Minister could give us any information regarding the status of educational loan. I believe we should make it easier for research scholar and other potential researchers to complete their studies in terms of financial help and time. I would like to mention that construction of Champhai College is currently ongoing and also we have only one secondary school and we would like to request for more secondary schools as they would be feeding the college as well.

We have not seen even one doctor at Rabung PHC during this term even though there are several doctors hired under NRHM after 2009 by Health & Family Welfare Department. There is also shortage of female health workers at Vapar and Selam as well as shortage of doctors and nurses at Hnahlan. We do remember and appreciate the plan for construction of Lungphun Health Clinic Centre.

Pu Speaker, the level of noise pollution has increased considerably and I would like to request LAD to take some sort of action regarding this.

Lastly, I would like the hon'ble Minister to react to the plans for Judicial Building at Lunglei and Champhai. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu V.L. Robiaka

**Pu LALROBIAKA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. I would like to start with LAD as they played an important role in our lives. Remuneration received by Village Council members is quite small compared to our standard of living and I would like to ask for an increase in their remuneration.

I applaud and thank the Social Welfare Department (Demand No.29) for their work which covers several projects and schemes.

The quality of education at government schools has deteriorated in recent years and I believe absence of inspection staff has contributed to this as we have no one to inspect the quality and standard of the school teachers.

Regarding the vacancy at UPS led by SSA, I would like to propose for the appointment of a local candidate at Silsuri.

With a budget of ₹1,07,11,19,000/-, Higher & Technical Education has introduced overseas scholarship paving the way for a better and broader scope for education.

I would like to mention the importance of having Higher Secondary institution at West Phaileng Constituency as the number of dropout students is quite high due to poverty.

Tuahzawl and Saithah are in dire need of sub-centre and if that is not possible, I would like to request for a clinic centre at the very least.

I would like to conclude with my support for demands under Law & Judicial, Parliamentary Affairs and Labour & Employment, thank you.

**SPEAKER** : We will dismiss for lunch and continue at 2 pm.

**2:00 P.M.**

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : We will continue with our demands and will start with Pu R.L. Pianmawia.

**Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. Starting with demand no.20, I believe it would be beneficial for the people at Mauchar and Zokhawthiang if someone from their own locality be appointed as teachers.

Under demand No.24, I demand that action be taken for missing the whole of North Khawdungsei, Upper Sakawrdai and Zokhawthiang under the Health Care Scheme. Ayush hospital at Zohmun would benefit a number of people around the villages. Clinic Centre is needed at Chhanchuahna khawpui, Lungsum, Damdai, Khawpuar, Zokhawthiang, Upper Sakawrdai and North Khawdungsei. We are eagerly

waiting for the construction of PHC at Darlawn which was promised to us earlier as well as sub-centres around Northern villages.

We are grateful to Labour & Employment (Demand No.28) for their registration work and lastly, I would like the ministry to set aside bigger budgets for the construction of steps and culverts under LAD. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu Lalrinmawia Ralte

**Pu LALRINMAWIA RALTE** : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. With several demands before us today, I'd like to select a few demands that speaks to me. Under demand No.20, School Education, our main and biggest problem is the rationalization of school teachers as majority of them are after Aizawl post. There are several primary and middle school with single teacher and some with no teachers at all. I would like to request that this issue is taken care of.

Under Demand No.28, Labour & Employment, I believe that the department needs to regulate the rules and functioning of placement agencies that has become popular in Mizoram these days. We do not know that these agencies are genuine and there are some cases that are involved with human trafficking and we need to stop this before it escalates.

My next point is 'The Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers recognition of Forest Rights Act, 2006' which is under Social Welfare Department (Demand No.29). Under this Act, almost all of Mamit District is facing a problem due to issue of LSC by Revenue Department but which comes under forest reserve. The people are eagerly waiting for this issue to be resolved.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I thank the Health Department for the work they have done at Hachhek Constituency such as the construction of CHC and 3 PHC's and we would like them to arrange more free clinic as most inhabitants around Hachhek are living below poverty line. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu Lalthansanga

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. I would like to start with LAD and would like to request that they develop Khawng Park at North Vanlaiphai, East Lungdar and Biate Chungtlang.

Moving on to Demand No.29, Social Welfare, there is an existing manifesto stating that ICDS should be bi-furcated with no apparent result till now. ICDS played an important role with many projects under its belt and are in need of quarters for the staff. Also, pensions received by the elder people are very helpful and I would like to enquire the possibility of matching this share from the State Plan Fund.

Under demand No.20, Education department, there are several schools within my constituency with no teachers. One prominent school is Keitum Primary School-III where the head has now retired with no other teacher presents and so he gave the school keys back to the School Committee.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : How many students are there?

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : I do not possess that information at the moment Pu Deputy Speaker. However I would like for the ministry to review this problem.

Also there are several places who are in dire need of high school and higher secondary school as well as some schools that are in serious need of renovation. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu K. Lianzuala

**Pu K. LIANZUALA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. As previously mentioned before me, I would like to start with Demand No.20, School Education regarding the absence of teachers and school heads at several primary, middle and high schools at rural areas. Also, there are several schools with single teachers who are about to retire or have serious illness. There is also the problem of teachers only attending school on the day of their transfer and not fulfilling their duties as a teacher.

We are ecstatic about the promise of a Polytechnic school at Chhiahtlang and would like to request that a speedy approach is taken for completion.

I thank the department for its work under RMSA such as the construction of 81 school buildings between 2009-2013, for organizing study tours for teachers and for organizing trainings and workshops for teachers and students.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I believe our evaluation system while grading exam papers is in need of revision and suggest a more lenient marking system in line with other Indian states.



Also, the department needs to accept responsibility and find out why private schools always fare better than government schools at board examinations.

Under Demand No.24, Health department, we are all aware of the importance of rural health and I thank the ministry for the construction of health sub-centres in several areas. However, we have a problem with staffing these health sub-centres and I would like the ministry to look into this. The PHC at Ngentiang is in dire need of repair.

The health sub-centre building at Tlungvel is also in need of repair and I would like to request for SHC as this will be shared by 5/6 villages.

With the advent of Ayush and its growing presence in India, I ask the ministry if there is a way for them to be made into a full fledged department. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu K. Lalrinthanga

**Pu K. LALRINTHANGA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. I would like to start with demand no.19, LAD, the budget for internal improvement of Town and Villages stand at ₹290 lakhs with steps, retaining walls and foot paths at ₹325 lakhs. I ask the ministry if there is any way to increase this budget.

Regarding Housing, there is a budget of ₹250 lakhs for composite cash loan to government servants with no other amenities for non-government workers.

I applaud Social Welfare department (Demand No.29) for their tremendous work under ICDS projects, Adolescence Girl Scheme and their Supplementary Nutrition Programme.

Under Demand No. 20 and 21, Education and Higher & Technical Education, I have not yet seen the positive effect of rationalization of teachers till now. As previously mentioned, the main problem at my constituency is the absence of teachers at rural schools. I believe the way to resolve this issue is to employ teachers from their own locality. Also, the whole of Kolasib District do not have higher secondary school and I request our hon'ble Minister to look into this.

Under Medical and Health Service, the PHC at Bilkhawthlir is in dire

need of repair. We are also facing the same problem with health workers as we did with school teachers as several villages are without health workers.

Regarding Trade and Commerce, I would like to request again that the market at Saiphai be made a Market Project.

Lastly, I thank the ministry for their Look East Policy and for their construction of road works at Akyap. I also give my support to all the above demands, thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu Nirupam Chakma

**Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. Regarding Housing Loan under Demand No.19, LAD, I request that at least ₹10 lakhs be given to MLA Fund. I also request for the timely release of Local Body Fund.

Pu Deputy Speaker, we also require the timely release of Funds under MSDP, Social Welfare Department (Demand No.29) as this affect District level.

I would also like for the speedy sanction of ITI Chawngte at Kamalanagar, CADC headquarter and also for the verification and inspection of the functioning of Anganwadi centres.

Under demand No.4, law & Judicial, we are in need of High Court at sub-division level as well as legal awareness campaign.

Regarding the problems faced by rural areas under Education Department, this has been going on several years with no positive results. Instead of talking about it, we must ask ourselves who is responsible for this. We have Village Education Committee for this reason and they have the power to dismiss these teachers.

RMSA School named Mondiachhorra has been created and we are in need of one more high school. I urge the ministry to provincialize our Law College and Kamalanagar College.

I also request for at least one polytechnic in our district. I also thank the ministry for their promise for Borapansury PHC, Lawngtuivat PHC and four

Health sub-centres at Hindirochora, Khumtuli, Ngarom and Chotapanchury.

Under Labour & Employment, we must regulate the registration of labours as we are losing revenue due to lack of registration. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu John Siamkunga

**Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. I would like to start by thanking LAD (Demand No.19) for the work they have done and for what they are about to do which was shown in the work programme.

Secondly, I also thank the Education department for the construction of Darzo high school, Hnahthial and Muallianpui under RMSA. We are also in need of more teachers at Bualpui 'H' Primary School, Cherhlun Government Primary School-II and at Thingsai High School.

The Medical and Public Health Services have my gratitude for the construction of PHC's at Cherhlun and Thingsai and a sub-division hospital at Hnahthial. We are also in need of a Health clinic at South Lungleng and at Aithur.

I would like to request for the staffing of New Ngharchhip sub-centre as the construction of this building has already been completed. I would like to request for the posting of at least one Ayush doctor at PHC's.

Labour & Employment (Demand No.28) is helping several students under Mizoram building and other construction worker welfare and I applaud them for this project.

Under Trade & Commerce, our hon'ble Chief Minister has taken various steps to create weekly market near Thingsai and I believe it would help a great deal if the roads around this area is widened and aligned.

Lastly, I pledge my full support to the above demands. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Lt. Col. Z.S. Zuala

**Lt. Col. Z.S. ZUALA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. I would like to start with demand no.19, LAD as the loan allotment is the same as last year and I

doubt that this will be sufficient bearing in mind the suggestion made by MLA's to increase their quotas.

We are fortunate and owe a debt of gratitude to Social Welfare Department for their planned project such as Bal-Bhavan, construction of two Nos. of tribal girls' hostel at Aizawl and Saitual and for the supply of nutrition and their work at Anganwadi centres.

I'd like to ask for the vertical expansion of Government Special Model School and for the provincialization of ITI high School and Dam Veng Primary School. Government Primary Boys School is also in need of renovation. I also advocate for the transfer of Aizawl College at Mualpui.

I give credit to the ministry for their vision in building Falkawn Referral Hospital that benefits the general public.

I also express my gratitude to Labour & Employment for the construction of a new building at ITI.

I would also like the ministry to expedite the renovation and modification of the market building at Mission Veng. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu Joseph Lalhimpuia

**Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUA:** Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. First of all, I pledge my support to the demands brought by our hon'ble Ministers today.

Starting with demand No.19, LAD, I would like to request for the proper maintenance of the district park at Lunglei.

I credit Social Welfare Department under Demand No.29 for their colossal performance benefitting Mizo society such as subsidies, supply of nutrition, wheel chairs, the running of orphanage and old age homes, old age pensions and several other projects.

Under Law & Judicial (Demand No.4) I believe that the people of Mizoram are in need of legal awareness and as such there should be Legal Awareness Campaign.

The ministry has achieved so much under Demand No.21 with the availability of overseas scholarships. The buildings of Government College at Lunglei, J.B. College and Baptist Colleges are in need of repair and renovation as well as a new auditorium. I'd like our hon'ble Minister to look into these matters.

Under Demand No.20, the Teacher Inn at Aizawl requires extension due to the frequent and busy traffic.

Also, I believe that the rationalization of teachers require transfer norms and rules or a better system so that the problems we are facing now can be resolved.

RMSA and SSA played an important role in the functioning and maintenance of our education system as well as in our institution. However, I believe it is challenging for us to follow the Central guidelines to the book and as such is there any way to amend or diversify these guidelines to make it more effective? There are several new school buildings constructed under RMSA such as Ralvawng School and Rultlang East School and I would like to mention that we appreciate their efforts.

Lastly, I give credit to the ministry for the construction of Referral Hospital. I would also like to request a new transformer to be solely used by Lunglei Civil Hospital as well as an Anaesthetician as they have only one at the moment.

We have seen tremendous improvement in Border Trade and Look East Policy and I would like to encourage our government to continue with this work. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu K. Liantlinga

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you.

I am a bit confused regarding Housing Loan under LAD as there is an inconsistency in the budget and the work programme. I would like to call for an explanation regarding this.

I applaud the creation of Telegraphic Transfer of Accounts for Village council that allows them a free hand in the development of their localities. It is appreciated as the District Councils have administration of its own to run

development in their respective areas. Yet, it is regretted as the detailed work programme has not been received from them.

In Social Welfare Department, it is grateful that Recruitment Rules for the Director has already been formulated. It should have been much helpful if the said is applied for solving stagnation of promotion of lower levels which discourages many staff for many years. But I am confident that the situation will improve with the on-going plan for bifurcation of ICDS in a separate directorate. Pu Speaker, no work programme of the department is seen except supply of materials and other minor works. Anyway, I am happy to learn that such work projects is covering my constituency also. In the meantime, I would like to suggest Old-aged Pension Scheme, National Family Benefit Scheme and Widow Pension Scheme may be implemented so that it is benefitted in the whole state.

In Law & Judicial Department, it is much desirable for us to have a High Court of our own as three other states have it so recently. It is unbecoming not to have it since it is included in the Peace Accord coordinated by our leaders. So, I request the hon'ble Minister to elaborate the process.

In Demand No.20, School Education Department, I truly appreciate fund provision of ₹9.42 lakhs for construction of Republic Middle School Building. I have learned from the hon'ble Minister that 400 Nos. of new teacher will be recruited. In this regard, I request him to give appointment only to qualified applicants having adequate training. At the same time, we have learned that school teachers could not draw their monthly salary on regular basis which further incurred the government an outstanding debt of ₹63 lakhs. It is truly appreciated as the problem has been solved. I have often asked regarding financial discrepancy existed in the Education department due to mismanagement of non-plan fund for recruitment new teachers. Whether the problem is being solved? It will be much appreciated if concerned department is more careful with financial management. Pu Speaker, I express my appreciation to the government for allotting ₹35 lakhs for special scholarship given to students studying abroad. It is truly grateful particularly to those pursuing their career in the British Army which further encourage other youths in building up their careers. Hence, it is important for the government to improve the Scholarship Board for the benefit of our youths in pursuing their respective careers.

Demand No.21, Higher & Technical Education, the government, for the last three years is having 400 technical students studying abroad who are supposed

to complete their studies after 5 years. If so, we now have 2,000 technical students in foreign countries. What I want to say is that the Prime Minister said that Educational loan will be simplified without necessitating guarantors and mortgage deeds so that it is benefited by larger students. Supposed, if the policy is taken up by the Scholarship Board, more than 2000 students would certainly enjoy such educational loan. Hence, the matter should be determined very seriously as there is an opportunity to any student of affiliated college under a recognized University.

Pu Deputy Speaker, hon'ble Chief Minister mentioned yesterday regarding the ratio of our Bank deposit. In this connection, I want to point out that Mizoram is the second best in loan recovery among the North-east states with the CD ratio of 64%. It may also be important for the government to verify that most of the Banks in Mizoram are allegedly making investment outside with the help of our Bank deposit.

We have not seen in the budget how much is allotted in regard to Nursing College. Whether concept papers for setting up of Medical College has already been prepared? How about proposal for upgradation of AYUSH to a full-fledged directorate yet, it is learned that Hospital is being constructed at Thenzawl?

In Labour & Employment Department, may the hon'ble Minister explain in his wound up speech of how much our labors could enjoy from cess which may be collected from Building & Other constructions Workers Welfare? It is learned that more than ₹10 crore has been collected. Also, fund for construction of ITI has not been flashed in the budget which I supposed should be done even if it is centrally sponsored.

Lastly, I compliment achievement made by Labour & Employment Department. I am confident that the department could be upgraded as the most important one if its Director has not been changed successively in a short period of time. The department deserves to be put under the portfolio of the hon'ble Chief Minister if one Director headed the department at least for 5 years. Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : I would like to state from my chair that any department deserve to keep under the portfolio of the hon'ble Chief Minister.

The time now is four o'clock. We will have a tea break and discussion

will be continued at 5:00 p.m.

(The House recessed at 4:00 p.m)

**5:00 P.M.**

**SPEAKER** : So, far, 16 members have participated in the discussion. Now, let us call upon Pu H. Zothangliana.

**Pu H. ZOTHANGLIANA** : Thank you Speaker. Let me start from Demand No.29, Social Welfare Department. It is a great pleasure to hear that we are having 1980 Anganwadi Centres the buildings which are of mostly Pucca building. It is certainly achievement of the hon'ble Chief Minister and the NGOs.

The Department has implemented a new Scheme, Rajiv Gandhi Scheme for Empowerment of Adolescent Girls of 11-18 years old. The main objective is endowment of vocational skills to any adolescent girls. It also concern for providing awareness to such girls of her physical health, healthy foods and her family welfare etc. It is much appreciative that 25,856 girls in Mizoram are now benefitting the scheme.

We are very fortunate as Lawngtlai District has also been covered by a new scheme, Indira Gandhi Matrivias Sahyog Yojona, the Conditional Maternity Benefit Scheme. It is meant for 19 year old girls and above. If a girl has two children, an incentive cash of ₹4000/- is awarded which should be given in 3 installments. Apart from this, Lawngtlai and Mamit Districts has also been covered by a Multi-Sectoral Development Project which concern religious minority such as Buddhists under which the Chakmas and Riangs received financial fund for development of their respective areas.

In Demand No. 20, it is pleasing to hear from the hon'ble Minister that approval has already been obtained for filling up of 55 posts of Headmaster. In this regard, I would like to remind the minister the importance of rationalization while appointment is made.

In Higher & Technical Education Department, Pu Speaker, I would like to inform the House that the people of Lawngtlai are deeply grateful with



proposal of the government to set up Polytechnic Institute at Lawngtlai and much as well, for regularization of the College Principal of Lawngtlai along with Saitual, Khawzawl and Aizawl North Colleges.

In Medical & Public Health Services, I, again extend my appreciation to the government for installation of Solar Energy at Lawngtlai Hospital and also for construction of number of buildings for Health Sub-Centre, Clinic Centre within Lawngtlai District. In the meantime, I would like to stress the need for rationalization Health-workers as most of female Health-workers are concentrated in the city despite the guidelines which indicates a female and male to be posted in each Health Centre.

Regarding Trade & Commerce, I want to apologize to all the members of the House for my comment on the people of Lawngtlai as not being bother to claim compensation on construction of Kolodyne Multi Modal Transport Road as barely a couple of days after making that comment, many are found busy with claiming the aforesaid compensation. It is much regretted as wants of wealth and money has now deep-rooted in our society constituted by almost 100% Christianity.

**Dr. NGURDINGLIANA** : Thank you, Pu speaker. To start from Demand No.29, Social Welfare Department, I would like to thank the hon'ble minister for achieving construction of number of building of Anganwadi centre in different parts of our state.

In Medical & Public Health Services, Phuaibuang Civil Hospital building which has been completed recently is awaiting for inauguration. Pu Speaker, since this hospital is run by a doctor and three nurses only, I request the hon'ble Minister to give us one more doctor. I also request to consider allotment of four or more clinic centre.

Demand No.20, School Education, I opine it is necessary to improve our educational system from the elementary stage. At the same time, I extend my thanks to the hon'ble Minister for providing us efficient teachers for RMSA. Regarding school discipline, I opine it is necessary to improve as most of the students today are lack of etiquette and manner. So, I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to give awareness to the teachers especially in the elementary stages. I thank all the hon'ble Ministers for their concern for development of my constituency. In the mean time, I request them to remember that my constituency, being the most backward areas in the whole state and so may be given important to any help which I may ask on behalf of my constituency.

In short, I do support all the demands made by the three Ministers. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : Now, let us call upon Pu P.P. Thawla.

**Pu P.P. THAWLA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Let me start with Demand No.19, LAD. Being a sole member from one political party as well as the only representative elected from Saiha District, I have been sitting in this House for two successive terms empty-handedly. My hope of being appointed as a member of the Housing Loan Board for Saiha District too was in vain on which I was deeply regretted for leaving my people with grieves and hopeless. Yet, I have a few hopes as concerned minister for LAD who is living in my next-door would surely favor me by allotting 2 quotas each for Saiha and Aizawl District.

In Demand No.29, Social Welfare Department, the guidelines indicates that any person with hearing problem and recommended by a qualified doctor is eligible to receive hearing aid at free of cost. As there are many villages where no doctor is available to make certification, it may be wise for concerned authority to assign its concerned MLA to issue such recommendation. In the meantime, it is regretted to see that the Demand of Social Welfare Department is reduced to ₹1663 lakh despite its importance for the disabled and NGOs.

In School Education, It is so unbecoming that private schools are usually more successful than that of Government aided schools. Who is responsible for it, the government or concerned teachers? In fact, some High Schools have no clerk till today. I insist the government to take immediate step in this regard.

Pu Speaker, I would like to inform the House that fund for construction of Saiha College has not been released till today. I request the hon'ble Minister to consider immediate release otherwise it may end up in poor construction. Also, I would like to mention that we have not any Higher Secondary School in my Constituency. As such, at least Tuipang High School may be upgraded to Higher Secondary School to alleviate the problem of students with poor background in this remote corner.

In Demand No.24, I visit Aizawl Civil Hospital from time to time particularly the counseling centre for AIDS patients. What I have learned from there was that the government has no appropriate policy being laid down to that effect. As

such, immediate attention should be given in this regard. Apart from this, I opine salary of the councilor should be increased.

Another problem in my constituency is that we have only one Doctor at Tuipang PHC even though it is among the senior most PHC in the Mizoram. We always have problems whenever the doctor is out of station for his official duties or else. So, it will be much appreciated if one more doctor is posted for his substitute. Apart from this, PHC of Phura, Chakhang, and Chhualung too have no doctor as yet and therefore may be allotted immediately.

Pu Speaker, despite the need to prioritize Public Health, it is regretted to learn that Plan fund is reduced by ₹2,508 lakh and so should be reconsidered. Thank you.

**Pu LAL THANZARA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. In Demand No.29, Social Welfare Department, I would like to express my appreciation to the hon'ble Chief Minister as well as concerned Minister for assigning a separate Commissioner to look after disabled persons. Under Social Welfare Department, it is truly appreciated that handicapped are provided with sticks, elbow-crouches, wheelchair, hearing-aid according to the needs, nutrition being supplied to 2,08,405 Nos. of children and old-aged, financial assistance to NGOs and Para-church Organizations and also to various Spastic and Disciple Societies. In the meantime, I request the hon'ble Minister to determine setting up of Anganwadi centre at my locality, Electric Veng.

Regarding Demand No.20, School Education, it is highly appreciated as three teachers have now been assigned to teach in a school. Pu Speaker, thanks to the efforts made by concerned Minister and his officials, literacy rate of Mizoram as per census 2011 is increases at 9.58%. It is also quite pleasing to learn that 550 Nos. teachers under SSA and 1643 Nos. under UPS are newly recruited.

Much as well, Pu Speaker, It is appreciated that 176 Nos. of Sports centre are being set up to accommodate 5,250 Sports personalities in our state out of which 120 persons are known to be successful. Again, I thank the hon'ble Minister for providing the salary of several teachers of Gilead School. In addition, we even have three persons who are undergoing training at Guwahati and Kolkota to look after disable persons. I request concerned minister to determine accommodation of such persons in Social Welfare department as soon as they have completed their training.

In Demand No.24, Medical & Public Health, I would like to mention that project for construction of Referral Hospital which has been abandoned by the former Ministry is now being revived with accommodation of 150 beds. We even have a proposal for construction of another 200 bedded hospital by the 12<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan. Apart from this, there is a proposal for setting up of Medical College within the premise of Falkawn Referral Hospital and we even have a sufficient amount of fund under NRHM for improvement of Aizawl Civil Hospital and Champhai Hospital as well. For all these reasons, I support Demands of the three hon'ble Ministers for passing. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Now, let us call upon Dr. R. Lalthangliana.

**Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA** : Pu Speaker, I will start from Demand No.19, LAD. I request the hon'ble Minister to kindly allot Housing Loan quota to each member as we are all having our respective people to serve with their needs for housing.

Regarding Demand No.29, Social Welfare Department, I would like to suggest increase old-aged pension salary with the help from State fund. It is much appreciated as we now have 2 old-aged Homes within Aizawl District. It may as well be more beneficial if it is set up in every district as so done in developed countries.

Coming now to Demand No.24, 28 Dental Surgeons are newly recruited under NRHM but their salaries are not the same with that of other doctors obvious due to non-inclusion of fund provision for the said in plan fund of 2013-2104. In fact, some has been served since a very long time and so it is important for concerned authority to determine their regularization. In this connection, there are several doctors known as 3F doctors who have been posted in remote and critical areas. This morning, I was informed through phone that the people of Darlawn, by organizing procession demanded a Doctor. Hence, it is important for concerned authority to consider the demand as the procession concern public health. In the meantime, it may as well be important for the concerned authority to verify construction of Khawzawl Hospital which is said to have been done poorly as posts and beams of the building are cracked even before completion. The reason for this poor performance is allegedly due involvement of multiple contractors which should be checked by the government immediately.

Pu Speaker, I would also like to request concerned Minister to give

attention to Lunglei Civil Hospital which has not been functioning appropriately for a long time. At the same time, it will be much appreciated if attention is given to Buarpui PHC as it is malaria prone area. It is regretted that not only the Doctor, Ophthalmic and Pharmacist are withdrawn from Buarpui where as the service of Health Workers and Nurses too are irregular. Apart from this, the approach road extremely needs improvement with the coming of rainy season. So, I inform the matter to the House for immediate attention.

Pu Speaker, Aizawl Civil Hospital, despite the biggest Hospital in our state has not been equipped with developed instruments such as MRI, CT scan and C-Arm till today. So, I request the hon'ble Minister to note down the matter for immediate attention. Again, I think it is time to change bed-clothes used in every PHC and SHC with new ones.

Pu Speaker, I opine it is important to improve Ayush since it is the source of free medicines which is benefitted mostly by the poor. Presently, we have 24 Ayush Doctors who are not regularized as yet. It is much appreciated as there is proposal to set up Ayush Hospital in every district. Regarding RIPAN, I am happy to see improvement which has been made as I visited the place recently. If possible, it is good to set up Medical College within the premise of RIPAN to benefit mutual co-operation from each other.

In Demand No.28, Labour & Employment, I would like to point out that the Youth Commission was being set up in the former Ministry out of concern for upcoming youths. I request the hon'ble Minister too to give importance of the same since the youths are our best assets.

Regarding installation of telephone signal towers by various companies such as BSNL, Airtel, Aircel, etc. in various places, I would like to point out that numbers of workers employed in rural areas are paid without following standard of payment despite minimum wages fixed by the state government. So, I request the hon'ble concerned Minister to see that payment is made as per minimum wages scheme set by the government. In this connection, I would like to stress the need for Industrial Training Institute to keep up-to-date with training of any trade. Besides, the office building may also be improved as soon as possible.

In Demand No.44, Trade & Commerce, I request the hon'ble Minister to inform the House, step which has been taken so far for the project at Kawrpuchhuah.

In Demand No.4, Law & Judicial Department, an examination was conducted recently for filling up of 5 posts in Law & Judicial Department despite the total number of post is 32. What is the reason?

In regard to Demand No.21, Higher & Technical Education, It is much regretted as we are not able to have a permanent principal in Colleges as yet where as inadequacy of lecturers happened to be the common problem of every college. Pu Speaker, I also feel the need to introduce Common Admission Test (CAT) and enhancement of Scholarship Board. In the meantime, I express my appreciation to concerned Minister for his proposal to set up MZU at Lunglei. I was informed through phone that Lunglei SSA is being dissolved. I opine it is necessary to continue as it already has 5 official staff and hostel of its own. Pu Speaker, I also feel the need to apply the Mizoram Education Act, 2003 for the best interest of concerned people. In Education Department, I opine decentralization of administration is much important as there is a proposal to open Sub-Divisional Office in different parts of Mizoram otherwise, such newly opened offices may follow the same practice of the previous ones which were hardly functioning. At the same time, it is also important to improve SCERT which happened to be the heart of the educational system in our state.

Lastly, I want to emphasize the need to build a good relationship with the central in order to achieve any centrally sponsored scheme which may be initiated by the state government. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Let me start with the Demand of Trade & Commerce Department. It is very grateful that we are able to initiate export of broomsticks production. But it is unfortunate for concerned workers who are engaged in the production as Marketing Cell of NLUP as well as Purchasing Agency of Hnam-Chhantu retarded the process by controlling the check-gate of Vairengte and forcefully purchase the item at lower cost. The government may, therefore stop this practice which has been going on for years.

Pu Speaker, I would like to mention regarding fluctuation of gingers rate which is happening form time to time. I opine it is important for the government to control over the production so as to maintain appropriate rate. If the government procures the production and a minimum rate is fixed, loss of expenditure will not happen as sale proceeds will be maintained appropriately. So, I strongly suggest fixation of rate for the said production. Regarding price support and crop Insurance, it

seems that the state government does not observe any awareness campaign. I opine priority should be given in this regard. In the meantime, I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to highlight the purpose of the visit of Ambassador of Czech Republic which obviously is regarding trades which may be benefitted by our government.

Pu Speaker, trade involving living house-lizard, (locally known as Chawke/Awke) is commonly heard in Mizoram now-a-days. I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to inform the House if such trading is illegal as the animal is allegedly used for processing illegal drug? If, so attention may be given.

Relating to the Demand of Labour & Employment, Pu Speaker, some members pointed out regarding concentration given by the central ministry to skill development of youths particularly in the north-eastern region under which the government of Sikkim as even initiated Skill Development School in every constituency. To this concern, it is learned that Pu Vanlalruata donated a plot of land at Muallungthu for setting up of Training Centre of Indian Language Institute & Skill development. What step has been taken so far in this regard? It is further learned that MoU is signed by the Mizoram Youth Commission and Jett-wings under which placement has already been received to undergo six-month course training for 18 youths from Mizoram at Guwahati. In the same manner, it may be wise for the government to seek other counterparts from foreign companies such as Construction Company, Car Company and Hotel Company etc. as it is done with Jett Wings to accommodate more youths.

Regarding transfer of teachers, the Demand of Education department, I opine it is essential to provide transfer allowance, incentive cash and staff-quarters otherwise, it is difficult for concerned teacher to proceed and accommodate to where he is appointed. Regarding the performance of Private Schools which is said to be better than that of Schools under the government, I even support the opinion as it will be more suggestive for improvement of our educational system.

In Health & family Welfare Department, our people are still in need of awareness on Healthcare Scheme and more campaigns may therefore be organized by the department. In this connection, it will be much appreciated if building fund could be allotted to Health Clinic at Zonuam which is regularly functioning. Regarding purchase of C.T. Scan for Civil Hospital, I strongly criticized the idea as it has already been purchased one at a high cost and should be put in function by any means. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : Now, let us call upon Pu P.C. Lalthanliana, Minister to wind up his Demands and move the House for passing.

**Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. At the outset, I express my appreciation to the hon'ble House Leader and the people of my constituency for the chance to present the budget of the departments under my concern. I also want to thank to all the members and officials of my departments for their valuable cooperation. More than 20 members participated in the discussion of Demands of my departments as I truly appreciated their suggestions. I inform each member that their advice is welcomed any time even in my office. Social Welfare Department concerns us all even when we were inside womb of a mother till old-aged. Thus, the service of Social Welfare Department is the will of God.

Pu Speaker, I truly appreciate cooperation of the officials of LAD. They would surely have many points to mention against my shortfall but they always takes for granted. Pu C. Ramhluna has pointed out regarding Multi-sector Development Fund. Pu Speaker, we have made an approach to the central government but we are insisted to do so for the benefit of Buddhists amongst Chakmas, Tuikuk who are of the religious minority within our state.

Regarding Local Body Fund allotted by the 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission, we did not know why 25% is deducted from the share of District Councils. Anyhow, the matter will be re-examined.

Regarding the normal practice of appointment of the concerned MLA for Housing Loan Board Members of a particular area, it is not followed this time as members from the opposition usually recommended followers of their own party. Anyhow, each member is allotted their share of quota.

Pu Lalrinawma asked if multi-park will soon be inaugurated. Pu Speaker, recreational park is one of the main concerns of LAD as we are planning to inaugurate very shortly along with parks constructed in other areas. Apart from this, improvement of village internal road will also be taken up. Regarding allotment of Housing loan quota to the members, most of the members wants have it more as priority will be given to this concern.

The question of Pu T.T. Zothansanga regarding LAD quarters at Champhai, it is not done as yet since the Planning Commission turns down our proposal. So, construction of staff-quarters is not much hopeful for the time being.



Pu Robiaka and other members expressed their wish to increase remunerations of V/C Members. It is not done because it has already been increased in the previous years. Yet, it may be increased after lapses of more years. Regarding old-aged pension, it is good to simplify the system of sanction as the existing one is quite complicated.

Regarding the question of Pu Lalthansanga, it is the policy of Tourism department to construct park in each village or district for which site will soon be selected in any proposed village. The question regarding the criteria for selection for Best Governance Award sponsored by the 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission, there are no criteria in particular as selection was made in haste. Hence, there is a proposal to set up criteria for the selection as this Award is of a continuous process.

In regards to construction of ICDS staff-quarters, we have already constructed at various places and I have noted down the problem of Lungdar 'E' also. As of Nutrition go-down, it will be taken up later.

To answer the question of Pu Lalrinmawia, it is under process according to Scheduled Tribe & other Traditional Forests Dwellers Recognition of Forests Right Act, 2006 and the Bill which was adopted in 2009. The Department has already set up both committee of Block Level and State Level and the latter committee has even sent a study tour to Tripura. As there is no claim being received, there is no action to be taken up.

Pu K. Lalrinthanga and Pu K. Liantlinga both claimed that there is no Housing loan for the people other than government servants. I am afraid it is misinterpretation of concerned Department while work programme is formulated. In fact, there is no provision of Housing loan for the government servants but only for the people.

Regarding MSDP, prompt action might not have been taken from Finance. The Implementing agency headed by the Deputy Commissioner may also take the step if fund is not received. Anyhow, Finance Minister is requested to sanction fund provisions and will soon be issued.

Regarding Nutrition supply to Anganwadi centre, unfortunately there is no Village level committee or staff-workers in the western side. Thus, the supply is not placed on regular basis. Besides, nutrition is easily spoiled if carried for a long

distance which might have been caused supply of spoiled nutrition as claimed by some members.

Pu Speaker, Lunglei District Park belongs not only to LAD but also to Horticulture, Agriculture and Tourism headed by a committee under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner. Even though MR employee is demanded to take care of the park, we have not received a reply as yet.

Regarding posting of a permanent Director in Social Welfare Department, we do not have any one qualified for a permanent appointment as the government is looking for qualified one.

Dr. Ngurdingliana and Pu Lal Thanzara, both demanded Anganwadi Centre within their respective constituencies. In this regard, it is to be noted that Anganwadi centre needs workers and helper. Unless the central government approved proposal which may be submitted, nothing could be done by the state government. Presently, we have proposal for 150 centres being submitted to the central government. If approved, the request from both the members may be fulfilled.

Dr. R. Lalthangliana suggested setting up of old-aged Home in each district by pointing out that ten bedded Home in Aizawl district is not occupied in full. Pu Speaker, old-aged Home happened to be one of the main concerns of the department, initiative will be taken as soon as sufficient fund provision is made available to that effect.

Regarding the process of allotment of wheelchair which is claimed by the member as quite complicated, it is true to certain extends. But if one actually needed, concerned Minister may be informed for immediate allotment.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, hearing-aids allotted by Social Welfare Department is found defective due to the poor quality. How about the quality of the existing allotment?

**Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, there is no hearing-aid to be issued at present. Anyway, hearing-aid provided by Social Welfare Department usually is not of good quality. If a better quality is expected, we may contact Health & family Welfare Department.

**Pu C. RAMHLUNA** : Pu Speaker, regarding MSDP, a Committee is constituted under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner with concerned MLA as one of the members. Now, it is handed over to the District Council. Will the Committee be reconstituted for better functioning?

Secondly, I would like to thank to the hon'ble Minister for assuring appointment of the concerned MLA as a member of the committee which deals with Local Funds. At the same time, let me inform the House that deduction of 25% of Autonomous District Council Fund is a fact as I have a copy of the document issued by the Under Secretary conveying the Autonomous District Councils of the deduction.

**Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, MSDP is not the purview of the District Council. But the District Level Committee, in response to the demand handed over dealing of IAY to the Autonomous District Councils. The concerned member should have known the fact if he actually attended the meeting as the document is kept in file.

Pu Speaker, matters which concern old-aged and weaker section, we have Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme under which ₹200/- per month is paid to 554 persons between 18 to 59 years of age. From the 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2012, number of beneficiary and the amount of fund issued per head is increased. In the same manner, fund provided to widow between 18 to 64 years of age is raised from ₹10,000/- to ₹ 20,000/- if the back-born of a family passed away.

Pu Speaker, Bal Bhavan will be constructed at the site donated by Village Council of ITI and Games & Sports Association with an estimate of ₹400 lakhs out of which ₹63 lakhs has already been allotted. Bal Bhavan is meant for improvement of skills of children who could not afford to buy computer, guitar, etc. at home.

Pu Speaker, Social Welfare Department used to spent large sum of money for renting a building for the office in Lunglei. Now, we have a building of our own which may be occupied by the month of April this year. Regarding setting up of Nutrition go-down, initiative will be taken as soon as possible.

Regarding Multi-sector Development Project, Ministry of Minority Official selected three Blocks such as Chawngte Block, West Phaileng and Lawngtlai R.D. Block and sanctioned ₹10 lakh each for the year 2013-2014. Instruction has already been given to submit their proposals.

Pu Speaker, we also have schools under Social Welfare Department known as Aglavia Model Residential School which is being set up at Lunglei and having not less than 180 pupils who are admitted and being taught at free of cost. Now, there is proposal to set up the same at Serchhip for which ₹12 crores is sanctioned and the work is now handed over to PWD.

Regarding Old-aged pension scheme, I express my appreciation to the central government for increasing the amount from ₹2,854 to ₹4,267 per month. Also, the Department has widowed pension scheme with 542 beneficiaries and the amount payable is increased from ₹2,000 to ₹3,000 per month. Apart from this, Pu Speaker, Commissioner Office is also being set up for persons with disabilities under which 7375 Nos. of disability have already been certified.

Last, but not least, I would like to thank all members of the House and the people for their valuable cooperation to the Department itself. So, I beg the House to pass the following demands of the departments under my concern, such as: -

<b>Demand Nos.</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Demand No.19	LAD	₹67,41,47,000/-
Demand No.29	Social Welfare	₹32,16,11,000/-
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>₹99,57,58,000/-</b>

Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : The hon'ble Minister, after winding up his demands moved the House to pass it. Now, it shall be voted.

(The Demand is voted and passed).

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

**SPEAKER** : Now, let us call upon Pu Lalsawta, Minister to wind up his demands and beg the House to pass it.

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, and hon'ble members, I would like to thank you all for your patience. I would like to thank the members here for their firm conviction; it is a fact that we all want what is best for our respective constituency. Pu Mathana has clearly expressed hurdles faced by his department and as a matter of fact, the Education Department is also facing and going through the same problems of our own. However, unlike other departments, both are dependent

on one another. We have 365 days in a calendar year and out of that, it is of the utmost importance that they continue their work in their respective posts. This is also the reason why we have many staffs such as teachers, Assistant and Professors under our department doing their best to ensure smooth sailing of the administration. It is inevitable that rumors are bound to fly here and there with such large number of staff. However, it is dignified to voice ones opinion in the interest of our respective constituency. We, the Mizos, really do value education and it is also this trait in us that has enabled many individuals, who are from the rural areas, to have achieved success in their lives in spite of poverty and hindrances faced by them which in economic term is known as the demonstration effect. Such should be applied as well as practiced by each of us. Pu Robiaka, have stressed a number of time regarding the absence of Higher Secondary School at Phaileng. Out of the 199 provincialized High Schools, we have only 20 Higher Secondary Schools. This proves our inability to self-sustain. There have been measures as well as plans to set up an Adhoc type of school, if not Secondary School, to meet demands or give financial aid of ₹1.5 lakhs. Honorable Chief Minister views this to be an important issue. I, personally, am keen to solve this matter as well. But we are incompetent due to our current financial situation. However, the matter will be studied and looked into.

There is a proposal to set up polytechnic institute at Lawngtlai, estimate and design is under process. There was a suggestion earlier whether it would be more ideal to invest more powers to Judges and Magistrates. District Session Judges, Additional Judges and Chief Judicial Magistrates are given authority by the statutory provisions; hence, I don't think it will be possible even the department does not particularly emphasize on it. In order to be fully developed, the Home Department needs to have a jail and workers. During my visit to Lawngtlai and Siaha, I was informed about their problems. Meetings were held along with other concerned departments about the issue. However, due to financial constrain, we are unable to resolve the problem at present. I request the hon'ble members to understand that we have to keep the statutory provision in mind to invest more power to judges and Magistrates.

I would like to clarify the question raised in regard to lok Adalat, we do have Lok Adalat in all of our 8 Administrative Districts. Steps are taken for Court building and quarters, but progress is still far-fetched. There are also various proposals which need steady approach; it is undertaken at D.C. Office. Court rooms need certain elevation in height where the judges sit and so we do ensure that the designs and internal structure is similar to that of court room. However, when the

judges from High Court come and inspect, they do find it quite small, but the reason is because of insufficient fund received at the time of construction. However, effort is being made to further improve, except at Lawngtlai where we have not made any proposal. In the meantime, I would like to thank the hon'ble Chief Minister for giving the provision to set up High Court at New Secretariat Complex, Khatla. Three of our neighboring states have a High Court of their own, and we are now trying to achieve with 9 crore in hand. Steps are being undertaken in terms of design and estimate. Although such may be the case, we still need an approval from the judges of High Court. However, let it be known that it is still in process.

Earlier, we were unfamiliar with the functioning of court after Separation of Judiciary. Being the minister of Law, sometimes people would think that I have the authority to averse some govt. workers. However, now, after a period of time, the public are now aware of our respective functions. I have neither right nor authority to go and reprimand work done by some magistrates.

It would be ideal if we could have the Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs Department separately and Law & Judiciary or should we say Law & Justice Department also as a single unit. Such, task has been undertaken due to earlier suggestions in the past. This would help avoid discrepancies when bills are submitted or proposed. Such a function would also require a competent worker in Law Department. However, it is a lengthy process and is still in process. This would ensure proper administration in each department if achieved.

Parliamentary training for MLA's and also mob parliament where students can come and learn proceedings of session is ideal as we have done it from time to time. However, financially we are dependent on central government for the programe. This helps improve our vocabulary both in English and in Mizo. In addition, our officers are working out program for the inauguration of RMSA building.

Next, the state's Primary & Middle School buildings are in deteriorating condition. We have built few new school buildings and have even built new classrooms in the old ones to accommodate students. Procedures have changed if we compare with the past. Now, we have schools that have only 9 and 10 classes. The problem is that there is often the need for new classrooms to be built for middle schools. These schools, as in the Primary and Middle level, often need more space for students, and hence, continuous construction from time to time became quite

problematic. Therefore, in order to solve such problem, it was decided that the Primary & Middle School, each will have four sets of levels/classes, namely 1,2,3,4 and 5,6,7,8 respectively. Besides the constructed schools, there are few schools in the city itself where fund for repair work is unavailable. Though this being a problem, we have been having parents who are open enough to lend their helping hand for the school and I would like to thank them for their deeds. It is also pleasing to hear the news about the newly constructed HSLC exam centre at Sihphir. Within the realm of education, there is a sum of ₹35 lakhs for Overseas Scholarship (2012-2013) for students willing to study abroad. So far, we have a handsome numbers of applicants applying for this scholarship. Hon'ble Chief Minister has also expressed his views in this matter so as to ensure that the scholarship is given to those who are less privilege but qualified in the field of education. As the applicants are mainly from well-to-do families, Pu Speaker, we have done our best to select and give to those who really deserve. Pu speaker, in regard to what Pu Hmingdailova Kiangte mentioned, the result produced by High Schools have been increasingly significant, however, a bit more thorough and insight study is needed since there are usually many students who drop out after high school. Apart from this, the problem faced by him in his constituency needs to be acknowledged as well as examined.

Moving on to 'Midday Meal', it is grateful to hear from the Governor that midday meals should be continued. From the knowledge that we have, this scheme is still continued, but we are facing a lot of hurdles to continue such a task. However, with the help form the VEC, MHIP and YMA and other help groups, we are able to provide midday meals to the children. In some part of rural areas, the ingredients for midday meals are taken on credit from shop-keepers. We are grateful to such shop-keepers for their generosity.

Now, you may also have heard and may be wondering why we keep repeating the term that we have 337 schools. Since schools were up-graded according to norms in 2008 under the then ministry, we are now suffering as we are now unable to maintain the same trend. Pu Speaker, the Education Reform formed by Mizoram is different. We are not at all slow as many may have thought. This is only due to our dutiful officers. The Education Reform Commission of the Kothari Commission of 1964, CCE, was started only in 2011, way after 40 years. Since, it is the Commission's desire that we started forming the Task Force, and only then was the Working Group formed both of which are responsible in ensuring proper service conditions and functions it is due to this fact we are unable to have a quick progress. However, the fruit of Education Reform Commission will only be seen after 20 to 30 years from now.

Regarding the appointment of teachers from the state itself, one has to remember that rule is rule. As, we all know, Education, in the Constitution of India, is in List 3 of the Concurrent List which is shared by the state and the Central Govt. What we have to know is, when there is a debate or matter to settle, it is the Central govt that prevails. Therefore, no matter how much we may want to follow the system of other countries' educational system, no matter how good they may be, we have to wait for instruction from the Central Govt. to direct us. Hence, regarding the appointment of teachers from rural areas, one must be trained under TET and must be qualified in other required fields as well. So, once they complete their TET, they will be eligible to give examination to be qualified as a Primary, Middle and High School Teacher. Hence, such measures are still in the process of being undertaken. This is so to ensure that quality education is imparted and not select teachers in the basis of needs and requirements. However, Pu Speaker, it is of prime importance to know that it is far more valuable for the department to send willing candidates who may be less qualified rather than those who are qualified but unwilling. So, if there is a possibility to somehow make the rule flexible in certain cases, as to the appointment of teachers, it would really benefit all of us if certain rules were bended. We are still working on the process

Pu Speaker, we have sufficient numbers of Headmaster but we are unable to fill up vacant post of teachers. Unlike other departments, we are facing various problems. However, we are taking steps to fill up vacant post. It is desirable if the Aizawl Law College and Kamalnagar were provincialised as hon'ble member Nirupam Chakma has stated earlier. It is an ongoing proposal, it has been discussed at Cabinet meeting but we are still unable to come to a definite conclusion. Whereas appointment of Principal in accordance with the UGC norm is still under process and shall soon come into practice.

The Polytechnic Institute at Lunglei and Womens' Polytechnic in Aizawl need to be improved since they are related with skill development. Students who complete their study here do find favorable jobs quite easily.

Today, we have slightly above 33,000 individuals who we may call educated unemployed as per data provided by Labour & Employment Department in Employment Exchange, dated the 31<sup>st</sup> of December, 2012. The Additional Approach which requires those who completed class-X to continue their education up to class 12 and those who completed class-12 to take up B.A. or B.Sc is just not applicable. Hence, we have to follow steps taken under the New Approach. It would be



meaningless to make them study without having an employer to employ them. Therefore, it is much more reasonable to encourage them to develop skills that they are already good at; it may be in Medical, Engineering, Mechanical or any other skill set that they prefer. Such task is undertaken not only by our department, but also by Labour & Employment department. Honorable Chief Minister is the Chairman at the state level, and therefore, institution such as Polytechnic is an important instrument for development, so we have to give an utmost priority for it successful.

Hon'ble member Pu T.T. Zothansanga has mentioned about the increase of fund for Overseas Scholarship, Provisions for Commercial Pilots, and also initiation of Incentive Cash Award. Pu Speaker, we are taking steps in this regard as we have a handful of staff within our department. So, it is obvious that there will be complaints and criticism coming from all directions. However, what's important is to keep moving forward and this is what we have done from time to time. We view criticism as constructive criticism and do not despise and this is how we run the administration.

We have also discussed matters such as Centre for Learning English, Educational Loan & Research Fellowship and also the establishment of Champhai College with ₹951 lakhs. We thank the hon'ble member from Champhai for his hard-work and diligent. In regard to Higher Secondary, the same problem is faced elsewhere as well. We are looking into the matter.

There is an impending problem with land acquisition for construction sites. The Law Department at Lunglei and Champhai are facing problem due to this. Just when we thought we were about to solve problem at Lunglei, another problem immerges from Champhai. As the cost of land is expensive, Central Govt. is not considering nor is taking any interest. Thus, we are facing problem in this regard.

In regard to what Pu V.L. Robiaka has stated earlier, the main reason is the absence of inspection during school visits. Changes are implemented in terms of structure during school visits. Mizoram School Education Service is formed so that officers will be trained in methods of inspection though they may not be inspectors.

There is also a problem with the availability of teachers as mentioned earlier by Pu Pianmawia. This was answered in the 14<sup>th</sup> of this month as unstarred question. The number of vacant posts for teaching and non-teaching staff is 1710 and 369 whereas the total number of the vacant post is 2079. There are many hurdles

which hinder further progress such as lack of adequate work force, recent resignation of 300 teachers due to the implementation of VRS, and the absence of advertisement for such post, continuous pressure from the High Court etc. Hence, we are unable to make any progress with it. However, since nationalization is still under process, we have just completed its first phase last November. Unfortunately, there were some teachers who passed away and some who completed their service. So, our officers are working continuously to ensure that such vacant posts are occupied. This, however, is a never ending process. We sincerely request the people to be patient with us in this matter. Recently, Pu Lalrinmawia Ralte mentioned that in the past a single teacher would work for 18 schools but we hardly have such case in the present. Earlier, when appointing teachers, subject concern teachers were not necessarily appointed. But as of now, things have changed. Specific subject teachers are appointed for Primary and Middle School as in science and mathematics. In the past, we would appoint teachers who were graduates and those who completed their PU (class 12), we are looking into these matters.

Pu Lalthansanga mentioned about Keitum PS-II and we are going to appoint a teacher there as soon as possible. One reason for this is also partly because the term of special teachers and SSA teachers were over and partly due to VRS as well. However, steps are undertaken here by our officers and there is a plan to appoint true and qualified teachers by 2<sup>nd</sup> of April. We are also taking measures to help the Higher Secondary School at Khawlailung.

In regard to what Pu K. Lianzuala mentioned, we will look into the matter. There are teachers who give their joining report and disappeared. Sometimes, such practice is left un-noticed for a long period. The drawback of such practices comes with a price to be paid by no one but the government. Therefore, such practice shall not be entertained in future. Pu Speaker, there is a proposal to open Polytechnic institution at Chhiahtlang. I thank the members for acknowledging various steps taken by the RMSA such as Girls taking Karate Classes for self-defense.

We have discussed several times regarding mark evaluation with members from MBSE. If student answers ten mark questions correctly, then there is nothing wrong in giving 10 marks rather than giving 6 marks. This method of marking was done by schools which were under Guwahati University. In the past, were under Assam Education system, so, we somehow seem to follow this method of marking which is quite detrimental for our children. Of course, I am not implying that the education system in the south is easier nor am I saying the north is better. We just

have to be more lenient when correcting papers since the number of children studying outside the state are increasing. Pu Speaker, steps has to be taken to resolve the issue. As a whole, it is important as a community to give importance to education.

Often, there is comparison between a private and Government Schools because the latter do not have the required standard to meet the students' need in imparting quality education. Pu Speaker, utmost importance is given to improve the standard of Mizo Medium.

Hon'ble members mentioned that rationalization is not beneficial, but let me assure the members that it is indeed beneficial. However, as we have said earlier, since most of the teachers were asked to resign due to VRS, we have had few over lapses and fail to meet our requirements, and hence, we are encountering few hassles due to the said reason.

We will not discuss matters regarding the need for Higher Secondary Schools right now due to different of needs in terms of the numbers which in some cases are one, two and even three.

As mentioned earlier by hon'ble member, Pu Nirupam Chakma, steps are still under way for the formation of Justice at your doorstep which we call or know it as Gram Naya Laya but since this is a combine process with High Court, rules are still not implemented by High Court for its functioning. So, in simple term, without rules, implementation of such work is not possible. And, also the fund has not been sanction as yet. Pu speaker, mere rising standard of Sub-Division to place or appoint District Judge or Selection Judge without being competent will not be impossible.

In matters of Education, it is true that action is necessary. At present, it can be seen that significant improvement has been made. Teachers are also continuously advised to perform their function dutifully. But, in the meantime, we are facing continuous pressure from the teacher community itself. Often, there are complaints that the department is not supporting them enough in certain matters.

Matters such as Polytechnic and Overseas Scholarship have been talked about at length. So, let us not dwell on it any longer. In regard to RMSA High in Darzo as mentioned by hon'ble member Pu Siamkunga, we will look into the matter.

The need for repairing Govt. special school and its extension as mentioned by hon'ble member Col. Z.S. Zuala, we will look into the matter. Pu Speaker, Pu Joseph Lalhimpua has mentioned various issues as we took note of Govt. JB College at Lunglei and Govt. College. The off-campus college was already planned way back in 2009-2010; however, the University is not keen to the idea due to insufficient fund. Out of the ten proposals submitted, Gov't. Lunglei College is currently under process. A proposal will be made and sent to UGC by Mizoram University. Constituent college or Campus College is what we want due to its quality of education.

**Pu. JOSEPH LALHIMPUA :** Pu Speaker, I request the hon'ble Chief Minister to continue taking effort to set up Campus College. We have the copy of Annual Plan of UGC, Action Plan which has been sent by the Mizoram University as we thank the government for the effort.

**Pu. LALSAWTA, MINISTER :** Pu speaker, UGC has given their recommendation and has notified Mizoram University to take initiative for financial savings then only UGC will make proposal. It is an ongoing proposal.

With Privatization, there are norms for transfer. Since we have a number of female workers, there are other norms that we follow to that effect as females are exempted from regular transfer rules. Task force is formed to look into these matters. Recently, the members of MSU came bringing in letters of complaint containing names of schools whose fees were extremely high. Department Officers were given instruction to investigation and take necessary action. It is also important to know that since education is the hallmark of development, it does not come cheap and as hon'ble member Pu Lalduhoma has mentioned, Privatization is indeed the best solution for quality.

I thank all members here for acknowledging the contribution made by SSA and the RMSA. However, they have urged that certain changes have to be done for further development which of course, will be discussed in my office. The importance of moral education and other important values which need to be inculcated in the minds of the people are all thought of in our Educational Policy.

**SPEAKER** : The Hon'ble Minister has taken one year to wind up.

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, since other matters can be discussed in my Office, I will not take any longer. Regarding Educational loan, officers have been appointed to look into the matter. There were other important topics mentioned by hon'ble member Pu. Ngurdingliana as I had noted down. We are grateful for the newly appointed members in RMSA which is the result of your support and understanding. It is important to inculcate etiquettes in the minds of the children as well as good moral conduct. This will help them understand the true value of life.

Hon'ble member Pu P.P. Thawla raised a question as to why private schools are better than Gov't. Schools, the answer to that is already given. We all know the reason why private schools are better as so, we should try and set up schools as per their quality. I hope that answers the question.

**Pu LALDUHOMA :** Pu Speaker, i would like to suggest that the hon'ble minister need not react to the entire question raised by the members since some are repetitive but instead to cover other topics.

**SPEAKER :** Alright, then let the hon'ble Minister continue the subject accordingly. I would like to request the next minister be prepared to do the same.

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER :** Thank you, Pu Speaker. I have done so since there was complain last year that I did not react to question raised by hon'ble members.

Anyway, regarding the problem faced by Gilead School, I will not react anymore as Pu Dr. Lalthagliana have mentioned about it already.

Regarding Judicial Service, there was an advertisement for 32 vacant posts. Pu Speaker, this was a mistake made by High court and MPSC as there was no vacant post. As of now, we are trying to fill in 5 vacant posts and are waiting for the Supreme Court's comment.

Priority has been given to what Pu Lalduhawma has mentioned in regard to Labor & Employment. Even hon'ble Chief Minister is concern with this issue since un-employment can bring in problems to the government and stem unwanted incident such as Insurgency. Now, I have come towards the end of winding up the demands of various departments. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : House Leader has something to say.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Hon'ble Members, I would like to say something about Lok Ayukta which I think, is very important and worthy of mentioning. It is a monitoring body which helps fight corruption. There are states that already have this and prove to be quite a useful instrument in fighting against corruption. We have managed to take a glance at some of the requirements to set up such body and found that it requires judges from the High Court and Supreme Court; however, I do not know if we are competent to form such body. I am highlighting this issue so as to make the members aware that we are looking into such matters since corruption is a malady in our state and setting up such body would really be a boon not only for the state, but for the CBI and ACB as well.

To say few words in regard to Old Age Home (Home for the Elderly), since, our state, by the grace of God, is a Christian state; we hardly see or hear of people chasing the elders out of their homes. So, matter such as building of such Homes is not very encouraging. The ones that are there in such Homes are not even the natives of this state, so we are not very adamant about this idea.

Matters such as skill developments are an important aspect of development. We have appointed Pu Haukhuma Hauzel as the Member Secretary to the State Planning Board to take initiative. It is the top priority of Central Govt. It is the desire of North Eastern Council that this state be the first where Skill Development be set up. However, the problem is that even other states are fighting to have this center, especially the state of Assam. Due to this, we are unable to move forward as we are supposed to. We have also received suggestions from the Tourism Department for such proposal. There is also a plan to collaborate with Tata Motors where the aspiring youth of our state will receive quality instruction and education.

The main purpose of the Ambassador of Czechoslovakia in visiting Mizoram is to establish their presence here in India as different states were visited by him. Airport development or Helipad development is their main intention. The one obstacle with this matter is that they want a return (benefit distributed to the owner of a factor of production), and since the return of the fund needs to come from the Central Government, Central was not very keen in the project. Central knows that gradually we (the State of Mizoram) and the Czechs will be able to carry on business even without the involvement of the Central government. However, the Czechs are still very keen in making their presence known here in India.

We have also increased the function and size of the Scholarship Board. The Foreign Scholarship (Overseas Scholarship) which is new has number of applicants. There are families who have sent their children abroad for studies with their own income but are now eyeing for this scholarship. However, the main purpose of this scholarship is to provide educational opportunities to under privilege students. There are intelligent students who are unable to study abroad due to financial constrain. So, the main purpose of the scholarship is to help these individuals study abroad so that they will be useful for the society and the country. So, we cannot provide scholarship to those who are capable of supporting their children studying abroad.

**Pu. LALSAWTA, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, I request the house to pass the following demands such as: -

<b>Demand Nos.</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Demand No.4	Law & Judicial	₹17,38,91,000
Demand No.12	Parliamentary Affairs	₹52,70,000
Demand No.20	School Education	₹5,80,07,60,000
Demand No.21	Higher & Technical Education	₹1,07,11,19,000
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>₹1,07,11,19,000</b>

**SPEAKER :** Hon'ble Minister, Pu. Lalsawta, requested the house to pass various demands under his concern. All those who agree say 'agree and those who don't agree say 'disagree.' The House unanimously passed the demands of the hon'ble Minister.

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER :** Thank you, hon'ble Speaker.

**SPEAKER :** Now, we will call upon hon'ble Minister Pu Lalrinliana Sailo to wind up his Demands and seek the approval of the House.

**Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER :** Hon'ble Speaker, I, first of all, would like to thank almighty for giving me the opportunity and the health to be able to make a wind up speech in the last session of this term. I would also like to thank all the members here for making it possible to work together. It is pleasant to see officers of different departments still presents here. 22 members spoke about my demands and I have noted down all important points. 11 Members have requested for Health Sub-Center and Health Worker, I assure all these members that they will be

given Health Worker and Health Sub-Center where Health center is not possible as Health Clinic will be instituted. A Doctor will be appointed at Darlawn as requested by hon'ble member Pu R.L. Pianmawia. Health Department has been executing work accordingly and that is shown by the 4 Awards we have received. Out of which one is from the Central Government and the other from The India Today. The award is based on criteria from different reports given by 5 Ministers from the Central and 7 Chief Ministers from different states of India.

We have had a significant improvement in our fight against malaria as the death rate has dropped down from 119 (in 2009) to 31 (in 2010) and now at present, it is 30. Priority measures are taken to prevent maternal death and infant mortality. Civil Hospital is awarded an ISO certificate which is quite a difficult task to achieve. But due to efficient effort put in by Doctors from different districts hospitals and under the able guidance of hon'ble Chief Minister and the Directors, it was possible to receive this award.

Let me mention in short about RSBY. At initial stage, BPL families could take a sum of ₹30,000/- for Medical Care as under Labour & Employment Scheme, it then became available for Job Card holders. A sum of ₹5 crore has been utilised for payment of medical bills of the impoverished. The assessment made by Finance Department's economic survey shows 1.5 lakhs members with job card holders. So, if registration is 60%, a sum of ₹200-300 crore will be utilized for medical expenditure. Adequate measure is taken for its implementation. We are selected to undertake an out-patient pilot project, making us the first to be selected from the north-eastern part of India. We are expecting to begin the project at Serchhip with in and out patience. Proposal is on for the implementation of MSI which will be beneficial to those working in newspapers, cinemas and electronic media, hotels and restaurants, road transport, private schools and Nursing homes.

Under the active guidance of hon'ble Chief Minister, we are making great progress in the constitution of Referral Hospital along with Medical College. Hon'ble members must be wondering why there is no fund allocation in the budget. The reason is that fund has not been sanction by DoNER Ministry as yet. Satia Meditech is preparing DPR for medical college. Central government is showing great interest towards this project.

I also want to clear about nurses, Pu Speaker. We have nurses who have been out to different places in India and also abroad. It would indeed be



appreciative to have responsible nurses who are willing to work here. Hence, we are taking adequate measures in this regard. Pu Speaker; we are able to acquire four seats in Nagaland which is a difficult task for other states to acquire. Construction of Nursing Schools is underway at Saiha, Serchhip, Champhai, and Thingdawl. Pu Speaker, the cost of constructing a single Health Centre is 6 cores as one such Health Centre is under progress at Lawngtlai. The Cost of setting up a Nursing School is ₹10 crore each. At the moment, there is no plan for construction at Aizawl and Mamit.

Hon'ble member Pu RL Pianmawia mentioned about X-ray machines. Pu Speaker, we are facing problems with the installing company, but we are looking into the matter. Pu Speaker, We are facing complications with the purchase of CT scan with the dealers due to problems in the past. Fresh tender have been floated and we are waiting for the approval of Finance deptt. As of now, CT scan for Cancer Institute at Zemabawk is on its way as appointment of Doctors through MPSC is in progress.

Pu Speaker, there are about three thousand houses at Khawzawl in my constituency. In terms of Community Health Centre, my constituency has the worst among others. Nevertheless, the number of patients admitted is higher as compared to others. So, we even received a sum of ₹.29 lakhs from Finance Department.

Pu Speaker, the fund received from Asian Development Bank was one hundred crore seventeen lakhs and eighteen thousand rupee (twenty-five million US Dollar) out of which fifty crore was taken as loan for Health Care. What I would like to propose is, instead of referring patients to other state for medical treatment, it would be more appropriate to utilize the fund for purchase of equipments for treating complicated diseases. This will not only help improve the Health Department but will improve the economy of the state as fund for treatment will circulate within the state

What I would like to add is, if there are any Health Workers who are not in their place of posting, please do inform. Action will be taken to those who are not performing their duties as required.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : A person in my constituency who has completed training with distinction remains jobless. It would be appreciated if such distinctive person is given an appointment.

**Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, the post of Health Worker has been increased. As of now, there are 1,093 Health Workers with 370 sub-

centers and 109 clinic centers.

Pu Speaker, matters relating to posting & transfer, it is indeed difficult not to get involved in such matter where we often use our influences. I myself have done it and there are cases where even the Chief Minister has done either through letter or through words. So, improving the Health Care is really important for the people and to rationalize, we need to avoid speaking on behalf of people with respect to transfer & posting.

**Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA** : Pu Speaker, three villages in my constituency Zokhawthiang, Upper Sakawrdai and North Khawdungsei are not under Health Care Scheme. I request not to neglect these small villages.

**Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, The reason why we have only 4 sick patients at Champhai is because there were no doctors. It would be appreciative if Gynecologist and Pediatrician are appointed.

**Pu C. RAMHLUNA** : Pu Speaker, we have only 2/3 health workers in my constituency and we are without a clinic centre. When are we going to get one?

**Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, we are taking necessary steps.

**Pu C. RAMHLUNA** : It will be appreciative if speedy action could be taken.

**Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER** : We will look into the matter. To say a few words regarding Health Care and RSBY as it is mentioned by hon'ble Member Pu Lalduhoma. RSBY is undertaken by an insurance company under Labour & Employment Department. The scheme is time bound.

The answer to the question raised by Pu Piana, there are other places which this scheme does not cover as well. Since, we are streamlining with RSVY, the photos were not taken by us. Anyway, we will look into the matter.

Pu Speaker, since we are unable to issue Smart Card as yet, registration is done under Health Care, so there may have been issues where the names of those who have already registered earlier have not been on the lists. We shall try to cover

those areas as well. Under this centrally funded scheme, they are entitled to ₹30,000 for Hospital bill and another ₹70,000 more if required taking the total to ₹1,00,000.

Beside Job Card holders, we have LPA which will enable people to have different benefits such as paying ₹500/- which will ensure a credential wellness of ₹1,00,000; adding ₹250/- which will ensure ₹2,00,000 and further addition of ₹300 will amount to credential wellness of ₹3,00,000.

Pu Speaker, coming to Trade & Commerce and Labour & Employment, the budget of Trade & Commerce is ₹4,92,75,000 crore. We are doing our best performing whatever can be done with the fund in hand. Under Trade & Commerce, we have MAMCO which is responsible for monitoring and selling of vegetables. With respect to the sale of gingers, there is nothing we or anyone could do when the rate of ginger goes really low. However, when the rates are good, we see to it that people do gain a good amount of profit, so we ensure that there is free market and free movement in the gate. Now, we have received ₹100 lakhs from MAMCO. Measure is taken to sell vegetables including chilies, ginger, turmeric and others from where fund can be retrieved.

Talk is in progress for border trade in Zokhawthar, Kawrpuichhuah, Zorinpui and Lunglei as we are making progress at Dizawl. Sanction has been received from Central government as we have built buildings, quarters and fencings. Several goods have been imported such as expensive machineries, foods for swine, and petrol etc. so tariffs have been imposed there. Although we have built Guards' quarters there but is not equipped as yet. So, it cannot function as required.

One more point I would like to clarify is that the two lepers form that area mentioned by Pu Rama are from the neighboring country as the information I received. However, CMO will be going to those places to provide medical care. We have a Leprosy Hospital at Tlabung and the patients there are not of our state State but from Bangladesh.

Pu Speaker, significant progress has taken place at construction of double lane at Zorinpui under the active guidance of the hon'ble Chief Minister. The site has been visited many a times by central team.

We are in good relation with Bangladesh regarding the work that is undergoing on there at Kawrpuichhuah. The construction there was undertaken by us

without having the proper knowledge of the river there. Now, it has been completed with a sum of ₹100 lakhs from Trade Facilitation and was inaugurated by Minister of Bangladesh.

We are unable to achieve much development and progress due to the government policy and so is difficult to attract even Foreign Minister here in Aizawl. On the 19<sup>th</sup> of January, a team of ministers came from Bangladesh along with Army General by two fully occupied boats. I, along with our hon'ble Minister, Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma and other Officials went there as well. After much deliberation, it was seen that due to the abundant sands deposited in the river, bigger ships were unable to harbor, so the responsibility was given to PWD. One very pleasing occasion was the meeting of our hon'ble Chief Minister with the Prime Minister of Bangladesh. It is pleasant to know that the area there is being consistently visited by officials from Bangladesh to see the work progress. Even the High Commissioner of Bangladesh is also taking a zealous effort in the work progress there.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : If a bridge is proposed to be constructed at Chotahorini, what will be the mode of travel for us and where will we board from? Will it be from Tlabung?

**Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker that is what we are discussing at present. It would be necessary to construct a bridge toward the eastern side of Tlabung at a place called Vantaikhawr. Due to these initiatives, we have built a strong relationship with the people there.

Skilled Development is also an important subject, thus, I would like to share few points on the Labour & Employment. The world is also looking at us now as things have changed like political scenarios as well as the economy of Bangladesh and Myanmar which is prompts the Indian Government to seek opportunity to establish a healthy relation with the neighboring countries. It is important for us to broaden our outlook so as to move toward to development. Therefore, we shall have to train our youths to acquire all the skill set needed when the time comes. India is now trying to achieve a goal that is to have about 500 million skilled labours by 2022. This is so because a country can have a stable economy only if there is abundant supply of skilled labour. India has a prospect which is the Bay of Bengal as initiative for Multi Sector Technology & Economic Cooperation was made by six other countries such as Bangladesh, Myanmar, Sri-Lanka, Thailand, Bhutan and Nepal. They have undertaken this initiative because they know that very soon countries from

all over Asia and Europe will be looking to get an opportunity. Thus, it will serve as an Indian gateway of South East Asia. Preparation is on in terms of technology such as energy, Transport and Communication, Tourism, Fishery, Agriculture, people to people contact, cooperation and cultural etc.

There is a co-operative project known as Guam Ganga Valley Co-operative Project between Thailand and India. This project will enable us to attain an upper hand before intervention made by foreign multi-national companies, hence we need to prepare and train our youths so that when the time comes, they are be able to handle any circumstance accordingly. This is also the primary aim of the Labour & Employment Department.

Pu Speaker, we have to improve our work ethics here in Mizoram. The workers and labourers here come from other places hired by Head Masonries. They do not have to pay any taxes nor do we charge them. They go and work wherever they want to work and would quickly promote themselves as Head Masonries. It is also a fact that they have a cunning nature and often would try to deceive the controlling authority whenever possible where as on the other hand, the local youths are find as unappealing to work from 9 to 5. The work ethics of the United States of America would be a solution to this problem which is an hourly basis and not the entire day. We shall be competent and also be able to deal with whatever circumstances we have to face. So, I would like to say that those are the initiatives and plan that we the Labour & Employment have.

To conclude, I would like to mention regarding Building and Construction Workers Welfare Cess. In 1996, the Government of India announced that such welfare should be complied in India in 1996 as the Supreme Court gave an order of compliance in 1998. This is done so as to preserve the interest of the poor and to bridge the gap between the rich and poor. So, all contract amounts shall be given with not less than a rupee and not more than two rupees. So, a rupee is taken for every contract given out. As of now, out of the eighty lakhs given out, we have ten lakhs with us. It would be a breach of rules for departments who have not complied and they are questionable by Chief Secretary. Pu Speaker, the benefit for accidental death at a work place is fifty thousand rupees but there is a proposal to upgrade to two lakhs rupees. If the admission fee for a person is three thousand rupees, we can give an aid of one thousand five hundred rupee. They can also have pensions by registering themselves with twenty five rupees and when he/she reaches sixty years of age, they shall be able to claim pension. A sum of twenty five thousand is also available to

those who are pregnant and without a land and also a sum of fifty thousand is available for construction of houses although it may be less as of now.

Pu Speaker, I would like to thank the members here today for their time. I therefore request this august House to pass my Demands such as: -

<b>Demand Nos.</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Demand No.24	Medical & Public Health Services	₹1,67,93,36,000.00
Demand No.28	Labour & Employment	₹8,10,04,000.00
Demand No.44	Trade & Commerce	₹4,92,75,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>₹1,80,96,15,000.00</b>

**SPEAKER** : Now that the hon'ble Minister has requested the House to pass his Demands. All those in favor may say, 'yes' and those who don't may say, 'no'. The House has unanimously passed the Demands of the hon'ble Minister, Pu Lalrinliana Sailo.

We now have come to the end of our business for today; we shall continue tomorrow the 21<sup>st</sup> of March, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

Sitting is adjourned at 09:25 p.m.

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

**LIST OF BUSINESS**

FOR EIGHTH SITTING ON THURSDAY, THE 21<sup>st</sup> MARCH, 2013  
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)

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

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**FINANCIAL BUSINESS**

**DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS**

4. **Pu S. HIATO**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
5. **Pu R. LALZIRLIANA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.

NGURTHANZUALA  
Secretary

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**SPEAKER** : 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'  
Acts 20:35

We will start with the Question hour and Pu Lalduhoma to ask Starred Question No.101.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, my question is for the concerned Minister of Soil & Water Conservation department.

- a) How many families in Mizoram are engaged in the cultivation of tea?
- b) What is the total area of cultivation?
- c) How is the harvested in a year?
- d) Is there a plan to establish the Tea Board office in Mizoram?

**SPEAKER** : The concerned Minister to answer the question.

**Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, I believe there is a mistake by setting this question to Soil & Water Conservation department since the department had stopped taking any kind of steps in this regard. So, there is no such record as of the area or its plan as asked by the member.

**SPEAKER** : Have we not checked the questions properly? If this question is not concern with Soil & Water Conservation, who will be the concerned minister to answer it?

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, cultivation of tea is placed under Industry department but after implementation of NLUP, it is under the subject of Horticulture. I apologise for not being able to give the required information.

**SPEAKER** : We will continue to discuss this matter later on.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Is the cultivation of coffee remains under Industry Department?

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : Yes, it is.

**SPEAKER** : We will move on to the next question. Pu C. Ramhluna to ask starred Question No.102.



**Pu C. RAMHLUNA** : My question is for the concerned Minister of Public Works Department: -

When will black topping of Diltlang – Chawngte road be started?

**SPEAKER** : The concerned Minister, also the hon'ble Chief Minister may answer the question.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, it will be started soon.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary question from Pu C. Ramhluna.

**Pu C. RAMHLUNA** : I am grateful that there is a plan to start the work soon. Will it be done within this year?

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, will the approach road to our Zoo at Lungverh be repaired?

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, detail project report for blacktopping has been submitted to Ministry of road as we are waiting for the sanction to be released.

On the question raised by Pu Lalduhoma, we will review this matter as soon as possible.

**SPEAKER** : Regarding the cultivation of tea as seen under "The Gov't. of Mizoram Transaction of Business Rules, 1987 and the Gov't. of Mizoram Allocation of Business Rules, 1987 as amended up to December, 2007', Tea plantation is undertaken by Soil & Water Conservation Department. Anyway, we will move on to Question No.103 and Pu K. Liantlinga to ask question.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My question is for the concerned Minister of Rural Development: -

- a) How much fund is allotted for MGNREGS between the year 2010-2011, 2011-2012 and 2012-2013? May the information be provided in the year-wise allocation of funds?
- b) Is there any problem with the allocation of State Funds? If so, what is the reason?

**Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER :** Answer to the hon'ble member's questions is: -

- a) The amount of fund received under MGNREGS are as follows: –
- |           |   |                  |
|-----------|---|------------------|
| 2010-2011 | - | ₹30,636.36 lakhs |
| 2011-2012 | - | ₹39,043.44 lakhs |
| 2012-2013 | - | ₹28,010.81 lakhs |
- b) Yes, the first installment for 2012-2013 has already been received as the 2<sup>nd</sup> installment is short by ₹34.94 lakhs which is mainly due to shortage of our Plan Fund.

**SPEAKER :** Supplementary question from Pu K. Liantlinga and will be followed by Pu R.L Pianmawia.

**Pu K.LIANTLINGA :** Thank you, Pu Speaker. Is the monitoring information system operating smoothly? I suggest only the deserving as underlines in the criteria should benefit the provision of job card and the rest should be cancelled. Can this method be implemented? Is there any problem with fund provisions which may be received under MGNREGS?

**Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA :** Pu Speaker, if the course (100 days employment) is completed accordingly in each district?

**SPEAKER :** The concerned Minister to answer the question.

**Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, due to failure of computer system, we are unable to keep ourselves updated for quite a while but we are keeping ourselves updated. The amount of State share which has not been received is ₹34.94 and we hope to receive this soon. The guidelines do not mention anything as to whether not to permit the government servants or their family members, so we let the families of Grade IV employees engage under NREGS.

Regarding the question of Pu R.L. Pianmawia, labour budget will increase and we are hopeful to open another session in the coming term.

**SPEAKER :** The hon' ble member Pu Joseph Lalhimpua to ask Starred question No.104.

**Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUA :** Pu Speaker, my questions are: –

- a) When will the construction of State Sports Academy at Zobawk be completed?
- b) What is present status?

**SPEAKER** : The Concerned Minister Pu Zodintluanga to answer the question.

**Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, answer to the hon'ble member Pu Joseph Lalhimpuia's questions are –

- a) According to the agreement, it will be completed on 23.6.2014.
- b) Construction is now in full swing.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Joseph Lalhimpuia to ask Supplementary question.

**Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker, Will the hon'ble Minister give the detail information about the scheme? May the plan for Football Ground, Hockey Ground, Track Ground and Gallery be included?

**SPEAKER** : After the supplementary question, Pu R.L. Pianmawia will ask his question.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, is there any plan for construction of Sports Directorate Building? Is the fund expected for Zotlang Sports Center received?

**Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA** : Pu Speaker, is there a way to prevent the decreasing budget of Sports Department? Do you agree the Budget of Sports be increased for the development of our youths?

**SPEAKER** : The concerned Minister to answer the question.

**Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, answer to the supplementary question of hon'ble member, there will be a Football ground, Athletic track, Hockey ground, Archery range, Shooting range, Tennis Court and a very large Indoor hall for Boxing, Badminton, and other disciplines of contact sports as gallery will also be constructed. The work is now in full swing so that it is completed on time.

Regarding the question by Pu Lalduhoma, GAD provides site for the

building of Sports Directorate within the premise of the Secretariat Complex in between the office of KVI and ATI and is planned to be constructed by the next Five Year Plan. We have also received funds for the construction of Zotlang Sports Centre as detail estimate being completed and selection of the contractor is under process.

On question raised by Pu R.L Pianmawia, though we would like to increase the Budget for Sports Department as mentioned earlier, the Central Government is in short of finance. At present, it is not possible to do so despite effort made by the department of Finance and Planning.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalduhoma to ask Starred question No.105.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, my question is for the concerned Minister of Planning & Programme Implementation. Is BAFFACOS audited by Comptroller & Auditor General of India? If so, what is their opinion on it?

**SPEAKER** : The concerned Minister to answer the question.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker BAFFACOS is audited by Comptroller & Auditor General of India and their opinions are clearly stated in the Report of Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2009 (Chapter-I).

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalduhoma may to supplementary question.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, It is learned that BAFFACOS fund has been loaned to Industries such as L.S. Bamboo Industry, R.P. Bamboo etc. without proper agreement. How much is recovered from the capital and what is the interest? Besides, Bamboo link road has also been constructed with an amount of ₹2.58 crores. Is there a record of this matter and when will it be completed?

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

**Pu T.T ZOTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, is it true that the former ministry utilized funds allotted to Forest Department for combating bamboo flowering under BAFFACOS?

**SPEAKER** : The concerned Minister to answer the question.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, the amount allotted during 2004-2005 for BAFFACOS was ₹125 crores and we could see from the performance report that funds are distributed in 15 different departments without giving priority to the core activities. Regarding the loans, it is written in the report that no legal action against the loan to recover the loan should be initiated in 2009. The Department stated that an inquiry is underway and confirmed that no legal action may be initiated for the recovery. From the report, it is clear that there is no recovery of the said loans.

**Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA :** Pu Speaker, my question is: – Is it a fact that Forest Department submitted its project report to the Central Government as the amount is distributed to different departments as soon as it is received by the State Government?

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, it is obvious from the report that no proper plan was made prior to receive of the fund sanctioned and so is distributed to 15 different departments.

**Pu LALROBIAKA :** My question is for the concerned Minister of department of PWD. Which division of PWD concern for construction of Bawlte road since the Division there denied it is not under their authority?

**SPEAKER :** The concerned minister i.e. the hon'ble Chief Minister to answer the question.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, Bawlte road is the connecting road of Rawpuichhip-Buarpui and it is under the authority of PWD Mamit Division.

**SPEAKER :** Pu Lalrobiaka to ask supplementary question.

**Pu LALROBIAKA :** Pu Speaker, my question is: – Will the connection road to Darlung be constructed since we frequently suffer land slide in this area?

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, if the road is damaged, it our responsibility to repair it.

**SPEAKER :** Pu Lalduhoma to ask starred Question No. 107.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, my question is for the concerned minister of Industries Department: –

- a) When was the Industrial Estate at Bairabi established? What is the amount spent for its establishment?
- b) Does the industry function today?

**SPEAKER** : The concerned Minister Pu S. Hiato to answer the question.

**Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, answer to the hon'ble member questions is: –

- a) Bairabi Industrial Estate was established in 1990 with an amount of ₹10 lakhs. But due to the lack of funds it cannot be completed and Bamboo Development Agency utilizes the site for Bamboo Chipping by spending ₹80 lakhs.
- b) It does not function as an Industrial Estate but the section taken over by the Bamboo Development Agency is organized as Industrial Complex.

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

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, my supplementary questions are: – The audit report shows that an amount of ₹1.15 crores is utilized for completion which may be used from BAFFACOS funds. Is there a possibility of running this factory since we have invested a large amount of funds for the purpose?

What is the present status of the 9 chipping units? Do they serve the purpose? Is there a possibility to monitor such units?

**SPEAKER** : The concerned minister to answer the question.

**Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, as mentioned by the hon'ble member, it is the funds allocated for BAFFACOS and I visited the site and the work remain incomplete but being reported as completed.

At present, products from Bamboo chipping Industry are sold to Cachar Paper Mill Industry.

**SPEAKER** : Pu K. Lianzuala to ask Starred Question No.108

**Pu K. LIANZUALA** : Pu Speaker, my question is for the concerned Minister of PWD: – When will the black topping of road Muallungthu-Khumtung road be completed?

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, answer to the hon'ble member question is: – Time for completion for Black topping work of Muallungthu-Khumtung road cannot be predicted at the moment.

**SPEAKER** : Pu K. Lianzuala to ask supplementary question and will be followed by Pu K. Lalrinthanga.

**Pu K. LIANZUALA** : Pu Speaker, my supplementary question is – Is there any plan for black topping of Lamchhip-Chhiahtlang road?

**SPEAKER** : Did you mean Lamchhip-Hmuifang-Chhiahtlang road?

**Pu K. LIANZUALA** : Yes, it also connects Hmuifang and Hmuifang-Khawilung road being constructed by PWD at the moment.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary question from Pu K. Rinthanga.

**Pu K. LALRINRTHANGA** : Pu Speaker, Vairengte-Phainuam road is constructed under PMGSY and the concerned department too has made initiative for black-topping. If so, what is the present status?

**SPEAKER** : The concerned Minister to answer the question.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the balck-topping work estimate for Mualungthu-Khumtung Road is ₹18. 24 crore and the sanction is still under process. So, we are unable to predict the time of completion. Lamchhip-Chhiahtlang road is constructed from balance of funds from other projects and we are in the process of repairing these roads through Red Road network Improvements.

**SPEAKER** : Pu R.L. Pianmawia to ask Starred Question No.109.

**Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA** : Pu Speaker, I have made it earlier.

**SPEAKER** : Then, we will move on to the next question. Pu Joseph Lalhimpuia to ask Starred Question No.111.

**Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUIA** : Pu Speaker, my question is for the concerned Minister of PWD: –

- a) Is there a plan to repair the connecting road of Dawn-Haulawng via Ralvawng?
- b) How much is sanctioned for the purpose?
- c) When will the construction work be started?

**SPEAKER** : The concerned Minister Pu Lal Thanhawla to answer the question.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, yes, there is a plan to repair the connecting road Dawn-Haulawng via Ralvawng and the amount sanction for the purpose is ₹3 crores. The work will be started within this dry season.

**SPEAKER** : We have now come to the end of question hour. Now, the hon'ble member Pu K. Lianzuala, the chairman of Committee on Estimates to present, 'The First Report of Committee on Estimate relating to Public Works Department on Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in the House.

**Pu K. LIANZUALA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. With your permission, I present "The First Report of Committee on Estimate relating to Public Works Department on Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)" on the table of the House.

**SPEAKER** : Let the copy be distributed. Now, Pu Joseph Lalhimpuia, the Chairman of Subject Committee-I to present to the House, "The Second Report of Subject Committee-I relating to Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana Scheme ( RGGVY) under Power & Electricity Department".

**Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUIA** : With your permission, Pu Speaker, I present to the House, "The Second Report of Subject Committee-I relating to Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana Scheme (RGGVY) under Power & Electricity Department".

**SPEAKER** : Let the copy be distributed.



**Pu C. RAMHLUNA** : Pu Speaker, I think there is correction to be made at page 5 in which the name 'Pu Lalramthanga Tochhong', Principal Secretary should be corrected as 'Lalramthanga' as 'Tochhong' should be removed.

**SPEAKER** : We do not have Lalramthanga Tochhong in our Committee on Estimates.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : I will take this opportunity to say that we should be aware of the importance of our official names and take precautions not to make a mistake in this regard.

**SPEAKER** : We will now move on to Financial Business and the hon'ble Minister Pu S. Hiato may submit the following Demands No.25, 40 and 43 in the House.

**Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER** : On the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission Sir, I move the following Demands of the departments under my concern such as: -

<b>Demand Nos.</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Demand No.25	Public Health Engineering	₹1,10,56,00,000.00
Demand No.40	Industries	₹425,01,46,000.00
Demand No.43	Tourism	₹5,83,02,000.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>₹1,58,40,48,000.00</b>

Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu R. Lalzirliana, the hon'ble Minister may now submit the following Demands such as No.11, 16, 35 and 38.

**Pu R. LALZIRLIANA MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission Sir, I move the Demand of the following departments under my concern: -

<b>Demand Nos.</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Demand No.11	Secretariat Administration	₹77,07,00,000.00
Demand No.16	Home (Including Prison)	₹4,60,47,02,000.00

Demand No.35	Fisheries	₹6,70,55,000.00
Demand No.38	Rural Development	₹99,05,40,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>₹6,43,29,97,000.00</b>

Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : The two hon'ble Ministers have submitted their Demands and we will start our discussions. Each member will have 10 minutes. Who will start the discussion? Pu C. Ramhluna.

**Pu C. RAMHLUNA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I want to start from PHE, Demand No.25. The budget decreased immensely from ₹9,589 lakhs to ₹5,870 lakhs. Since the department is very significant, I suggest the budget this year should at least be equalized with its previous budget. The department is working hard enough as it covers 711 rural villages.

Pu Speaker, I am grateful that the PHE decided to cover Bungtlang S' and Kawnpui in their water supply scheme for the area. At the same time, Nghalimlui and Vaseikai are two villages which could be further covered as they are not far apart from each other. It would not be too difficult to include them in the scheme. I would also like to request the hon'ble Minister to take a look at the water supply for Tuisentlang which we thought would be sourced from Myanmar water-table but they pumped the water from a nearby source which dries up every now and then.

I would like to urge the officials to be careful in distributing funds for rural sanitation such as latrines and commodes because the fund tends to be misused in the hands of the people.

Moving on to Industries Department, their budget has been reduced drastically from ₹9973.16 lakhs to ₹1679.73 lakhs for this financial year. The most nagging thing about the department is their weak structural organization. There are several vacant posts which are essential for the smooth function of the department and yet they are somehow neglected by the government so far.

This is the same under Tourism whose employees are almost all appointed temporarily. If the present employees could be regularized by the government, I am certain their efficiency level will see a dramatic rise.

Under Home Department, I thank the hon'ble Minister for giving us two buildings at Bungtlang S' as the quarters there are in sore need of repairs and maintenance. Bungtlang is a big village and hence I request the posting of an SDPO to maintain law and order in the area as we are near the Myanmar border.

**SPEAKER** : Pu K. Lianzuala and then Pu Hmingdailova Kiangte.

**Pu K. LIANZUALA** : The PHE has taken extensive measures to provide drinking water to the people. In fact, they have provided drinking water to as many as 700 villages at this time for which I would like to congratulate the hon'ble Minister. Our water sources are not going to last forever. They are definitely going to dry up soon which compel us to safeguard the precious few we have. I do not know if you have laws but we should preserve our forests and punish those who disregard them.

I would like to thank the hon'ble Tourism Minister for making a proposal to build a tourist lodge at Baktawng finally. Big industries usually fail miserably in the state due, mostly, to lack of raw materials and resources. The department should contemplate upon this very carefully because industries are the wheels of development and unless we have a stable industry, our pace of development will be hindered continually.

Serious attention needs to be projected towards our state prison because the buildings are falling apart and there is no appropriate maintenance provided. Is the government intent on continuing the 100 days employment? Also, the tin-roof distribution is a vital part of caring for the poor. Will the government continue it? Has the government reinforced our police forces and equip them with modern arsenal?

**SPEAKER** : Pu Hmingdailova Kiangte.

**Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE** : I would like to begin by expressing my gratitude to the hon'ble Chief Minister and PHE Minister for their recommendation to sanction ₹88 lakhs for water supply project of Hortoki. In the meantime, I would like to know the progress made on the Chal lui water project and also the developments made in each village.

We need a tourist lodge at Kawnpui for which I urge the department to look for a construction site as soon as possible. The construction of a cottage at Thingdawl Highway Restaurant compound has also taken too long to complete. I also request the concerned Minister to provide us with sewing machines and blacksmith equipments.

Under Home Department, I would like to know if compensations were given to Sakhan villagers chased out of their homes by Bru insurgents. Where are the 3 IR Battalions created by the former Ministry located?

I request the Rural Development Minister to turn his attentions to Hortoki farmland areas because the place is perfect for fish-farming and with only a little support, its huge potential could be realised. We have distributed tin-roofs in our MLA constituencies but the amount we are supplied is hardly sufficient for the people and I request the Minister to provide us more to cater to their needs. I also remind the hon'ble Tourism Minister to construct a tourist lodge at Kawnpui since the PWD IB can no longer accommodate the number of travelers anymore.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalrobiaka.

**Pu LALROBIAKA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I would like to express my gratitude to the PHE Department for providing drinking water to my constituency which has been neglected prior to this Ministry. Since scarcity of water is a major problem in the state, I wonder if private water supplying could be legalized after their water is tested by government laboratories.

We have a tottering industrial infrastructure in the state and most of our big industrial ventures have panned out to be nothing more than a dissipating dream. However, our leaders have made strenuous efforts to consolidate its foundations and we are starting to see its positive results.

We are in sore need of an appropriate tourist lodge at Marpara which is a minority region, because we often entertain VVIP guests such as Union Ministers and Secretaries making spot checks. I beseech the Minister to start the construction as soon as possible since the estimate has already been prepared last year.

The rural areas are largely dependent on Rural Development and I would like to encourage them to work even harder for the betterment of the poor.

**SPEAKER** : Pu B. Lalthlengliana.

**Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA** : Pu Speaker, the hon'ble Leader of the House has promised in the last session to put a Police Station at Bungtlang but no work has been initiated till today. When will it be finally constructed? The area is a vital point bordering Burma and India and security needs to be addressed urgently.

The budget for Fisheries Department has been reduced drastically this year but let us hope that the NLUP Budget of ₹840 lakhs will shoulder assistance for the projects it has omitted this year. This is an important department and if we wish to be more self-sufficient, the department is required to work as hard as possible.

I believe the RD Department is going to give us GCI this year. Whereas some constituencies receive 260 bundles, we were given only 16 bundles but we are grateful anyway. At the same time I hope the distribution will be more even this time. When work tenders are invited under the department, they are given to applicants from Aizawl and other places. These applicants later sell their shares and ultimately the works are done poorly. The fund for implementation of the NREGA is taken from the salaries of government employees at Kolasib. This is a strange action by the government since there is an appropriate norm to be followed in regard to fund accumulation for the project.

Under the SAD, files processing is extremely slow and huge amounts of files are pending. Their inefficiency creates numerous problems for the people and I sincerely hope they will become more efficient in the future.

I am grateful that the Tourism Department has constructed a tourist lodge in my constituency but the furnishings and facilities are of extremely low quality. I request the hon'ble Minister to provide us better furnishings and acceptable accommodations. The Institute of Hotel Management building near Bung bungalow is now almost completed at this time. I hope the Department of Tourism will soon create the necessary posts such as Principal, Lecturers, Office Staff, etc. for efficient and smooth functioning of the Institute right from the very beginning.

The PHE has constructed a reservoir in my constituency for which I am deeply thankful. In the meantime, as my fellow member has said yesterday, these projects should be prepared to cover large areas instead of fragmenting them into separate small projects, to turn the wheels of development even faster.

Finally, the water supply fee has risen dramatically after the water meters were fitted. I request the Minister to look into this problem quickly because there are many families severely beset by the overwhelming fees.

**SPEAKER** : Pu R. Selthuama.

**Pu R. SELTHUAMA** : As a member of the House Committee, I have taken a firsthand look at the Aizawl Greater Water Supply Scheme twice. I have noticed, in these visits that the engineers and department are working extremely hard to complete the project as soon as possible. I am impressed by their dedication and efforts and I take this opportunity to thank them. When the project is eventually completed, they will need continuous supply of electricity to pump water and I would like to take this opportunity to request the P&E Department to provide them with their power requirements.

The pipe distribution system at Khatla Veng seriously needs to be reconsidered. There are places where 20 or so pipes are intertwined making it difficult to even walk the steps. It would not take too much fund to correct this and it should be done quickly because the pipes disable the function of the drains which is not healthy and detrimental to the beauty of the area.

The hon'ble Home Minister deserves echoing praises for his successful ban of fireworks during Christmas and New Year. This is a feat that no one has ever been able to achieve in the past and I am sure the sick and elderly are extremely grateful, not to mention the general populace. I heard they have recently purchased modern armaments which I would personally like to see if it is possible. Also can you give compensation to the people of Vanghmun who evacuated their homes in fear of Tripura insurgents? Will it be feasible to construct water tanks at strategic key points of the city for firefighters?

In regard to tin-roof distribution under the Rural Development, some of us in Aizawl have no quota at all last year and this is the same for NREGS. Therefore, I expect to receive a bigger amount this year. Only ₹100 lac is allocated for purchase of tin-roof in the budget which might be a mistake since we need at least ₹400 lacs.

**SPEAKER** : With that we will now take a break, the session will be resumed at 2:00 p.m.

**2:00 P.M.**

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Let us continue our afternoon discussion with Pu Joseph Lalhimpuia.

**Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUIA** : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. First of all, I thank the PHE department for tackling our problem by supplying water to Dawn and Hlumte villages.

With the increase in population, Lunglei Greater Water supply Scheme is no longer able to provide sufficient water to the people and since there were hints to make a new project at Mat Lui under Urban development, I request the Minister to push the proposal forward and resolve our water scarcity problem.

I was informed in writing, that the Leite Water Supply Scheme has been commissioned but I believe this is a misinformation since water is still to be pumped to Leite while reservoirs and pipes are yet to be constructed and laid for Rotlang E'. I hope it will be appropriately corrected.

In regard to Home Department, the hon'ble Minister upgraded the Lunglei Fire Sub-Station to a full-fledged station. He also gave us sanction to finish the construction of the SP Office and 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion MAP Office. With the rapid increase of vehicles in mind, I also request him to open a proper Traffic Police Branch at Lunglei.

We are starting to use the IWMP in my constituency also, and I believe it will be extremely beneficial for the people. However, in the IWMP road map, Rotlang E' was unfortunately omitted. As the omission could have a disadvantageous consequence for the farmers there, I urge the department to rectify this error as soon as possible.

Although we are not included in the BADP area, the government created Lunglei High Power Committee to ensure faster development. I wonder if the opinion of the people were ignored when projects and schemes were made because these BADP coverage areas still have so many requirements that are unsatisfied by the schemes they enjoy. Finally, I thank the hon'ble Chief Minister for granting us the Lunglei High Power Committee; I also hope that when the office building is completed, it will be inaugurated by him.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu S. Laldingliana.

**Pu S. LALDINGLIANA** : I would like to start by expressing my gratitude to the PHE for giving us water tanks to harvest rain water in my remote constituency. At the same time, I urge the department to complete the Lunglei Greater Water Supply Scheme as soon as possible to ease the burden of the people.

Under Tourism, we heard about construction of tourist lodges in several places. We used to have a PWD Inspection Bungalow at Lungrang which has fallen down now. I request the hon'ble Minister to build a lodge in its place at Lungrang. The tourist lodge at Tawipui S' was inaugurated some time back but they still have no electricity so far.

The dramatic increase of vehicles is a huge problem for Lunglei as accidents occur constantly. I urge the Home Minister to find a way to increase the number of our traffic police to avoid such misfortunes. We also have no police outpost or beat post at Chhimthlang and I request the Minister to create the post for better security.

Moving on to Demand No.38, the Rural Development is a vital and essential department for the rural areas and we depend heavily on it. Due to IAY Scheme, most of the houses at Upper Lungrang has now CGI sheet as their roof. We are capitalizing on IWMP Project and have constructed several toilets, bathrooms and market sheds. Lastly, I pledged my support to the demands laid out by our hon'ble Ministers. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu Lalthansanga

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. I would like to start with the most pressing issue within my constituency which is Demand No.25, Public Health Engineering.

There is a serious shortage of water and problems with pumps and pipes within my constituency causing problems in the daily life of the people. The water pumps at East Lungdar, Sihpui and Bungtlang has a limited working capacity and as such the water they received is insufficient.

Under Demand No.43, Tourism, we have no tourist lodge at



Khawhlailung. The location has already been selected and the funds sanctioned. There are no other rest houses there as well. If the ministry could speed up this process as well we would be very grateful. Also, if we could have a timeline for the opening of tourist lodge at E.Lungdar and N.Vanlaiphai as well as the construction of the approach road we would be grateful.

Moving on to Demand No.38, Rural Development, we are seriously understaffed at BDO Office and we are in need of more staff.

I believe we need to increase our presence and activities at Home department (Demand No.16). We are very appreciative of the plan for the construction of Police Station and quarter at North Vanlaiphai. East Lungdar is the junction for other places and is in need of a police outpost or at least an IR presence.

Moving on to Fire Department, will it be possible to distribute fire equipments in rural areas? It would be advantageous if the village councils and NGOs have their own fire equipment. Thank you.

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

**Pu K.S. THANGA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. I would like to start by commending our Home Minister for his tremendous effort in Home Department (Demand No.16). He guided us from 'lawlessness' to 'rule of law' and maintain a peaceful state.

He modernize the Police Department by providing satellite connectivity at Police stations, update the police armory, establish forensic science laboratory and provide arms to IR battalion. He also introduced Aizawl City Surveillance Project at a cost of more than ₹30 crores.

Under Demand No.38 Rural Development, there is tremendous improvement under NREGS in the form of community hall, link road, internal road and concrete pavement. We can also solve water shortage problem by harvesting our rain water and construct concrete structure to store water at various places.

We have seen growth in fisheries and there is high demand for Mizoram fish at a high rate. We could construct fish ponds along Vairengte border which will double as boundary lines.

There are several projects undertaken by Tourism department such as the introduction of PPP Mode and privatization. I would also like to enquire about the opening of Aibawk, Sialsuk and Hmuifang tourist lodge.

Under Demand No.25 PHE, I applaud our hon'ble Minister for the successful establishment of Greater Aizawl Water Supply Scheme Phase-II which now covers Lungleng, Samtlang, Lungleng-I, Lungleng N, Muallungthu and Falkawn. It is also an impressive feat to complete 16 large projects such as Water Pumping System and I would again like to congratulate our Minister on his achievements. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu R. Lalrinawma

**Pu R. LALRINAWMA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. I would like to start with PHE department by thanking our Minister and the department for putting Sihphir on their priority list for Greater Aizawl Water Supply Scheme Phase-II. I am also thankful to our Minister for prioritizing the installation of Zemabawk water distribution line.

Under Demand No.43 Tourism, I'd like to enquire about the work programme for viewing gallery at Sihphir and the status of this development.

I felt that the Industry department has neglected our industrial estates such as Zuangtui Industrial Estate which is in serious need of renovation.

Home department has shown extraordinary progression in Police department especially traffic and anti-corruption branch. I would like to compliment the department on their rapid growth. Zemabawk and Thuampui are in urgent need of Fire sub-station and I would like our Minister to consider this project.

I commend Rural Development Department for their work on social education as well as distribution of CGI Sheets. Lastly I would like to pledge my support to the demands submitted by our Ministers. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu K. Liantlinga

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. Most of our Industrial Estates are abandoned except for Zuangtui Industrial Estate which is barely

operating. We have to take more action so that these estates do not go to waste.

Previously, our hon'ble Minister for Geology and Mineral Resources stated that the post of Director for the department is not reserved for Central Service post. However this is not the case now and I believe this affects their productivity and I would like to suggest that the post of Director should be an in-house post.

The budget for PHE (Demand No.25) has decreased by 12.22 crores from last year. I would also like to highlight that they have no work programme, performance budget and annual report.

I have been questioning our tourism approach and felt that instead of constructing concrete buildings for tourist lodges; a more indigenous approach might be more appropriate and effective in attracting more tourists.

Under demand no.16 Home Department, they have a perfect work programme which is admirable. However, the TA/DA for police department has not been sanctioned and I would like to request for the sanctioning of TA/DA on their behalf. It is essential that we raise awareness regarding forensic science as well as establish a stronger forensic presence. However, I do appreciate the modernization of police force as well as their campaign against arms smuggling.

Lastly, my constituency and the constituencies of Col. Sangzuala and Pu Lalsawta are without fire station and would like to request the hon'ble Minister to provide us with one. Also, I would like to suggest a budget for fire protection and control and the modernization of fire service. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu RL Pianmawia followed by Col. Z.S. Zuala and Pu Rina.

**Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to compliment on construction of police buildings at Sakawrdai and Darlawn as well as fencing for both buildings under the able Home Minister and the Home Department. At the same time, we are eagerly waiting for the establishment of SDPO Post at Sakawrdai, 5<sup>th</sup> IR Company headquarter at Darlawn and renovation of Zohmun BOP.

I appreciate works taken up under Fisheries (Demand No.35) department and would like them to continue with their performance.

There are many reasons to thank Rural Development Department (Demand No.38) such as construction of roads at Chhanchhuahna khawpui, Sunhluchhip, North Khawdungsei, Zokhawthiang and Ratu. I also appreciate the construction of community hall at North Serzawl, Ratu and Lungsum.

It is much appreciative of the fact that PHE (Demand No.25) has done so much work for my constituency as Phase-I of fitting latrine to individual household latrine is initiated as Phase-II will be soon be started. It is pleasing to note that composite water supply scheme will soon be implemented by covering Chhanchhuahna khawpui, Sunhluchhip and North Serzawl. Concerned department is requested to take immediate action regarding Zohmun which remains without water supply from PHE.

At the same time, I request concerned authority to open Rest house constructed under Tourism at Darlawn and Sakawdai at the earliest. I am pleased with the Industrial Policy 2012 as it will open employment opportunity. Pu Deputy Speaker, considering the demand, it will be much appreciated if more funds is provided for ground water development.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Lt. Col. Z.S. Zuala

**Lt. Col. Z.S. ZUALA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, I supposed concerned minister is ready to note down important points I have to mention. As we have experience recently, Fire station is seriously needed in the Southern Aizawl with a convenient site available at Ngaizel and Kulikawn. If not possible as yet, at least a fire van should be placed.

Under police modernization scheme, what is most important is concerned people and then comes resources and equipments. We have 3<sup>rd</sup> MAP camp at Mualpui which is well taken care of. However, the approach road is very poor in condition and should be black-topped with immediate effect. Can this be included under police modernization scheme?

I would also like to point out regarding Sainik School ah Chhingchhip out of which no compensation is claimed. The people of Chhingchhip truly set a good example for others.

There are numbers of reasons to be thankful for the implementation of

Greater Aizawl Water Supply Scheme. Within my constituency, the people of Hlimen and Melthum are now receiving a regular supply of water. In the meantime, it may as well be pleased if supply line is provided to Tlangnuam Vengthar and private connection for Ngaizel and Kulikawn are given.

Pu Deputy Speaker, it is learned that intensive effort is given to exploration of oil and gas within Mizoram. It will be pleasing if report of the progress of work is given in the House. In this connection, I would also like to know which department is the nodal department.

Much as well, it is truly appreciated as roofing materials are provided under Rural Development Department as it further indicates progress of the government. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu K. Lalrinthanga

**Pu K. LALRINTHANGA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, let me start from PHE. It is noted that Aizawl Greater Water Supply Phase II is about to be completed. It is expected that water crisis in Aizawl will be relieved to a great extent and we are pleased with the progress. However, there are many places such as Vairengte, Saipum, Phainuam and Thinghelh where scarcity of water supply remains a severe problem. I earnestly request concerned authority to alleviate the problem.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I opine it is necessary for the Subject Committee to investigate Chalfilh tourist spot which is claimed as enough revenue as not being received to cover the expenditure for the maintenance. Whereas, plan for transformation of Serlui 'B' into a Tourists Destination is in progress, thanks to the effort of concerned officials.

Under Rural Development Department, I would like to request concerned minister to construct community halls at Serlui constituency. At the same time, I thank him for distribution of roofing materials in my constituency. So, I pledge my support to the demand of our Ministers. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu Lalduhoma

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to start by requesting our Home Minister to provide a bus and ambulance for Central Jail. There

is stagnation in the administration of Central Jail's staffs due to little chance for promotion as well as unavailability of Prison's staff manual which hampers the administration.

Regarding Fisheries Department, it is a very old department having 240,000 hectares of potential areas out of which 12% is being developed. We are, somehow able to produce 36% of the total requirement of Mizoram. During the last 21 years, no new officer is recruited in the department. The state Government sent number of student to study Bachelor of Fishery Science whom may be absorbed in the department as soon as completion of their studies.

In Tourism Department, the Board headed by the House Leader decided privatization of tourism in which P.K. Dong, an expert from Sikkim is being deployed by the government of Mizoram to initiate the plan. But I opine this taking too long even though necessary document has already been submitted. So, the concerned authority should be urged by the government to expedite the process.

In this connection, I would like to know the progress of Sialsuk Tourism Project. It is learned that utilization certificate has not been submitted to the concerned authority. I, therefore request the hon'ble Minister to explain the exact situation when winding up his demand. At the same time, I request the government to give more attention to Delhi School of Planning which seems to be the main authority in dealing with consultancy and other matters concerning Tourism department. It is further learned that large amount of funds is received by Mizoram Tourism Development Authority the members which comprises of the same officials of Tourism department. During the previous ministry, sanction of funds amounting to ₹298.38 lakh was received in 2008 out of which ₹32 lakh was spent for purchase of Hot-air Balloon but the where-about of the material is unknown till today. It is further learned that ₹15 lakh was spent for purchase of para-glider, ₹46 lakh for setting up of Aero-Sports at Tuirial and ₹19 lakh for purchase of para-hand glider. Apart from this, Pu Speaker, it is learned that an amount of ₹103 lakh as being transferred to PWD for construction of Dormitory for Boys & Girls, Aircraft Hangar and Administrative Building. So, I request concerned Minister to clarify if the said are actually done and where to see.

In Industries Department, it is learned that the department sent a tour study to Tripura for development of rubber plantation in Mizoram. What benefit is drawn by the study? As far as my knowledge is concern, rubber planters in Tripura

received financial support from the government up to six years which enabled them to achieve successful plantations. But in Mizoram, beneficiaries who have opted rubber plantation are being supplied with poor quality of budding rubber plants obviously purchased from Silchar. I have once criticized supply of the same as survival chance for such budding rubbers are quite slim as half of the beneficiaries are bound to fail with their plantations. If we have to proceed with the supply, only green budding rubber of at least knee-length high and the quality verified by the Rubber Board kept in a poly-pot should be supplied.

Regarding skill development, the nodal department to this concern has not yet been assigned. So, it will be much appreciated if it is done with immediate effect considering the urgency. Pu Speaker, it is much grateful as the Industrial Policy, 2012 is being formulated as it concerns number of forest-based Industries and Food Processing. In the meantime, I request the hon'ble Minister to explain about the ideas of foreign investment which happened to be the burning topic in India nowadays.

Lastly, I request the hon'ble Minister to be careful in selection of beneficiary of Industrial loan so that it is benefitted only by the deserved ones. Much as well, it is necessary to take safety measures in dealing with industrial sick units. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : The time now is 4:00 p.m., we will have a break and discussion will be resumed at 4:30 p.m.

(Recessed at 4:00 p.m.)

**4:30 P.M.**

**SPEAKER** : (Technical problem)

**Pu P.P. THAWLA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. To start with, Demand No. 38, Rural Department. It is regretted to learn that the budget demand is reduced by ₹3872 lakh comparing to last year's demand. In 2010, an amount of ₹1000/- lakh was allotted under Backward-Area Grant Fund for Saiha District alone. In this connection, I would like to inform the House as my membership to the Committee is strongly objected by leaders of the Congress party of Saiha District and they

successfully ousted me from being the member. I was told by a former CEM of Mara Autonomous District Council that I was rejected because BRGF fund is misused for construction of private house of certain leaders and that I may inform the case to the Vigilance Committee. Pu Speaker, as the said fund involves development of my district, attention may be given by the government so that it is used purposely.

In this connection, I would like to point out that construction of Community Hall from BADP/BRGF at Lawngban village remain on halt. May the concerned Minister explain the actual position? Apart from this, I request concerned minister to improve approach road to Lawngban, the village who will be hosted Women Conference of ECM Church. In the meantime, I thank the government for construction of approach road to Lungdar. Again, Pu Speaker, since fund allotted for development of Tuipang is diverted for construction of approach road to Hloma, a village in Myanmar; I request your kind consideration to allot development of Tuipang village when another sanction is received.

Coming now to Demand No.16, Home Department, implementation of Police Modernization Scheme is truly appreciated. I opine, in addition, it is important to increase TA/DA in appreciation of their remarkable performance in detecting crime and to encourage them in their service for the future. In the meantime, control of using crackers during Christmas festival is noteworthy. Yet, the same should be done in the celebration of Puja as well. Pu Speaker, I would also like to inform the House that Police Staff-quarters at Saiha as well as in the outpost of Tuipang and Phura have becomes old and thus need immediate improvement. So, attention may be given by the government.

In Demand No.35, Fisheries Department, I request concerned authority to improve Fishery office of Saiha as numbers of NLUP beneficiary opted trade under Fishery department.

In Demand No.16, PHE Department, it is learned that there is a proposal for pumping of water from Tuisi Lui which is proposed to cover the adjoining seven villages. In this regard, I request concerned authority to see the work is done appropriately.

In Demand No.40 Industries Department, it is regretted as that the budget demand is reduced by ₹5,980 lakh in compare to last year. In this connection, I request concerned Minister to give priority to any recommendation which may be



made by the members when Industrial Loan is applied.

In Tourism Department, I am truly grateful as the progress of the department is witnessed within my constituency such as Longmasu, Zawngling and Chapui. With a vision that the southern part to be the gateway of our state, more steps may be taken by the department for improvement of tourism.

Again, in Industries Department, I opine it is important for the department to continue with supply of handicraft tools to the members as it is widely benefitted by the members as well as one who delivered such tools on their behalf and the amount may further be increased at least to ₹25,00/-. Thank you.

**Dr. NGURDINGLIANA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I will start from Demand No. 25 PHE. Concerned minister of PHE and the officials are truly praiseworthy for their service to the people as some staff works day and night to maintain sufficient supply of water to the people. Much as well, steps taken by the government for the achievement of Greater Aizawl Water Supply, Greater Lunglei Water Supply Scheme and Greater Serchhip Water Supply Scheme are much appreciative as 78% of the work has now been completed. The department has further taken up a large scale Water supply project at Saiha, Lawngtlai and Tlabung which indicates concern of the government towards the people within the Autonomous District Council as well.

Being the newest member here, I am not supposed to speak much on the Demand but only to ask as there are many works within my constituency which may be covered by certain programmes. Matter which concern supply of water, we still have many things which need to be improved from Khawruhlian to New Vervek. So, I request the hon'ble Minister to inform any project which may be taken up in my constituency. As my first request in the House, we need improvement of water supply for Phuaibuang and the surrounding villages. I, therefore ask the minister to kindly consider inclusion of our need in the departmental project.

Regarding Demand No.43, a large Tourist Lodge constructed at Vanbawng with an estimate of ₹500 crore remains un-inaugurated even after completion. I request concerned Minister to consider immediate inauguration for the benefit of travelers in this area to enjoy the magnificent sight of Rungdil which consist of twin lakes, male and female which are known for emitting reddish color beams by the end of every month.

In regard to Demand No.16, Department, it is much grateful to learn from this budget statement that the Police have now become more active in their duties as a result of the Police Modernization Scheme. The result could also be seen from the recently concluded General Election of our State in which our police forces rendered an active service to maintain peaceful election atmosphere. This further indicates efficiency of the hon'ble Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries. My constituency, being a sensitive area, the hon'ble Home Minister set up two Police outposts at Vanbawng and Khawlian. I request the hon'ble Home Minister to provide vehicle for the two outposts and of Suangpuilawn as it is necessary in some emergency cases.

Coming now to Demand No.38, Rural Development Department, we are now able to see many RCC buildings even in remote villages thanks to the efforts made by the department. Apart from this, it is truly appreciated that the government constructed number of buildings for the poor. Yet, there is no IB in my constituency as Community Hall of Phuaibuang village also needs repair. So, I request concerned minister to note down the problems of my constituency for his kind consideration.

Pu Speaker, I do support passing of the Demands of all the hon'ble Ministers. Thank you.

**Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA :** Thank you, Pu Speaker. To start from Demand No.25, PHE, the Committee on Greater Aizawl Water Supply Scheme Phase-II made a spot-visit to the project and it is grateful to learn that the work is in progress and may be completed when it is again visited. As known to us all, Water Supply Scheme of our state covers 652 villages with 124 villages partially covered. Pu Speaker, there is a proposal to set up water pump for Cherhlun village of my constituency also but no initiative is made till today despite our problem which is intensively high now-a-days. So, I request the hon'ble Minister to expedite the work. In the same manner, the problem of water supply for Bualpui 'H' remains unresolved despite ₹40 lakh was spent. So, I request the hon'ble Minister to note down the problems I have mentioned and if possible, an official spot-visit may be made.

Coming now to Demand No.16, Home Department, It is truly appreciative as the government is able to maintain peace and harmony in Mizoram till today. In the meantime, we have seen improvement in Fire & Emergency Service as well as in Anti-Corruption Branch which is now headed by IGP level Police Officer. In the meantime, I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to consider construction

of Police Station and repair of the Check Gate both of Thingsai. Also, SDPO may immediately be posted at Hnahthial as the previous one has already been transferred to other place.

In Demand No.38, Rural Development Department, Perspective Plans under BADP which have been formulated many years back is still applied in our state. So, it is necessary to accept the suggestions made by the members of the House for reviewing such perspective plans to achieve more progresses.

In Demand No.40, Industries, the department has achieved 22% of GSDP last year. It has 8,088 units registration which are of Small Scale units. With the progress in construction, the department's contribution on GSDP becomes 18%. Geology & Mining contributed .06% of GSDP which is expected to be able to increase if more efforts are given. In the meantime, it is learned that demand for sands, boulder-stone and iron rod are higher than ever before which indicates the necessity of strengthening the department with more staff so that checking gates at various places are regularly maintained. It is grateful to learn that New Industrial Policy is protecting manual labors to some extents as we are beginning to be aware of the importance of preferring local workers to non-tribal workers from outside. Yet, we still need to learn to prefer any local product or merchant instead of other sources or manufacturers if we were given a choice. On the part of the government and the general people, we should invest any fund within our state. In short, I do support passing of all the demands we are discussing today. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Next, Pu Nirupam Chakma.

**Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Demand No.38, Rural Development Department. The process of Perspective Plan has now become long and complicate and therefore needs revision on different grounds. The importance of UID is known but awareness should be given to the people particularly of rural areas. But awareness has not been given till date on which the hon'ble Minister is requested to clarify it when winding up his demands.

Coming over to Demand No.35, Fisheries Department, Pu Speaker, I opine it is important for the department to set up fish-seed farm in each district to maintain smooth supply of fish-seeds to each beneficiary who opted fishery under NLUP. At the same time, cold-storage is needed for better marketing facility and to enable the department achieving self-sufficiency with supply of fish.

Demand No.38, Home Department, I am deeply regretted to learn that arms & ammunitions were seized allegedly from some Chakmas at Lengpui when I was at Chawngte. I wonder how they could reach Lengpui Airport with such belongings. I assume it is Santi-bahini who is behind such illegal trafficking. Since regrouping of Santi-bahini, Chittagong Hill Track has now become a disturbed area. So, the state government should give more attention to protect our state's international-boundaries as we are now setting up border-trade with Bangladesh and Myanmar.

In Demand No.40, Industries Department, the former Congress Ministry set up Sub-Divisional Office at Chawngte but the ministry of MNF party has closed. I request the hon'ble Minister to consider reopening.

In Demand No.25, PHE, Pu Speaker, even though Chawngte is situated between two rivers, the problem of water supply is intensive as it is often neglected by the department. I strongly demand to the government to provide water supply for Chawngte on regular basis. Thank you.

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

**Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Demand No.25 PHE, there is a plan for construction of dam at Murlen River to provide water supply to Hnahlan as approval of DP & AR has already been obtained. To look after water supply of Hnahlan and the adjoining 11 villages, Finance Department and Council of Ministers approved opening of SDO Office at Hnahlan for which notification was issued on 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2008 by indicating staffs to be deployed there. But Pu Speaker, no office has yet been set up till today. It will be appreciated if the hon'ble Minister re-acted to that effect. It seems that the project cover 1.4 hectares of land owned by Forest Department which I opined as negotiable between the two departments.

At the same time, Pu Speaker, approach road to Champhai Greater Water Supply Scheme is quite poor and is traversable only with Gypsy. I request the hon'ble Minister to note down the matter for immediate consideration.

Demand No.38, Rural Development Department, IWMP is of much important project for upliftment rural people in Mizoram. But step taken within my constituency is hardly satisfactory as concentration is given only in few areas. So, it will be much appreciated if equal distribution of work is done.

Coming now to Demand No.16, Home Department, it is necessary to set up a Police Outpost at Hnahlan as there are 11 villages in the vicinity which are all far from the Police station. Since the area happened to be of a convenient route for Insurgency group from Myanmar and Manipur, kidnapping of some government servants is a common incident and special attention thus should be given by the government.

On examining work programme of Home department, we have seen financial provision of ₹800 lakh for construction yet, it is unfortunately to learn that my district is not included. For the period 2009 to 2013, the government spent ₹1219 lakh for purchase of arms which indicates our performance in regard to Police Modernization is not bad despite construction being lagged behind.

Pu Speaker, in regard to Prison, any case of criminal in Champhai district is being referred to Aizawl since there is no Session Judge in Champhai District to deal with such cases. Apart from this, such cases are usually sent to Aizawl via Maxi-cab service which is found to be unsafe. In fact, my district needs an Ambulance/Prison van for safety measure.

Pu Speaker, the hon'ble concerned minister inaugurated a Tourist Lodge in the adjoining area of the alleged station of insurgent groups and therefore necessary for the government to consider construction of border fencing in the area as it is located in the remote area. Plus, I would like to suggest that proper security should be provided.

Pu Speaker, we have a building of the Integrated Industrial Development Centre in Champhai but not utilized as purposed. From the information I received, it is being rented out as recreational centre for Public. Hence, I would like to know if revenue is received from this centre. If not, it is wise for concerned authority to let the building to Fishery department for cold storage. Pu Speaker, I give my support to the various demands which are submitted today. Thank you.

**Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA :** Pu Speaker, we are in the last day of the last budget session of this ministry. We may have some problems if the plan discussion is delayed like last year. Anyway, it is pleasant that we are having a healthy atmosphere in the discussion. It may be noted that the hon'ble member Pu Nirumpam Chakma needs help regarding sub-Division of Industry department before the coming election.

**SPEAKER** : I give my support from the Chair to consider the case of loss of sub-Division of Industry department.

**Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA** : Coming now to Demand No.25, PHE, I have mentioned several times the scarcity of water on various villages of my constituency. I have even approached the Chief Engineer in this regard. However, the Planning department usually kept us every year at the bottom of priority list. I would therefore, I have to urge concerned department to resolve scarcity of water supply at Buarpui. Plus, the water supply at Lunglei is no longer sufficient due to growth in population.

Coming to Tourism, it is regretted as most of the employees are of MR as I have the record here. However, I applaud management of the department. I request if the hon'ble minister could give at least a rest house at Buarpui as we do not expect huge building or lodge. I request the hon'ble minister to note down this matter. Pu Speaker, during the previous ministry, steps were taken to set up hotel management institution at Bung Bungalow, however, it remains unfulfilled till date. I, therefore, request the hon'ble minister to take necessary steps. One more point in Tourism, despite completion of Darzo Tourist Lodge, it is not in a position to function as the construction quality is below par standard. I request concerned authority to take necessary action.

In Industries, Demand No.40, it is unfortunate that we are unable utilise the Industrial Policy accordingly. In spite of Mizoram being a high in literacy, the government under the previous or the present has done nothing much for improvement of industry department. It is time we wake up for the future of our youths. There is educated unemployed loan facility for the youths but there is no smooth co-ordination between concerned Banks and the department which hampers the loan facilities.

Being a minister of Industry department in 2008, I was invited by the University of Warwick to give power-point presentation at the United Kingdom Telecommunication Academy. After attending the programme, I realized how vast the opportunities for the youths under Information technology. Thus, we should broaden our horizon. I would also like to mention that Youth Commission is not utilized to its purpose.

From the information we received, there is a proposal for amalgamation of MAMCO and ZENIC under Registration department where as

MIFCO is not included. Pu Speaker, MIFCO is unable to pay its employees salary for 4 or 5 months. However, in this years' budget, the Planning department has approved the pay but it is not highlighted in the budget and therefore needs to clarify. In Assembly committee, we have discussed several times the need to pay more attentions to corporation and if situation arises, they should be bailed-out. In fact, Pu Speaker, the fund allotment of these Corporations are such that, they are unable to perform due to lack of fund.

Demand No.16, I have raised question regarding jail at Lunglei and Aizawl. First, I would like to request hon'ble Home Minister to visit Lunglei Jail while attending the function at Lunglei. Pu Speaker, we should give priority to these two jails for it is unsafe as the fencing needs reconstruction. As there is no vehicle or ambulance, what the hon'ble member from Champhai has stated implies with these jails as well.

It is most unfortunate that we are unable to retrieve five of our people who are being kidnapped in time. Pu Speaker, recently an AK-47 along with two machine guns and ammunitions was apprehended at the outskirts of Aizawl. What I want to imply is that the previous govt. was criticized many times on issues such as kidnaps, but the fact is, the present government is also accountable for the kidnapping of twenty of our people so far. I would like to request the govt. to introspect and wake from its slumber. With regards to police, they have never shown any discontent, it would be of great help if they are given their TA/DA which has been stagnant. Hence, I urge the govt. to take the matters in hand seriously and also provide the police better facilities.

Lastly, hon'ble Speaker, I would also like to mention regarding Foreign Direct Investment (FDI). Unless the government takes appropriate steps in this matter, the future of our children may not turn out as desired. It is quite impossible to make initiative using only the State Fund for such project as steps taken by a single department is not sufficient as well. That is all I have to say, hon'ble Speaker, thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Next, Pu Lal Thanzara.

**Pu LAL THANZARA** : With respect to what Pu R. Selthuama has said, Pu Speaker, two brothers who are amongst the kidnapped are from my constituency; hence, while we are discussing Home Department, I would like to say few words.

As we have heard, our men who have been kidnapped are being held captive in a foreign land. As request made by the public and NGO's and also the Home Minister, we are abiding to the request. Therefore, it would be of great relief for us and the family of those who have been kidnapped if our Home Minister would later shed some light about this matter.

I give thanks to Pu Duhoma MLA, leader of Zoram Nationalist Party, and Pu Thangtea, group leader Mizoram Nationalist Front for giving their support of the views shared by the Home Minister which is an *eye for an eye* if anything happens to them. With respect to what Pu Sialthuama said, during the reign of MNF (previous govt.), seven policemen were killed by Bru Militants. During that time, not even a word, of tragedy, was mentioned by the former Chief Minister and Former Home Minister against the militants. Let's get facts straight; twenty people have not been kidnapped during this ministry.

Moving on to other matters concerning my constituency, there are places at Edenthar and Hunthar still without water supply. Water has to be connected from brooks which they boil and filter for domestic use. This in-turn is having an adverse affect in their health. So, I would like to ask the Head of the Department to take this issue into account and also the Minister to acknowledge this problem.

Lastly, we all know that Zuangtui Industrial is a place where many industry units are set up. Some problems are there due to lack of water supply and congested roads. I kindly request the Minister to look into the matter. Thank you, hon'ble Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : Thank you. So far, twenty three members have participated in the discussion. let us now call Honorable Minister, Pu Haito to wind up his demand.

**Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER** : Thank you, hon'ble Speaker. Twenty three members have participated in the discussion. I shall not be very specific nor will I have the time to react to each and every issue raised by the members. Before I begin, I would like to give a report of our visit to Rangoon but not in detail. During our visit there, our collaboration was with the Indian Chamber of Commerce, Indian Federation of Industry, and Indian Foreign Ministry. All these are connected with Trade and Commerce Business and other Industries; I expect it will bear significant impact.



Our primary purpose here was to establish a good relationship with big names of Myanmar which is a part of Look East Policy. The project will begin from Myanmar itself. We had a meeting with Chief Minister of that State along with his Cabinets and Chamber of Commerce discussing plans on how we can have commercial trade with one another. Talk was also held with Transport Minister, a retired Army General, as to how we could have transport from Akyab and also via sea route. After that, we met with the Minister of Agriculture, who was also a retired Army General, accompanied by his Cabinet Ministers and others under him we discussed on how our state their country can work together in terms of their Agricultural products as well as with our Food Processing Industries. We also had a meeting with the Construction Minister and the Tourism Minister. A visit was also made with the Chief Minister of Rakhine District who was with all his Cabinets, Chief Justices and other important army officials. There was enthusiasm during our conversation. What we learnt from our meeting was that, they were, as much as we were very much interested with the Kolodyne Multi Model Project. Cultural Exchange and Education were also viewed as an important element for better relationship in view of the fact that we are much more ahead in the field of education than them, and also showed their interest in investing.

During our visit there, the presence of other business men made our venture really lucrative. A meeting was also had with the Tourism Minister, Niapi Thawh, and the Tourism Authorities in Rangoon. We learnt from them about visit made by their Tourism Director and his experiences at Rihkhawdar. He also mentioned his interest about the lifestyles of the Mizos and also Rihdil. This prompted him in having an interest to develop a Mizo feature film. So, script for this film is being undertaken by us along with the Art & Culture Department. Moving on to Trade & Commerce, the officials from Sittwe (Akyab) are ready for a meeting at Salachhuah, along the boundary where a business deal could be made between their Chambers of Commerce and our (Chamber of Commerce). The date for the meeting, however, will be decided by us. Therefore, much development needs to be taken in terms of construction of port and even roadways. During the dry-season, it is not possible for ships to sail and anchor due to decrease in water. The initial plan of ESSR Company Bombay was for ships to be able to sail from Sittwe up till Kalewah to Zorinpui.

Trade will now be made possible through this sea-route. Once, the sea-route becomes open, it will open a trade route for other foreign countries, such as, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Japan and China. We will be having a

‘Gate Way’ for trade. I would like to request our youth to prepare themselves.

Out of the four departments, the smallest depth is Geology & Mining and Mineral Resources. The numbers of staffs are relatively small in size, and hence, an effort to increase its size at once is not an easy task. There have been questions raised numbers of times as to why members of this department are appointed as Directors. This is so because it is cadre post i.e. an IAS post, so is meant to be held by IAS officers.

I would also like to thank the members here for sharing their concern about tourism. It is a known fact that in spite of our many successes we also have our shortcomings. Even so, we can find its usefulness here in Mizoram. When tourists and government officials pay our state a visit, especially in the rural areas, tourists lodges are there for them to stay. There are many tourist lodges which have been built but are not opened yet due lack of workers to look after such lodges. This year alone, we have regularised 34 Muster Roll employees which in turn has helped in further development of these tourist lodges.

There are some of you here who have showed their interest in opening a tourist lodge in our own constituencies; however, as of now, there are plenty of other lodges which is not even looked after nor is it suitable for lodging. So, an effort to build another under such circumstances would only prove to be pointless as we have said there aren't enough people to look after these lodges. The ones that are already there, however, cannot be neglected nor can we allow it to be in ruin. A plan to privatize 16 lodges has also been thought of in order to lighten our burden.

One of the reasons why we are rather slow in terms of privatization is that we are unable to get the right consultant. In the beginning, we hired one person under probation but very soon we had to keep changing due to their incompetence, and finally, we found Pu P.K. Dawnga who had been rejected twice by the govt. but was approved in 2012. However, the problem is, as soon as he was joined his work, he is our travelling again on other matters. He has also been unable to even send a proposal for privatization so far. Meanwhile we are also having problems in terms of overall-development and marketing. Hence, I would like to humbly apologies for our moderately slow pace.

Regarding the Indian School of Planning, we have hired them only because we were advised so by the Ministry of Tourism. However, we personally are

quite not very fond of this. As of now, they are on a project and also on a project at Sialsuk. But, since we are quite unsure of their work progress, we consulted our Chief Minister and now Pu Robert in undertaking the construction there. So, we are now waiting for 25 lakhs to be sanctioned to carry on the work.

Moving on to other matters, we are unable to pass the U.C. because the project sanctioned in 2010-2011 which contains the architect design was not completed on time by the PWD. Hence, this project was stuck for more than a year. So, we sent the report of whatever was completed to the U.C. which was not accepted. We are asking for an extension of contract which we think, if given, will allow us to complete the work this time. Unfortunately, this year, other states have also been unable to get any sanction for their Projects. Maybe, our Tourism Ministry in Delhi is having a problem which is unknown to us.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Honorable Speaker, if there is a trust issue with the Delhi School of Planning on our side; why not discontinue their service or what are we to do in this matter?

**Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER** : Had we not been funded by the Ministry of Tourism, we would not have hired the Indian School of Planning. But, as of now, since we have hired another, let us hope we can gradually find a way to stop hiring them.

We have also been taking steps to promote Para-gliding and have also set up an Aero Spot for sport activity. We have also bought a few equipments for Para-gliding although we do not have any proper place to store them. International Para-gliding was also organized last year at Serchhip. We are taking initiative to promote Para-gliding by even hiring experts. Places such as Thenzawl, Serchhip, Hmuifang and Muthi have also been used for such activity.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : What about the air-balloon and how long have it been used?

**Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER** : I really have very less knowledge about the air-balloon since we are not an expert in this field nor were we courageous enough to take a flight with air balloons. I would request Pu Thlenga to answer it since he was the in-charge of tourism before me.

Honorable Speaker, an effort is also being made with best of our capabilities to complete the construction of Hotel Management at Bungbangla. Once it is completed, it shall be a centre where different types of training shall be provided for students all over the region and not only the north-east. We have also undertaken plans to recruit faculties for this institution once it is completed.

A number of tourist lodges have been constructed which unfortunately, are in a very bad and are in deteriorating condition. These have been repaired from time to time by the PWD. We have also been urged to open these lodges quite a few times already. However, the good news though is we might be able to open them by the month of April this year. In some of the lodges, there is no furniture and the ones that have furniture in them have also been damaged pretty badly: some are broken and some have been damaged by rodents. We are trying our best even though we don't have much money to buy whatever is necessary, such as furniture, approachable roads to the lodges, water tanks and electrical supply. The lodges at Darlawn (constituency of Pu Piana), Darzo, South Vanlaiphai, Sangau, Bualpui NG (Pu John Siamkunga), and Thingdawl (Pu Hmingdailova) are all planned to be opened within this financial year, by March.

In terms of Industry, as you all know, we are not the ones responsible for setting up an industry. Our main duty is to assist and aid those who are interested in setting up an industry. As we all know, we are still very incompetent, or shall I rather say, very young, in terms of Industries. This is so because our govt. is also still very young. But in spite of this, we are very happy to have been able to formulate the 2012 Industrial Policy as it had been many years we were unable to even come up with such plan. However, we do have areas that we still have to work and improve on.

When we talk about investment, on our own it is, as matter of fact, a difficult task. The rich (Mizo) are not very much interested in industry and also in investment. There are none who have even thought of setting up a 5 star or at least a 3 star hotel here in Aizawl. We have been looking and even found investors all around India who were keen to invest here for hotels and also for different industries. However, in spite this, we are still unable to have a positive approach to find and encourage people here to come and invest in these matters. It is possible to have development in this field once we have educated individuals who have the interest and right mindset in this field. There are many investors who want to invest here in Mizoram due to its soothing climate, peaceful atmosphere and many educated people whom they can communicate with in English, but the one problem is the

unwillingness of the people to sell their lands to others who are not Mizos. In terms of employees, we are very in-sufficient in numbers. We have only three District Managers with no DGM in 8 Districts, so we are taking steps to have more posts. There was a question earlier whether or not the nodal department is also a responsibility under the Skill and Development department. After consulting Pu Liansailova, I would like to say that it under the responsibility of the Labour & Employment and steps are being taken here for development.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : In the words of our House Leader, the Govt. of Tripura is in fear of us having the upper hand and benefit if we are able to find oil and natural gas in our land, so it would be of our best interest if top most priority is given in this matter. So it would be wise for all of us here to work together in this matter.

**Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE:** Hon'ble Speaker, I would like to also say that if we do not take an immediate effort to have access to oil and natural gas here in our land, we might lost it to Tripura who is also looking to gain it. There is a possibility of all the oil and natural gas being drained away from our land by Tripura, so let us invest all our skills in this area.

**Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER :** Due to our deal and agreement with Oil & Gas Commission and Petroleum Ministry, I shall not be able to disclose anything in detail about the work progress and process of the company as of now. I would request the House Leader to answer it on my behalf. Our Director and Jt. Director of Geology & Mining are also being given the responsibility in this matter as well.

Hon'ble Speaker and Respected Members, I would like to make a bold statement .i.e. in terms of PHE, we have had much more progress than the previous Ministry who were in charge of PHE ten years ago. We have covered many places in Mizoram where we are trying to make water supply available and possible where only nine areas are yet to be covered. Steps for constructing 19 pumps (which in other years were not even 10) in semi-urban areas are being undertaken right now. These include places such as Tuipang, Lawngtlai, Sangau, Lungzarhtum, Hnahthial, Tlabung, Phaileng and Bilkhawthlir which are the constituencies of Pu Thanga and also places like West Phaileng and Bilkhawthlir where water is scarce. So, steps to provide good water supply are taken here as well. Regarding Aizawl Greater Water Supply, the problem we are facing now is something we have had in the beginning. Effort is being taken here for its completion using funds from the state, from special fund and fund from the central govt. Although we are receiving fund from the central

govt., the actual amount has not been sanctioned as promised which was ₹5 crore. However, in spite of all these, we hope to complete this project by April. Although it may be so, there is a possibility we may not be able to carry this plan out effectively a first. This is so because the manner in which we, here in Aizawl, use water is quite careless. Rather than being cautious, we are wasting it as though it is in abundance. We are doing our level best to re-construct water-dams which have run dry. Steps are also being taken to draw underground water. However, easy as it may sound, I would like to say that we shall be able to complete all these projects if we continue to remain in power in the next election. Many steps are also being taken in maintenance of water-pipes which have rusted, but its repair is being undertaken by the UD & PA and SIPMIU. In order to have adequate amount of water supply, we must also be very vigilant with the environment. Tlawng River, which we thought could never run dry, unfortunately now has the tendency to run dry. There are times when the water really decreases creating problems whereby drawing water through pipes becomes a problem. So, in order to help preserve our natural resources, we are working together hand in hand the NGO's, YMA and Village Councils so that we will have no problems with water scarcity in the future. Steps are also taken to save rain water in a reservoir. When rain water is collected and stored for about 4 to 5 months, the rain water saved is available for use for about 3 to 4 months. Collection and saving of rain water is being practiced in schools, churches and homes in rural areas. There is one thing that is really annoying, and that is the problem faced by people in Chawngte. Now, Chawngte is located near the river, so how is it that they are facing such a problem. However, we are looking into the matter and measures are also being taken to solve this issue. Therefore, let us hope that we don't have to resolve our issues through No-Confidence motion here in the House.

**Pu P.P. THAWLA** : Hon'ble Speaker, since there is a possibility of Tuisumpui river running dry just like that of the Tlawng River, would it not be wise to draw and pump water from the Kolodyne River to Siaha as this would prove to be more convenient?

**Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER** : Hon'ble Speaker, initially, Tuitlawk was the preferred river to Tuisumpui for drawing water. However, the complication involving Tuisumpui is that a dam is to be constructed there which will generate a power of 460 Megawatts. So, as of now, we are unsure of up to what level the water may rise. We are in fear that the water in the dam might submerge the pump itself once the water in Tuipui (Kolodyne) is pumped. Hence, cautious step is taken here. There are even plans to take the project further if the Phase-II of this becomes ineffective. With

respect to Chawngte, a concept note involving ₹13 crore is been undertaken and is up for consideration in the Planning Deptt. One very important thing is that we have insufficient staffs in the SDO, PHE along with technical staffs. Due to this, we have not opened a sub-division in areas such as Kawrthah, Tlungvel and Champhai even after much request from the minister in-charge of these constituencies.

I would like to inform Pu Siamkunga, although he is not here, that we shall be implementing PHE project at Cherhlun. We are trying our level best in terms of having proper sanitations and toilets in schools and Anganwadi. Toilets are constructed in other places as well, however, there may be places where these toilets have been misused, but, let me assure you all that we are monitoring each of these with the best of our abilities.

**Pu LALROBIAKA** : Hon'ble Speaker, there is one very important matter I want to share. We did a very careful study on the construction of proper sanitation or I may say total sanitation, toilets and installations of drinking water in schools. The question I want to ask is, was total sanitation really that necessary or important in schools where such projects were implemented? Did they really need it? Because, as far as things are concern; without first understanding the situation and without any co-ordination, these projects were implemented without any positive outcome. Many filters were being given for installation in schools out of which some were or I may say are being left there in ruin without even being installed and fitted, since, it is not possible to fit the filters in some schools. So, as things are now, it has to be used for its real purpose. Hence, it is important to know that whenever a project is to be implemented or undertaken, before its work is carried out, one needs to keep in mind that proper co-ordination from both the sides, that is, the Education Dept and the department responsible to carry out the work process. So , in the future there will be many other projects to be undertaken and carried out, so let us ensure that there is co-ordination between department in order t have a more positive outcome.

Apart from sanitation and toilets, it is also important to have a clean drinking water. To ensure this, we have numbers of laboratories where water for domestic use are tested to make sure that they are safe for consumption at homes. So, it can be said that even without buying Zo Aqua, it is safe to drink the water that we are giving for supply. As of now, we are formulating a law where water sold by private suppliers will also require a testing. This is so because these untested waters sold by them are impure and un-hygienic; on top that, they are sold at very high price. Sometimes, it is hard to understand the mentality of people. When we increased tax

on water by just a hundred rupee, there would be much discontent due to their unwillingness to pay a bit more when they receive their water bills. The irony with this is that although they are unwilling to spend money which is provided by the govt. on a price that seems very reasonable they eagerly spend ₹ 4000 to ₹ 6000 from private suppliers whose waters are not even tested or may I say, impure. Anyway, what I want the public to know is that we have to pay taxes to the revenue like they do in spite of the small amount of bill we are charging. However, a new law will soon be implemented upon private water suppliers.

**Pu B. LATHLENGLIANA :** Hon'ble Speaker, there are some meter gauges which are malfunctioning thus causing bills, as in water bills, to rise as high as Rs. 2000 and above. So, I guess, it is reasonable for Pu Hiato to tell us the reason behind this.

**Pu C. RAMHLUNA :** Hon'ble speaker, even though Pu S. Hiato has stated that he has noted down all of our queries, he has not reacted in full. If action be taken to all the points?

**Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER :** So far, hon'ble Speaker, we have adopted measures to provide water supply in all the constituencies.

Regarding hikes in water bills, complains have been received from time to time that meter gauge as the prime factor. One point we have to acknowledge is that we have found, in many cases, the meter gauge is being tampered with thereby causing irregular rise of water bills. However, it would be wrong to assume that the root cause is entirely due to this practice. The size of family could also be the factor considering amount of water used for washing, bathing, cleaning, cooking, watering etc. Whereas it is, indeed, easy to spend water without even noticing how much it may cost. As such, water consumption bill of a particular family may be as high as Rs. 2,000/- per month. As stated earlier, why grumble or complain when we are willing to spend Rs.4000/5000 on water supply through a second party (Private water suppliers). So, it may be noted that the amount may differ from household to another as to whether schools or hospitals etc. as it depends on the consumption.

**Pu K. LALRINTHANGA :** Pu Deputy Speaker, contrary to what he has explained just now, I too agree that there is a possibility of malfunction of meter gauges without being tampered by anybody as I observed it from my own water tanks. We have two water tanks of the same size along provided with two separate supply



pipes and meter gauge respectively. However, it is not at all surprising to see that when we receive the bills, it always differs even though the exact quantity of water is filled in both the tanks. So, if there is any explanation to that effect for I would like to know the reason why it is so?

**Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER :** As I have said earlier, there are some people who often tamper the meter gauge so that the bill may be lower.

**Pu B. LALTHLEGLIANA:** Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, it is not wise to lay the blame to a single act of vandalism. This is so because there are times when we receive less water on certain occasions but the bill hardly changes as most of the times it rises above Rs.2000.

**Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER :** Whatever the problem is, we shall look into the matter as even the minister of UD & PA is trying to figure out the real reason behind this. But, I would like to say that the bills for water are bound to differ in hospitals and hostels etc. However, some cases which may be found as unusual may be taken care of.

Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, it is indeed a privilege to be able to speak in front of all the members here today. We have been together here almost for 5 years and considering our verbal exchanges in the discussion, it is a privilege for the House to have members particularly of the opposition who are having diverse quality of speech in compare to the ruling members who does not have such quality. Sometimes, it is hard to understand the heads and tails of my reports or speeches but I am glad that you all take it for granted. Soon, we shall have the general election as some of us may be elected once again as some of us may not; but whatever the outcome of the election maybe, let us hope that all of us meet here again to discuss the next Budget Session.

I thank all the members as well as our hon'ble Speaker for your patience and for your valuable suggestions. So, to wind up the discussion, I now ask the House to kindly pass the Demands of the departments under my concern: -

<b>Demand Nos.</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Demand No.25	Public Health Engineering	₹1,10,56,00,000.00
Demand No.40	Industries	₹425,01,46,000.00
Demand No.43	Tourism	₹5,83,02,000.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>₹1,58,40,48,000.00</b>

**SPEAKER** : Those who agree to pass the Demands of the hon'ble Minister, Pu S. Hiato, say "agree". Alright, the Demands of Pu S. Hiato is voted and passed by the House.

**Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER** : Thank you, Pu Speaker, and thank you to all the members.

**SPEAKER** : Now, I would call Pu R. Lalzarliana, hon'ble Minister, to wind up the discussion of his Demands and then request the House to pass it.

**Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. Today, I am happy that much has been discussed about the Home Deptt., Jail and Rural Development. Apart from what have been mentioned, Fisheries (.....interruption.....) Stationing of SDPO, poor condition of Police quarters and Jails so as the problem of Beat post at Diltlang as stated by Pu C. Ramhluna which will be reacted afterwards. In this regard, it may be noted by the member that appointment of any security personal/guard for the Rural Bank of India whichever place is not the purview of the state government. We may provide with one if demanded but the salary, foods and lodging is supposed to be borne by the bank itself. However, due to failure of the Bank to provide as stated, we have withdrawn our security-guards who were hired by them. As such, they may hire private securities for we have already passed the Private Security Act. Some individuals may also be hired provided the license which may be issued by the state government.

Regarding BADP, it is illegal for anyone to purchase any sub-contract work from anyone. Even so, we do not actually go to place as to see such practice is taken place. However, there are problems relating to such cases which involved mostly of government servants but it is opined that taking some actions is not the best solution nor is an easy task. Let us hope that we somehow be able find a solution to solve the problem.

Moving on to the distribution of roofing materials as stated by Pu Hmingdailova, he has claimed that it was responsibility and obviously he even had a conversation with the concerned BDO. However, to clear the things up, distribution of roofing materials lies under the responsibility of the BDO. We have a good government which is a quite transparent and therefore is not advisable to favor someone without appropriate reason. We all have been treated with equity in the

distribution of roofing materials or silpauline but it is important to note that only those who deserves benefitted such as the poors who could not afford to have one.

Pu Speaker, regarding proposal for setting up a Police Station at Dungtlang Police Outpost, measurement has already been taken for the site but the case still in pending under the DP & AR. For creation of such Police Station there, we will need one SI, ASI and Head Constable respectively as well as one driver and one Grade-IV employee. The number of constables at Dungtlang Police Outpost increased from 3 to 8 and headed by a single Head Constable. I think it is possible to carry on construction of police station there as we already have members whom we may appoint to work there once it is completed.

In terms of BADP, we have been given provisions from time to time but as pointed out earlier, it would not be wrong to say that many contract works have been purchased on sub-contract basis in which even some members are allegedly involved in it. Let us see whether they are re-elected or not. Likewise, we may appoint some members of a particular constituency and in such case; we may take it for granted and try to understand the situation. (**Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA**: Pu Speaker, it's not that I don't understand the situation, but my concern is the importance of carrying out any contract work as it is supposed to be. During the administry of MNF, ₹15 lakhs was sanctioned for construction of Tiau road. Out of the amount sanctioned, only ₹5 lakhs was spent and the rest being pocketed and as consequence, the condition of the said roads remains very poor till today. I have shown my grievance only for wants of improvement of any contract work). Thank You, Pu B. Lalthlengliana for we both concern for improvement of quality of work. Let me assure you by saying that construction of Tiau road will be carried out as your wishes by deploying the service of YMA.

Regarding the SDO, Civil Engineering, it is not under my jurisdiction completely. There are problems here and there due to insufficiency of BDO as of Lungdar and other places. Tallying up the amount asked by the member, Pu Speaker, our department has given him more that ₹33 crore for the last 3-4 years. Even if some weakness is found in the works of some areas, I hope that the member is satisfied with favors he have already been received.

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : Hon'ble Speaker, how about the two Water Reservoirs at Vanlaiphai? The PHE department is still unwilling to store water in both the tanks since they were not constructed by the department.

**Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER** : I have already asked the minister of PHE to store water and to reprimand those who are unwilling oblige the instruction.

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : How about the Rural Sport Complex on which the people of Lungdar has made a request via NLCPR?

**Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER** : Yes, it has to be taken up but the file is not with me at present. As such, I cannot give a definite answer as of now.

**Pu P.P. THAWLA** : Pu Speaker, will the recommendation which may be submitted by a member from the opposition be entertained as well so that at least two or more people within our constituency benefitted NLUP?

**Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER** : Regarding Fire department, point raised by Col. Z.S. Zuala is true. However, the department has a problem in regards to parking of such vehicles and a convenient site for the office is needed.

Regarding point raised by Pu Thawla, I will inform the department to look into the matter with immediate effect. As of contract work, it is regretted as allotment was made to some who are not sincere in the execution of works.

About the the ongoing works under Champhai District as stated by Pu T.T. Zothansanga, there are more than 20 projects but not only 5 as stated. However, we cannot speed up the work as we have to follow the central guideline to execute the work in order.

**Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, my point is disparity in distribution of the projects.

**Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, it depend on the project project which may be submitted. Some projects take 5 or 6 years for completion. At the same time, it also depends on how the projects are maintained.

I also want to point out that under the 12<sup>th</sup> Five Years Plan; there is a proposal to set up Urban Fire Station at Thuampui, Lunglei Serkawn, Keifang and Khawzawl and Rural Fire Station at Lengpui, Thenzawl, Aibawk, Chawngte, Hnahtial and Vairengte. Apart from these, from the DPR submitted for construction

of Police outposts, Suangpiulawn and Zohmun have been selected.

To clarify kidnapping case, Pu Speaker, allegation from the opposition member such as 20 cases of kidnapping as being occurred during this ministry is absolutely untrue. We have kidnapping incident 4 times whereas in the three; the victims were of non-mizos and only the existing case involved the Mizos. Here, we hope to rescue the victims without bloodshed. On the contrary, Pu Speaker, I would like to mention that during the previous MNF Ministry, there were 23 kidnapping cases and 3 ambushes in which 16 Police personnel lost their life. In addition, our police forces are being attacked with bomb 43 times.

Pu Speaker, I am pleased to hear that some members mentioned Fisheries Department as well. Under Fisheries, we have fishponds covering 4,001 hectares with 9,390 families involves in it and out of which 1,447 families are of NLUP. Our production of fish-seeds could not serve our demands as yet as we have to import 60% from outside. As known to us all, Fisheries Department is a small department without any improvement even with lapse of time. However, we try our best to improve as we are now approaching DP & AR to review our Recruitment Rules so as to improve our works. In the mean time, Pu Speaker, we have a vast land of 24,000 hectares which is expected to accommodate numbers of fishpond and also for cultivation. The department is now setting up fish-seed production at Lengpui, Tam Dil etc. Our demand for fish-seeds which is 300 crore could not be met as yet. Apart fro fish, we have a plan to include prawn-seeds farm at Lengpui as prawns are expected to have a profitable marketing value as fishes.

Ngengpui Fish Seed Farm is under our direction while Zo-Fish-fed undertakes 8 farms which are being set up for seed farm to be funded by the state government. Among the 8 farms under Zo-Fish-fed, only 5 such as Lengpui, Tam Dil, Zobawk, Ngengpui, Sopali and Maubawk are taken up. The production result is not bad as we produce 9,85,000 lakh from Lengpui, 2,30,000 lakh from Tamdil, 3,50,000 from Zobawk and 3,35,000 lakh from Ngengpui. However, we still cannot meet our demand as we have to import from outside. Besides, the department watches over the natural fishes in the river with care. While this is the case, there are many fishers which need awareness along the rivers and our forests and we have to educate the people to preserve our rivers. I want to say that let us reserve our river and work with the NGOs and the government to fulfill our demands.

On Demand No.38 Rural Development, as mentioned earlier,

MGNREGS is introduced in 2006-2007 and we implemented in Mizoram in 2008-2009. It is being set up for 100 days labour in a year. It is regretted to learn that some districts loss the opportunity to apply this fund due to the negligence of the staff. In this regard, our government servants need to examine ourselves. In 2012-2013, we received ₹24312.54 lakh from the Central and in addition, ₹2821.99 lakh from our State share that is 9:10. Therefore, the total fund we received during this year amounting to ₹27134.459 lakh. From the new scheme for labour Person's Day, we have ₹128 and ₹5570 crore. During 2013-2014, we expect to receive ₹16.35767 lakh of fund for labors wages.

**Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA** : Pu Speaker, How about Kolasib district where the labourers are not included.

**Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, we will look into the matter. We have to determine the effect of NREGA very carefully as to whether it brings idleness among the concerned people or their economic status is alleviated. We have to be careful in the selection also as the programme concern only a family in which no member is employed under the government. The selection therefore needs some revisions. While discussing this topic, I would like to add that if the any beneficiary depends solely on the programme, he may become idle which often lead a person to poverty. We must use it accordingly to help us in alleviating our livelihood. The time allocated for working is 8 hours a day. In order to have a smooth operation, social audit is done twice a year as the report goes to the Central and C & AG. In addition, we have to give a space to the beneficiaries of MNREGS so as to achieve the purpose. With a view for the same, the Central government revised Act, 2005 to enable the beneficiary to engage in an alternative farms to increase his production.

Coming now to IAY, there are 48,500 beneficiaries under the new construction scheme. The amount will be increased after April to ₹75,000/-. The amount for upgradation will also increase after April. Under this scheme, those who are verified as meeting the criteria will be put in a permanent wait list with his name shown in the Notice Board. If he is not willing to show his name, it will not be displayed.

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, even though allotment of IAY quota to the members is made, it has not been taken into account but concerned V/C made all the selections. Is there a way to make some changes in the guidelines?

**Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, I don't think it is necessary to change the guideline, but instead, we should all follow the guidelines and in such cases, we should discuss the matter with the NGOs.

**Pu LALDUHOMA :** Pu Speaker, I thought that we agreed in the Meeting that the practice of other states should be followed in the selection of Gramsava beneficiaries. I heard that the same process is followed in Kolasib District. In this regard, I opine that concerned BDO and MLA may be taken into account. Some villages within my constituency such as Sairang, Sairang Dinthar and Sihhmui are not included in the Municipal or Rural which causes a problem as no fund under IAY is benefitted for development of their particular areas except of NREGS. I, therefore, request IAY may be made to cover in the areas as they are deprive of the benefit of municipality.

**Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, complaint should be submitted as the list is shown in the Notice Board. If his name is not found in the Notice Board, it means he has violated the rules. On the other hand, it is possible that one may take down the list or a marking plate from his house for he is ashamed to have it. We determine how to take action against such practices. This year alone, 1524 Nos. house has already been constructed under the programme.

Regarding IWMP, it was started in 2009-2010; we are going to have 64 projects during 2013-2014 in which concerned BDOs, NGO and line department are the implementing agency. Under IWMP, we received ₹40,30,37,000/- funds from the Central and ₹3,32,30,000/- from State Government.

Regarding NRLM (National Rural Livelihood Mission), name of the programme is now changed as SGSY (Swarnajayanti Gram Swaraj Yojana) but the guidelines and application for funds remain the same. This project is solely for the purpose of upliftment of the poor through in any self-help group or an individual may apply for the funds. The fund will be distributed the Banks through credit system. However, in our State, problem is frequently faced by the beneficiary in dealing with the Banks. Application for NRLM or SGSY concerns a female family member of any BPL family who is also a member of any self-help group that comprises members of a village/block/group. The governing body and State Mission Unit have already been set up and functioning under the CEO with office of its own. Last year, we received ₹223,15,000/- under NLRM and we are hoping that the amount is increasing by 2013-2014. We expect to cover Mizoram within 7 years as pilot project has already been

started at Kolasib, Thingdawl, Bilkhawthlir, Serchhip, and E.Lungdar. For Saiha, Champhai, Mamit and Lawngtlai District, it will be started by the next year.

We also have another CCS called NERLP (North-east Rural Livelihood Project) which will be funded by Ministry of DoNER (NE Region) and World Bank. The objective of this project is alleviation of the economic condition of rural poor by providing funds to start their own business. This project is 100% central funding and was started from Thingsulthliah of Aibawk Block and Lungsen (Lunglei District).

As pointed out by the members regarding BADP, it is to be noted the central authority did not agree to cover the entire region of Mizoram under RD despite its location at the International border. Hence, only 16 Blocks are covered under RD but funds coming from the central covers 100% of Mizoram. During 2012-2013, we received ₹4017 lakh for construction of roads, bridges, community hall, playgrounds, water tanks, school buildings and for repairing of hospitals and go-downs. The fund was utilized for the best possible means as the Technical Wing of RD spends day and night for preparation of the estimate. By prioritizing power supply, 4594 Nos. solar lantern, 1557 Nos. tubelight and 374 Nos. of streetlight are being provided in 16 RD Blocks. In order to maintain regularity, a third party inspection was formed since last year. Apart from this programme, we have another CCS known as BRGF which has already been introduced in Lawngtlai and Saiha District. ₹1,182 lakh is provided to Lawngtlai District and ₹1,176 to Saiha District as execution of work and maintenance of the account is done by the autonomous council itself.

Besides, we received from NEC an amount of ₹432.16 lakh for Irrigation & flood control in Ngopa including ₹317 lakh for embankment of water on the eastern region of Ngopa so as to provide a sufficient water supply for their cultivations. We are hoping to complete the work within this year so that concerned cultivators immediately enjoy abundant supply of water for their cultivations. Besides, Aloe Vera project is concentrated at Chhanchhuahna Khawpui and for this purpose; an amount of ₹177.78 lakh is received though we are expecting to receive ₹490.4 as assured. We will begin the work from the next Financial Year.

Regarding our State Plan under NEC, we received ₹5,000 lakh last year for direction and Block Level administration. The fund was sparingly utilized for the purpose of maintenance of bills such as medical reimbursement, POL, vehicle repair, travelling and advertisement and was distributed to the directorate and to the



26 RD blocks. For that reason, we were able to cover most of the requirements as we saved at the end enough fund for purchase of new vehicles.

Despite priority given to social education, we were not receiving fund last year which impede construction of several halls under RD. This year, we received ₹300 lakh which enable us to continue the on-going projects and start some new. Pu Speaker, I am regretted to mention that we are not able to continue construction of Tlangnuam BDO office as we have not receive fund for construction of staff quarter since last year. We somehow received 300 sheets of roofing material for Social Education only after intensive approach made to the concerned authority.

On Rural Housing, it is truly appreciated as our leaders pointed out its importance. We have ₹100 lakh allotted for this year with which we may be able to cover at least 750 houses. Our fund for this year is estimated to cover 3136 buildings and concerned officials will do the selection with care.

Next, Home Department, I am thankful that we do not face much problem in maintenance of Law & Order. Even when there is problem, our police forces are smart enough to control the situation before it becomes widespread. While this is the case, we the Mizos could hardly give up our inner compulsion of setting up a mob rule as we have recently witnessed incident that involved destroying of some houses and vehicles by local people of Bethlehem veng. Many local people who came to the Police Station to see the face of the culprit were uncontrollable even after they were told he was no longer under the custody of the Police. This unruly incident cost us 4 or 5 lakh as some vehicles and houses were destroyed. I would like to inform the House that necessary action will immediately taken against such violent conducts as some faces are identified through CCTV camera.

For the past 50 years, we have experienced noise pollution particularly during the season of Christmas and New Year which further compelled some churches to conduct midnight service on New Year's Eve before the exact time. However, such practices were stopped not only because of the efforts made by the police forces, but initiative of the NGOs and cooperation of the people concern. Now, we are able to live in harmony as Mizoram turns out to be the most peaceful state in the country. In bye-election of Chalfilh Constituency also, we have tried our best to maintain peaceful election but some party tried to create havoc by spreading false SMS. However, we captured the culprit who is from Aizawl. Pu Speaker, I must say that we are fortunate for being favored with the blessings from God.

Much as well, we the Mizos are fortunate to have a great leader who always with us in times of needs. During 1997-1998 riots in Sakhan hill range, many mizo families fled their home as the government immediately arranged foods and shelters to those families. Likewise, the Tuikuk refugees are being rehabilitated in Mizoram by providing free ration and ₹50,000/- to each family. Now, the Central government increased the amount to ₹1,50,000/- per family which will be given to 51 families as soon as it is received. Another 32 families who remains in Tripura will also be given by the Tripura government.

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : One minute, Pu Speaker. I doubt the statement of the hon'ble Minister that those faces who allegedly causing havoc in the incident at Bethlehem Veng as being captured by CCTV camera since no such electronic media is being introduced in our state at that time.

**Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, They are sending them off to Central Jail that night. Besides, no one have time to watch Television as they all came straight away. As I said, we already informed their leader the situation.

Regarding transfer of the Battalion, it will be appreciated if we are able to control ourselves not to involve in dealing of such transfer. The previous ministry recruited 3,000 polices to win more votes in the upcoming general election but without any plan for their placement and other requirements beforehand. Now, we are preparing a DPR worth 31 crore for placement of 3<sup>rd</sup> IR Bn. at Thingkah which will soon be released and only waiting for approval of Law Department and Finance Department. However, we all know the system of dealing of files and let us hope it is not delayed.

We often discuss about our State boundary. At the same time, opine it is important to discuss our boundary with Cachar and Zampui as well. In the Assam Gazette Part II of 15.3.1933 in Inner Line Notification, the boundary of Mizoram and Tripura lies in the center of the street of West Phuldungsei. As a result, we claim it as our land and try to conduct V/C election that the Tripura governments object. As such, the Home Department reports immediately to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India. The Central take this seriously and send Surveyor General to do spot verification in attendance with the Mizoram and Tripura government official. In this regard, we are taking step as fast as we can.

As discuss by our leaders, while the Police Department is not a

developing department, we have many things to develop. In this, we develop CCTV, CCTNS (Crime & Criminal Tracking Net Work System) where we become one of the top in its exercise in the country. Therefore, Aizawl is selected for its pilot district and hope to link other district within the month of June as desired by the Central. In order to have a smooth operation about 1727 of our police personnel undergo IT basic training. To help catch criminal in the city we are going to put CCTV in 33 places with cameras amounting to ₹13 crore 25 lakh.

DPR for Police Station connectivity underway and we have in mind to make this successful. Our leaders seem very interested in weapons and I hope that we will have time for demonstration after this session. We purchased ammunition for the following weapons – MP5, FMG (clock 19 pistols) Colt M 4 Carbine; we also possess a new weapon that is much better than AK 47 with its ammunition. Besides, we have fund for purchase of ammunition of Insas Rifle and have abundant supply of SLR ammunition. We purchase 18 Heckler & Coach MP5 A3 9mm for the use of Commando. We also purchase Coach MP5 K50 and 116 Nos. of 9mm Colt 19 pistols was delivered to us. Beside these, purchase of one of the most reputed best guns in the world Colt M4 Carbine 200 is almost finished. In addition, many of our Police personnel's pensions this year and other will follow in a not so long distance. We feel this is not good and therefore we have a mind not to recruit many MPS at once. We recruited 10 MPS Junior Grade this year, will conduct examination for another five, and are in the hand of the MPSC.

Regarding the deployment of our Police Forces to other States, we received many letters regarding this. I opine that if our Police are flexible, it will be good for their outlook to station them in other States. During November and December, we deploy some of our Police in Gujarat for the general election. Besides, we also deploy some for the Commonwealth Games, and according to someone, they drink heavily. This is the result of our ignorant and shows that we need more exposure. On February, we also deploy them to Tripura and Nagaland election. Many of our leaders talk about their request of Out Post, Beat Post, and Police Station. While we can fulfill some, we cannot cover them all due to the problem of fund. The said Posts and Stations have needs staff which in turn led to creation of new post and their TA/DA etc. While it is heartening to know that the people have faith in our Police Forces, it is disheartening to say that we cannot fulfill all demands due to shortage of fund. In the Northeast region, our neighboring States also trusts our Police. We deploy them to Nagaland where there is dispute among the people to guard sensitive Polling Station. On the other hand, we may not know the progress we

made in Forensic Science Laboratory. We finished their building and open on 27<sup>th</sup> November. They take care 739 cases and from 5153 crime exhibit, they solve 2012 cases.

On Fire & Emergency, we open Fire Station at Mamit. Pu Speaker, we have in mind to open another at Aizawl. Now, we have an ongoing works at ITA and the Police give us their land in Khatla. We also have a Station in Armed Veng, Champhai, Saitual, but these are not full-grown. All these needs Reservoir as the capacity of the Fire Tender is not enough to extinguish fire. Therefore, we are going to build Water Reservoir at SCERT Complex, Chaltlang; Mizo High School, Mc Donald Hill; 1<sup>st</sup> Bn. MAP and at the Fire Directorate; Synod Complex, Aizawl SP; Vaivakawn. We are very thankful to them for giving us their lands.

Regarding Sainik, no one mentions in his or her discussion. However, as I think our achievement is great I want to say a few words on Sainik. We are going to build Sainik School at Chhingchhip and select its contractor. The estimate amount is ₹165 lakh. We are going to receive ₹564.23 lakh from NLCPR and ₹5000 lakh from the 13<sup>th</sup> Finance. We almost finished construction of the road.

On Prison, some of our leaders discuss about the need for development. The 13<sup>th</sup> Finance gives us ₹30 crore-₹3000 lakh for construction of three Jails and two Sub-Jails. From this, we are trying to finish Serchhip and Mamit and it is almost finished. The latest Cabinet Meeting on 7.3.2013 release us ₹50 crore and with this money we will finish and open it. Regarding the MR post, all the Jail Warders are recruits on MR basis, as the government cannot make recruitment on a regular basis. However, we regularize 20 not long ago including one Medical Officer. Regarding transportation, we are going to buy one Bus for Central Jail staff and one each for the other Districts along with 5 Maruti and Ambulance. In addition, we also placed 11 Solar Water Heater at Central Jail. Regarding the decaying of its building and walls, we will repair them according to the fund we have.

Pu Speaker, I am thankful that the hon'ble members patiently listen to my discussion. Now, I will conclude my discussion and beg the House to pass my demands as follows:

<b>Demand Nos.</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Demand No.11	Secretariat Administration	₹ 77,07,00,000.00
Demand No.16	Home (including Prison)	₹4,60,47,02,000.00

Demand No.35	Fisheries	₹6,70,55,000.00
Demand No.38	Rural Development	₹99,05,40,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>₹6,43,29,97,000.00</b>

Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu R.Lalzirliana, Minister used 1 hour 45 minutes to wind-up various departments under his and begs the house to pass his demands. Those who are in favour say 'agree' and those who are not in favour say 'not agree'. As we all agree to pass the demands, this house passed the following demands under Pu R. Lalzirliana, Minister: –

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**Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, thank you.

**SPEAKER** : I thank the hon'ble members for their diligence and do not show weariness. Now, our business for today is over. We will recess and meet again tomorrow the 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2013 at 10:30 AM.

Sitting adjourned.

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

**LIST OF BUSINESS**

FOR NINTH SITTING ON FRIDAY, THE 22nd MARCH, 2013  
(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.

**PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILL**

Bills for introduction, consideration and passing.

2. **Pu K. LIANTLINGA**, to beg leave of the House to introduce "The Mizoram Ceiling on Government Guarantees (Amendment) Bill, 2013".

**ALSO**

***to introduce the Bill***

***to move that the Bill be taken into consideration***

**AND**

***to move that the Bill be passed.***

**PRIVATE MEMBERS' RESOLUTIONS**

3. \* **Resolutions**

NGURTHANZUALA  
Secretary

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\* Please see Bulletin Part-II No. 245, Sl No. 1-18 dated the 13th March, 2013 for relative precedence of Private Members' Resolution to be moved.

**SPEAKER** : Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Philippians 4:8

We will take up starred question 121 which is shared by 7 members Viz: - Pu K Lianzuala, Pu K. Liantlinga, Pu K. Lalrinthanga, Pu R.L. Pianmawia, Pu Lalrobiaka, Pu T.T. Zothansanga and Pu John Siamkunga. The question will be put forward by Pu K. Lianzuala.

**Pu K. LIANZUALA** : Pu Speaker, Will the hon'ble Minister for Labour and Employment be pleased to state –

- a) Is there a Board to maintain the Mizoram Building and other Construction Workers' Welfare Fund? Who are the members?
- b) What is the main source of revenue for Mizoram Building and other Construction Workers' Welfare Fund? What is the amount presently?
- c) How much fund has been collected under Mizoram Building and other Construction Workers' Welfare Cess?
- d) What proposals have been made by the Mizoram Building and other Construction Workers' Welfare Board?
- e) What role does the Labour and Employment play in the Mizoram Building and other Construction Workers' Welfare Scheme?
- f) How much fund has been accumulated so far under Mizoram Building and other Construction Workers' Welfare Cess?
- g) How many people have received the benefit?
- h) Are the rural people entitled to receive benefits from Mizoram Building and other Construction Workers' Welfare fund?

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite Pu Lalrinliana Sailo, hon'ble Minister to club the questions and provide the answer.

**Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, the following are the answers –

- a) The Board was set up in 2009 under the Chairmanship of hon'ble LE & IT Minister. The members are: -
  - 1) Director, LE&IT.
  - 2) Secretary, LE&IT.

- 3) Principal Advisor, Mizoram Planning Board.
  - 4) Representative of Finance Department.
  - 5) Engineer in Chief, PWD, Govt. of Mizoram.
  - 6) Engineer in Chief, P&E, Govt. of Mizoram.
  - 7) Chief Engineer, P & E, Govt. of Mizoram.
  - 8) Deputy Director, Regional Labour Institute, Kolkata.
  - 9) President, Joint Mizoram Contractors Association.
  - 10) President, National Trade Union of Mizoram.
  - 11) President, Centre of India Trade Union of Mizoram.
  - 12) President, Federation of Mizoram Trade Union.
  - 13) One woman worker nominated by Mizoram Labour Union.
- b) Revenues are collected from registration fees, monthly contribution of beneficiaries, and 1% cess from construction and building works. The amount of fund collected till dt.28/2/2013 is ₹94,957,429.00/-
- c) See (b)
- d) The benefits offered by the Welfare are monetary assistance in terms of children school fees and tuition, medical bills, accidents, deaths, giving births and, pensions to those registered under the Board.
- e) The Board functions under the State Labour and Employment Department as directed by the Supreme Court.
- f) Also see (b)
- g) ₹80 lacs have been given as assistance to 2341 beneficiaries.
- h) Since paddy farmers are not included under the scheme, the rural areas are not entitled for the benefits.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary questions from Pu K. Lianzuala and Pu Lalrinthanga.

**Pu K. LALRINTHANGA** : Pu Speaker, can he elaborate on the role of the Chairman and why was the scheme implemented only recently?

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lianzuala.

**Pu K. LIANZUALA** : Is there any ambition to extend or construct a new L&E building? Has the Inner State Migrant Act been implemented?

**SPEAKER** : Can you explain why the Secretary of L&E is appointed only as a member when he is responsible for the Welfare Board?



**Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER :** This is because Secretaries come and go. The committee decided that the secretary then should be a permanent member. He is not bypassed in any decision or undertakings. Yes, this is a 1996 Act and we were warned by the Supreme Court for not implementing it as a result. In the meantime, many private contractors have also failed to make the 1% contribution since we were late in implementation.

We have made a ₹10 crores proposal for construction of the building which has been submitted to the central. In regard to interstate migrant and contract labourers, there are 88 contractors with 9270 labourers registered.

**SPEAKER :** Let us call upon Pu B. Lalthlengliana to ask starred question no. 122.

**Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA:** Will the hon'ble Minister for Power be pleased to state – Who is the contractor for the construction of 33KV Sub-Station line from Champhai to Khawbung? Is the work nearly completed? What is the estimate amount?

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

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER :** The 33KV line is from Khuangleng to Khawbung S'. The department undertook the construction and it is expected to be finished by this month. The estimate amount is ₹282 lakhs.

**SPEAKER :** Let us call Pu Lalduhoma to ask starred question 123 which is shared by him with Pu PP Thawla and Pu Liantlinga.

**Pu LALDUHOMA :** Will the hon'ble Minister for Land revenue and Settlement be pleased to state –

- a) Has the advisory committee made appropriate plans to maintain the land vacated by Assam Rifles?
- b) What are the outlines of the plan?
- c) What decisions has been made by the advisory committee regarding the 56 land passes inside the Assam Rifles land?
- d) Is there any intention to pressure the Assam Rifles to vacate Kungi Mual at Zemabawk which they have occupied since 1966?

e) If not, is there any immediate plan to revise the rent?

**SPEAKER** : The hon'ble Minister, Pu J.H. Rothuama may provide the answer.

**Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, answers for starred question 123 ar as follow –

- a) The advisory committee has not made any definite plan.
- c) The committee has not made any concrete decision.
- d) There is no intention to oust the Assam Rifles from Kungi Mual.
- e) There is no revision regarding rentals so far.

**SPEAKER** : Pu K. Liantlinga.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Is there a way to revise the rent at state level? What are you going to do about the unpaid rent during 2008-2010?

**SPEAKER** : Hon'ble Minister to answer the query.

**Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA, MINISTER** : We have no authority as a state alone about revision of the rental.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Nirupam Chakma may ask starred question no. 124.

**Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA** : Will the hon'ble Minister for Art and Culture be pleased to state –

- a) Have you set a separate budget to maintain protected sites and monuments?
- b) How many of these do we have currently?

**SPEAKER** : Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana may answer the question.

**Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, answers to hon'ble member Pu Nirupam are -

- a) We are looking to carve an appropriate allocation under the Finance Commission Award.
- b) We have declared 46 sites.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary question from Pu Nirupam Chakma.

**Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA** : Can you tell me the names of the 46 sites?

**SPEAKER** : Pu PC Zoram Sangliana, Minister.

**Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, the answer is as follows: -

- 1) Bawrhsap Pisa (DC Complex), Aizawl
- 2) Chawngvungi Thlan, Pangzawl, Lunglei District
- 3) Chhura Fa rep, N. Vanlaiphai, Serchhip District
- 4) Chhura leh Na-a Vawk, Cherhlun, Serchhip District
- 5) Dulaisial, Hliappui, Champhai District
- 6) Fiara Tui, Farkawn, Champhai District
- 7) Hualtungamtawna Ui no neihna, Hualtu, Serchhip District
- 8) Kawilam Chhirpaw & Rulchawmkual, Rulchawm, Aizawl District
- 9) Kawtchhuah Ropui, Vangchhia, Champhai District
- 10) Keilami Thlan, Sialhau, Serchhip District
- 11) Khuangchera Puk, Ailawng, Mamit District
- 12) Kungawrhi Puk, Farkawn, Champhai District
- 13) Lalnu Tialpari Lung, Mampui, Lawngtlai District
- 14) Lalthangpui Lung, Mualpheng, Aizawl District
- 15) Lamsial Puk, Farkawn, Champhai District
- 16) Lianchhiari Lunglen Tlang leh Lianchhiari Puantahna, Bungtlang, Champhai District
- 17) Lianpui Hmun, Lianpui, Champhai District
- 18) Lt. Col. Tom Herbert Lewin (Thangliana) Lungphun, Tlabung, Lunglei District
- 19) Lung Leihlawn, Lunglei, Lunglei District
- 20) Lung Milem, Suangpuilawn, Aizawl District
- 21) Lung Milem, Mualcheng, Lunglei District
- 22) Lungkeiphawtial, Farkawn, Champhai District
- 23) Lungkulh, Zamuang, Mamit District
- 24) Lungpher Puk, Sazep/Sesih, Champhai District
- 25) Lungphunlian, Pukzing, Mamit
- 26) Lungvando, E' Lungdar, Serchhip District
- 27) Mangkhaia Lung, Zotlang, Champhai District

- 28) Mura Puk, Zote, Champhai District
- 29) Oldham Lungkher, Tlabung, Lunglei District
- 30) Paikhai Bangla, Paikhai, Aizawl District
- 31) Parual Lung, Ruallung, Aizawl District
- 32) Phing Nu leh Phing Pa, E' Phaileng, Aizawl District
- 33) Pi Pu Kawtchhuah & Ralven Buk, Vangchhia, Champhai District
- 34) Rengdil, Rengdil, Mamit District
- 35) Sahlam, Chawngtlai, Champhai District
- 36) Sibuta Lung, Tachhip, Aizawl District
- 37) Sikpui Lung, Zote, Champhai District
- 38) Sikpui Lung, Raja Lalsanga Khua, Upper Sakawrdai, Aizawl District
- 39) Sikulpui leh Sikulsen, Sikulpukawn, Aizawl District
- 40) Thasiama Se no neihna, Chawngtui, Champhai District
- 41) Thlanpial, N' Khawlek, Aizawl District
- 42) Tualvungi Vawk Thleng, Phulpui, Aizawl District
- 43) Tuilut, Kolasib, Kolasib District
- 44) Vaikulh, Sesawng, Aizawl District
- 45) Vanhnuailiana Lung, Ruantlang, Champhai District
- 46) Zawlpala Thlan, Phulpui, Aizawl District.

**SPEAKER** : Pu B. Lalthlengliana with supplementary question.

**Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA:** Can you provide us with the list you have just read out?

**SPEAKER** : Pu K Liantlinga may now ask starred question No. 125.

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

- a) How much allotment of power do we receive from the central?
- b) Do we sell from our allotment? If so, how much is the revenue?

**SPEAKER** : Let us expect the answer from the hon'ble Chief Minister.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, answers to hon'ble

member Pu K. Liantlinga are-

- a) We have 73 MW allotments from the central.
- b) We sell our surplus through JEX. We have collected the revenue amount of ₹77,918,068 so far this year.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary questions from Pu K. Liantlinga, Pu Duhoma and Pu Hmingdailova Kiangte.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : We are all aware of our insufficient power supply. Why are we selling when our condition is as it is?

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, the department intended to install a transformer at Putara Mual, Chawlhnmun. When will it be finally installed?

**Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE** : Pu Speaker, some NLUP beneficiaries chose timber machines but due to lack of power they are unable to work them. What can the hon'ble Chief Minister do about this?

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite the hon'ble House Leader to provide the answers.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, we sell our surplus power during rainy seasons only when our generators are able to work at their full capacity. As to Pu Duhoma's request, we are awaiting approval from the central. To Pu Hmingdailova Kiangte, we are doing our best to solve the problem.

**SPEAKER** : Pu K. Lianzuala, hon'ble member may now ask stated question No. 126.

**Pu K. LIANZUALA** : Will the hon'ble Minister for Horticulture Department be pleased to state – What steps has been taken by the department to promote quality planting material?

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, these are the main steps we have taken –

- (1) Nurseries are created in 7 horticulture centres.
- (2) 38 registered private nurseries are given assistance and support by the department.

- (3) We are currently working in tandem with National Research Centre for Citrus, Nagpur, under the Indian Agriculture Research Centre to further improve our quality and quantity.

**SPEAKER** : Pu K. Lianzuala and Pu Lalthansanga may ask supplementary questions.

**Pu K. LIANZUALA** : It is my understanding that specific departments are responsible for the production of quality materials. Will it be acceptable if any department decide to produce the material? Does the Horticulture Department have an appropriate guideline to verify the quality of the material?

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : There are several approved nursery firms in the state now. Is there a way to purchase their produce instead of supplies from the central?

**SPEAKER** : Let us call upon the hon'ble Minister to answer the queries.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, it is for this precise reason that the 7 nurseries were set up. Same is the reason for our work with the department in Nagpur. It is quite difficult to implement a guideline since the options of seeds depend on the farmers themselves. Vermicompose is a side project of the Horticulture Department and it is pleasing to see that the youths are deeply interested in its manufacture. However, we cannot simply buy their produce because the market relies on demand from the people. Therefore, I would advise them to commercialize their production and not depend solely on the government to buy their produce.

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, they are continually buying chemical fertilizers from outside the state. The department should encourage local manufacturers and find a way to promote the industry.

**SPEAKER** : For your kind information, Pu P.C. Lalthanliana is unable to attend the session today. We will now take up a Private Member Bill, let us invite Pu K. Liantlinga to ask permission to introduce, "The Mizoram Ceiling on Government Guarantees (Amendment) Bill, 2013" in the House.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Pu Speaker, I humbly request permission to

introduce my Bill, “The Mizoram Ceiling on Government Guarantees (Amendment) Bill, 2013” in the House.

**SPEAKER** : Shall we allow him? Very well, you may introduce the Bill.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Pu Speaker, I humbly introduce my Bill, “The Mizoram Ceiling on Government Guarantees (Amendment) Bill, 2013” in the House.

**SPEAKER** : Now that you have introduced the Bill, you may move it for discussion.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Pu Speaker, I recently paid a visit to the Grape Winery at Hnahlan and I listened to their harsh problems which I promised to help find a way to resolve. I relayed their hardships to the Finance/Horticulture Minister who informed me that, an appropriate Bill should be passed first to address their plight. Therefore, when “The Mizoram Ceiling on Government Guarantees Bill, 2011” eventually came to existence, I was profoundly happy for the people of Hnahlan. However, when I perused the Bill in detail, I found to my disappointment that no mention of solution to their difficulty has been contained in its preamble or Act. Therefore, I have suggested an amendment which will be inclusive of an address to resolve their dilemma. In fact, there are only three points of amendment and I urge the members, irrespective of their party nomenclatures and affiliations, to extend their full support for its passage in the House today, thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu T.T. Zothansanga will start the discussion; each member will have an allotted time of 5 minutes.

**Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA** : From the speech we have just heard, I get the impression that the hon’ble member wants to create a new bill when we have little or no time yet to see if the Bill we have passed in 2011 is beneficial for the people or not. From his explanation, it literally means that the people should avail loan for whatever business and if they are unable, the government should repay their loans. Apparently, instead of helping our weak economy, this move will push it even further down the chain of debt. The Bill we have passed in 2011 was prepared carefully, abiding by the General Financial Rules and Government Guarantee Policies and I have not seen sufficient reason to have to amend it in such a short time.

We are a wholly centrally sustained economic state and it would be impetuous of us to follow examples of developed countries like America who are able to privatize their industries since they always have a fall back plan. We are practically swimming in debts, ₹4000 crores to be exact, and we are desperately trying to find avenues to repay it as much as we can. While our feeble economic condition is as such, it would be a colossal blunder to encourage the people to avail loans which the government supposedly would repay for them.

In any case, we need to create awareness about availing loans. In the recent past, people would unhesitatingly take loans without any course of action as to its repayment or knowledge of how it works. There are thousands of documents frozen at the banks and the beneficiaries themselves are at a complete loss as to how to take the next step. Therefore, if the government invites open, wider doors to the people saying that it will handle the repayment, there is absolutely no doubt that our debt situation will be multiplied a thousand fold.

**SPEAKER** : Pu H. Liansailova, Minister.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : I appreciate the concern expressed by the hon'ble member and for realizing the need to make changes for the youths. The youths are indeed highly motivated in their pursuit of better economy and private entrepreneurship. At the same time, the government should not make the mistake of treating them with baby gloves right from the start.

As a matter of fact, the government is continuously formulating schemes and projects which the youths would benefit from. Since we can only make proposals under appropriate rules and guidance, I understand the hon'ble member's context of thought and enthusiasm to amend the bill to suit that purpose and I feel that all of us are inclined towards that ambition.

However, we require a ceiling for each financial decision to prevent pointless and losing ventures and diminish liabilities as much as possible. The main reason that we have omitted private sector is because the central financial rule specifically states that, "Govt. guarantee shall not be provided to the private sector," and it is beyond our power to alter the statement. I fully comprehend the member's eagerness to provide funds for the deserving few youths, but as a whole, it would be a serious pitfall for the state economy if the doors are wide open to all. Also, we have only implemented the 2011 Bill for barely a year, and I sincerely feel that we should



give it a little bit more before we call for an amendment. It is beyond our competence for the government to give out guarantees as it is against the General Financial Rule (GFR). I believe that our discussion and willingness is sufficient at this point and should be appreciated.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Nirupam Chakma followed by Pu John Siamkunga and Pu Sawta

**Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA** : “The Mizoram Ceiling on Government Guarantees (Amendment) Bill, 2013” was skillfully moved by our respected member Pu K. Liantlinga. A provision was just made by the Finance Minister against this Bill under general financial rules. However, I have some concerns that the youths of Mizoram would not understand if this Bill is rejected by this House. It is baseless to accuse the Government of not acting as guarantor for individuals considering the amount of loans taken from financial institutions so that individual loans can be extended. The main aim of this Bill is to establish the policy matter where the amount should not exceed 3% should the government act as guarantor. However, it states that no government guarantee shall be given in respect of any loan to any individual, private institution and non-private companies. This does not include small parties such as small scale industries and medium industries.

The government needs to revive ZIDCO and KVI so that loans can be given to the youths of Mizoram. As for this Bill, I cannot give my support at this time and would like for the Bill to be withdrawn.

**Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. An impressive speech was made by our respected member to move “The Mizoram Ceiling on Government Guarantees (Amendment) Bill, 2013”. Though it is a commendable Bill in theory, this might not be the case in practical. This Bill is identical as making the government guarantor for loans given to individuals and private companies. I believe this is not practical given our history of bankrupting ZIDCO and KVI. It should be remembered that if the government act as guarantors for loans given out to individuals and private companies, there will be many who would bail out from paying out their loans which can cause the collapse of our financial state. Pu Speaker, I do not support “The Mizoram Ceiling on Government Guarantees (Amendment) Bill, 2013” at this time and would like for it to be withdrawn. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalsawta, Minister.

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, thank you. Regarding this Bill introduced by Pu K.Liantlinga, I believe that it might not be the best for our government and for the people at this point. We should be looking at strengthening the private sector and the youths and teach them not to rely on the government. They should learn that their success depends on them alone and not the government. Also, it is beyond the competence of the government to make a commitment this big. So I would like for our respected member to withdraw “The Mizoram Ceiling on Government Guarantees (Amendment) Bill, 2013”. Thank you.

**SPEAKER :** Our morning session has now ended. We will resume this discussion at 2 p.m.

**2:00 p.m.**

**DEPUTY SPEAKER :** We are in the middle of discussing Private Member Bill and will resume with the discussion. Who will be next?

**Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA :** Pu Deputy Speaker, is it not clear from our discussion this morning that this Bill is not possible as per General Financial Rules provision? Shouldn't the mover withdraw this Bill so that we can continue as we all wanted to discuss NLUP?

**DEPUTY SPEAKER :** They might have something new to discuss about. We shall continue our discussion starting with Pu C. Ramhluna.

**Pu C. RAMHLUNA :** Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. I give credit to our respected member Pu K. Liantlinga for developing “The Mizoram Ceiling on Government Guarantees (Amendment) Bill, 2013”. It is clear from reading this Bill that the purpose if this Bill is mainly to provide employment and for the general good of the public and if passed, it would provide employment to those targeted demography. However, since our knowledge regarding this Bill is not up to par, I suggest that Select Committee is created. This Committee will perform research on the topic, study and make recommendation based on their findings and present it to the House where there will be a discussion. This will enable us to have a better understanding of the Bill which will help us to make a sound decision. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER :** Pu Lalthansanga

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, without doubt passing “The Mizoram Ceiling on Government Guarantees (Amendment) Bill, 2013” is quite challenging and ambitious considering the number of public sector undertakings bailed out by the government.

On the other hand, this Bill can provide means of employment, income generation and occupation for the general public. We can choose to see the good in people and trust that they will not be misused. As for the provision barring us from passing this Bill, I am certain there is a way to relax the provision if the government is willing to take responsibility. I would like to conclude that I support this Bill with the hope that it could provide a more stable and self sustained Mizoram. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu R. Lalrinawma.

**Pu R. LALRINAWMA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. While the time and effort gave by the mover for the creation of this Bill is laudable, I believe it is beyond our competence at this time to pass this Bill. Even though this Bill appears to be commendable, it might not be in practice. Passing this Bill by amending the general financial rules will destroy the legislative intention of the government where it aims to restrict its spending and lighten the financial burden of the State of Mizoram. Providing employment to the general public and to the youths is always at the fore front and the government is helping in other ways. In light of that I would like to declare that I do not support this Bill. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu Lalduhoma

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, I give credit and applaud our respected member Pu K.Liantlinga for creating this Amendment Bill which is exactly what the public requires. The reason why it needs amendment is because of the phrase ‘The government cannot act as guarantor for private enterprise or individuals’. I failed to grasp the reason behind the rejection to act as guarantor to provide enterprise and individuals while the government is still acting as guarantor to public undertaking who are operating on loss. This does not mean that the government should grant loans to every applicant but act as guarantor to those who deserve our help.

Rejecting to help individuals or private companies goes against our Industrial Policy even if it is against Central Act, we can always ask for exemption

considering our status as Special Category.

Passing this Bill does not indicate the collapse of our financial stability but will instead enhance our per capita income and GSDP.

I suggest that instead of merely rejecting or withdraw this Bill; we can always refer to a Select Committee. Thank you.

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

**Pu P.P. THAWLA** : After listening to our respected member Pu K. Liantlinga, I have no doubt that time and effort is given for the creation of this Bill and I would like to voice my appreciation.

Whoever is leading the government irrespective of their political affiliation, our main and top priority is to pave the way for the younger generation and to teach them to be able to stand on their own feet. This is the main aim and purpose of Youth Commission.

I believe withdrawing this Bill will not benefit us but instead should be referred to a Select Committee so that extensive research and studies can be carried out with the intention of revisiting this Bill. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Dr. R. Lalthangliana

**Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA:** Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to congratulate our respected member Pu K.Liantlinga for presenting this Bill. I believe I speak for everyone in this House that we are all united in supporting the idea behind this Bill. His presentation alone reflects the amount of time, effort and research that goes into the creation of this Bill and I would like to voice my appreciation and gratitude.

During our rule in the previous ministry, Youth Commission was born with the aim to lead the younger generation into a new world. It was founded to change their mindset and outlook for the better, to better equip them for the world ahead. This Amendment Bill is in par with the objectives of Youth Commission which is to teach them that it is their responsibility to realize and cultivate their God given talents and to give them the tools to nurture these talents.

Given the brilliance of this Bill, i believe it is a mistake to reject or withdraw this Bill. Instead I suggest that it should be referred to a Select Committee with the intention of re-introducing it before the House at a later date. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : We will now invite the owner of this Bill Pu K. Liantlinga to explain and clarify any issues we might have.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. This Bill is presented before the House only after careful consideration and extensive research. This Bill is solely created with the younger generation at the epicentre with no political affiliation whatsoever. It is created to help the State economy and have the potential to decrease our debt.

Although the arguments made by the members are valid, rejecting this Bill due to one Act or Rule will be a grave mistake.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : You need not quote every member's speech as windup system. You have already moved your Bill and explanation was given during that time. You may proceed with asking the members of the House to pass this Bill.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : You can ask for this Bill to be withdrawn or for the House to pass. You do not have to explain again.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Amending this Bill is as important as passing a Bill.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : You do not have to answer all the members.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, I have moved the Bill and was countered by some members. If I do not explain .....

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : You do not need to counter them, explain the Bill as you have already moved the Bill. Explain whether you are withdrawing or asking for a pass.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : I was under the impression that I will have the freedom to explain and clarify whatever I wanted, if I will be silenced from your end...

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : It is not about that, you have already moved your Bill with no time limit. You can now deliver a short explanation.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Since I am not allowed to give further explanation, I would like to mention that this Bill is important for our economy. I also thank the members who support this Bill. For those who do not, Select Committee can make an enquiry (**DEPUTY SPEAKER**: We need a motion to create a Select Committee as per Rule 422) Then how do I carry out the motion? You have to move as per Rule 222 and the motion cannot be carried out on the spot. You can ask for it to be withdrawn or to be passed.) I would like to ask this House to pass ‘The Mizoram Ceiling on Government Guarantees (Amendment) Bill, 2013’.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : We will now proceed with the voting of this Bill. Those in favour may say, ‘Yes’ and those who do not, say, ‘No’. I declare that ‘The Mizoram Ceiling on Government Guarantees (Amendment) Bill, 2013’ is rejected by the House.

We will now move on to Private Members’ Resolution. There are 18 Resolutions and per Rule 124 the Ballot was in place on 12.3.13 and a copy of this has been distributed. We will now start with Resolution No.1 and invite Pu John Siamkunga to move his resolution.

**Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. I am thankful to this House for allowing me to move my resolution “The government implemented NLUP successfully and may therefore, be continued”.

NLUP has been going on full swing for 3 years now and we have seen tremendous results in different areas of trade.

During olden times, our society was used to be self sufficient and does not require outside help for its survival. This all changed in 1966 after the fight for independence with the people suffering famine thereby causing many to lose their lives. Congress party came up with NLUP Project in 1993 to provide moral reformation and to teach and achieve self sustenance for Mizoram.

It was reintroduced in 2008 and has since function in full swing. The 1<sup>st</sup> instalment for Phase-I was provided to 45139 families on 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2011, followed by Phase-II and Phase-III. NLUP is not only for farmers and unskilled

labours; it will also help tackle global warming by slowly moving away from jhum cultivation thereby preserving forests and wildlife. This will restore balance in the eco system.

Pu Deputy Speaker, there is often a debate about NLUP being a part of Prime Minister Package, however the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has sanctioned 2873.13 crores for NLUP which clearly shows that it is entirely a separate entity. Even though NLUP is a huge success, there are several areas where more time and effort has to be given. If continued it will have the potential to change the course of our economy. Since we have utilized only ₹1000 crores from our budget of ₹ 2873 and considering the effect it has on the lives and economy of Mizoram, I would like for this project to be continued which led me to present my resolution before this House. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Resolution No.1, “The government implemented NLUP successfully and may, therefore be continued” moved by Pu John Siamkunga is now opened for discussion. Our Session today will end at 4 pm; so each member will be allotted 10 minutes.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, is it permissible to go beyond 4 pm?

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : That depends on the House; if you are willing to go beyond 4 pm, then it is up to the members. We shall now invite Pu Robiaka.

**Pu LALROBIAKA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. I am thankful that this resolution came up during the Session. There are many who were sceptical about NLUP when it was first introduced. However, I do believe those non-believers are the ones who are now emphatic about NLUP.

When NLUP was first introduced in 1993, there was tremendous success. However there was opposition from other political parties and some members of the public were persuaded by them to sabotage the project. But those people have regretted in their participation after witnessing the success enjoyed by their peers.

NLUP is introduced solely for the benefit of the people of Mizoram and the success of the programme lies on them alone. We have provided the tools necessary for them to succeed and it is up to them to make this a success. Lastly, I

would like pledge my support this resolution having seen the success stories of many who are under this programme. Thank you.

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

**Pu P.P. THAWLA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. I respect the resolution put up by our respected member and I do believe that it is a good resolution. However, I felt that it does not qualify to be put up as a resolution within this House.

If the next election results in congress party still at the ruling seat, NLUP will be continued irrespective of what we decide here. The same goes for other political parties too, they might not continue with this programme if other parties are in the ruling seat. So i believe what we are deciding here is irrelevant.

Although there are many success stories about NLUP, we have to keep in mind that there are many who are using NLUP as a platform for receiving cash. Regarding the success stories shown on television, some of them achieve success by receiving loans from banks and has nothing to do with NLUP.

To conclude, I believe that this does not need further discussion. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu R. Selthuama.

**Pu R. SELTHUAMA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. First of all, I would like to pledge my support to this resolution.

I support this resolution due to the fact that it changed the lives of so many people and discontinuing at this point would be disastrous. There are still many families who have yet to receive NLUP and it would be extremely disappointing for them. They are families with no resource available to them and this programme will provide them with the means to start their livelihood. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu Lalduhoma

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, I hope and expect that this resolution was put up with the intention of modifying issues that prevail in the



programme. This project has been going on for quite some time now and I believe the issues that are present here is transparent.

Continuing with the project as it is will be a mistake as it is being used as a political tool at present. We cannot differentiate whether it is a government programme or a party programme. One of the biggest mistakes in this programme is selecting the beneficiaries without proper vetting. The government should hand out NLUP only to those who deserve it and those who are likely to succeed. Hence, it is important to give priority in this regard. It may as well be wise for the government to fix a minimum rate to some selected items under NLUP which could turn out to be of great incentive as well as security to concerned beneficiaries. At the same time, I opine it is necessary for the government to immediately identify the areas which actually needs link-road as the main reason for stagnation of oil-palm plantation happened to be of unavailability of appropriate link-road. It is regretted to learn that fund provision received by the government to that purpose are often diverted. Thus, in order upgrade economic condition of manual workers, we need to pay more attention to the system of NLUP.

There are numbers of family who are engaged in plantation of Aloe Vera but most of them give it up due to lack of proper assistance of the government. In the meantime, it may be more appropriate if the government determined privatization of processing units of jatropa, tung, agarbatti, and tooth-pick and setting up large scale unit for processing meat, fishes, milk and even sweet where as importing fertilizers from outside should also be stopped. In doing so, we need the support of experts. Besides, Automobile and Aero-sports should also be privatized so as to attain more progresses.

Pu speaker, I opine it is a good idea for the government to develop the potential areas of the business such as setting up private security, photography, videography, film industry, hotel industry, fishery etc. It may as well be important for exit protocol to initiate appropriate plan for redemption our public sector units the drawback which has been repeatedly mentioned in the House. If there is appropriate plan being set up, we will be able to have prospective of marketing of any industry which may be established. If so, it must be privatized. For upliftment of such public sectors, regular marketing is so required. Thus, it is required for the state government to sign an agreement concerning such industries so that we are able to introduce more contract farming. Yet, the second stages may require careful study by the experts.  
Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Next, Pu Lalthansanga.

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, the resolution that “NLUP may be continued by the state government as achievement is seen with the beneficiaries” brought up so much concern from the members. Pu Deputy Speaker, the result of any programme of NLUP is generally seen after three years which later is supposed to be taken up under NREGA as shown here in the guidelines. Points which we have seen here are all quite attractive if it could be achieved as proposed. As known to us all, NLUP is being declared as the flagship programme of the government without any criticism as no member could be blamed for the negative outcome in particular as we all are responsible for the implementation. What is more important is to review the system of selection of the beneficiary for which I have even suggested to the government that 70% of the beneficiary be selected by the ruling party and the rest 30% by the opposition members so that any deserved people are covered by the programme and we will then be able to upgrade our economic condition. It is deeply regretted that this important programme is widely manipulated as political elements. Pu Deputy Speaker, as of the success of the programme pointed out by the Board Chairman, I must say that it is not so as I have learned from a reliable source that only a few could be counted as successful from the aforesaid areas.

During the previous ministry, Pu Liansuama, in his inaugural speech on one occasion pointed out that no matter how much the percentage of our success with NLUP is but the central would clarify us as successful anyway. As we are dealing with the case as to whether grant should be provided or not, it is important to take into account giving a penalty to any beneficiary who are found to be unsuccessful with the provision of NLUP as so provided by the guidelines. As such, I opine it is important for the government to see the implementation is well-monitored as the existing policy is based on composite scheme where as the previous one was of money scheme. In fact, livelihood of the rural people is immensely changed since the scheme prohibited any beneficiary to engage in any occupation other than trade chosen by him for NLUP. Thus, it is important for concerned authority to determine how the normal life of the people tends to change.

As pointed out by our fellow member, Pu K. Lianzuala of his apprehension that our dense forests may one day be devastated as a consequence of NLUP, it has now becoming reality with a proposal to utilize the dense forest of Hmunzawl for implementation of NLUP. Unless concerned beneficiaries are

successful, such valuable forest which has been proposed will turn become a wasteland. Apart from this, we have been blessed with a natural source of water in every part of our state as it will not be necessary for us to import drinking water if we preserve them carefully otherwise, it will damage sources of water in our state. Hence, if we have to continue with implementation of NLUP, effort should be made so that it is achieved at least by 50% by the next period. Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Next, Pu C. Ramhluna.

**Pu C. RAMHLUNA** : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Judging by the context, this Resolution is quite impressive. But considering the importance of the programme which has been declared as the flagship programme of the government, I questioned myself why moving a resolution to the House for continuation is deemed to be necessary. I assume some problems might have been evolved in the functioning of the programme. In July the 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010, the Planning Commission has approved ₹2873.13 crore for implementation of the programme in which expenditure for ₹1,200 crore also is seen. If so, it will be an obligation for any ministry who may come into power by the next ministry to utilize the said fund provision only for the exact purpose. Thus, I opine it is not necessary for the House to pass this Resolution since the case has already been approved by the Finance Commission.

In this connection, Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to point out my regret with the list of beneficiary which has been altered from time to time. In my constituency, it is a shame to learn that certain selected beneficiaries on trying to withdraw the fund which has already been approved returned empty-handed from the Apex Bank as their names had been replaced from the office of DC but remains in the beneficiary list of Apex Bank. Apart from this case, Pu Deputy Speaker, I have seen number of empty pig-pens of NLUP beneficiaries in remote villages of my constituency and I was informed by them that fund provision though already been received, no piglet to purchase and the same problem as those who opted chicken trade. So, it is necessary for concerned authority to see that beneficiaries in remote areas are provided with piglets or chicken as so supplied in Aizawl and the surrounding areas. Hence, it is necessary for concerned official to examine the case to clear up confusion with concerned people.

At the same time, I opine it is important to improve the monitoring as in my constituency, NLUP is totally failed and so is not fit for renewal as a flagship programme. In this connection, I request the mover of this Resolution to explain as to

whether the land allotted under NLUP is permanent. In 1994, allotment is done for a period of three years only as beneficiaries were given only Usufruct Rights over their land-holdings. It will be appreciated if the system of allotment of land is clarified.

To conclude my speech, it is important for concerned officials to closely see each trade as to whether the requirement is met or a specific guideline is maintained. Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

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

**Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA** : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. It is quite pleasing to see that Congress Ministry look-after the people without impartiality of which party ones belongs. All the people are being treated indifferently as students coming from Farkawn, Aizawl, Saiha or Vairengte etc. enjoy the same status in one institution which could hardly be maintained in other states.

Since the attainment of Peace Accord, we achieve peace and harmony in our state. We, the Mizos maintain our extreme lifestyle and the gap between rich and poor is growing while development is growing leaps and bound. Thus, keeping in mind the need to normalize the trend, Congress Party implemented the programme of NLUP. It is a fact that there were families in the past who were failed to upgrade their economic status with the help of NLUP since they had no experience with their newly engaged occupation which could be taken for granted.

As the era of MIP came into existence under the ministry of MNF, it was sad to learn that majority of the deserved families did not benefit the programme as it only brought tears to the underprivileged. On the other hand, whenever the Congress Party came into power, it formulated policies which emphasize on upliftment of the poor such as NLUP which is an outstanding policy of the party. As an answer to the people's prayers for 40 days with fasting, Congress Party ultimately won 32 seats of 40 by the coming General election.

NLUP surely is a valuable programme that concerns the common people as we could see the happy faces of the selected beneficiaries while receiving the sum of ₹2 or 3 lakh freely from the government. As known to us all, the policy covers the whole state and should be regarded as a successful policy even if the success percentage is only 40%. We may have failure in some areas but improvement will be made later on. Fortunately, leaders of NLUP Implementing Board formulated

Exit Protocol for upliftment of NLUP beneficiaries the system which deserve resumption even by the next ministry. In short, I do support this Resolution wholeheartedly. Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Normally, discussion of the resolution had never crossed 4:00 p.m. but we have Private Members' Bill to be taken up. If we have more members to speak, it may take more times.

**Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA** : That is right, Pu Deputy Speaker, since discussion of any resolution hardly crossed 4:00 p.m. I also have much to speak about it but I will not do so as I opine it is better to wind up the discussion for today since it is inappropriate to break our usual practices.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : Pu Deputy Speaker, we the members are all familiar with NLUP and the on-going progress with the implementation and thus nothing much left to explain here in the House. As of the success of NLUP, it is too early to say that the programme is fully achieved as it's been only 2/3 years since the programme is implemented. Hence, it may be noted by the members that this resolution is intended to encourage the concerned officials and beneficiaries as a whole. Regarding the idea of continuation of the programme also, it may be noted that NLUP, as the flagship programme constitute the whole element for economic development of our state and without partiality of which party ones supported. The issue further concern for replacement of shifting cultivation with sustainable measure for concerned families as well as for preservation of the ecology. In the meantime, it is important for us not to hesitate to praise NLUP, the main foundation of our state and the leader who spearheaded implementation of the programme. So, Pu Deputy Speaker, I express my appreciation to the programme as I give my support to this resolution. Thank you.

**Pu K.S. THANGA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, let the hon'ble Minister introduced members of NLUP Selection Committees for some members doubt the Selection Committee. I feel that the appointed members are excellent.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : It is time to wind up our discussion. It is obvious that Pu K.S. Thanga, the Parliamentary Secretary also support the resolution. Now, let us call upon Pu John Siamkunga, mover of the Resolution to wind up the discussion and beg the House to pass it.

**Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA** : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I am happy to witness that eight members participated in the discussion of my resolution with genuine interest in it. The programme might have been unsuccessful in certain areas yet, it may be taken for granted as they have no past experience with their newly occupation as for some people, their mind-set might have been distorted as a result of two decades of insurgency in Mizoram. Even so, the government makes relentless effort to achieve with the programme which concerns improvement of our economic condition. I, therefore, move the resolution for the success of NLUP. Thus, I beg the House to adopt this resolution. Thank you. Pu Deputy Speaker.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Now, the mover of the resolution begs the House to adopt the resolution. It shall now be voted.

(The resolution is voted and passed.)

**Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA** : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Our Business for today is finished. There will not be a sitting of the House on Saturday and Sunday and be resumed on Monday 10:30 a.m. The Sitting is adjourned.

(Sitting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.)

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

**LIST OF BUSINESS**

FOR TENTH SITTING ON MONDAY, THE 25TH MARCH, 2013  
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)

**QUESTIONS**

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

**LAYING OF PAPER**

2. **Pu H. LIANSILOVA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy of the Twenty First Annual Report of Mizoram Public Service Commission 2011-2012.

**PRESENTATION OF REPORTS**

3. **Pu C. RAMHLUNA**, to present to the House the Twentieth report of Public Accounts Committee on the Report of CAG of India for the year 2007-2008 relating to Taxation Department.
4. **Pu C. RAMHLUNA**, to present to the House the Twenty First Report of Public Accounts Committee on the Report of CAG of India for the year 2006-2007 relating to Power and Electricity Department.
5. **Pu C. RAMHLUNA**, to present to the House the Twenty Second Report of Public Accounts Committee on the Report of CAG of India for the year 2004- 2005 relating to Food, Civil Supplies & Consumers affairs Department.

**FINANCIAL BUSINESS**

**DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS**

6. **Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
7. **Pu H. ROHLUNA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.

NGURTHANZUALA  
Secretary.

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**SPEAKER** : Therefore, let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

1 Corinthians 10:12.

Now, we will take up question. Pu Nirupam Chakma to ask Starred Question No.141.

**Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA** : Will the hon'ble Minister Printing & Stationary Department be pleased to state-

- a) How much has been approved for strengthening the 1<sup>st</sup> Printing Institute in the North East?
- b) What is the amount of 1<sup>st</sup> installment, with date of issue?
- c) What is the amount of 2<sup>nd</sup> installment, with date of issue?
- d) What is the actual position?

**SPEAKER** : Let us call upon Pu Zoram Sangliana, Minister to give the answer.

**Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, answer to the Starred question No.14 are as follows: -

- a) ₹842.47 lakh.
- b) ₹330.38 lakh was sanctioned as 1<sup>st</sup> Installment on 25.5.2011.
- c) ₹.330.38 lakh was sanctioned as 2<sup>nd</sup> Installment on 5.11.2012.
- d) The 1<sup>st</sup> Installment is used for purchase of goods. As of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Installment, quotation is called to be finalized at SPAB.

**SPEAKER** : Pu John Siamkunga to ask starred Question No.142.

**Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA** : Will the hon'ble Minister, Home Department be pleased to state: -

How many Police Stations in Mizoram have been repaired as proposed by the 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission?

**SPEAKER** : Pu R. Lalzirliana, Minister to give the answer.

**Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, to answer starred Question No.142, there is no Police Station being repaired as proposed by 13<sup>th</sup> Finance



Commission. But, there were 11 Nos. during the year 2011-2012 and 2012-2013.

**SPEAKER** : Any supplementary Question?

**Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA** : Pu Speaker, my supplementary questions are: -

- i) What steps have been taken by the state government to rescue those kidnapped people by the insurgency groups? Is there any cooperation from the NGO?
- ii) How many persons were kidnapped and how many times kidnapping occurs during the former Ministry?

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : Supplementary question, Pu Speaker. Whether the talks between HPCD and the state government taken placed within the state subject?

**Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA** : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister give his assurance to repair Police Station of New Vervek?

**Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA** : Pu Speaker, my questions are as follows: -

- a) What is the estimate amount for construction of Police Station at Borapansuri?
- b) Whether the construction is transferred to Mizoram PWD?
- c) If the work being tendered?

**SPEAKER** : Pu R. Lalzirliana, Minister to give the answer.

**Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, let me give the answer in order of the questions.

In an effort to rescue the hostages taken by the insurgents, the government and NGOs, after discussion set-up the crisis management group and decided not give any ransom demanded by the insurgents. On learning the decision, the insurgents are reducing the amount of ransom lower and lower as a sign of their receding. On behalf of the state government, Home department has taken up follow-up action on the dialogue.

Regarding the question of repairing the Police Station, it will be taken up one by one. As of the supplementary question raised by Pu Nirupam Chakma, I cannot say the exact estimate amount. Generally, Police Station is constructed with an estimate amount of ₹50 to ₹70 lakhs. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : Now, Pu T.T. Zothansanga to ask starred Question No.143.

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

What is the quantity of fish seeds produced by Lengpui seed farm with the expenditure for such production during the following years, 2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2011-2012, and 2012-2013?

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

**Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, answer to starred Question No.143 is: -

The quantity of fish seeds produced by Lengpui seed farm during the following years are: -

Period	Common Carp	Indian Major Carp
2008-2009	2,20,000	3,30,000
2009-2010	4,29,000	3,84,000
2010-2011	5,38,000	4,02,000
2011-2012	42,750	4,06,000
2012-2013	1,90,500	4,10,500

Since breeding is presently in the process, the amount of production of fish-seed thus could not be mentioned as yet. The amounts of expenditure for the following years are:-

Period	Amount of expenditure
2008-2009	₹1,24,130/-
2009-2010	₹3,61,130/-
2010-2011	₹5,61,196/-
2011-2012	₹4,88,877/-
2012-2013	₹1,61,838/-

**SPEAKER** : Is there any supplementary question? Yes, Pu T.T. Zothansanga to ask.

**Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, my supplementary questions are as follows: -

- i) Whether the government has set-up fish mill for production of nutrition for fish? What is the result of proposal, 2012 submitted to National Fisheries Development Board?
- ii) What is the rate of carp feed and prone feed? If fish mill were set-up, what is the rate per kg?
- iii) How many seed farms that the state government has? Will setting up of seed farm be extended to other districts?
- iv) Will it also be extended to Champhai district? Is it a fact that thousands of fish seeds were released into the rivers within Mizoram?

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, whether variety of fishes locally known as Nghavang, Nghatun and Tilapia which are found in Lengpui could be encouraged for such production?

**Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA** : Pu Speaker, my Supplementary is: - How many metric-tons of fish-seeds are produced in a year? How much of effort is required to meet self-sufficiency in fish production?

**SPEAKER** : The hon'ble Ministe to give answers to the supplementary questions.

**Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, there is proposals to upgrade Fish-seed farm of Lengpui and the same size farm at three or four different places. As of the question of Pu Duhoma, I may give it later as necessary. Regarding the question of Pu John Siamkunga, no fishes have been released into the river as asked except in the hydel project of Teirei and Serlui.

**SPEAKER** : The question of Pu T.T. Zothansanga may also be answered.

**Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER** : Pu speaker, we have fish seedling centre at Lawngtlai, Ngengpui, Tamdil and Lengpui which immensely supplemented our production of fish-seeds.

**SPEAKER** : Now, let us call upon Dr. R. Lalthangliana to ask starred Question No.144 which is shared by Pu K. Liantlinga.

**Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA :** Will the hon'ble Minister for Law & Judicial Department be pleased to state: -

- a) What amount of fund provision has already been received for construction of High Court?
- b) Will the present High Court be shifted to the proposed site for High Court?
- c) Whether the Concept Papers for construction of High Court being readied?
- d) If so, whether DPR has already been prepared?

**SPEAKER :** Pu Lalsawta, Minister to give the answer.

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, answer to starred Question No.144 are as follows: -

- a) No fund is received.
- b) If the proposed site is of the building constructed for Governor's Bungalow at New Secretariat Complex, it will be shifted accordingly.
- c) Yes.
- d) DPR is being prepared by PWD as an amount of ₹9 crore for the construction will be funded by DoNER. The sanction is expected as soon as DPR is submitted to DoNER ministry.

**SPEAKER :** Now, Pu K. Liantlinga to ask supplementary question.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA :** Hon'ble Speaker, Sir, my questions are as follows: -

- i) Whether central-state matching share for any centrally sponsored scheme which is 75:25 is re-fixed at 90:10 as application submitted to the Central Government?
- ii) How much fund is received by each district for construction of District Court under Centrally Sponsored Scheme?
- iii) When will personal interview be conducted for five posts of Mizoram Judicial Service?
- iv) What step has been taken so far by the government in regard to Supreme Court case of M.N. Sultan versus UPSC relating to the said posts of Mizoram Judicial Service?

**Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA :** Pu Speaker, one more supplementary question please - Does the said DPR concern only of the building of High Court itself? Is there

any other related matters?

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalsawta, Minister to give the answer.

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, DPR of High Court concerns the main building of High Court, staff-Quarters and Bungalow. Since fund provision of only ₹9 crores of DPR will not cover entirely, additional demand may be made as necessary.

Regarding the question of Pu K. Liantlinga, the matching share for central-state for specially categorized states of the North-East is changed from 75:25 to 90:10 in 2011.

The question regarding Mizoram Judicial Service, conducting personal interview is not the purview of the state government but of the High Court and MPSC. It may not be conducted during the month of March as expected.

The case of M.N. Sultan versus the Supreme Court too is not the purview of the state Government.

**SPEAKER** : Pu B. Lalthlengliana to ask starred Question No.145.

**Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA:** Will the Hon'ble Minister, Home Department be pleased to state: -

- a) How many posts are lying vacant in various ranks under Home Department?
- b) If so, what is the reason?
- c) What is the problem there-in?

**SPEAKER** : Pu R. Lalzirliana, Minister to give answer.

**Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, answers to starred Question No.145 are as follows: -

Vacant post under Home Department: -

1. Police Headquarters	-	1082
2. MRHG	-	25
3. F & ES	-	4
4. Prison	-	50

5. SW & R - 1

Vacant posts (in rank-wise): -

**Police Headquarters: -**

1. SP (Ministerial)	-	1
2. Additional SP (Ministerial)	-	1
3. Sr. Grade, MPS	-	7
4. Jr. Grade, MPS	-	19
5. Dy. SP (MPRO)	-	1
6. Asst. Director, FSL (Finger Print)	-	1
7. JSO (Finger Print)	-	1
8. Inspector of Police (UB/AB/M/MPRO)-		7
9. SI (UB/AB/M/MPRO)	-	29
10. ASI (UB/AB/M/MPRO)	-	59
11. HC/Hav. (UB/AB/MPRO)	-	65
12. Driver (UB/AB/MPRO)	-	1
13. Constable (UB/AB)	-	882
14. IV Grade/Flr. (WT)	-	8

**MRHG: -**

1. Junior staff Officer	-	1
2. Assistant	-	1
3. UDC	-	1
4. Steno grade-111	-	2
5. Adm. Subedar	-	2
6. LDC	-	2
7. Driver	-	2
8. Hav. Instructor	-	2
9. Demonstrator	-	1
10. Kote Havvildar	-	1
11. Junior Instructor	-	1
12. QG Havildar	-	1
13. Guardman	-	4
14. IV Grade	-	4

**F & ES: -**

1. Station Officer	-	1
2. Sub- Station Officer	-	3

**PRISONS: -**

1. Jail Warder	-	39
2. Head Warder	-	4
3. Asst. Jailor	-	7

**SW & R: -**

District Sainik Welfare & Resettlement Officer, Kolosib	-	1
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**Total - 1,116.**

The reason for not filling up the said posts is financial problem.

**SPEAKER** : Pu B. Lalthlengliana to ask Supplementary Question.

**Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA:** Pu Speaker, we may have problems to fill up such posts. Anyhow, I opine it is important to consider at least promotion quota?

**SPEAKER** : Pu R. Lalzirliana, Minister to give the answer.

**Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER :** Thank you, Pu Speaker. It is quite appreciative as the hon'ble members have given importance to Home Department. Financial demand is made for filling up of the vacant posts and even determines promotion for the feeder posts. We may be able to fill up some posts as our financial situation is improved.

**SPEAKER** : Pu K. Liantlinga, to ask starred Question No.146.

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

How many Brick Industries are there under the maintenance of the State government and where?

**SPEAKER** : Pu Zodintluanga, Minister to give answer.

**Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, answer to starred Question No.146 is as follows: -

The Department has 19 Nos. of registered Brick Industries, such as: -

1. RDL Brick Industry, Zawlnuam.
2. CMI Brick Industry, Bawngva, Mamit.
3. Prima Brick Industry, Zero Point, Saihapui Road, Kolasib.
4. RM Brick Industry, Phaileng Zau, Bilkhawthlir.
5. VLS Brick Industry, Champhai Vengthlang.
6. Ralte Brick Industry, Khawzawl Vengthar.
7. Grace Brick Industry, Dinthar, Khawzawl.
8. D. Mualkhang Bricks, Leisenzo.
9. LNS Brick Industry, Venglai, Lunglei.
10. RL Brick Industry, Thenzawl.
11. New Brick & Hollow Block, Thenzawl.
12. Zopar Brick Industry, Phairuankai.
13. Zawlpui Brick Industry, Zawlpui.
14. LCK Brick Industry, Ngengpui.
15. Western Brick Making Industry, Khawmawi.
16. Tata Brick Making Industry, Kawlchaw 'W'.
17. PCB Brick Industry, Kawlchaw 'W'.
18. Kaladan Brick Industry, Maubawk 'CH'.
19. Mizoram Brick Industry, Bairabi.

**SPEAKER** : Pu K. Liantlinga, to ask Supplementary Question.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Pu Speaker, it appears that Way-bill and Tax is free for bricks imported from Cachar, Assam while Taxation and Geology & Mineral Resources department are imposing tax on local productions. Is not it more appropriate to impose tax on imported bricks and exempted the same on local brick industries?

**SPEAKER** : Pu Zodintluanga, Minister to give the answer.

**Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, the State government does not impose tax or way-bill and it is of free transportation.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalrobiaka to ask Starred Question No.147.

**Pu LALROBIAKA** : Will the hon'ble Minister LAD and UD & PA be pleased to state: - Which Department undertakes Sanitation Wing?



**SPEAKER** : Pu Zodintluanga, Minister to give the answer.

**Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, Sanitation Wing belongs to Aizawl Municipal Council.

**SPEAKER** : Any supplementary question?

**Pu LALROBIAKA** : Pu Speaker, it is learned that the State government maintains Sanitation on PPP mode. The dumping ground at Tuirial produces large volume of smoke anytime. If such smokes affects public health?

**Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, is there any proposal to set up the office of UD & PA in the area between Zotlang and Kanan?

**SPEAKER** : Pu Zodintluanga, Minister, to give the answer.

**Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, the answer to Pu Lalrobiaka Supplementary Question is that we are satisfied with PPP mode of garbage trailer system of disposing waste. Now our drainage system is clean and so is the city.

From SIPMU, the DPR for solid waste management has been submitted to central Govt. as appraisals have been received. We are expecting to start shortly from now.

As for the question of the hon'ble member Pu T.T Zothansanga, it is the desire of the government to start implementing these systems in various districts as soon as possible. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : We will move on to next starred Question, No.148. Let us call Pu T.T Zothansanga.

**Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon'ble Minister for Fisheries Department be pleased to state –

What is our present position to import prawns?

**SPEAKER** : To answer the question let us call the hon'ble Minister, Pu R. Lalzirliana.

**Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, in the year 2005 - 2006, 2006 - 2007 and 2007 – 2008, large variety of prawns have been imported which was very successful under the guidance of CIFE, Bombay(ICAR). Now with their guidance, hatchery has been made at Lengpui Fish Seed farm.

This year on April 2013, with the help of CIFE Bombay, there will be training for 15 days at Lengpui Fish Seed farm. After training, rearing of prawns will begin.

**Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA :** Pu Speaker, thank you. What would be the total expenditure for prawns rearing? And what is the size expected in Mizoram?

**Pu K. LIANZUALA :** Pu Speaker, Is there any proposal to make crab farm, now that we have fish farm, prawn farm?

**Pu LALROBIAKA :** Pu Speaker, thank you. Will it be privatized? Is there any proposal to set up crab farm?

**SPEAKER :** To answer the question let us call hon'ble Minister.

**Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, I cannot give the exact amount of expenditure required, as of now, I will inform later.

As for harvesting, it is expected 2/3 times a year. Pu Speaker, Prawns project will be given to private persons. As for crab farm, there is no proposal as of now.

**SPEAKER :** To ask starred Question No.149, let us call hon'ble member Pu C. Ramhluna.

**Pu C. RAMHLUNA :** Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon'ble Home Minister be pleased to state: -

- a) If there is any proposal to place I.R. Battalion at Thingkah?
- b) If so, what step has been taken so far?
- c) When will the Battalion be placed?

**SPEAKER :** To answer the questions, let us call hon'ble Minister.

**Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER :** Pu speaker, thank you. The answers to the hon'ble member's questions are as follows: -

- a) Yes.
- b) To deploy I.R.battalion at Thingkah, Mizoram Home department and consultancy firm had signed MoU as the detail Project Report has been submitted to DoNER. We are waiting for the approval of Planning Department. Once fund is sanctioned, they will immediately be deployed. Thank you.

**SPEAKER :** Question hour is over. Now we will move on to laying of papers. Let us call Pu H. Liansailova to lay, "The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Report of Mizoram Public Service Commission, 2011-2012" on the table of the House.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, with your permission and the House I lay on the table of the House The twenty first Mizoram Public Service Commission Annual Report 2011-2012.

**SPEAKER :** Let the copy be distributed. We will now call Pu C. Ramhluna to present the following Reports: -

- 1) The 20<sup>th</sup> Report of Public Accounts committee on the Report of CAG of India for the year 2007-2008 relating to taxation Department.
- 2) The 21<sup>st</sup> Report of Public Accounts committee on the Report of CAG of India for the year 2006-2007 relating to Power & Electricity Department.
- 3) The 22<sup>nd</sup> Report of Public Accounts committee on the Report of CAG of India for the year 2004-2005 relating to Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department.

**Pu C. RAMHLUNA :** Pu Speaker, this is the fifth report presented by Public Accounts committee during this Assembly session. Today we are presenting three reports such as:-

- 1) Taxation Department - 21<sup>st</sup> Report.
- 2) Power & Electricity Department - 21<sup>st</sup> Report.
- 3) Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department - 22<sup>nd</sup> Report.

Pu Speaker, as practice by states like Kerala, Maharashtra and Karnataka, as I present these reports I am grateful that you have given me time to make a brief speech.

In the 20<sup>th</sup> Report concerning Taxation Department, 2007-2008 report is presented. Section 31(C) Under Zoram Value Added Tax Act 2005 rules, which concerns if businessmen intend to hide their sales in order to avoid tax commissioner of Taxes have the power to imposed penalty. Thus, audit party found out that, Paradise Enterprise reported sales of Cement as ₹8 lakhs during 2004-2005 paying only ₹1 lakhs as tax. But, while auditing their sales it was found that their actual sales were ₹19.8 lakhs. Pu Speaker, therefore as per report they are to pay penalty with interest of ₹20.67 lakhs. Paradise Enterprise are given time till 30.4.2009. But they are unable to fulfill this demand. Thus, case was registered on 13.10,2009 under certificate officer, DC office. However, Mizoram Public Demand Recovery Amendment Act, 2010 came into existence. Pu Speaker, certificate officer stated that Taxation Department should seized property of defaulter. But, on the other hand, taxation Department claim that it is not loan recovery, but tax evasion. This led to clash of opinion between two Departments. Pu Speaker, due to this, PAC made recommendation that is –Taxation Department should propose for investment of movable and immoveable to businessmen. Then, certificate officer should take swift action. Certificate officer should report work progress quarterly to Taxation Department. It is believe that Public Demand recovery 2011 is not strong enough, thus it should be given to Low Commission for review.

In chapter 2, Pu Speaker, M/S S.T. Enterprise, Lower Chanmari sold goods for ₹270 lakhs in the year 2005-2006. Out of this sale, the agency is to pay tax of ₹26 lakhs 93,000 thousand. Out of the total amount payable the agency payed only ₹3,90,000 lakhs, the remaining ₹23,03,000/- lakhs have not been recovered till 2008. Under Mizoram VAT Act section 23(4) the agency is to pay the penalty and interest. However, as requested by the agency to pay in installment, they have started to clear certain amount. Pu Speaker, ₹10 lakhs 67,320 thousand is still remaining with interest of ₹15 lakhs, 67,320 thousand. The Department will submit the report to certificate officer, and the officer will recover the remaining amount. It is further mentioned that certificate officer will intimidate PAC on tax balance.

The 25<sup>th</sup> Report is about P & E Department. During the year 2006-2007, the Department received ₹49.5 crores for implementation of various works from Minister of Power. Out of this amount till 2007 March ₹38.85 crores has been utilized in implementing works with ₹10.20 lakhs remaining. Pu Speaker, however, the remaining fund of ₹10.20 lakhs is shown as utilized as well, With Utilization certificate issued. After careful enquiry by PAC, the Department stated that – at the end of financial year if utilization certificate is not issued it will hamper the release of

fund for the next financial year. Infact, Pu Speaker, they received the fund late only towards the end of the ongoing financial year. PAC recommended that in future such funds should not be deposited for long in civil deposit, but should be utilized quickly.

Chapter 2 is about P & E Department receiving fund from ARD, RP during the year 2005-2006, according to monthly account ₹258 lakhs, only 10% payment vouchers is available, where as the fund has been utilised in full. PAC on December 2006, demanded for details and expenditure supply order, Xerox copy on measurement book. They were unable to produce. After further examination, by PAC, the Department stated that they received the fund late, thus they were unable to utilise in the year 2005 & 2006. Therefore, the Department deposited in civil deposit. They further stated that voucher is available. PAC demanded that Voucher should be produce. At first PAC was informed that Voucher is in Division. Later, when produced, the Department have utilized up to 2009-2010. The committee took this matter seriously and was concern. Therefore, PAC recommended that, inspite of the Department reporting that the fund has been utilised during the year 2005 and 2006, it is still utilizing during the year 2009-2010. Why have the Department kept the fund in civil deposit. The Department should clarify.

Chapter 3 is about fund received by P & E Department to acquire asset for ₹111.28 crores. It was revised to 108.74. Out of this amount 106.2 crores have been utilised. PAC enquired about the location and name of work. The Department's answer was, the documents are lying in various Departments. PAC demanded that the documents be collected immediately and produce before PAC for examination.

Chapter 4 concerns the work completion report and expenditure which does not tally, from Khawzawl and Champhai circle. PAC does not understand and took the matter seriously. From now on PAC, demand that Department should give reliable information and report.

The 22<sup>nd</sup> report is about FC & CS Department's misappropriation and shortage of cash. From the Audit report in the years before 1992, there was misappropriation of sugar and rice worth ₹3.70 crores by 89 BDOs and AOs. Out of this amount, 22% have been recovered and 77% is yet to be recovered, which is ₹2.88 crores. 23 officers are responsible for ₹1.68 crores misappropriation. As per 2005 report some officers are suspended and some terminated, while some died. Likewise, in the year 2002-2003, to 2004-2005, 140 department officers are responsible for misappropriation of rice and sugar. ₹1.82 crores have been recovered and the rest

₹2.52 crores is not recovered till September 2005. During the year 2001-2004, the department have physical verification at 59 centers and found ₹6.55 crores missing. In 4 Districts, ₹1.15 crores worth rice and ₹16.55 worth cash are missing. Pu Speaker, from what all information received by PAC from various departments, PAC is concern as to how officers who have case are given clearance for promotion and Pension. As per memorandum issued by Chief Secretary Government of Mizoram on 27<sup>th</sup> August, 1971, it is highlighted that no promotion, confirmation and service, crossing of CB, Pension should be entertained. PAC carefully examines the copy of the memorandum. It is a concern to PAC as to how Vigilance department could issue clearance in spite of this order.

Also, Pu Speaker the department made a write off proposal against these officers since some officers are dead and, some have gone on Pension, PAC made a recommendation as following – The department should submit the write off proposal to Finance department with clear justification. If not it is a burden of liabilities for the government. In future, while approving promotion of Government servants, the department concern should bear in mind the Chief Secretary's O.M dated 27.8.1991. Concern officers should be careful in giving vigilance clearance.

Pu Speaker, with your permission and the House, I lay the following PAC Reports in the Sixth Mizoram Legislature Assembly: -

- 1) The 20<sup>th</sup> Report relating to Taxation Department,
- 2) The 21<sup>st</sup> Report relating to Power & Electricity department
- 3) The 22<sup>nd</sup> Report relating to Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs department.

**SPEAKER** : As representation of the House, committees are submitting their reports on enquiry. Like the Chairman have mentioned, in other states they make clarification of the reports. It is easier for us, for those who are not among the committee to understand. Let the copy be distributed.

We will now move to the next list of business, which is financial business. We will take up the demands of two Ministers, Pu P.C Zoram Sangliana and Pu H.Rohluna. Let us call Pu P.C Zoram Sangliana to submit his demand.

**Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission Sir, I move the following Demands of the departments under my concern: -

<b>Demand Nos.</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Demand No.18	Printing & Stationary	₹12,29,45,000.00
Demand No.23	Art & Culture	₹8,68,79,000.00
Demand No.42	Transport	₹43,90,91,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>₹64,89,15,000.00</b>

Thank you, Sir.

**SPEAKER** : Let us call Pu H.Rohluna, Minister to submit his demand.

**Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission Sir, I move the following demands of the departments under my concern: -

<b>Demand Nos.</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Demand No.17	Food, Civil Supplies & Consumers Affairs	₹2,45,40,44,000.00
Demand No.36	Environment & Forest	₹84,42,04,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>₹3,29,82,48,000.00</b>

Thank you, Sir.

**SPEAKER** : Now that the Minister has submitted their demand, we will start discussion. Each member will be given 10 minutes. Warning bell will ring at 8 minutes. Opposition group leader will be given 15 minutes. Alright, Pu R.L. Pianmawia will start.

**Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. First of all I would like to speak about Printing & Stationary department, Demand No.18. Under the able leadership of our Minister, the infrastructure of printing and stationery has been upgraded. But, I would request that the next issue of Mizoram calendar should be printed in Mizoram.

Demand No. 23 Art & Culture. Being from rural constituency, subsidy items from NGO were of great benefits. But now these items have decreased. I would request if these items can be increased again, there is one point I would like to thank the department for. Pu Speaker, recently they brought Art & culture Museum items to Darlawn for the people to view. This was such a significant and thoughtful gesture by

the department I am so very grateful for this. I would also like to thank for Y.M.A library at Darlawn chhim veng. There are various libraries which need to be up graded; I request that steps be taken for up gradation of these libraries.

Demand No. 42, Transport. I would first of all like to thank for Vaitin and Zohmun bus services. Pu Speaker, there is one important point I would like point out in transport department system which other Minister should also take note of – The files are rotated from person to person, which means, the same person does not hold the same file for long. This is a very wise move by the Minister. This practice can prevent misappropriation to a certain extent and incurred efficiency.

Demand No.12, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs. I would like to thank for solving the problem of gas, and rice. Knowing the difficulty faced by the people of my constituency we have been given Gas Agency at Darlawn. And, another agency has been tendered for Sakawrdai. I thank the Minister for showing favor towards us. I would also like to thank for distributing coffin under Bamboo Mission and materials under IDFV.

Rest House at Darlawn has been damaged. I request that if possible the building needs to be re-constructed. Or, if this is not possible at least consider for repair.

Pu Speaker, just a point in regard to timber royalty. I wish there is a way to stop royalty for purchasing Wood Plank for construction of own house. I request the hon'ble Minister to please take note of this.

Lastly, food and civil Supply, in rural areas the people are mostly farmers. Pu Speaker, the allotted quote of rice per person which is 2 kgs only is a bit too less. I request if this could be increased to 3 kgs. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Next, Pu C. Ramhluna.

**Pu C. RAMHLUNA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. Demand No. 18 – Printing & Stationery. The RBE for the department is very low this year. Last year it was 148.64, whereas this year it is only 110. If it could at least be with per as last year.

In Printing & Stationery department, previously departments purchase goods from them. But due to inferior qualities, department stops purchasing goods.



Whatever, the case may be, Pu Speaker, the department does not have vehicle to supply goods, and they have only three depots, which are Aizawl, Lunglei and Saiha. The rest of other District does not have depots. Thus, I suggest that stationery shop should be approved by Printing and Stationery department for purchasing stationery items. There is improvement in Printing Press; it would be interesting to know if calendars and Dairies have been printed at the Government Press. The hon'ble Ministers achievement is commendable.

Coming to Art & Culture, Demand No.23, as highlighted on Demand for Grants under Minor works, ₹152.2 lakhs is allotted. However, this amount is not highlighted in plan under work programmed, but ₹300 lakhs is highlighted instead. I would request the hon'ble Minister to clarify in his wind up the reason. Pu Speaker, for library ₹23 lakhs is allotted. I request the hon'ble Minister to please allot library in my constituency at Chawngte 'P'. I would like to know if District gazette could be distributed to MLAs. I would also like to ask if Art & Culture department could issue subsidy materials this year.

Demand No.42, Transport department. I would like to thank the hon'ble Minister for giving Taxi permit, Maxi cab permit, Auto Rickshaw permit in my constituency. I request the hon'ble Minister to please continue this kind gesture. Pu Speaker, I would request for Lawngtlai and Vaseikai MST bus service. And, there is one more point I would like to highlight that is, Lawngtlai District DTO post is taken up by BDO, Pu Speaker, if this problem of one person holding two posts could be solved since there is inefficiency in its functioning.

Demand No.17, Food and Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs department. The fund allotment for the department is not increased. In Minor works, ₹19 lakhs is allotted for maintaining 25 Godowns. Pu Speaker, there are 154 Godowns and the Godowns in rural areas are in poor condition, thus, the fund allotment for the year is too less.

Pu Speaker, last year during monsoon season, we suffered shortage of rice. Therefore, I request the government to step up for monsoon stock this year. Also, 2 kgs of rice for one person per week is a bit less. It will be appreciated if it could be increased at least to 3 kgs for the month of June, July, August and September. 10 kgs rice under Annapurna from Social Welfare Department for old age above 65 years is commendable. Will it be continued this year?

Demand No.36, Environment & Forest. There is a notification to shift

Lawntlai Forest Division. But I have requested Chief Minister at the State Board for wildlife meeting not to shift and to let it remain under State government and not District councils. Will the hon'ble Minister take note of this?

Pu Speaker, In State board for wildlife meeting, I requested the hon'ble Chief Minister to give compensation to Pu Lalthanzuala of AOC Lawngtlai who was bitten by snake. The hon'ble Chief Minister agreed, I am grateful for this assurance. But, compensation has not been given to him till date. I request the hon'ble Minister to please take note of this as well.

I thank the hon'ble Minister for making assets under National Bamboo Mission. But I would request that, proper maintenance should be given to these assets. Pu Speaker, thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte.

**Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE** : Pu Speaker, thank you. I will start with Printing & Stationery department. The hon'ble Minister is worth giving praise for the up-gradation of this department. As the hon'ble Minister have mentioned, in spite of the well equipped Printing Press that we have, the full potential have not been utilised. It would be advisable if proper review could be made in this regard. Pu Speaker, it is interesting to know the existing condition of colony of Printing & Stationery being set up at Chawnpui veng. It will be pleased if the Minister could enlighten the House in regard to steps taken for economic drive.

Demand No.23, Art & Culture. The hon'ble Minister has popularized Art & Culture in every locality. Every Art & Culture club is fit to perform. Recently, Awithangpa Y.M.A group conference held at Kawnpui, there was cultural competition. The winner was selected for Bharat Dharshan.

Pu Speaker, we are able to purchase Mizo Puandum, Puan chei at cheaper rate from Art & Culture. Under quota system, I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to please increase the allotted quota, as it is in-sufficient. I would also request the hon'ble Minister to try and secure more funds from Raja Ram Mohan Roy Library Foundation for allotment of libraries for various YMA groups.

In Transport, the performance of MST bus is commendable. Pu Speaker, if the hon'ble Minister could give information about those surplus drivers. I

am grateful for the project of inland water transport. My constituency benefitted from this transport, it is delighting to know that the department has acquired 160 boats.

Demand No.17, Foods, Civil Supply & Consumer Affairs. This department was spoken a lot during the last session. But, due to the able House Leader and the Minister's efficiency in management, the problems have been solved to a certain extents. K. Oil quota is outdated, Pu Speaker, I would like to ask if the hon'ble Minister could increased the quota as the consumption rate is very high in rural area.

Demand No.26, Environment & Forest. Last week, experts discussed as to what could be the cause of deforestation. Their finding was that it is obviously due to the practice of jhumming and export of Bamboos and timbers. Pu Speaker, I would request the hon'ble Minister to restrict bamboo shoot harvesting to safe deforestation. Pu Speaker, last year, huge scale of Bamboo was caught at Tlawng River for export and the hon'ble Minister will be aware of this. This makes me believe that large scale of Bamboo is being exported without the knowledge of the government. Anyway, I give my support to the Demands of two hon'ble Ministers. Pu Speaker, thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu K. Lianzuala

**Pu K. LIANZUALA** : Pu Speaker, I am grateful that we are able to discuss the Demands of two hon'ble Ministers.

I request the Art & Culture department to continue sponsoring Chapchar Kut at Champhai.

Going on to Transport department, Pu Deputy Speaker, is there any way to fix hiring rate of commercial vehicles such as Pick-up truck, 407, 709, 911, as in commercial Bus?

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Now, let us call Pu. K. Lalrinthanga.

**Pu K. LALRINTHANGA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. To start with Demand No.18, Printing & Stationary, i opine the department should continue supplying stationery materials to all the departments. Even if there is doubt regarding the quality of material which may be supplied, there is a mean to control it just as the

PWD practiced blacklisting method to curb out substandard supply. Another thing i want to suggest is inclusion of photos taken by Zoom Kolasib Photographers Association in the Mizoram Calendar.

I applaud performance of hon'ble Ministers of Transport as well as Food & Civil Supplies respectively for restriction of issuing Taxi permit and renewing Inland Water Transport system to ensure unlimited supply of ration.

Concerning Environment & Forest department, is there a way for the department to curb out illegal trading of timber by the Bamboo mahalder? Lastly, i express my support for the demands of the two hon'ble Ministers.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Let us invite Pu. K. Liantlinga

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. Coming straight to the budget proposal of ₹12.29 crore in respect of Printing & Stationery Department, no work programme is seen as to how the budget will be utilized. Likewise, it is not shown how fund received by Art & Culture Department from the 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission will be utilized. Is it possible to show in more specific manner?

At the same time, Pu Deputy Speaker, Transport department deserves credit for providing its work plan. Yet, one thing i would like to suggest is fixation of hiring rate to commercial vehicles according to their categories.

Regarding Food & Civil Supplies department, I would like to know if it is possible to implement consumer registration system on domestic cooking gas so that the distribution can be more even in urban and rural areas.

Lastly, Pu Deputy Speaker, budget provisions of Environment & Forest department from the 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission amounting to ₹4,280 crore and ₹1,349 crore allotted for Minor works are truly appreciated but again it is not reflected in the work programme. In this connection, I opine it is wise for concerned authority to stop restriction on timber trade within our state as the demand is unlimited as it only brings problem to lower income group.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu R. Selthuama

**Pu R. SELTHUAMA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to make

comments on several issues on Demand No. 36, Forest, first, we are all concern with the rapid drying up of water hole in different areas. In resolving the problem, the department should make intensive effort to reservation of our forests and in coordination with other departments. Due to periodical mass-destruction of bamboos by rodents, large amount of bamboos dies and so preservation should be done with our best effort.

In the meantime, On Demand No.17, efforts made by concerned minister to improve the system as well as supply of cooking gas is worth mentioning.

On Demand No.42, I appreciate Transport department on the proposal for purchase of 3 newly buses. In this connection, I would like to suggest that bus fare should be fixed at lower rate than that of maxi-cab service considering the increasing popularity of the latter and if necessary, more buses may be purchased to attract more passengers. On Traffic management, it is hopeful that Aizawl city is transformed into a beautiful city if land which may be vacated by the Assam Rifles is used in appropriate manner.

One more point on Printing & Stationary, it is learned that 105 new posts being created but could not be filled as yet. Will the department of Finance and DP & AR prioritize filling up of such posts?

On Art & Culture department, i request the department to find possible means to construct more rooms for our local library.

**SPEAKER** : Col. Z.S. Zuala, next.

**Lt. Col. Z.S. ZUALA** : Pu Speaker, to go straight to Food & Civil Supply, I applaud the efforts of the Minister for cooking gas supply and regular ration distribution. On Demand No.36, concerning Environment & Forest department, I have witnessed on the spot the destruction of forest in Chalfilh area and I think immediate measures should be taken to stop further destruction. One suggestion I would like to make in this connection is establishment Ecology Territorial Army.

On Transport department, I would like to ask whether introduction of high-security plate really necessary. May the hon'ble Minister explain later how high security plate exactly helps recovering stolen vehicles? I think the department needs to improve the function of the Railway Out Agency and also encourage the people to

make the best use of it. On Inland Water Transport system, I opine it has nothing much to offer in terms of goods or passengers transportation.

I appreciate efforts made by the minister of Art & Culture department for promoting our culture. Lastly, I do hope Printing & Stationary is improving with the newly purchased machineries. I express my support to pass the demand of both Ministers.

**Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUIA :** Pu Speaker, I, first of all would like to urge all the departments to support the Printing & Stationary department on the plan to raise the revenue.

On Art & Culture, I would like to know if Music & Fine Arts still in function in Aizawl. If not, may this branch be shifted to other District Capitals so that more people benefitted? Another thing i would like to request the concerned minister to simplify the process of procurement of traditional dress which I think could be done in coordination with ZOHANDCO.

On Demand No.42, it is a fact that some areas in the western region can be communicated only by boat as the concerned MLA too has no alternate choice than travel in the area by boat. As such is the case, I opine inland water communication is of utmost important as I support initiative of the government.

On Demand No.36, i think the department needs to cooperate with NGOs and Churches to raise the level of awareness on environmental issues and at the same time, may the minister provide more bamboo plants where plan for Afforestation is taken up?

Lastly, I give credit to the Minister of Food & Civil Supply for giving a straight reaction to the problem of supply of cooking gas and plan for stocking the supply for monsoon season particularly in the remote areas such as Phuaibuang and Khawlian. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Next, Pu N.P. Chakma

**Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA :** Pu Speaker, when a retailer procured the supply, say, 50 quintals for a week, 20 qtls is deducted as a commission and the rest being deposited. But this is not so in our case as most of the times, the retailer paid the

commission from his own pocket and when he cannot get his bill, 50% of the allotment is being sold. I urge the Minister to find a way to stop this practice. At the same time, I request him to install petrol pump at Chawngte as he has done so with gas agency.

On Transport, Pu Speaker, boat being a regular mode of transportation in my area, we really needs boat-guards which may be included in the DPR. Besides, we need more permits of commercial vehicle as we have not enough service in my area. On Art & Culture, i think we need to give more efforts so that our beautiful festival is publicized worldwide.

On a personal matter, I would like to inform the House that I made a commitment to the people of my constituency that I will not contest again in the next election as I try to honor that commitment. So, Pu Speaker, this will be my last time here in the House. If I have hurt the feelings of my fellow members during my tenures in this august House, I beg your forgiveness. Thank you very much, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : We will have a recess now and discussion will be resumed at 4:30 p.m.

#### **4:30 P.M.**

**SPEAKER** : So far, 16 members participated in the discussion; I now call Pu P.P. Thawla to have his time.

**Pu P.P. THAWLA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. I once again would like to express my appreciation to the hon'ble minister of Supply department to give a close attention to the area beyond Kawlchaw river of Saiha District so that concerned people had gone through this coming monsoon without substantial problem. As pointed out by my fellow member, I would also like stress the need to determine the case of supply retailers so that they may be able to draw their bills without approaching DCSO office.

On Demand No.23, I appeal to concerned minister to increase the number of items issued to each member on subsidized rate such as guitar, P.A. sets etc. At the same time, it is important to continue with setting up excursion for rural students which is greatly benefitted.

Going on to Demand No.42, Transport department, I request concerned minister to include Lodaw-Kawlchaw under the project of Inland Water Transportation so as Darzokai and Tuipui ferry which linked Lawngtlai and Saiha. I would further like to stress the importance of MST bus service particularly in rural areas as it is a cheaper means of conveyance compare to maxi-cab or private buses.

In Saiha district, maintenance of BDO, DTO and Station Superintendent are placed under one MCS officer. So, I would like to make an appeal to concerned minister to appoint separate BDO for the assigned work is loaded as it is inconvenient for him to look after three departments the office locations which are of quite divergent to one another. Lastly, I convey my support to pass both Demands.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalduhoma.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, let me start with the State's Zoo workers which comprises 22 MR employees such as 2 skilled-II, 2 semi-skilled and the rest unskilled. Is there any way to regularise their services under the Regularisation of Muster Roll Employees Scheme? I would also like to know if this scheme based on departmental seniority or is centralized. It may as well be appreciated if 13 months pay is provided to such employees as they do not have any provision of leave.

I have repeatedly pointed out regarding the problems created by the FCI Godown of Ramrikawn. Pu Speaker, what is the progress of the plan for shifting the location? At the same time, how about the weigh bridge at Vairengte which is allegedly being abandoned by the department and, setting up of the Territorial Army? Whether concerned authority found a reliable funding source to that effect?

Pu Speaker, I have a new idea on the best use of our Sanctuaries; why not put it all across our borders to prevent illegal immigrants or illegal entry of foreigners?

On Demand No.18, I opine this should be privatized. On Art & Culture, I would like to mention once again the need of a library to Dinthar YMA Branch, Sairang and, also to consider placing of our questions as per our original alphabetic order such as A, Aw, B, so as to preserve our Mizo customs and traditions.

On Demand No.17, Mualkhang Bottling Plant is not functioning



regularly nowadays due to shortage of supply. It is learned that the IOC authority allegedly could not agree with the terms of compensation particularly the amount claimed on plants and vegetables within the proposed areas. I therefore opine that the existing rate of compensation may be revised according to the land value a particular area, for example, ₹40/- and ₹15 sq. ft. within Serchhip and Kolasib District since both are district headquarters.

Pu Speaker, rationalization of carrying Bill as pointed out by my fellow members is admirable yet, it is necessary for the minister to clarify the amount of unpaid bills of FCI in respect to the government under the Hill State Transport Subsidy.

As of the case of misconduct officers as pointed out, I would like to point out that the former Chief Secretary, Pu F. Pahnuna, issued a befitting office memorandum citing that pertinent details be included on their service sheet in case of promotion, confirmation or superannuation but this was not utilise, this need to be enforced not only to a single department, but to all department.

On Demand No.46, it is learned that this ministry includes the welfare of the drivers in their party Manifesto. If so, what step has been taken so far to achieve the manifesto?

Lastly, under the Inland Water Transport System, i urge the government to pay attention to the problems in Asmanidar, Chanmari-kawi and Buichali.

**SPEAKER** : Dr. R. Lalthangliana.

**Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA** : Pu Speaker, to start from Environment & Forest department, it is known to us all that carbon emission and Green House effect are the main reason of global warming. Deforestation is another cause as its effect it diminishes water sources across the country. I opine providing environmental awareness campaign is of utmost importance to alleviate the problem.

Under the same demand, Advance Research Centre for Cane and Bamboo was set up at Bethlehem Veng during the previous government and Bio-diversity Conservation for Rural Livelihood Improvement Project at Dampa Tiger Reserve Forest, both of which known to be the only project of its kind in the North

East. What progress has been made to that concern? Is it a fact that the latter project has already been decommissioned?

On issue of Working Plan, the previous government made it in respect to the project at Kawrthah but was unable to utilize it. If that is the case, can we at least restructure the work as it is hopeful that the situation is different?

On Transport department, I would like to make an appeal to the minister to consider a regular service of MST bus to Vathuampui, Vanhne and Buarpuui villages of Lunglei district. At the same time, I request him to determine fund for setting up of inspection ground as we still do not have Driving Test Ground; i think it can be availed from Road Safety Fund.

Lastly, regarding Art & Culture Department, Cultural Centre of Lunglei remains unfunctioned till today. Is the hon'ble minister aware of this? Pu Speaker, I also suggest we should renovate our Museums and Archives as well. Thank you

**SPEAKER** : I will now call upon the hon'ble Minister Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana to wind up the discussion of his Demands.

**Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, first, I thank the hon'ble members for their active participations, their constructive ideas and thoughts.

Regarding Printing & Stationery, we are now equipped with new machineries and quality printing could now be processed at Printing & Stationery Department as we no longer need to go to other states for high quality printing. We also have an official website where Mizoram Gazette and other important notices will be placed. Again, through this website, all the departments will be able to know the status of stationery goods as we also have Stationery Depot in different districts. There is a proposal to make use of the departmental lands at Chawnpui and Luangmual and we have almost completed the DPR to that effect.

As to the question by Pu T.T Zothansanga, we have almost completed the DPR for placing a digital press in every District Capital. As questioned by Pu K. Rinthanga, the stock status of our stationery items will be updated in our website. Our hon'ble members are of the opinion that fund allocation on Printing & Stationery under Plan fund as ₹110 lakhs and ₹119.45 under Non-Plan. The main reason is, we

receive NLCPR from the Central Government and this will be included in the RE and only then we will be able to know the exact amount of fund allocation.

Pu Speaker, under Art & Culture Department, regarding District Gazetteer, we have published a District Gazetteer which is made available from Tribal Research Institute. Regarding Grant-in-Aid as questioned by Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte, I must that we do not enjoy such provisions. On issue of cultural dresses at a subsidized rate, it is not meant for the members but only enjoyed by a registered NGO's yet, we gives special attention to a recommendation of any member.

On our topic of heritage sites, people become more aware of its value and there are many sites which need to be preserved; I believe it is because of the world record we have made through Cheraw dance in 2010. We have also constructed 65 Nos. of Libraries and have collected a huge amount of books which adds up the total to 84,110 books with 8,796 members, 4,305 adults and 4,491 children. In cooperation with RRRLF, we have 459 Nos. of Rural Libraries and have distributed 60 Nos. of store materials. We also fumigate our Archives periodically in order to protect the old documents. Construction of Museum Extension is also in progress in the New Secretariat Complex. We have collected 3,704 Nos. of museum objects as there is a plan to upgrade it into a Museum of National Character. We also organize a Museum Seminar/Workshops/Symposium and Museum Painting Competition and Essay Competition on regular basis.

Regarding Tribal Research Institute Wing, we have published a book the 'Mizo Lalte-24' in 2011- 2012 and a revised and enlarged edition of Monoliths and Landmarks of Mizoram Vol-II in 2012-2013; two books titled, "Mizote chin dan" and "Mizo Sakhua," have also been re-published. Apart from these, there is a plan to publish 'Mizote Chin Dan-2' and 'Mizo Sakhua'.

We are grateful for the ongoing construction of Suakphunga Heritage Centre at Hliappui as we hope to declare Vangchhia as a Centrally Protected Monument. We are also organizing a certificate course in Music and Dance under the insitute of Museum & Fine Arts. In Collaboration with North-East Centre Dimapur, 'Sialsawm Kut' was successfully organized on the 6<sup>th</sup> March. Apart from these, Cultural Troupes are sent to other states 18 times in which 227 Nos. of youths have participated. Apart from these, opportunity for heritage and Cultural Tour is open for High School and Higher Secondary School Students and is funded by the Indian Museum, Kolkata.

Pu Speaker, my fellow members wants to know about the building grant we have provided which are as follows: -

2008 to 2009	-	10%
2009 to 2010	-	20%
2010 to 2011	-	25%
2011 to 2012	-	10%
2012 to 2013	-	14%
<b>TOTAL</b>	-	<b>729 lakhs</b>

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, while we were invaded by the British, we have from Mizoram number of martyrs who lost their lives in Rangmati and Cellular Jail of Andaman; I think it is a good idea to erect a memorial stone in respect to them. I also want to mention that we should learn the technique of construction of septic tank by the Bristish since the method is quite lasting.

**Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, what Pu Duhoma said is quite important and we have established a committee to take initiatives regarding the erection of memorial stones for the martyrs.

The budget for the year 2013-2014 to Art & Culture Department amounting to ₹1,018.79 and within this limit, we hope to accomplish all we have planned for the development of the department.

Pu Speaker, under Transport Department, as questioned by Pu P.P. Thawla, MST bus service to Laki is quite regular. Carrying charge of goods as questioned by Pu T. T Zothansanga, it is ₹1/- per qtl. On the question of Pu Lalthansanga, we have 605 Nos. qualified students from Hlimen Driving School. It is equipped with one Principal, 4 driving instructors, 5 technical mechanical staffs, 12 non-teaching staffs and 3 Grade-IV. Pu Selthuama mentioned that Transport Department may have back slided, especially on income generation but we have crossed our target by a margin of ₹127.12 lakhs. We have also have taken initiatives for introduction of high security registration plate on vehicles in order to prevent vehicle robbery. Presently, we have 10,480 Nos. of vehicles registered in 6 Districts. Pu Speaker, the concerned MLA of Vaseikai mentioned that MST service plying to Vaseikai as not being allotted in which I believe he is misinformed as 3 buses are placed at MST Lawngtlai plying Lawngtlai - Sangau and Lawngtlai - Vaseikai. On the matter of Inland Water Transport, the Director himself, Mr. Arun Roy and technical expert Mr. Prabin Bora inspected the ongoing work on the spot and we are happy to

be informed that our performance as in the top 5 amongst IWT Project in India. We have also submitted a DPR for Tuichawng, Tut and then for other rivers which will be our future project.

Regarding vehicles permit, we have put a hold on giving out permits but vehicles which need replacement are permitted as per The Motor Vehicle Act, 1988 and The Mizoram Motor Vehicle Rules, 1995. The Ministry of Road, Transport & Highway issued a notice No. RT 23013/28/2012-T, Dated 27.12.2012 stating that only those who have a driving license and attached Meter box (Taxi & Auto-Rickshaw) accordingly will be eligible to drive taxis and auto-rickshaws. Concessions are also made for elderly persons, Blind and Disabled, Cancer patients and HIV positive infected persons. The Central Ministry is also planning to give us a sanction for the construction of Bus Terminal at Serchhip, Kolasib, Aizawl City Bus Terminal-cum-Maxi Cab and Terminal at Melthum. Pu Speaker, though I have many more points to mention, I may not take more time. So, I appeal the House to pass the following three Demands: –

<b>Nos. of Demands</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Demand No.18	Printing & Stationery	₹12,29,45,000.00
Demand No.23	Art & Culture	₹8,68,79,000.00
Demand No.42	Transport	₹43,90,91,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>₹64,89,15,000.00</b>

Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : The hon'ble minister, having done his wind up speech appeal the House to pass the following three Demands: -

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All in favour may say 'Aye' and those who oppose may say 'No'. The 'Ayes' have it. The Demands are voted and unanimously passed by the House.

**Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA, MINISTER** : Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : The hon'ble Minister, Pu H. Rohluna to wind up the discussion of his demands and will then beg House to pass it.

**Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, I thank my fellow members for their active participation as well as for their brilliant ideas. Under Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, 6 members suggested that we should increase the amount of 1 week ration but considering our budget we have to be level-headed and for the time being it is not possible to increase the ration. Regarding monsoon stock, from our experience, it is not much practicable because our stock in areas where it may be difficult for transporting during monsoon season is not lasted for 3 or 4 months.

On the question by Lalthansanga, our gas quota had increased to 9 cylinders as per the latest policy by the Central Government. Regarding the shifting of FCI Godown, very soon rail wagon will reach Bairabi and we have made an arrangement regarding this issue but we are unable to come to any kind of conclusions regarding Sairang. We are fortunate that we could avail State Transport Subsidy and we are the only state among the North East who avail this opportunity from FCI. We have also taken initiatives to build 17 numbers of godowns which will be funded by the Central government.

On the matter of end to end Computerization, we have submitted our DPR to the Central Government and 60 % of the fund had been released to us where 90 % of the fund will be given by the Central Government and the 10 % will be provided by the State Government. After this project is completed, public distribution system of rations will also be more proper an accurate. Regarding the shortage of LPG, under Rajiv Gandhi LPG Vitrak Scheme, 19 Nos. new Agents had been appointed and another 9 will again be selected very soon.

**Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA** : Pu Speaker, we have only 1 agent in CADDC, so, may I please request him to appoint another agent in Damdep.

**Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER** : It will be noted, Pu Speaker. If we have a chance to do before the end of this term, at least one of the requests may be taken up. It should have been included in this advertisement if I was informed earlier.

To answer the point raised by Pu R.L. Pianmawia, the department is aware of the condition but could not be taken up due to lack of fund. Regarding compensation to the victim of a snake-bite in Lawngtlai, the Wildlife Board Meeting

have even approved to do so but immediate action could not be taken due to lack of fund. Hopefully it may be done shortly as LOC has already been received. As of preservation of the traditional medicinal plants and orchids, it is true that we should preserve them at all costs. But I am afraid we are late already as many people from the neighboring country Myanmar who are engaged in pirated business with such plants have already established a stable connection with the local people which impedes the process of preservation. We now have a hi-tech Nursery of medicinal plants garden at Sairang which includes locally known as Phuihnam, Sunhlu, Thuamriat etc. with a view to facilitate any student from within and outside Mizoram to perform their research here.

Regarding plan for preservation of our natural sources of water, a substantial approach has been made by PHE in cooperation with YMA to prevent decrease of water retention capacity of Mizoram as a result of destruction of our natural forests. As shown in the departmental project report, intensive approach has been made by acquiring assistance from Japan International Cooperation Agency and Green India Mission so that the department is working hand in hand with our NGOs and Village Councils in preserving our natural sources of water. Pu Speaker, my fellow members Pu K. Liantlinga and Pu B. Lalhlengliana have pointed regarding our work programme amounting to ₹42.80 crore. It may be noted by the members that this is of grant proposed in the 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission out of which 75% depends on whether our work programme is approved by the central authority and the remaining 25% is meant to be allotted to MPRE non-plan fund. However, we have now been facing financial problem due to allocation of the said 25% of MPRE into plan fund as the Finance Ministry is not able to release ₹10 crore or more. Apart from this, since we have not yet received approval for working plan amounting to ₹8 crore which has already been submitted in March last year, the Planning officers made a pressure to central authority as now we are able to receive approval for ₹19 or more crore. But we are not able to receive the amount as expected within 75% and this is our financial situation.

It is known to us all that the budget allotted to Pollution Control is less sufficient. It is done as per budget allotment of grant-in-aid by the Planning department which generally amounting to ₹30 lakh. We are now able to receive ₹8 lakh in RE since no fund is allotted in the budget this year. We are aware of lack of fund for pollution control but could not be solved as yet unless fund expected from TFC is received.

My fellow member Pu K. Lalrinthanga has pointed out regarding destruction of trees and bamboos in the submerging area of Serlui B project. Pu Speaker, the department also is aware of the incident but nothing can be done since forest clearance is not available. As this problem is a burning issue nowadays, certain political party called a press meeting to criticize the government thereby ignoring the performance of their leaders in the previous ministry. They should have known that voice of that press meeting only put their leaders in disgrace as no forest clearance for Serlui B project is obtained till today. Yet, the 1<sup>st</sup> stage clearance also known as 'in-principle clearance' was issued on the 26<sup>th</sup> March, 1991 but the project had been abandoned by the government in 1997 while some cases pertaining to this project were examined in the High Court. As a consequence, funds deposited for compensatory Afforestation of Serlui B project were being diverted to Tuirial Hydro-electric project which was initiated at that time. As the MNF came into power by the next ministry in 1999, the project was renewed and the work being resumed in full swing without aware of whether clearance is obtained to that respect. After completing larger portion of the project, the Ministry of Environment & Forests came to make spot verification. As on witnessing the situation, a show-cause notice was issued to the then Chief Engineer of P & E department and the problem started. In 2008, the leader of MNF ministry were shocked for receiving order of the central authority to prevail necessary action against those who were involved in the case which further compelled them to obtain forest clearance by any mean as a compliance report was submitted to the department on October, 2008.

As Congress party assumed the new ministry in 2009, the government continues to pursue the case as necessary. As concerned minister, I have even attended the meeting of Forests Ministers at New Delhi in which I have discussed the matter with the Union Minister. As I returned home, I called a meeting with the officials of P&E, Environment & Forests and Land Revenue Settlement and concluded that our respective duty may be resumed for the achievement of the said project. The concerned departments then processed their respective compliance report afresh but no progress is made as we have already violated the rules which underlines that any clearance should be obtained within 5 years. Even though we are instructed to submit a fresh application, no progress could be made for the harm is done. The project therefore could be achieved due to ignorance of forest clearance in the previous MNF ministry. Hence, Pu Speaker, the party who claim forest clearance as being existed only put their leaders in disgrace.

Regarding proposal of Lt. Col. Z.S. Zuala for setting up of Territorial



Army Ecology, the department also have determine for the same as proposal has already been submitted to concerned authority but we have changed the name as Forest Protection Force.

Regarding Weigh Bridge, those at Vairengte, Bairabi and Kanhmun were installed under the programme of BAFACCOS of the previous ministry. Step is now being taken for the repair of those at Vairengte and Bairabi with fund provision in hand but the case of Kanhmun may be considered when more funds are made available.

As pointed earlier, Pu Speaker, working plan is essential for any department as it is demanded by the 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission Grant. Despite the format of our working plan which is found as incomplete, it is accepted if approved by the Forest Survey of India. We have received an instruction from Forest Survey of India to put more efforts on demarcation of the reserved areas and intensity error if seen may also be improved. **(PU LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, if proposal for Kawrthah Division has already been approved?). It has already been approved in the previous ministry and the approval we have now been expected is of Plan Division 8.

As stated earlier, we have received ₹4 crore for improvement of Forest Training School at Bethlehem, Aizawl. Yet, we have been preparing DPR and concept papers of ₹414 crore for the on-going projects. Pu Speaker, with a determination to improve conservation and management, we have been preparing a project for bio-diversity conservation and sustainable forest management. Apart from this, there is ₹105 crore being sanctioned for 7 years under the project of North-east Climate Change Adaptation. Approach has now been made to DoNER ministry to provide us financial assistance for payment of our state share in respect of this project. If it is achieved, then we are having sufficient fund provision for forest conservation and for tackling climate change.

Regarding development of bamboo production, I opine it is important for us to improve skill development. In order to do so, we have a plan to establish training centre for Bamboo skill development at Lengpui in which machineries and other requirements will soon be installed. As of plantation of better quality of bamboo i.e. *Dendrocalamus Brandisii*, we have been searching for a reliable agency to collect the seed but no positive outcome has yet been received. About 3,000 Nos seeds of the said variety are acquired under NLUP as a sample for tissue culture. I do not think tissue culture is suggestive unless it is proved to be applicable to our soils. (PU K.S.

THANGA: As far as my knowledge is concerned, the said variety of bamboo acquired by the previous ministry was extracted from tissue culture and it does not look the same as of a variety shown here. Hence, I opine it is important to make a careful decision.) That is true; we have to be careful with every piece when receiving. Yet, it is not possible to get the best unless the sample is tested first.

So, Pu Speaker, I move this august House to pass the demands of the following departments under my concern such as: -

<b>Demand Nos.</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Amount (in crore)</b>
Demand No.17	Food Civil Supply & Consumer Affairs	₹245.404400
Demand No.36	Environment & Forests	₹84.4000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>₹329.8248000</b>

**SPEAKER** : Pu Rohluna, the hon'ble minister has moved the House to pass the demands of the following departments under his concern such as: -

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It will now be voted.

(The Demands are voted and passed by the House)

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

**SPEAKER** : We now have finished the business for today. We will resume the discussion tomorrow, the 26 (Tuesday) at 10:30 p.m.

Sitting is adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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

**LIST OF BUSINESS**

FOR ELEVENTH SITTING ON TUESDAY, THE 26th MARCH, 2013  
(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.

**CALLING ATTENTION MOTION**

2. **Pu LALDUHOMA**, to raise a matter of urgent public importance under Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly.

**LAYING OF PAPERS**

3. **Pu S. HIATO**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy of the Twenty Seventh Report of Mizoram Khadi & Village Industries Board 2011-2012.
4. **Pu H. LIANSILOVA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy of the Statement on six monthly review of the Finance Minister on the fiscal position of the Government of Mizoram for the first half of 2011-2012 (APRIL, 2011 – SEPTEMBER, 2011).

**PRESENTATION OF REPORTS**

5. **Pu C. RAMHLUNA**, to present to the House the Twenty Third Report of Public Accounts Committee on the Report of CAG of India for the year 2007-2008 relating to Health & Family Welfare Department.
6. **Pu C. RAMHLUNA**, to present to the House the Twenty Fourth Report of Public Accounts Committee on the Report of CAG of India for the year 2007-2008 relating to Horticulture Department.

**FINANCIAL BUSINESS**  
**DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS**

7. **Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
8. **Pu ZODINTLUANGA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
9. **Pu NIHAR KANTI**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.

NGURTHANZUALA  
Secretary

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**SPEAKER** : Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering toward slaughter.

Proverbs 24:11

We will continue with Q&A and invite Pu T.T. Zothansanga to ask starred question no.161.

**Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA:** Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon'ble Minister for Trade and Commerce be pleased to state: -

Was DPR of ginger/turmeric processing plant accepted?

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite our hon'ble Minister Pu Lalrinliana Sailo to answer.

**Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, DPR of ginger/turmeric processing plant has been sent to Planning department, government of Mizoram in Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India and we are awaiting their decision.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary question from Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

**Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA :** Pu Speaker, where will the site be situated if the DPR is approved? What kind of aid can be given to private growers of turmeric and ginger? Are there any plans to control or block outside companies entering Mizoram so that we can promote our local product? Local producers are exempted from giving tax, is this long term plan? And how long will they be exempted?

**Pu LALDUHOMA :** Pu Speaker, what will be the capacity for this plant? Will it be owned by the government? How much will be the expenditure? Also, sundry has the highest rate and as such are there any way of providing help to those who want to follow this process?

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite our hon'ble Minister Pu Lalrinliana Sailo to answer.

**Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, in answer to their question, we have not yet decided the place. They are called National Institute for

Inter Disciplinary Science and Technology Thiruvananthapuram and are under All India Processing Authority and as such we expect them to be reliable. It will be PP mode with an intended budget of 3.5 crores.

As for companies entering Mizoram market, we have no control over that and believe that it will provide positive competition.

**Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA :** Pu Speaker, regarding Sahara and MDH companies entering Mizoram market, they only reduce their rate to destroy the market for Mizo producers and have every intention of raising their rates again. This is not healthy competition and would get in the way of our Mizo producers who are trying to enter and survive in this market.

**SPEAKER :** If our hon'ble can answer Pu Lalduhoma's questions.

**Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, as we all know, we have limited resources at MAMCO and as such we cannot control every aspect of the market. However, we do regulate the market to some extent so that total control does not fall into the hands of outside companies.

**SPEAKER :** We will now move on to question no-162 and invite Pu P.P. Thawla to ask the question.

**Pu P.P. THAWLA :** Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon'ble Minister for Co-operation Department be pleased to state: -

- a) As per the recommendation of Vaidyanathan Committee, if the State Government has more than 25% share at Short Term Cooperative Credit Structure (STCCS), the excess amount should be converted to grants. At present does the State government own more than 25% share at Apex Bank and Primary Agriculture Credit Societies?
- b) If they do, when will they convert that into grants?

**SPEAKER :** Let us invite our hon'ble Minister Pu J.H. Rothuama to answer the question.

**Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, in answer to the question, the State government has more than 25% share at present and conversion of grants is still in deliberation.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary question from Pu P.P. Thawla.  
**Pu P.P. THAWLA:** Pu Speaker, Memorandum of Understanding was signed by the government in 2009. If the above 25% share is not converted, the revival package is liable to lapses and I believe action should be taken so that this does not happen.

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite our hon'ble Minister Pu J.H. Rothuama to answer.

**Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA, MINISTER :** It has been submitted to the government and we expect the government to make a decision as soon as possible.

**SPEAKER** : We will now move on to question no.163 and invite Pu Lalthansanga to ask the question.

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for School Education department be pleased to state –

Is there any intention of appointing a science teacher at North Vanlaiphai government high school as they do not have one since January 2012?

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite our hon'ble Minister Pu Lalsawta to answer.

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER :** Yes, we are planning to appoint a science teacher at North Vanlaiphai government high school.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary question from Pu Lalthansanga and Pu John Siamkunga.

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. There are 117 students and 2 teachers at Lungkawlh Primary School. Can we have more teachers? Also, we have only one teacher each at Lungchhuan Primary School, Chekkawn Primary School and East Lungdar Primary School-II, can these schools have more teachers?

**Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA:** Pu Speaker, thank you. Muallianpui high school is without a teacher for a long time now. We have requested our hon'ble Minister for a teacher and were given an Arts graduate teacher; however, we are in need of a science graduate and would like to know if we can have that during the new school session.

**SPEAKER** : There might be several members with similar problems. Let us invite our hon'ble Minister to answer the question.

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, there were two B.Sc graduate teachers posted at North Vanlaiphai. However, due to the illness of one of the teachers, arrangement was made between them which we were not aware of. Due to this, we were under the impression that there were two teachers present. As soon as we were aware of the issues, an arrangement was made and we have a new teacher to start as soon as school session resumes.

We are aware of the problems at Lungkawlh, Chekkawn, East Lungdar and Muallianpui and we are trying our best to solve that issue. At present there are 1710 vacant post and 300 VRS pensioners and as such there is shortage of teachers at present. However, we are doing all we can to take care of this issue.

**Pu C. RAMHLUNA** : Pu Speaker, in respect to the teacher taken out of Diltlang high school, which Diltlang will it be? And doesn't Diltlang high school need a teacher also?

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, we are all in need of teachers, however, appointments are made according to the needs and numbers of the students.

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite Pu R.L. Pianmawia to ask question no.164.

**Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA** : Pu Speaker, will the hon'blr Minister of GAD be pleased to state –  
What is the possibility of increasing the current budget of Sinlung Development Council from 300 lakhs?

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

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, it will be considered according to their performance as well as availability of funds.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary question from Pu R.L. Pianmawia.



**Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA** : Pu Speaker, Sinlung Development Council is under the guidance of GAD. Due to the workload of GAD, will it be possible to use Planning department as their parent department?

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite our hon'ble Chief Minister Pu Lal Thanhawla to answer.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, every department has heavy workload; also the government can appoint any department it wants to look after the Council.

**SPEAKER** : We will now move on to question no.165 and invite Pu C. Ramhluna to ask the question.

**Pu C. RAMHLUNA** : Pu Speaker, will the Minister for Trade and Commerce Department be pleased to state –

- a) What is the sanctioned amount for the completed rest house at Hruitezawl?
- b) Who is the contractor and where is he from?
- c) Is there any intention of furnishing the rest house?

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite our hon'ble Minister Pu Lalrinliana Sailo to answer.

**Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, the sanctioned amount is ₹ 28, 55,000/-. The contractor is Pu Lalnunmawia from Khawhai. There was no intention to furnish the rest house, however due to the importance placed by the members during this Session, we will plan to furnish in the future.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary question from Pu C. Ramhluna.

**Pu C. RAMHLUNA** : Pu Speaker, my supplementary question is that the rest house is renovated recently, what is the sanctioned amount or cost of the renovation? Also, if it is not furnished soon, it will fall into disrepair again.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalduhoma

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, Hruitezawl has provided us with pigs for a long time now and is considered to be the place where the recent flu

originated from. Is the government regulating this and are there any measures taken to control this?

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite our hon'ble Minister Pu Lalrinliana Sailo to answer.

**Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, we will try our best to furnish the rest house as soon as possible. Renovation was undertaken not only on the rest house, but Choro quarter and two others.

In answer to Pu Lalduhoma's question, Dilzawl is a thoroughfare for pig trade, oil and machineries with no proper control or regulation from excise or custom. I believe Veterinary department does not have a stamp there as well. However, we are building a food testing laboratory at Thenzawl and hoped that this will cover Dilzawl.

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite Pu P.P. Thawla to ask question no.166.

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

- a) How many RMSA High School are there in the following districts such as: -
  1. Aizawl District
  2. Lunglei District
  3. Saiha District
  4. Champhai District
  5. Kolasib District
  6. Mamit District
  7. Lawngtlai District
  8. Serchhip District
- b) How many buildings have been constructed for RMSA High School and how much more do we need?
- c) What is the salary for RMSA High School teachers and headmasters?

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite our hon'ble Minister, Pu Lalsawta to answer.

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, my answer to starred question no.

106 are as follow -

- a) There are 81 RMSA high schools in Mizoram.
  1. Aizawl District - 16
  2. Lunglei District - 17
  3. Saiha District - 7
  4. Champhai District - 5
  5. Kolasib District - 11
  6. Mamit District - 11
  7. Lawngtlai District - 9
  8. Serchhip District - 5
- b) There are 23 completed buildings and 58 buildings which are not yet completed.
- c) The teachers and headmasters at RMSA high schools all have a salary of ₹27,000.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary question from Pu P.P. Thawla and Pu R. Lianzuala.

**Pu P.P. THAWLA** : Pu Speaker, will the buildings suffice and is there any intention of asking for additional sanction?

**Pu K. LIANZUALA** : Pu Speaker, when will they start construction on Sialhau and Khawbel RMSA High School?

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite our hon'ble Minister Pu Lalsawta to answer.

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, we have proposals for more schools other than the 81, we are waiting for approval from the PAB Project Board.

We are planning to start construction for Sialhau and Khawbel RMSA High School.

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite Pu John Siamkunga to ask question no.167.

**Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA** : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for Education be pleased to state –

Is there any intention to provincialize Adhoc Aided School/Deficit Schools?

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite our hon'ble Minister Pu Lalsawta to answer.

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, depending on their performance and other variables, Adhoc Aided Schools/Deficit Schools will be considered so that they can be provincialized. In 2012, 44 middle schools from Autonomous District Council were provincialized with their pension contributed by LADC and MADC.

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite Pu B. Lalthlengliana to ask question no.168.

**Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA**: Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for Education be pleased to state: –

How long has it been since SSA teachers are paid their salaries?

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite our hon'ble Minister Pu Lalsawta to answer.

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, SSA teachers from Aizawl, Champhai, Kolasib, Mamit, Serchhip and Lunglei District have been without salaries since January, 2013; and teachers from Saiha and Lawngtlai District since December, 2012.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary question from Pu C. Ramhluna.

**Pu C. RAMHLUNA** : Pu Speaker, are there any plans to regularize language teachers?

**SPEAKER** : Pu B. Lalthlengliana.

**Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA**: Pu Speaker, when can we expect the SSA teachers to be paid?

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER** : In respect to the regularization of CSS Hindi teachers, only 54 lakhs is sanctioned to us even though our requirement is 2500 lakhs. We are trying our utmost to make that happen. As for the teacher's salaries, we have

started to receive the funds for their salaries. As soon as this is completed, salaries will be given to District Project Coordinator (DPC) by accounts transfer who will then distribute to the teachers.

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite Pu Hmingdailova Kiangte to ask question no.169.

**Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE:** Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for Education be pleased to state –

- a) Is there any conversion of government primary school into English medium school within Mizoram? If there are, what is the point of this conversion?
- b) Is there any conversion policy made by the government?

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, in answer to the questions-

- a) There are several government primary schools converted to English medium school. This is mostly due to the preference of the public. There is a criteria set by SCERT when these conversions are made.
- b) There is no separate policy for the conversion of these schools.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary question from Pu Hmingdailova Kiangte.

**Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE:** Pu Speaker, thank you. I have made a proposal to our hon'ble Minister to convert Hortoki primary school-II to government primary school-III as well as Nisapui English medium school. I would like our hon'ble Minister to honor my request. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite Pu Lalduhoma to ask question no.170.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for Agriculture Department be pleased to state –

Can there be provision from NLUP to provide for those who would like to setup an industry?

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite our hon'ble Minister to answer.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, there are 29 schemes under

NLUP Industries Sector called Micro Enterprise/ Micro Industries to provide for those who would like to setup an industry.

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

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, Micro Enterprise has a ceiling of 1 lakh and that is not sufficient for bigger industries such as Agarbati industries where machineries are required. Is there any provision under NLUP for those industries that require at least 5 lakhs?

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite our hon'ble Minister to answer.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, most of the schemes undertaken by NLUP are family oriented for the beneficiaries. At present we have helped several families under hand Holding Scheme and if that is successful, we have a road map to help those who need a more sizeable capital to build their industries. There are several trades that we need to review under exit protocol as they do not perform as expected. However we are trying our best and planning to increase the size of our capital and industries.

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, what is the reason for the delay in helping Samuel Tea Factory at Biate?

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, we are cautious in simply handing over the capital and after careful deliberation, we felt that the factory in question is in need of more machine blades. However, we felt that an MOU has to be signed and security/mortgage required. This process took longer than expected and is now in the final stages and has been vetted by Law and Finance.

**SPEAKER** : Question hour has ended now.

Calling Attention Motion has been submitted by our respected member Pu Lalduhoma under Law 59 and has been admitted. We will now invite Pu Lalduhoma.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. Since 2005 Dental Surgeons are hired on contract basis by the government under NRHM with 28 dental surgeons currently employed. They are on strike as of now due to some grievances.

They are-

1. These dental surgeons are notified several times that their employment will be terminated. They have had enough and preferred to be terminated instead.
2. Their starting salary was the same with Ayush doctors and MBBS doctors under NRHM. They have not received any remuneration since then and some doctors working in difficult areas have their salaries decreased. They prefer not to work under NRHM if they do not enjoy equal pay with the other doctors.

Since 1998, only 4 dental posts have been regularized with only 27 dental surgeons at present. They would like and hope to have their post regularized. If they do decide to terminate their contract, we have no one else to replace them. I would like to request the government to take immediate action before the public suffer the consequences. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : We shall now invite the concerned Minister to address these issues.

**Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, I would like to express my gratitude to our respected member Pu Lalduhoma for bringing to light the issues faced by our dental surgeons. However, I would like to explain some details regarding this issue.

In 2009, we were given permission by the Central government twice to employ 20 dental surgeons. However we failed to find doctors who are willing to be posted in rural areas and as such as an incentive they are given a salary higher than the amount accepted by the central government. This salary varies according to the area they are posted in.

In 2012 and 2013, the central government reduced the salaries if dental surgeons without giving reasons. Even so, their pay is still higher than most of the other NE States. We would like to regularize their post but it takes time to plan and create posts and we would like them to be patient and have some understanding during this time. I'd also like to mention that we hear their grievances and trying our utmost to solve this issue. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : We will now move on to Laying of Paper and invite hon'ble Minister Pu S. Hiato to lay before the House 'A copy of the 27<sup>th</sup> Report of Mizoram Khadi and Village industries board, 2011-2012'.

**Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I hereby lay a copy of 'the 27<sup>th</sup> Report of Mizoram Khadi & Village industries Board, 2011-2012'.

**SPEAKER** : Let the copies be distributed. Let us now invite our hon'ble Minister Pu H. Liansailova to lay before the House a copy of 'the statement on six monthly review of the Finance Minister on the fiscal position of the government of Mizoram for the first half of 2011-2012 (April, 2011-September, 2011)'.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, with your permission, I lay before the House 'A copy of the statement on six monthly review of the Finance Minister on the fiscal position of the government of Mizoram for the first half of 2011-2012 (April, 2011-September, 2011)'.

**SPEAKER** : Let the copies be distributed. We shall now move on to Presentation of Reports and invite our respected member Pu C. Ramhluna, PAC Chairman to present these PAC Reports: -

- 1) The 23<sup>rd</sup> Report of Public Accounts Committee on the report of CAG of India for the year 2007-2008 relating to Health & Family Welfare Department.
- 2) The 24<sup>th</sup> Report of Public Accounts Committee on the report of CAG of India for the year 2007-2008 relating to Horticulture Department

**Pu C. RAMHLUNA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. I would like to start with Health & Family Welfare Department. This is in respect to the Incinerator at Haulawng which was meant for Lunglei Civil Hospital. Due to the location, the incinerator allotted at Haulawng is barely used, it has fallen into disrepair. PAC visited the site and recommend that an action should be taken upon the officer for his decision to place the incinerator at Haulawng.

In March 2005, ₹3.50 crore is received from Indian System of Medicine & Homeopathy for construction of Ayush building and for purchase of



equipments. However, the expenditure was not recorded and PAC recommended the use of register to maintain their financial activities. It also recommended for the establishment of a separate directorate for Ayush.

Aloe Vera growers at W. Lungdar are in need of 3-phase power supply to operate their distillation units. We urge Zoram Biotech Society and Global Biotech Limited to honor the MOU they have signed so that they can provide a market for aloe vera.

We have only one Centre of Excellence at Thiak and this is not sufficient. It is recommended that COE should be established at every district with provision made from department budget.

Integrated Mushroom Unit could not yet provide for Mizoram market and this is mostly due to the lack of supply of wheat grain. PAC recommends the tie up of this unit with Food & Civil Supplies so that they can have sufficient supply of wheat grain.

With this Pu Speaker, with your permission I present to the House the 23<sup>rd</sup> Report of Public Accounts Committee on the report of CAG of India for the year 2007-2008 relating to Health & Family Welfare Department and the 24<sup>th</sup> Report of Public Accounts Committee on the report of CAG of India for the year 2007-2008 relating to Horticulture Department. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : We will now move onto Financial Business with three demands from our Ministers being laid out. Let us invite our hon'ble Minister Pu J.H. Rothuama to submit his demands before the House.

**Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission Sir, I move the demand No. 6, 7, 33 and 37 for ₹70.37300 crores for meeting expenses during 2012, 2013 and 2014 in respect of the following departments: -

<b>Demand Nos.</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Demand No.6	Land Revenue & Reforms	₹18,51,56,000.00
Demand No.7	Excise & Narcotics	₹22,30,90,000.00
Demand No.33	Soil & Water Conservation	₹18,19,53,000.00
Demand No.37	Co-operation	₹11,01,74,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>₹70,03,73,000.00</b>

Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : We shall now invite our hon'ble Minister, Pu Zodintluanga to submit his demands before the House.

**Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission Sir, I move the Demand Nos. 8, 22, 46 and 48 for ₹166 crores, 58 lakhs and 79 thousand only for meeting expenses during 2013-2014 in respect of the following departments: -

<b>Demand Nos.</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Demand No.8	Taxation	₹11,54,90,000.00
Demand No.22	Sports & Youth Services	₹11,81,16,000.00
Demand No.46	Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation	₹139,61,01,000.00
Demand No.48	Information & Communication Technology	₹3,61,72,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>₹1,66,58,79,000.00</b>

Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : We shall now invite our hon'ble Minister Pu Nihar Kanti to submit his demands before the House.

**Pu NIHAR KANTI, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission Sir, I move the Demand Nos. 30, 34 and 41 for ₹68,91,44,000 for meeting expenses during 2013-2014 in respect of the following departments: -

<b>Demand Nos.</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Demand No.30	Disaster Management & Rehabilitation	₹17,28,01,000.00
Demand No.34	Animal Husbandry & Veterinary	₹40,06,58,000.00
Demand No.41	Sericulture	₹11,56,85,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>₹68,91,44,000.00</b>

Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Discussion is now open for these demands with each member allotted a time of 10 minutes each with Group Leaders 15 minutes each. Let us invite Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte.

**Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE** : Pu Speaker, thank you. I would like to start with Demand No.22, Sports & Youth Services.

We have seen tremendous improvement since the start of this ministry due to the hard work of our House Leader and our hon'ble Sports Minister as they both truly deserve credit.

The welfare of the youths happened to be the main concern of the leader of the House as so vision of the Olympic 2016 comes into being. Under this programme, 9 disciplines have been selected in which hockey game is included as an artificial grass-turf ground for this particular discipline has even been constructed at Thenzawl and the same at Kawnpui is under construction. We need one more at Aizawl as it is unbecoming for a state capital not being able to host hockey tournament. So, a convenience place within the premise of AR ground is being verified for the said purpose but found to be a bit congested. Thus, an alternative is being determined by the concerned authority to turn the dreams of enthusiast hockey players into reality.

Coming now to Demand No.46, UD & PA, we have seen that the appearance of our capital city is rapidly changing as a result of efforts made by the hon'ble minister and concerned officials. Not only of our capital, our district headquarters too have been developed remarkably, thanks to the efforts made by the hon'ble minister. In this connection, I request the minister to also consider development of Thingdawl as it is done so with Kolasib, the district headquarter.

Next, Demand No.6, Land Revenue & Reform, Pu Speaker, considering the system as well as our conception on compensation, I opine we need moral reform. In this connection, I request concerned authority to expedite the process of acquisition for construction of Serkhan to Bagha road as this particular road is an important road for transportation.

Demand No.7, Excise & Narcotic Department, I opine it is important to determine alternative measure to resolve heavy work-load in the department.

Regarding Demand No.33, Soil & Water Conservation, it is learned that the quality of rubber plants received by the beneficiaries of NLUP is not good. So, it is important for concerned authority to resolve the problem immediately as most of them are dying.

Demand No. 37 Co-operation Department. I opine it is important for the government to concentrate on promotion of co-operative society as prices of the

commodities are usually cheaper than that of any other shops.

In demand No. 30, Disaster Management, I thank the hon'ble Minister for providing the need of Silpaulin to rural people.

Lastly, Demand No. 34, A.H. & Veterinary Department, I congratulate the hon'ble Minister for milk production is in progress which results in reduction of the cost of supply of milk in our state. In short, I do support the Demands made by the three Ministers for their respective departments. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lal Thanzara, next.

**Pu LAL THANZARA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker, To start with, Demand No.46, UD & PA; I thank the hon'ble Minister as Aizawl city has now becomes a clean and healthy city. In the meantime, it is much important to expedite implementation of drainages and sewages system for the same. Regarding construction of building under EWS, Pu Speaker, I request the hon'ble Minister to expedite the work including the approach road so that it is completed at the earliest possible.

Regarding Demand No.8, Taxation department, obviously there is a proposal of imposition of entertainment tax on football. I request the hon'ble Minister to review the case since the same is not imposed on cricket even in the central.

Coming now to Demand No.22, Sports & Youths Services Department, the state government spends ₹4 crore for installation of artificial grass-turf playground at AR ground, Rajiv Gandhi Stadium and Kawnpui Hockey playground. In this connection, it is learned that FIFA authority funded installation of the same in Mumbai, Bangalore, Shillong, Imphal and Goa where as only West Bengal, Meghalaya, Sikkim and Mizoram are funded by the state government.

**SPEAKER** : NBSA, Lunglei has also been upgraded with artificial grass-turf.

**Pu LAL THANZARA** : Following artificial grass-turf playgrounds, FIFA has even set up grass-root Level Football Academy for 6-12 years old boys through the All India Football Federation in which 300 boys are now undergoing training under international football Coach. The officials of our fellow state such as

Kerala are speculating how our state is able to enjoy this opportunity. As stated before, it is the result of interests given by the hon'ble Chief Minister and the Sports Minister. Hopefully, some World Class players may emerge from our youths very shortly.

Lastly, it is much appreciated that installation of flood-light at AR Ground is achieved thanks to the effort made by the minister of Sports as the same for Lunglei playground is under-completion. I suggest that such playgrounds of artificial grass-turf be taken care by the concerned officials and if possible, concerned department may formulate rules that concern the safety of such playgrounds. In short, I do support the demands made by the three ministers for their respective concerned departments. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**Pu C. RAMHLUNA** : Pu Speaker, let me start from Demand No.6, Land Revenue & Settlement Department. The Revenue target last year was ₹326 lakh and the collection ₹110 lakhs only. Even so, revenue target during this year is ₹300 lakhs which I opine as to much comparing to last year's target.

Next, Pu Speaker, I would like to suggest concerned authority to determine Land Ceiling, classification of land of Agriculture, Horticulture, Forest, etc. with the help of Science & Technology. If not, gap between the haves and the have-nots will increase.

Pu Speaker, Land Acquisition Act, 1894 has appointed Deputy Commissioner to deal with the case of land acquisition. But now, a Senior Revenue Officer deals with land acquisition under multi-modal Transit Road from Lawngtlai to Myanmar and the Deputy Commissioner no longer involve. It will be appreciated if the hon'ble Minister clarified when winding up his demands.

Next, Demand No. 7, Excise & Narcotic Department. Pu Speaker, is there any mean to resolve the problem of illegal selling of liquor at Rangvamual? I opine it may be achieved if cooperation of NGOs is acquired.

Coming now to Demand No.33 Soil & Water Conservation Department, budget allocation to the department is decreases comparing to the last year yet, it may be refilled with fund provision of NLUP. In the meantime, I want to state that the work of Soil & Water Conservation is connected with that of Forest and Agriculture Department. In fact, the two are put under the same undertaking as both

concern protection of soil and water relating to human beings. So, it may be more appropriate for our state if the same is followed.

Coming now to Demand No.37, Cooperation Department, it is known that the Government of India gives priority to Cooperation. It is a fact that large amount of fund provision is available from the central if ways and means determined. Next, Demand No.8, Taxation Department, Pu Speaker, the House determines remedial measures for the burden of tax to the public due to implementation of value added tax under the Government Mizoram. In doing so, I suggest it is wise to reduce the rate of taxable goods from 4% to 1% under scheduled 11, Item No.6. At the same time, I opine it is necessary to review Public Demand Recovery Act as recommended by Public Accounts Committee. It is necessary to examine to what extent tax will be imposed as it is not provided in the provision. Regarding the Certificate Officers, I believe it is not appropriate to assign the office under D.C. but should remain under the concerned department.

Demand No.22, it is learned that DoNER Ministry has sanctioned ₹630.45 crore including ₹17.15 crore for construction of Sports Academy at Zobawk. May I know how the said fund provision is spent and when will the remaining be received? In the meantime, I would also like to state that PYKA fund is generally given to BDO but the beneficiaries are not aware of the said fund provision is being provided for their concern. Thus, I opine it is necessary to review the system of distribution of fund. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**Pu K. LIANZUALA** : Pu Speaker, let me start from Sports & Youths Services Department. It is fortunate for us to have an efficient minister to look after sports department. I am proud to mention that we have already achieved 293 Nos. of playgrounds with 45 Nos. under construction and 17 Nos. being proposed for construction within four years. In fact, the Leader of the House deserves credit on this remarkable achievement in sports. I thank the hon'ble Minister for giving priority to construction of Multipurpose Stadium at Tlungvel, headquarter of my constituency.

On the contrary, it is unfortunate to learn that budget provision of this department is decreases. So, I request concerned authority to provide a sufficient fund provision to this department for a remarkable achievement in building of sports-infrastructure.

Coming now to Demand No.30, Disaster Management &

Rehabilitation Department, I suggest reviewing the guidelines of financial assistant provided to the victims so that the amount is increased.

Now, Demand No.34 AH & Veterinary Department, I request concerned minister as well as the department to take timely preventive measures by providing necessary medicine to animals as an epidemic is spreading which further endanger the health of not only the animals, but human-beings also. In the meantime, it is quite an achievement for the department as artificial insemination is being carried out successfully with dairy farming, piggery and chicken farming. Besides, the Department successfully carried out animal treatment, thanks to the efforts made by concerned minister and his official staff. In the meantime, insufficiency of staff such as VFA is the main problem of the department. So, I request the hon'ble Finance Minister to favor the department when budget fund is allocated.

Lastly, Demand No.7, Excise & Narcotic Department, Pu Speaker, 20 years has passed since implementation of MLTP Act in our state. Yet, insufficiency of staff manpower as well as vehicle remains the problems. In fact, liquor is seized everyday but the supply could not be stopped completely. So, the MLTP Act needs revision and then be set to accommodate with the situation. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**Pu B. LALTHLEGLIANA :** Thank you, Pu Speaker. To start with, Demand No.7, Excise & Narcotic Department. Despite implementation of the Mizoram Liquor Total Prohibition Act, supply of liquor could not be put under control. In fact, numbers of death due to consumption of liquor particularly among the youths is increasing from time to time. So, it is time for us to change our mind-set and review our system of control of liquor.

Coming now to Soil & Water Conservation Department, Demand No.33, the budget provision is reduced by ₹1,775 lakhs. I request the hon'ble Minister to clarify the reason. Here, budget estimate is not seen but work programme for plantation of rubber, coffee and broom stick appears and most of the demands concentrate on coffee plantation. Soil & Water Conservation Department encourages coffee plantation for a long time but no fruitful product is seen till date. I, therefore, suggest the department to encourage plantation of rubber and broomstick instead of coffee plantation.

Pu Speaker, no budget provision under RKVY is seen except ₹1500 lakhs of work programmes. So, I insist on to the government to keep transparency

with budget allocation.

In Demand No.22, Sports & Youths Services Department, I thank concerned Minister for implementing the programme set by the former ministry. I extent my best wishes to him in dealing with the coming work schedules. Yet, budget provision is also reduced from ₹2934 to ₹ 549 lakhs which may be reconsidered.

In UD & PA Department, I do support step taken by SIPMIU and I request government to expedite steps taken by SIPMIU so that it is completed as early as possible. In the meantime, it is also important to resolve traffic problems caused by motor workshops and two wheeler workshops located on roadsides of the city. It is wise for AMC to involve in the case. Regarding construction of households for the poor, I opine it is more appropriate to do so in different localities. It is as well much important for concerned authority to determine allotment of house site to those who have not any.

In Demand No.48, Information & Communication Technology Department, telecommunication towers have been constructed at various places by various companies such as BSNL, Airtel, Aircel, etc. out of which some discontinued on ground of massive unpaid bills. I request the hon'ble Minister to see such problems and take necessary action.

Pu speaker, in Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department, I would like to point out that the ruling members hardly opposed supply of Polytarpauline the prices which is higher than Silpauline. I opine this should be resolved immediately. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : We will have a lunch-break now and discussion will be resumed at 2:00 p.m.

**2:00 P.M.**

(Deputy Speaker at the Chair)

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : To continue with our discussion, let us call upon Pu R.L. Pianmawia.

**Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, let me start from Demand



No.33, Soil & Water Conservation Department. It seems that there are a number of works to be done. In the meantime, I request the hon'ble Minister to remember Water Harvesting Scheme for Darlawn constituency as only 5 kgs of coffee is received by concerned farmers last year. The R.O. quarters and Rest House have now becomes worn-out and no longer fit for livings, no MR employee is being deployed to look after the said quarters. If such buildings have to be abandoned, it may be allotted only for public purposes.

In Demand No.37, Cooperation Department, obviously there is a proposal to provide Grant-in-Aid to Cooperative Societies. I, therefore, remind concerned minister that there are a number of cooperative societies even in my constituency. I also request the hon'ble Minister to inform the House if there is proposal to set up Cooperative Council in our state.

In Demand No.22, Sports & Youths Services Department, I thank the department for various steps being taken in my constituency as there is also proposal for construction of playground at five villages, proposal of multi-purpose Sports Centre for Northern Mizoram with an estimate of ₹498 lakhs. Hence, I express my appreciation on behalf of the people of my constituency, Pu Speaker. A part from this, the hon'ble Chief Minister assured construction of Indoor Stadium at Sakawrdai for which proposal has already been made but DPR is on held due to inadequacy of staff. I would also like to request the hon'ble Minister to provide Sports goods for my constituency even if it is not available to other members.

In Demand No.46, UD & PA, I thank the Department for lump-sum grant which has also been provided to Darlawn. Yet, no IAY is allotted to Darlawn despite a sub-town. So, I request the hon'ble Minister to cover IAY for 20 or 30 households.

In Demand No.48, IT, as soon as IT is implemented in our state, many schools have computer sets. In this connection, I request concerned minister to consider the application of Vaitin High School for allotment of computer sets. Again, I thank to him for covering my constituency with RIK Projects 13 Nos.

In Demand No.30, Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department, I thank the hon'ble Minister for providing large number of silpaulines for my constituency.

Coming now to Demand No.34 AH & Veterinary Department, I thank to the hon'ble Minister for construction of staff quarters at Darlawn and Ratu. I further ask him to set up animal sterilization centre in Darlawn constituency. I, again thank him for the proposal to set up Dispensary at Sakawardai and Rural animal Health Centre at Zohmun and also request to expedite the process. Besides, in order to resolve the problem of health of the animals, I would like to suggest concerned authority to immediately create the posts of VFA.

In Soil & Water Conservation Department, I would like to mention once again that 80% of NLUP beneficiaries in my constituency selected broomstick trade. So, I request concerned minister to consider posting of R.O. in my constituency. Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

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

**Pu P.P. THAWLA** : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

To start with, Demand No.22, Sports & Youths Services Department, I first of all would like to express my gratitude to an efficient minister who has made a remarkable achievement for our state.

Pu Deputy Speaker, it is learned that ₹19.77 lakh is sanctioned for construction of two playgrounds at Tuipang, headquarter of my constituency. In compare to fund provision for other playgrounds, the amount is less sufficient on which I request to provide more. An agreement has already been made with the Assam Rifles as the District council too has acknowledged the situation. So, may I know in which agency the fund is sanctioned, Pu Deputy Speaker? Besides, it is much appreciated as 6 Nos. of Sports Academy have already been achieved in various places. I, therefore, ask concerned minister to setup at least one within Siaha District. Next, Pu Deputy Speaker, the quality of sports materials we received from the department is not good enough and so may be improved.

Pu Deputy Speaker, it is learned that said that the construction of Ramhlun Indoor Stadium particularly placement of its post at ground level is said to be unsafe for the coming generations. So, it is important for concerned authority to give attention to this problem.

Pu Deputy Speaker, it is learned that preparation for the coming

Olympic Game, 2016 is in full swing with plan to send our enthusiast youths to participate in certain disciplines. I would like to know in which disciplines we are planning to compete and how much fund is allocated in the budget for that purpose. It is regretted to see that the budget of Sports & Youths Services Department decreases comparing to last year.

In Demand No.33 Soil & Water Conservation Department, Divisional Office of the department and staff quarters have already been constructed in the former ministry but no office is functioning till date. Is there any proposal to put the said office at Saiha into function?

In Demand No.30, Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department, safety measures being taken against disaster is truly appreciated. In the meantime, a demand for supply of silpauline is very quite high for which I request the hon'ble minister to make enough stock for the coming monsoon season.

In Demand No.30, Sericulture Department, I would like to request concerned Minister to give more attention to the problem of a cooperative society of Sericulture within Saiha District as families who are engage in sericulture farming are working hard enough to achieve their farms.

Lastly, Demand No.34, AH & Veterinary Department, it will be much appreciated if the department carried out regular checking of imported animals from Myanmar via Phura and Laki of my constituency to evade consumption of unhealthy meats. Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. To start from Demand No.6, Land Revenue & Settlement Department, it will be much appreciated if the department notified reserved area along the National Highway or other roads to control construction of house with permission which may be issued by concerned VCPs as number of houses encroaches the roads which is unsafe for concerned villagers and travelers.

In Demand No. 7 Excise & Narcotic Department, revision of MLTP Act is reiterated in the House. In this connection, I suggest setting up of site office in various localities to improve the situation.

In Demand No.33 Soil & Water Conservation, the former ministry concentrated on plantation of coffee as financial assistance had also been provided as

necessary. But now, the provision is stopped. So, I request the department to resume financial assistance in favor of concerned farmers who are depending on coffee plantation.

Regarding Demand No.37, Cooperation Department, I would like to point out that various cooperative societies have been facing problems with their respective societies. For example, MULCO having 100 Nos. of Society is facing shortage of wheat bran as supply quota received on regular basis could hardly meet the demand. Is there any means to increase their supply quota?

In Demand No.22, Sports & Youths Services Department, it is regretted to learn that the amount of budget provision decreases despite major plan taken up by the department as to so send our youths to compete in the coming Olympic Games. Apart from this, in order to resolve shortage of coaches, vacant post may therefore be filled up immediately. Pu Speaker, I also suggest the name of Sports Council may be changed with Sports Authority of Mizoram and assign it under the supervision of an IAS Officer. At the same time, may I know when construction of Sports Complex at Bungtlang and Keitum will be completed? I also request the hon'ble Minister to turn his attention towards east of the river Tuichang where no step has yet been taken for development of sports.

Regarding Demand No.48, Information & Communication Department, may concerned authority enquired the reason for deduction of top-up balance on cell phone by various companies such as Airtel, Aircel, BSNL etc. to resolve problem of the people as a whole?

In Demand No.34, AH & Veterinary Department, dead cows of NLUP happened to be a repeated issue in this Session. In this connection, Pu Deputy Speaker, even though the hon'ble Minister stated that the same breed will again be imported, I insisted not to do so since we have experienced with such breed which produces only 6 to 8 litres of milk per day while expected amount of production is 15 to 20 litres.

To conclude my speech with Demand No.30, DM&R Department, I suggest concerned department to continue with supply of Silpaulin instead of Polytarpaulin since it is much more useful for the people in rural areas. Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

**Pu R. LALRINAWMA** : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

To start with, Demand No.41, Sericulture Department. Pu Deputy Speaker, number of building is constructed by the department in their farm of North Zemabawk. It is wise for the department to let some buildings to the needy in the areas but not occupy entirely by the department.

In Demand No.34, AH & Veterinary Department, I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to appoint VFA to look after Zuangtui and the surrounding villages such as Muthi, the village which is known for production of milk. Concerned farmers of Muthi have even submitted their demand to the government to transform their village to a model village of Dairy Farming. I also want to inform the House that concerned beneficiaries of NLUP are anxiously awaiting for supply of cows in compensation to their dead cows as assured to them by the hon'ble Chief Minister.

In Demand No.30, Disaster Management & Rehabilitation, I would like to suggest equal distribution of financial assistance to each district. Likewise, financial assistance to the victim of natural calamities may also be increased and necessary equipments for searching of dead-body may also be provided to NGO of each district.

In Demand No.48, Information & Communication Technology Department, I thank concerned minister as well the officials for expediting the project of basic services which concern rural people to enable them acquiring residential or other essential certificates from their own places.

In Demand No.46, UD & PA, Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to know the progress of construction of households for the poor at Zuangtui. At the same time, what about survey of land for a common graveyard in the area of Falkland? Considering mode of extension of Aizawl city towards this locality, I opine the area under survey is not appropriate but instead, another site in the remote may be surveyed for the same. Again, it will be much appreciated if improvement of dumping ground near Tuirial Airfield is expedited as it concern public health.

Coming now to Demand No.22, Sports & Youths Services Department, I must say that the department has not taken any step in regard to development of sports within the constituency of Aizawl East-1. As such, may I

request concerned Minister to construct at least Volleyball Court at Zuangtui and also to implement proposal for construction of Multipurpose Hall at Zemabawk.

In Demand No.8, Taxation Department, I am glad that the hon'ble Minister has an opportunity to visit Japan, Canada, etc. as a leader of the Indian Delegations. At the same time, I would like to suggest shifting of the check gate from Zemabawk to the outskirts of the city to prevent entry of smuggling goods through some alternate routes as this will on the other hands alleviate traffic problems of our capital city.

In Demand No.37, Cooperation Department, I thank the Minister for setting up of Cooperative Council in our state as this will surely help the department in resolving various problems concerning cooperative society.

In Demand No.33 Soil & Water Conservation Department, it is a remarkable achievement of the government to transform this department into an important one through NLUP. I must say that this department was totally failed under the previous ministry.

In Demand No.6, Land Revenue & Reforms Department, despite hundreds of family living in Aizawl without house-site, it is unfortunate to learn that House-site plan of Mitla Mual, Zemabawk and of Falkland could not be carried out as yet due to insufficiency of staff. It will be much appreciated if concerned authority took initiative to this concern.

In Demand No.7, Excise & Narcotic Department, I thank the Department for being able to publish seizure list in media and newspapers. It will be much appreciated if list of convicts for drunks and drug abuse also is published to reduce social evils. In this connection, it may be noted by the members no lawyer should decline to take up the case of any convict. Some convicts might have been released on bail due to lack of witnesses. In such case, it is wrong to lay the blame on such lawyer since it is his fundamental rights and of a professional ethics. Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Pu Speaker, to start from Demand No.6, Land Revenue & Settlement Department, I would like to point out that every developed country maintains a good Land Record. Pu Speaker, ₹40 lakhs is here allocated under the Modernization Programme of National Land Record to cover 4,000 Sq. Km. of

Mizoram. I believe the allotted amount is less sufficient to cover entirely. Thus, we must also determine how to maintain accurate land record to improve our system. At the same time, classification and land ceiling should be properly made.

In Demand No.7, Excise & Narcotic Department, I would like to stress the need to remove MLTP Act, to prevent consumption of unhealthy liquor among the youths. Since it is not possible to control consumption of liquor effectively, it is wise for concerned authority to determine supply of good quality liquor before it is too late. Even the neighboring and other major states had once tried the total prohibition of liquor but later chose to legalize it knowing that it is not possible to control effectively. It is learned that the Total Prohibition Committee too has recommended legalizing liquor. In this regard, the government or concerned authority should not hesitate to do what is best for our future.

Regarding imposition of excise duty, we have once met problem in dealing with wine processing of Champhai in which ₹14 is fixed per bottle. As concerned department proposed imposition of VAT from the item, it could not be carried out since the policy of Ministry of Commerce & Industry indicates such item as 100% free of excise duty and VAT should not be imposed up to 7 or 8 years of the establishment. As such, it is wise for Excise or Taxation department not to hurry with imposition of the said taxes on such item. As for me, I opine it is better to stop the total prohibition on liquor but to determine supply of good quality as this will help not only saving the life of our youths, but will also provide a good source of revenue for our state.

In Demand No.37, Co-operation Department, we have Co-operative Act (Amendment) 2011 and ₹22 crore for Cooperative development. I would like to ask the hon'ble Minister whether the Mizoram Cooperative council has already been set up.

Demand No.8, Taxation Department, I have to praise Taxation Department for implementing e-governance successfully. It is suggestive for the government to implement the same to all other departments so that one may be able to study the system from home and also to bring convenience to public concern.

Regarding Tax Deduction Source (TDS), I have once submitted a bill for Tax Deduction Source that concern deployment of our youths to prevent flowing out of our budget outside Mizoram but was rejected unfortunately. Pu Speaker, it is

time for us to determine introduction of TDS system to supplement our revenue collection from non-tribal Companies, Contractors or Suppliers of infrastructure developments. I have once asked for a newly printed rupee notes from RBI on which I was informed that the no Bank have ever receive newly printed notes from RBI nowadays as we are always being referred to the Banks of Karimganj or Silchar to draw 40/50 crore or more which happened to be flowing out of our budget being deposited in such Banks. It is sad to learn that huge amount of our budget fund is being accumulated in the neighboring Banks. Hence, it is time for us to wake up and determine preventive measures by collecting more taxes from non-tribal business men with the help of Tax Deduction Source system.

In Demand No.22 Sports & Youths Services Department, It is learned that ₹125 lac only is allotted in the budget for infrastructure, coaching and supply of sports materials. On the other hand, allotment of the budget is also reduced from ₹25 crore to ₹11 crore despite the department without having office building of its own for 28 years. It is, therefore, important for concerned authority to give priority to construction of office building of Sports & Youths Services Department.

Regarding Scout and Guide, the budget provision is only ₹3 lac and so, should be increased. On the other hand, I am very happy to learn that ₹40 lac is allotted for construction of Boxing Hall. At the same time, it is important to determine storage of ground-water and rain-water harvesting system in every plan of infrastructure developments.

In Demand No.46, UD & PA, it is sad as we are transforming Aizawl into a city of Silpauline since every locality is emblazoned with the materials as we can see here and there. As such, we need to determine having a planned city. I opine town planning by the late Pu C. Pahlira (1952-1959) remain in use. Under SIPMIU, technical sanction amounting to 188 crore has already been made in 2006-2007 but no action has yet been made till today. In regard to sewage system also, there is a plan to start from Aizawl 'E'. If so, I suggest selecting the meeting point of Chitelui and Mualpui for the site so that it is benefitted by all the localities from Kulikawn to Bawngkawn.

Lastly, I would like to suggest concerned authority of Aizawl Municipal to formulate appropriate regulations for development of Aizawl by including health and sanitation concern with immediate effect. Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.



**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Now, let us call upon Pu Lalduhoma, Group Leader.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, let me start with the problems concerning my constituency.

We have a good Basketball Court at Chawlhmun thanks to valuable concern of the hon'ble Minister. . We have once hosted a tournament with the hon'ble Minister as our Chief Guest. There, he assured the players to construct a house by the site of the court for storage of chairs and benches. I would like to remind him that we remain awaiting for implementation of his assurance. We have a good training centre at Tanhril. The residents and land owners there were requested to co-operate with the Department, and they, too, were very eager to do as requested however, as it took much longer than expected, some of the landowners are beginning to withdraw themselves. So I request that the situation be looked into as soon as possible. Likewise, I request the Department to look into the Cricket Ground and Football Ground in Sihmui as they are generous donations from individuals.

The other day, while we were passing the Entertainment Tax Bill, I mentioned that most of our tournaments are held through sponsorships; it would not be fair to demand taxes on all sports activities. I'm not certain if there is an exemption provision, and if there isn't, I suggest that it should be amended.

With regard to Vety, as we all know, swine disease has taken over all of Mizoram. It was not so long ago that we had cow disease. The government made an announcement on Friday to distribute free vaccinations, so have the vaccines arrived? The owners have to deal with huge expenses including medicine and petrol, and I suggest in such matters it should be free of cost, or at least included as subsidy. Most of the pigs we receive are imported, so I suggest that we try to be more self-sufficient.

Our honorable Minister and I had paid a visit to the DM&R, and we even rode on a boat together. I had mentioned our need for speedboats, but that request seems to have been denied. We, instead, received a Rubber Boat, which has to be deflated on the shore with four men having to carry it. Therefore, we are in dire need of at least I speedboats.

Coming to Revenue department, I have a list and there are 90 people

who have an LSC pass on government property, which cannot be owned by individuals. There are also 157 homes without LSC or pass who have been residing there for years. So I request that these people be given passes by the government.

The way we affix taxes is also not proper. New rates have come up showing an increase once again. The Grade-I shop/stall rate in 2005 was ₹ 500/- per sq.km; it then dropped to ₹ 200/- the next year as we experiences immense fluctuation in the rates. The new rate has increased to ₹ 300/- which, is quite reasonable. We still followed the 2006 annual revenue, and that has now doubled. If we are to increase any taxes, it should be revise by small percentage.

I have mentioned discarded iron many times. It involves huge fund. We Mizos have been incapacitated for too long in this field. Now that we have a factory, I suggest that those shops dealing in discarded iron be asked the amount of tax they pay, and how many there are exactly in Aizawl.

This is the third time I have been mentioning about rubber in Soil & Water Conversation. We have a potential area of 5,75,00 hectares for rubber plantation, and we have covered only 50 hectares, which is not even 1%. The NLUP covers about 300 families. We have been planting rubber in Mizoram since 1960, and we have not seen much development. A study team was sent to Tripura where plantations were tended for 6 years. They are now the second largest producer in our country. If we improve and develop in this area, our per capita income and GSDP will increase and we shall have something to leave behind for the future generation. We should therefore, distribute good seeds with high survival rates under the Rubber Board.

I've learnt that nurseries have been set up in 3 places by the Department in PPP Mode costing about 57 lakh. We have spent huge amount on private nurseries without seeing much development. They have not been told what to plant or where to sell, and there are no approach roads. The vehicle could not even reach the nursery that the PAC tried to visit in Vairengte. If transportation cannot reach our nurseries, how can they flourish? I suggest that it be privatized to have a flourishing and developed nursery. Joint ventures are recommended. We shall have a market for it soon in our State, so let us calculate the expenses and think of the best way they can profit without much loss from the government.

I think we are on the verge of receiving RAY scheme under UD&PA.

We have 3 places – Sihhmui, Sairang and Sairang Dinthar – which are not included in the municipal or rural areas. They have refused to pay IAY, claiming that they are not rural area. . We will not be able to receive from either scheme, so I suggest that the RAY cover these three areas.

The SJSRY reported that they have 19,121 trained members. As of June 2007, there are 1400 trainees. This is accessible way for helping families without them having to seek government jobs. How many of the members have utilized their training to earn and have jobs? It is a kind of skill development, and it provider jobs without having to depend on any government job. I wonder if the government provides anything else besides a promise to favor them in getting BPL loans.

SIPMIU has made tremendous progress in our constituency. They provided Zonal Tanks in Tanhril. The ones they distributed earlier were too small, we were asked to demolish the old ones. I was thoroughly against it. There should be better planning. I want to know when the setting up of zonal tanks will be completed and its capacity. What is the progress of the construction work of main feeder at Chanmari booster which would supply Luangmual, Tanhril, Central Jail and Sakawrtuichhun? As per work schedule Lungverh Battalion Headquarter has not been included, so I would like to know the reason.

Rangvamual and Phunchawng are now almost like one locality. Pipes can reach Rangvamual, so I suggest the same be done for Phunchawng.

Lastly Pu Speaker, with regard to Excise, my constituency has been mentioned several times. They sell inferior quality liquor at high rates, and the area has .become so unhealthy. This is a huge social problem. Thank You, Pu Speaker, for giving me times.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : If there are no more members to speak, let us now call upon hon'ble Minister, Pu J.H. Rothuama, to wind up the discussion on his Demands.

**Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA, MINISTER** : Pu. Deputy Speaker, I have 4 departments under my concern and I will try to summarize it.

There has been a lot of issue concerning Land Revenue. We have submitted a Bill on Land Revenue and Reform, and the Bill to replace the former will

be discussed next week. Land has always been an issue in any government, the reason being that we are not careful enough while giving out lands not only in Aizawl but also in the rural areas. We find generous distribution of lands on request. We have stamp and seal letters which becomes very difficult to cancel. We have now taken steps to improve the matter.

We have many other objectives before us. One is Government Complex which honorable member, Pu. Duha, mentioned. It would be difficult to trace back when giving out land properties to individuals began. Several vacant areas were filled as well. The locality is recognized they have V/C, YMA Branch and church. We went to survey Government buildings and private houses there to settle matters. We still have matters to settle with GAD as they have not specified which Government houses are to be included. However, it is up to the Government to deal with those with passes and without pass.

The Land Revenue Department has divided it into 9 blocks out of which 1-7 have been submitted to the Cabinet and passed. Space has to be allotted for Colleges, churches and different departments. The first thing needed to be done is construct an approaching road. PWD were able to construct which has left everything else pending as that is the first work to be done. About vacating of Assam Rifles land; the Committee has met twice and discuss about it. We even had a survey. Nothing much can be done as of now since it is not yet vacated. The lower land area next to it still needs to be surveyed, but that will be done after it's vacated. Some are quite apprehensive as the area could end up in private lands; but we are making sure that does not happen. The land is meant for public.

Regarding Revenue tax, our target is lower than last year's as the reason being the city coming under AMC. We received revenue from issuing of passes for construction of churches and such other buildings. We are unable to even equal last year's amount as the largest sum is now submitted to AMC. We are yet to reach our target, but steps are being taken to collect them within the month of March. We have few members who collect, and employing others has proven quite difficult due to financial problems.

We have made the infrastructure for Land Revenue and we had also decided that SDOs and BDOs become District Collectors in their areas. However, we are yet to practice as we have to survey Saitual, Khawzawl and Hnathial, which have been affixed as District Headquarters in the Sub-Divisions. Even if MCS Officer is

there, we still need a good technician to work on the odd jobs. Due to less man-power, we are still unable to follow our infrastructure. It was only after careful and specific measurement by the Revenue that houses could be built close to the roads. Aizawl is getting more populated and the people are getting more stubborn; so such reserves cannot be made anymore. As I had mentioned earlier, the Land Revenue and Reforms Bill will be discussed next week and we can discuss in detailed.

Demand No. 7, Excise & Narcotics. We have few workers who put in lots of effort. We take pride in the fact that prices of liquor and drugs are high. As demand goes higher, supply has to keep up with it. As hon'ble member Pu Lalduhoma had mentioned, we have to consider those living in 2 Pastoral sections which include Phunchawng, Rangvamual and even Vaivakawn. We are also aware that several vehicles and bikes are often seen in Sairang area around 4-5 O'clock in the evening. Our duty is to be more vigilant. The Excise troops work day in and day out, trying to keep matters under control. We also get support from Central YMA.

Demand No. 33, Soil & Water Conservation is a very old department with property and quarters in various places. It started deteriorating and now it almost stopped functioning. But due to the NLUP, they have been reused with the help of Coffee, Rubber and Boom. The best in Land Use this year went to a broom cultivator from Sairang, and the Soil Department, feeling very proud of this achievement, even sent a certificate of honor. The third prize also went to a rubber cultivator; some had two high honors from the Soil Department. You mentioned how small the budget is; it was 400 lakh last year, now it is much lesser than that this but we do hope to get central aid. Our neighbour Tripura has developed its rubber plantations, as we, too have seen potential areas within our state with the sound support from our hon'ble Chief Minister. Those in the western areas beginning to start with the plantation process but we cannot make a specific plan as the funds are low. We first need to carry out a survey. Our hon'ble Governor asked the Chairman of the Rubber Board to come to Mizoram and we had a discussion with him. We are hoping to receive ₹30,000/- per hectare from the rubber board. It is further learned that financial aides may also be acquired from the central ministry of Trade & Commerce. I further request the hon'ble Chief Minister to give attention to the needs of this department.

Various steps have also been taken in regard to Soil in several areas. Besides that, rubber, broom and coffee plantation too are developing under the NLUP. Hriphaw was recently declared as the highest producer of coffee which proves that the soil here is quite suitable for coffee cultivation.

To move on to Demand No.37, Cooperation, it is quite difficult to make progress in this department. Co-operation concerns public needs and the 11 society levels covers areas such as handloom and vegetation. It is good news for Vety Department as our production of milk increases and that it is supplied through the co-operative society from MULCO. The government and our hon'ble Chief Minister have given it much importance which is why we have seen much improvement. We have had winners at the All-India level almost every year. The co-operative society has set up stalls in several villages as price control being observed. As a result of our was requested of financial aids to the Central government, we received provisions amounting to ₹ 2458/- lakh with matching share of 90% from the Central government and 10% from the state government. The amount of ₹ 2,014 lakh has been released with the help of the Finance Department. We still have to settle 25% of the shares to turn it into grant-in-aid. We shall distribute it through NABARD covering primary society and the state level Society. We also have about ₹ 2 cores for development of handloom and will be released after everything is completed. So, Pu Deputy Speaker, I ask this august House to pass the following demands:-

<b>Demand Nos.</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Demand No.6	Land Revenue & Reforms	₹18,51,56,000.00
Demand No.7	Excise & Narcotics	₹22,30,90,000.00
Demand No.33	Soil & Water Conservation	₹18,19,53,000.00
Demand No.37	Co-operation	₹11,01,74,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>₹70,03,73,000.00</b>

Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Now that the hon'ble Minister has winded up discussion of the Demands. All those in favor may say 'aye'.

The Demands are voted and passed.

**Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA, MINISTER** : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Let us now call Pu Zodintluanga, hon'ble Minister to win up the discussion and request the House to pass it.

**Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER** : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. First of all, I thank our honorable House leader for giving us the time to hold our final

budget session for this term. I was given 4 different departments to look after in these 4 years, and I am truly grateful. I am also grateful to you, Pu Deputy Speaker, and to the speaker for having helped a first time Minister in carry out my responsibilities. The different department officials have also so understood and I am sure having overlooked many of my shortcomings. It is because of them that we have seen immense development. Our department officer and I are eagerly awaiting the next Budget Session under the new government.

Pu Deputy Speaker, my fellow members expresses their gratitude towards various developments. It has made me realize that the fall of Pu Lal Thanhawla's led government in 1998 led to the realization of the shortcomings of the MNF government. I believe it is a blessing from God. Saikuti Hall, Civil Hospital and DC Bungalow in Lunglei were all tender during the 1998 Congress government.

Turial Hydel Project, Referral Hospital had also been set up for public service. They received the very potential Aizawl Greater Water Supply Scheme Phase-II and it has been received by Pu Lal Thanhawla's government within 4 years only. The MNF government proved that they no longer deserve to rule after their poor performance in those 10 years.

Pu Deputy Speaker, under the leadership of our honorable Chief Minister, we have governed for 4 short years. Plant is undergoing to set up important buildings in Lunglei, which will be sanctioned by DPR Central government to Pu Mathana's constituency. Honorable member, Dr. R. Lalthangliana, claimed that we are just continuing what had been started by the previous government. They, however, destroyed everything that had been started by their predecessors. They governed without observing the strict rules, without clearance from the Forest Department. Our State has witnessed tremendous from the within these 4 short years. We received 8.44 core from the Central Ministry of Urban Development for the commendable work done by the UD&PA. We are yet to receive an additional sum.

We are all aware of the objectives of the Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation. The city of Aizawl will witness deterioration of we do not have a proper outlook as our election manifesto. We need a proper plan for the development of the city. We are understanding several scheme through the UD&PA, Pu Deputy Speaker, such as construction and repair of roads and water supply (Aizawl Water Supply Phase-I renovation).

Seven of our have members spoke on Demand No. 46, Urban Development. I don't think we need to react to each of them. But I will try to answer each question the best I can. I will explain Pu Lalduhoma's question on RAY scheme Sairang, and how SJSRY employs and about zonal tank. We train a lot of people from financially poor families. With help from MHIP, NGOs and YMA, we now have several schemes for their employment. Some of them already have stable jobs. The capacity of Tanhril Water Reservoir is 4000 liters. The contract agreement says that it will be completed in May, 2013. Contractors for the Water Supply feeders have been selected, and the approval of Ministry of Urban Development is being awaited.

Regarding Pu R. Lalrinawma's question on dumping ground and solid waste management, we are awaiting sanction from the Central government. All the wastes of the city will be converted to soil or burnt. We have acquired additional property for that purpose. Regarding Pu K. Liantlianga's question on sewage, workers have been selected and tender has been made. We are waiting for sanction from the Ministry of Urban development, as well as permission.

Pu Deputy Speaker, to answer Pu R. Pianmawia's question, Rajiv Award Yajna is a new central government scheme. We have a pilot project in Pu R. Lalrinmawia's constituency of Zuangtui. We have received the sanction, and we will construct homes for some poor families for free. We shall first take it up here, then in the district capital and later other areas.

**Pu K. LIANTLIANGA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, this sewerage system is at its first phase, and will include several areas in Aizawl 'E'. We shall set up a treatment plant, which our engineers say is the best in the world. Dirty Water and such will flow through the pipelines and be treated in the plant. The venue for this plan has been purchased in Chite Lui. After treatment, the water will be usable again.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, what about Phunchawng and Lungverh? Won't they be included?

**Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER** : Pu Deputy Speaker, I am unable to talk about Lungverh and Phunchawng, though I am sure it is included in our scheme.

The Urban Development has made a lot of undertakings in making notified towns develop. We have provided homes to the poor in District Capitals, and there are a lot of scheme for the upliftment of these District Capitals and Notified



towns. We are undergoing construction in Serchhip to have the best auditorium in the North-East; Stadiums are being set up not only in Lunglei, but in Champhai, Serchhip, Kolasib and Mamit.

Deputy Speaker, there were 11 members who spoke in Demand No. 22. What they failed to mention is sports infrastructure. We have a new NCC Air Wing which will prove very useful for our youth. Our own youths are now able to train in flying plane for free. It is a huge achievement of the government. We are aware of the skills and talents of our youths, and we have held tournament and talent searches through the PYKKA scheme. We had talent searches at the Village level and Block level. Then they moved on to the District level, and the ones who shone at the District level moved on to the State level. We even took them to the National level, which is a huge accomplishment in bringing up our youth from the rural areas. Most of our hon'ble members conveyed their gratitude, too. Pu PP Thawla had a question.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Could you please wait? It is 4, but our Minister is in the middle of winding up; so let us wait for him to finish, and then we can serve refreshments.

**Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER** : Deputy Speaker, we usually cannot complete implementing at one go, so we have Ongoing Works each year. There is a high demand for sports goods, and we often have to focus on the quantity instead of quality; so you need to understand our situation.

Honorable member, Pu PP Thawla, also mentioned Ramhlun Indoor Stadium. It was initiated by the previous government, but because of the bad quality, it was discontinued. Central government funding was also stopped. The residents of the constituency worth honorable member Pu H. Liansailova, took it up again so that it would serve a good purpose for the youth and public. We have planned to construct a building which will include an auditorium, contact sport centre, shooting gallery, which will be set in 2 months. The foundation was also carefully inspected by the PWD engineer.

We selected 9 disciplines for our vision 2016, which are boxing, taekwondo, shooting, archery, judo, wrestling, badminton, weightlifting and table tennis. Ten children for each discipline have been selected, and the NEC has sanctioned funds to have their training for 300 days... The NEC has given a first installment of 22 lakh and the total amount will be 32 lakh. We have made about 100

developments within this Financial Years.

As mentioned earlier, 10 cores were sanctioned for the Zobawk Academy. Under the leadership of our honorable Chief Minister, we made DPR of 34 cores to set up the Academy. A contractor has been appointed and work is being undertaken. The youths are also doing their best to be noticed at the higher level, and they put in hard work without seeding any help from the Government.

We have half North-East shooting tournament for 2 years now, and Pu Deputy Speaker, you will be pleased to know that Mizoram topped the Rifle and Air Pistol contest of 10 meter Air Rifle. The NRA President claims that he has noticed some Mizo children who would be able to complete at the next Olympics. We will so be able to witness football matches being played at night at the AR ground. The 12th Finance Commission sanctioned 25 cores for the construction of Aizawl Stadium in 2005, and the sum was untouched even in 2008. The new government of 2009 then set up the Rajiv Gandhi Stadium under the leadership of our honorable Chief Minister and Home Minister. A tender has been related for resuming of the work.

Pu Deputy Speaker, Demand No. 8, Taxation, is the most important Department of the Government. We do not sanction them many as much, but they work hard with utmost dedication which I think is the reason they top the e-governance. E-governance enables one to work through one's own shop instead of going to the office. Everything is served via the computer instead of having to walk or drive to the concerned officers. The Taxation department has shown tremendous development.

Regarding our honorable member, Pu Lal Thanzara's question on sports and entertainment is that we listed out the different areas in which Mizoram Entertainment Taxes, 2013, can collect taxes. We also made provision for exemption grant. Pu C. Ramhluna's question was also very important, Pu Deputy Speaker, we rake 13.5% of the goods in Schedule-II part d. It was lowered by 5% in January, 2013. The Class-I contractors many also give 3% as well. The Public Demand Recovery Act does not fall under the Taxation Department. In order to collect pending taxes, we need to amend the m-vat act.

In answer to Pu Lalrinawma's question on the Zemabawk Check gate, we have made preparations and we also think the location is not very good. The work is still going on.

Tour member talked of ICP, Pu Deputy Speaker, and I want to stress on its importance. In order to have a paperless Government, we have a project at the ICT Department and Vigilance. A pilot project to have e-governance is also being implemented. With the support of our honorable Chief Minister, we hope to increase internet connections. An optic fiber cable, high speed Internet is now available in Aizawl. As we had a few minor setbacks, we are continuing with overhead, and we hope that the internet connections in each office will help develop more.

Under the leadership of honorable Chief Minister, we are now familiar with certain ministers of the Central Government, and they have permitted us to have software Technology Park. It will also pave way for employment of our youth and help in online shopping.

After the PGCIL optic fiber cable functions properly we can have big call Centre here in Aizawl, too. Pu Deputy Speaker, I ask that the house pass the following Demands:-

<b>Demand Nos.</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Demand No.8	Taxation	₹11,54,90,000.00
Demand No.22	Sports & Youth Services	₹11,81,16,000.00
Demand No.46	Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation	₹139,61,01,000.00
Demand No.48	Information & Communication Technology	₹3,61,72,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>₹1,66,58,79,000.00</b>

Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu Zodintluanga has wound up and asked the House to pass the demand totaling ₹1,66,58,79,00/- core. All those in favor may say 'Aye'. (Members: Aye) The demands have been passed unanimously (Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: Deputy Speaker, thank you).

We shall have refreshments now and we'll return at 5:0 p.m.

### **5:00 P.M.**

**SPEAKER** : Let us now call hon'ble Minister, Pu Nihar Kanti, to wind up and plead to pass.

**Pu NIHAR KANTI, MINISTER** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Under your guidance, I have presented demands as an MOS and had them passed. I thank God and our House Leader for enabling me to make it this far. I am, by chance a politician who happened to end up in this position after the demise of my father. The officials have backed me up in spite of all my shortcomings, and I am truly grateful.

Pu Speaker, the demand I have is aiding the needy and being self-reliant on animal farming and Sericulture. Everyone around the world is given much importance to disaster due to global warming and deforestation. Therefore, our government also gives the department a lot of importance; it is a huge establishment at the Central Government. The honorable Prime Minister is the National Disaster Management Committee Chairman. We have Disaster Committee in the different District DC's Block Levels and Village levels.

Pu Duha is senior member, and he mentioned the necessity of speed-boats. We have discussed it with the officials, and though this may not be an assurance, I will look into it. Pu Speaker, I would like to remind the people of Mizoram to be careful as we have many man-made disasters. We have ongoing plans with MIRSAC and Hazard Risk and Vulnerability Analysis (HRVA). We have National School safety program me with trainings given in 200 Schools of Aizawl and Serchhip District. We are preparing Mizoram Landside Management Action plan/project.

Pu Speaker, due to the sinking of soil in Ramhlun, Aizawl, DPR of ₹ 21,01,27,200/- was submitted to National Disaster Management Authority. Plans are being made with Geology & Mineral Resources and the Architectural Engineering Company.

Pu Speaker, disasters which are mostly of man-made occurs during the monsoon season. It disturbs the development of the state and we need to be careful. We have District Emergency Operation Centers in the 8 Districts of Mizoram, along with IT and rescue kits.

Lastly, we cannot really avoid disaster but we can be careful. That's all I can say on Disaster Management & Rehabilitation. Pu Speaker, I'll now talk of Animal Husbandry. The Economic survey of 2012–2013 reveals how insufficient we are in meat, milk and eggs. As mentioned earlier by our members there are so many kinds of diseases befalling the animals? Immediately after hearing the never an

Emergency Meeting was held by the Officials. We have 30,000 doses of Swine Fever Vaccine for free distribution.

Pu Speaker, the Vety Department is fortunate due to NLUP; we are working towards being self reliant in meat and eggs. There are 9,923 Nos. beneficiaries who opts Vety Department in the first phase and 12,970 Nos. in the second phase.

I would like to point out a few of our achievements through NLUP. After a year from the first phase, we had 42 lakh litres of milk, 30,415 qtls. of pork, 1,70,752 of baby pigs, 44,544 qtls. of cattle, 229 lakh eggs, 34,171 qtls. of broiler meat. We hope everyone becomes self reliant in chicken and eggs after the second phase is completed. We also have planned to compensate for cattle death which was mentioned earlier.

Pu Speaker, we are experiencing increase of animals due to the NLUP, but we are short of VFAs (Vety Field Assistants). If we could have more VFAs, we would have seen more developments.

Pu Speaker, we constructed Rearing Houses, Granaries, Cocoon stires, Farmers Training Hall and cold storage by spending ₹150/- lakh under the NLUP Infrastructure. The DSO Office has also been renovated. Pi Lalsiami of Phaileng 'S', Lunglei District received the 4<sup>th</sup> prize in the whole of Mizoram for using the NLUP fund at best. She worked under the Sericulture Department. There were only 5 individuals practicing Sericulture prior to NLUP, but now we have more than 1,000. We have no problem in marketing as there is a good prospect in Sericulture.

**SPEAKER** : I opine Pi Lawmsiami deserves full honor.

**Pu NIHAR KANTI, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, that is true. So, Pu Speaker, I request that the following demands of my concerned departments be passed:-

<b>Demand Nos.</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Demand No.30	Disaster Management & Rehabilitation	₹17,28,01,000.00
Demand No.34	Animal Husbandry & Veterinary	₹40,06,58,000.00
Demand No.41	Sericulture	₹11,56,85,000.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>₹68,91,44,000.00</b>

**SPEAKER** : Pu Nihar Kanti has finished winding up discussion of his demands and has asked to pass it. All those in favor say 'Aye' (Aye) so; we don't have any objections, do we?

The Demand of Pu Nihar Kanti, hon'ble Minister, totaling ₹68,91,44,000 has been unanimously passed.

**Pu NIHAR KANTI, MINISTER** : Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : We have finished our business for today. As tomorrow, 27/3/2013 (Wednesday) is Holi, government holiday. We shall meet again on 28/3/2013, Thursday, at 10:30 a.m.

Sitting is adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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

**LIST OF BUSINESS**

FOR TWELFTH SITTING ON THURSDAY, THE 28<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2013  
(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**

4. Bill for introduction, consideration and passing.  
**Pu H. LIANSILOVA**, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce "The Mizoram Appropriation (No.3) Bill, 2013.

**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** : “Make the tent you live in larger; lengthen its ropes and strengthen the pegs! You will extend the boundaries on all sides”

Isaiah 54:2 & 3

We shall take up starred Question No.181, and let us now call hon’ble member, Pu C. Ramhluna.

**Pu C. RAMHLUNA** : Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. This is for the hon’ble Minister of Public Works Department and House Leader – Is there any plan for metal-black topping the Saibawh–Vanthuampui Road?

**SPEAKER** : Let us call the Minister in charge, hon’ble Chief Minister, Pu Lal Thanhawla.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, the answer to the question is ‘yes’ The Saibawh–Vanthuampui road is 24 kms. Long; and the Kawnpui–Vanthuampui Road are being constructed under the PMGSY scheme. Construction and work on cross granites have been completed; DPR has all been submitted through the National Rural Development Agency to the Mission Rural Development, Government of India. We are presently awaiting the sanctions, and the DPR estimate amount is ₹1,884.60 lakhs.

**SPEAKER** : As there are no further questions, let us now take up starred Question 182, and I call hon’ble member, Pu Lalthansanga.

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. This is for the honorable Minister of PWD to answer: -

- a) How many areas of the Highway Road Reserved is there within the National Highway Road a State Reserved area?
- b) Are the reserved areas maintained as it is supposed?

**SPEAKER** : Let us now call hon’ble Chief Minister, Pu Lal Thanhawla to answer.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the answer is: - Road reserved (Right of Way) has to be kept according to the Indian Road Congress (IRC) Guidelines under the National Highway and State Road as given below: -

- i) National Highway/State Highway - 24.00m width in open and 20.00 mts. in



- build-up area
- ii) Major District Road - 18.00m width in open area and 15.00m in built up area.
  - iii) Other District Road - 15.00m width in open area and 12.00m in built-up area

However, the Road reserved under the Mizoram National Highway and State Road area not the same, and there is no proper record.

In answer to the second question, we cannot strictly follow the Road Reserved area (RoW) as has been directed by the India Road Congress (IRC) Mr Speaker Sir.

**SPEAKER** : Further questions from Pu Lalthansanga, followed by Lt. Col. Z.S. Zuala.

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, while it is 12 meters in the IRC and other roads, we seen to have constructed roads at a closer range like the Airport road. When BSF occupied land was ordered to be demolished by the National Highway, the BSF claimed it to be 15 meters and said they didn't have enough to complete it. They even requested the State to help. If we continue with such a system, we'll soon have congested road and more traffic jams. We should have stricter rules.

In which that the inter-departments cooperate more? The Revenue Department gives them property, and I wonder under which they can give such gifts. I'd like our House Leader, honorable Chief Minister, to answer if it is possible to have it this way.

**SPEAKER** : Now, Lt. Col. Z.S. Zuala.

**Lt.COL. Z.S. ZUALA** : Mr. Speaker sir, it is quite difficult to understand the process of how reserved roads are measured. My question is – Which is the starting point of the measurement and how is it carried about?

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

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, all the roads in Mizoram including our National Highways does not meet the standard require of the

Indian Road Congress. There is no definite demarcation while paving the roads. Therefore, road reserve area cannot be known specifically. However, the Revenue Department while giving Land Lease (LSC) put aside road reserve but this was not followed properly. It is hard for the government to maintain order in this regard as the people do not follow order. If we follow and take necessary action, we will be labeled wrongly. The rich and well-to-dos have no respect for public property and build their houses encroaching public roads. The authority wants to maintain order but the public makes them fail to do so due to our greed and insolence.

**SPEAKER** : Now, we will go to starred question No.183 and invite Pu Lalduhoma to ask.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for Industries Department be pleased to state: -

- a) How many chipping units are there at Bairabi?
- b) Since when?
- c) What is the amount of cost?
- d) Whether it is infuction?

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite the hon'ble Minister in-charge Pu S. Hiato.

**Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, answers to Pu Duhoma's questions are as follows: -

- a) There is only one chipping unit at Bairabi
- b) In 2009
- c) ₹ 66.95 lakh
- d) It is now in full function.

**SPEAKER** : As there is no supplementary question, we will go to our next question. Let us invite Pu T.T. Zothansanga to ask his question No.184.

**Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon'ble Minister for Sports & Youth Services be pleased to state: –Is Vision 2016 completed?

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

**Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, the programme of Vision 2016 is still in progress.

**SPEAKER :** Supplementary question Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

**Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA :** Pu Speaker, my supplementary questions are: -

- 1) In what Games does our government give priority?
- 2) Is priority also given to Contact Games in which our State makes a name?
- 3) If fund provision to that respect is allotted in the department's budget of 2016?
- 4) Is allocation of ₹1,777 lakh for Work Programme under SPA highlighted in the budget?

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

**Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, as mentioned by the member, contact sports is where we make our name. The government selects 9 disciplines for Vision 2016 namely Boxing, Taekwondo, Shooting, Archery, Judo, Wrestling, Badminton, Weight Lifting and Table Tennis. From that, it is believed that there is more opportunity for our youths. Despite barely a couple of year since a Shooting Gallery being set up in Mizoram, we are having some youths who are capable of winning the victory in the North East Shooting Championship. The President of the Nation Association for Rifle shooting, being impressed by the performance of our youths made a compliment that they have potential to become an Olympian as he made an offer to coach them from NRA. At the same time, concerned officials determine how to mould up many of our talented youths. Under the project of Notary Young Talent for Excellence in Sports, the NEC sanctioned us ₹25.38 lakh out of which ₹22.22 lakh has already been received as first installment. With this fund provision, the officials selected 10 young children to undergo training in different disciplines.

As the hon'ble member pointed out, no preparation could be made prior to having a definite plan size. SPA is specially meant for building infrastructure for the selected youths. Apart from this, we are going to build Boxing Hall as the site already been selected. Yet, we do not have site for construction of Table Tennis Hall and Weightlifting even though fund in hand may cover the costs. Now, we have a place to practice Archery within the premise of Secretariat Complex. As such, various disciplines such as Judo, Wrestling and Badminton have set up their respective Association and selected participants without the government interference. Hopefully

such disciplines may be accommodated in the stadiums we have built during this ministry such as Hawla Stadium and Ramhlun Indoor Stadium. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Does he answer your question, Pu Duhoma?

**Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, we want to call the programme 'the Olympic Vision, 2016' instead of merely '2016'.

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite the hon'ble member Dr. Ngurdingliana to ask Starred Question No.185.

**Dr. NGURDINGLIANA** : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for Public Works Department be pleased to state –

- a) Whether there is an intention to continue works done between Phullen and Daido under PNGS scheme for black topping?
- b) If so, does the department prepare DPR?

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite the hon'ble Chief Minister, Pu Lal Thanhawla to reply.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, answer to the hon'ble member Dr. Ngurdingliana's questions are-

- a) Yes.
- b) Yes, DPR was prepared for Phullen and Khawlian road and was submitted to Ministry of Rural Development. Besides, Consultant was hired to prepare DPR for Khawlian, North East Tlangnuam, and Daido. I want to inform the hon'ble member that black topping between Phullen and Khawlian road will go into two phase. The first phase is Phullen to Phuaibuang and Phuaibuang to Khawlian. The estimate amount for Phullen to Phuaibuang is ₹4539.39 lakh and Phuaibuang to Khawlian is ₹1582.27 lakh. DPR for black topping of Khawlian to North East Tlangnuam to Daido is under way. For this, we hire Consultant Measures, CM Engineering Solutions, Gurgaon and are expected to finish it by the month of April.

**SPEAKER** : We will take supplementary questions and invite first Pu Ngurdingliana, then Pu Laduhoma and Pu John Siamkunga.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, the road to Daido is an important

link road to Manipur. After Daido, there is Parbung in which, if I am not wrong, our boundary with Manipur lies. This is an important road and hope that it may also be taken up under PMGSY. If it is extended upto Vawngzawl, it would help us in maintenance of our border security. Is there a way to include this road under PMGSY or under another source?

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite Pu John siamkunga and then Pu K. Liantlinga.

**Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. I heard that the road between South Vanlaiphai and Muallianpui is planned for black topping in the first phase. When will the work be started? Apart from this, spot-holes found in various roads within Aizawl City may be repaired during the dry season?

**SPEAKER** : Pu K. Liantlinga.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. About 30 kms of the road between Phullen and Suangpuilawn is very bad. Is there a plan to repair it?

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

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, during our previous ministry, we made a plan for transformation of road to Manipur to double lane road as we are all tire of economic blockage frequently made by the Cachar people. In the west, we also made improvement of road to Agartala and is now being approved as National Highway. However, road portion within Manipur is being neglected for long as the condition is intensively poor. Regarding the hon'ble member Pu Lalduhoma's question, I am regretted to mention that it is unlikely impossible to do for us as the PMGSY guidelines stated that no work should be done where there is no habitation. The programme concerns connectivity of only those habitats which has not been connected by road. However, we may try to find other sources. Regarding inter-state connecting road, we should also determine the negative aspects such as the problem of infiltration as problems of law & order. Therefore, we have to determine this carefully prior to make some decisions.

Pu Speaker, there is plan under PMGSY for black topping of road from Suangpuilawn to Phullen and Suangpuilawn to Zawngin. However, the latter could

not be included under PMGSY and may be done from other sources.

Regarding the question of the hon'ble member Pu John Siamkunga, I have committed to do so during the election campaign but could not be taken up easily. Yet, i have in mind to achieve my commitment as concerned officials too are giving important to the plan. Regarding spot-holes on some roads within Aizawl city, the department is now doing repairing works of some culverts which is found to be the main reason. However, the progress of work is quite slow due to scarcity of laborers to do the work.

**SPEAKER** : We will go to our next question and invite Dr. R. Lalthangliana to ask his Starred Question No.186.

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

When will reconstruction of Thenzawl to Buarpui road be started?

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite the hon'ble Chief Minister i/c PWD to reply.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, for this work we are calling tender and the fund will come from ADB. We hope to start the work from December.

For information of the House, Sailiamkawn to Thenzawl is 15 kms and Thenzawl to Buarpui is 39 kms, totaling 55 kms. The fund will come from ADB through DoNER. The Ministry of DoNER released a sanction 167.90 crore and the Govt. of Mizoram also sanctioned the exact amount. As I said, the work is now tender, however, the Govt. of India and ADB does not sign an agreement. After the agreement is signed, selection for the contractor will be done. We hope that they can sign the agreement on June, 2013. The black topping will cover the road 8.70 meters wide and 5.50 meters carried way.

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

**Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA** : Pu Speaker, we have been facing problems on this road for a long time due to irregularity of ADB rather than the Mizoram

Government. They delay us for a long time and we have to determine alternate sources such as World Bank and others

The condition of Buarpui to Bughnum road is quite poor; whether the government has a plan to improve this road? The hon'ble Chief Minister stated that the work will be started in December. If so, when will construction of 55 kms. long be completed? I also want to know progress made so far regarding construction of by-pass road from South Sabual to Thenzawl and Buarpui.

We also have a fatal road approaching Darlung. Is there a plan to improve it? In addition, between Aibawk and Tlawng, there is a road-cutting through the mountain range which also becomes a breaking point for vehicles and no by-pass route is there. May the problem be examined by the department?

**SPEAKER** : Pu Robiaka too has mentioned the same case in his constituency several times. Now, i will invite Pu Lalthansanga.

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, the people of my constituency claimed that I have neglected to mention the problem within my constituency but I thought i made it many a time.

First, I would like to ask if there is a plan to reconstruct Tuichang Bridge for which the sanction already been received? If additional fund is required, will it be given? Besides, there is a blockage of road between Khawlailung to Hmunzawl so we have to go through Tuichang Bridge. Construction of 16 kms of this road was taken up under BADP. May the PWD take over the remaining so that it lasted all seasons?

I am thankful that during 2012-2013 and 2013-2014, fund for construction of internal road for Bungtlang, Khawlailung, Vanlaiphai, Lungdar has already been sanctioned. Regarding Lungdar to Sailulak road which we used in all seasons is taken up under PMGSY where as construction of the side-drain being excluded. As such we have been facing problems particularly in rainy season as the surface becomes slippery when wets. When will pavement and black topping work be done? In addition, is it possible to include plan for construction of Sailulak to Tuipui road in the State Plan Fund?

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

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, most of our roads in Mizoram including the National Highways does not meet the standard requirement laid down by the Indian Road Congress. There is no definite demarcation while paving the roads. Therefore, road reserve area cannot be specified. However, the Revenue Department while giving Land Lease (LSC) makes some reserves but is not followed properly. It is hard for the government to maintain order in this regard as the people do not follow order. If we follow and take action, we will be label wrongly. Our rich people have no respect for public property and build their houses pressing public road without giving a thought. The authority wants to maintain order, but the public makes them handicap for greed and insolence.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for Industries Department be pleased to state: –

- a) What is the amount of interest and penalty received from Mizoram Venus Bamboo Production in return to ₹2.80 crore loan being availed?
- b) What is the amount of principal, interest and penalty being recovered?
- c) Apart from ₹2.80 crore, is there any being loaned to others?
- d) If so, what is the amount and date?

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

**Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, my answer is –

- a) The amount of interest and penalty is ₹59,337,983/-.
- b) The amount of interest paid ₹18,35,890/-
- b) ₹2.80 crore was given through ZIDCO. While there is no continuation from ZIDCO, they receive loans from another sources totalling 439.3 lakh. With the Chief Minister initiative Venus Bamboo was restarted by giving 154 lakh on July, 2012 as there are many important machines imported from foreign countries.

Pu Speaker, Interest from ZIDCO loan till February, 2013 are as follows: -

- a) Principal - ₹280 lakh
- b) Interest - ₹494,68,218/-
- c) Penal Interest - ₹98,69,765/-
- d) Payment of loan till date - ₹1,39,726/- on 11.8.2005 and ₹16,96,164/- on 17.7.2005.



**SPEAKER** : Supplementary question Pu Lalduhoma.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, my question is: -

- i) Considering all the interests they have to repay and bail out money, can it be survived?
- ii) Why are we giving them so much?
- iii) What kind of plan do they have for recovery as the loan term already ended?
- iv) What is their production?
- v) Will it be useful for Mizoram?

**SPEAKER** : We will invite the concern Minister to reply.

**Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, we all seems to know its history and about the owner K.K. Shah who was found by the Enquiry Commission by chance. He appeared before the Commission once. It was bailed out after our technical experts determined the benefit for Mizoram.

Despite their heavy debt, they are now making an effort to re-run the industry properly as electric supply being reconnected with the understanding of the concerned Minister. it is obvious that repairing of its machines and workers' quarters, connection of water supply and purchase of raw materials needs lot of money. In spite of all these, it is now functioning at it best. They are now producing flooring made from bamboo and wooden furnitures. However, their export permit expires but somehow, it is renewed. We also acquire Domestic Tariff Area Sales permit for 12 months. Now, we have a buyer from Guwahati, the Vikas Enterprises from July as we also supply the materials to Khatla Churh. We have a Show Room at Zarkawt in which 40/50 local people and 5 others from outside are being employed. If it is functioning regularly, our bamboos and teaks will become essential items where as it will generate more employments in the future. Hopefully, it may turn out as a self sufficient industry if it continues to function without getting financial aids from the government.

**SPEAKER** : Question hours is over and we have three members absent namely: - Pu Nirupam Chakma, Pu J.H. Rothuama, Minister and Pu K.S.Thanga, Parliamentary Secretary.

We will go to the Financial Business, the Deamnds of 2 ministers. First we will invite Pu H. Liansailova to submit to the House Demand Nos. 9, 13, 14, 31, and 32.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, with the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and your permission I move the following Demands for meeting expenses during 2013-2014 in respect of the following Departments –

<b>Demand Nos.</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Demand No.	Finance	₹3,72,93,48,000.00
Demand No.	Personnel & Administrative Reforms	₹2,29,66,000.00
Demand No.	Planning & Programme Implementation	₹9,55,31,75,000.00
Demand No.	Agriculture	₹1,75,29,27,000.00
Demand No.	Horticulture	₹22,75,70,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>₹15,28,59,86,000.00</b>

**SPEAKER :** Let us invite the hon'ble Chief Minister to submit to the House his Demands such as Demand Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 26, 27, 39, 45 and 47.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission Sir, I move the Demand Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 15, 26, 27, 39, 45 and 47 for rupees nine hundred ninty crore forty five lakh twenty six thousand only, for meeting expenses during 2013-2014 in respect of the following Departments –

<b>Demand Nos.</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Demand No.1	Legislative Assembly	₹17,46,75,000.00
Demand No.2	Governor	₹10,60,000.00
Demand No.3	Council of Ministers	₹5,73,22,000.00
Demand No.5	Vigilance	₹5,20,81,000.00
Demand No.15	GAD	₹50,76,81,008.
Demand No.26	I&PR	₹10,77,50,000.00
Demand No.27	District Council Affairs	₹2,10,73,00,000.00
Demand No.39	Power & Electricity	₹2,94,10,04,000.00
Demand No.45	PWD	₹2,47,88,41,000.00
Demand No.47	Minor Irrigation	₹1,47,68,75,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>₹9,99,45,26,000.00</b>

**SPEAKER :** Now, our two Ministers have submitted their respective demands. We will have a discussion and 10 minutes will be allotted to each member.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, tomorrow being a Good Friday and tonight, with exception of Salvation Army, we are seems to attend the Lord's Supper. Since we have many church elders among us, can you make exception and shorten our discussion in order to attend the service on time. As practised in other States, can we select the members to have his speak?

**Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA** : Pu Speaker, tonight service being one of the most important services, it is appreciated if our discussion is curtailed so that we may be able to reach the church on time. I have discussed the matter with the Deputy Speaker as we opined that only 12 members may be entertained to speak and with that we can finish at 6:00 p.m. On the other hand, it will not be appropriate to reject some members to speak for this business concerns important demands. Therefore, keeping in mind of the time limit, we hope that we can have a comfortable discussion.

**SPEAKER** : We need to finish all the demands within March so that we can present it to the Governor for signing, along with the appropriation Bills. But we all give importance to attend tonight's service. As such, we may proceed as time permits and hope that we can finish by 3:30 p.m. Now, let us call Pu B. Lalthlengliana.

**Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA** : Pu Speaker, I first of all would like to mention that YMA General Conference will be held at Khawbung in this coming October and i request the hon'ble Chief Minister to consider immediate repair of Khawbung to Biate and Dungtlang to Farkawn and other departments besides PWD which concern for rural areas may be instructed to keep a close watch to the works which may be taken up for we are expecting guests more than the previous conferences due to tourists attraction in the areas around.

Concerning Minor Irrigation, I request concerned department to improve the irrigation system in the areas around Bulfek, one of the major rice cultivations as many pipelines corrodes due to irregular supply of water.

Regarding P & E department, Pu Speaker, Tlawva Hydrel Project is proposed to be completed within 2 years. I expected the progress of work is attended like some other small hydrel projects within the same constituency. Another important matter i want to mention is posting of Doctor in PHC. We currently do not have a doctor in our PHC which may be considered as soon as possible.

In Demand No.31, Agriculture, I have heard that ₹2,000 crore was allocated under the head of Crop Husbandry of RKVY but not specifically. Can it be specified in detail?

**SPEAKER** : Now, Pu Lalduhoma, after that, Pu Joseph Lalhimpuia.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, I wanted to start with PWD. The hon'ble Speaker, Sir, it is known to us all that numbers of major project being undertaken within our state with its contractors from outside as the local contractors cannot meet the specified qualifications. May the concerned authority be approached so that concession is made or the specification is changed to suite our local contractors?

Another point I want to mention is construction of defencing wall along our borders. Is our government aware of the on-going project? If so, what step has been taken so far by the government to involve in it?

Concerning Horticulture, the government is buying Vermi-compose at the rate of ₹12/- per kg since 2006 but the rate is recently fall down at ₹ 8/- per kg. What is the reason? We still spends large amount of fund for procurement of fertilizer from outside which further affected marketing of the locally produced fertilizers. Can we purchase the local production instead?

Regarding the status of our MPS which falls under the demand of DP & AR, all other services have Secretary level position but MPS has none. Besides, 5 posts of MPS were recently decadred at ACB. What is the reason? I opine it is wise for concerned authority to determine separation of 8 Nos. Armed Battalions we have in Mizoram into two so that we can have more posts of DIG. I think it is time for us to have a DIG of son of the soil.

Matter concerning Finance, we have to consider that if Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh are financially endorsed by the Central, so can we, for we all are in the borders and should received the same kind of attention from the central government.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Joseph Lalhimpuia, after that Pu Lalthansanga.

**Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUIA :** Pu Speaker, I want to share 4 things which I have in mind. First, I request the Planning Minister to closely monitor the proposal that the Lunglei High Power Committee submitted to the Planning Commission so that all the efforts our Chief Minister is not in vain.

Secondly, concerning power supply, we all know the shortage and the efforts made by our leaders to resolve it. Thus, I opine it is important to concentrate on Tuirial Hydel Project which has been revised due to the efforts of the hon'ble Chief Minister.

Thirdly, the UGC has given permission to set up Southern Campus of the Mizoram University. I would like to inform the House that it was done so as result of the efforts made by our Chief Minister. Finally, I express my support for the Demands of our Chief Minister and Finance Minister. Thank you.

**SPEAKER :** Now, Pu Lalthansanga, after that, Pu P.P. Thawla.

**Pu LALTHANSANGA :** Pu Speaker, we are listening today much praises of our Leader where as I have mine to make in praise of my party leader, Brig. T. Sailo. I credited the prevailing peace in Mizoram to Brig. T. Sailo because after the MNF 'Dumpawl' splitted from MNF, it was he who thwarted the effort of the central government to use them to further their agenda. He was also a beacon in economic planning. It was due to his planned economic policy, termed '6 basic needs' for Mizoram that i gave him credit for in economic policy.

Further, this Demand No. 39, concerning Power & Electricity is his effort to rescue Mizoram from developmental backwardness. As I visited the Assembly Annex with my party leader, Brig. T. Sailo just last week, I have questioned him as to whether he is aware of how this building came into existence but he is not. I related to him that it was constructed from the fund sanctioned for the project of extension of Aizawl Capital initiated under the ministry headed by him. He was delighted to hear about it as he made a comment that it is quite an asset. In the same manner, Pu Speaker, there are many other projects being achieved thanks to the initiative and an extraordinary vision of the former Chief Minister, Brig T. Sailo.

Pu Speaker, it is truly a violation of the election rules for the ruling party to initiate a mini-hydel project for construction of dam at the river Tuiriza

during the election campaign for bye-election of Chalfilh constituency. Regarding construction of Phullen 33 sub-station under RGGVY, I think the hon'ble Chief Minister would hardly satisfy with the quality of work if it is witnessed on the spot even though large sum of money is spent for the project. As of work scheduled of PWD, I am thankful to see various projects for road construction within my constituency with the total amounting to ₹1830 lakh.

Coming now to Minor Irrigation department, there are 400 Nos. projects being taken up in which most of the works are of sub-standard quality. Is it possible to allocate a separate fund for maintenance of works to improve the quality?

Regarding the Demand of Agriculture, I have made a request in this House repeatedly for construction of approach to Tlak-al but in vain. As shown here, ₹300 lakh is again allotted under RKVY scheme and I would like to know if the said approach road is included.

Regarding Horticulture, the hon'ble Chief Minister pointed out this morning that there is no point in alleging MLAs in the case of supply of onion. Pu Speaker, as far as my knowledge is concerned, supply rate of onion seeds is ₹5,500/- per kg whereas in other cases, it is only ₹2250/- kg. It is further learned that the former president of the Mahila is allegedly involved in the supply. Pu Speaker, what is the reason for an exorbitant rate of the supply while the seed is available at the company at a lower rate as 600/- or 700/- per kg? Regarding production of vermi-compost, I opine the purchase rate fixed by the government is only 8/- which is considerably low. As such, it is wise for concerned authority to follow preferential purchase rate, 1994 for local production so as to make more profits for concerned suppliers. It will be much appreciated if the case is re-examined. At the same time, I request concerned authority to reconsider the case of those who are late for supplier registration even by charging a late fee for the same.

In regard to Planning, it is learned that the District Planning Committee is being set up in each district with concerned MLA as one of the members but no board meeting is existed. As such, it is desirable if the members are informed about the plan in their respective constituency and consult them when necessary.

Regarding the question of the service of helicopter within Mizoram, it will obviously be continued as financial provision of ₹280 crore has already been received from central Home Ministry. But according to the calculation of the central

Home Ministry, the amount of fare collected is deducted from the expenditure and from the remaining, 25% will be contributed by the state government which indicate that we have to make a contribution of ₹2.3 crore every year. As such, we may not be able to afford payment of such amounts on regular basis for we have other essential matters to be taken care-of. Hence, it will be much appreciated if the hon'ble House Leader could approach the central authority for reduction of our contribution at least by 90:10. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SEPAKER** : Next, Pu P.P. Thawla.

**Pu P.P. THAWLA** : Pu Speaker, on behalf of the people of Saiha District and of my party, MDF, I opine it is necessary to participate in the discussion of these Demands which concern the hon'ble House Leader and Finance Minister. So, let me start with the Demand No.47, Minor Irrigation.

It is learned that there is a plan for improvement of Minor Irrigation department. As such, I request the hon'ble Chief Minister to consider upgradation of sub-Division at Saiha District to a full-fledged Division as it remains at the same status for many years.

Pu Speaker, while step is being taken for improvement of roads within Aizawl city, I would like to request the hon'ble House Leader to include black-topping of road which links Vaivakawn to Bazar Bungkawn. At the same time, I have to inform the House that a bridge approaching the western belt of Saiha District is destroyed by the floods as the problem of communication is quite intensive in the areas beyond that bridge. Whether step has already been taken in this regard? In this connection, may the hon'ble Chief Minister inform the House as to whether fund provision is made available for improvement of roads within Saiha town?

Regarding pilot project across the plain of Phura which has already been started since 1975, development is stagnated due to lack of proper road communication even though 28 years has passed. I earnestly appeal to concerned authority to make intensive effort so that progress is made with the project.

Pu Speaker, under Power & Electricity Department, we have Tuipang Lui Hydrel Project which unfortunately destroyed by floods in 2011. It is grateful to learn that the central authority is being approached for sanctioning the provision of ₹160 lakh for the repair. It will again be much appreciative if more pressure is made

to the central to expedite the sanctioning order. At the same time, improvement of the approach road may also be determined by concerned authority with immediate effect. Pu Speaker, since electric transformer is placed in most of the villages within Saiha District, it is difficult for a single MR employee to look after 5 or more villages at the same time. So, at least 5 more MR employees may be given so that transformers in such villages received a regular maintenance. In this connection, Pu Speaker, there are many villages which remain un-electrified due to slow progress of work under RGGVY whereas solar light provided by ZEDA is used for the time being. As such, it will be grateful if more quantity of solar light is provided from ZEDA. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Next, Pu Lalrinmawia Ralte.

**Pu LALRINMAWIA RALTE** : Pu Speaker, though I did not intend to take my chance to speak today, the needs for showing my appreciation to the Demands of hon'ble ministers compels me to stand up once again.

As known to us all, roads of the western belt were generally poor in condition as I was feeling kind of jealous when other members spoken of financial provision for improvement of roads in their respective constituencies. With all my prides, I am now able to mention in the House that improvements of road is taking place in different parts of my constituency such as Medil Li to Tuilutkawn of 88 kms. for which ₹134.70 crore being processed; Construction of inter-state road communication with the neighboring state Tripura has also been taken up from the provision under PMGSY in which ₹12 crore has already been spent. Apart from this, Pu Speaker, Sihthiang road of the river Teirei which is 11 kms long is now under construction from NLCPR fund thanks to the effort of this ministry. In fact, I have many reasons to extend my appreciation to this government.

But in power supply, my constituency is in a worse condition as the people did not even had a chance to watch live telecast of World Cup football match. In fact, we have blamed no one for failure of power supply at that time but poor condition of weather. Thanks to the effort of concerned minister, Pu Speaker, the problem has now been resolved by changing of the transmission line. In this connection, I would like to inform the House that there is a prospect of power generation from Teirei River which is found to be achievable at a minimal expenditure for compensation. In response to my request to the hon'ble Chief Minister, it is much appreciated as instruction has already been given to Power & Electricity department to initiate survey work to that respect.



Through this august House, Pu Speaker, I would also like to extend my appreciation to the hon'ble ministers such as concerned ministers of Agriculture, horticulture, Planning & Program Implementation, Finance and DP & AR respectively for their concern for the welfare of rural people.

Lastly, Pu Speaker, I express my whole-hearted support for passing of the Demands of 5 NLUP's nodal departments and 10 Nos. of the hon'ble Chief Minister's departments which concern development of our state and for the welfare of the people as a whole. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Next, Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

**Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I first of all would like to stress the need of allotment of vehicle to the District Information & Public Relation Officer of each District. Regarding Demand No.45, PWD, we have various development works being taken up within Champhai district under this ministry. Yet, there are some problems relating to quality control of each project. Hence, it may be appreciated if SDO is appointed from the level of Project Division to control the quality of some major projects such as construction of the building of polytechnic, Champhai College etc.

Regarding Demand No.39, 132 KV Sub-Division at Champhai is initiated by this ministry with provision of ₹12.32 crore. Presently, the project is in its final stage thanks to the efforts of concerned department. We are now able to enjoy a regular supply except by Saitual and Khawzawl which may also be improved immediately. In connection with this department, I would like to make an appeal to concerned minister to resolve insufficiency of staff quarters at Champhai as more staff quarters may be constructed where as a convenient place is available to do so.

Relating to the demand for power supply, Pu Speaker, the problem along Tuipui River is intensively high due to lack of enough electric posts even though it is the area where cultivation is concentrated. As such, it will be much appreciated if sufficient numbers of electric post is supplied in this area.

Last year, I have enquired of how many office building is rented by the government as it is surprising to learn that the government of Mizoram spent not less than 20 lakhs every month as rental charge. As such, I opine it is important for concerned authority to minimize renting private building for the office.

Regarding Minor Irrigation, it is much appreciated to see step taken by the department in various places. It is learned that one of the main objectives of the department concern with prevention of erosion which may cause damage to cultivated land. If so, it will be much appreciated if such measures are extended also in my constituency where cultivation is highly concentrated.

Regarding Horticulture, I have often asked myself as to whether we have produced orange from our own nursery and if so, what is the prospect of its marketing. In the meantime, Pu Speaker, I have learned many of the concerned officers or staffs who are having a private nursery where as it is often claimed by some private farmers that the department prohibited to sell their orange products in the market unless the departmental production is sold up. Regarding grapes, I must say that the main producers are of Champhai constituency in which the main variety is of Bangalore's Blue variety which is found as not the best variety for wine processing. For that reason, it is learned that step is being taken by the department for importing a better variety from Pusa and ICAR. If so, it will be much appreciated if step is taken to expedite immediate delivery of the said variety so that concerned growers are not wasted their times and money for plantation of a variety of lower quality.

Regarding Greenhouse, Pu Speaker, I have heard from some sources that the government shares 75% of cost of the material. If it is a fact, whether the department made a wide-publication as there are many who are interest to have one?

Lastly, Pu Speaker, I express my support to the Demands which has been discussed today. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Our time is over now. We will take a recess and discussion will be resumed at 2:00 p.m.

**2:00 P.M.**

**SPEAKER** : To resume our discussion, may I now invite Pu K. Liantlinga.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Pu Speaker, we have seen here in the Demand No.14, ₹900,00,00,000/- being allotted against Evaluation & Monitoring which I

supposed may be shared by various departments. It is also seen that ₹1,200/- lakh allotted for MLA fund. In the meantime, I opine the Planning Department is important to have a favorable schemes and DPR.

As we are entering into the 12<sup>th</sup> Plan, I remember Pi Sonia Gandhi once pointed out ₹20,000/- crore being earmarked for Mizoram as we have also seen in the Press release of the Congress party noting the same being received from Pi Sonia Gandhi. This is a fact, yet, it may not be possible to obtain 1/3 of the whole amount. As such, it is important for us to have a good consultancy firm and also to give more thought in preparing plans and schemes for the 12<sup>th</sup> Plan.

In Demand No.32, Horticulture, ₹23.03 crore of the total budget allocated to the department will obviously go to salary of staffs and nothing much is left for development such as major and minor works. If so, it is important for concerned authority to determine financial sources from technology mission. I received a copy from the department, expenditure for ₹270 crore for the Mizoram Small Farmers Agriculture Business Consortium including minutes of Board meeting, list of Board members as well as sanctioning and release order. Here, balance expenditure of ₹1.58 crore from 5 Nos. Bank account is seen. But what I do not understand which may later be clarified by concerned minister is entry of ₹21 crore in the account on 9.7.2012 and withdrawal of ₹21 crore on 16.7.2012. Again, entry of ₹12 crore on 16.10.2012 and withdrawal of the same amount on 9.7.2012 is shown as interest of the amount deposited becomes ₹13.88 lakh. Here, bank balance is clearly shown except the expenditure but it is not known the whereabouts of the amount withdrawn during the period from June last year to March this year. How and where the amounts withdrawn are deposited and if it is deposited in fix and in which Bank account?

In this connection, Pu Speaker, I used to think if it is suggestive to concerned authority to determine the best use of fund provision under technology mission by exploiting students who has completed their studies relating to agriculture technology or else to pursue setting up of tissue culture for their own occupation. As most of the crops produced in our state are of single crop, it may be developed to double crops by means of nursery, greenhouse and laboratory as our very own experts could be exploited there to maintain the processes.

In Demand No.39, it is truly appreciated to see performance budget of the department which shown its plan expenditure amounting to ₹1,10,650/- lakh. In

this connection, obviously license of Eternity Partnership is issued to JERC which in my opinion is quite imperative as in my opinion, we should rather determine collaboration or a joint venture so as to make the best use of the talents of our very own youths. If the whole process is controlled by others, we may be heading to a worse crisis and therefore should be determined very carefully.

In regard to the Demand No.27, work programme of the Autonomous district councils such as Lai, Mara and Chakma are quite impressive. I believe that the problems they have been facing frequently could be resolved by immediate transfer of their share of fund provisions from the central such as NLCPR, SPA or SCA but not by offering them the impossible 'direct funding'.

Pu Speaker, it is much grateful to see work programme of PWD which is Demand No.47. We have seen here plans for acquirement financial provision from the 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission, ACA, SCA, CRF and NABARD. I opine this budget may be more impressive if other departments done the same as well. In the meantime, I would like to extend my appreciation to the government for construction of a by-pass road from Bethlehem Vengthlang to World Bank road, a bridge over Chite Lui from NABARD and black-topping of a by-pass road from Venghlui to Republic which has been completed two days back. Apart from this, linked road between Republic Vengthlang and College Veng as well as Republic Vengthlang to ITI have been done thanks to the efforts of our PWD. I am truly thankful to PWD and PHE for maintaining a good cooperation in every development works within my constituency.

Last, but not the least, Pu Speaker, I opine priority should be given to Minor Irrigation as it concern cultivation in which the majority of our farmers are engaged. As such, it is wise for concerned authority to determine improvement of our irrigation system by allotting the works to some companies so as to maintain work quality instead of splitting the contract works to numbers of private which badly affected our irrigation system. I support all the Demands which have been discussed today, Pu Speaker.

**Pu C. RAMHLUNA** : Pu Speaker, I have 2 important points to mention regarding Finance department, Demand No.9. The first one is pensionery charges in which ₹5,214 lakhs was spent during 2013 and now it is decreases. I do not understand this as it is supposed to increase gradually. It may as well be pleased if concerned minister clarified the procedure and classification of employees in terms of drawing of pay under plan and non-plan. Regarding Directorate of Treasury &

Accounts, we have rules that any pension case should be processed one year before concerned government servant is actually retired so that he is able to draw his pension salary immediately after his retirement. While this is the case, we have many pension cases which have not been processed even after 2 or 3 years of retirement. The hon'ble concerned minister may later clarify the actual position of the procedure.

Regarding Demand No.9 and No.13, Vigilance and DP & AR respectively, I opine it is important to urge certain BDOs and AOs to make immediate recovery of their respective debts which amounting to ₹96,27,663/-. Some of them were retired from their service as some have joined other careers. As per order of the Chief Secretary of 1991, it should be particularized in cases of confirmation and promotion of concerned government servant. At the same time, it is wise for concerned authority to determine upgradation of our Administrative Institute. I feel kind of handicap in compare to ATI of other states which have been equipped with substantial hostel and numbers of professor to facilitate training for IAS Probationary and MSC officers.

Pu Speaker, I feel it is inappropriate to allot ₹900 crore in respect of Planning and for evaluation and monitoring. I wonder for what purpose this should be utilized, Pu Speaker. Regarding MLA Fund, we the members have 30 lakhs each as shown here in the plan fund. Since the ministry of MNF, the amount increases by ₹5 lakh on a regular basis. As of this ministry, it increases only once and so should be re-examined since it is beneficially utilized by the members.

There are many things to mention regarding Agriculture and Horticulture but I have to concentrate on Horticulture. We have seen large amount of fund allotted in respect of Technological Mission but nothing much is seen for demand for grant and work programme as it is not highlighted here. The point which I appreciated most is nursery which is being undertaken by the department as well as some privates. In this regard, I opine it is important for the department to supervise some private nurseries as of which variety should be planted and in which season.

What I would like to state in regard to Demand No.27 is excessive number of post existed in the Lai Autonomous District Council which needs to be rationalized as necessary. It is as well important to determine how to deal with those posts which have not yet been filled up. In regard to allotment of contract work also, Pu Speaker, it is important for concerned authority to verify the system as most of the works are allotted between the CEM and concerned EM.

Regarding Demand No.39, P&E, it will be much helpful if solar light is distributed in the areas where regular supply of power could not reach even if effort is made by the department. The main reason for this irregularity of power supply is lack of sufficient transformer and therefore should be given more. It is learned that there is a proposal to set up sub-station at Bungtlang South and what step has been taken so far in this regard?

Pu Speaker, I am happy to receive the answer regarding construction of Vathuampui road and the estimate as being prepared already. So, I request concerned minister to immediately start the work. At the same time, it will be highly appreciated if Bungtlang to Hruitezawl road is immediately prepared by the department as we have suffered long enough. I again request concerned minister to expedite construction of PMGSY road from Vaseikai to Chawngte as it is of a potential area and only 40 kms long.

Coming now to GAD, it is interesting for the House to know the amount of due incurred by Jet Airways and Air India on Lengpui Airport. At the same time, it may also be informed to the House if there is a proposal to hand-over Lengpui Airport to AA1. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : Pu R.L. Pianmawia, next.

**Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA** : Pu Speaker, let me start from Demand No.15, GAD. Saikawrdai being the headquarters of SHDC, we have SDO (Civil) but could not be functioned regularly due to dual charges in his hand. It will be much appreciated if a separate SDO is posted which may be arranged from the newly promoted MCS officers. Secondly, it is truly grateful to see provision for improvement of Lengpui Airport and the service of helicopter within Mizoram. Even though proposal for improvement of Darlawn helipad has not been initiated yet, it will be much appreciated if it is included with Sakawrdai as soon as possible.

Regarding Demand No.39, P&E, even though the Cabinet meeting of the previous Congress ministry had given its approval to set up P&E's sub-station at Darlawn but could not be achieved during the next ministry. Thanks to the efforts made by the leaders of this ministry, it has now been achieved not only for Darlawn but also Sakawrdai. Yet, Pu Speaker, the problem of power supply persisted in the remote areas which have not been covered by RGGVY such as Chhanchhuahna-khawpui, Sunhluchhip, Zokhawthiang, Mauchar and Palsang. Approach has also been

made to concerned authority to expedite the programme but not positive outcome is seen. I, on behalf of the people of my constituency once again request concerned minister to kindly make an effort so that we may be able to enjoy power supply as soon as possible.

In Demand No.45, PWD, I must say that my constituency is in a way fortunate for being pointed out by the hon'ble Chief minister as an example of a poor road. In pursuance, concerned department has made an intensive effort to improve this road as black-topping of Sakawrdai to Zohmun is now being taken up which will be followed by North Serzawl to North Tingmun. Yet, the work may be more progressive if it is supervised on the spot by CE. Apart from this road, Pu Speaker, we are very happy to learn that proposal for construction of Tuivai Bridge and linked road to Silchar are being processed on which I extend my deep appreciation to the hon'ble House Leader. Nevertheless, Pu Speaker, we truly are thankful to the government for achieving staff quarter of Supply Inspector at Sakawrdai and SDAO quarter at Darlawn.

Regarding Minor Irrigation, the project taken by the department hardly covers my constituency except for few areas of Pehlawn and East Phaileng. A such, I request concerned minister to include more areas such as Kaniphai and ruangvaphai of Darlawn.

Coming now to Demand No.13, it is a burning desire of concerned people that any government servant is stays in his/her place of posting. As such, it is necessary for the government to determine immediate solution of this problem. At the same time, Pu Speaker, I request concerned authority to consider notification of Darlawn as District Headquarter and also to upgrade Sakawrdai as a notified town not only for these places are of a sensitive area, but to simplify dealing of various development programmes as well as to improve the economic condition of the people.

I have many reasons to express my appreciation in regard to the implementation of NLUP within my constituency. It is truly grateful that power-tillers are made available to ordinary people on subsidized rate as this machinery is counted as beyond reach to the poor. What I would like to request in this connection is to improve staff quarter and the office building of SDAO at Darlawn so that we may be able to insist SDAO and his staffs to remain at their place of posting.

Coming now to my last point, Demand No.32, Horticulture, we truly

are appreciated to the government for installation of the first cardamom oil processing plant in Mizoram at New Vervek of my constituency. We are hoping that in future, the plant is regularly maintained by the government as it concern economic development of our state.

To conclude my speech, Pu Speaker, I express my sincere support to all the Demands which has been discussed today. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Next, Pu R. Lalthangliana.

**Dr R. LALTHANGLIANA** : At the outset, Pu Speaker, I have to express my appreciation to your sincere guidance to this august House as the problems of the members have been alleviated to a large extends by providing an Ambulance vehicle. Yet, it is difficult to get it as I have asked three times to use it but in vain. It is necessary to buy another one by the next term.

Pu Speaker, the concerned staffs should have been very tire for this session is taking long enough. As such, they deserves sufficient amount of honorarium as it is done in the previous sessions. If there is a mean, it may as well be provided to PSO's and drivers of the members as their service deserves it. In the meantime, Pu Speaker, the PWD staffs have occasionally visits the recess room allotted to my party but we are now concluding this term without having toilet or latrine being attached to our recess room. It is learned that the same problem is persisted in the recess room of the Ruling party also. Hence, it will be much appreciated if improvement is made for the upcoming term.

Pu Speaker, as a concerned minister for I&PR during the previous ministry of MNF, sufficient amount of budget had been allocated in respect of the department as media personalities too had benefitted to a large extends. What is important for the government is to determine provision so that they also benefitted pension salary even if it is not as much as benefitted by the government servants. Regarding organizing a press tour, it may be important to determine places which may be benefitted most. Thus, it may also be set tour programme within Mizoram in addition to North-east region or any other places within the country. At the same time, it is important for concerned authority to provide provision to that respect on regular basis.

Regarding Minor Irrigation, I received a message this morning but am



not confirmed the incident on the spot. Pu Speaker, allegedly there is an intention among some ruling party workers for sharing of a contract work under Minor Irrigation at Champhai without actually working. It will be much appreciated if the matter is immediately verified on the spot. At the same time, Pu Speaker, insufficiency of staff in MI is intensive as 12 Nos. SI being promoted but the vacated posts remains unfilled. So, immediate attention may be given by concerned authority. It is further learned that 3 posts of SDO remain unfilled which may also be filled up immediately considering role of Minor Irrigation plays in supplementing other departments such as Agriculture, Horticulture, Forest and Soil.

Coming to the problem of power supply within my constituency, efforts were made in the last 2 years to repair power generator used under RKV but in vain. The department of P&E had even been approached to resolve the problem but it is not of their responsibility. As such, it will be much appreciated if a full capacity transformer is provided for Buarpui and the surrounding villages.

As we discuss the Demand No.13, DP & AR, I would like to inform the hon'ble minister at the same time regarding a serious matter relating to posting & transfer of Group 'A' officers. Last year, a notification was issued from the Secretariat of Technical & Higher Education for transfer of the Assistant Professor of JB College Lunglei which I opine as inappropriate for the incumbent brought the post with him to Hrangbana College. I request concerned authority to immediately examine the case for the post was created for JB College alone.

It is a fact that Planning & Programme Implementation involves in the construction of Hnahthial playground to some extends for which fund provision of ₹90 lakh is being received from NEC but none is spent. The concerned department may kindly examine the case as 4 staff quarters of PHE have already been destroyed under this plan. At the same time, let me remind the concerned minister of the importance of trifurcation of Account & Treasury as also pointed out in the previous session also and the need of the department to have office building of its own.

Pu Speaker, since priority is given to Planning, instruction is given to all the departments to submit their projects in order of its importance. But there are some prioritized projects which are excluded by the Planning such as project which concern solution of the problem of water supply to Buarpui amounting to ₹3 crore only. As such, I opine it is necessary for the Planning department to have a careful examination of priority list which may be furnished by the departments.

As shown here, large amount of budget is allocated to Planning department where as on the other hands; there is an instruction to follow plan size of the previous financial year. As such, it is confusing how to carry on for our plan size is yet to be identified. It is a common experience of the government that most of the departments fail to achieve their targets for not receiving the entire amount of budget allotted.

Pu Speaker, among large numbers of MR and Work-charge being employed by the government, it is sad that there are many who have not been regularized even after serving for more than 20 years particularly in PWD, concerned department of the hon'ble Chief Minister, PHE and P & E department.

Pu Speaker, regarding ECCE teacher of SSA, 50 Nos. were appointed to each district with the total of 400 during the MNF ministry. Nowadays, there are pervading rumors for dismissal of those teachers for lack of fund provision by the government which deeply saddened concerned teachers since they have wasted 7 or 8 years. Pu Speaker, considering the problem of insufficiency of teachers under Education department, it is a fact their service is greatly benefitted. As such, it is important for concerned authority to examine the case once again so that they continue to serve at their respective schools.

Pu Speaker, as we are now standing at the end of this term, I would like to express my appreciation to the Assembly Secretariat for being able to publish the proceedings of the Assembly Session shortly after the corrected speeches of the members are submitted. Looking back our discussion in the Assembly proceedings of this term, I have found out that most of the ruling party members have pointed out the weakness of the previous MNF ministry. I can take it all for granted except their allegations that my party as done nothing good but destroyed. Besides, I opine it is wise for any members not to speak badly of the previous members of this House as it may degrade the status of this august House. Our time in the House is so wasteful for criticizing others but should be spent for the best possible.

Pu Speaker, as we discuss the final as well as the most important Demands which concerned the hon'ble Chief minister, I would like to stress the importance to each member to utilize our political wills for reality. The people of Mizoram are now able to watch this Assembly Session from their own home and we should know that they are wise enough to differentiate reality or fake from our speeches and actions. They are able to see which party or members are reliable;

whether the budget being discussed truly concerned the welfare of the people as a whole. Even if it is unclear as to whether we may be able to utilize this budget or not, we should determine for the best possible utilization. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : I now call upon Pu H. Liansailova, the hon'ble Finance Minister to wind up discussion of the Demand of his concerned departments and he may also move the House to pass it.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : I first of all would like to express my thanks for the opportunity to hold responsibility for these important departments of the government which may also be the last one. Thanks to the valuable concern of the hon'ble Chief Minister, I have taken this responsibility knowing my weakness to do so. I express my sincere appreciation to my fellow ministers, the Parliament Secretaries and all the members for giving me their valuable supports in performing my responsibilities. Nevertheless, I thank the officers and staffs of my departments for giving their valuable cooperation throughout this term. Pu Speaker, I accept the ministry of this government and the members elected to run so are of God's will as I am proud being one of them. At the same time, I appeal to the people through this august House to take for granted of my weakness and false if any, in performing my responsibility.

I regret time limit for discussing what we felt to be important due to upcoming important program for the Christians, Good Friday, yet, indulgent of the members for the same truly are appreciated.

For the same reason, Pu Speaker, I may not be able react to all the points raised by the members but before that, I think it is important for the members to witness our financial situation.

As shown to us all, the total amount laid for our revenue receipt is ₹5039.42 from which the estimate amount of revenue collection by the state government is ₹488.50 only which further indicates that barely 10% is the state's share on revenue receipt. Hence, it will be much important for all the departments to achieve it own target so as to evade gap in the state's share.

Regarding non-plan fund, Pu Speaker, the estimate amount expected from the central is ₹3,097 crore with increase percent of 7.7%. From the total amount to be received, 80% is supposed to go to the salary of government servants with the

annual increment of at least 3% and increase of DA at least by 7+7% or 7+8%. Hence, it is obvious that at least 17% more is necessary to meet the requirement. It is learned from some newspapers that there are certain groups of employees who could not draw their salary on time. In this regard, it is to be noted that the hon'ble Chief Minister prioritized payment of salary of the government servants on time. But those who did not received on time are mainly of employees under centrally sponsored schemes which depend on designated fund or centrally sponsored schemes.

Pu Speaker, the government generally indebted any increase of DA. In this regard, concerned government servants are praiseworthy for indulgently waiting for the convenient time with sense of belonging to the government. As of some facilities such as travelling concession and medical reimbursement bill, no government employees are bother to claim it except in the case of hospitalized medical patients and as a result, the government is somehow able to manage itself.

Regarding pay anomaly, the Government Employees Federation has discussed the problem with concerned authority as the Cabinet too has extended it concern up to the limit as the case has now been decided. In this connection, it may be noted that protest by the government servants is scarcely heard in the country as a whole. In comparing our state with others, Pu Speaker, it may not be wrong to say that our government servants have received their monthly pay more regular than of other states thanks to the efficiency of this ministry. As of our financial health indicator, it has already been notified in the budget speech in which we are fortunate to able to maintain a good performance in the revenue surplus thanks to the efficiency of concerned officers and the ministers as well.

Pu Speaker, it is truly appreciative that our fiscal deficit has been minimized to a large extend as it is hopeful that we may be able to accommodate ourselves as in the upcoming 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission. As of our outstanding liability, it has now becoming 49.50% below GSDP as a result of efforts as well as sacrifice of concerned authority. At the same time, Pu Speaker, we have a couple of fields in which more efforts should be made yet. First, our system of rationing of food-stuffs may be examined thoroughly otherwise our financial gap could not recovered as it has now amounting to ₹400 crore within 3 or 4 years. Thus, it will be harder and harder to manage ourselves. Secondly, more efforts should be given in regard to our billing system of water tariff and electricity. If necessary, the supply rate may be increased so that it is not effected the general people. In fact, this will take a careful determination. Next, the problem of State Corporations and Undertakings, it

needs immediate attention of the government for there are many employees who have wasted many years serving under some Undertakings. Whereas there are certain corporations under which many youths are quarantined to avail loan for setting up industries such as ZIDCO and KVI. Pu K. Liantlinga have even pointed regarding the need of amendment of the State Quarantee Act which it is agreeable to a certain extents as it concern the welfare of our youths. But the General Financial Rules clearly mentions that no quarantee should be given by the government under any Private Sector but in our situations, we are bound to help only the applicant who is truly keen on setting up industry. Obviously no industry will survive if loan is freely available. In this connection, it may be noted that some Undertakings are clarified as sick unit as a result of failure of recovery of loans by concerned persons.

Regarding appointment of employee on ad-hoc basis, the government keeping in mind of the need to maintain the standing Rules decided to make an effort to stop the practice which involves more than 500 being employed on ad-hoc basis. There are many employees who use substitutes and some of them even received promotion during their use of proxies. Such activities are direct defiance and disobedience of the government and we shall continue to pursue and punish the offenders wherever they are.

The Combined Civil Service is a new system of selection we have devised and introduced during this Ministry. Instead of advertising the whole number of vacant civil posts available, we have decided to entertain exams for only ten posts at a time, which will ensure an involvement of a larger number of students with better number of opportunities.

We are also doing our best to develop the ATI as you must be aware. We have upgraded the training modules by appointing 2/3 more expert faculties. We have also created a scheme in 2008 to regularize MR without superseding each other unfairly.

One of the main indications of the success of NLUP is the decline of rural farming by a whopping 50%. The farmers are deeply interested in WRC-I and WRC-II system of terrace making. They are now utilizing modern tools and technology which increased our production by 10% the year before last and we expect an even higher increase this year.

We are now able to eagerly look forward to the commencement of the

Horticulture College session due to the ceaseless effort of our hon'ble Chief Minister. The central officials are seriously considering starting classes at the Vety College before the Horticulture College can actually be used.

There are those discouraged by Nursery Registrations, but I would like to point out that the department stipulated the time for registrations and the farmers are request to apply during this time. Most people are unaware of the better quality of seeds at department nurseries but those who are truly dedicated and determined to be successful, pick the department as their first choice.

Pu Duha and Pu Pianmawia expressed their interest in Jatropha and I fully share their enthusiasm. I witnessed their demonstration at the Secretariat and I believe it has a huge potential as a source of energy. Vermicompose is also an interesting undertaking but for now, the produces are meant for private consumption and not commercially manufactured. We have bought some produces but it was meant solely to encourage the producers.

The MSFAC, mentioned by Pu Liantlinga, is only a channeling agent and the fund received from them is directly deposited in their allocated channel without interference from the government and it is further disbursed separately as necessary. If there is an interest gained from the account, it is given back to the Ministry.

The MPS case pointed out by Pu Duhoma has been referred to the DP&AR. IPS and IAS cadre has also been discussed at length but we have insufficient amount of officers to fill up even 40 posts and they would have to overtake many MCS posts in the process.

On the matter of Pension budget fund allocation, last year they had huge amounts of settlements to make and hence the budget was increased accordingly. This year, those settlements were completed and the budget no longer needed to be raised.... (Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA: Pu Speaker, the financial year is about to end now, if we are unable to receive the ₹200 crores road project by then, will it be lost completely? What can we do about it?) Pu Speaker, we have included it in the annual fund anyway as they have advised us. So far, we cannot say for certain that we will receive it due to financial problems at the central but our leaders, especially our Chief Minister, is doing their best to ensure its sanction.

**Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA :** What happened to the departmental undertakings? Why has it stopped?

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER :** We have put that in the core programme and if they have any ongoing projects, sanctions will be made for its completion. Also, if they have projects with estimates of over ₹1 crore, we advised them to put it up so that we may integrate it in our annual plan. If they do not meet this requirement, then their departmental budget has to decrease logically. Pu Speaker, I request the House to pass my demands for – Finance, Personal and Administrative Reforms, Planning and Programme Implementation and Horticulture.

**SPEAKER :** The hon'ble Minister has requested to pass his demands for - Finance, Personal and Administrative Reforms, Planning and Programme Implementation and Horticulture Departments at a total of ₹15,285,986,000. All those in favour please say 'Yes'. Is there a 'No'? Very well, the House has unanimously passed the hon'ble Ministers demands for Finance, Personal and Administrative Reforms, Planning and Programme Implementation and Horticulture. Let us now invite Pu Lal Thanhawla, hon'ble Chief Minister.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, I would first like to commend the hon'ble members of this House for their observance of decorum, politeness and deep interest into the working of the government. I have sat here for 8 years now, and it pleases me greatly that we are able to tackle state condition changing rules and bills amicably and with a collective desire to make our state better.

We have a courageous Home Minister who knows when to push and when to pull and due to his relentless effort, we have a strong and stable law and order in the state. Although there are occasional kidnappings, our Home Minister and the police department has done everything they are capable of to liberate the hostages and their success rate is very comforting to the people.

We are attempting to garner a 'faster sustainable and inclusive growth' as we approach the 12<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan. We are currently trying to stabilize our infrastructure by undertaking power harvesting projects in several parts of the state and if the compensation problems had not hindered us, we would have a railroad upto Bairabi and then Sairang which would also be a huge stride towards development. We are constructing new roads with help from the World Bank and we have connected many remote villages in the process. We are trying to open a gateway to a new world for the youth.

The Sports Minister has taken full responsibility of developing sports in the state and I need not reiterate his achievements. We need to promote skill development and with the state planning board, they are trying to find a faster avenue for development.

We have paved a way for the youths to enter the army as much as possible and we have requested the recruiting officers and the Assam Rifles to create a separate quota for our youths.

The hon'ble member, Dr. R. Lalthangliana pointed out his concern about the small number of Public Administration Lecturers at the Govt. J. Buana Memorial College but compared to Lecturers and student ratio at Hrangbana College where they have to take more classes, we believe there are more than enough lecturers for PA at the J. Buana Memorial College.

**Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA :** Pu Speaker, I was talking about the transfer of a regular lecturer from the college rather than lecturer-student ratio.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER :** If that is the case, we will look into it. Minor Irrigation is a very weak department and I was aware of this. I have therefore, tried to put a stop to corruptions and bribes within the department and have even invited the CIDs to investigate some of the officials. We have vast untapped potentials and we need to reclaim the lands discarded as unsuitable for agriculture under the MI department. If we have sufficient finances, we want to create posts as high as SE level. We are also planning to set up a SDO office at Serchhip, Champhai, Khawzawl, Kolasib, Lunglei, Zawlnuam, Saiha, Chawngte and Lawngtlai. Let us see if the government will accept our proposal.

We have already finished the DPR for a Medical College and we are hopeful to start the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Year in the new fiscal year with the Referral Hospital at Falkawn serving as the base hospital. We are an extremely cancer prone state and hence we think that it is imperative to have a cancer hospital with at least 100 beds and we have submitted the DPR and we are awaiting their response.

We have continued with the Journalist Welfare Fund. An ex-gratia of ₹1 lakh and hospital expenses of upto ₹1 lakh are granted to unfortunate members. We are also at the stage of revising the Mizoram Press Accreditation Rule, 1984. Pensions are also mentioned time and again but we feel that we are too financially tied up to extend pensions at this time.



Under the GAD, we have constructed Mizoram Houses at various cities to ease the burdens of patients rather than lodgings for VIPs. In Mumbai, the House has become too congested for the guests and hence we have decided to construct a new building which is expected to be completed within 2 years.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, the committee has examined the proposed House at Navi, Mumbai and we were extremely dissatisfied with the place since only one floor will be owned by the government. Has there been any change after we have submitted our reports?

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, we will have 2 floor as well as parking spaces. There will also be room to display our handicraft products. We have also reached out to the officials of Pune and Chennai and the Chief Ministers of the respective states have acknowledged our request but we still do not know when the land will be allotted. We also have a site at Chanakyapuri in Delhi which we have redesigned as much as possible.

We are in sore need of a House at Bangalore, Bengaluru. The past leaders of the state have promised to give us land but due to political upheavals, none of their promises could be realised. I have sent Pu Lalrinmawia Ralte to talk with the Principal Secretary and hopefully they will come up with a solid decision.

Our total expense on helicopter service is ₹104.4967 crores and the Ministry of Home Affairs has sanctioned us ₹3,2014900. The army has disallowed us to use the hangar at Zemabawk which poses a huge problem for us. We have spoken with the Defence Minister and the Army Chief about this and hopefully it will be resolved soon. Maintenance of Lengpui Airport is a huge task for the government since we are running it at a loss. We have contacted the Airport Authority of India about this and we are considering handing it over to them due to these losses.

We are still continuing to play the blame game when it comes to power and I think we are all responsible in some way. Each of us wants to be self-sufficient in power and it is time we support each other instead of pointing fingers.

We are plagued with bad roads in every part of the state and it is impossible to repair them all within 4 years since we have to request the funds from the central. However, we are making our best efforts to repair them with what we have. We also have to take into consideration the effect it has on our environment

when we construct new roads. Our experts are continually trying to find ways to avoid destruction of forests as much as possible. We also want our local contractors to receive works but there are those that simply cannot be handled by them.

Finally, we, the people of the state are responsible for the betterment of our state. As long as we are dishonest, corrupt and lazy there is no hope for preservation and utilization of our resources. Pu Speaker, I humbly request the House to pass my departments – Legislative Assembly, Governor, Council of Ministers, Vigilance, General Administration Department, Information and Public Relations, District Council Affairs, Power and Electricity, Public Works Department and Minor Irrigation with a total amount of ₹9,90,45,26,000.

**SPEAKER** : The hon'ble Chief Minister has requested the House to pass his demands. Is there anyone who is against its passage? The House has unanimously passed the demands of the Chief Minister - Legislative Assembly, Governor, Council of Ministers, Vigilance, General Administration Department, Information and Public Relations, District Council Affairs, Power and Electricity, Public Works Department and Minor Irrigation with a total amount of ₹9,90,45,26,000.

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

**SPEAKER** : We now have passed the annual budget for 2013-2014. Let us now invite the hon'ble Finance Minister, Pu H. Liansailova to introduce the Mizoram Appropriation Bill, 2013.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, with your permission and acknowledgement, I introduce the Mizoram Appropriation Bill, 2013.

**SPEAKER** : Distribute the copy. Let us now invite him to move and request the Bill to be passed.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : There is actually not much to explain about the Bill so I hereby request the House to pass it in the House.

**SPEAKER** : All those in favour please say yes. Are there Nos? Very well, the House has unanimously passed The Mizoram Appropriation Bill, 2013.

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

**SPEAKER :** We will resume our session on 1.4.2013 at 10:30 am.

Sitting adjourned at 5:15 pm

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

**LIST OF BUSINESS**

FOR THIRTEENTH SITTING ON MONDAY, THE 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL, 2013  
(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.

**PRESENTATION OF REPORT**

2. **THE SPEAKER** to present to the House the Fourteenth report of Business advisory Committee.

**PRIVATE MEMBERS' RESOLUTIONS**

3. \* Resolutions

NGURTHANZUALA  
Secretary

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\* Please see Bulletin Part-II No. 259, Sl No. 1-18 dated the 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2013 for relative precedence of Private Members' Resolution to be moved.

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**SPEAKER** : And let our people also learn to maintain good works, to meet urgent needs, that they may not be unfruitful.

Titus 3:14.

We will take up the business. Let us call upon Pu K. Liantlinga to ask starred Question No.201.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Will the hon'ble Minister for Law & Judicial be pleased to state-

- a) What step has been taken so far by the government to have a separate High Court in Mizoram?
- b) May the minister inform the House the reason for the delay of having a separate High Court in Mizoram?

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalsawta, Minister to give the answer.

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, answer to starred Question No.201 are as follows: -

- a) The state government made an approach to the central Government for having a separate High Court in Mizoram as the hon'ble Chief Minister too has made and oral request to the Central Government. We are now waiting for the outcome.
- b) The case is under consideration.

**SPEAKER** : Is there any supplementary question?

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Pu Speaker, the Peace Accord contain provision of having a separate High Court in Mizoram. It seems that enough pressure has not been given to the central authority as 24 years has lapses since signing of the Peace Accord. In the meantime, it may be noted that DPR of the High Court of our state is only ₹9 crore whereas the same for other states is not less than ₹15 crores.

Secondly, we have not yet a full-fledged High Court Judge in Mizoram despite number of Senior Advocates in our State. Why not appointed any one from our senior Advocate in Mizoram to replace Pu T. Vaiphei who is from the neighboring state? Is it because the government is lack of confidence over our local senior advocates to act as High Court judge?

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalsawta, Minister to give the answer.

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker any state has the Right to have a High Court of its own even if it is not provided in the Memorandum of Settlement. It is not known why Mizoram has not yet been given a separate High Court. I believe it is because of our lack of a convenient place for the said. As this Ministry came into being, the government proposed the New Capital Complex for the state High Court for which DPR has also been approved.

Regarding infrastructure of our state government, obviously it is far from adequacy as the proposed building for the said too is quite small for the High Court and financial sanction for the same which amounts ₹9 crore will not meet the requirement.

Regarding appointment of Pu T. Vaiphei as our High Court Judge, it may be noted by the members that our senior advocates too are included in the list of the collegiums but appointment is made in order of seniority as so now is the turn of Pu T. Vaiphei. In regards to the question of my fellow member, off course, the state government has confidence to the efficiency of our local senior advocates as it is our desire to appoint any of them as soon as possible.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Pu Speaker, my question regarding DPR of ₹9 crore has not yet been answered.

**SPEAKER** : Now, let us call upon House Leader.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, as the concerned Minister has stated before, the central authority is not dissatisfied with the proposed location for High Court as the Chief Justice and Judges of High Court also has the same opinion. So, our government is being informed to seek another location. As this Ministry came into being, it is decided that a building constructed for the Governor's bungalow at the New Secretariat Complex may be allotted for the High Court since the Governor is unwilling to occupy it. Thus, the Chief Justice have made a spot-visit and then agreed with the location. It has now been renovated for the High Court.

Regarding DPR of ₹9 crore as asked by my fellow member, I have no idea of the amount allotted to our High Court which is said to be of less than the same

allotted to other states' High Courts. Anyway, preparation for setting up of a separate High Court for Mizoram is now in full swing as report is given to the central on regular basis.

As of regarding demand for the appointment of Mizoram High Court judge, we have no senior Advocate qualified for High Court Judge. Yet, we have three senior Advocates to be recommended by the Governor and the Chief Minister. Out of these three Advocates, recommendation for the two were accepted for further process and will then be scrutinized by the collegians according to their own criteria.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalthansanga to ask Starred Questions No.202.

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : Will the hon'ble Minister Food, Civil Supply & Consumer Affairs be pleased to state: -

- a) What is the economic cost of fund spent for purchase of rice for the year 2010-2013?
- b) What is the actual number of family registered in respect of BPL and AAY under Food, Civil Supply & Consumer Affairs Department during 2009-2013?

**SPEAKER** : Let us call upon Pu H. Rohluna, Minister to answer Starred Question No.202.

**Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, answer to Starred Question No.202 are as follows: -

- a) The economic cost of fund spent for purchase of rice in year-wise: -

Period	Amount
2010-2011	₹1,27,86,65,986.00
2011-2012	₹1,04,01,000.00
2012-2013	₹85,15,70,000.00

- b) Pu Speaker, I do request your kind understanding for the figure which may be different in my answer and should have been made correction.

The number of AAY and BPL in year-wise: -

Period	Nos. of BPL family	Nos. of IAY family
2009-2010	42,000	26,000
2010-2011	42,000	26,000
2012-2013	42,000	26,000

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalthansanga and Pu Hmingdailova Kiangte to ask supplementary questions.

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, my questions are: -

- i) What are the sources of fund used for economic cost?
- ii) If the rate of delivery for BPL and AAY are fixed?
- iii) What step has been taken so far by the state government to do away with poverty?
- iv) Three years passed since the implementation of NLUP. If the scheme found to be fruitful for the beneficiaries?
- v) By what process rice is imported from the Central? Is the supply is determined on the basis of 2001 census or 2011?
- vi) What is the rate of procurement of rice per quintal or kg?

**Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE** : Pu Speaker, the building of Bukpui go-down is very poor. When will it be reconstructed?

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

**Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, answer to the economic cost has already been given. The rate is criticized as excessively high and the amount allotted as less adequate. Is it a fact that the hon'ble Chief Minister insisted to purchase at any rate to accommodate all the people, no matter how much it may cost to the government. So, an amount of 28,410 qtls of rice is purchased per month for BPL and APL. I may not answer the next question as the rate for BPL and AAY is fixed. Last year, we have experienced alteration of the said rate for APL as the rate of procurement from FCI changes throughout the year. To that effect, ₹85.15 crore is spent during the last year. 10,000 qtls of rice has also been purchased from local market at the rate of ₹21.50 as it is of same quality with that of FCI. As of supply of rice for BPL and AAY, it is done as per allotment of the Central Government. An amount of 14,700 qtls of rice is allocated by the central for BPL and 9,100 qtls. for AAY every month. Regarding allocation of supply, it is determined on the basis of 2001 census.

Pu Speaker, reconstruction of Bukpui Godown is much important as demand is made to the central authority. Hopefully, it shall be reconstructed as early as possible.



**Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA :** Pu Speaker, I would like to know whether sale proceed of rice for BPL and AAY covered half of the total expenditure. When will 2011 census be based to that effect? Thirdly, when will Buarpui go-down be reconstructed?

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

**Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, from sale proceeds of BPL and IAY for the year 2010 amounting to ₹34,43,74,350 and ₹50,71,95,650 for the year 2012-2013. This further indicates that the sale proceeds from BPL and IAY have not covered half of the expenditure. Allocation of any part of the country is determined on the basis of 2001 census.

Pu Speaker, the government has no fund for construction of go-down as yet. So, Buarpui go-down will be constructed when our demand for financial provision is approved by the Central Government.

**SPEAKER :** Pu Lalrobiaka to ask starred Question No.203.

**Pu LALROBIAKA :** Will the hon'ble Minister for Printing & Stationary Department be pleased to state: -

- a) What machineries are newly installed for improvement of Printing & Stationary?
- b) Which company manufactured such machineries?
- c) If such machineries are actually needed by the Printing & Stationary?

**SPEAKER :** Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana, Minister to give the answer.

**Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, to answer the question sub-Number 'a' and 'b', newly installed machineries for improvement of Printing & Stationary are as follows: -

S/Nos.	Items	Number	Name of Manufacturer
1	Plate Setter (Thermal)	1 No.	Heidelberg, Germany
2	Web-fed Machine	1 No.	Ronald Company, India
3	Plate Processor	2 Nos.	Rapture Company, Germany.
4	Digital Press	1 No.	Xerox and Mutoh of USA and

			Japan respectively
5	Air Conditioner	5 Nos.	Samsung Company, Korea
6	Power Generator (75 KVA)	2 Nos.	Jackson Company, India
7	Stabilizer (10 KVA)	1 No.	Indo Company, India

And, answer to Question sub-Number 'c' is: - Yes.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalrobiaka to ask supplementary question.

**Pu LALROBIAKA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My Supplementary questions are as follows: -

- i) What is the total amount of revenue earning of Printing Press during 2012-2013?
- ii) How many departments did not consume stationery materials from Printing & Stationary Department?
- iii) May the name of such departments be given?
- iv) What is the amount of outstanding bills?
- v) Are Notebooks and Calendars too printed at Printing & Stationary?

**SPEAKER** : Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana, Minister to give the answer.

**Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, answer to supplementary questions asked by Pu Lalrobiaka are the as follows: -

- i) The total amount of revenue earning of Printing Press during 2012-2013 amounting to ₹1,01,59,584/- out of which ₹ 52,19,504/- is received and the outstanding bill amounting to ₹48,90,000/-.
- ii) 12 departments.
- iii) PWD, Power & electricity Department, Industries Department, Rural Development Department, Agriculture & Crop Husbandry Department, Minor Irrigation Department, School Education Department, Forests & Environment Department, Deputy Commissioner of Aizawl, Directorate of Hospital & Medical Education Department, Directorate of Health Services, Directorate of Soil & Water Conservation Department.

**SPEAKER** : Now, Pu Ngurdingliana to ask starred Question No.204.

**Dr. NGURDINGLIANA** : Will the hon'ble Minister, Home Department be pleased to state: - Is there any proposal for renovation of Khawlian Police Out-post?

**SPEAKER** : Pu R. Lalzirliana, Minister to give the answer.

**Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, answer to starred Question No. 204 is "Yes".

**SPEAKER** : There is no supplementary question. Now, Pu Lalduhoma to ask starred Question No.205.

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

- a) Do we have the District Foreign Registration Officer? If so, who is the Officer and where is his office?
- b) How many are being registered since 2010?

**Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER** : Answer to Starred Question No.205 are:

- a) Yes, we have. The Superintendent of Police in each District (excluding Aizawl District) is authorized as District Foreigners Registration Officer, namely: -

1. V.J. Chandran IPS, Lunglei District.
2. Raj Kumar Singh IPS, Saiha District.
3. H.M. Meena IPS, Lawngtlai District.
4. Romil Banya IPS, Serchhip District.
5. Rajesh Kumar Singh IPS, Champhai District.
6. Madhu Varma IPS, Kolosib District.

- b) Foreigners registration (year-wise): -

2010 - 712 Nos.  
 2011 - 657 Nos.  
 2012 - 744 Nos.  
 2013 - 148 Nos.

**TOTAL - 2261 Nos.**

**SPEAKER** : Now, Pu T.T. Zothansanga to ask starred Question No.206.

**Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA :** Will the hon'ble Minister, LAD be pleased to state: - Is there time scheduled for burning of jhum cultivation?

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

**Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, answer to starred Question No.206 is - Yes, not later than 15<sup>th</sup> March.

**SPEAKER :** Any supplementary question?

**Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA :** Pu Speaker, I want to inform the House that 90% of our cultivations suffered negative effect of burning of jhum before due season. In this connection, I want to ask the following questions: -

- i) Since when the system of setting times for burning of jhum is in practice?
- ii) Whether LAD has sent a research team to verify the problems faced by the cultivators?
- iii) Whether the department imposed penalty to offender of time scheduled for burning of jhum cultivation?

**Pu LALROBIAKA :** My Supplementary question, Pu Speaker is: -

- i) Whether Village Council fund under TFC Policy is still implemented?
- ii) If not, is it renewable?

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

**Pu P. C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, I am unable to point out the date of order for burning jhum cultivation. It is decided by State Level Fire Prevention Committee and LAD executed the order. As this ministry came into existence, the date fixed for the said is from February to 15th March each year. As of the negative effect on cultivations, the department is not aware of such things. The fact is that soil on the cultivated lands have now becomes thinner which may result in less production. I do not know if the department sent research team to detect problems faced by the cultivators on ground of the time scheduled for burning of jhum cultivation.

Regarding Supplementary Question asked by Pu Lalrobiaka, I want to inform the House that the 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission allocated fund provision of

₹11.88 crore which will be deposited in the accounts of each village council through Treasury.

**Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA :** What about the question of imposition of penalty?

**Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, the department has no record of penalty.

**SPEAKER :** Pu K. Lianzuala to ask starred Question No.207.

**Pu K. LIANZUALA :** Will the hon'ble Minister, Food, Civil Supply and Consumer Affairs Minister be pleased to state: - Whether the Department has any proposal for construction of Supply godowns within this year?

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

**Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, answer to starred Question No.207 is - Yes, there is proposal for construction of 7 Nos. godowns at various places from centrally sponsored fund.

**SPEAKER :** Any supplementary question?

**Pu K. LIANZUALA :** Pu Speaker, yes. My Supplementary questions are: -

- i) Construction of Chhiahtlang godown is completed not less than four years ago. When will this be inaugurated?
- ii) Will the department do the repair of supply godown of Lungpho and Ngentiang within this year?

**Pu K. LALRINTHANGA :** Pu Speaker, will the supply godown of Saipum be repaired within this year?

**Pu LALDUHOMA :** Pu Speaker, yes. My Supplementary questions are: -

- i) Whether the department is seeking site for shifting of FCI godown from Ramrikawn?
- ii) Whether the government maintain list of BPL appropriately?

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : May the hon'ble minister explain the reason for inconsistency of figures given in starred question and unstarred question for the economic cost?

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

**Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, fund spent on economic cost is being re-examined thoroughly and we have confirmed that answer given in starred question is the correct one.

Pu Speaker, supply godown of Chhiahtlang remains unused due to lack of power supply as well as water supply. Since there is a plan to install Weigh Bridge here, transformer is needed but the government could not help unless it is received from the central.

Pu Speaker, since the government has no fund for construction of godowns and staff quarters, the department could not pursue the need for Lungpho, Ngentiang and Saipum.

Pu Speaker, even though it is the desire of FCI authority and the state government to shift FCI godown from Ramrikawn, there is another opinion to shift the said near railhead but no firm decision has yet been made.

Regarding list of BPL and AAY, it is not the purview of the department. Any supply received from the central government is directly sent to concerned retailers.

**SPEAKER** : It would be like the way Social Welfare Minister distributes the old age funds. Our member, Pu Nirupam Chakma is unable to come; and Pu B. Lalthlengliana is out of Station due to illness. We shall talk up the Report Presentation. The BAC sat together on 28.3.2013 (Thursday) and looked into the Session program me. Owing to our Business and time, we will not be able to go as planned. It was suggested by the BAC to extend the session to 4th April, 2013. If you could all agree to the Report, I shall be grateful.

We distributed our provision calendar – Bulletin part–II No. 260 on 26.3.2013. The Mizoram Legislative Assembly through the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business assigned that every Friday should be private member's business.

We often replace it with another which has to be during the session. Even though it is not a Friday, we still have private member's Business. We do not have any Bill today, but we do have Resolution. Regulation No. 1 States – in order to make the Look East Policy a success, we should construct a motor road from Laki to Kalawa besides the ongoing work between Sittwe and Mizoram. This is Pu C. Ramhluna's Resolution. Let us now call Pu C. Ramhluna to move the Resolution.

**Pu C. RAMHLUNA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. I am glad to move this resolution today. I know there are other members here who deserve to move it more than me. On the other hand, as the project is being undertaken in my constituency, I feel I should be the one moving the resolution. Akyab Sittwe of 163 kms is being constructed from Kolodyne Multi Modal Transport Transit Project Lawngtlai ADC under the Look East Policy. It should prove a great advantage for the Districts it passes through. Mean while Mara District will not gain much from it, so the reason for me moving this Regulation is so that the Mara District people would gain something from the LACEP.

My private Resolution is the second one I've moved within this term; the first one was for the renovation of the city of Aizawl, which was rejected. As the objectives are for the good of the Mara people and as the sanction will come from the Ministry of External Affairs and not the State plan Budget, I request all parties to pass this Resolution.

It has not been long since we Mizos learnt of the Look East Policy. Even before we know about its advantages seminars on Look East Policy were held by scholars and researchers from India. The National seminar of 2005 held at Guwahati on the topic of Look East Policy was telecast at the zonal seminar. We have also seen its effects and changes through the years.

The Department of Political Science, Mizoram University, on April 26, 2007 held a seminar on 'India's Look East Policy, a perspective' at the Department in Chaltlang. This was the first of its kind in Mizoram. The resource person was Pu Lalthanzauva Pudaite, Indian Foreign Office (IFS). He played an important role in the project too. He said that the Look East Policy was born on the pretext that the Indian ambassadors in South East Asia felt that India could gain a strong economy through this policy. Preparations are ongoing to complete this policy through the Government is yet to announce it on white/world paper. The people of Mizoram must prepare us. The result may be seen in accordance to the constructions between India and

Myanmar in High Way Mizoram, and between Kolodyne river and Sittwe port. Look East Policy is one important part of globalization pertaining to trade relations, so whether we like it or not, we cannot ship it. The best way to deal with it is to prepare Both Government and public. There was what Pudaite had mentioned. It is important to know he played a pivotal role in initiating the Look East Policy. The meaning of Look East Policy, from its name, it already clears. The Government in 1991 drafted the Foreign Policy for close relations between the Association of South East Asia Nations. Asian was the biggest and most successful organization of West and East Asia in 1967. The members were Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Dubai, Cambodia, Myanmar, Laos and Vietnam. Besides there countries, Look East Policy also includes China, Japan and Australia. The Prime Minister of that time, Pu PV Narasimha Rao, tried to raise the economy of India an even announced the theme of economic globalization to free the Economy from government control. He also announced the Look East Policy and moved towards improving trade relations with neighboring countries. The Look East Policy came about after the end of the Cold War USSR was divided and India lost an important ally, and it was difficult for India to approach USA and its allies. So in order to recover the falling economy of India, our present Prime Minister Pu Manmohan Singh went as delegate to the east several times. With the advent of a ray of hope, Look East Policy came into being. Look East Policy has become an important tool for foreign relations in all fields.

The North Eastern States were quite ignored with regard to Look East Policy, with a lot criticism. In 2003, the Central Government decided to take steps so that the North Eastern States would get benefit from it. The policy now works towards construction of road connecting the north-eastern States, railways and waterways. Besides these, they also work towards visiting Asian Countries via the north-eastern States, to have trade relations, to upgrade travel and health in the North Eastern States. In spite of all these advantages, experts and academicians claim they have not received the policy documents or the deal on white paper. As this is the case, World Vision 2020 and Look East Policy have been confused a lot by people.

Let us focus on Look East Policy and Mizoram. The focal points of the policy for Mizoram are Indo-Bangladesh Trade, railroads in Kawrpuichhuah Katakhal, Bairabi- Sairang.

Zokhawthar, Rih Border Trade was the first to be mentioned for better trade relations with Myanmar in the Border Trade 1994. This covenant announced



Rih as the place for Border Trade in Champhai, Zokhawthar and Rih.

Kawrpuchhuah is being prepared for trade relations with Bangladesh. The Trade and Commerce Minister was said to be quite enthusiastic over this. Integrated Trade Border is under construction in Kawrpuchhuah, and it is bigger than the Land Custom Station Trade Facility Centre has been completed in Tlabung.

The railroad between Bairabi–Sairang is the only one there is in Mizoram. It was used from March 16, 1991, and is only 1.5 long. It comes in from Katakhal, Mizoram up to Bairabi. A wider one (BG) is planned but work has been slowed down due to the militants. A 51.38 km railroad is also planned to be constructed between Bairabi–Sairang, Pu Speaker. The train will be able to run 100km/hour on the new railroad and will hopefully be completed in 2015.

Secondly, inspection should be made on the planned railroad through Aizawl–Sairang–Hmawngtuchhuah. Hmawtuchhuah lays 120 km south-west to Lawngtlai near the Myanmar border. The railroad will connect to Kolodyne Jeep road. The Bairabi–Sairang railroad is a National project, so the Central Government will finance it; Mizoram will not have to spend anything.

We shall refer to Kolodyne Multi Modal Project as KMMPT henceforth setting up of a waterway and motorway of 400kms is underway to connect Akyab/ Sittwe (Myanmar port) to Mizoram, India. KMMPT will connect Myanmar and India. Honorable Minister of public Health engineering Department, in list report, had mentioned renovation of Akyab/ Sittwe and Paletwe ports. Kalawn–Kolodyne waterway of 222 kms, India–Myanmar motor road of 62 kms, a 100 kms road connecting the Indo-Myanmar border to Lawngtlai are presently being made. Mizoram Developments biggest project is this multi-modal project, and it has a lot of importance including security of India and its protection in the international borders as well as trade relations. The road from Kolkata to Aizawl is 1688 kms; I mention this as we will easily be able to reach Kolkata through the Akyab road, and goods many be carried through this course. Sittwe to Aizawl is only 1234 kms and the difference is 454 kms. As estimate by Rights Rail India Technical and Economic Services Company, goods services from Kolkata to Aizawl is ₹2.95 per kg, while from Sittwe to Aizawl, it will be ₹1.09 per kg. The difference in 1 quintal will be ₹ 186.8. So it certainly has positive prospective.

It means that we can soon do business with the likes of Japan,

Singapore and Hong Kong. Because of a few disloyal people, some land owners are facing a lot of problems and are yet to receive the 1 phase of compensation. Regarding that, the government took a move to change the collector under Land Acquisition Act. There were 227 people who were signed up to receive the 1st phase compensation but only 162 received it. The land owners were also hoping for compensation from the Government which is ₹ 50 per sq. meter; so I request the Government to pay heed to this, they had held protests and road blocks, and before the police force could intervene, talks were held and it could end peacefully. No matter how that ended, I suggest compensation be given to them at the earliest.

Another effect of Look East Policy, Pu Speaker, is that the ongoing work on Aizawl–Thenzawl World Bank Road, National Institute of Technology, Sukhoi fighter at Lengpui work, radar at Lunglei Zopui Hill, place for the Indian Air Force and Assam Rifles headquarters in Chawntui Zotlang are all connected to Look East Policy.

Look East Policy is also important in providing protection to Mizoram. We are the State sharing borders with two countries – Bangladesh and Myanmar, and we will now be able to easily pass through via boats. We have the highest literacy in the north-east, with one community, one religion and one language. We are also the most peaceful State. We have churches and social organizations all corruption and crime, we have rivers, we preserve wildlife, the soil is quite fertile, and the climate is fine. We will see progress in speeding the Gospel and we can move towards unifying the Mizo tribes. Pu Speaker, we can also import rice from Irrawaddy in Myanmar, so we men's have much difficulty in rice anymore. We can easily trade with countries like Vietnam, Singapore, Indonesia and Thailand. Look East Policy will be convenient for exporting goods like bamboo products, floriculture, tapioca, gas and oil.

Look East Policy will also improve Tourism. Better roads, railways, airways and waterways will provide better scope for tourists to travel... We will also be able to develop now in Technology and Technical know-how. Business trade will improve, production will increase, there will be more opportunities for employment, the youths will have more exposure, and it will be a great blessing.

The Mizos and the South East Asian countries have a lot in common regarding socio-culture and religion, which makes it easier to mingle and trade with them. There's a better prospect for us to learn from them rather than from the west.

There are a lot of Buddhists and non-believers in the south East Asian countries, so it could pave a way for missionaries to Minister and spread the Gospel then.

Going back to Education, owing to what Mizoram University and Mizoram Government plan ahead, MZU can work with the Universities in Asia, we can have exchange program me of faculty and students as well as student scholarship. We can learn their system of education, and we can set up a Centre for Asian studies at MZU. Employment will open up for our educated youth. Look East Policy will improve our economy too. Big companies in India and outside can invest in Mizoram and set up our own businesses, and we can develop ourselves in manufacturing and processing.

We have talked of skill development in this session. They will also play on important part in making Look East Policy a success. Business trade can take place at reasonable price, employment opportunities outside the state will increase, and Tourism will improve. Mr Speaker sir, I will get back to the Revolution now, about Kalawa–Laki road. We could not prepare a power point presentation which could have made it clearer. However, Pu Speaker, (interruption) they will use the Kolodyne river where Kalawa is located Kalawa is 10 kms distant from the present construction and the east-bank has to be developed by making a jettly (interruption). This Resolution, Pu Speaker, will be a huge development and help for the Mara people. The expense of the construction will be covered by the Ministry of External Affair and not by the State budget, so I request each party to regard it with importance. It is different to describe it in detail as all of us haven't been there.

**SPEAKER** : Are you suggesting that the construction should continue up to the bank of Tuisih? Is it where Sala River joins Tuipui or Tuisi joins Tuipui? Is it the west of the river and east of Tuisi?

**Pu C. RAMHLUNA** : Pu Speaker, it is difficult to be specific, but let me try by saying this. The KMMTTP road between Lawngtlai and Indo-Myanmar border has 100 kms as International Border.. To reach that, constructions are ongoing and formation cutting mill probably be completed next year. The road from Indo-Myanmar Border to Palehtwa will reach Kalewa; 62 kms of the road runs through Myanmar. Kalewa is located near the Kolodyne River. Kelewa will be developed along with jetly. From there a road will be constructed leading to Laki which will be 98 kms. Laki was the first Village of Mara District, and there are mostly Maras and Mizos residing there. When India was partitioned in 1949, this region was among

those kept as imposed boundaries. There are 10 Village between Kelawn to Laka, with about 3,000 people. If the road is constructed, it will serve a huge purpose for the residents there including the 1200 people residing in Laki.

Goods will easily be imported from Myanmar and the economy will improve. Education will also improve and ultimately lead to employment opportunity especially in Myanmar. As they are mostly Burmese, they do not have much sentiments of National Integration. Once we provide them a way, relations will be better between India and Myanmar. Cultivation and plantation will also progress with better proper of export. There will be increase in per capita income and level of economy will rise. As this region has more insurgent groups residing there, once construction begins, it would prove an inconvenience for them, and security will improve. Pu Speaker, Tuipang State Highway would also be easily widened in the process.

The Tuipang Highway is 92 kms between National Highway 54 to Lawngtlai; and the KMMTTP road will joint it. It will pass through O-point Maubawk to Saiha, then to Sangau and Bualpui, then to Thingsai, N. Vanlaiphai, Ngopa and Manipur. As the KMMTTP is still ongoing, it is inappropriate to propose another big project, so we started with the Laki project. Pu Speaker, our Resolution is not a difficult one. It is included in the Look East Policy framework, and Look East Policy is not on white proper yet.. Therefore, I can still combine them. If we can pass this at the How today, Pu Speaker, we can dispatch a proper proposal to the Central Government, Ministry of External Affair. It can be implemented quickly. The hon'ble members decided to pass this Resolution. Thank you, Pu Speaker for giving me the time to speak.

**SPEAKER** : We have listened to the Resolution and its objectives in great detail. We are presently looking towards Hruitezawl and not Laki, so the objective is much farther than we already are. Is 10 minutes sufficient? But before that, let us call Pu Hiato to speak first as he has been to Sittwe before.

**Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER** : Thank you, Pu Speaker, our missionaries entered Serkawr in September 26, 1907, more than 100 years ago. One of the first things he said was that place would be a port one day. Imagining a port there was quite impossible in those days. But when our honorable Chief Minister, Pu Hawla, took office as Chief Minister in 1996, it was his objective to start Look East Policy and have trade relations with Burma. The then Chief Secretary, Pu Lalfakzuala, and

Engineer-in-Chief, Pu Ramhluna Khiangte had even gone there to survey. The people were delighted to know that the dream of 1907 would be implemented in 1996. I will not odd more to that. It is a marvelous achievement to have the Gateway of North East in such a remote area. The Church is happy, NGOs are happy, the youths are happy and so are the Burmese. It could be the fulfillment of Pastor Chhawna's prophecy that a light would shine from the south. We will utilize the water of the Bay of Bengal. The distance from the Bay of Bengal to Sittwe is 539 kms and the charges will be much cheaper.

The Resolution of Paletwa to Kalewa Road is 124 kms. We shall rise economically and we can share the same roads with the likes of Thailand, Cambodia, Korea, China and Japan. It sure is something to look forward to. The government of India and Myanmar are sincerely working towards peace relations. As boats will not be able to directly enter Sittwe, there big corridors have been made with the pillars measuring 135 meters deep 70% of the work has been completed. As the reasonable plan cannot be applied as such, the target is now between Sittwe and Paletwa. We need to construct a highway road of 124 kms from Paletwa to Kalewa up to Zorinpui. The Ministry of external Affairs SR Company submitted on estimate DPR, which is yet to be sanctioned.

I have a question though; the Resolution sounds good as it seems it would serve a purpose for the Mara people. The waterway along the boundary is 48 kms within India, but is quite narrow. I have been there during summer, and so has the Trade & Commerce Minister, and it would prove difficult during that time of year as we would have to share the roads as the Kalawa port would be closed. He spoke of connecting District Capital of Saiha and Sangau, which I personally think is a good resolution. Mr Thanhawla had also sought my advice before submitting it, but Pu Ramhluna has acted quicker than him. Zorinpui will be carried out as the government has already approved it. Work has been started from Burma measuring about 8 kms and if we work from our side, we would be able to join it quickly. Besides, it is a plain area so there should not be difficulty in working there. BRTF is presently working in Laki, which does not stop there but continues in Lungpuk. The next is Khaikhy where vehicles can go through, after which it will be Salyu. Then it would pass through Palatwa to Saiha. It will also connect to Zorinpui and ultimately serve two purposes.

A road from Saiha to Lato, Phura is under construction and is mainly a plain area - Lungpuk to Khaikhy is just 6/7 kms. If both PMGSY and BRTF roads go through, it will serve an important purpose to Saiha and its neighboring areas.

If we pass this today, the boundary area we would have will be that of Laki to Khaikhy and the rest will be within Burma. A detailed project has been submitted by Burma, and I do not know how that has been arranged. The planed road coming up to Tuipui is rather going to be a blessing and we are really looking forward to it.

Our Chief Minister Will look on to it. If I my say so, we are focusing on zorinpui, and I am glad we have such a resolution. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalrinliana Sailo

**Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, thank you I am sorry to say that as I come in late today, I wasn't aware of today's resolution and thought it would be another topic. Pu Speaker, I stand here to say that what have been said are quite confusing, and I fear that we would start talking of topics that are not yet appropriate to be discussed. Zorinpui is situated within Lai District. Although the exit point and by-stream have not been measured, it is estimated to be about 12 kms. The double lane is intended for Kolodyne and Laki is within the Mara District. Let us not mix up the two. Hruitezawl has also been mentioned, and it is located by the river. The road leading from Hruitezawl is about 30 kms. Akyab was designed by the British about 260 years ago. It was a planned City but as the economy was poor, it could not grow into a great one. It is one of the first planned cities. Sitwe is to be pronounced sidui, and it is similar to the sea, and it is where they say the river meet.

Pu Speaker, our Resolution mover was rather enthusiastic. The Original mover was Pu Nehru. Our honorable former member, Pu Thangliana had spoken of it in the previous term, and now honorable member Pu PP Thawla has spoken about the BRTF road as Resolution. It has been discussed several times with former Opposition members like honorable member Pu Lalhmingthanga, Pu Duha and our Chief Minister House Leader in previous occasions, and because of their bidding, I was the first to speak of it. Pu Nehru had a vision in 1947, and called 15 States in 1949 to talk about his dream of India and important landmark in Asia. Our Prime Minister, in 1991 introduced the Look East. Pu Speaker, as we all know, our honorable House leader has been a senior leader of India and the Congress party, and he has been involved deeply in the process and must have more knowledge about it as we live in the immediate boundary. We learnt about the 1994 agreement from our former Chief Secretary Pu Jaka and Engineer-in-chief Pu Rama. It was mentioned that Look East Policy is not yet on white paper but as I recall I had brought amount an

inch thick paper of it which, unfortunately, I have misplaced. We had discussed it and plans were initiated. The road will be from Zorinpui to Kalewa, and is to the east of the river. Our present concern and work is towards the Lawngtlai District.

Pu Speaker, tenders have been dispatched. However, the lanes were few and were made medium lanes. IRCON Company was asked to supervise it at the beginning because Burma fought to do the work. China Company offers to do it, but India was quick enough to realize that it should take action, and so IRCON Company was asked to supervise it. But their DPR was not right so it had to be made bigger like the Industries Minister mentioned. We have made it a double lane. It was surveyed by Right Company, and it was 117 km and 40 meters. But the Mizoram Government made realignment of 99 kms and 83 meters. If there's further alignment, we could have about 80 kms. ESSAR Company is taking care cleaning along the river, and they took up the work. It is under consideration and our Chief Minister had met with the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA). We had visited the MEA in 2005 and 2006, and we met Pratibhaya Paker, IFS. She was quite familiar with the region and even mentioned 9 villages from her table. I support this move. It is not complicated. It is beyond Lawngban in the location of Khaikho and is not very far. However, I believe there's more budget for the extra expenses as the Multi-purpose will include Kalewa and Palwa.

Pu Speaker, we have been to Zokhawthar 10 times and to Kawrpuichhuah 8 times. We have also been to Zorinpui and the present one. What concerned me, Pu Speaker, was that property owners increased each time. It did not belong to anyone before but it was not as the last time we visited there. Pu Speaker, I'd like to commend our House leader in this case as he took measure towards the Multi Model Transport and compensation. I believe we should include the prevention as well, and I give my strong support to the Resolution. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Let us now call Pu Lalthansanga.

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : Thank you Pu Speaker. As I have not been there myself, I don't have much knowledge of it as the speakers before me, nor do I have much to say like them.

We heard Pu Nehru's name as the initiator of Look East Policy, and I wonder what a Wiseman Pu Nehru must have been. If we study it further, it seems to have been continued from the proposal made by Australia and South Korea at the

meeting of the 12 Pacific Commonwealth Countries. India was not very convinced at the time. It was discussed again in Canberra, and India was against it as it had the opinion that it was merely a tool for the Americans to do business. However, the ambassadors in Burma and Korea talked of its advantage for India, and soon India was thoroughly won over after the several meeting that took place in different countries in that one year. Our present Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh was in charge of the Finance at the time, and worked towards raising India's economy. So Look East Policy was formulated and changed.

Work was started around 1995 to 2000. We also have a huge plan even now. Guidelines were given in 2016 on how to carry it forward to connect to East Asia. They envisioned including Vietnam and different areas in 2012, and even talked about signing an Agreement. It is important to learn how the policy could affect us.. We are now in the technology age, and we have seen an increase in computer sales. We will have more foreigners than expected at the border because of the Look East Policy. There will be lots of Movement at the border and we are unaware of the consequences. We are talking about maturing after paying ₹ 60 cores from the electric from Tripura.

During the PC Government in 1978–79, Mizoram realized it still had a lot of needs and shortcomings. We mentioned Bairabi Hydel Project, but investigation was made on it. Foundation stone was laid on 7.1.1982, and we all worked very hard. Pu Chandra Shekhar comes in 1983 and Power Minister as well. We hope to have the cheapest transportation in the world through Look East Policy. / of we carry 100 quintals via Ward waterway to Zobawk, it could cover a lot of expenses in transportation connectivity. We are talking of extending the railroads to Sairang. We feared hiring a mile set and preferred to work together.. The Ambassador in Burma visited the region of Morai and found that the people there were affected by drugs and dis-unity. NGOs are working to help them out as well. Look East Policy will be carried out by the Central Government whether we support it or not. Therefore, we should make better preparations and assure ourselves that we are not lost as a community in the midst of it all. We need to work towards better security. Pu Speaker, I would like to State that we should not forget ourselves and our tribe in trying to help others, even if we focus our attention to regions of Kalawa. This Resolution is a Central subject, and I show my support for it.

**Pu H. ZOTHANGLIANA :** Mr Speaker sir, I just wanted to convey my support. Thank you for the time. I feel the Resolution deserves strong support. As the



last speaker had mentioned, we have a few differences in opinion. Whether we like it or not, this will be carried out by the Central Government. The intended road is going to be constructed within India in Lawngtlai District as has been planned by the Look East Policy. We'd also like to add Saiha District in this Resolution. We want to have a road from Laku to Kalewa. On the other hand, we do not have compensation problems in Lawngtlai.

Many could not perform their duties well due to compensation. Our Bible says greed is idol worship. I'd like to tell the public of Mizoram through this house that claiming compensations out of pure greed does not suit the life a Christian. We the Mizo people need to remind ourselves the need to lead our daily life in line with our Christianity. I express my support for the Private Resolution of member Pu C. Ramhluna.

**SPEAKER** : Our time is almost over. The Resolutions under a separate head goes as: -

- 1) "May Mizoram Territorial Army (Home and Hearth) be established".
- 2) "May the Mizoram Urban Area Rent Control Act be revised and enforce";
- 3) "May the Mizoram Government determine to take over as maintenance of the Innerline Reserve Forest from the Assam Government"
- 4) "May the Tuirial Hydrel Project which was abandoned be revived and the government to supervise the project so that it is completed on time".

If we still have time after that, we will take up the sixth resolution, "May the Mizoram Government approach the Assam Government to return 70 out of 100 of royalty collected under the Innerline Reserve Forest Act, during District Council".

We shall now recess and meeting will be resumed at 2:00 p.m.

**2:00 P.M.**

**SPEAKER** : We shall call Pu. K. Liantlinga and after that, Pu. Thawla.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. I convey my support to the Private Resolution of member Pu C. Ramhluna, "May the Government make

proposal to construct National Highway between Laki and Kalawa so that the ongoing construction of Harbour and National Highway along Mizoram and Sittwe which falls under the Look East Policy Project is more successful". We have number of DPR under the Look East Policy and are bound to increase more as the project span is 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> Planning period.

One important point is the need to prepare ourselves for it. Sooner or later our State will be the only passage which connected India with the Eastern countries as we already have highway connecting us to Assam and Tripura. The purpose of the highway between Kali and Kalawa is connecting the existing road from Zorinpui to Lawngtlai and to Highway 54 which will run along World Bank road and then to Assam and Tripura. On the East, the road starting from Laki will link to Tuipang, then to Saiha, Sangau, South Vanlaiphai, and from there to North Vanlaiphai, going on to Khawzawl and then to Manipur. This means that Mizoram will be criss-crossed by 3 or 4 highways. Apart from this, the mover of the Resolution mentioned that the railroad from Bairabi to Aizawl will go on all the way to Lawngtlai and beyond and this will provide an easy means of interaction with the eastern neighbours. In view of all these, I think we need to have a clear vision extending upto 30/40 years ahead and how make the best use of this opportunity.

**SPEAKER** : Now let us call Pu Thawla and at the same time he may clarify why they pick Laki and Kalawa instead of others.

**Pu P.P. THAWLA** : Pu Speaker, I think I am fortunate for being able to participate in the discussion for this Private Resolution. If it is passed, it is possible that our hon'ble Chief Minister will take it up the case at the central level with the UPA government.

The reason we pick Laki to Kalewa considering the conveniency of the location and to evade the need for construction of some substantial bridges on the way. This road goes very straight to Laki which has already been connected by a BRTF double lane road where as Kalewa is the junction where the Sittwe National Highway will connect with the harbour at Paletwa. This will make it easier to unload cargo on both sides of the harbor. Another point is that this will make bring us closer to our fellow Zo tribe who are using the same dialect as us but being separated from us by the international border. For all these reasons, i urge the House to unanimously pass this Private Resolution moved by Pu C. Ramhluna.

**SPEAKER** : Now, let us invite Pu Lalduhoma.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, I thank the mover of this Private Resolution as it will enable us to interact with our fellow Zo tribe. Long before this policy was formed by the Central Government, the UNESCAP (UN Economic and Social Communication for Asia and Pacific) in 1959 already recognised and taken steps to develop viable connection with the 12 landlocked Asian States. But due to the Cold War and regional conflict, it fails to implement the project but after the end of the Cold War, two agreements were signed as the first is: Trans Asian Railways, an Inter-Governmental Agreement was signed on 4/7/2004, which has Northern and Southern Corridor and various sub-corridors. Another is the Asian Highway System, signed on 18/1/2013.

Now, the Indian government makes this policy and there are two-fold reasons: (1) To curb the rising influence of China on Myanmar and check the influence of China in the Indian Ocean. (2) To alleviate the North-East Economy. Since Bangladesh prevented us from using the Sittwe and Chittagong harbour, there is very little that we can do and this policy will open up a corridor for us. Most of the developmental funds for Sittwe Terminal Project are borne by India and the highway originating from Paletwa will connect with the rest of our State. In view of the importance of this project, not only for India but for us as well, I express my support to pass this Private Resolution by the House.

**SPEAKER** : Now, Dr. R. Lalthangliana and after that, we shall invite our Chief Minister if he has something to say on this Resolution.

**Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker, our State has a long borderline extending upto 404 kms with Myanmar on the East and 318 kms with Bangladesh on the West. When this project is finished, the economic prospects not only of Saiha and Lawngtlai Districts but the whole of Mizoram will be increased but at the same time, we must assure the local people are not left out when it comes to employment generation. So, along with my fellow members, I convey my support to pass this Private Resolution.

**SPEAKER** : Now, let us call on our Chief Minister, Pu Lal Thanhawla.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, much priority has

been given to this scheme since 1992 to the present central government for it concern our defense against the growing Chinese expansionism into our country. The Chinese entrenched themselves in Myanmar during the military rule there and they concern for reconstruction of Sittwe terminal but in vain. They also enter all the way to Maldives. In short, we already have constructed road from Vuangtuah in anticipation of the said policy. Even if we passed this resolution, the undertaking will fall under the purview of the External Ministry and i wonder if passing this Resolution will make any difference.

**SPEAKER** : We shall now invite the mover of this Private member Resolution, Pu C. Ramhluna, to appeal the House for passing or withdrawing his resolution.

**Pu C. RAMHLUNA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker, if we look into the world Economy, USA is the largest and most established country followed by China, which was once having a closed economic relationship with India. It has now become the largest foreign investor in the world and tries to expand its power throughout the Asian countries. Thus, the Look East Policy is the plan to protect our country from the economic war of China as it has now become an important and most strategic defense against China.

It is true that my resolution will fall under the Look East Policy but my reason is that the ongoing KMTT Project will by-pass Saiha District as this particular area is not cover in the Policy. Being a member form the south, I opine it my responsibility to voice this matter in the House. So, I request the House to adopt my Private Resolution, “May the Government propose to construct National Highway between Laki and Kalawa so that the ongoing construction of Harbour and National Highway along Mizoram and Sitwe which falls under the Look East Policy Project is more successful”. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : The mover of the resolution asked the House to pass it. Is there any ‘nay’ to this resolution, if not, the Private resolution of Pu C. Ramhluna, “May the Government propose to construct National Highway between Laki and Kalawa so that the ongoing construction of Harbor and National Highway along Mizoram and Sitwe which falls under the Look East Policy Project is more successful”, is hereby adopted by the House.

**Pu C. RAMHLUNA** : Pu Speaker, I extand my gratitude to you and all the hon’ble Members.

**SPEAKER** : We shall now move to another resolution, Resolution No.2, “May the government of Mizoram establish Mizoram Territorial Army (Home and Hearth)” and Pu Lalrobiaka to present it to the House.

**Pu LALROBIAKA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. I hope that my Private Resolution, “May the Mizoram Government established Mizoram Territorial Army (Home and Hearth)”, will also be passed by the House. While presenting my resolution, i will try to familiarize the House on the function of the Territorial Army (Home and Hearth). It is common knowledge that Mizoram has a long international border and is one of the routes of smuggling businesses which links international market. We are fortunate that we do not have insurgent group in Mizoram where as in the neighbouring States many are existed which frequently disturb peace. The present strength of our security is quite low to tackle all the issues. In the meantime, the Territorial Army (Home and Hearth) will supplement our shortfall in this regard and fill the void so that we continue enjoying uninterrupted peace in our State. A major developmental project, under the Look East Policy and exploration of gas as well as construction of major Hydel projects has begun in our State. Sooner or later, we will have facilities which are essential for a sensitive area. At the same time, it will serve as an eco-army to safeguard our natural resources.

Another important factor is to generate employment opportunity for our youths. The work does not need full-time engagement and can be done also on a part-time basis and will be funded by the External Ministry and Ministry of Defence. In the first year, 3 Officers, 5 JCO’s and 146 personnel can be recruited and the expenditure increases according to the size of the operation. Bearing in mind the above point, i urge the House to adopt my Private Resolution, ‘May the Mizoram Government established Mizoram Territorial Army (Home and Hearth)’.

**SPEAKER** : Next, Lt. Col. Z.S. Zuala.

**Lt. Col. Z.S. ZUALA** : Pu Speaker, as mention earlier, the Territorial Army is not a full-time job depending on the ground condition and the training period covering 3 to 4 months. Mizoram and Tripura are two States that do not have Territorial Army and this is the only possible mean that we may have a Mizo Armed Battalion since the Central government prohibited any battalion based on racial line after the incident at the Golden Temple. Thus, I think it imperative that we pass this resolution.

As already stated, our state is having quite a lengthy international boundary and as a consequence, Chinese influence from the eastern side is increasing. There was once a determination to set up the State regiment to encounter such kind of influence as the neighboring state Arunachal had done it long before. But it is learned that the latest policy of the Defense Ministry does not encourage setting up of a regiment for a particular community. As such, the most curtail measure for encountering the said influence seems to be of setting up the Territorial Army for Home & Hearth in Mizoram with its embodiment. Any officer under the state government or a company will then be able to enter into such embodiment with his service to be counted as in his parent department. In many states such as West Bengal, the system of Territorial Army is quite popular and is greatly encouraged by the state government as concerned staff will be able to claim his salary as a Territorial Army in addition to his pay under his parent department. If we are able to set up the said Battalion, it will be followed by a substantial training ground which will be benefitted by the upcoming youths for military training. Not only this, it will help the government in assisting our police forces and various programmes of drugs narcotic for they will be trained under the regular army. As such, Pu Speaker, I support proposal for setting up the Territorial Army for Home & Hearth in Mizoram. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Next, Pu Lalduhoma.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : As stated by my predecessor, Pu Speaker, it will be an achievement for the government if the Territorial Army (Home & Hearth) is set up in Mizoram. I opine their grade should be lower than that of the Mizoram Home Guard. Regarding the wording of this Resolution, Pu Speaker, I opine it is more appropriate if the text in within bracket i.e. (Home & Hearth) is excluded so that they are deployed only on any public importance. If we named it as the Territorial Army as suggested, we will be able to deploy them on various duties as the case may be. But I am afraid there will be some problems if they are deployed on some security installations or as Drugs Narcotic squad. Then, I do support the motion. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : Next, Pu Hmingdailova Kiangte.

**Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I have to criticize suggestion made by the hon'ble member for exclusion of the texts in within bracket as the term Home & Hearth indicates the service of ex-servicemen for ECO.

As such, it is more comprehensive if the term Home & Hearth is included so that the local youths may have the opportunity to serve as CEO of the proposed battalion. Mizoram is known as the most peaceful state in India thanks to the implementation of the election manifesto under the guidance of our able leader Pu Lal Thanhawla, the hon'ble Chief Minister. It is also known by the nation as "An Island of Peace." Since Pu Lal Thanhawla and his party assumed the new ministry once again, progress is witnessed in all direction as a result of many projects being implemented. In order to maintain the security of such projects, I opine that setting up of the Territorial Army to be essential since the service of the existing security forces within our state hardly meet our demand particularly in the border areas. If Territorial Army (Home & Hearth) is set up, our problems for lack of security forces will be resolved to a large extent. Not only this, it will also result in increase of purchasing power within our state. Thus, I opine it is important to set up the Territorial Army as I give my support to this Resolution.

**SPEAKER** : Next, Pu Lalthansanga.

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, as per the decision of my party, I do support the resolution. But, I would like to know the criteria for recruitment of Territorial Army as to what percentage will be recruited from other state? I am afraid that non-mizos or outsiders hold majority of the recruitment.

**SPEAKER** : It is important for the government to take preventive measure so that we are not assimilated by the non-mizos by setting up of Territorial Army.

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : That is right, Pu Speaker. Today, a Local Newspapers published that some police personnel as being deployed in the construction of house of a closed friend of our hon'ble Home Minister. Hence, it will also be important for the government to prevent any one who may be recruited as Territorial Army from such kind of exploitation. If the government assured to prevent the said territorial armies from exploitation, I support the resolution. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : Next, Dr. R. Lalthangliana.

**Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA** : Pu Speaker, my party also supports the resolution. In this connection, I opine it is important to revive Scouts & Guides who

have sown the feeling of nationalism in the mind of many youths as the Territorial Army too also will be very helpful to this concern. Regarding the recruitment of Territorial Army, I think it will be important for concerned recruitment authority to make careful selection so that only the applicants who assure to devote to his duty are selected.

Regarding the idea of deployment of the Territorial Army as border security, since border security being the purview of the central government, we may expect the central government to put higher grade of military to that concern. So, the proposed Territorial Army may be deployed in the capital and district headquarters as requirement to maintain internal security. Considering the contrary, it is difficult for the government to create new posts. But if approved, this will be of much help in resolving employment problem in our state.

Pu Speaker, the time now is 4:00 p.m. already. I opine it is more appropriate to pass this resolution without further ado since it is supported by all and we may be able to adopt right away. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : Now, let us call upon Pu R. Lalzirliana, Home Minister to wind up discussion.

**Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, my knowledge to this concern is quite limited but I can make out from the light of our discussion that the Resolution is good. Even though the Assam Rifles and BSF are being deployed in the border areas but could not cover all security needs. Regarding internal security, measures have been taken to combat drugs trafficking and vehicle theft by setting up police out-posts in various places and the demand for the same is increasing. Obviously the proposed Territorial Army may be deployed in the border areas where more police forces are demanded.

Pu Speaker, there are numbers of major projects taken up by the government such as construction of road and hydel project. Besides, some experts are being deployed to explore underground oil deposit in Mizoram. Thus, the service of Territorial Army will be much useful in such projects as they will be deployed as Home Guards. Apart from this, this will open job opportunity to many unemployed youths in our state. As such, I would like to support the Resolution.

At the same time, I request all the members particularly the opposition



not to give false report to the House as of police personnel being exploited to construct some private houses. Pu Speaker, if the member truly wishes to stop such illegal practice, he should give a report to the House the name of householder and numbers of police personnel being deployed. I feel that it is degrading to himself to accuse the Minister as being involved in such a petty case. Pu Speaker, it might have been a traditional practice of retired Central Service such as IAS and IPS to occupy government quarter or keeping government vehicle even after retirement. Since such practice is absolutely against the Rules, I have once voiced out such practice in the House from the opposition bench. As of now Pu Speaker, the said are no longer in practice. I have no knowledge if some retired IPS still practices such tradition of exploiting police staffs on his private business. As of this Resolution, I support to pass it, Pu Speaker. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Now, we will call upon Pu Lalrobiaka, mover of the Resolution to wind up the discussion and also to beg the House to pass it.

**Pu LALROBIAKA** : Pu Speaker, I thank all the members for supporting this resolution.

Pu Speaker, the Territorial Army (Home & Hearth) as proposed, is to be funded by the Ministry of Defense and Ecology by Ministry of Environment & Forests. Thus, the term Home & Hearth should be included as fund is supposed to be sanctioned by this name.

The Assam government deployed the said army to Kaziranga National Park to protect poaching of zoo animals. In fact, the State government may deploy them anywhere within the state. As for ECO, it is regarded for ex-Servicemen. The Territorial Army (Home & Hearth) is important as it will create job opportunity to our youths in which the government should also give preference to sons of the soil. In this regard, it may be noted that officers to TA will be deployed from Assam or other states and as for the TA, preference may be made not only to the youths but also a adult youths. I, therefore, request this August House to pass and adopt the Resolution that “Territorial Army (Home & Hearth) be set up in Mizoram”. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : Now, the Resolution will be voted.

(The Resolution is voted as passed.)

**Pu LALROBIAKA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : Business for today is finished. and the sitting will be resumed tomorrow at 10:30 a.m.

Sitting is adjourned.

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

**LIST OF BUSINESS**

FOR FOURTEENTH SITTING ON TUESDAY, THE 2nd APRIL, 2013  
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)

**QUESTIONS**

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

**LAYING OF PAPER**

2. **Pu LALSAWTA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy of the Education Policy of Mizoram, 2013.

**PRESENTATION OF REPORT**

3. **Pu LALROBIAKA**, to present to the House the First Report of the Subject Committee-III on SSA, RMSA & Mid-Day Meal Schemes relating to School Education Department.

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

Bills for introduction, consideration and passing.

4. **Pu R. LALZIRLIANA**, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce "The Mizoram Fire Services Bill, 2013"

**ALSO**

***to introduce the Bill***

***to move that the Bill be taken into consideration***

**AND**

***to move that the Bill be passed.***

5. **Pu NIHAR KANTI**, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce "The Animal Slaughter Bill, 2013"

**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** : Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needed not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.  
2 Timothy 2:15

Now, we will come to question hour. Let us call upon Pu B. Lalthlengliana to ask Starred Question No.221.

**Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA:** Will the hon'ble Minister for Agriculture Department be please to state:

- a) Whether Agriculture Department purchased SRI-64 (paddy seeds) during 2011-2012?
- b) If so, how many quintals?
- c) Who is the supplier?

**SPEAKER** : Let us call upon Pu H. Liansailova, Minister to answer it.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MIINISTER :** Pu Speaker, answer to Starred Question No.221 are as follows: -

- a) Yes.
- b) 228.64 quintals.
- c) The Suppliers are: –
  - i) Eastern Agro-marketing Agency (Authorized dealer of National Seed Corporation), AT Road, Guwahati - 82.24 quintals.
  - ii) Department of Agriculture (Research & Education) Mizoram - 146.40 quintals.

**SPEAKER** : Let us call upon Pu Lalduhoma to ask Supplementary Question.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, whether SRI seeds is sown in the hilly area?

**SPEAKER** : Pu B. Lalthlengliana to ask Supplementary Question.

**Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA:** Pu Speaker, what is the cost of SRI seeds per quintal?

**SPEAKER** : Let us call upon concerned Minister to give the answer.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MIINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the normal rate of SRI seeds is about ₹3000/- per qtls. Secondly, I did not know whether it is sown in hilly areas.

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, obviously the seed is distributed to different areas. Can we have also in Hrangturzo Constituency?

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MIINISTER :** Pu Speaker, it is handed over to DAO of concerned areas for distribution. If a particular is not included, demand may be made to concerned DAO before handed-off.

**SPEAKER** : Let us call Pu Joseph Lalhimpuia to ask Starred Question No.222.

**Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUIA :** Will the hon'ble Minister for Trade & Commerce Department be pleased to state: –

- a) When will Border Trade of Tlabung be commissioned?
- b) What is the latest progress made by the Government?

**SPEAKER** : Now, let us call upon Pu Lalrinliana Sailo, Minister to give the answer.

**Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, the date for commission of Border Trade of Tlabung is unknown. Necessary documents have already been submitted to the Central Government and we are now waiting for the approval. Construction of the approach road as well as facilitation centre has already been done.

**SPEKAER** : Now, let us call upon Pu Joseph Lalhimpuia and Pu T.T. Zothansanga to ask their respective Supplementary Question.

**Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUIA :** Pu Speaker, Tlabung being an informal trade route since 150 years back, I want to ask the following: -

- i) Is there any proposal to create the post of Marketing Inspector at Tlabung?
- ii) Is there any proposal for improvement of this Trade Centre?

**Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA :** Pu Speaker, my questions are as follows: -

- i) Is there any proposal to set up Food Processing Plant at Melbuk? If so, what is the estimate amount?
- ii) What is the estimate amount for Common Testing facilities & Integrated Pack House of Zokhawthar?
- iii) Will Zokhawthar Integrated Pack House & Post Harvest Storage be made successful? If so, what is the estimate amount?
- iv) Is there any proposal to set up External Terminal Complex at Champhai. If so, what is the estimate amount?

**SPEAKER :** Let us call upon Pu Lalarinliana Sailo, Minister to give the answer.

**Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, during the 12<sup>th</sup> Plan, the Central Government has approved the following projects under Trade & Commerce Department: –

Sl.No	Project	Amount
1	Integrated Pack House and Post Harvest storage at Zokhawthar	₹5 crore
2	Setting up of Food Processing Plant at Border Trade Township at Melbuk	₹8.90 crore
3	Construction of Export Terminal Market Complex at Khawzawl	₹500 lakh
4	Construction of Common Testing Facilities, Marketing & Integrated Pack House at Zokhawthar	₹500 lakh
5	Setting up of Border Trade at Vaphai	₹800 lakh
6	Setting up of Cold Storage at Thingsai	₹800 lakh
7	Setting up of Border Trade at Farkawn	₹800 lakh
8	Setting up of Border Trade at Sangau	₹800 lakh
9	Setting up of Cold Change-age at Zokhawthar	₹900 lakh
10	Integrated Pack House Food & Vegetables; Development of Post Harvest Technology & Common facilities for packing and Marking at South Vanlaiphai	₹800 lakh
11	Trade Facilities & Centre to Lawngtlai	₹9.02 lakh

12	Border Hatch to Bangladesh and Myanmar Border	Certain Nos.
13	Border Hatch to Marpara, Vaphai, Hnahlan and Thingsai	Certain Nos.

As known to us all, Pu Speaker, Border Trade is the purview of the central government but should be done in consultation with the state government. Accordingly, border trade at Melbuk has also been taken up by the central government. After the decision made by the central and the government of Myanmar, the state government implemented the work. Although it is not the purview of the state government but it carries out all works.

Regarding Marketing Inspector, there is no proposal as yet except for Border Hatch which may be improved step by step. In this connection, I am regretted to state that the government is unable to create a new post despite the needs in some departments. But after carefully examined the needs of Trade & Commerce department, we have two new posts such as Marketing Inspector and Market Officer which will be filled up as soon as financial sanction is received.

Pu Speaker, I was informed that BSF have frequently pestering our workers at Tlabung as I have even instructed them many times to stop it. Let us hope the problem is stopped. Lastly, I want to inform the House that there is proposal for setting up space for free movement of 15 kms. from the boundary between India and Myanmar. Likewise, I opine it is important for the government to determine the same at the boundary of Mizoram and Bangladesh to give some spaces to the workers but I have no idea if it is the purview of the Home Minister or Chief Minister. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation permitted 25 miles of free space which is equivalent to 40 kms but this is not effective to the Chittagong Hill Track of Bangladesh border. Anyhow, it is necessary to have a free movement zone adjoining to the boundary line between India and Bangladesh.

Now, Let us call upon Pu K. Liantlinga to ask Starred Question No.223.

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

- a) How many members consist of the Mizoram Cooperative Development Council and who are they?
- b) Whether the Mizoram Cooperative Rules is being implemented? If so, date of approval by the Cabinet Sitting?

**SPEAKER** : Pu J.H. Rothuama, Minister to give the answer.

**Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, answer to Starred Question No.223 is: -

- a) Yes. The following are the members being appointed as per rule 13(1) of the Mizoram Cooperative Society: -
 

Chairman	:	Minister, Cooperation.
Vice-chairman	:	Pu S. Laldingliana, MLA.
Member Secretary	:	Registrar, Cooperative society, Government of Mizoram.

Members are as follows: -

1. Pu R. Lalrinmawia, MLA.
2. Pu T.T. Zothansanga, MLA.
3. Secretary, to the Gov't of Mizoram, Cooperation.
4. Commissioner/Secretary, Finance Deptt., Gov't of Mizoram.
5. Principal Adviser/Adviser, Mizoram State Planning.
6. Director of Agriculture, Horticulture, A.H. & Vety, Fisheries, Sericulture, Industries, Trade & Commerce, FCS & CA, Soil & Water Conservation Deptt.
7. Addl. Registrar, Cooperative Societies, Gov't of Mizoram.
8. Prof. Lianzela, MZU.
9. Pu Thanhawla IAS (Retired).

- b) Yes. The Cabinet Meeting approved on 21.8.2012.

**SPEAKER** : Any Supplementary Question?

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Pu Speaker, who is responsible for the late approval of the Cooperative Society Rules?

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, India becomes a developing country through cooperation. If this government regarded the poor as its VIP, more funds should be provided to Cooperation as it concerns the poor. So, is there any proposal to



provide more funds? Secondly, what is the term of Office of the Members? If it is 5 years, will the MLA members continue their membership even if they are not elected in the coming general election? Thirdly, will the Council determine to continue with some redundant State Level Societies?

**SPEAKER** : Pu J.H. Rothuama, Minister to give the answer.

**Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, Cooperative Council is established on the 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2013. As of the term of Office of the Members, it shall be informed later. The Council has no sitting as yet since its members were appointed during this session only. Pu Speaker, the Election manifesto includes the Cooperative Development Council with a view to upgrade Cooperative Societies. Since the Council has no fund, ₹24 crore is loaned from NABARD with ₹2.24 crore matching share of the state government.

Despite unavailability of financial assistance from the department, it is truly appreciative as some primary societies of the remote areas are selected to receive award of the national level. As soon as the state government contributes its matching share, financial assistance will be given for improvement of their respective cooperative society. Important role of Cooperative Society for the development of India is known to us all but it is not that easy to apply the same effectively in our state due to financial constraint of our government. Presently, we have more than 1400 Cooperative Societies in our state. If sufficient amount of financial assistance is provided by the department, more progresses could have been achieved. Yet, the department is giving the best effort to keep any societies from collapsing. In dealing with financial sources for the society, NABARD has to follow appropriate Rules and Regulations which caused various difficulties.

The Cooperative Development Council has a lot of duties to be performed as there are bays which needs supervision of the department. Besides, the department is in need of provision for maintenance of numbers of establishment at the State and district level, various units in rural areas as we are now eagerly waiting for the coming of funds. In the meantime, it is truly appreciated as the Cooperative Development Council has now come into being. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : Now, Pu Hmingdalilova Khiangte to ask starred Question No.224.

**Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE :** Will the hon'ble Minister, Tourism Department be pleased to state: - When will 3 cottages within the premise of Thingdawl Highway Restaurant be commissioned?

**SPEAKER :** Pu S. Hiato, concerned minister to give the answer.

**Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, 3 cottages within the premise of Thingdawl Highway Restaurant will be commissioned as soon as fund is available.

**SPEAKER :** Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte, Dr. Ngurdingliana and Pu T.T. Zothansanga to ask Supplementary Questions.

**Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE :** Pu Speaker, Supplementary question: -

- i) Who is the contractor?
- ii) There construction needs some repairs already even before the commission. As such, I would like to know when the construction was started?

**Dr. NGURDINGLIANA :** Pu Speaker, we also have 2 Nos. Tourists Lodge within Chalfil constituency, one at Vanzau with estimate amount for the construction amounting to ₹400 crores and the other at Khanpui, which has already been completed but remain unoccupied. When will this be commissioned? If not, may the hon'ble allow us to use this empty building for public convenient as I think I know how to use?

**Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA :** (Technical issue/no sound)...

**SPEAKER :** Let us invite the hon'ble Minister, Pu S. Hiato to provide the answer.

**Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, the building construction is very unsatisfactory although we have done our best to modify the original plans. The project cost is ₹12,313,000/-. At the same time we do not have sufficient funds to provide furniture for the lodges. But we are hoping to inaugurate as much as possible by this financial year. Same is the case for the other members' enquiries.

**SPEAKER :** Let us now invite Pu P.P. Thawla to ask starred question no. 225.

**Pu P.P. THAWLA** : Will the hon'ble Minister for General Administration Department be pleased to state – If the 20 muster roll workers and 4 IV grades appointed illegally by the Saiha DC Office were dismissed as notified?

**SPEAKER** : Pu H. Liansailova, hon'ble Minister may provide the answer in the stead of the Chief Minister.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : They were temporarily retained since they do not have sufficient manpower at this time.

**SPEAKER** : Starred question 226 is shared by Pu K. Lianzuala and Pu K. Liantlinga. Pu K. Lianzuala may ask the question.

**Pu K. LIANZUALA** : Will the hon'ble Minister for Finance be pleased to state –

- a) How much is the government debt at this time?
- b) Can you explain why this government has an additional ₹734.66 crores debt within only 3 years?
- c) How much fund does the government have, up until 1.3.2013 in the RBI account?

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite Pu H. Liansailova to answer the question.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : The answers are –

- a) We have not received a final figure from the Finance Department but it is estimated to be about ₹3999.77 crores.
- b) This is an accumulated debt we inherited from the previous Ministry but we are actually seeing a decrease.
- c) The government has ₹81.48 crores in the RBI account as of 1.3.2013.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Pu Speaker, I would like to know if our fiscal management is lacking to have so much debt. How much deficit do we have in the RBI account till 31<sup>st</sup> March? What is the earmark for the state by the central under the 12<sup>th</sup> 5 year plan?

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Can you clarify what the term, 'minus loan' mean? Can you tell me the percentage of our debt by way of GDSP?

**SPEAKER** : Let us give a moment to the hon'ble Minister to answer the questions.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, we have released our debt management report where most of your questions are answered. I believe the minus loans occur because we repay the higher interest loans to avoid deficit and hence our fully paid loans are referred as minus.

**SPEAKER** : We have members unable to attend the session today, viz – Pu Nirupam Chakma, Pu Zodintluanga and Pu Lal Thanhawla due to various reasons.

Our next business is laying of papers. Let the hon'ble Minister, Pu Lalsawta lay a copy of “the Education Policy of Mizoram, 2013” in the House.

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, with your permission and the approval of the House, I hereby lay, “a copy of the Education Policy of Mizoram, 2013” in the House. I also request your permission to explain the paper briefly.

**SPEAKER** : Very well, permission is granted.

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER** : From the initiation of National Policy of Education in India in 1968, several modifications have been made in the past to cope with contemporary needs. We also feel that such modifications are necessary to integrate it with our policy on education. Our main objectives are set upon universality, internalization, vocational, technical and privatization. We feel that these aspects of education should be included in our system of education. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Are you going to include all these in the new curriculum?

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER** : Basically, yes. Although it would not be achievable immediately, it will have a promising impact in the future.

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite the hon'ble member, Pu Lalrobiaka to present, ‘First Report of the Subject Committee III on SSA, RMSA & Mid-Day Meal Schemes relating to School Education Department.’

**Pu LALROBIAKA** : Pu Speaker, I hereby present the 'First Report of the Subject Committee III on SSA, RMSA & Mid-Day Meal Schemes relating to School Education Department.' I also would like to clarify a few points in this regard. Pu Speaker, although the school authorities are trying their best to continue the scheme smoothly, there are often gaps in fund sanctioning which is a great burden. We, therefore, urge the sanctioning authorities to take necessary actions to avoid such irregularities.

Some of the funds are not utilized to their fullest such as facilities provided by PHE like filters and latrines. The schools themselves are not advised as to its installations and the funds are therefore practically wasted.

**SPEAKER** : Are you talking about fridge filters?

**Pu LALROBIAKA** : Yes sir. You need an expert to install such filters and since there is no coordination between the departments, they are left to set it up by themselves.

We also feel that the system of computer aided learning under SSA needs to be changed as there are too many shortcomings faced by the students especially in the rural areas.

Under the SSA, funds are sanctioned for fencing school compounds without conducting surveys as to which school really needs fencing. This could lead to problems in times of audit. We have included our observations and recommendations in this report and I hope the concerned department will take a serious look at them.

**SPEAKER** : Moving on to Legislative Business, Let us now invite Pu R. Lalzirliana to beg leave of the House to introduce, 'The Mizoram Fire Services Bill, 2013' in the House.

**Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, I request the permission of the House to introduce, 'The Mizoram Fire Services Bill, 2013.'

**SPEAKER** : You may now introduce, 'The Mizoram Fire Services Bill, 2013' in the House.

**Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, this is a new Bill which has been prepared since 2012...

**SPEAKER :** You may also move the Bill after your introduction.

**Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER :** Fire Department is one of the most neglected departments even during the times of the British Colonization and we believe that after the implementation of this Bill, the department will have better administration and a better coordinated development.

There may be some mistakes and error here and there in the Bill but I would like to request you to accept those as patent errors even as I apologize and beg your understanding since this is a new Bill.

**Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA :** Pu Speaker, can the Minister kindly repeat the correction made in clause 38?

**Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER :** In Clause (c) under section 20, the word should be 'withdraws' instead of 'withdraw' and 'at least' instead of 'at lease.' Anyway, there are some spelling mistakes in the Bill which, as I have requested, may be accepted as patent errors, if you please.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER :** The hon'ble Minister has introduced and moved the Bill now. We will start the discussion with Pu Lalduhoma, each member will have an allotted time of 5 minutes.

**Pu LALDUHOMA :** Pu Speaker, there are more than a few mistakes in the Bill which spoiled the whole look of the Bill somewhat. As it is a new Bill, I have nothing much to say for now except to see how it works out after implementation. I have a few suggestions regarding the wording but apart from that, I think we should pass the Bill easily.

**Pu H. ZOTHANGLIANA :** The department has functioned for quite sometime now without appropriate regulation and hence I am pleased that the hon'ble Minister has the knowhow to realize the need of a new Bill. I would like to know exactly what is meant by the 'licensing authority' in the Bill. There are also some spelling mistakes not mentioned by the hon'ble Minister which I hope will be

corrected in the final Bill. I am also pleased that, 'preventive measures' has now been included as regulation which would solve many of our congestion issues in the city. I extend my support of the Bill, thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu TT Zothansanga.

**Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, under section 1, number 3, I don't think the inclusion of 'extend to the whole of Mizoram' is necessary. I also feel that there should be a specific definition of the 'State Government of Mizoram' instead of referring to it as we like at anytime. The reference to the function of the Director should also be ascertained more clearly. Thank you.

**Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA** : Pu Speaker, I think it would be better if we make the corrections right now as far as possible. There are some mistakes that could not be simply overlooked although we intend to accept them as patent errors. There are far too many 'or' on page two (g), is there any way to merge that in one sentence?

We are in need of a Fire Station as well as fire extinguisher in rural areas especially small villages.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu R. Lalrinawma

**Pu R. LALRINAWMA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. Clause 2 has sub clause 1 which is unnecessary since it does not have sub clause 2; I believe it would be more appropriate to use a, b, c.

Under definition sub clause (e), an explanation was given on member of Fire Brigade. It should instead explain Member of Fire & Emergency Service and then include Fire Brigade.

On page 6, the word 'arrangement' contained in the phrase 'The Director can make an arrangement in a State Government Sanction' should be changed to Agreement. It was suggested by our hon'ble Minister to change Aizawl Development Authority Building Regulation 2008 to Aizawl Municipal Council Building Regulation 2012 which I do not agree. Regarding Section 20, 'e' and 'or' should be removed.

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER** : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. First of all, I

would like to pledge my support to this Bill.

As mentioned by our respected member Dr. R. Lalthangliana, I would like to explain the issue prevailing at J.B. College at Lunglei. One Public Administration lecturer was transferred leaving with three other lecturers which did not indicate that they will not be transferred back and were told that it was under consideration. Since it was a long holiday weekend due to Good Friday and Easter, there was no time to issue the order which was also conveyed to them. However, they choose to continue with their decision which is very disappointing as we always gave top priority to students and their education. We expect a little bit of understanding from their side at the very least. Thank you.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Deputy Speaker, first and foremost I would like to give my support to this Bill.

In respect to the issues surrounding J.B. College at Lunglei, it is understandable given that the average class taken by a teacher is only 3.75 period per week. And since the balance of students is much higher at Aizawl then Lunglei, a decision was made to transfer one lecturer and the Principal was also consulted and have agreed to this. What has transpires is unfortunate and regrettable.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : It is now 1pm and time for recess. Our House Leader has suggested for the passing of this Bill before recess. Are we in agreement?

Is there anyone else before we invite our Minister? Pu Selthuama

**Pu R. SELTHUAMA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, with reference to 'Appointment of Director of Fire & Emergency Services' from page 3, Section 4, it should be made clear if the appointment is reserved for Police Services only or available to others from Ministerial Services.

The phrase "as it may deem fit" was used in page 8 whereas "as it thinks fit" was used in page 9, I believe correction is required for this. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : We will now end our discussion time and correction will be made later on and accepted as patent error. We will now invite our hon'ble Minister to wind up and beg the House to pass this Bill.



**Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER :** Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you for allowing the patent error without even asking. This Bill is taken from Model Fire Force Bill and as such some discrepancy is expected. Mizoram Fire Brigade was started in 1972 with the unit increasing in size and manpower and such we are now qualified as a Fire Station. Any mistakes contained in the Bill will be put up as patent error and amendments can always be made if there are any areas which we felt do not fit the people of Mizoram. Lastly I would like to ask the House to pass “The Mizoram Fire Services Bill, 2013”. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER :** We will now take a vote on pass “The Mizoram Fire Services Bill, 2013”, those in favor say ‘Yes’ and those who are not say ‘No’. “The Mizoram Fire Services Bill, 2013” has now been passed by the House. We will now disperse for recess and continue our session at 2 PM.

### **2:00 PM**

**SPEAKER :** During the morning session an important Bill “The Mizoram Fire Services Bill, 2013” was passed by the House. We will now move on to another Bill and shall invite our hon’ble Minister Pu Nihar Kanti to ask the House to introduce his Bill “The Animal Slaughter Bill, 2013”.

**Pu NIHAR KANTI, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, with permission and the permission of the House I would like to introduce my Bill “The Animal Slaughter Bill, 2013”.

**SPEAKER :** Are we in favor? Then you may proceed with your introduction and move your Bill.

**Pu NIHAR KANTI, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, thank you. With your permission and the permission of the House I introduce my Bill “The Animal Slaughter Bill, 2013”.

Pu Speaker, in today’s ever changing and faced paced world, our priority is to look after our health and lifestyle which leads to the creation of this Bill. Meat is one of our main food and 90% of the population are meat eaters. The main aim and objective of this Bill is to provide fresh and healthy meat to the public and to regulate the process. This will help in the prevention of animal borne diseases as well as perform checks and examination on animals before and after slaughtering.

This Bill contains several chapters with Chapter I containing the definition of this Bill, chapter II - Restriction on slaughter of Animal in place other than recognized slaughter houses, chapter III- Examination of Animals, chapter IV- examination on stamping of car cases, chapter VI- miscellaneous. I apologize in advance for any typing mistakes and other grammatical errors and would welcome any criticisms from our end. Lastly, I would like your support for this Bill. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : We will start with the discussion of this Bill with five minutes allotted for each member. Who will start with the discussion? Pu Lalduhoma.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, I'd like to highlight just one point from page 2, chapter 2 clause III. I felt that the heading and the body does not carry the same meaning. The heading reads 'Restriction and slaughter of animals in places other than recognized slaughter houses', it seems like it is a law on restriction of animals instead of recognized slaughter house. However, the body of the clause talked about slaughter house which I believe is not clear. Other than that, I believe the Bill is satisfactory and I give my support for the passing of this Bill. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu C. Ramhluna

**Pu C. RAMHLUNA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. First of all I would like to congratulate our hon'ble Minister for creating and presenting this Bill as we are in need of this kind of Bill.

I would also like to offer a few corrections if I may. The Bill is called 'The Animal Slaughter Bill' even though Section-I clause (1) states that "This Act may be called the Mizoram Animal Slaughter Act, 2013'. The word 'Mizoram' was excluded from the actual bill and I believe it is more appropriate to include 'Mizoram'. Also, as mentioned earlier, it seems like it is a Bill to control animals that are slaughtered outside of the slaughter house since the phrase reads 'slaughter of animals in places other than recognized slaughter houses'.

Also, there are no definition for Veterinary practitioner under No-4, section-4.

Under offence and penalties, there is no act for the punishment of those who slaughter animals outside of the slaughter house. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu R. Lalrinawma

**Pu R. LALRINAWMA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. We are discussing an important Bill and I would like to pledge my support.

There are several mistakes and errors which are understandable but this is not an issue as they are adjustable. In respect to the error mentioned by our respected members Pu Lalduhoma and Pu C. Ramhluna, I believe Clause 3 Sub-clause (i) can cover that which states 'On and from the commencement of this Act, no Animal, meant for consumption and sale in the recognized market, shall be slaughtered in any places other than the recognized slaughter houses'.

Under offence and penalties in page 4, (1) should be taken off as the Act has only section 10 and does not have sub section (1). Sub-clause (f) contains the sentence 'Is or has been functioning as an examiner and fails to take necessary steps as required in the Act'. I believe 'in this act' is more appropriate than 'in the act'.

Lastly, I believe in this Bill and give my support and hope that this Bill is implemented as it is a Bill which will benefit the people of Mizoram. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Lt. Col. Z.S. Zuala

**Lt. Col. Z.S. ZUALA** : Pu Speaker, I would like to highlight just one point i.e. for us to consider chapter-II page 2 more carefully. It reads 'On and from the commencement of this Act, no animal, meats for consumption and sale in the recognized market shall be slaughtered in any places other than the recognized slaughter houses'. We have to rethink if we could really implement this act and consider whether butchers will really go to the slaughter house just to slaughter animals. Thank you.

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

**Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, just one point from chapter-5 which is in reference to the imprisonment of repeated offence. We should include the fine and punishment for offences and repeated offences. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Are there any one else?

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, this act only covers recognized market and animals slaughtered within slaughter house. It does not cover animals slaughtered in other places and there is no act which can punish them for this offence.

**SPEAKER** : Shall we continue our discussion regarding this point?

**Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA:** Pu Speaker, thank you. As mentioned before, I do believe we need to create areas or zones for this Bill to be more effective. These areas or zones can cover a limited or set place. Choosing a location for the slaughter house is an important aspect of this Bill. I'd like to mention because there is already complains about the proposed site in Lunglei. We must also make sure to enforce the pre and post examination of animals.

Since we have already come up with the act, we must be certain that it covers all areas regarding the slaughter, buying and selling of meats. It should be practical and enforceable in all places and not only in Aizawl. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite our Law & Judicial Minister Pu Lalsawta.

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER :** I have no problem in passing this Bill as we are in need of one. The effective date will be notified to us by the government when it is ready.

Mizoram is at a transitional stage and I do support the intention behind this Bill which is providing certified and healthy meat to the public. However, I do believe that the public is not quite ready for this; even the government is not ready and prepared. As mentioned before it will prove to be a problem for places other than Aizawl if all the facilities are situated in Aizawl. Also, this Bill excludes the area of Autonomous District Councils. That means this Bill does not cover them and there will be no law that will stop them from transporting their uncertified and unchecked meat.

There are several complications that have to be considered and I suggest creating a Select Committee is appropriate for this Bill. In the meantime the department can raise public awareness and prepare them. Thank you.

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, under chapter 2, no 4 which is in respect to Appointment of meat inspector, clause-1 states that ‘The government shall appoint meat inspector to exam all animal brought to the slaughter house for slaughter’. This means that the task used to be performed by Veterinary department i.e. examination and stamping of meats at the market will no longer be possible. We should look at ways for this Bill to cover the areas outside of the slaughter house.

**Pu NIHAR KANTI, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, this is my first ever bill since serving as a Minister. I do hear the concerns and suggestions made by our members and I’d like to mention that it will be considered.

Passing this bill is merely the starting point. There is no doubt that we will come across problems in the implementation process and we have to raise awareness for this. We will also need to create rules and regulations for this bill to be a success. We can always amend the Bill to better serve our purpose.

Pu Speaker, I would like to plead the House to pass the Bill “The Mizoram Animal Slaughter Bill, 2013”. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : We will now take a vote on the Bill. All those in favor may say, ‘Yes’ and those who do not, say, ‘No’. The House has unanimously passed “The Mizoram Animal Slaughter Bill, 2013”.

**Pu NIHAR KANTI, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, thank you.

**SPEAKER** : We have concluded our business for the day. We will continue our session tomorrow 3.3.2014 at 10:30 AM.

Sitting is adjourned at 3:03 PM

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

**LIST OF BUSINESS**

FOR FIFTEENTH SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 3rd APRIL, 2013  
(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.

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

Bills for introduction, consideration and passing.

2. **Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA**, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce "The Mizoram (Land Revenue) Bill, 2013"

**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** : “Never move an old boundary mark that your ancestors established”

Proverbs 22:28

Pu Nirumpam Chakma is not available for Starred Question No. 241 as he had to attend the CADC elections. As per Rules 50(i), after we have finished the rest of the other questions and if time permits, we will take it up. We will take up starred Question 242, and let us now call hon’ble member, Pu John Siamkunga.

**Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. The starred Question is for honorable Minister of Health & Family Welfare Department to answer: When will the constructions of Hnahthial Sub-District Hospital Phase-I be completed?

**SPEAKER** : Let us now call hon’ble Minister Pu Lalrinliana Sailo to answer.

**Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, the answer is: Hnahthial Sub-District Hospital Phase-I is planned to be completed by 3.10.2013.

**SPEAKER** : Fusther question from Pu John Siamkunga, followed by Pu Lalthansanga and Pu K. Lianzuala

**Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA** : Pu Speaker, with the favor of honorable Chief Minister and honorable Health Minister, Hnahthial Sub-District Hospital is presently under construction. Phase-I is almost completed, and I hear that there may be financial problems for Phase-II. My question is: Can they continue with Phase-II after Phase-I is completed?

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker, why is it taking so long to inaugurate Biate PHC, as it is said to have been completed? And when will construction start for N. Vanlaiphai PHC? The Doctor training was for duration of one year, but the doctor has not been around since September of last year and the senior most Nurses took charge. We need a hospital that can cure, and for that we need more doctors. We don’t have a dentist either in E. Lungdar, too, so will it be possible to provide us with the said doctors?

**Pu K. LIANZUALA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker, this is for the honorable Minister to answer – Ngentiang PHC was constructed and used in 1990-200. It was

quite secluded, and located on the banks of Tuichang. The buildings and quarters are quite ruined, so is it possible for renovations to be done on it?

Doctors had not been willing to stay for very long, but our present doctor proves quite diligent and is a blessing for the community. My question is – will such a doctor be taken this time, as he has shown interest in the welfare of the Village and is not yet a permanent employee?

**SPEAKER** : Let us call the hon'ble Minister to answer.

**Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, regarding Pu John's question, Phase-I has been completed. It was built in CHC, but when we took office our officers said that it had to be discontinued because of no financing. It was after 3 years that we resumed construction. We are now awaiting word from the Central government in order to deal with Phase-II.

Regarding Pu Lalthansanga's question – Biate CHC had been completed, but the electrical wirings still need to be done. We are yet to decide when to inaugurate it.

It also required when work will star in N. Vanlaiphai, and I'm quite surprised that he is not familiar with the situation in his constituency. Pu Speaker, N. Vanlaiphai PHC is about 100 years old and was already there during World War-II when the Japanese attacked. In order to protect it the heritage conservation is undergoing construction now.

Doctor need training as new medicine and technology are introduced time again. The present one had gone for special training, and I'd like to talk about the others as well. As initiated by our honorable Chief Minister and honorable Finance Minister, we will be able to have 88 doctors. MPSC will publish an advertisement this week and that will serve a great purpose.

We all need Dental Surgeons. We are about 3000 families in my constituency of Khawzawl and we have not had a Dental surgeon since last year. They most after do not choose to stay in villages, so that is common factor.

Regarding honorable member, Pu K. Lianzuala's question, I have not visited Ngentiang PHC Out of the 57 PHC we have, I have visited 54, and It. is not



possible to start renovation as we are short of finance. Rural Health Mission did give from infrastructure which was stopped. We cannot build that resembles a hospital; so we have a sub-centre and quarters. We were financed by the 13th Finance Commission for 15 hospitals, 15 PHCs and 150 sub-centers.

Regarding doctors posted in villages as practiced in India, we had a good analysis. Out of the total marks, 5% will be added to those already posted one year. I am sure good doctors will see themselves through. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Let us now call honorable members, Pu B. Lalthlengliana for question 243.

**Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA** : Starred question No.243 is for the honorable health minister to answer - When will a doctor be posted at Farkawn and Bungzung PHC within 25<sup>th</sup> East Tuipui Assembly Constituency? I missed out Sesih. Are there any renovation plans?

**SPEAKER** : Let us call honorable minister, Pu Lalrinliana Sailo to answer.

**Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, regarding Pu B. Lalthlengliana's question, Farkawn PHC doctor unfortunately passed away on 24.8.2012 and we are yet to find a replacement. Bungzung PHC MO submitted his resignation on October 1, 2010 and we have been very busy dealing with it.

There are renovation plans. However, due to financial problems we discontinued work. Farkawn PHC was constructed under the leadership of our honorable Member Pu B. Lalthlengliana. It is not in such a bad condition and has been built quite strong. It would be good to let it remain as it is rather than demolish it. That is my answer.

Pu Speaker, Sesih was constructed by the previous government. However as it was not occupied, it was not in a good condition; repairs were made and it functioned. Nurses' instead of doctors maintain it, and we hope we can make appointments of the 88 selected doctors.

**SPEAKER** : Let us call Pu B. Lalthlengliana for further questions, and will be followed by Pu R.L. Pianmawia and Pu Lalduhoma.

**Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA :** Pu Speaker, some constituencies in the Ruling and Opposition are quite fortunate. One new building was constructed for the N. Vanlaiphai Constituency. Farkawn PHC was constructed in 1987 spending ₹3 lakh. It was difficult to even travel by jeep between Champhai and Farkawn in those days. It is commendable that we have such building as a part of Heritage and to have it in such good condition even today. However, with increase in population, it is not big enough. As the Border Trade road passes through, the hospital is quite busy. The feeder village also reaches till Samtlang, which could be a concern.

I don't mean to offend anyone in saying this, but it is more cumbersome when a doctor is present. We had requested for a doctor to our Minister and one was provided. He was removed but was re-appointed later. In cases of emergencies and accidents, travelling 100 kms to Champhai can be difficult, so I'd like to suggest that this point be remembered while appointing a doctor and construction of the building.

Khawbung is our main location, and it needs inspection. Our immediate need is a doctor and a building; dental is beyond our immediate necessity.

Pu Speaker, what I'd like to know is – Is the co-ordination between the Minister and Ruling MLAs not very good? I ask this as Ruling MLAs usually have too many questions. Other years, they would just approach the concerned Minister rather than asking silly questions in the House. It is just a suggestion that better co-ordination can exist for the future of the government.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, most of our MLAs are fist timers, and it is good experience for them to have questions and private resolutions. It is nobody's intention to cause an embarrassment.

**SPEAKER :** Pu R.L. Pianmawia

**Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA :** Thank you Pu Speaker, I would like to first convey my gratitude as an order is to released for the cause I stood for the other day. I am truly grateful to our House Leader and Health Minister.

We have a PHC building in Darlawn which is in total ruins. We renovated it with financial help received from the fund remaining during our former Finance Minister, Pu J. Lalsangzuala's time. We also used 25% of used materials. The

building needs proper renovation. I have seen the health centre in our Health Minister's constituency, and I was filled with envy. It is my sincere request that such a building be constructed in Darlawn as well. I would also like to know when the Ratu hospital will be inaugurated.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, a Health Clinic Centre was set up in Zonuam which is functioning now. However, we do not have a building, and are anticipating receiving the money for it. My question is – When can we receive the money for the work.

**SPEAKER** : Let us call the honourable Minister to answer.

**Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, what Pu Thlenga mentioned is true. There area is located near an international border, but our situation is such that we can only ensure you that it will keep in mind.

Pu Speaker, as our House Leader has said earlier, our ruling MLAs love their constituency dearly. As we have said, we will not be able to look into the needs of Darlawn from the State plan fund because of financial problems. However, it may be possible if we work along the 13th Finance Commission.

With regard to honorable Minister, Pu Duhoma's question, I have noted down the points the night we wound up the discussion.

Pu Speaker, I haven't had the chance to react nor make plans. We will certainly look into it with time on our side.

**SPEAKER** : Let us now call honorable member, Pu Joseph Lalhimpua to take up question 244.

**Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUA** : Mr Spekaer, Thank you. This question is for honorable Health & Family Welfare Minister – When can construction of Zobawk PHC begin?

**SPEAKER** : Let us call the hon'ble Minister to answer.

**Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, the answer to honorable member, Pu Joseph Lalhimpua's question is – we have purchased a land in Zobawk

for the PHC and as are financial, work will begin. It is not possible to start yet due to financial problems.

**SPEAKER** : We shall combine the questions into one question. Let us now call Pu C. Ramhluna.

**Pu C. RAMHLUNA** : Pu Speaker, this starred question No. 245 is for honorable Minister of Health & Family Welfare answer – When will the Health workers for Hmunnuam, Hruitezawl, Karlei and Chawngtelui sub-centre be posted? We need a specific answer.

**SPEAKER** : Let us call Dr. R. Lalthangliana to take up starred question No.246

**Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA** : Pu Speaker, starred question No.246 is - How many doctors and nurse are there in the different departments of Lunglei Civil Hospital?

**Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER** : Regarding Pu Ramhluna's question– We cannot say exactly when Health workers from Hmunnuam, Hruitezawl, Karlui and Chawngtelui Sun-Centre will be posted. I'd like to add that we have 1093 health workers, adding sun-centre and clinical centers we have 479. The new government is aiming towards awareness of infant mortality rate and death of women at child-birth. We took the first step in Saiha and completed constructing sub-centre and clinic centre there. We have also covered Lai Autonomous District Council and will complete whatever is to be finished within these financial years. We have started as they need more attention and had been lowering the health index.

Pu Speaker, regarding the question of Dr. R. Lalthangliana - Staffs in the different departments of Lunglei Civil Hospital are as follows –

**Doctors: -**

- 1) Surgery - 2
- 2) Medicine - 1
- 3) Anesthetist - 1
- 4) Psychiatrist - 1
- 5) Pathologist - 1
- 6) Dental surgeon - 2
- 7) Ophthalmologist - 1

- 8) ENT - 1
- 9) Biochemistry - 1
- 10) Pediatrician - 1
- 11) Diabetologist - 1
- 12) Obs & Gynecologist - 1
- 13) Ortho - 1
- 14) MO (Ayush) - 2
- 15) MO (MMU) - 1
- 16) MO (General duty) - 3

**Total - 21 Nos.**

**Nursing staff: -**

- 1) Nursing Superintendent - 2
- 2) Ward Superintendent - 4
- 3) Staff Nurse (Regular) - 25
- 4) Staff Nurse (Contract) - 17

**Total - 48 Nos.**

**SPEAKER** : Let us call Pu Jodeph Lalhimpuia for further questions.

**Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker, Our honorable Health Minister has already announced that a PHC will be set up in Zobawk. Work will start as soon as money is received. I also convey my gratitude on behalf of my constituency members.

My further question, Pu Speaker, is –

- i) When will we have the money?
- ii) When can construction start?
- iii) As we have doctors to be appointed, isn't it possible to build a temporary one? If so, we can provide accommodation for the workers.
- iv) Could we have PHC function before appointing doctors and setting up the building?

**SPEAKER** : Let us call Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

**Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. Our honorable Minister had reassured us Hnahlan constituency while winding up the other day. Rabung PHC

has not had a doctor for a long time, and has only nurse, that too a temporary one. The Doctor quarters are also in ruins. My question is – Could they provide a doctor and more nurses?

**SPEAKER** : Let us call Pu C. Rmhluna

**Pu C. RAMHLUNA** : Pu Speaker, our honorable Minister answered that he is unclear of the time for appointing a Health Worker. Could the building be repaired in some way? There are lots of termites, and even though the building was constructed in 2010–2011, it needs to be mended couldn't it be possible to appoint Health Worker a little sooner?

Secondly, Pu Speaker, our constituency has not been utilized the Health Care Scheme much. Photographs had been taken, hoping to cover all areas; but there are some areas where the photographers have not gone. We received information that the Company had closed same area, which means we will be unable to utilize them this year. My question is – Could inspections be made in these areas?

Thirdly, we have health workers from RHM, State and regular staff. There is unequal between NRHM and State worker; is there a way to make them equal? Based on a different area and less difficult area, NRHM workers' pay differ. Can this be carried out the same way in the State level?

Fourthly, Pu Speaker, in Bungtlang PHC, we neither have x-rays nor technicians. Our doctor, though a good man, is physically challenged, so we need to give him more attention. Couldn't we be provided x-ray machines and technicians soon? These are my questions. Thank you.

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. We have inaugurated a PHC in E. Lungdar, and construction is ongoing in N. Vanlaiphai. I am not sure about the norms but it is mentioned that if the sub-centre is located 7 kms away, PHC should be set up there. We don't have any in Bawktlang, Chekawn and Sialsir. Could we be included among the 150 proposed for construction? He has been generous to Lawngtlai, so let him be generous on this side of Tuichangral as well. We need a sub-centre or clinic centre.

Pu Speaker, when we attended the Commonwealth Parliament Association, West Bengal Chief Minister said that there were problems in

appointments and posts. His son is a doctor employed by the government, and posted in the border of Assam where vehicles do not enter. Even though his wife rebuked him for having their son posted there, the Chief Minister replied that everyone has to abide by the law, and the one who made the law cannot go against it. That is how some leaders follow rules strictly in their states. I mention this as we easily see some postings to be barred, which shouldn't be as vehicles pass most roads. I again convey my gratitude on behalf of Hmunzawl for the sub-centre in the four places I mentioned and in Hmunzawl.

**SPEAKER** : Dr. R. Lalthangliana, followed by Pu P.P. Thawla.

**Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA** : Mr Speaker sir, our Minister answered that there are 21 doctors posted in Lunglei. My question is – Are there 21 posts in Lunglei Civil Hospital or are there still vacant posts? He also mentioned the number of doctors in each department and we are running short of doctors in each department. I was wondering if there could be more doctors appointed. We are in grave need of a cardiologist in Mizoram; we do have one who has an extremely busy schedule. Couldn't we have a more cardiology doctors and preferably in the south?

Brides that, Pu Speaker, the doctor and nurses in Buarpui PHC all work under contract and I wondered if the present doctor could be given permanent appointment as he is a diligent doctor. The contract nurses and other workers should also be permanently appointed.

The 3F doctors we had in the previous government were quite a lot in number and they worked in such remote areas and worked diligently. Wouldn't it be possible for these doctors to be regularized, while we are about to appoint the 88 doctors?

Because of shortage of nurses and doctors in Lunglei, we cannot have the OPD functioning properly; the casualty ward is also the state, and the doctor and nurse have to tend to them with lots of every. Pu Speaker, I ask the Minister if they could at least provide us with what we need most. Isn't it possible to extend the places from which we have more patients'?

I would also like to know why there's always incapacity of the Aizawl Civil Hospital, Cabins.

Lastly, Pu Speaker, I'd just like to repeat myself. We have 3 PHCs in my constituency. As Phura is a warm place, the doctor there stays in Tuipang. He has a busy schedule as he is the only one, and even gets calls while on the road. I request that another doctor be posted in Tuipang as it would be the best location. The 3 nurses in Phura are also quite regular. We do not have a doctor in Chakhang, and the nurse is irregular. The furniture and rooms in Saiha District Hospital are in miserable condition. Are they waiting for a new Hospital to be constructed? But that would take too long. So, couldn't the furniture and such be replaced? Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Let us call the honorable Minister to answer.

**Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, let me answer each question briefly. The answer to honorable member, Pu Joseph Lalhimpuia's question is – I don't think it would be possible to appoint a temporary one. It would be better to construct and complete a building as soon as possible. We have an Urban Health Centre in Hrangchalkawn near Zobawk as it functions well. They can go there instead of going to Lunglei in cases emergency.

Honorable member Mr T.T. Zothansanga mentioned Rabung. It was constructed before our time and we could not appoint a doctor there. We could not afford to complete the quarters near the building as well. We shall gather and discuss what could be done during the appointment of the new doctors.

Regarding honorable member, Pu C. Ramhluna's question, I had a survey there in February, and it seems quite satisfactory. It is good one way to have security. The workers and locals are sincerely giving their best taking care of it. We shall soon have a meeting too. Health Care is as what he says. We had looked into it last year, but unfortunately the camera fell into the water. Besides, vehicles cannot go through there, and sometimes we cannot even reach Tuisen. Camp has been held on the 14th of this month in Chawngte. As RSBY has been implemented by the Central Government, we have to work with the Company. RSBY has a limited time period, but we made it limited as there could be fraud bills. Mizoram State also provides Health Care; and its main objective is to help the needy and cover their medical expenses. RSBY provides ₹30,000 and if that's not sufficient, the State has a provision of ₹70,000. We also cover those included in RSBY. The BPLs in RSBY are now job-card holders. Provisions of bills and premiums have also been changed.

**Pu P.P. THAWLA** : Pu Speaker, clarification. If they cannot avail



₹ 30,000/- under RSBY, can they still avail the ₹70,000/- on the Health-Care Scheme? And if so, do they need smart card and a photo? How does it work?

**Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, a photo is not required if it is not under RSBY. And, to answer the question of Pu C. Ramhluna, there is a difference in pay under NRHM (National Rural Health Mission) and State Contract because the NRHM fixed their pay and the State makes its own pay scheme.

To address the issue of X-Ray and other Technicians, we simply do not have the required number to fill all the vacant posts. And, to answer Pu Lalthansanga's question, Clinic Centre is just a name to create more centre as we already pass the norms of Sub-Centre that can be created based on our population.

To answer to Dr. R. Lalthangliana's question, we fall short of the Indian Public health Standard norms on almost all our hospitals and we also simply do not have enough specialists in different fields to fill our vacant post.

**SPEAKER :** Is the admission procedure very difficult?

**Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, we will try our utmost for Lunglei and on the subject of 3F. This is in the hands of the MPSC and if we recruit them without passing them through DPC and MPSC, then the other 150-200 employees can take the Mizoram government to Court and problems will arise. So, in the end, the recruitment process was handed to the MPSC.

**Pu LALDUHOMA :** Pu Speaker, do you intend to follow the Recruitment Rules of the MPSC that 5% marks be added to those who choose rural posting?

**Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, the government will have to follow the MPSC rule on this case. On the subject of PHC, it is very difficult to post doctors at every PHC and PHC should not be granted on political ground to any villages or town.

**SPEAKER :** Now, we shall move to Legislative Business and call on Pu J.H. Rothuama, Minister to introduce his Bill, "The Mizoram (Land Revenue) Bill, 2013".

**Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, I beg leave of the House to introduce, “The Mizoram (Land Revenue) Bill, 2013”, thank you.

**SPEAKER :** The Minister asked to introduce his Bill. Does the House agree? If so, then let him introduced the Bill

**Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, I introduced the Bill, “The Mizoram (Land Revenue) Bill, 2013”, to the House for discussion, thank you

**SPEAKER :** Now, let him give an outline of the Bill to the House

**Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, the existing rules that we have concerning land revenue were old and outdated and lacking in many aspects for today application and that is why this Bill is created to review, revise and adds new aspects into the Land Revenue Act of Mizoram.

In the previous generation, we do not have master plan nor land zoning in our State and this is one aspects that this Bill introduced and we put all the details under Section 18, 19, 35, 37 and 38.

Secondly, we attempt to make a more streamline ways of allotting land and we divided into different categories and also put limitation to how much land can be allotted to an individual. These details can be seen under Section 16, 21 to 30, 32 and 46. We also anticipate that Land Ceiling would grab the attention and if the House agrees, a separate law can be created dealing with Land Ceiling issue.

On the matter concerning allotment of land to individual, the District Council has a well prepared range, limiting it to 30 bigha per person and this has continue for a while but change to an unlimited range for sometime now. We also included an exception to this limitation bearing in mind that different types of plantation will crop up in the near future.

Further, several State now have Anti-land Breaking Law put in place and we also put this under Section 31 and prohibition of breaking forest for settlement without government approval is also cover under Section 17 and 29.

Fifthly, the Revenue Department has an important task of assessment

and collection of Revenue Tax. Chapter 7, Section 47 to 75 covers issues relating to this matter. This House already adopted a Bill relating to the collection and collectors of the tax, that is, The Non-Reform Bill.

Sixth, we will create a Tribunal to address disputes arising out of this matter and even before it came into effect, disputes can be brought before the S.D.O. (Civil), B.D.O., and to the D.C., and all the way to the Commissioner of Revenue. This is important because some cases are already put up in a Civil Court.

Chapter 9, Section 98-107 covers the buying and selling of land as well as inheritance of land issues. For those whose parents already settle in Mizoram before 26, January, 1950, they will have no trouble in this regard but for those whose ownership are uncertain or are settled outside Mizoram, the law made it mandatory for them to get recognition from the government.

Chapter 10, Section 108-114 covers new aspects in our law, which concerns the issue relating to apartment type housing and group housing, covering right of way, space for parking and their protection.

The department also has an important task of recording and surveying the land and in these regards, we are behind most State. From last year, our Surveyors started covering Lunglei District and is now progressing to Serchhip District but due to lack of man-power, our progress is slow. Computerized recording is also underway and we tried to be as meticulous as we can with help from the Y.M.A.

On repeal and saving, we put forward 8 laws that are no longer relevant and put into place a new one that we deem would be satisfactory. These are made into separate sheet and are covered under Section 131.

To conclude, this Bill was prepared to contain Section 1 to 132 and every caution is used to make it comprehensive and relevant as possible. While preparing this Bill, we looked into other State law as well as Indian revenue law so that we can cover as many facets as possible. Although, the Speaker did not give me leave to pass this Bill by the House, I appeal to the House to pass this Bill since we are already discussing it. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Now, the Minister has presented to the House why this Bill is needed and its crucial importance for our State and I may further add

that this was also one of the things that the Synod Executive Committee requested that we looked into during our term, so bearing in mind all these, i wanted to give each Member more freedom than usual, is 10 minutes enough for us? If so, warning bell will be sounded on the 8 minutes mark.

First member to participate will be Pu Lalduhoma.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, I am thankful that after years of careful deliberation, “The Mizoram (Land Revenue) Bill, 2013”, has finally arrived in the House for discussion. One issue that is uppermost in my mind, that of the protection of the natives of Mizoram, are clearly covered under Clause 16 and Clause 32 of this Bill and this makes me very happy.

Although this Bill is very detailed and comprehensive, there are 2 or 3 points that i think should be added to this Bill and one is concerning the issue of domicile of Mizoram before 26, January, 1950. I think that the Bill should contain the original source of this particular law which is the Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation, 1873. Could this be added under Section 16 or 32? This law was originally made by the British and was adopted and added to subsequent Act of Indian law such as the Govt. of India Act, 1935, Adaptation of Laws Order 1950, 1972 and 1974, and the Mizoram State Act, 1986.

Another point i want to make is that can Clause 31 covers those vacant land in our areas which the owner did not developed at all. Can a provision be made that makes it mandatory for land-owners to construction a house within a time bound period, failing which, the LSC can be cancelled by the government?

The last point concerns Clause 34, according to this, any kind of agricultural as well as husbandry endeavors is prohibited within a Town area. A person or family may want to fashion horticultural or agricultural garden (Chhuktuah Huan) or a small fish pond or take up animal husbandry in a small way on their land. Can this be revised especially for those who live on the fringes of a town or city?

In conclusion, i wanted to make a remark in the method we employ to construct our houses. We did not follow any guidelines and it seems that we construct our houses as high or as wide as we want. Can rules be added that provides for how high or wide a house can be constructed in proportion to the areas of the LSC. Thank you.

**Lt. Col. Z.S. ZUALA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. I can only imagine the difficulties of drafting such a bill as this one and i truly do not understand all of it but i am very glad anyway.

First, Chapter 4, Section 22 describe the matter concerning double LCS and clearly stated that the most senior will be accepted as genuine and this is very good since this is a source of much troubles for many people and this will also clear many headaches face by the department.

Next, in chapter 7, Section 47, we have seen ‘.....except as may be wholly or partly exempted by means of any grant or by contract with the government of Mizoram’. For example, there is a notification issued on 1992 which concern exemption of revenue tax to any bereaved wife of servicemen who were killed in action. This exemption of tax may be extended to Labour Corps, ex-serviceman of the Armed Forces, Army, Air Forces and Navy. It is much appreciated as it indicates that this order will be permitted by this particular clause.

Regarding the appointment in the tribunal which underlines that “no act or proceeding record of the tribunal shall be called in question in any matter on the ground barely of any defect in conclusion of the tribunal ..... ”, I opine it is undemocratic as no question could be raised to that effect. Chapter 11 of the General and Miscellaneous states that prohibition against un-authorized dealing with public places or material which I opine as a good idea as it concerns public safety as well as the ecology. So, I support the bill submitted by concerned minister. Thank you.

**Pu H. LAINSAILOVA, MINISTER** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I expected the members to criticize this bill as we have many well-educated members among us. As for me, I went through the details and found this bill to be good enough.

Being served as Director of the Revenue department for three years, I have to state that effort had been in 1975 to formulate the Land Revenue or Land Reforms Bill as most of the outgoing Directors of the department too had put forward the same but none is notified for further use. As stated, most of the Land Revenue Acts are of 1958 to 1971 i.e. during the period of the District Council with few amendments being made. Pu R. Vanneia, the former Deputy Director of the Revenue department, out of concern that such amendments might be missing made a collection of the Mizoram Land Revenue Acts which was later being published for official use too. His collection is widely used by the department till today. In the same manner,

various efforts made by other officers who had already been served in this department could also be seen.

As for this Bill, it is quite appreciative since it is drafted in accordance with the demand of the present situation of our state and without consulting any previous record. With this, I extend my heartfelt congratulation to Pu J.H. Rothuama, the concerned minister. At the same time, efforts rendered by officials of the department, the Principal Secretary as well as various stages of Secretary is worth remembering. Comparing to all the previous bills we had so far, I must say that this is the best considering the design of printing, size and quality which is of the standard form. I supposed we all have seen the design of the bill we have discussed yesterday which seems to be prepared out of a hasty process.

**SPEAKER** : We have returned the bill to concerned department for improvement of its quality so that the design suited the wish of the hon'ble House Leader who is respected by all. This is the best that the department could produce and we may take it for granted.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : I wish that such practice is not repeated as some bills presented in the House were attached merely by the staplers and without the covers. We should maintain quality standard with the size or the design of the bill.

To continue my speech on Land Revenue, Pu Speaker, it may be noted by the members that Land Ceiling is in practice since the previous years but has not been applied ideally. It is essential for any state to have a separate land ceiling to determine Land Reforms on the basis of land ceiling bill.

Regarding allotment of land, I opine channel of the existing process is too long which even takes a year to complete one allotment. As such, this bill will expedite the process particularly survey works in rural areas which usually necessitate fetching concerned surveyor to do the work. Thus, false allotment of land is more popular in the villages. Hence, this bill concern appropriate application of land zoning system to prevent allotment of VC's house pass. As of the language and terms in use, it is mostly of Hindi and Arabic which may also be changed into Mizo language.

**SPEAKER** : While you are standing, I would like to make a suggestion that the area of land may be determined by square meter of the horizontal

distance so as to obtain the most accurate measurement.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER :** In regard to tax, Pu Speaker, I opine the existing system of our assessment is not appropriate as Land Revenue Assessment Act has not been practiced ideally. As of our system of collection of taxes, I opine the cost of collection is too high where as in the central, it costs 7% only but in our state, it costs 400%. As such, it is wise for the government to entrust concerned village authority by benefitting a commission of 15% to 20% of the collected amount. This bill concern improvement of such system also.

Next, Pu Speaker, I would like to support the opinion of my fellow member, Pu Lalduhoma in regard to the need of provision to safeguard the mizos as our true identity since we are no longer safeguarded by the Sixth Schedule as in District Council but the District Council Act is still in practice. I am afraid we are not safe anymore since we have no provision to identify ourselves.....

**SPEAKER :** The ideology is truly of a Nationalist.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER :** So, it may be necessary for us to have a notification which indicates our status with reference to the provision of the Bengal Eastern Frontier Act. ....

**SPEAKER :** I think I have already given you enough concession of time.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, you too have shared much of my time though.

Last, but not the least, Pu Speaker, since our land is treated as un-surveyed by the government, it results in the problem of allotment of house site. Even in the implementation of NLUP, it is essential for the beneficiary to produce LSC recognized by the government or the owner of such landholding which should later be surveyed by the authority. As already stated, it used to take a lot of time to wait for the convenience of concerned surveyor to identify one particular land. So, to improve the system, there is opinion that any land is identifiable by means of satellite technology. With the help of MIRSAC, we are now able to simplify the surveying work as the old system is now becoming outdated.

The next problem, Pu Speaker, is conversion of agricultural land within urban area for a house pass as some portions are misappropriated for the benefit of concerned surveyor also which often result in the existence of numbers of duplicate LSC. It is, therefore evident that such practice may not be stopped unless we have appropriate Rules for conversion of the agricultural land within urban areas and provision for allotment of house-site within the dispute areas. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : I now call upon Pu R. Selthuama, who has a wide range of knowledge and experiences in regard to Revenue department.

**Pu R. SELTHUAMA** : Pu Speaker, I first of all would like to extend my appreciation to the hon'ble minister for being able to lay an ideal bill on the table of the House.

As known to us all, it is difficult to make improvement with our revenue system of as the original payment of land revenue i.e. ₹2/- which was of the British Rule remain in use up to 1990 which indicates the system need some improvements. Even though proposal to reform the system had already put forward in the previous years but never as clear as this one. Not like income tax, revenue tax concerns us all the people, from the rich citizens to the poor.

This bill though large in size, error is hardly found except some patent errors in some places like adding 'the' before 'ceiling' in the sentence 'beyond the maximum ceiling limit'. At page 29, the word 'exempt' should also be put in the form of verb by adding 'ed'. At page 37, the wording 'shall in writing' should be written as 'shall be in writing'. It may also be re-examined the wording 'the Director of Land Record or the Director' as it can be misinterpreted as two separate Directors.

Regarding the proposal for introduction of Village Master Plan, it is a good idea to have it but we have to consider the detailed problems. If possible, it is wise to make appropriate demarcation of the area of households and gardens. It may be difficult to achieve this in the present situation but truly is a good idea.

Pu Speaker, we have seen a new provision in section 14, sub-section 3 which underlines that 'any special economic programme as an alternative to jhum cultivation'. It is truly appreciative as it concern periodical allotment of land for any project which may be taken up by the government.



Regarding selling of land-holdings, Pu Speaker, Rules page 22, section 36 contains the Right of land holder for selling his LSC to others. But this bill clearly provides restriction that LSC may be sold to others only after 10 years of issue of his LSC which truly is appreciative. On the contrary, we also have to determine if this restriction may bring problems to those who may be compelled to sell his LSC to others urgently such as medical refer case etc.

Regarding land lease, Page 24, section 45 and 46 does not clearly indicate the period except that it should not exceed 99 years. In this regard, Pu Speaker, I opine the lease period may be fixed according to requirement of land like 15, 20, 25 years. Regarding the dispute land, section 91 (a) indicate that appeal should be made within 30 days. I opine 30 days is too short as the process of delivery of such notification to concerned person may take more than that and thus may be increased to 60 days.

Regarding allotment of periodic patta particularly in rural areas, it may be noted that an ideal survey of land cannot be made in a craggy surface of land like ours as even experts from the Survey of India fails to do so despite whichever training courses they might have come across. As already stated, horizontal measurement is mostly suggestive for measurement of irregular surface of land. As for boundary description, the ideal one is of using a natural demarcation, if possible.

Pu Speaker, it is again truly appreciated as we are now having the Revenue Tribunal to resolve the problem of land dispute. Being the concerned officer in the previous years, it was somewhat difficult to deal with such cases as I was bound to receive any allegation that my decision as being bias even if it was not so. Yet, we now have a provision that complain against the decision of the tribunal may be treated as contempt of the court.

As already stated by our leaders, what we thought as good for the department may not be achieved instantly yet, what have been done so far is quite impressive. I express my appreciation to the hon'ble Minister and the officials of concerned department for the efforts they have made so that this bill is laid on the table of the House. Thank you.

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

**2:00 P.M.**

**SPEAKER** : To start the evening session, I call Pu C. Ramhluna and after that, Pu Lalthansanga and Pu Lalrinawma.

**Pu C. RAMHLUNA** : Pu Speaker, I opine it is necessary for us to have this bill as I thank the hon'ble Minister for being able to lay in the House in time. I truly appreciated as the language used in this bill is quite clear as no ambiguity is found. Besides, the typing is neat and spelling mistake is minimal as I find it as the best bill being submitted within this term. At the same time, I extend my thanks to concerned minister as efforts made by a group of experts are seen in it.

In the meantime, Pu Speaker, I have found error at few places such as page 47, the third line of section 111 that '.....value there-of or impair any easement not shall any apartment'. Here, the wording 'not' in front of 'shall' is a patent error and should be replaced by 'nor'. Again, at page 48, sub-clause 6, the wording 'its' in the sentence '.....description of the limited common areas and facilities, if any, starting to which apartment their use ..... ' should be corrected as 'is'. The wording 'storied' seen at section 113(1) and (2) should also be corrected as 'storeyed'.

Here, the preamble underlines that "A bill to make provision for allotment, occupation, use or setting apart of land and other than any land which is a notified forest or wildlife sanctuary". If allotment, occupation etc. etc. have to be included in the short title and commencement, it may be more appropriate if it is extended as "...except the areas of Autonomous District Council of Lai, Mara and Chakma.

Regarding the point ".....existing allotment of land inside forest area", the hon'ble minister may later clarify how to deal with the existing allotment of LSC to private within forest reserved area as it has already been approved by the Assam Forest regulation, 1892 or the Mizo District Forest Act, 1955.

Pu Speaker, we have passed one bill in the previous MNF ministry i.e. 'Scheduled tribe and other traditional Forest controllers Act, 2016 which concern fixation of land ceiling at 4 hectares and also the Right to claim ownership of land within the reserved area with effect from 75 years back. I opine the previous bill should be incorporated here as it does not connect with the Revenue department. So,

concerned minister may explain the case while winding up the discussion.

Coming now to section 13, we have seen here the term ‘vide to trees etc.’ which underlines that ‘all trees and plants, planted and raised by the side of public roads or path’. Here, it does not cover natural standing trees by the side of public roads. Hence, it may be more appropriate if the wording is improved as “all natural trees and plants ....”

Again, here in section 23, the term “no rights shall accrue under sub-section (1) in respect of any land which forms part of the bed of the river, nallah or waterfalls”. Pu Speaker, this indicates that the rights will not preserve land which forms part of the river bed but river etc. might have been existed within the allotted area. Hence, the case may also be re-examined.

As a whole, this bill is good and is much appreciative. So, considering its necessity for improvement of our Land Revenue system, my party too gives our support to pass it. Thank you.

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, I, first of all would like to praise the hon’ble concerned minister and the officials for being able to produce one of the best bills being laid in the House. The Mizos, as humorously called by some as ‘a tribe influenced by compensation’, anyone who is able are trying to have land pass for wants of compensation which consequently mounted the problem to the Revenue Department. The reasons and object has also pointed out that majority of our court cases comprises land dispute cases of the revenue department. While this is the case, there is hardly any case in which court may be involved in it as most of them are of the government authority which further indicates that we do not have enough confident in the court decision. It seems that this bill which may be passed by the House will restrict our very own advocates from using their powers.

Pu Speaker, in page 3, section 16, the Legislature of UDA notified cut-off year for the domicile of the state as on 26 June, 1950. In this regard, we have to determine whether we are safe enough in it and if possible, it may be wise to set up an expert committee to take care of this matter. In page 21, qualification for the post of chairman is notified that he should be a qualified judge of High Court. Pu Speaker, since one of the three qualified High Court judge we have so far, one declined the offer and the concerned ministry may clarify this in his wind up speech of how to deal with this matter.

Regarding page 21, section 34, the wording “in the area declared by the government as ‘town areas’, no land shall be allotted or settled for agricultural purposes” indicates that land once allotted is liable to be ejected. Since this bill is set to affect the previous cases in retrospective, I am afraid it will only cause more problems in dealing with revenue matters. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Next, R. Lalrinawma.

**Pu R. LALRINAWMA** : As stated, Pu Speaker, most of the court cases in our state is of land dispute cases as so is the main concern of the department. As such, it is much appreciated to have this bill which concern improvement of our land revenue system. It indicates that apart from NLUP, the government concerns many other things also. It should be noted that this bill will further consolidate 8 Nos. rules we have so far for land-holdings which will hold as a remarkable achievement for the government. The mover has clearly defined the objectives of this bill yet, there is hardly time to read in detail as the copy is received only after commencement of this session. Even so, I have found few points which in my opinion as incorrect and so may be changed.

At Page 7, clause 5, the wording “official gazette in such other manner”, I opine the word ‘or’ may be put in between “official gazette” and “in such”. In page 12, clause 16, sub-clause 2(b), we have seen the wording “...to allot land beyond the maximum ceiling limit.” Here, I think it is more appropriate to delete the word ‘the’ seen in front of ‘maximum’ or add ‘of’ after ‘maximum’. At page 17, clause 23(b), we have seen the placing ‘sub-section’ which may be put as ‘section’ instead since placing of ‘section’ is not found in front of it. At page 19, clause 29, I opine the term ‘ejected’ in ‘shall be liable to be ejected’ may be replaced with ‘evicted’ as generally used in terms of land dispute. At page 31, clause 68, I opine the term ‘officer’ may be added to read the sentence as “collector or the settlement officer or the assistant settlement officer”. At sub-clause 8 of clause 79, page 35, the word ‘and’ may be added in between ‘adapted’ and ‘applied’. At sub-clause 2 of clause 80, page 36, the term which is read as ‘inquiry of decision’ may be changed as ‘inquiry or decision’. Again, at the same portion, I opine the second ‘or’ in the sentence “deal with such case or class or case” may be changed with ‘of’ so that it is read as “deal with such case or class of case”. The same page at clause 8, I opine it may be put as “whose attendant is consider necessary” instead of “whose attendant his consider necessary”. At page 37, the term “summon shall in be writing” should also be changed as “summon shall be in writing”. The same page at clause 1, we have seen

“summon on notice was not serve” and the wording ‘on notice’ may also be changed as ‘or notice’. Besides, Pu Speaker, I opine proviso of section 83 is not clear enough which may be re-examined as necessary. At section 89, there is a sub-clause 1 but no clause is seen before it which may also be re-examined. At page 40, clause 95, we have seen the title ‘The Court Fees Act, 1970’.

Pu Speaker, we have ‘The Court Fees (Mizoram Amendment) Act, 1996’ and if we have to show it in this Bill, ‘the Mizoram Amendment’ may as well be included. Regarding notification of issued, clause 96, sub-clause 2(b) (iii), I opine it is appropriate to delete the word ‘of’ which is seen in between ‘effect’ and ‘the’ of the sentence “to the validity or effect of the notification issued under ....” At page 44, clause 101, I opine the word ‘or’ should be added in the title sentence “.... eviction of person in unauthorized possession in illegal transfer of ownership” as the term ‘eject’ is used again here and may be replaced with the word ‘evict’. Again, Pu Speaker, at page 45, the bill indicates, “any complain should be appealed at the Tribunal” but in this bill, tribunal is authorized only for the second appeal. I opine this should be re-examined. If there is any breach of law, they can submit an appeal to the court. This is a good law which our state sorely needs and I support its passage in the House, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : Next, Pu T.T. Zothansanga and then Pu K. Liantlinga.

**Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, I have been wondering if 60 bighas would be too much for a single family and also there is no explanation or definition of ‘earmarked land.’ The house site allotted for rural and urban areas might also be arranged so that the sites in urban areas are lessened considering the congestion we are facing right now.

In regard to the chairman and members mentioned in page 35, it is stated therein, ‘qualified to be a judge of high court.’ I wonder if a district judge level of power would be sufficient. There is also no provision for prominent citizens to become a member which would have been extremely beneficial as a whole.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Pu Speaker, ‘The Mizoram (Land Revenue) Bill, 2013’ is an eagerly awaited Bill. We have had several unsolved disputes in the past as a result of lack of appropriate rules. I wish there was a competent drafting committee to oversee the formulation of the bill for better efficiency.

At the same time I think there should be directions in relation to the tallness of multi-storey buildings and ownership of apartments. We normally construct buildings as high as we desire and it will soon become an impediment and a detriment to the beauty and safety of our cities. I think the allotment of 60 bighas for agriculture is acceptable considering our desire for economic self sufficiency. Finally, there should also be a respective limitation as to the minimum amount of area allotment for house site in the city and rural areas.

**SPEAKER** : Dr. R. Lalthangliana.

**Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA** : As a former Minister of the Department, I am pleased that the Bill has now been put forward in public interest. The only thing that I am anxious about is the severely understaffed manpower of the department when it will actually be implemented.

After this Bill is passed and when the rules are being created, I would advise the committee to keep in mind the need to protect our land resources from utilization by those from outside the state. We will also need to promote awareness and training among the people and especially for those departments directly or indirectly concerned like Agriculture, Horticulture, Soil and Forest Departments. I also suggest keeping of neat computerized land records for future references and to avoid unnecessary hassles.

**SPEAKER** : 10 members have expressed their opinions and concerns; we will now call upon the hon'ble Minister to wind up the discussion and to request permission of the House to pass the Bill.

**Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA, MINISTER** : I would like to express my deep gratitude to the members for their keen insight into the Bill and their recommendations. As you are all aware, there are some mistakes which may kindly be accepted as patent errors, we shall make the necessary corrections as soon as possible.

We have decided to allot 60 bighas to ensure that the families will be able to receive profits instead of just sustenance. We will do everything to acquire sufficient manpower to efficiently implement the Bill, we have also empowered the DCs as district collectors and certain amount of works could be achieved through them. Finally, I would like to thank all the officials involved in the making of this Bill. I request the House to kindly pass my Bill, 'The Mizoram (Land Revenue) Bill, 2013.

**SPEAKER** : All those in favour of passing the Bill, say yes.  
Very well, the House has unanimously passed the Bill.

**Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA, MINISTER** : Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : We have finished our business for the day, the session will be resumed tomorrow 4/4/2013 at 10:30 a.m.

Sitting is adjourned at 3:10 pm.

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

**LIST OF BUSINESS**

FOR SIXTEENTH SITTING ON THURSDAY, THE 4<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2013  
(TIME 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

Bills for introduction, consideration and passing.

- 1. Pu LALSAWTA**, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce 'Mahatma Gandhi University Bill, 2013'

**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** : But I am poor and needy; yet the Lord thinketh upon me.

Psalms 40:17

The members absent today are, Pu Nirupam Chakma and Pu John Siamkung. We will take up Legislative Business straightaway, let us invite Pu Lalsawta, Minister to request permission to introduce 'The Mahatma Gandhi University Bill, 2013' in the House.

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER** : With your permission sir, and the consent of the House, I request your approval to introduce, 'The Mahatma Gandhi University Bill, 2013'

**SPEAKER** : We shall allow him to introduce the Bill.

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER** : I, hereby introduce 'The Mahatma Gandhi University Bill, 2013' in the House.

**SPEAKER** : You may now move the Bill for discussion.

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, this is going to be a self financing private university and the state will have to spend no fund in its set up since it will have a sponsor in Vivekananda Institute of Computer Education Society.

Pu Speaker, the traditional mode of education is no longer dependable for most students in this day and age and this university will open new avenues in the subjects of life sciences, medical, information technology, engineering and finances and accounting. In any case, even if we pass this Bill today, the sponsor will have to make another request to the state government for establishment. What we have to do right now is to see if it falls within the parameters and guidelines advised by AICTE and UGC. Finally, there are some spelling mistakes and errors in the Bill which we will hopefully be able to clarify after the discussion.

**SPEAKER** : You have also given no page numbers.

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER** : I apologise profusely for these simple mistakes but I assure you that when it will be given to the press for publication, all these mistakes will be corrected and hence I request the members to accept them as patent

errors. I request the House to pass my Bill, 'The Mahatma Gandhi University Bill, 2013.' Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : The hon'ble Minister has provided the necessary explanations, the members will be given 5 minutes each to express their opinions. Let us start with Dr. R. Lalthangliana.

**Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I think we should be very cautious in considering this Bill. Apart from certification and approval by the UGC, there are essential criteria which it has to fulfill. I have no idea where their headquarters is and I would like to have a better insight into the sponsor – 'Lever Canada Institute of Computer Education Society' if the hon'ble Minister would care to enlighten me.

I recently visited our infrastructure at Tanhril and I am amazed to see such improvement. There are several courses such as mass communication, engineering, architecture etc which are newly introduced at MZU. However, their main problem is the lack of students applying for these courses. There are hardly any students admitted for this course even though it is a free course provided by the government. So we have to consider that this will also be an issue at ICFAI. Also, there could be a problem in providing quality education due to lack of candidates applying for the post of professor. Most of the teachers at ICFAI are recruited on contract basis.

Also, when leasing the land for the building of these institutions, it should be leased on a probationary period.

We should also make a condition where 80% of the hired staff should be locals providing they are qualified for the job.

Lastly I would like our hon'ble Minister to give us a more detailed description on our sponsor Vivekananda Institute of Computer Education Society. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu R. Lalrinawma followed by Mahima

**Pu R. LALRINAWMA** : Pu Speaker, while I do support having a new university I would like to highlight one point where I feel that we should tread more

carefully. In chapter-2 clause-7 sub-clause (h) it reads ‘to receive donations and gifts of any kind and to acquire, hold, manage, maintain, lease, mortgage and dispose of any moveable or immovable property’. Since there is no definition of immovable property given, this can be taken in any context and as such we should add ‘Accordance with relevant laws of the State’ so that the State can have the final say in the matter in the meanwhile preserving our land. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Joseph Lalhimpua

**Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. While I do support this Bill I have a couple of concerns which I’d like to highlight. Since this intended university is also under AICTE, will it clash with our own university since they will be offering similar courses such as skill development course which we have under our Polytechnic institutions.

Secondly, I believe we require more information on our sponsor Vivekananda Institute of Computer Education Society. We should make sure they are UGC approved and recognized so that there are no issues for students later on. So I would like to request our hon’ble Minister to provide more information about Vivekananda Institute of Computer Education Society. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu K. Liantlinga, followed by Pu T.T. Zothansanga and Pu H. Zothangliana

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. While Mahatma Gandhi University Bill is an important bill, we should consider the fact that will they be able to find students to enroll at their university. Also does this university have the approval and recognition from UGC?

Regarding the sponsor, Vivekananda Institute of Computer Education Society, we have to ask the question who are they and where are they from. We have to consider their reason for wanting to open a university, their reasons, purpose and agendas.

As for the subjects offered, out of the 16 offered 10 of them are already offered by MZU. I believe the subject offered should be more in line with the requirement of our students.

Section 46 clause-1 states that “If the sponsor proposes dissolution of the University in accordance with the law governing its constitution or incorporation, it shall give at least three months notice in writing to the State government”. I believe the notice period is too short for students to make plans. On 4 it reads “In consultation with the AICTU, UGC and other regulatory bodies”, what other regulatory bodies are they talking about. Does this mean that they might not follow UGC norms? I believe we have to look into these matters before passing this Bill.

Lastly I would like to request our hon’ble Minister to give us more detailed information on the sponsors and I suggest a Select Committee should be created to look into the above concerns that I have voiced. Thank you.

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

**Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, the university states that it shall establish an endowment fund of at least ₹50 lakhs where 75% will be allotted for development works and 25% will be reinvested into the endowment fund which I believe is not enough compared to ICFAI who had a starting capital of ₹30 crores. They are planning to function on general fund, contribution and fees. I am concerned that the students will suffer the consequence by way of higher fees and other contributions.

Also, the Board of Management will consist of 10 members with 1 member representing Mizoram. Since the Board members will have absolute power over the administration, it will be in our best interest to have more representatives from Mizoram.

Moving on to page 9, Section 7(e), University powers includes ‘to determine demand and receive fees, bills invoices and collect charges to fulfill the object of the University’. I have some reservations regarding this as they can exploit the students by charging exorbitant fees and other expenses.

I do not see any clear objectives of the University and cannot help the feeling that they might see Mizoram as a place to invest rather than provide and promote education. I do question their motives and reliability after careful study.

This is not to say that I do not support the Bill. Instead I would like a thorough study of the sponsors and their intentions while keeping a strict vigilance. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu H. Zothangliana

**Pu H. ZOTHANGLIANA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. This University Bill is without doubt very impressive in theory. I share the concerns voiced by the other members. However, there is a sentence in the Bill which states that a five year financial plan, programme of studies and a proposal for the university will be submitted to the State government. This can be viewed as leverage for us.

After reading the Bill, I do feel that it lacks class and quality for a University Bill as it is littered with patent errors and other mistakes. This raise suspicions from my part. For example, Page-8, Section -7 reads 'suitable for meeting the objective at clause seven of the University' even though clause-7 does not exist.

Under page-II, Section-14, 'approved by the Board of Governors' was included. However, the word 'Governor' does not exist anywhere else or the definition.

As I have mentioned, judging from the amount of errors and mistakes, I believe it does not meet our expectations for a University Bill even though the principle and objectives are impressive. It raises the suspicion that they are using this University as a front with the intention of using Mizoram as a stepping stone for other ventures.

However, as mentioned by our Law Minister, the mere passing of this Bill does not guarantee that it will be an Act unless the government gives notification. In the meantime, I suggest a more detailed and careful study and research on the sponsors is a necessity. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu C. Ramhluna followed by Pu Lalduhoma

**Pu C. RAMHLUNA** : Pu Speaker, I would like to highlight just one point regarding the fees. It is written under UGC Guideline, 2003 that 'the admission procedure and fixation of fees shall be in accordance with the norms and guidelines prepared by the UGC and other concerned statutory bodies'. It seems the UGC guidelines and the sponsor's version in respect to fees contradicts each other so it feels like the university has its own guidelines for collecting fees. I believe that this violates the UGC guidelines.

Regarding development of the main Campus of the University, some conditions are provided. Of which, I think that it is more appropriate to use the words “in accordance with the guidelines issued by the UGC” instead of “anywhere in India or abroad”. The reason is that if the guideline is not followed, UGC may not grant approval. So, it is good to be careful to that point. Besides, I would like to know if employment opportunity for the local people may be made if university has to be set up in our state. Since we have number of unemployed educated persons in our state, it will be much appreciative if there is a provision to reserve at least some percent to the local people.

Pu Speaker, the bill further defines the counseling centre as ‘a centre established and maintained for the purpose of advising’. In this regard, it may be wise to appoint a psychologist to prevent suicide among the students which frequented university campuses of other states and this happened to be one of the main concerns of the University Grant Commission. If a psychologist is appointed, psychological counseling will then be organized to concerned students on regular basis. So, Pu Speaker, I would like to know if this matter could be incorporated with that of the establishment. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : Next, Pu Lalduhoma.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, I opine setting up a private university is not an urgent need of our state as we already have MZU, IGNOU, ICFAI, NIT, Polytechnic and DOEACC where as setting up of Horticulture College, Agriculture College, Medical College and Engineering College seems to be the next in line. Thus, it is important first to verify the benefit of ICFAI or else as to whether placement is provided to each successful student from such institutions. If a private university is being set up as suggested, I am afraid that this will only increase number of educated unemployment in our state.

In any case, Pu Speaker, this Bill does not concern provision for reservation of seat to sons of the soil. It is to be noted that this concerns a substantial business which may be established in our state by outsiders. Thus, it is necessary for us to determine reservation of seat for sons of the soils so that it is benefitted as much as possible. We must thoroughly examine the terms and conditions of the sponsorship before taking any further step.

Pu Speaker, Soon after the Congress party assumes this Ministry, Lord

Krishna Academy dauntlessly entered our state to set up coaching centre despite numbers of notable academies in the country. But now, the aforesaid has left Mizoram for failing to proceed any further. It is regretted to learn that some businessmen from outside frequented our state with full of confident to extent their businesses which threatens our economic stability. As pointed by Pu Lalrinawma, provisions for the said establishment should also concern for land acquisition and the Mizoram State Land Revenue Act should be followed accordingly as to when the University is dissolved, the land-holdings should be surrendered to the State Government after the purposed of land is utilized. This should also be provided in the Bill.

Here, Pu Speaker, Section 12 of the Bill mentions regarding the Visitor. Usually in the University, the President of India is the Visitor. If so, who will be the Visitor of a Private University? Again, in Clause 13 relating to Chancellor, we should have examined the terms and conditions of Chancellor of any University before we proceed to pass the Bill. Any case, I opine the wording of this Bill, 'the sponsor shall appoint a person suitable to be appointed as the Chancellor of the University which gets approved by the Visitor' is not appropriate and patent errors seen in many places should also be reviewed. Likewise, I opine broken English words used in the definition such as 'statute how made' and 'rules how made' should be altered. Again, Clause 19 (2) underlines that any of the three representatives nominated by the sponsor in the management Board will act as the Vice-chancellor. Since the nominated is an ordinary member, I opine it is not appropriate for him to act as Vice-chancellor when Vice-chancellor is absent.

To conclude my speech, Pu Speaker, I strongly criticize this Bill as it is not an urgent task. If we have to pass it, priority may be given to the aforesaid points raised by the members. So, it is good to refer the case to a Select Committee for further examination. Thank you.

**Dr. NGURDINGLIANA** : Pu Speaker, I have meticulously examined this Bill as it concerns setting up of Mahatma Gandhi University in our state. The bill is presented by the department of Higher & Technical Education. I believe this bill deserved to be treated as the most incomplete one among 5 bills which have been laid in the House this session. The estimate amount of this Bill is ₹50 lakh only and I am afraid that it is of a Commercial Institution. If it is passed, closed attention may be given by concerned authority otherwise it may ruin the future of the up-coming youths in our state. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Now, Pu Lalsawta, Minister to wind up the resolution. We will hear his decision as to whether the bill is withdrawn or to be referred to a Select Committee or beg the House to pass it.

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, I am thankful to listen to informative suggestions made by the members. It is true that numbers of errors are there as it is also known by the department as well. As pointed out earlier, drafting a bill is not an easy task and it needs some experts. I also have pointed out when I moved this Bill that it is incomplete to pass it due to errors frequently found in the context. I am regretted to mention that unforeseen reason might have come in the process.

Regarding ICFAI, Pu Speaker, various shortages is highlighted in the National Newspapers. We have even summoned to appear before the state authority and the allegations proved to be true as the whole setup had been messed up. Shri Vargheesa is the Vice-Chancellor and Esther Lalruatkimi is one of the Governors and we have even instructed them to continue with it since numbers of students remains under the institution. Despite the instruction, they moved to Lunglei and setup the same after obtaining permission of the government. However, UGC objected to do so since it concerns academic. Pu Speaker, if the bill is passed, it will be necessary to fix the effected date. Thus, it may be fixed after five years. Although I did not consult the Leader of the House or other ministers, I opine it is better to refer the case to the Select Committee. I, therefore, request the House to do so as mentioned for further examination. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : The hon'ble Minister begged the House to refer the case to the Select Committee.

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, please allow me to request Leader of the House to say what he want to say in this regard as it is inappropriate for me to finalize the case.

**SPEAKER** : If so, the Leader of the House may take his time.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. There are many things to say since it concerns the welfare of our youths. As we have experienced with ICFAI, this matter needs careful consideration. The experts recommended establishment of ICFAI University since they are said to have good



infrastructure. But unfortunately, the owner of the Institution passed away and his son is not interest to continue with it which consequently brought problems to the system. Regarding this Bill, concerned minister asked to refer it to the select committee as I have the same opinion with it. I think it is good for the members too to agree with it. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : If so, the bill shall be referred to the Select Committee. But as per Rule No.242 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of the Business in the Mizoram Legislative Assembly, the Minister in-charge shall be an ex-officio Member to the Select Committee. With reference to the Select Committee, the Minister shall move to the House as a Motion. Now, we will take a short break and our business will be resumed at 12:45 p.m.

**12:45 P.M.**

**SPEAKER** : As per Rule No.242 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Mizoram Legislative Assembly, the hon'ble Minister wants to refer the bill to the Select Committee as I have received an application in this regard. So, let us call upon him to move the reason why he wants to refer the Bill to the Select Committee and also to move members whom he wants to propose to be the member of the select Committee.

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, as I have submitted an application to refer the Bill to the Select Committee as per Rule No.242 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Mizoram Legislative Assembly, I propose the following members for the selection Committee: -

- Pu R. Lalrinawma, Chairman
- Pu Lalsawta, ex-officio Member
- Pu C. Ramhluna, Member
- Pu S. Laldingliana, Member
- Pu K, Liantlinga, Member
- Pu H. Zothangliana, Member
- Dr. Ngurdingliana, Member

Pu Speaker, I ask each group Leaders who have given much interest in the discussion, their understanding for they were not being appointed as member of the Select committee. But I proposed one member to represent each political party. Pu

Speaker, I also request the Select Committee to present the report on or before the next session of this Assembly. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : The hon'ble Minister proposed the following to be the members of the Select Committee such as: -

- Pu R. Lalrinawma, Chairman
- Pu Lalsawta, Minister an ex-officio member
- Pu C. Ramhluna, member
- Pu S. Laldingliana, member
- Pu K. Liantlinga, member
- H. Zothangliana, member
- Dr. Ngurdingliana, member

Do we agree? (MEMBERS: Yes.) The House accepted the proposal of members for the Select Committee. As stated by the hon'ble Minister, any other members of the House may be invited to the Select Committee.

Now, we have completed our business for the last day of our session. I would like to give a report to the House, the summary of business transacted during this Thirteen Session.

This Session is the Thirteen Session of the Sixth Mizoram Legislative Assembly. It is a Budget Session. The session is held for fifteen days as directed by BAC. Due to Government Bill, it is extended one more day. So, it is for sixteen days. Discussion of our Budget for the ear 2013-2014 is concluded as this is the last day of our Session. The businesses transacted during this session are as follow: -

## **I. QUESTIONS**

### *Starred Questions-*

b) Number of starred Questions	-	647
c) Questions admitted	-	589
d) Questions rejected	-	58
e) Appears in the list of business	-	260
f) No. of answer given in the House	-	95
g) No. of answer not given in the House	-	165

### *Unstarred Questions*

a) No. of Questions	-	59
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b) Questions admitted	-	45
c) Questions rejected	-	14
d) Question converted from Starred question	-	279

All Questions are being answered. The House thanks to all departments for answering to the Questions.

## **II. GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS**

This session, being a Budget Session, His Excellency the Governor of Mizoram addressed the House. Motion of Thanks to the Governor's Address is moved by Dr. Ngurdingliana. Pu K. Lianzuala seconds the Motion of Thank. Eighteen Members took part in the discussion.

Pu Lal Thanhawla, Chief Minister clarified the discussion. After that, Dr. Ngurdingliana winds up the discussion and the House Passed the Motion of Thanks to the Governor's Address.

## **III. PANEL OF CHAIRMEN**

The under-mentioned members are being appointed for the Panel of Chairmen:

1. Lt. Col. Z.S. Zuala
2. Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte
3. Pu P.P. Thawla
4. Pu Lalthansanga

## **IV. STATEMENT BY A MINISTER**

Pu R. Lalzirliana, Minister presented a statement to the House on five persons being kidnapped by NLTF at Chikha village, Mamit District in which number of Arms and Ammunitions seized at Sangchia Hotel, Zarkawt and also near Lengpui village.

## **V. CALLING ATTENTION MOTION**

Pu Lalduhoma taken up a Calling Attention Motion on the problem caused to public by construction of Aizawl to Mizoram University road and public strike observed by Dental Surgeons of NRHM.

## **VI. PRESENTATION OF BUDGET**

Pu H. Liansailova, Minister of Finance Department presented to the House the following Demands: -

- a) Supplementary Demands for the year 2012-2013.
- b) Supplementary Demands for regularization of excess expenditure during 2008-2009 and 2009-2010.
- c) Annual Budget for the year 2013-2014 with allied papers.

## **VII. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS**

The following Reports are presented to the House: -

1. Pu R. Romawia, hon'ble Speaker - The Thirteenth and Fourteenth Report of Business Advisory Committee.
2. Pu Lalthansanga, Chairman - Fifth Report of the Committee on Government Assurance Committee.
3. Pu K. Lalrinthanga, Chairman of Subject Committee:-
  - a) Fifth Report relating to Public Health Engineering Department (Greater Aizawl water supply Scheme Phase-II)
  - b) Sixth Report relating to Agriculture Department (Watershed Development Project in Shifting cultivation Areas and Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil palm and Maize).
  - c) Seventh Reports relating to Tourism department (Tourist Lodge, Chalfilh).
4. Pu K. Lianzuala, Chairman - First report of committee on Estimates relating to Public Works Department on Pradan Mantri Gramsadak Yojana (PMGSY).
5. Pu Joseph Lalhimpuia, Chairman - Second Report of subject Committee-1 relating to Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana Scheme (RGGVY) under Power & Electricity Department.
6. Pu C. Ramhluna, Chairman, PAC: -
  - a) Twentieth Report on the Report of CAG of India for the year 2007-2008 relating to Taxation Department.
  - b) Twenty First Report on the Report of CAG of India for the year 2006-2007 relating to Power & Electricity Department.
  - c) Twenty Second Report on the Report of CAG of India for the year 2004-2005 relating to Food, Civil Supply & Consumer Affairs Department.

- d) Twenty Third Report on the Report of CAG of India for the year 2007-2008 relating to Health & Family Welfare Department.
  - e) Twenty Fourth Report on the Report of CAG of India for the year 2007-2008 relating to Horticulture Department.
7. Pu Lalrobiaka, Chairman - First Report of Subject committee-111 on SSA, RMSA and Midday Meal Schemes relating to School Education Department.

### **VIII. LAYING OF PAPERS**

The following are laid on the Table of the House-

- a) The Mizoram Information Commission Annual Report (2011-2012)April 2012- March 2012)
- b) The Mizoram Local Funds (Accounts& Audit) Rules, 2012.
- c) The Correction of Schedule of Demands and Appropriation for the year 2013 - 2014 appearing at page (i) & (ii) in the Demands for Grants 2013 - 2014.
- d) The Report of the Examiners of Local Fund Accounts on the accounts of Local Bodies (Village Council within CADDC, Champhai District and Mamit District) for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2012.
- e) Statement of Actions taken by the Government against Committee on Public Undertakings further recommendation contain in the Second Report, 2012 relating to MAMCO Ltd. for the year 1998-1999 and 1999-2000.
- f) The Twenty Seventh Report of Khaidi and Village Industries Board 2011-2012.
- g) The statement on six monthly review of the Finance Minister on the fiscal position of the Government of Mizoram for the first half of 2011-2012 ( April, 2011- September, 2011).
- h) The Twenty first Annual Report of the Mizoram Public Service Commission 2011-2012.
- i) The Education Policy of Mizoram, 2013.

In this session, we have a number of bills more than expected. So, BAC decided to extend one more day. This session is held up to 4.4.2013.

### **IX. BILLS**

During this session, Eight Government Bills are received, such as: -

1. The Mizoram Appropriation (No.1) Bill, 2013.
2. The Mizoram Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 2013.
3. The Mizoram Appropriation (No.3) Bill, 2013.
4. The Mizoram Entertainment Bill, 2013.
5. The Mizoram Fire Services Bill, 2013.
6. The Mizoram Animal Slaughter Bill, 2013.
7. The Mizoram Land Revenue Bill, 2013.
8. The Mahatma Gandhi University Bill, 2013.

Among these Bills, 7 are passed by the House but Mahatma Gandhi University Bill, 2013 was being referred to the Select Committee. Governor's assent had been received from Sl. No.1 - 4. Besides, Governor's assent on "The Mizoram Cooperative Societies (Amendment) Bill, 2012" which had been passed by the House in the Twelfth Session has also been received.

A Private Member's Bill on "The Mizoram Ceiling on Government Guarantees (Amendment) Bill, 2013 raised by Pu K. Liantlinga was received and rejected by the House after discussion.

#### **X. RESOLUTIONS**

In this Session, 135 Nos. of Private Members' Resolutions were received out of which 63 Nos. were rejected and 73 Nos. being admitted. Among the admitted, three of them were discussed and adopted by the House.

#### **XI. PASSING OF DEMANDS**

Various Demands raised by the Ministers were discussed and passed by the House.

We now come to the last day of our session without any break. Your earnest participation in the discussion will hopefully bring a good result for our state as well as for the people.

In this Session, I thank our new member Dr. Ngurdinglana of Chalfilh Assembly Constituency has joined the Assembly Session.

It is also grateful that we are able to observe obituary references. The whole sitting period of this session is 76.6 hrs. I also thank to all departments for their efforts for a smooth functioning of this session especially to the Parliamentary Affairs

Department and Assembly Secretariat. I wish each of them to perform the same in the coming Sessions.

Before this session is adjourned, Pu H. Liansailova, Minister has to say something.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER :** Thank you, Pu Speaker. I am not sure if it is a common practice that I take advantage of Zero hour.

Dinner will be hosted by the hon'ble House Leader or Speaker or Finance Minister for this session is extended for one day. We, the Horticulture Department invited all members with their spouses to share a dinner with us by the evening, the 3<sup>rd</sup> April. No invitation card is sent to the members for it is more convenience to give information in the House. All members are requested to bring your spouse to the dinner and also to witness a new building of the Centre of Excellence constructed by the department of Horticulture at Thiak and will be inaugurated by the hon'ble Chief Minister, the hon'ble Speaker and the hon'ble Home Minister. So, all members are requested to witness the programme at 4:00 p.m. this evening. The inaugural programme will then be followed by a dinner at Hmuifang. The Department will be very happy if the invitation is made successful. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER :** We may not forget that staffs of the Assembly Secretariat are the most hard-working staff for this session.....

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, the dinner is prepared to accommodate all staffs of the Assembly Secretariat as they are owners of the Assembly. All of them are requested to join the dinner.

**SPEAKER :** We may come to the dinner by buses. I request the members of the House to return corrected copy of your speech sent to you by the Assembly Secretariat within 15 days. If not, your speeches cannot be typed. After that, the verbatim proceedings are translated into English and sent to Parliament and to all other states of India. Within Mizoram too, the copy is sent to all members and other officials. I, therefore, request you all to give importance to my request for smooth functioning of the Assembly Secretariat.

A hymn enters my mind, I do not know if it is a common practice. But

let me read it out.

“Thou Art, our Lord, our God,  
Thy name be glorified in the highest;  
As we come and bow before you,  
Lend thy ears to our prayers;  
As the people gather  
To decide our future,  
Give us great wisdom,  
Be the ruler of our fate”.

Sitting is adjourned *Sine die*. (1:00 p.m)