

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR TENTH SITTING ON MONDAY, THE 25TH MARCH, 2013
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)

QUESTIONS

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

LAYING OF PAPER

2. **Pu H. LIANSILOVA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy of the Twenty First Annual Report of Mizoram Public Service Commission 2011-2012.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

3. **Pu C. RAMHLUNA**, to present to the House the Twentieth report of Public Accounts Committee on the Report of CAG of India for the year 2007-2008 relating to Taxation Department.
4. **Pu C. RAMHLUNA**, to present to the House the Twenty First Report of Public Accounts Committee on the Report of CAG of India for the year 2006-2007 relating to Power and Electricity Department.
5. **Pu C. RAMHLUNA**, to present to the House the Twenty Second Report of Public Accounts Committee on the Report of CAG of India for the year 2004- 2005 relating to Food, Civil Supplies & Consumers affairs Department.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS

6. **Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
7. **Pu H. ROHLUNA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.

NGURTHANZUALA
Secretary.

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SPEAKER : Therefore, let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

1 Corinthians 10:12.

Now, we will take up question. Pu Nirupam Chakma to ask Starred Question No.141.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Will the hon'ble Minister Printing & Stationary Department be pleased to state-

- a) How much has been approved for strengthening the 1st Printing Institute in the North East?
- b) What is the amount of 1st installment, with date of issue?
- c) What is the amount of 2nd installment, with date of issue?
- d) What is the actual position?

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

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answer to the Starred question No.14 are as follows: -

- a) ₹842.47 lakh.
- b) ₹330.38 lakh was sanctioned as 1st Installment on 25.5.2011.
- c) ₹.330.38 lakh was sanctioned as 2nd Installment on 5.11.2012.
- d) The 1st Installment is used for purchase of goods. As of the 2nd Installment, quotation is called to be finalized at SPAB.

SPEAKER : Pu John Siamkunga to ask starred Question No.142.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Will the hon'ble Minister, Home Department be pleased to state: -

How many Police Stations in Mizoram have been repaired as proposed by the 13th Finance Commission?

SPEAKER : Pu R. Lalzirliana, Minister to give the answer.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, to answer starred Question No.142, there is no Police Station being repaired as proposed by 13th Finance Commission. But, there were 11 Nos. during the year 2011-2012 and 2012-2013.

SPEAKER : Any supplementary Question?

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Pu Speaker, my supplementary questions are: -

- i) What steps have been taken by the state government to rescue those kidnapped people by the insurgency groups? Is there any cooperation from the NGO?
- ii) How many persons were kidnapped and how many times kidnapping occurs during the former Ministry?

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Supplementary question, Pu Speaker. Whether the talks between HPCD and the state government taken placed within the state subject?

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister give his assurance to repair Police Station of New Vervek?

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, my questions are as follows: -

- a) What is the estimate amount for construction of Police Station at Borapansuri?
- b) Whether the construction is transferred to Mizoram PWD?
- c) If the work being tendered?

SPEAKER : Pu R. Lalzirliana, Minister to give the answer.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, let me give the answer in order of the questions.

In an effort to rescue the hostages taken by the insurgents, the government and NGOs, after discussion set-up the crisis management group and decided not give any ransom demanded by the insurgents. On learning the decision, the insurgents are reducing the amount of ransom lower and lower as a sign of their receding. On behalf of the state government, Home department has taken up follow-up action on the dialogue.

Regarding the question of repairing the Police Station, it will be taken up one by one. As of the supplementary question raised by Pu Nirupam Chakma, I cannot say the exact estimate amount. Generally, Police Station is constructed with an estimate amount of ₹50 to ₹70 lakhs. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Now, Pu T.T. Zothansanga to ask starred Question No.143.

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

What is the quantity of fish seeds produced by Lengpui seed farm with the expenditure for such production during the following years, 2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2011-2012, and 2012-2013?

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

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answer to starred Question No.143 is: -

The quantity of fish seeds produced by Lengpui seed farm during the following years are: -

Period	Common Carp	Indian Major Carp
2008-2009	2,20,000	3,30,000
2009-2010	4,29,000	3,84,000
2010-2011	5,38,000	4,02,000
2011-2012	42,750	4,06,000
2012-2013	1,90,500	4,10,500

Since breeding is presently in the process, the amount of production of fish-seed thus could not be mentioned as yet. The amounts of expenditure for the following years are:-

Period	Amount of expenditure
2008-2009	₹1,24,130/-
2009-2010	₹3,61,130/-
2010-2011	₹5,61,196/-
2011-2012	₹4,88,877/-
2012-2013	₹1,61,838/-

SPEAKER : Is there any supplementary question? Yes, Pu T.T. Zothansanga to ask.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, my supplementary questions are as follows: -

- i) Whether the government has set-up fish mill for production of nutrition for fish? What is the result of proposal, 2012 submitted to National Fisheries Development Board?
- ii) What is the rate of carp feed and prone feed? If fish mill were set-up, what is the rate per kg?

- iii) How many seed farms that the state government has? Will setting up of seed farm be extended to other districts?
- iv) Will it also be extended to Champhai district? Is it a fact that thousands of fish seeds were released into the rivers within Mizoram?

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, whether variety of fishes locally known as Nghavang, Nghatun and Tilapia which are found in Lengpui could be encouraged for such production?

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Pu Speaker, my Supplementary is: - How many metric-tons of fish-seeds are produced in a year? How much of effort is required to meet self-sufficiency in fish production?

SPEAKER : The hon'ble Ministe to give answers to the supplementary questions.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, there is proposals to upgrade Fish-seed farm of Lengpui and the same size farm at three or four different places. As of the question of Pu Duhoma, I may give it later as necessary. Regarding the question of Pu John Siamkunga, no fishes have been released into the river as asked except in the hydel project of Teirei and Serlui.

SPEAKER : The question of Pu T.T. Zothansanga may also be answered.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Pu speaker, we have fish seedling centre at Lawngtlai, Ngengpui, Tamdil and Lengpui which immensely supplemented our production of fish-seeds.

SPEAKER : Now, let us call upon Dr. R. Lalthangliana to ask starred Question No.144 which is shared by Pu K. Liantlinga.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Will the hon'ble Minister for Law & Judicial Department be pleased to state: -

- a) What amount of fund provision has already been received for construction of High Court?
- b) Will the present High Court be shifted to the proposed site for High Court?
- c) Whether the Concept Papers for construction of High Court being readied?
- d) If so, whether DPR has already been prepared?

SPEAKER : Pu Lalsawta, Minister to give the answer.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answer to starred Question No.144 are as follows: -

- a) No fund is received.
- b) If the proposed site is of the building constructed for Governor's Bungalow at New Secretariat Complex, it will be shifted accordingly.
- c) Yes.
- d) DPR is being prepared by PWD as an amount of ₹9 crore for the construction will be funded by DoNER. The sanction is expected as soon as DPR is submitted to DoNER ministry.

SPEAKER : Now, Pu K. Liantlinga to ask supplementary question.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Hon'ble Speaker, Sir, my questions are as follows: -

- i) Whether central-state matching share for any centrally sponsored scheme which is 75:25 is re-fixed at 90:10 as application submitted to the Central Government?
- ii) How much fund is received by each district for construction of District Court under Centrally Sponsored Scheme?
- iii) When will personal interview be conducted for five posts of Mizoram Judicial Service?
- iv) What step has been taken so far by the government in regard to Supreme Court case of M.N. Sultan versus UPSC relating to the said posts of Mizoram Judicial Service?

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, one more supplementary question please - Does the said DPR concern only of the building of High Court itself? Is there any other related matters?

SPEAKER : Pu Lalsawta, Minister to give the answer.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, DPR of High Court concerns the main building of High Court, staff-Quarters and Bungalow. Since fund provision of only ₹9 crores of DPR will not cover entirely, additional demand may be made as necessary.

Regarding the question of Pu K. Liantlinga, the matching share for central-state for specially categorized states of the North-East is changed from 75:25 to 90:10 in 2011.

The question regarding Mizoram Judicial Service, conducting personal interview is not the purview of the state government but of the High Court and MPSC. It may not be conducted during the month of March as expected.

The case of M.N. Sultan versus the Supreme Court too is not the purview of the state Government.

SPEAKER : Pu B. Lalthlengliana to ask starred Question No.145.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA: Will the Hon'ble Minister, Home Department be pleased to state: -

- a) How many posts are lying vacant in various ranks under Home Department?
- b) If so, what is the reason?
- c) What is the problem there-in?

SPEAKER : Pu R. Lalzirliana, Minister to give answer.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answers to starred Question No.145 are as follows: -

Vacant post under Home Department: -

1. Police Headquarters	-	1082
2. MRHG	-	25
3. F & ES	-	4
4. Prison	-	50
5. SW & R	-	1

Vacant posts (in rank-wise): -

Police Headquarters: -

1. SP (Ministerial)	-	1
2. Additional SP (Ministerial)	-	1
3. Sr. Grade, MPS	-	7
4. Jr. Grade, MPS	-	19
5. Dy. SP (MPRO)	-	1
6. Asst. Director, FSL (Finger Print)	-	1
7. JSO (Finger Print)	-	1
8. Inspector of Police (UB/AB/M/MPRO)-		7
9. SI (UB/AB/M/MPRO)	-	29
10. ASI (UB/AB/M/MPRO)	-	59

11. HC/Hav. (UB/AB/MPRO)	-	65
12. Driver (UB/AB/MPRO)	-	1
13. Constable (UB/AB)	-	882
14. IV Grade/Flr. (WT)	-	8

MRHG: -

1. Junior staff Officer	-	1
2. Assistant	-	1
3. UDC	-	1
4. Steno grade-111	-	2
5. Adm. Subedar	-	2
6. LDC	-	2
7. Driver	-	2
8. Hav. Instructor	-	2
9. Demonstrator	-	1
10. Kote Havvildar	-	1
11. Junior Instructor	-	1
12. QG Havildar	-	1
13. Guardman	-	4
14. IV Grade	-	4

F & ES: -

1. Station Officer	-	1
2. Sub- Station Officer	-	3

PRISONS: -

1. Jail Warder	-	39
2. Head Warder	-	4
3. Asst. Jailor	-	7

SW & R: -

District Sainik Welfare & Resettlement Officer, Kolosib	-	1
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Total - 1,116.

The reason for not filling up the said posts is financial problem.

SPEAKER : Pu B. Lalthlengliana to ask Supplementary Question.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA: Pu Speaker, we may have problems to fill up such posts. Anyhow, I opine it is important to consider at least promotion quota?

SPEAKER : Pu R. Lalzirliana, Minister to give the answer.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Speaker. It is quite appreciative as the hon'ble members have given importance to Home Department. Financial demand is made for filling up of the vacant posts and even determines promotion for the feeder posts. We may be able to fill up some posts as our financial situation is improved.

SPEAKER : Pu K. Liantlinga, to ask starred Question No.146.

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

How many Brick Industries are there under the maintenance of the State government and where?

SPEAKER : Pu Zodintluanga, Minister to give answer.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answer to starred Question No.146 is as follows: -

The Department has 19 Nos. of registered Brick Industries, such as: -

1. RDL Brick Industry, Zawlnuam.
2. CMI Brick Industry, Bawngva, Mamit.
3. Prima Brick Industry, Zero Point, Saihapui Road, Kolasib.
4. RM Brick Industry, Phaileng Zau, Bilkhawthlir.
5. VLS Brick Industry, Champhai Vengthlang.
6. Ralte Brick Industry, Khawzawl Vengthar.
7. Grace Brick Industry, Dinthar, Khawzawl.
8. D. Mualkhang Bricks, Leisenzo.
9. LNS Brick Industry, Venglai, Lunglei.
10. RL Brick Industry, Thenzawl.
11. New Brick & Hollow Block, Thenzawl.
12. Zopar Brick Industry, Phairuankai.
13. Zawlpui Brick Industry, Zawlpui.
14. LCK Brick Industry, Ngengpui.
15. Western Brick Making Industry, Khawmawi.
16. Tata Brick Making Industry, Kawlchaw 'W'.
17. PCB Brick Industry, Kawlchaw 'W'.

18. Kaladan Brick Industry, Maubawk 'CH'.

19. Mizoram Brick Industry, Bairabi.

SPEAKER : Pu K. Liantlinga, to ask Supplementary Question.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, it appears that Way-bill and Tax is free for bricks imported from Cachar, Assam while Taxation and Geology & Mineral Resources department are imposing tax on local productions. Is not it more appropriate to impose tax on imported bricks and exempted the same on local brick industries?

SPEAKER : Pu Zodintluanga, Minister to give the answer.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the State government does not impose tax or way-bill and it is of free transportation.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalrobiaka to ask Starred Question No.147.

Pu LALROBIAKA : Will the hon'ble Minister LAD and UD & PA be pleased to state: - Which Department undertakes Sanitation Wing?

SPEAKER : Pu Zodintluanga, Minister to give the answer.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, Sanitation Wing belongs to Aizawl Municipal Council.

SPEAKER : Any supplementary question?

Pu LALROBIAKA : Pu Speaker, it is learned that the State government maintains Sanitation on PPP mode. The dumping ground at Tuirial produces large volume of smoke anytime. If such smokes affects public health?

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, is there any proposal to set up the office of UD & PA in the area between Zotlang and Kanan?

SPEAKER : Pu Zodintluanga, Minister, to give the answer.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer to Pu Lalrobiaka Supplementary Question is that we are satisfied with PPP mode of garbage trailer system of disposing waste. Now our drainage system is clean and so is the city.

From SIPMU, the DPR for solid waste management has been submitted to central Govt. as appraisals have been received. We are expecting to start shortly from now.

As for the question of the hon'ble member Pu T.T Zothansanga, it is the desire of the government to start implementing these systems in various districts as soon as possible. Thank you.

SPEAKER : We will move on to next starred Question, No.148. Let us call Pu T.T Zothansanga.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon'ble Minister for Fisheries Department be pleased to state –

What is our present position to import prawns?

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

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, in the year 2005 - 2006, 2006 - 2007 and 2007 – 2008, large variety of prawns have been imported which was very successful under the guidance of CIFE, Bombay(ICAR). Now with their guidance, hatchery has been made at Lengpui Fish Seed farm.

This year on April 2013, with the help of CIFE Bombay, there will be training for 15 days at Lengpui Fish Seed farm. After training, rearing of prawns will begin.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. What would be the total expenditure for prawns rearing? And what is the size expected in Mizoram?

Pu K. LIANZUALA : Pu Speaker, Is there any proposal to make crab farm, now that we have fish farm, prawn farm?

Pu LALROBIAKA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will it be privatized? Is there any proposal to set up crab farm?

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

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I cannot give the exact amount of expenditure required, as of now, I will inform later.

As for harvesting, it is expected 2/3 times a year. Pu Speaker, Prawns project will be given to private persons. As for crab farm, there is no proposal as of now.

SPEAKER : To ask starred Question No.149, let us call hon'ble member Pu C. Ramhluna.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon'ble Home Minister be pleased to state: -

- a) If there is any proposal to place I.R. Battalion at Thingkah?
- b) If so, what step has been taken so far?
- c) When will the Battalion be placed?

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

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Pu speaker, thank you. The answers to the hon'ble member's questions are as follows: -

- a) Yes.
- b) To deploy I.R.battalion at Thingkah, Mizoram Home department and consultancy firm had signed MoU as the detail Project Report has been submitted to DoNER. We are waiting for the approval of Planning Department. Once fund is sanctioned, they will immediately be deployed. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Question hour is over. Now we will move on to laying of papers. Let us call Pu H. Liansailova to lay, "The 21st Annual Report of Mizoram Public Service Commission, 2011-2012" on the table of the House.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your permission and the House I lay on the table of the House The twenty first Mizoram Public Service Commission Annual Report 2011-2012.

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. We will now call Pu C. Ramhluna to present the following Reports: -

- 1) The 20th Report of Public Accounts committee on the Report of CAG of India for the year 2007-2008 relating to taxation Department.
- 2) The 21st Report of Public Accounts committee on the Report of CAG of India for the year 2006-2007 relating to Power & Electricity Department.

- 3) The 22nd Report of Public Accounts committee on the Report of CAG of India for the year 2004-2005 relating to Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, this is the fifth report presented by Public Accounts committee during this Assembly session. Today we are presenting three reports such as:-

- 1) Taxation Department - 21st Report.
- 2) Power & Electricity Department - 21st Report.
- 3) Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department - 22nd Report.

Pu Speaker, as practice by states like Kerala, Maharashtra and Karnataka, as I present these reports I am grateful that you have given me time to make a brief speech.

In the 20th Report concerning Taxation Department, 2007-2008 report is presented. Section 31(C) Under Zoram Value Added Tax Act 2005 rules, which concerns if businessmen intend to hide their sales in order to avoid tax commissioner of Taxes have the power to imposed penalty. Thus, audit party found out that, Paradise Enterprise reported sales of Cement as ₹8 lakhs during 2004-2005 paying only ₹1 lakhs as tax. But, while auditing their sales it was found that their actual sales were ₹19.8 lakhs. Pu Speaker, therefore as per report they are to pay penalty with interest of ₹20.67 lakhs. Paradise Enterprise are given time till 30.4.2009. But they are unable to fulfill this demand. Thus, case was registered on 13.10,2009 under certificate officer, DC office. However, Mizoram Public Demand Recovery Amendment Act, 2010 came into existence. Pu Speaker, certificate officer stated that Taxation Department should seized property of defaulter. But, on the other hand, taxation Department claim that it is not loan recovery, but tax evasion. This led to clash of opinion between two Departments. Pu Speaker, due to this, PAC made recommendation that is –Taxation Department should propose for investment of movable and immovable to businessmen. Then, certificate officer should take swift action. Certificate officer should report work progress quarterly to Taxation Department. It is believe that Public Demand recovery 2011 is not strong enough, thus it should be given to Low Commission for review.

In chapter 2, Pu Speaker, M/S S.T. Enterprise, Lower Chanmari sold goods for ₹270 lakhs in the year 2005-2006. Out of this sale, the agency is to pay tax of ₹26 lakhs 93,000 thousand. Out of the total amount payable the agency payed only ₹3,90,000 lakhs, the remaining ₹23,03,000/- lakhs have not been recovered till 2008. Under Mizoram VAT Act section 23(4) the agency is to pay the penalty and interest. However, as requested by the agency to pay in installment, they have started to clear certain amount. Pu Speaker, ₹10 lakhs 67,320 thousand is still remaining with interest of ₹15 lakhs, 67,320 thousand. The Department will submit the

report to certificate officer, and the officer will recover the remaining amount. It is further mentioned that certificate officer will intimidate PAC on tax balance.

The 25th Report is about P & E Department. During the year 2006-2007, the Department received ₹49.5 crores for implementation of various works from Minister of Power. Out of this amount till 2007 March ₹38.85 crores has been utilized in implementing works with ₹10.20 lakhs remaining. Pu Speaker, however, the remaining fund of ₹10.20 lakhs is shown as utilized as well, With Utilization certificate issued. After careful enquiry by PAC, the Department stated that – at the end of financial year if utilization certificate is not issued it will hamper the release of fund for the next financial year. Infact, Pu Speaker, they received the fund late only towards the end of the ongoing financial year. PAC recommended that in future such funds should not be deposited for long in civil deposit, but should be utilized quickly.

Chapter 2 is about P & E Department receiving fund from ARD, RP during the year 2005-2006, according to monthly account ₹258 lakhs, only 10% payment vouchers is available, where as the fund has been utilised in full. PAC on December 2006, demanded for details and expenditure supply order, Xerox copy on measurement book. They were unable to produce. After further examination, by PAC, the Department stated that they received the fund late, thus they were unable to utilise in the year 2005 & 2006. Therefore, the Department deposited in civil deposit. They further stated that voucher is available. PAC demanded that Voucher should be produce. At first PAC was informed that Voucher is in Division. Later, when produced, the Department have utilized up to 2009-2010. The committee took this matter seriously and was concern. Therefore, PAC recommended that, inspite of the Department reporting that the fund has been utilised during the year 2005 and 2006, it is still utilizing during the year 2009-2010. Why have the Department kept the fund in civil deposit. The Department should clarify.

Chapter 3 is about fund received by P & E Department to acquire asset for ₹111.28 crores. It was revised to 108.74. Out of this amount 106.2 crores have been utilised. PAC enquired about the location and name of work. The Department's answer was, the documents are lying in various Departments. PAC demanded that the documents be collected immediately and produce before PAC for examination.

Chapter 4 concerns the work completion report and expenditure which does not tally, from Khawzawl and Champhai circle. PAC does not understand and took the matter seriously. From now on PAC, demand that Department should give reliable information and report.

The 22nd report is about FC & CS Department's misappropriation and shortage of cash. From the Audit report in the years before 1992, there was misappropriation of sugar and rice worth ₹3.70 crores by 89 BDOs and AOs. Out of this amount, 22% have been recovered and 77% is yet to be recovered, which is ₹2.88 crores. 23 officers are responsible for ₹1.68 crores misappropriation. As per 2005 report some officers are suspended and some terminated, while some died. Likewise, in the year 2002-2003, to 2004-2005, 140 department officers are responsible for misappropriation of rice and sugar. ₹1.82 crores have been recovered and the rest ₹2.52 crores is not recovered till September 2005. During the year 2001-2004, the department have physical verification at 59 centers and found ₹6.55 crores missing. In 4 Districts, ₹1.15 crores worth rice and ₹16.55 worth cash are missing. Pu Speaker, from what all information received by PAC from various departments, PAC is concern as to how officers who have case are given clearance for promotion and Pension. As per memorandum issued by Chief Secretary Government of Mizoram on 27th August, 1971, it is highlighted that no promotion, confirmation and service, crossing of CB, Pension should be entertained. PAC carefully examines the copy of the memorandum. It is a concern to PAC as to how Vigilance department could issue clearance in spite of this order.

Also, Pu Speaker the department made a write off proposal against these officers since some officers are dead and, some have gone on Pension, PAC made a recommendation as following – The department should submit the write off proposal to Finance department with clear justification. If not it is a burden of liabilities for the government. In future, while approving promotion of Government servants, the department concern should bear in mind the Chief Secretary's O.M dated 27.8.1991. Concern officers should be careful in giving vigilance clearance.

Pu Speaker, with your permission and the House, I lay the following PAC Reports in the Sixth Mizoram Legislature Assembly: -

- 1) The 20th Report relating to Taxation Department,
- 2) The 21st Report relating to Power & Electricity department
- 3) The 22nd Report relating to Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs department.

SPEAKER : As representation of the House, committees are submitting their reports on enquiry. Like the Chairman have mentioned, in other states they make clarification of the reports. It is easier for us, for those who are not among the committee to understand. Let the copy be distributed.

We will now move to the next list of business, which is financial business. We will take up the demands of two Ministers, Pu P.C Zoram Sangliana and Pu H.Rohluna. Let us call Pu P.C Zoram Sangliana to submit his demand.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission Sir, I move the following Demands of the departments under my concern: -

Demand Nos.	Department	Amount
Demand No.18	Printing & Stationary	₹12,29,45,000.00
Demand No.23	Art & Culture	₹8,68,79,000.00
Demand No.42	Transport	₹43,90,91,000.00
TOTAL		₹64,89,15,000.00

Thank you, Sir.

SPEAKER : Let us call Pu H.Rohluna, Minister to submit his demand.

Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission Sir, I move the following demands of the departments under my concern: -

Demand Nos.	Department	Amount
Demand No.17	Food, Civil Supplies & Consumers Affairs	₹2,45,40,44,000.00
Demand No.36	Environment & Forest	₹84,42,04,000.00
TOTAL		₹3,29,82,48,000.00

Thank you, Sir.

SPEAKER : Now that the Minister has submitted their demand, we will start discussion. Each member will be given 10 minutes. Warning bell will ring at 8 minutes. Opposition group leader will be given 15 minutes. Alright, Pu R.L. Pianmawia will start.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, thank you. First of all I would like to speak about Printing & Stationary department, Demand No.18. Under the able leadership of our Minister, the infrastructure of printing and stationery has been up-graded. But, I would request that the next issue of Mizoram calendar should be printed in Mizoram.

Demand No. 23 Art & Culture. Being from rural constituency, subsidy items from

NGO were of great benefits. But now these items have decreased. I would request if these items can be increased again, there is one point I would like to thank the department for. Pu Speaker, recently they brought Art & culture Museum items to Darlawn for the people to view. This was such a significant and thoughtful gesture by the department I am so very grateful for this. I would also like to thank for Y.M.A library at Darlawn chhim veng. There are various libraries which need to be up graded; I request that steps be taken for up gradation of these libraries.

Demand No. 42, Transport. I would first of all like to thank for Vaitin and Zohmun bus services. Pu Speaker, there is one important point I would like point out in transport department system which other Minister should also take note of – The files are rotated from person to person, which means, the same person does not hold the same file for long. This is a very wise move by the Minister. This practice can prevent misappropriation to a certain extent and incurred efficiency.

Demand No.12, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs. I would like to thank for solving the problem of gas, and rice. Knowing the difficulty faced by the people of my constituency we have been given Gas Agency at Darlawn. And, another agency has been tendered for Sakawrdai. I thank the Minister for showing favor towards us. I would also like to thank for distributing coffin under Bamboo Mission and materials under IDfV.

Rest House at Darlawn has been damaged. I request that if possible the building needs to be re-constructed. Or, if this is not possible at least consider for repair.

Pu Speaker, just a point in regard to timber royalty. I wish there is a way to stop royalty for purchasing Wood Plank for construction of own house. I request the hon'ble Minister to please take note of this.

Lastly, food and civil Supply, in rural areas the people are mostly farmers. Pu Speaker, the allotted quote of rice per person which is 2 kgs only is a bit too less. I request if this could be increased to 3 kgs. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Next, Pu C. Ramhluna.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Demand No. 18 – Printing & Stationery. The RBE for the department is very low this year. Last year it was 148.64, whereas this year it is only 110. If it could at least be with per as last year.

In Printing & Stationery department, previously departments purchase goods from them. But due to inferior qualities, department stops purchasing goods. Whatever, the case may

be, Pu Speaker, the department does not have vehicle to supply goods, and they have only three depots, which are Aizawl, Lunglei and Saiha. The rest of other District does not have depots. Thus, I suggest that stationery shop should be approved by Printing and Stationery department for purchasing stationery items. There is improvement in Printing Press; it would be interesting to know if calendars and Dairies have been printed at the Government Press. The hon'ble Ministers achievement is commendable.

Coming to Art & Culture, Demand No.23, as highlighted on Demand for Grants under Minor works, ₹152.2 lakhs is allotted. However, this amount is not highlighted in plan under work programmed, but ₹300 lakhs is highlighted instead. I would request the hon'ble Minister to clarify in his wind up the reason. Pu Speaker, for library ₹23 lakhs is allotted. I request the hon'ble Minister to please allot library in my constituency at Chawngte 'P'. I would like to know if District gazette could be distributed to MLAs. I would also like to ask if Art & Culture department could issue subsidy materials this year.

Demand No.42, Transport department. I would like to thank the hon'ble Minister for giving Taxi permit, Maxi cab permit, Auto Rickshaw permit in my constituency. I request the hon'ble Minister to please continue this kind gesture. Pu Speaker, I would request for Lawngtlai and Vaseikai MST bus service. And, there is one more point I would like to highlight that is, Lawngtlai District DTO post is taken up by BDO, Pu Speaker, if this problem of one person holding two posts could be solved since there is inefficiency in its functioning.

Demand No.17, Food and Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs department. The fund allotment for the department is not increased. In Minor works, ₹19 lakhs is allotted for maintaining 25 Godowns. Pu Speaker, there are 154 Godowns and the Godowns in rural areas are in poor condition, thus, the fund allotment for the year is too less.

Pu Speaker, last year during monsoon season, we suffered shortage of rice. Therefore, I request the government to step up for monsoon stock this year. Also, 2 kgs of rice for one person per week is a bit less. It will be appreciated if it could be increased at least to 3 kgs for the month of June, July, August and September. 10 kgs rice under Annapurna from Social Welfare Department for old age above 65 years is commendable. Will it be continued this year?

Demand No.36, Environment & Forest. There is a notification to shift Lawntlai Forest Division. But I have requested Chief Minister at the State Board for wildlife meeting not to shift and to let it remain under State government and not District councils. Will the hon'ble Minister take note of this?

Pu Speaker, In State board for wildlife meeting, I requested the hon'ble Chief Minister to give compensation to Pu Lalthanzuala of AOC Lawngtlai who was bitten by snake. The hon'ble Chief Minister agreed, I am grateful for this assurance. But, compensation has not been given to him till date. I request the hon'ble Minister to please take note of this as well.

I thank the hon'ble Minister for making assets under National Bamboo Mission. But I would request that, proper maintenance should be given to these assets. Pu Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte.

Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE : Pu Speaker, thank you. I will start with Printing & Stationery department. The hon'ble Minister is worth giving praise for the up-gradation of this department. As the hon'ble Minister have mentioned, in spite of the well equipped Printing Press that we have, the full potential have not been utilised. It would be advisable if proper review could be made in this regard. Pu Speaker, it is interesting to know the existing condition of colony of Printing & Stationery being set up at Chawnpui veng. It will be pleased if the Minister could enlighten the House in regard to steps taken for economic drive.

Demand No.23, Art & Culture. The hon'ble Minister has popularized Art & Culture in every locality. Every Art & Culture club is fit to perform. Recently, Awithangpa Y.M.A group conference held at Kawnpui, there was cultural competition. The winner was selected for Bharat Dharshan.

Pu Speaker, we are able to purchase Mizo Puandum, Puan chei at cheaper rate from Art & Culture. Under quota system, I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to please increase the allotted quota, as it is in-sufficient. I would also request the hon'ble Minister to try and secure more funds from Raja Ram Mohan Roy Library Foundation for allotment of libraries for various YMA groups.

In Transport, the performance of MST bus is commendable. Pu Speaker, if the hon'ble Minister could give information about those surplus drivers. I am grateful for the project of inland water transport. My constituency benefitted from this transport, it is delighting to know that the department has acquired 160 boats.

Demand No.17, Foods, Civil Supply & Consumer Affairs. This department was spoken a lot during the last session. But, due to the able House Leader and the Minister's

efficiency in management, the problems have been solved to a certain extent. K. Oil quota is outdated, Pu Speaker, I would like to ask if the hon'ble Minister could increase the quota as the consumption rate is very high in rural area.

Demand No.26, Environment & Forest. Last week, experts discussed as to what could be the cause of deforestation. Their finding was that it is obviously due to the practice of jhumming and export of Bamboos and timbers. Pu Speaker, I would request the hon'ble Minister to restrict bamboo shoot harvesting to safe deforestation. Pu Speaker, last year, huge scale of Bamboo was caught at Tlawng River for export and the hon'ble Minister will be aware of this. This makes me believe that large scale of Bamboo is being exported without the knowledge of the government. Anyway, I give my support to the Demands of two hon'ble Ministers. Pu Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu K. Lianzuala

Pu K. LIANZUALA : Pu Speaker, I am grateful that we are able to discuss the Demands of two hon'ble Ministers.

I request the Art & Culture department to continue sponsoring Chapchar Kut at Champhai.

Going on to Transport department, Pu Deputy Speaker, is there any way to fix hiring rate of commercial vehicles such as Pick-up truck, 407, 709, 911, as in commercial Bus?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, let us call Pu. K. Lalrinthanga.

Pu K. LALRINTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. To start with Demand No.18, Printing & Stationery, I opine the department should continue supplying stationery materials to all the departments. Even if there is doubt regarding the quality of material which may be supplied, there is a mean to control it just as the PWD practiced blacklisting method to curb out substandard supply. Another thing I want to suggest is inclusion of photos taken by Zoom Kolasib Photographers Association in the Mizoram Calendar.

I applaud performance of hon'ble Ministers of Transport as well as Food & Civil Supplies respectively for restriction of issuing Taxi permit and renewing Inland Water Transport system to ensure unlimited supply of ration.

Concerning Environment & Forest department, is there a way for the department to curb out illegal trading of timber by the Bamboo mahalder? Lastly, i express my support for the demands of the two hon'ble Ministers.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us invite Pu. K. Liantlinga

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. Coming straight to the budget proposal of ₹12.29 crore in respect of Printing & Stationery Department, no work programme is seen as to how the budget will be utilized. Likewise, it is not shown how fund received by Art & Culture Department from the 13th Finance Commission will be utilized. Is it possible to show in more specific manner?

At the same time, Pu Deputy Speaker, Transport department deserves credit for providing its work plan. Yet, one thing i would like to suggest is fixation of hiring rate to commercial vehicles according to their categories.

Regarding Food & Civil Supplies department, I would like to know if it is possible to implement consumer registration system on domestic cooking gas so that the distribution can be more even in urban and rural areas.

Lastly, Pu Deputy Speaker, budget provisions of Environment & Forest department from the 13th Finance Commission amounting to ₹4,280 crore and ₹1,349 crore allotted for Minor works are truly appreciated but again it is not reflected in the work programme. In this connection, I opine it is wise for concerned authority to stop restriction on timber trade within our state as the demand is unlimited as it only brings problem to lower income group.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu R. Selthuama

Pu R. SELTHUAMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to make comments on several issues on Demand No. 36, Forest, first, we are all concern with the rapid drying up of water hole in different areas. In resolving the problem, the department should make intensive effort to reservation of our forests and in coordination with other departments. Due to periodical mass-destruction of bamboos by rodents, large amount of bamboos dies and so preservation should be done with our best effort.

In the meantime, On Demand No.17, efforts made by concerned minister to improve the system as well as supply of cooking gas is worth mentioning.

On Demand No.42, I appreciate Transport department on the proposal for purchase of 3 newly buses. In this connection, I would like to suggest that bus fare should be fixed at lower rate than that of maxi-cab service considering the increasing popularity of the latter and if necessary, more buses may be purchased to attract more passengers. On Traffic management, it is hopeful that Aizawl city is transformed into a beautiful city if land which may be vacated by the Assam Rifles is used in appropriate manner.

One more point on Printing & Stationary, it is learned that 105 new posts being created but could not be filled as yet. Will the department of Finance and DP & AR prioritize filling up of such posts?

On Art & Culture department, i request the department to find possible means to construct more rooms for our local library.

SPEAKER : Col. Z.S. Zuala, next.

Lt. Col. Z.S. ZUALA : Pu Speaker, to go straight to Food & Civil Supply, I applaud the efforts of the Minister for cooking gas supply and regular ration distribution. On Demand No.36, concerning Environment & Forest department, I have witnessed on the spot the destruction of forest in Chalfilh area and I think immediate measures should be taken to stop further destruction. One suggestion I would like to make in this connection is establishment Ecology Territorial Army.

On Transport department, I would like to ask whether introduction of high-security plate really necessary. May the hon'ble Minister explain later how high security plate exactly helps recovering stolen vehicles? I think the department needs to improve the function of the Railway Out Agency and also encourage the people to make the best use of it. On Inland Water Transport system, I opine it has nothing much to offer in terms of goods or passengers transportation.

I appreciate efforts made by the minister of Art & Culture department for promoting our culture. Lastly, I do hope Printing & Stationary is improving with the newly purchased machineries. I express my support to pass the demand of both Ministers.

Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUIA : Pu Speaker, I, first of all would like to urge all the departments to support the Printing & Stationary department on the plan to raise the revenue.

On Art & Culture, I would like to know if Music & Fine Arts still in function in Aizawl. If not, may this branch be shifted to other District Capitals so that more people benefitted? Another thing i would like to request the concerned minister to simplify the process of procurement of traditional dress which I think could be done in coordination with ZOHANDCO.

On Demand No.42, it is a fact that some areas in the western region can be communicated only by boat as the concerned MLA too has no alternate choice than travel in the area by boat. As such is the case, I opine inland water communication is of utmost important as I support initiative of the government.

On Demand No.36, i think the department needs to cooperate with NGOs and Churches to raise the level of awareness on environmental issues and at the same time, may the minister provide more bamboo plants where plan for Afforestation is taken up?

Lastly, I give credit to the Minister of Food & Civil Supply for giving a straight reaction to the problem of supply of cooking gas and plan for stocking the supply for monsoon season particularly in the remote areas such as Phuaibuang and Khawlian. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Next, Pu N.P. Chakma

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, when a retailer procured the supply, say, 50 quintals for a week, 20 qtls is deducted as a commission and the rest being deposited. But this is not so in our case as most of the times, the retailer paid the commission from his own pocket and when he cannot get his bill, 50% of the allotment is being sold. I urge the Minister to find a way to stop this practice. At the same time, I request him to install petrol pump at Chawngte as he has done so with gas agency.

On Transport, Pu Speaker, boat being a regular mode of transportation in my area, we really needs boat-guards which may be included in the DPR. Besides, we need more permits of commercial vehicle as we have not enough service in my area. On Art & Culture, i think we need to give more efforts so that our beautiful festival is publicized worldwide.

On a personal matter, I would like to inform the House that I made a commitment to the people of my constituency that I will not contest again in the next election as I try to honor that commitment. So, Pu Speaker, this will be my last time here in the House. If I have hurt the feelings of my fellow members during my tenures in this august House, I beg your forgiveness. Thank you very much, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : We will have a recess now and discussion will be resumed at 4:30 p.m.

4:30 P.M.

SPEAKER : So far, 16 members participated in the discussion; I now call Pu P.P. Thawla to have his time.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I once again would like to express my appreciation to the hon'ble minister of Supply department to give a close attention to the area beyond Kawlchaw river of Saiha District so that concerned people had gone through this coming monsoon without substantial problem. As pointed out by my fellow member, I would also like stress the need to determine the case of supply retailers so that they may be able to draw their bills without approaching DCSO office.

On Demand No.23, I appeal to concerned minister to increase the number of items issued to each member on subsidized rate such as guitar, P.A. sets etc. At the same time, it is important to continue with setting up excursion for rural students which is greatly benefitted.

Going on to Demand No.42, Transport department, i request concerned minister to include Lodaw-Kawlchaw under the project of Inland Water Transportation so as Darzokai and Tuipui ferry which linked Lawngtlai and Saiha. I would further like to stress the importance of MST bus service particularly in rural areas as it is a cheaper means of conveyance compare to maxi-cab or private buses.

In Saiha district, maintenance of BDO, DTO and Station Superintendent are placed under one MCS officer. So, I would like to make an appeal to concerned minister to appoint separate BDO for the assigned work is loaded as it is inconvenient for him to look after three departments the office locations which are of quite divergent to one another. Lastly, I convey my support to pass both Demands.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, let me start with the State's Zoo workers which comprises 22 MR employees such as 2 skilled-II, 2 semi-skilled and the rest unskilled. Is there any way to regularise their services under the Regularisation of Muster Roll Employees Scheme? I would also like to know if this scheme based on departmental seniority or is centralized. It may

as well be appreciated if 13 months pay is provided to such employees as they do not have any provision of leave.

I have repeatedly pointed out regarding the problems created by the FCI Godown of Ramrikawn. Pu Speaker, what is the progress of the plan for shifting the location? At the same time, how about the weigh bridge at Vairengte which is allegedly being abandoned by the department and, setting up of the Territorial Army? Whether concerned authority found a reliable funding source to that effect?

Pu Speaker, I have a new idea on the best use of our Sanctuaries; why not put it all across our borders to prevent illegal immigrants or illegal entry of foreigners?

On Demand No.18, I opine this should be privatized. On Art & Culture, I would like to mention once again the need of a library to Dinthar YMA Branch, Sairang and, also to consider placing of our questions as per our original alphabetic order such as A, Aw, B, so as to preserve our Mizo customs and traditions.

On Demand No.17, Mualkhang Bottling Plant is not functioning regularly nowadays due to shortage of supply. It is learned that the IOC authority allegedly could not agree with the terms of compensation particularly the amount claimed on plants and vegetables within the proposed areas. I therefore opine that the existing rate of compensation may be revised according to the land value a particular area, for example, ₹40/- and ₹15 sq. ft. within Serchhip and Kolasib District since both are district headquarters.

Pu Speaker, rationalization of carrying Bill as pointed out by my fellow members is admirable yet, it is necessary for the minister to clarify the amount of unpaid bills of FCI in respect to the government under the Hill State Transport Subsidy.

As of the case of misconduct officers as pointed out, I would like to point out that the former Chief Secretary, Pu F. Pahnuna, issued a befitting office memorandum citing that pertinent details be included on their service sheet in case of promotion, confirmation or superannuation but this was not utilise, this need to be enforced not only to a single department, but to all department.

On Demand No.46, it is learned that this ministry includes the welfare of the drivers in their party Manifesto. If so, what step has been taken so far to achieve the manifesto?

Lastly, under the Inland Water Transport System, i urge the government to pay attention to the problems in Asmanidar, Chanmari-kawi and Buichali.

SPEAKER : Dr. R. Lalthangliana.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, to start from Environment & Forest department, it is known to us all that carbon emission and Green House effect are the main reason of global warming. Deforestation is another cause as its effect it diminishes water sources across the country. I opine providing environmental awareness campaign is of utmost importance to alleviate the problem.

Under the same demand, Advance Research Centre for Cane and Bamboo was set up at Bethlehem Veng during the previous government and Bio-diversity Conservation for Rural Livelihood Improvement Project at Dampa Tiger Reserve Forest, both of which known to be the only project of its kind in the North East. What progress has been made to that concern? Is it a fact that the latter project has already been decommission?

On issue of Working Plan, the previous government made it in respect to the project at Kawrthah but was unable to utilize it. If that is the case, can we at least restructure the work as it is hopeful that the situation is different?

On Transport department, I would like to make an appeal to the minister to consider a regular service of MST bus to Vathuampui, Vanhne and Buarpui villages of Lunglei district. At the same time, I request him to determine fund for setting up of inspection ground as we still do not have Driving Test Ground; i think it can be availed from Road Safety Fund.

Lastly, regarding Art & Culture Department, Cultural Centre of Lunglei remains unfunctioned till today. Is the hon'ble minster aware of this? Pu Speaker, I also suggest we should renovate our Museums and Archives as well. Thank you

SPEAKER : I will now call upon the hon'ble Minister Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana to wind up the discussion of his Demands.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, first, I thank the hon'ble members for their active participations, their constructive ideas and thoughts.

Regarding Printing & Stationery, we are now equipped with new machineries and quality printing could now be processed at Printing & Stationery Department as we no

longer need to go to other states for high quality printing. We also have an official website where Mizoram Gazette and other important notices will be placed. Again, through this website, all the departments will be able to know the status of stationery goods as we also have Stationery Depot in different districts. There is a proposal to make use of the departmental lands at Chawnpui and Luangmual and we have almost completed the DPR to that effect.

As to the question by Pu T.T Zothansanga, we have almost completed the DPR for placing a digital press in every District Capital. As questioned by Pu K. Rinthanga, the stock status of our stationery items will be updated in our website. Our hon'ble members are of the opinion that fund allocation on Printing & Stationery under Plan fund as ₹110 lakhs and ₹119.45 under Non-Plan. The main reason is, we receive NLCP from the Central Government and this will be included in the RE and only then we will be able to know the exact amount of fund allocation.

Pu Speaker, under Art & Culture Department, regarding District Gazetteer, we have published a District Gazetteer which is made available from Tribal Research Institute. Regarding Grant-in-Aid as questioned by Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte, I must that we do not enjoy such provisions. On issue of cultural dresses at a subsidized rate, it is not meant for the members but only enjoyed by a registered NGO's yet, we gives special attention to a recommendation of any member.

On our topic of heritage sites, people become more aware of its value and there are many sites which need to be preserved; I believe it is because of the world record we have made through Cheraw dance in 2010. We have also constructed 65 Nos. of Libraries and have collected a huge amount of books which adds up the total to 84,110 books with 8,796 members, 4,305 adults and 4,491 children. In cooperation with RRRLF, we have 459 Nos. of Rural Libraries and have distributed 60 Nos. of store materials. We also fumigate our Archives periodically in order to protect the old documents. Construction of Museum Extension is also in progress in the New Secretariat Complex. We have collected 3,704 Nos. of museum objects as there is a plan to upgrade it into a Museum of National Character. We also organize a Museum Seminar/Workshops/Symposium and Museum Painting Competition and Essay Competition on regular basis.

Regarding Tribal Research Institute Wing, we have published a book the 'Mizo Lalte-24' in 2011- 2012 and a revised and enlarged edition of Monoliths and Landmarks of Mizoram Vol-II in 2012-2013; two books titled, "Mizote chin dan" and "Mizo Sakhua," have also been re-published. Apart from these, there is a plan to publish 'Mizote Chin Dan-2' and 'Mizo Sakhua'.

We are grateful for the ongoing construction of Suakphunga Heritage Centre at Hliappui as we hope to declare Vangchhia as a Centrally Protected Monument. We are also organizing a certificate course in Music and Dance under the insitute of Museum & Fine Arts. In Collaboration with North-East Centre Dimapur, 'Sialsawm Kut' was successfully organized on the 6th March. Apart from these, Cultural Troupes are sent to other states 18 times in which 227 Nos. of youths have participated. Apart from these, opportunity for heritage and Cultural Tour is open for High School and Higher Secondary School Students and is funded by the Indian Museum, Kolkata.

Pu Speaker, my fellow members wants to know about the building grant we have provided which are as follows: -

2008 to 2009	-	10%
2009 to 2010	-	20%
2010 to 2011	-	25%
2011 to 2012	-	10%
2012 to 2013	-	14%
TOTAL	-	729 lakhs

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, while we were invaded by the British, we have from Mizoram number of martyrs who lost their lives in Rangmati and Cellular Jail of Andaman; I think it is a good idea to erect a memorial stone in respect to them. I also want to mention that we should learn the technique of construction of septic tank by the Bristish since the method is quite lasting.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, what Pu Duhoma said is quite important and we have established a committee to take initiatives regarding the erection of memorial stones for the martyrs.

The budget for the year 2013-2014 to Art & Culture Department amounting to ₹1,018.79 and within this limit, we hope to accomplish all we have planned for the development of the department.

Pu Speaker, under Transport Department, as questioned by Pu P.P. Thawla, MST bus service to Laki is quite regular. Carrying charge of goods as questioned by Pu T. T Zothansanga, it is ₹1/- per qtl. On the question of Pu Lalthansanga, we have 605 Nos. qualified students from Hlimen Driving School. It is equipped with one Principal, 4 driving instructors, 5 technical mechanical staffs, 12 non-teaching staffs and 3 Grade-IV. Pu Selthuama mentioned that Transport Department may have back slided, especially on income generation but we have

crossed our target by a margin of ₹127.12 lakhs. We have also have taken initiatives for introduction of high security registration plate on vehicles in order to prevent vehicle robbery. Presently, we have 10,480 Nos. of vehicles registered in 6 Districts. Pu Speaker, the concerned MLA of Vaseikai mentioned that MST service plying to Vaseikai as not being allotted in which I believe he is misinformed as 3 buses are placed at MST Lawngtlai plying Lawngtlai - Sangau and Lawngtlai - Vaseikai. On the matter of Inland Water Transport, the Director himself, Mr. Arun Roy and technical expert Mr. Prabin Bora inspected the ongoing work on the spot and we are happy to be informed that our performance as in the top 5 amongst IWT Project in India. We have also submitted a DPR for Tuichawng, Tut and then for other rivers which will be our future project.

Regarding vehicles permit, we have put a hold on giving out permits but vehicles which need replacement are permitted as per The Motor Vehicle Act, 1988 and The Mizoram Motor Vehicle Rules, 1995. The Ministry of Road, Transport & Highway issued a notice No. RT 23013/28/2012-T, Dated 27.12.2012 stating that only those who have a driving license and attached Meter box (Taxi & Auto-Rickshaw) accordingly will be eligible to drive taxis and auto-rickshaws. Concessions are also made for elderly persons, Blind and Disabled, Cancer patients and HIV positive infected persons. The Central Ministry is also planning to give us a sanction for the construction of Bus Terminal at Serchhip, Kolasib, Aizawl City Bus Terminal-cum-Maxi Cab and Terminal at Melthum. Pu Speaker, though I have many more points to mention, I may not take more time. So, I appeal the House to pass the following three Demands: –

Nos. of Demands	Department	Amount
Demand No.18	Printing & Stationery	₹12,29,45,000.00
Demand No.23	Art & Culture	₹8,68,79,000.00
Demand No.42	Transport	₹43,90,91,000.00
TOTAL		₹64,89,15,000.00

Thank you.

SPEAKER : The hon'ble minister, having done his wind up speech appeal the House to pass the following three Demands: -

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All in favour may say 'Aye' and those who oppose may say 'No'. The 'Ayes' have it. The Demands are voted and unanimously passed by the House.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA, MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : The hon'ble Minister, Pu H. Rohluna to wind up the discussion of his demands and will then beg House to pass it.

Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I thank my fellow members for their active participation as well as for their brilliant ideas. Under Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, 6 members suggested that we should increase the amount of 1 week ration but considering our budget we have to be level-headed and for the time being it is not possible to increase the ration. Regarding monsoon stock, from our experience, it is not much practicable because our stock in areas where it may be difficult for transporting during monsoon season is not lasted for 3 or 4 months.

On the question by Lalthansanga, our gas quota had increased to 9 cylinders as per the latest policy by the Central Government. Regarding the shifting of FCI Godown, very soon rail wagon will reach Bairabi and we have made an arrangement regarding this issue but we are unable to come to any kind of conclusions regarding Sairang. We are fortunate that we could avail State Transport Subsidy and we are the only state among the North East who avail this opportunity from FCI. We have also taken initiatives to build 17 numbers of godowns which will be funded by the Central government.

On the matter of end to end Computerization, we have submitted our DPR to the Central Government and 60 % of the fund had been released to us where 90 % of the fund will be given by the Central Government and the 10 % will be provided by the State Government. After this project is completed, public distribution system of rations will also be more proper and accurate. Regarding the shortage of LPG, under Rajiv Gandhi LPG Vitrak Scheme, 19 Nos. new Agents had been appointed and another 9 will again be selected very soon.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, we have only 1 agent in CADDC, so, may I please request him to appoint another agent in Damdep.

Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER : It will be noted, Pu Speaker. If we have a chance to do before the end of this term, at least one of the requests may be taken up. It should have been included in this advertisement if I was informed earlier.

To answer the point raised by Pu R.L. Pianmawia, the department is aware of the condition but could not be taken up due to lack of fund. Regarding compensation to the victim of a snake-bite in Lawngtlai, the Wildlife Board Meeting have even approved to do so but immediate action could not be taken due to lack of fund. Hopefully it may be done shortly as LOC has already been received. As of preservation of the traditional medicinal plants and orchids, it is true that we should preserve them at all costs. But I am afraid we are late already as many people from the neighboring country Myanmar who are engaged in pirated business with such plants have already established a stable connection with the local people which impedes the process of preservation. We now have a hi-tech Nursery of medicinal plants garden at Sairang which includes locally known as Phuihnam, Sunhlu, Thuamriat etc. with a view to facilitate any student from within and outside Mizoram to perform their research here.

Regarding plan for preservation of our natural sources of water, a substantial approach has been made by PHE in cooperation with YMA to prevent decrease of water retention capacity of Mizoram as a result of destruction of our natural forests. As shown in the departmental project report, intensive approach has been made by acquiring assistance from Japan International Cooperation Agency and Green India Mission so that the department is working hand in hand with our NGOs and Village Councils in preserving our natural sources of water. Pu Speaker, my fellow members Pu K. Liantlinga and Pu B. Lalthlengliana have pointed regarding our work programme amounting to ₹42.80 crore. It may be noted by the members that this is of grant proposed in the 13th Finance Commission out of which 75% depends on whether our work programme is approved by the central authority and the remaining 25% is meant to be allotted to MPRE non-plan fund. However, we have now been facing financial problem due to allocation of the said 25% of MPRE into plan fund as the Finance Ministry is not able to release ₹10 crore or more. Apart from this, since we have not yet received approval for working plan amounting to ₹8 crore which has already been submitted in March last year, the Planning officers made a pressure to central authority as now we are able to receive approval for ₹19 or more crore. But we are not able to receive the amount as expected within 75% and this is our financial situation.

It is known to us all that the budget allotted to Pollution Control is less sufficient. It is done as per budget allotment of grant-in-aid by the Planning department which generally amounting to ₹30 lakh. We are now able to receive ₹8 lakh in RE since no fund is allotted in the budget this year. We are aware of lack of fund for pollution control but could not be solved as

yet unless fund expected from TFC is received.

My fellow member Pu K. Lalrinthanga has pointed out regarding destruction of trees and bamboos in the submerging area of Serlui B project. Pu Speaker, the department also is aware of the incident but nothing can be done since forest clearance is not available. As this problem is a burning issue nowadays, certain political party called a press meeting to criticize the government thereby ignoring the performance of their leaders in the previous ministry. They should have known that voice of that press meeting only put their leaders in disgrace as no forest clearance for Serlui B project is obtained till today. Yet, the 1st stage clearance also known as 'in-principle clearance' was issued on the 26th March, 1991 but the project had been abandoned by the government in 1997 while some cases pertaining to this project were examined in the High Court. As a consequence, funds deposited for compensatory Afforestation of Serlui B project were being diverted to Tuirial Hydro-electric project which was initiated at that time. As the MNF came into power by the next ministry in 1999, the project was renewed and the work being resumed in full swing without aware of whether clearance is obtained to that respect. After completing larger portion of the project, the Ministry of Environment & Forests came to make spot verification. As on witnessing the situation, a show-cause notice was issued to the then Chief Engineer of P & E department and the problem started. In 2008, the leader of MNF ministry were shocked for receiving order of the central authority to prevail necessary action against those who were involved in the case which further compelled them to obtain forest clearance by any mean as a compliance report was submitted to the department on October, 2008.

As Congress party assumed the new ministry in 2009, the government continues to pursue the case as necessary. As concerned minister, I have even attended the meeting of Forests Ministers at New Delhi in which I have discussed the matter with the Union Minister. As I returned home, I called a meeting with the officials of P&E, Environment & Forests and Land Revenue Settlement and concluded that our respective duty may be resumed for the achievement of the said project. The concerned departments then processed their respective compliance report afresh but no progress is made as we have already violated the rules which underlines that any clearance should be obtained within 5 years. Even though we are instructed to submit a fresh application, no progress could be made for the harm is done. The project therefore could be achieved due to ignorance of forest clearance in the previous MNF ministry. Hence, Pu Speaker, the party who claim forest clearance as being existed only put their leaders in disgrace.

Regarding proposal of Lt. Col. Z.S. Zuala for setting up of Territorial Army Ecology, the department also have determine for the same as proposal has already been submitted to concerned authority but we have changed the name as Forest Protection Force.

Regarding Weigh Bridge, those at Vairengte, Bairabi and Kanhmun were installed under the programme of BAFACCOS of the previous ministry. Step is now being taken for the repair of those at Vairengte and Bairabi with fund provision in hand but the case of Kanhmun may be considered when more funds are made available.

As pointed earlier, Pu Speaker, working plan is essential for any department as it is demanded by the 13th Finance Commission Grant. Despite the format of our working plan which is found as incomplete, it is accepted if approved by the Forest Survey of India. We have received an instruction from Forest Survey of India to put more efforts on demarcation of the reserved areas and intensity error if seen may also be improved. (**PU LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, if proposal for Kawrthah Division has already been approved?). It has already been approved in the previous ministry and the approval we have now been expected is of Plan Division 8.

As stated earlier, we have received ₹4 crore for improvement of Forest Training School at Bethlehem, Aizawl. Yet, we have been preparing DPR and concept papers of ₹414 crore for the on-going projects. Pu Speaker, with a determination to improve conservation and management, we have been preparing a project for bio-diversity conservation and sustainable forest management. Apart from this, there is ₹105 crore being sanctioned for 7 years under the project of North-east Climate Change Adaptation. Approach has now been made to DoNER ministry to provide us financial assistance for payment of our state share in respect of this project. If it is achieved, then we are having sufficient fund provision for forest conservation and for tackling climate change.

Regarding development of bamboo production, I opine it is important for us to improve skill development. In order to do so, we have a plan to establish training centre for Bamboo skill development at Lengpui in which machineries and other requirements will soon be installed. As of plantation of better quality of bamboo i.e. *Dendrocalamus Brandisii*, we have been searching for a reliable agency to collect the seed but no positive outcome has yet been received. About 3,000 Nos seeds of the said variety are acquired under NLUP as a sample for tissue culture. I do not think tissue culture is suggestive unless it is proved to be applicable to our soils. (**PU K.S. THANGA**: As far as my knowledge is concerned, the said variety of bamboo acquired by the previous ministry was extracted from tissue culture and it does not look the same as of a variety shown here. Hence, I opine it is important to make a careful decision.) That is true; we have to be careful with every piece when receiving. Yet, it is not possible to get the best unless the sample is tested first.

So, Pu Speaker, I move this august House to pass the demands of the following departments under my concern such as: -

Demand Nos.	Department	Amount (in crore)
Demand No.17	Food Civil Supply & Consumer Affairs	₹245.404400
Demand No.36	Environment & Forests	₹84.4000
	TOTAL	₹329.8248000

SPEAKER : Pu Rohluna, the hon'ble minister has moved the House to pass the demands of the following departments under his concern such as: -

Demand Nos.	Department	Amount (in crore)
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It will now be voted.

(The Demands are voted and passed by the House)

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

SPEAKER : We now have finished the business for today. We will resume the discussion tomorrow, the 26 (Tuesday) at 10:30 p.m.

Sitting is adjourned at 7:20 p.m.