

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR TWELFTH SITTING ON THURSDAY, THE 28th MARCH, 2013
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)

QUESTIONS

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

FINANCIAL BUSINESS
DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS

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

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Bill for introduction, consideration and passing.

4. **Pu H. LIANSILOVA**, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce "The Mizoram Appropriation (No.3) Bill, 2013.

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

NGURTHANZUALA
Secretary

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SPEAKER : “Make the tent you live in larger; lengthen its ropes and strengthen the pegs! You will extend the boundaries on all sides”

Isaiah 54:2 & 3

We shall take up starred Question No.181, and let us now call hon’ble member, Pu C. Ramhluna.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. This is for the hon’ble Minister of Public Works Department and House Leader – Is there any plan for metal-black topping the Saibawh–Vanthuampui Road?

SPEAKER : Let us call the Minister in charge, hon’ble Chief Minister, Pu Lal Thanhawla.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer to the question is ‘yes’ The Saibawh–Vanthuampui road is 24 kms. Long; and the Kawnpui–Vanthuampui Road are being constructed under the PMGSY scheme. Construction and work on cross granites have been completed; DPR has all been submitted through the National Rural Development Agency to the Mission Rural Development, Government of India. We are presently awaiting the sanctions, and the DPR estimate amount is ₹1,884.60 lakhs.

SPEAKER : As there are no further questions, let us now take up starred Question 182, and I call hon’ble member, Pu Lalthansanga.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. This is for the honorable Minister of PWD to answer: -

- a) How many areas of the Highway Road Reserved is there within the National Highway Road a State Reserved area?
- b) Are the reserved areas maintained as it is supposed?

SPEAKER : Let us now call hon’ble Chief Minister, Pu Lal Thanhawla to answer.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is: - Road reserved (Right of Way) has to be kept according to the Indian Road Congress (IRC) Guidelines under the National Highway and State Road as given below: -

- i) National Highway/State Highway - 24.00m width in open and 20.00 mts. in build-up area

- ii) Major District Road - 18.00m width in open area and 15.00m in built up area.
- iii) Other District Road - 15.00m width in open area and 12.00m in built-up area

However, the Road reserved under the Mizoram National Highway and State Road area not the same, and there is no proper record.

In answer to the second question, we cannot strictly follow the Road Reserved area (RoW) as has been directed by the India Road Congress (IRC) Mr Speaker Sir.

SPEAKER : Further questions from Pu Lalthansanga, followed by Lt. Col. Z.S. Zuala.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, while it is 12 meters in the IRC and other roads, we seen to have constructed roads at a closer range like the Airport road. When BSF occupied land was ordered to be demolished by the National Highway, the BSF claimed it to be 15 meters and said they didn't have enough to complete it. They even requested the State to help. If we continue with such a system, we'll soon have congested road and more traffic jams. We should have stricter rules.

In which that the inter-departments cooperate more? The Revenue Department gives them property, and I wonder under which they can give such gifts. I'd like our House Leader, honorable Chief Minister, to answer if it is possible to have it this way.

SPEAKER : Now, Lt. Col. Z.S. Zuala.

Lt.COL. Z.S. ZUALA : Mr. Speaker sir, it is quite difficult to understand the process of how reserved roads are measured. My question is – Which is the starting point of the measurement and how is it carried about?

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

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, all the roads in Mizoram including our National Highways does not meet the standard require of the Indian Road Congress. There is no definite demarcation while paving the roads. Therefore, road reserve area cannot be known specifically. However, the Revenue Department while giving Land Lease (LSC) put aside road reserve but this was not followed properly. It is hard for the government to

maintain order in this regard as the people do not follow order. If we follow and take necessary action, we will be labeled wrongly. The rich and well-to-dos have no respect for public property and build their houses encroaching public roads. The authority wants to maintain order but the public makes them fail to do so due to our greed and insolence.

SPEAKER : Now, we will go to starred question No.183 and invite Pu Lalduhoma to ask.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for Industries Department be pleased to state: -

- a) How many chipping units are there at Bairabi?
- b) Since when?
- c) What is the amount of cost?
- d) Whether it is infunction?

SPEAKER : Let us invite the hon'ble Minister in-charge Pu S. Hiato.

Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answers to Pu Duhoma's questions are as follows: -

- a) There is only one chipping unit at Bairabi
- b) In 2009
- c) ₹ 66.95 lakh
- d) It is now in full function.

SPEAKER : As there is no supplementary question, we will go to our next question. Let us invite Pu T.T. Zothansanga to ask his question No.184.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon'ble Minister for Sports & Youth Services be pleased to state: -Is Vision 2016 completed?

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

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the programme of Vision 2016 is still in progress.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

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

- 1) In what Games does our government give priority?

- 2) Is priority also given to Contact Games in which our State makes a name?
- 3) If fund provision to that respect is allotted in the department's budget of 2016?
- 4) Is allocation of ₹1,777 lakh for Work Programme under SPA highlighted in the budget?

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

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, as mentioned by the member, contact sports is where we make our name. The government selects 9 disciplines for Vision 2016 namely Boxing, Taekwondo, Shooting, Archery, Judo, Wrestling, Badminton, Weight Lifting and Table Tennis. From that, it is believed that there is more opportunity for our youths. Despite barely a couple of year since a Shooting Gallery being set up in Mizoram, we are having some youths who are capable of winning the victory in the North East Shooting Championship. The President of the Nation Association for Rifle shooting, being impressed by the performance of our youths made a compliment that they have potential to become an Olympian as he made an offer to coach them from NRA. At the same time, concerned officials determine how to mould up many of our talented youths. Under the project of Notary Young Talent for Excellence in Sports, the NEC sanctioned us ₹25.38 lakh out of which ₹22.22 lakh has already been received as first installment. With this fund provision, the officials selected 10 young children to undergo training in different disciplines.

As the hon'ble member pointed out, no preparation could be made prior to having a definite plan size. SPA is specially meant for building infrastructure for the selected youths. Apart from this, we are going to build Boxing Hall as the site already been selected. Yet, we do not have site for construction of Table Tennis Hall and Weightlifting even though fund in hand may cover the costs. Now, we have a place to practice Archery within the premise of Secretariat Complex. As such, various disciplines such as Judo, Wrestling and Badminton have set up their respective Association and selected participants without the government interference. Hopefully such disciplines may be accommodated in the stadiums we have built during this ministry such as Hawla Stadium and Ramhlun Indoor Stadium. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Does he answer your question, Pu Duhoma?

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, we want to call the programme 'the Olympic Vision, 2016' instead of merely '2016'.

SPEAKER : Let us invite the hon'ble member Dr. Ngurdinglana to ask Starred Question No.185.

Dr. NGURDINGLIANA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for Public Works Department be pleased to state –

- a) Whether there is an intention to continue works done between Phullen and Daido under PNGS scheme for black topping?
- b) If so, does the department prepare DPR?

SPEAKER : Let us invite the hon'ble Chief Minister, Pu Lal Thanhawla to reply.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answer to the hon'ble member Dr. Ngurdingliana's questions are-

- a) Yes.
- b) Yes, DPR was prepared for Phullen and Khawlian road and was submitted to Ministry of Rural Development. Besides, Consultant was hired to prepare DPR for Khawlian, North East Tlangnuam, and Daido. I want to inform the hon'ble member that black topping between Phullen and Khawlian road will go into two phase. The first phase is Phullen to Phuaibuang and Phuaibuang to Khawlian. The estimate amount for Phullen to Phuaibuang is ₹4539.39 lakh and Phuaibuang to Khawlian is ₹1582.27 lakh. DPR for black topping of Khawlian to North East Tlangnuam to Daido is under way. For this, we hire Consultant Measures, CM Engineering Solutions, Gurgaon and are expected to finish it by the month of April.

SPEAKER : We will take supplementary questions and invite first Pu Ngurdingliana, then Pu Laduhoma and Pu John Siamkunga.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, the road to Daido is an important link road to Manipur. After Daido, there is Parbung in which, if I am not wrong, our boundary with Manipur lies. This is an important road and hope that it may also be taken up under PMGSY. If it is extended upto Vawngzawl, it would help us in maintenance of our border security. Is there a way to include this road under PMGSY or under another source?

SPEAKER : Let us invite Pu John siamkunga and then Pu K. Liantlinga.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I heard that the road between South Vanlaiphai and Muallianpui is planned for black topping in the first phase. When will the work be started? Apart from this, spot-holes found in various roads within Aizawl City may be repaired during the dry season?

SPEAKER : Pu K. Liantlinga.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. About 30 kms of the road between Phullen and Suangpuilawn is very bad. Is there a plan to repair it?

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

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, during our previous ministry, we made a plan for transformation of road to Manipur to double lane road as we are all tire of economic blockage frequently made by the Cachar people. In the west, we also made improvement of road to Agartala and is now being approved as National Highway. However, road portion within Manipur is being neglected for long as the condition is intensively poor. Regarding the hon'ble member Pu Lalduhoma's question, I am regretted to mention that it is unlikely impossible to do for us as the PMGSY guidelines stated that no work should be done where there is no habitation. The programme concerns connectivity of only those habitats which has not been connected by road. However, we may try to find other sources. Regarding inter-state connecting road, we should also determine the negative aspects such as the problem of infiltration as problems of law & order. Therefore, we have to determine this carefully prior to make some decisions.

Pu Speaker, there is plan under PMGSY for black topping of road from Suangpuilawn to Phullen and Suangpuilawn to Zawngin. However, the latter could not be included under PMGSY and may be done from other sources.

Regarding the question of the hon'ble member Pu John Siamkunga, I have committed to do so during the election campaign but could not be taken up easily. Yet, i have in mind to achieve my commitment as concerned officials too are giving important to the plan. Regarding spot-holes on some roads within Aizawl city, the department is now doing repairing works of some culverts which is found to be the main reason. However, the progress of work is quite slow due to scarcity of laborers to do the work.

SPEAKER : We will go to our next question and invite Dr. R. Lalthangliana to ask his Starred Question No.186.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Chief Minister for PWD be pleased to state –

When will reconstruction of Thenzawl to Buarpui road be started?

SPEAKER : Let us invite the hon'ble Chief Minister i/c PWD to reply.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, for this work we are calling tender and the fund will come from ADB. We hope to start the work from December.

For information of the House, Sailiamkawn to Thenzawl is 15 kms and Thenzawl to Buarpui is 39 kms, totaling 55 kms. The fund will come from ADB through DoNER. The Ministry of DoNER released a sanction 167.90 crore and the Govt. of Mizoram also sanctioned the exact amount. As I said, the work is now tender, however, the Govt. of India and ADB does not sign an agreement. After the agreement is signed, selection for the contractor will be done. We hope that they can sign the agreement on June, 2013. The black topping will cover the road 8.70 meters wide and 5.50 meters carried way.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Dr. R. Lalthangliana.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, we have been facing problems on this road for a long time due to irregularity of ADB rather than the Mizoram Government. They delay us for a long time and we have to determine alternate sources such as World Bank and others

The condition of Buarpui to Bunghnum road is quite poor; whether the government has a plan to improve this road? The hon'ble Chief Minister stated that the work will be started in December. If so, when will construction of 55 kms. long be completed? I also want to know progress made so far regarding construction of by-pass road from South Sabual to Thenzawl and Buarpui.

We also have a fatal road approaching Darlung. Is there a plan to improve it? In addition, between Aibawk and Tlawng, there is a road-cutting through the mountain range which also becomes a breaking point for vehicles and no by-pass route is there. May the problem be examined by the department?

SPEAKER : Pu Robiaka too has mentioned the same case in his constituency several times. Now, i will invite Pu Lalthansanga.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, the people of my constituency claimed that I have neglected to mention the problem within my constituency but I thought i made it many a time.

First, I would like to ask if there is a plan to reconstruct Tuichang Bridge for which the sanction already been received? If additional fund is required, will it be given?

Besides, there is a blockage of road between Khawlailung to Hmunzawl so we have to go through Tuichang Bridge. Construction of 16 kms of this road was taken up under BADP. May the PWD take over the remaining so that it lasted all seasons?

I am thankful that during 2012-2013 and 2013-2014, fund for construction of internal road for Bungtlang, Khawlailung, Vanlaiphai, Lungdar has already been sanctioned. Regarding Lungdar to Sailulak road which we used in all seasons is taken up under PMGSY where as construction of the side-drain being excluded. As such we have been facing problems particularly in rainy season as the surface becomes slippery when wets. When will pavement and black topping work be done? In addition, is it possible to include plan for construction of Sailulak to Tuipui road in the State Plan Fund?

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

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, most of our roads in Mizoram including the National Highways does not meet the standard requirement laid down by the Indian Road Congress. There is no definite demarcation while paving the roads. Therefore, road reserve area cannot be specified. However, the Revenue Department while giving Land Lease (LSC) makes some reserves but is not followed properly. It is hard for the government to maintain order in this regard as the people do not follow order. If we follow and take action, we will be label wrongly. Our rich people have no respect for public property and build their houses pressing public road without giving a thought. The authority wants to maintain order, but the public makes them handicap for greed and insolence.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for Industries Department be pleased to state: –

- a) What is the amount of interest and penalty received from Mizoram Venus Bamboo Production in return to ₹2.80 crore loan being availed?
- b) What is the amount of principal, interest and penalty being recovered?
- c) Apart from ₹2.80 crore, is there any being loaned to others?
- d) If so, what is the amount and date?

SPEAKER : We will invite the hon'ble Minister Pu S. Hiato to reply.

Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, my answer is –

- a) The amount of interest and penalty is ₹59,337,983/-.
- b) The amount of interest paid ₹18,35,890/-
- b) ₹2.80 crore was given through ZIDCO. While there is no continuation from ZIDCO, they receive loans from another sources totalling 439.3 lakh. With the Chief Minister initiative

Venus Bamboo was restarted by giving 154 lakh on July, 2012 as there are many important machines imported from foreign countries.

Pu Speaker, Interest from ZIDCO loan till February, 2013 are as follows: -

- a) Principal - ₹280 lakh
- b) Interest - ₹494,68,218/-
- c) Penal Interest - ₹98,69,765/-
- d) Payment of loan till date - ₹1,39,726/- on 11.8.2005 and ₹16,96,164/- on 17.7.2005.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, my question is: -

- i) Considering all the interests they have to repay and bail out money, can it be survived?
- ii) Why are we giving them so much?
- iii) What kind of plan do they have for recovery as the loan term already ended?
- iv) What is their production?
- v) Will it be useful for Mizoram?

SPEAKER : We will invite the concern Minister to reply.

Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, we all seems to know its history and about the owner K.K. Shah who was found by the Enquiry Commission by chance. He appeared before the Commission once. It was bailed out after our technical experts determined the benefit for Mizoram.

Despite their heavy debt, they are now making an effort to re-run the industry properly as electric supply being reconnected with the understanding of the concerned Minister. it is obvious that repairing of its machines and workers' quarters, connection of water supply and purchase of raw materials needs lot of money. In spite of all these, it is now functioning at it best. They are now producing flooring made from bamboo and wooden furnitures. However, their export permit expires but somehow, it is renewed. We also acquire Domestic Tariff Area Sales permit for 12 months. Now, we have a buyer from Guwahati, the Vikas Enterprises from July as we also supply the materials to Khatla Churh. We have a Show Room at Zarkawt in which 40/50 local people and 5 others from outside are being employed. If it is functioning regularly, our bamboos and teaks will become essential items where as it will generate more employments in the future. Hopefully, it may turn out as a self sufficient industry if it continues to function without getting financial aids from the government.

SPEAKER : Question hours is over and we have three members absent namely: - Pu Nirupam Chakma, Pu J.H. Rothuama, Minister and Pu K.S.Thanga, Parliamentary Secretary.

We will go to the Financial Business, the Demands of 2 ministers. First we will invite Pu H. Liansailova to submit to the House Demand Nos. 9, 13, 14, 31, and 32.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and your permission I move the following Demands for meeting expenses during 2013-2014 in respect of the following Departments –

Demand Nos.	Department	Amount
Demand No.	Finance	₹3,72,93,48,000.00
Demand No.	Personnel & Administrative Reforms	₹2,29,66,000.00
Demand No.	Planning & Programme Implementation	₹9,55,31,75,000.00
Demand No.	Agriculture	₹1,75,29,27,000.00
Demand No.	Horticulture	₹22,75,70,000.00
TOTAL		₹15,28,59,86,000.00

SPEAKER : Let us invite the hon'ble Chief Minister to submit to the House his Demands such as Demand Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 26, 27, 39, 45 and 47.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission Sir, I move the Demand Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 15, 26, 27, 39, 45 and 47 for rupees nine hundred ninty crore forty five lakh twenty six thousand only, for meeting expenses during 2013-2014 in respect of the following Departments –

Demand Nos.	Department	Amount
Demand No.1	Legislative Assembly	₹17,46,75,000.00
Demand No.2	Governor	₹10,60,000.00
Demand No.3	Council of Ministers	₹5,73,22,000.00
Demand No.5	Vigilance	₹5,20,81,000.00
Demand No.15	GAD	₹50,76,81,008.00
Demand No.26	I&PR	₹10,77,50,000.00
Demand No.27	District Council Affairs	₹2,10,73,00,000.00
Demand No.39	Power & Electricity	₹2,94,10,04,000.00
Demand No.45	PWD	₹2,47,88,41,000.00
Demand No.47	Minor Irrigation	₹1,47,68,75,000.00
TOTAL		₹9,99,45,26,000.00

SPEAKER : Now, our two Ministers have submitted their respective demands. We will have a discussion and 10 minutes will be allotted to each member.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, tomorrow being a Good Friday and tonight, with exception of Salvation Army, we are seems to attend the Lord's Supper. Since we have many church elders among us, can you make exception and shorten our discussion in order to attend the service on time. As practised in other States, can we select the members to have his speak?

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, tonight service being one of the most important services, it is appreciated if our discussion is curtailed so that we may be able to reach the church on time. I have discussed the matter with the Deputy Speaker as we opined that only 12 members may be entertained to speak and with that we can finish at 6:00 p.m. On the other hand, it will not be appropriate to reject some members to speak for this business concerns important demands. Therefore, keeping in mind of the time limit, we hope that we can have a comfortable discussion.

SPEAKER : We need to finish all the demands within March so that we can present it to the Governor for signing, along with the appropriation Bills. But we all give importance to attend tonight's service. As such, we may proceed as time permits and hope that we can finish by 3:30 p.m. Now, let us call Pu B. Lalthlengliana.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, I first of all would like to mention that YMA General Conference will be held at Khawbung in this coming October and i request the hon'ble Chief Minister to consider immediate repair of Khawbung to Biate and Dungtlang to Farkawn and other departments besides PWD which concern for rural areas may be instructed to keep a close watch to the works which may be taken up for we are expecting guests more than the previous conferences due to tourists attraction in the areas around.

Concerning Minor Irrigation, I request concerned department to improve the irrigation system in the areas around Bulfek, one of the major rice cultivations as many pipelines corrodes due to irregular supply of water.

Regarding P & E department, Pu Speaker, Tlawva Hydel Project is proposed to be completed within 2 years. I expected the progress of work is attended like some other small hydel projects within the same constituency. Another important matter i want to mention is posting of Doctor in PHC. We currently do not have a doctor in our PHC which may be considered as soon as possible.

In Demand No.31, Agriculture, I have heard that ₹2,000 crore was allocated under the head of Crop Husbandry of RKVY but not specifically. Can it be specified in detail?

SPEAKER : Now, Pu Lalduhoma, after that, Pu Joseph Lalhimpua.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, I wanted to start with PWD. The hon'ble Speaker, Sir, it is known to us all that numbers of major project being undertaken within our state with its contractors from outside as the local contractors cannot meet the specified qualifications. May the concerned authority be approached so that concession is made or the specification is changed to suite our local contractors?

Another point I want to mention is construction of defencing wall along our borders. Is our government aware of the on-going project? If so, what step has been taken so far by the government to involve in it?

Concerning Horticulture, the government is buying Vermi-compose at the rate of ₹12/- per kg since 2006 but the rate is recently fall down at ₹ 8/- per kg. What is the reason? We still spends large amount of fund for procurement of fertilizer from outside which further affected marketing of the locally produced fertilizers. Can we purchase the local production instead?

Regarding the status of our MPS which falls under the demand of DP & AR, all other services have Secretary level position but MPS has none. Besides, 5 posts of MPS were recently decadred at ACB. What is the reason? I opine it is wise for concerned authority to determine separation of 8 Nos. Armed Battalions we have in Mizoram into two so that we can have more posts of DIG. I think it is time for us to have a DIG of son of the soil.

Matter concerning Finance, we have to consider that if Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh are financially endorsed by the Central, so can we, for we all are in the borders and should received the same kind of attention from the central government.

SPEAKER : Pu Joseph Lalhimpua, after that Pu Lalthansanga.

Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUA : Pu Speaker, I want to share 4 things which I have in mind. First, I request the Planning Minister to closely monitor the proposal that the Lunglei High Power Committee submitted to the Planning Commission so that all the efforts our Chief Minister is not in vain.

Secondly, concerning power supply, we all know the shortage and the efforts made by our leaders to resolve it. Thus, I opine it is important to concentrate on Tuirial Hydel Project which has been revised due to the efforts of the hon'ble Chief Minister.

Thirdly, the UGC has given permission to set up Southern Campus of the Mizoram University. I would like to inform the House that it was done so as result of the efforts made by our Chief Minister. Finally, I express my support for the Demands of our Chief Minister and Finance Minister. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now, Pu Lalthansanga, after that, Pu P.P. Thawla.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, we are listening today much praises of our Leader where as I have mine to make in praise of my party leader, Brig. T. Sailo. I credited the prevailing peace in Mizoram to Brig. T. Sailo because after the MNF 'Dumpawl' splitted from MNF, it was he who thwarted the effort of the central government to use them to further their agenda. He was also a beacon in economic planning. It was due to his planned economic policy, termed '6 basic needs' for Mizoram that i gave him credit for in economic policy.

Further, this Demand No. 39, concerning Power & Electricity is his effort to rescue Mizoram from developmental backwardness. As I visited the Assembly Annex with my party leader, Brig. T. Sailo just last week, I have questioned him as to whether he is aware of how this building came into existence but he is not. I related to him that it was constructed from the fund sanctioned for the project of extension of Aizawl Capital initiated under the ministry headed by him. He was delighted to hear about it as he made a comment that it is quite an asset. In the same manner, Pu Speaker, there are many other projects being achieved thanks to the initiative and an extraordinary vision of the former Chief Minister, Brig T. Sailo.

Pu Speaker, it is truly a violation of the election rules for the ruling party to initiate a mini-hydel project for construction of dam at the river Tuiriza during the election campaign for bye-election of Chalfilh constituency. Regarding construction of Phullen 33 sub-station under RGGVY, I think the hon'ble Chief Minister would hardly satisfy with the quality of work if it is witnessed on the spot even though large sum of money in spent for the project. As of work scheduled of PWD, I am thankful to see various projects for road construction within my constituency with the total amounting to ₹1830 lakh.

Coming now to Minor Irrigation department, there are 400 Nos. projects being taken up in which most of the works are of sub-standard quality. Is it possible to allocate a separate fund for maintenance of works to improve the quality?

Regarding the Demand of Agriculture, I have made a request in this House repeatedly for construction of approach to Tlak-al but in vain. As shown here, ₹300 lakh is again allotted under RKVY scheme and I would like to know if the said approach road is included.

Regarding Horticulture, the hon'ble Chief Minister pointed out this morning that there is no point in alleging MLAs in the case of supply of onion. Pu Speaker, as far as my knowledge is concerned, supply rate of onion seeds is ₹5,500/- per kg whereas in other cases, it is only ₹2250/- kg. It is further learned that the former president of the Mahila is allegedly involved in the supply. Pu Speaker, what is the reason for an exorbitant rate of the supply while the seed is available at the company at a lower rate as 600/- or 700/- per kg? Regarding production of vermi-compost, I opine the purchase rate fixed by the government is only 8/- which is considerably low. As such, it is wise for concerned authority to follow preferential purchase rate, 1994 for local production so as to make more profits for concerned suppliers. It will be much appreciated if the case is re-examined. At the same time, I request concerned authority to reconsider the case of those who are late for supplier registration even by charging a late fee for the same.

In regard to Planning, it is learned that the District Planning Committee is being set up in each district with concerned MLA as one of the members but no board meeting is existed. As such, it is desirable if the members are informed about the plan in their respective constituency and consult them when necessary.

Regarding the question of the service of helicopter within Mizoram, it will obviously be continued as financial provision of ₹280 crore has already been received from central Home Ministry. But according to the calculation of the central Home Ministry, the amount of fare collected is deducted from the expenditure and from the remaining, 25% will be contributed by the state government which indicates that we have to make a contribution of ₹2.3 crore every year. As such, we may not be able to afford payment of such amounts on regular basis for we have other essential matters to be taken care-of. Hence, it will be much appreciated if the hon'ble House Leader could approach the central authority for reduction of our contribution at least by 90:10. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SEPAKER : Next, Pu P.P. Thawla.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, on behalf of the people of Saiha District and of my party, MDF, I opine it is necessary to participate in the discussion of these Demands which

concern the hon'ble House Leader and Finance Minister. So, let me start with the Demand No.47, Minor Irrigation.

It is learned that there is a plan for improvement of Minor Irrigation department. As such, I request the hon'ble Chief Minister to consider upgradation of sub-Division at Saiha District to a full-fledged Division as it remains at the same status for many years.

Pu Speaker, while step is being taken for improvement of roads within Aizawl city, I would like to request the hon'ble House Leader to include black-topping of road which links Vaivakawn to Bazar Bungkawn. At the same time, I have to inform the House that a bridge approaching the western belt of Saiha District is destroyed by the floods as the problem of communication is quite intensive in the areas beyond that bridge. Whether step has already been taken in this regard? In this connection, may the hon'ble Chief Minister inform the House as to whether fund provision is made available for improvement of roads within Saiha town?

Regarding pilot project across the plain of Phura which has already been started since 1975, development is stagnated due to lack of proper road communication even though 28 years has passed. I earnestly appeal to concerned authority to make intensive effort so that progress is made with the project.

Pu Speaker, under Power & Electricity Department, we have Tuipang Lui Hydel Project which unfortunately destroyed by floods in 2011. It is grateful to learn that the central authority is being approached for sanctioning the provision of ₹160 lakh for the repair. It will again be much appreciative if more pressure is made to the central to expedite the sanctioning order. At the same time, improvement of the approach road may also be determined by concerned authority with immediate effect. Pu Speaker, since electric transformer is placed in most of the villages within Saiha District, it is difficult for a single MR employee to look after 5 or more villages as the same time. So, at least 5 more MR employees may be given so that transformers in such villages received a regular maintenance. In this connection, Pu Speaker, there are many villages which remain un-electrified due to slow progress of work under RGGVY where as solar light provided by ZEDA is used for the time being. As such, it will be grateful if more quantity of solar light is provided from ZEDA. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Next, Pu Lalrinmawia Ralte.

Pu LALRINMAWIA RALTE : Pu Speaker, though I did not intent to take my chance to speak today, the needs for showing my appreciation to the Demands of hon'ble ministers compels me to stand up once again.

As known to us all, roads of the western belt were generally poor in condition as I was feeling kind of jealous when other members spoken of financial provision for improvement of roads in their respective constituencies. With all my prides, I am now able to mention in the House that improvements of road is taking place in different parts of my constituency such as Medil Li to Tuilutkawn of 88 kms. for which ₹134.70 crore being processed; Construction of inter-state road communication with the neighboring state Tripura has also been taken up from the provision under PMGSY in which ₹12 crore has already been spent. Apart from this, Pu Speaker, Sihthiang road of the river Teirei which is 11 kms long is now under construction from NLCPR fund thanks to the effort of this ministry. In fact, I have many reasons to extend my appreciation to this government.

But in power supply, my constituency is in a worse condition as the people did not even had a chance to watch live telecast of World Cup football match. In fact, we have blamed no one for failure of power supply at that time but poor condition of weather. Thanks to the effort of concerned minister, Pu Speaker, the problem has now been resolved by changing of the transmission line. In this connection, I would like to inform the House that there is a prospect of power generation from Teirei River which is found to be achievable at a minimal expenditure for compensation. In response to my request to the hon'ble Chief Minister, it is much appreciated as instruction has already been given to Power & Electricity department to initiate survey work to that respect.

Through this august House, Pu Speaker, I would also like to extend my appreciation to the hon'ble ministers such as concerned ministers of Agriculture, horticulture, Planning & Program Implementation, Finance and DP & AR respectively for their concern for the welfare of rural people.

Lastly, Pu Speaker, I express my whole-hearted support for passing of the Demands of 5 NLUP's nodal departments and 10 Nos. of the hon'ble Chief Minister's departments which concern development of our state and for the welfare of the people as a whole. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Next, Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I first of all would like to stress the need of allotment of vehicle to the District Information & Public Relation Officer of each District. Regarding Demand No.45, PWD, we have various development works being taken up within Champhai district under this ministry. Yet, there are some problems relating to quality control of each project. Hence, it may be appreciated if SDO is appointed from the level of

Project Division to control the quality of some major projects such as construction of the building of polytechnic, Champhai College etc.

Regarding Demand No.39, 132 KV Sub-Division at Champhai is initiated by this ministry with provision of ₹12.32 crore. Presently, the project is in its final stage thanks to the efforts of concerned department. We are now able to enjoy a regular supply except by Saitual and Khawzawl which may also be improved immediately. In connection with this department, I would like to make an appeal to concerned minister to resolve insufficiency of staff quarters at Champhai as more staff quarters may be constructed where as a convenient place is available to do so.

Relating to the demand for power supply, Pu Speaker, the problem along Tuipui River is intensively high due to lack of enough electric posts even though it is the area where cultivation is concentrated. As such, it will be much appreciated if sufficient numbers of electric post is supplied in this area.

Last year, I have enquired of how many office building is rented by the government as it is surprising to learn that the government of Mizoram spent not less than 20 lakhs every month as rental charge. As such, I opine it is important for concerned authority to minimize renting private building for the office.

Regarding Minor Irrigation, it is much appreciated to see step taken by the department in various places. It is learned that one of the main objectives of the department concern with prevention of erosion which may cause damage to cultivated land. If so, it will be much appreciated if such measures are extended also in my constituency where cultivation is highly concentrated.

Regarding Horticulture, I have often asked myself as to whether we have produced orange from our own nursery and if so, what is the prospect of its marketing. In the meantime, Pu Speaker, I have learned many of the concerned officers or staffs who are having a private nursery where as it is often claimed by some private farmers that the department prohibited to sell their orange products in the market unless the departmental production is sold up. Regarding grapes, I must say that the main producers are of Champhai constituency in which the main variety is of Bangalore's Blue variety which is found as not the best variety for wine processing. For that reason, it is learned that step is being taken by the department for importing a better variety from Pusa and ICAR. If so, it will be much appreciated if step is taken to expedite immediate delivery of the said variety so that concerned growers are not wasted their times and money for plantation of a variety of lower quality.

Regarding Greenhouse, Pu Speaker, I have heard from some sources that the government shares 75% of cost of the material. If it is a fact, whether the department made a wide-publication as there are many who are interest to have one?

Lastly, Pu Speaker, I express my support to the Demands which has been discussed today. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Our time is over now. We will take a recess and discussion will be resumed at 2:00 p.m.

2:00 P.M.

SPEAKER : To resume our discussion, may I now invite Pu K. Liantlinga.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, we have seen here in the Demand No.14, ₹900,00,00,000/- being allotted against Evaluation & Monitoring which I supposed may be shared by various departments. It is also seen that ₹1,200/- lakh allotted for MLA fund. In the meantime, I opine the Planning Department is important to have a favorable schemes and DPR.

As we are entering into the 12th Plan, I remember Pi Sonia Gandhi once pointed out ₹20,000/- crore being earmarked for Mizoram as we have also seen in the Press release of the Congress party noting the same being received from Pi Sonia Gandhi. This is a fact, yet, it may not be possible to obtain 1/3 of the whole amount. As such, it is important for us to have a good consultancy firm and also to give more thought in preparing plans and schemes for the 12th Plan.

In Demand No.32, Horticulture, ₹23.03 crore of the total budget allocated to the department will obviously go to salary of staffs and nothing much is left for development such as major and minor works. If so, it is important for concerned authority to determine financial sources from technology mission. I received a copy from the department, expenditure for ₹270 crore for the Mizoram Small Farmers Agriculture Business Consortium including minutes of Board meeting, list of Board members as well as sanctioning and release order. Here, balance expenditure of ₹1.58 crore from 5 Nos. Bank account is seen. But what I do not understand which may later be clarified by concerned minister is entry of ₹21 crore in the account on 9.7.2012 and withdrawal of ₹21 crore on 16.7.2012. Again, entry of ₹12 crore on 16.10.2012 and withdrawal of the same amount on 9.7.2012 is shown as interest of the amount deposited becomes ₹13.88 lakh. Here, bank balance is clearly shown except the expenditure but it is not

known the whereabouts of the amount withdrawn during the period from June last year to March this year. How and where the amounts withdrawn are deposited and if it is deposited in fix and in which Bank account?

In this connection, Pu Speaker, I used to think if it is suggestive to concerned authority to determine the best use of fund provision under technology mission by exploiting students who has completed their studies relating to agriculture technology or else to pursue setting up of tissue culture for their own occupation. As most of the crops produced in our state are of single crop, it may be developed to double crops by means of nursery, greenhouse and laboratory as our very own experts could be exploited there to maintain the processes.

In Demand No.39, it is truly appreciated to see performance budget of the department which shown its plan expenditure amounting to ₹1,10,650/- lakh. In this connection, obviously license of Eternity Partnership is issued to JERC which in my opinion is quite imperative as in my opinion, we should rather determine collaboration or a joint venture so as to make the best use of the talents of our very own youths. If the whole process is controlled by others, we may be heading to a worse crisis and therefore should be determined very carefully.

In regard to the Demand No.27, work programme of the Autonomous district councils such as Lai, Mara and Chakma are quite impressive. I believe that the problems they have been facing frequently could be resolved by immediate transfer of their share of fund provisions from the central such as NLCPR, SPA or SCA but not by offering them the impossible 'direct funding'.

Pu Speaker, it is much grateful to see work programme of PWD which is Demand No.47. We have seen here plans for acquirement financial provision from the 13th Finance Commission, ACA, SCA, CRF and NABARD. I opine this budget may be more impressive if other departments done the same as well. In the meantime, I would like to extend my appreciation to the government for construction of a by-pass road from Bethlehem Vengthlang to World Bank road, a bridge over Chite Lui from NABARD and black-topping of a by-pass road from Venghlui to Republic which has been completed two days back. Apart from this, linked road between Republic Vengthlang and College Veng as well as Republic Vengthlang to ITI have been done thanks to the efforts of our PWD. I am truly thankful to PWD and PHE for maintaining a good cooperation in every development works within my constituency.

Last, but not the least, Pu Speaker, I opine priority should be given to Minor Irrigation as it concern cultivation in which the majority of our farmers are engaged. As such, it is wise for concerned authority to determine improvement of our irrigation system by allotting

the works to some companies so as to maintain work quality instead of splitting the contract works to numbers of private which badly affected our irrigation system. I support all the Demands which have been discussed today, Pu Speaker.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, I have 2 important points to mention regarding Finance department, Demand No.9. The first one is pensionary charges in which ₹5,214 lakhs was spent during 2013 and now it is decreases. I do not understand this as it is supposed to increase gradually. It may as well be pleased if concerned minister clarified the procedure and classification of employees in terms of drawing of pay under plan and non-plan. Regarding Directorate of Treasury & Accounts, we have rules that any pension case should be processed one year before concerned government servant is actually retired so that he is able to draw his pension salary immediately after his retirement. While this is the case, we have many pension cases which have not been processed even after 2 or 3 years of retirement. The hon'ble concerned minister may later clarify the actual position of the procedure.

Regarding Demand No.9 and No.13, Vigilance and DP & AR respectively, I opine it is important to urge certain BDOs and AOs to make immediate recovery of their respective debts which amounting to ₹96,27,663/-. Some of them were retired from their service as some have joined other careers. As per order of the Chief Secretary of 1991, it should be particularized in cases of confirmation and promotion of concerned government servant. At the same time, it is wise for concerned authority to determine upgradation of our Administrative Institute. I feel kind of handicap in compare to ATI of other states which have been equipped with substantial hostel and numbers of professor to facilitate training for IAS Probationary and MSC officers.

Pu Speaker, I feel it is inappropriate to allot ₹900 crore in respect of Planning and for evaluation and monitoring. I wonder for what purpose this should be utilized, Pu Speaker. Regarding MLA Fund, we the members have 30 lakhs each as shown here in the plan fund. Since the ministry of MNF, the amount increases by ₹5 lakh on a regular basis. As of this ministry, it increases only once and so should be re-examined since it is beneficially utilized by the members.

There are many things to mention regarding Agriculture and Horticulture but I have to concentrate on Horticulture. We have seen large amount of fund allotted in respect of Technological Mission but nothing much is seen for demand for grant and work programme as it is not highlighted here. The point which I appreciated most is nursery which is being undertaken by the department as well as some privates. In this regard, I opine it is important for the

department to supervise some private nurseries as of which variety should be planted and in which season.

What I would like to state in regard to Demand No.27 is excessive number of post existed in the Lai Autonomous District Council which needs to be rationalized as necessary. It is as well important to determine how to deal with those posts which have not yet been filled up. In regard to allotment of contract work also, Pu Speaker, it is important for concerned authority to verify the system as most of the works are allotted between the CEM and concerned EM.

Regarding Demand No.39, P&E, it will be much helpful if solar light is distributed in the areas where regular supply of power could not reach even if effort is made by the department. The main reason for this irregularity of power supply is lack of sufficient transformer and therefore should be given more. It is learned that there is a proposal to set up sub-station at Bungtlang South and what step has been taken so far in this regard?

Pu Speaker, I am happy to receive the answer regarding construction of Vathuampui road and the estimate as being prepared already. So, I request concerned minister to immediately start the work. At the same time, it will be highly appreciated if Bungtlang to Hruitezawl road is immediately prepared by the department as we have suffered long enough. I again request concerned minister to expedite construction of PMGSY road from Vaseikai to Chawngte as it is of a potential area and only 40 kms long.

Coming now to GAD, it is interesting for the House to know the amount of due incurred by Jet Airways and Air India on Lengpui Airport. At the same time, it may also be informed to the House if there is a proposal to hand-over Lengpui Airport to AA1. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Pu R.L. Pianmawia, next.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, let me start from Demand No.15, GAD. Saikawrdai being the headquarters of SHDC, we have SDO (Civil) but could not be functioned regularly due to dual charges in his hand. It will be much appreciated if a separate SDO is posted which may be arranged from the newly promoted MCS officers. Secondly, it is truly grateful to see provision for improvement of Lengpui Airport and the service of helicopter within Mizoram. Even though proposal for improvement of Darlawn helipad has not been initiated yet, it will be much appreciated if it is included with Sakawrdai as soon as possible.

Regarding Demand No.39, P&E, even though the Cabinet meeting of the previous Congress ministry had given its approval to set up P&E's sub-station at Darlawn but could not be

achieved during the next ministry. Thanks to the efforts made by the leaders of this ministry, it has now been achieved not only for Darlawn but also Sakawrdai. Yet, Pu Speaker, the problem of power supply persisted in the remote areas which have not been covered by RGGVY such as Chhanchhuahna-khawpui, Sunhluchhip, Zokhawthiang, Mauchar and Palsang. Approach has also been made to concerned authority to expedite the programme but not positive outcome is seen. I, on behalf of the people of my constituency once again request concerned minister to kindly make an effort so that we may be able to enjoy power supply as soon as possible.

In Demand No.45, PWD, I must say that my constituency is in a way fortunate for being pointed out by the hon'ble Chief minister as an example of a poor road. In pursuance, concerned department has made an intensive effort to improve this road as black-topping of Sakawrdai to Zohmun is now being taken up which will be followed by North Serzawl to North Tingmun. Yet, the work may be more progressive if it is supervised on the spot by CE. Apart from this road, Pu Speaker, we are very happy to learn that proposal for construction of Tuivai Bridge and linked road to Silchar are being processed on which I extend my deep appreciation to the hon'ble House Leader. Nevertheless, Pu Speaker, we truly are thankful to the government for achieving staff quarter of Supply Inspector at Sakawrdai and SDAO quarter at Darlawn.

Regarding Minor Irrigation, the project taken by the department hardly covers my constituency except for few areas of Pehlawn and East Phaileng. A such, I request concerned minister to include more areas such as Kaniphai and ruangvaphai of Darlawn.

Coming now to Demand No.13, it is a burning desire of concerned people that any government servant is stays in his/her place of posting. As such, it is necessary for the government to determine immediate solution of this problem. At the same time, Pu Speaker, I request concerned authority to consider notification of Darlawn as District Headquarter and also to upgrade Sakawrdai as a notified town not only for these places are of a sensitive area, but to simplify dealing of various development programmes as well as to improve the economic condition of the people.

I have many reasons to express my appreciation in regard to the implementation of NLUP within my constituency. It is truly grateful that power-tillers are made available to ordinary people on subsidized rate as this machinery is counted as beyond reach to the poor. What I would like to request in this connection is to improve staff quarter and the office building of SDAO at Darlawn so that we may be able to insist SDAO and his staffs to remain at their place of posting.

Coming now to my last point, Demand No.32, Horticulture, we truly are

appreciated to the government for installation of the first cardamom oil processing plant in Mizoram at New Vervek of my constituency. We are hoping that in future, the plant is regularly maintained by the government as it concern economic development of our state.

To conclude my speech, Pu Speaker, I express my sincere support to all the Demands which has been discussed today. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Next, Pu R. Lalthangliana.

Dr R. LALTHANGLIANA : At the outset, Pu Speaker, I have to express my appreciation to your sincere guidance to this august House as the problems of the members have been alleviated to a large extends by providing an Ambulance vehicle. Yet, it is difficult to get it as I have asked three times to use it but in vain. It is necessary to buy another one by the next term.

Pu Speaker, the concerned staffs should have been very tire for this session is taking long enough. As such, they deserves sufficient amount of honorarium as it is done in the previous sessions. If there is a mean, it may as well be provided to PSO's and drivers of the members as their service deserves it. In the meantime, Pu Speaker, the PWD staffs have occasionally visits the recess room allotted to my party but we are now concluding this term without having toilet or latrine being attached to our recess room. It is learned that the same problem is persisted in the recess room of the Ruling party also. Hence, it will be much appreciated if improvement is made for the upcoming term.

Pu Speaker, as a concerned minister for I&PR during the previous ministry of MNF, sufficient amount of budget had been allocated in respect of the department as media personalities too had benefitted to a large extends. What is important for the government is to determine provision so that they also benefitted pension salary even if it is not as much as benefitted by the government servants. Regarding organizing a press tour, it may be important to determine places which may be benefitted most. Thus, it may also be set tour programme within Mizoram in addition to North-east region or any other places within the country. At the same time, it is important for concerned authority to provide provision to that respect on regular basis.

Regarding Minor Irrigation, I received a message this morning but am not confirmed the incident on the spot. Pu Speaker, allegedly there is an intention among some ruling party workers for sharing of a contract work under Minor Irrigation at Champhai without actually working. It will be much appreciated if the matter is immediately verified on the spot. At the same time, Pu Speaker, insufficiency of staff in MI is intensive as 12 Nos. SI being promoted

but the vacated posts remains unfilled. So, immediate attention may be given by concerned authority. It is further learned that 3 posts of SDO remain unfilled which may also be filled up immediately considering role of Minor Irrigation plays in supplementing other departments such as Agriculture, Horticulture, Forest and Soil.

Coming to the problem of power supply within my constituency, efforts were made in the last 2 years to repair power generator used under RKV but in vain. The department of P&E had even been approached to resolve the problem but it is not of their responsibility. As such, it will be much appreciated if a full capacity transformer is provided for Buarpui and the surrounding villages.

As we discuss the Demand No.13, DP & AR, I would like to inform the hon'ble minister at the same time regarding a serious matter relating to posting & transfer of Group 'A' officers. Last year, a notification was issued from the Secretariat of Technical & Higher Education for transfer of the Assistant Professor of JB College Lunglei which I opine as inappropriate for the incumbent brought the post with him to Hrangbana College. I request concerned authority to immediately examine the case for the post was created for JB College alone.

It is a fact that Planning & Programme Implementation involves in the construction of Hnahthial playground to some extends for which fund provision of ₹90 lakh is being received from NEC but none is spent. The concerned department may kindly examine the case as 4 staff quarters of PHE have already been destroyed under this plan. At the same time, let me remind the concerned minister of the importance of trifurcation of Account & Treasury as also pointed out in the previous session also and the need of the department to have office building of its own.

Pu Speaker, since priority is given to Planning, instruction is given to all the departments to submit their projects in order of its importance. But there are some prioritized projects which are excluded by the Planning such as project which concern solution of the problem of water supply to Buarpui amounting to ₹3 crore only. As such, I opine it is necessary for the Planning department to have a careful examination of priority list which may be furnished by the departments.

As shown here, large amount of budget is allocated to Planning department where as on the other hands; there is an instruction to follow plan size of the previous financial year. As such, it is confusing how to carry on for our plan size is yet to be identified. It is a common experience of the government that most of the departments fail to achieve their targets for not receiving the entire amount of budget allotted.

Pu Speaker, among large numbers of MR and Work-charge being employed by the government, it is sad that there are many who have not been regularized even after serving for more than 20 years particularly in PWD, concerned department of the hon'ble Chief Minister, PHE and P & E department.

Pu Speaker, regarding ECCE teacher of SSA, 50 Nos. were appointed to each district with the total of 400 during the MNF ministry. Nowadays, there are pervading rumors for dismissal of those teachers for lack of fund provision by the government which deeply saddened concerned teachers since they have wasted 7 or 8 years. Pu Speaker, considering the problem of insufficiency of teachers under Education department, it is a fact their service is greatly benefitted. As such, it is important for concerned authority to examine the case once again so that they continue to serve at their respective schools.

Pu Speaker, as we are now standing at the end of this term, I would like to express my appreciation to the Assembly Secretariat for being able to publish the proceedings of the Assembly Session shortly after the corrected speeches of the members are submitted. Looking back our discussion in the Assembly proceedings of this term, I have found out that most of the ruling party members have pointed out the weakness of the previous MNF ministry. I can take it all for granted except their allegations that my party as done nothing good but destroyed. Besides, I opine it is wise for any members not to speak badly of the previous members of this House as it may degrade the status of this august House. Our time in the House is so wasteful for criticizing others but should be spent for the best possible.

Pu Speaker, as we discuss the final as well as the most important Demands which concerned the hon'ble Chief minister, I would like to stress the importance to each member to utilize our political wills for reality. The people of Mizoram are now able to watch this Assembly Session from their own home and we should know that they are wise enough to differentiate reality or fake from our speeches and actions. They are able to see which party or members are reliable; whether the budget being discussed truly concerned the welfare of the people as a whole. Even if it is unclear as to whether we may be able to utilize this budget or not, we should determine for the best possible utilization. Thank you.

SPEAKER : I now call upon Pu H. Liansailova, the hon'ble Finance Minister to wind up discussion of the Demand of his concerned departments and he may also move the House to pass it.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : I first of all would like to express my thanks for the opportunity to hold responsibility for these important departments of the government which may also be the last one. Thanks to the valuable concern of the hon'ble Chief Minister, I have taken this responsibility knowing my weakness to do so. I express my sincere appreciation to my fellow ministers, the Parliament Secretaries and all the members for giving me their valuable supports in performing my responsibilities. Nevertheless, I thank the officers and staffs of my departments for giving their valuable cooperation throughout this term. Pu Speaker, I accept the ministry of this government and the members elected to run so are of God's will as I am proud being one of them. At the same time, I appeal to the people through this august House to take for granted of my weakness and false if any, in performing my responsibility.

I regret time limit for discussing what we felt to be important due to upcoming important program for the Christians, Good Friday, yet, indulgent of the members for the same truly are appreciated.

For the same reason, Pu Speaker, I may not be able react to all the points raised by the members but before that, I think it is important for the members to witness our financial situation.

As shown to us all, the total amount laid for our revenue receipt is ₹5039.42 from which the estimate amount of revenue collection by the state government is ₹488.50 only which further indicates that barely 10% is the state's share on revenue receipt. Hence, it will be much important for all the departments to achieve it own target so as to evade gap in the state's share.

Regarding non-plan fund, Pu Speaker, the estimate amount expected from the central is ₹3,097 crore with increase percent of 7.7%. From the total amount to be received, 80% is supposed to go to the salary of government servants with the annual increment of at least 3% and increase of DA at least by 7+7% or 7+8%. Hence, it is obvious that at least 17% more is necessary to meet the requirement. It is learned from some newspapers that there are certain groups of employees who could not draw their salary on time. In this regard, it is to be noted that the hon'ble Chief Minister prioritized payment of salary of the government servants on time. But those who did not received on time are mainly of employees under centrally sponsored schemes which depend on designated fund or centrally sponsored schemes.

Pu Speaker, the government generally indebted any increase of DA. In this regard, concerned government servants are praiseworthy for indulgently waiting for the convenient time with sense of belonging to the government. As of some facilities such as travelling concession and medical reimbursement bill, no government employees are bother to

claim it except in the case of hospitalized medical patients and as a result, the government is somehow able to manage itself.

Regarding pay anomaly, the Government Employees Federation has discussed the problem with concerned authority as the Cabinet too has extended its concern up to the limit as the case has now been decided. In this connection, it may be noted that protest by the government servants is scarcely heard in the country as a whole. In comparing our state with others, Pu Speaker, it may not be wrong to say that our government servants have received their monthly pay more regular than of other states thanks to the efficiency of this ministry. As of our financial health indicator, it has already been notified in the budget speech in which we are fortunate to be able to maintain a good performance in the revenue surplus thanks to the efficiency of concerned officers and the ministers as well.

Pu Speaker, it is truly appreciative that our fiscal deficit has been minimized to a large extent as it is hopeful that we may be able to accommodate ourselves as in the upcoming 13th Finance Commission. As of our outstanding liability, it has now become 49.50% below GSDP as a result of efforts as well as sacrifice of concerned authority. At the same time, Pu Speaker, we have a couple of fields in which more efforts should be made yet. First, our system of rationing of food-stuffs may be examined thoroughly otherwise our financial gap could not be recovered as it has now amounted to ₹400 crore within 3 or 4 years. Thus, it will be harder and harder to manage ourselves. Secondly, more efforts should be given in regard to our billing system of water tariff and electricity. If necessary, the supply rate may be increased so that it is not effected the general people. In fact, this will take a careful determination. Next, the problem of State Corporations and Undertakings, it needs immediate attention of the government for there are many employees who have wasted many years serving under some Undertakings. Whereas there are certain corporations under which many youths are quarantined to avail loan for setting up industries such as ZIDCO and KVI. Pu K. Liantlinga have even pointed regarding the need of amendment of the State Quarantee Act which it is agreeable to a certain extent as it concerns the welfare of our youths. But the General Financial Rules clearly mention that no guarantee should be given by the government under any Private Sector but in our situations, we are bound to help only the applicant who is truly keen on setting up industry. Obviously no industry will survive if loan is freely available. In this connection, it may be noted that some Undertakings are clarified as sick unit as a result of failure of recovery of loans by concerned persons.

Regarding appointment of employee on ad-hoc basis, the government keeping in mind of the need to maintain the standing Rules decided to make an effort to stop the practice which involves more than 500 being employed on ad-hoc basis. There are many employees who use substitutes and some of them even received promotion during their use of proxies. Such

activities are direct defiance and disobedience of the government and we shall continue to pursue and punish the offenders wherever they are.

The Combined Civil Service is a new system of selection we have devised and introduced during this Ministry. Instead of advertising the whole number of vacant civil posts available, we have decided to entertain exams for only ten posts at a time, which will ensure an involvement of a larger number of students with better number of opportunities.

We are also doing our best to develop the ATI as you must be aware. We have upgraded the training modules by appointing 2/3 more expert faculties. We have also created a scheme in 2008 to regularize MR without superseding each other unfairly.

One of the main indications of the success of NLUP is the decline of rural farming by a whopping 50%. The farmers are deeply interested in WRC-I and WRC-II system of terrace making. They are now utilizing modern tools and technology which increased our production by 10% the year before last and we expect an even higher increase this year.

We are now able to eagerly look forward to the commencement of the Horticulture College session due to the ceaseless effort of our hon'ble Chief Minister. The central officials are seriously considering starting classes at the Vety College before the Horticulture College can actually be used.

There are those discouraged by Nursery Registrations, but I would like to point out that the department stipulated the time for registrations and the farmers are request to apply during this time. Most people are unaware of the better quality of seeds at department nurseries but those who are truly dedicated and determined to be successful, pick the department as their first choice.

Pu Duha and Pu Pianmawia expressed their interest in Jatropha and I fully share their enthusiasm. I witnessed their demonstration at the Secretariat and I believe it has a huge potential as a source of energy. Vermicompose is also an interesting undertaking but for now, the produces are meant for private consumption and not commercially manufactured. We have bought some produces but it was meant solely to encourage the producers.

The MSFAC, mentioned by Pu Liantlinga, is only a channeling agent and the fund received from them is directly deposited in their allocated channel without interference from the government and it is further disbursed separately as necessary. If there is an interest gained from the account, it is given back to the Ministry.

The MPS case pointed out by Pu Duhoma has been referred to the DP&AR. IPS and IAS cadre has also been discussed at length but we have insufficient amount of officers to fill up even 40 posts and they would have to overtake many MCS posts in the process.

On the matter of Pension budget fund allocation, last year they had huge amounts of settlements to make and hence the budget was increased accordingly. This year, those settlements were completed and the budget no longer needed to be raised.... (**Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA**: Pu Speaker, the financial year is about to end now, if we are unable to receive the ₹200 crores road project by then, will it be lost completely? What can we do about it?) Pu Speaker, we have included it in the annual fund anyway as they have advised us. So far, we cannot say for certain that we will receive it due to financial problems at the central but our leaders, especially our Chief Minister, is doing their best to ensure its sanction.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : What happened to the departmental undertakings? Why has it stopped?

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : We have put that in the core programme and if they have any ongoing projects, sanctions will be made for its completion. Also, if they have projects with estimates of over ₹1 crore, we advised them to put it up so that we may integrate it in our annual plan. If they do not meet this requirement, then their departmental budget has to decrease logically. Pu Speaker, I request the House to pass my demands for – Finance, Personal and Administrative Reforms, Planning and Programme Implementation and Horticulture.

SPEAKER : The hon'ble Minister has requested to pass his demands for - Finance, Personal and Administrative Reforms, Planning and Programme Implementation and Horticulture Departments at a total of ₹15,285,986,000. All those in favour please say 'Yes'. Is there a 'No'? Very well, the House has unanimously passed the hon'ble Ministers demands for Finance, Personal and Administrative Reforms, Planning and Programme Implementation and Horticulture. Let us now invite Pu Lal Thanhawla, hon'ble Chief Minister.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I would first like to commend the hon'ble members of this House for their observance of decorum, politeness and deep interest into the working of the government. I have sat here for 8 years now, and it pleases me greatly that we are able to tackle state condition changing rules and bills amicably and with a collective desire to make our state better.

We have a courageous Home Minister who knows when to push and when to pull and due to his relentless effort, we have a strong and stable law and order in the state. Although there are occasional kidnappings, our Home Minister and the police department has done everything they are capable of to liberate the hostages and their success rate is very comforting to the people.

We are attempting to garner a 'faster sustainable and inclusive growth' as we approach the 12th Five Year Plan. We are currently trying to stabilize our infrastructure by undertaking power harvesting projects in several parts of the state and if the compensation problems had not hindered us, we would have a railroad upto Bairabi and then Sairang which would also be a huge stride towards development. We are constructing new roads with help from the World Bank and we have connected many remote villages in the process. We are trying to open a gateway to a new world for the youth.

The Sports Minister has taken full responsibility of developing sports in the state and I need not reiterate his achievements. We need to promote skill development and with the state planning board, they are trying to find a faster avenue for development.

We have paved a way for the youths to enter the army as much as possible and we have requested the recruiting officers and the Assam Rifles to create a separate quota for our youths.

The hon'ble member, Dr. R. Lalthangliana pointed out his concern about the small number of Public Administration Lecturers at the Govt. J. Buana Memorial College but compared to Lecturers and student ratio at Hrangbana College where they have to take more classes, we believe there are more than enough lecturers for PA at the J. Buana Memorial College.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, I was talking about the transfer of a regular lecturer from the college rather than lecturer-student ratio.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : If that is the case, we will look into it. Minor Irrigation is a very weak department and I was aware of this. I have therefore, tried to put a stop to corruptions and bribes within the department and have even invited the CIDs to investigate some of the officials. We have vast untapped potentials and we need to reclaim the lands discarded as unsuitable for agriculture under the MI department. If we have sufficient finances, we want to create posts as high as SE level. We are also planning to set up a SDO office at Serchhip, Champhai, Khawzawl, Kolasib, Lunglei, Zawlnuam, Saiha, Chawngte and Lawngtlai. Let us see if the government will accept our proposal.

We have already finished the DPR for a Medical College and we are hopeful to start the 1st and 2nd Year in the new fiscal year with the Referral Hospital at Falkawn serving as the base hospital. We are an extremely cancer prone state and hence we think that it is imperative to have a cancer hospital with at least 100 beds and we have submitted the DPR and we are awaiting their response.

We have continued with the Journalist Welfare Fund. An ex-gratia of ₹1 lakh and hospital expenses of upto ₹1 lakh are granted to unfortunate members. We are also at the stage of revising the Mizoram Press Accreditation Rule, 1984. Pensions are also mentioned time and again but we feel that we are too financially tied up to extend pensions at this time.

Under the GAD, we have constructed Mizoram Houses at various cities to ease the burdens of patients rather than lodgings for VIPs. In Mumbai, the House has become too congested for the guests and hence we have decided to construct a new building which is expected to be completed within 2 years.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, the committee has examined the proposed House at Navi, Mumbai and we were extremely dissatisfied with the place since only one floor will be owned by the government. Has there been any change after we have submitted our reports?

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, we will have 2 floor as well as parking spaces. There will also be room to display our handicraft products. We have also reached out to the officials of Pune and Chennai and the Chief Ministers of the respective states have acknowledged our request but we still do not know when the land will be allotted. We also have a site at Chanakyapuri in Delhi which we have redesigned as much as possible.

We are in sore need of a House at Bangalore, Bengaluru. The past leaders of the state have promised to give us land but due to political upheavals, none of their promises could be realised. I have sent Pu Lalrinmawia Ralte to talk with the Principal Secretary and hopefully they will come up with a solid decision.

Our total expense on helicopter service is ₹104.4967 crores and the Ministry of Home Affairs has sanctioned us ₹3,2014900. The army has disallowed us to use the hangar at Zemabawk which poses a huge problem for us. We have spoken with the Defence Minister and the Army Chief about this and hopefully it will be resolved soon. Maintenance of Lengpui Airport is a huge task for the government since we are running it at a loss. We have contacted the Airport Authority of India about this and we are considering handing it over to them due to these losses.

We are still continuing to play the blame game when it comes to power and I think we are all responsible in some way. Each of us wants to be self-sufficient in power and it is time we support each other instead of pointing fingers.

We are plagued with bad roads in every part of the state and it is impossible to repair them all within 4 years since we have to request the funds from the central. However, we are making our best efforts to repair them with what we have. We also have to take into consideration the effect it has on our environment when we construct new roads. Our experts are continually trying to find ways to avoid destruction of forests as much as possible. We also want our local contractors to receive works but there are those that simply cannot be handled by them.

Finally, we, the people of the state are responsible for the betterment of our state. As long as we are dishonest, corrupt and lazy there is no hope for preservation and utilization of our resources. Pu Speaker, I humbly request the House to pass my departments – Legislative Assembly, Governor, Council of Ministers, Vigilance, General Administration Department, Information and Public Relations, District Council Affairs, Power and Electricity, Public Works Department and Minor Irrigation with a total amount of ₹9,90,45,26,000.

SPEAKER : The hon'ble Chief Minister has requested the House to pass his demands. Is there anyone who is against its passage? The House has unanimously passed the demands of the Chief Minister - Legislative Assembly, Governor, Council of Ministers, Vigilance, General Administration Department, Information and Public Relations, District Council Affairs, Power and Electricity, Public Works Department and Minor Irrigation with a total amount of ₹9,90,45,26,000.

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

SPEAKER : We now have passed the annual budget for 2013-2014. Let us now invite the hon'ble Finance Minister, Pu H. Liansailova to introduce the Mizoram Appropriation Bill, 2013.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your permission and acknowledgement, I introduce the Mizoram Appropriation Bill, 2013.

SPEAKER : Distribute the copy. Let us now invite him to move and request the Bill to be passed.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : There is actually not much to explain about the Bill so I hereby request the House to pass it in the House.

SPEAKER : All those in favour please say yes. Are there Nos? Very well, the House has unanimously passed The Mizoram Appropriation Bill, 2013.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Thank you.

SPEAKER : We will resume our session on 1.4.2013 at 10:30 am.

Sitting adjourned at 5:15 pm