

**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 CADDC, 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).
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## **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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Secretary

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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. Lalthangliana.

**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. LALTHANGLIANA, 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 Khiangte 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 Kiangte, 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 footstep 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 Lalhimpua

**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 Kawrpuichhuah.

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 Zonuaam 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 form 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 Khiangte 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 from 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 unnoticed 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 Lalhimpuia 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 LALHIMPUIA :** 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. Lalthangliana 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 patient. 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 sanctioned 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 ginger, 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 from 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 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 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.