

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

LIST OF BUSSINESS

**FOR SIXTH SITTING ON THURSDAY, THE 22ND OCTOBER,2009
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2: 00 Pm to 4:00 PM)**

PRESENT

Pu R.Romawia, Speaker at the chair, Deputy Speaker, 10 Ministers and 22 Members were present.

QUESTIONS

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

LAYING OF PAPER

2. **Pu LAL THANHAWLA**, Chief Minister to lay on the table of the House a copy of “The Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the States of Manipur and Mizoram (Electricity Supply Code) Regulations,2008”

OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

3. **Pu LALSAWTA** to move an official Resolution in the following form :
“ That the Gram Nyayalayas Act, 2008 (Central Act No – 4 of 2009) stands applied to the State of Mizoram except in the areas comprising the Autonomous Districts of Lai, Mara and Chakma, with effect from 02nd day of October,2009”.

**FINANCIAL BUSSINESS
DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMAND FOR GRANTS**

4. **Pu R.LALZIRLIANA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
5. **Pu J.H ROTHUAMA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.

LEGISLATIVE BUSSINESS

6. **Pu ZODINTLUANGA** to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Municipalities (Amendment) Bill, 2009”

**Also
to introduce the Bill.**

S P E A K E R : “Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful”.

I Corinthians 4 : 1-2.”

We will now start our question hour, may I now call upon our hon`ble member Dr. R. Lalthangliana?

Dr. R.LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, question no – 71, for the concerned minister PWD – Under PWD, does the govt. have any plans to inaugurate new sub-division?

S P E A K E R : The concerned minister, the hon`ble House Leader, with my approval has gone to Darlawn and had placed Pu R.Lalzirliana, our minister in his charge, so may I now call upon our minister?

**Pu R.LALZIRLIANA
MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, the answer is ‘Yes’

Dr R.LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, my supplementary question is – Where will our govt. plan to inaugurate new sub-divisions, if I am not mistaken, I believe it was planned in Bughmun and Khawbung and I particularly want to know why Bughmun was chosen?

Pu C.RAMHLUNA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I want to ask if the new sub – division is within Lawngtlai ‘W’ Constituency. PWD had been working very hard in this area, and they need special supervision. Is there a chance for us to have sub-division in this constituency?

Secondly, road between Saibawh to Vathuampui had been constructed but without black topping which makes it very difficult for the people. Since our need is for a bridge between Saibawh and Chikhur river, PWD dept. made an estimate but was not completed. Can you please give importance to this matter?

S P E A K E R : May I now call upon the concerned minister.

Pu R.LALZIRLIANA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, Bughmun and Kawlhkuh was chosen for new sub- division under PWD. After judging from different angles, we conclude that Bughmun is most convenient for this area, so it was chosen for the new-sub division.

Regarding the question asked by our hon`ble member Pu C.Ramhluna, if the highway between Saibawh - Vathuampui is under PMGSY, construction will gradually be done according to seniority. Regarding the bridge mentioned earlier, if the estimated budget is ready, would`nt it be possible to construct the bridge from the Speaker`s fund?

S P E A K E R : May I call upon Dr.R.Lalthangliana for supplementary question.

Dr.R.LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, in our ministry we have weighted different areas for the new sub-division and we choose Buarpui since it is most convenient for these areas. I believe the main cause for this is purely a political decision. Buarpui have also been chosen for Electric sub- division which was again diverted. Pu Speaker, they have lost opportunities though this place will prove to be very convenient for these area. So, I want to ask if their real reason for choosing Bughmun is justifiable?

Pu Speaker, the govt had inaugurated a Multi Nodal Circle in Lawngtlai to help the Multi – Model Transport and National Highway – 54 project in Mizoram which is operated from Aizawl, I want to ask when the Circle in Lawngtlai will function properly.

Secondly, I want to ask when construction of highway between Aizawl-Thenzawl-Lunglei Road will be started?

Thirdly, several roads are constructed by BRTF and we could see that these roads are not of good quality and many are taken over by the state govt. I want to ask about the estimate of the state govt. for the construction of Lunglei-Tlabung road and if there is any continuation of the estimate budget made by the former govt. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Pu C. Ramhluna and after that Pu Lalthansanga.

Pu C.RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, it seems that our minister is not giving importance to my question. The people of my constituency are suffering due to the bad condition of their road, during rainy season floods from two rivers, though not big, makes it impossible even for good carrying vehicles to move. Even if we were to build it from the MLA fund, most of it will be used. So, is there a possibility to provide us even with a wooden structure from the PWD Dept.?

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Is there any plan to put Serchhip District PWD under SE? If so, I assume that E.E. will be placed in Vanlaiphai. I believe that Serchhip block had mentioned this before and is there any intention of further developing Artahkawn – Keitum road?

Pu R.LALZIRLIANA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, regarding the question by Pu Lalthansanga, the former ministry said that they had placed PWD in Serchhip District and we will carry on the works which is beneficial for the people. The subject brought up by Pu C.Ramhluna is of great important, I suggest that we could solve this not only through PWD but also from R.D. Regarding Multi – Model Project, this will be started after establishing the circle. On the subject of Buarpui, we do not have any comparison with other place but judging from its present condition we concluded that it is the most convenient place.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Is there any plan for further construction of road beyond Keitum to Artahkawn?

Pu R.LALZIRLIANA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the concerned minister will discuss that issue later and regarding placing of S.E. we will accomplish that at the right time.

S P E A K E R : Pu Lalduhawma, you may raise your question, but we must bear in mind that the answer may not be satisfactory, but we will no doubt hear the details during discussion of the Demand.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Highway between Sakawrtuichhun to PTC is very convenient for road traffic relieve for Sairang road and is important for the whole city. Though it is still under construction, we could see that the road is not of high quality. Can you please state which part of the construction is undertaken by the

contractors and which part is undertaken by the government? Pu Speaker, can information be given as soon as possible in this regard?

S P E A K E R : May I now call upon the concern minister.

Pu R.LALZIRLIANA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, since I do not have the ready answer, the question will be forwarded to the department heads and answers will be provided within this session.

S P E A K E R : Will the hon`ble member Pu Nirupam Chakma be pleased to ask Starred Question No – 72.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, since we have only one hour I suggest that our question should be relevant so that our time would be utilized in the best way.

S P E A K E R : I believe answers are provided at home if we do not have sufficient time here at the House.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, Will the hon`ble Minister for Industry department be pleased to state whether the Sub – Divisional Industry office still exist at Chawngte?
If so, who are the staff posted in the SDIO Office at Chawngte.?

S P E A K E R : May I now call upon the concerned minister Pu S.Hiato to answer the question.

Pu S.HIATO
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer to the first question is – Office does not exist at Chawngte and the answer to the next question is – No staff is posted at Chawngte.

S P E A K E R : Any supplementary question? We will now move on to Starred Question No. 73 which is to be asked by Pu Joseph Lalhimpua and is handed to Pu T.T. Zothansanga since he is not here with us today.

Pu T.T.ZOTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. The question by the hon`ble member Pu Joseph Lalhimpua is as follows :

- a) What is the amount utilized by the government to monitor LDSC ground at Lunglei ?
- b) How was it operated?
- c) Is there any credit for the renovation of this ground? If so, how much is the credit?

S P E A K E R : May I now call upon Pu Zodintluanga to answer the question.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answer to the hon`ble member Pu Joseph Lalhimpua may be classified into two parts. The amount used for LDSC number 2 is as follows :

- i) An amount of ₹.77 lakhs 40 thousand and 3 hundred had been utilized for the construction of Hockey Ground which started around 1996 and in 2005 the same ground was renovated and another 20 thousand and six lakhs and 40 thousand was again utilized and the total amount used by the government amounts to ₹.103 crores and ₹.44300.

The answer to question b is :

- i) The fund was utilized for the construction of hockey ground, protection wall, retaining wall, earth cutting, side drain and gallery.
- ii) It is used for acquiring and construction of Sport Hostel and Multi indoor hall.

The answer to question c is – we have a credit of ₹.2,98,075 lakhs.

S P E A K E R : Any supplementary question?
Pu H.Zothangliana.

Pu H.ZOTHANGLIANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker, I think that there are many grounds in Mizoram like Lunglei LDSC. Can the concerned Minister of Sports state the amount of credit we have on different individuals of sports in Mizoram? Why, when and what is the reason behind our credit?

Pu ZODINTLUANGA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the question by the hon`ble member is quite vast and from our calculations we believe that it will be roughly around ₹.600 lakhs.

S P E A K E R : I think it is necessary to state when it started.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA MINISTER : The project started in 2005. Funds from the state had been used and the amount which I have stated before is used on credit since we believe that we will receive financial aid from Central government very soon.

S P E A K E R : May I now call upon Pu Lalduhawma to ask Starred Question No 74.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, my question is for the concerned minister of Rural Development?

- a) Does the government know that there are V/C`s who make forged job cards?
- b) If the government does know they exist, what kind of actions will be taken by the government?
- c) Are there any fake job cards under Samtlang and Tlangnuam block? If so, is action taken in this regard?
- d) When did the Monitoring Committee come into existence? Are they elected or appointed?

S P E A K E R : May I now call upon Pu R.Lalzirliana, minister for Rural Development.

Pu R.LALZIRLIANA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answer to the question by the hon`ble member are as follows :

- a) There has been an information that there exist fake job card in different areas and the V/C`s use the job card for traveling allowances since no extra allowances is allocated for this purpose.
- b) These extra job cards are discussed in social audit and the people, after discussing the problems faced by the V/C`s understand their situation and thus actions are not taken. To remove the extra job cards, the V/C`s are now provided with contingency fund and the cards are now submitted to higher authorities.
- c) The extra job cards which are with the V/C`s in Samtlang are now cancelled.
- d) Village & Monitoring Committee came into existence in Samtlang in the year 2008 – 2009. The members are appointed on the approval of different NGO`s, YMA, MHIP and MUP.

S P E A K E R : Pu Lalduhawma, any supplementary question ?

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, to have an ideal Monitoring Committee, will the government verify and make amendment if there is any complain?

A few days back during the State Level Monitoring committee it was stated that about ₹.60 lakhs had been used as expenditure for the extra job cards which is quite an amount so, can the government make more effort to eliminate the extra cards?

In North Chaltlang and Hliappui actions are taken against the individuals who spot misused of job cards and they are terminated even from their working place. So, can our minister please tell us if all of the committees have been supervised specially in North Chaltlang and Hliappui?

S P E A K E R : May I now call upon Pu Nirupam Chakma and Pu C.Ramhluna for supplementary question.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, we are all very concerned about the job cards and since we are all familiar with our constituencies I suggest that we all acquire the list of the cards and verify it. So, would it be possible to provide us with the list ?

S P E A K E R : Pu C.Ramhluna

Pu C.RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, what are the criteria while providing the contingency fund? What are the number of cards submitted after giving the contingency fund? To what extend are the V/C's responsible since few of them are dissolved under my constituency while this is also recognized by the government officials and is there a way to lay responsibility on them?

S P E A K E R : Pu K.Liantlinga

Pu K.LIANTLINGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I think the government of Mizoram had signed an agreement on creating an account in the Bank for every job card holder. What is the specific time period given for this process and what is their progress? How much will be needed for the card holder to open an account?

Pu R.LALZIRLIANA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I want the hon`ble members to know that we are trying our best to erase all the forged job cards and also to inform us if they come across any of the forged ones. We shall keep in mind about N.Chaltlang and Hliappui and look into the matter.

Regarding Pu N.P Chankma`s question, his suggestion is indeed very good but we will still need the assistance of the V/C`s and our government officials. Regarding Pu Ramhluna`s question, many cards have been surrendered after providing the contingency fund. In the matter of dissolving V/C`s, in some cases, with the knowledge of the people they utilize the cards for expenses traveling and for other important purpose while in some cases, the cards were mis-used thus they were dissolved.

Regarding Pu K.Liantlinga`s question, we are trying our best to create an account for the card holders as far as possible and the duration would be till they all fulfill this requirement.

S P E A K E R : May I now call upon Pu C. Ramhluna to ask Starred Question No. 75.

Pu C.RAMHLUNA : The question is for the concerned minister of Public Works Department :-

- a) Is there any law permitting private individuals and panels to rent Bulldozers, JCB and Shutterings (beam & post) from PWD?
- b) What is the rental time period and rate for these properties?
- c) How much is the amount received from renting these properties between the year 2008 – 2009.

S P E A K E R : May I call upon the concerned minister to answer the question.

Pu R.LALZIRLIANA : The answer to the hon`ble member Pu C.Ramhluna`s question is :-

- a) The properties of PWD can be rented if they are not currently in service.
- b) There is no time period for JCB and Bulldozers while Shutterings & Beam and Posts could be rented for 30 days only . The rate are as follows
 - Bulldozers D 5015 - ₹. 1,789.00/- per hr.
 - JCB Excavator - ₹. 799.00/- per hr.
 - Shuttering, Beam & Posts - ₹. 22.00/- per sq. meter.
- c) The amount we received from all these rents amount to ₹. 11,63,964.00/-

S P E A K E R : May I call upon Pu P.P Thawla to ask Starred Question No .76.

Pu P.P THAWLA : Pu Speaker, my question is for the concerned minister of Soil & Water conservation. When will Soil & Water Conservation Division of Saiha function?

S P E A K E R : May I now call upon Pu H.Liansailova, the concerned minister to answer the question.

Pu H.LIANSILOVA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer to the hon`ble member Pu P.P Thawla`s question is, with funds from the Ministry of Urban Development, construction of infrastructure is still going on. So, after its completion, steps will be taken for the Division of District Office to function in full swing.

Pu P.P THAWLA : Pu Speaker, establishing Division of Soil & Water Conservation had started a long time back. In many cases different departments rented buildings in order to start and keep the division running. So since construction of the main building had also been completed, I want to inquire if it could now be inaugurated?

Pu H.LIANSILOVA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the construction of office building is almost completed which means we will be inaugurating very soon.

Pu P.P.THAWLA : Pu Speaker, just one more supplementary question. Was the lost cheque for construction of 10 no of houses either by Finance Department or Planning Department had been found?

Pu H.LIANSILOVA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, they are still investigating and for the time being, I cannot promise anything.

S P E A K E R : We must take extra care not to lose things which are important. We will move on to Starred Question No.77 which is to be asked by Pu R.L. Pianmawia and is handed to Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, the question by the hon`ble member Pu R.L Pianmawia is as follows :- When will the construction of Darlawn 'N' and Serzawl highway be completed?

S P E A K E R : May I now call upon the concerned minister Pu R.Lalzirliana.

- Pu R.LALZIRLIANA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, it is expected to be completed in December 2009.
- S P E A K E R : May I now call upon Pu Robiaka to ask Starred Question No 78.
- Pu LALROBIAKA : Thank you Pu Speaker. My question is for the concerned minister of PWD, Starred Question No. 78, when will the construction of bridge between Aibawk to Durtlang be completed?
- S P E A K E R : May I now call upon Pu R.Lalzirliana to answer the question.
- Pu R.LALZIRLIANA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer to the hon`ble member Pu Robiaka`s question is – Construction of the bridge is still going on and we are hoping to complete it within the month of December 2009.
- S P E A K E R : The next Starred Question is to be asked by Pu B.Lalthlengliana and since he is ill today, I will now call upon Pu C.Ramhluna in his place.
- Pu C.RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, Pu B. Lalthlengliana`s question is for the concerned minister of Rural Development Department-What actions will be taken against V/C`s who mishandled NREGA?

S P E A K E R : May I call upon the concerned minister of Rural Development to answer the question.

Pu R.LALZIRLIANA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer to the hon`ble member Pu B.Lalthlengliana`s question is, action will be taken according to the law if guidelines of NREGA are not followed by our V/C`s.

S P E A K E R : Supplementary question, Pu Lalduhawma.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, the number of cards surrendered? What is the amount we have utilized in this case? In many areas like our constituency, work plans are chosen from the BDO office and I believe this is against the guideline since the people cannot participate from the grass root level and also in the implementation. But since this is an ongoing project, can opportunity be created so that the community could take part from the grass root level planning to the implementation of the plans?

Pu R.LALZIRLIANA MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Speaker. As mentioned earlier, job cards are made before 2008 and many extras are now abolished and we will try to provide you with the list within this session. Work plans will be determined with the leaders of the community and steps will be taken for successful implementation of work plans.

S P E A K E R : May I now call upon Pu K.Liantlinga to ask Starred Question no.80.

Pu K.LIANTLINGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My question is for the concerned minister of Sports:

- a) What is the progress made by Sports in implementing its policies? When will the draft be completed?
- a) In how many Districts are boxing rings placed?
- c) Are there any plan to inaugurate Sports division in Aizawl District?

S P E A K E R : May I now call upon Pu Zodintluanga, minister to answer the question.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answer to the hon`ble member Pu K.Liantlinga`s question is :

- a) Draft of Mizoram Sports Policy was completed when the Drafting Committee was set up and it was submitted to the government for approval in July 2009, but I cannot tell the specific time when it will be ready.
- b) We have not placed any boxing ring in any districts, but after the session, when sanction could be operated we will be ready to pursue it.
- c) For the time being, there are no plan for opening Sports division in Aizawl District.

S P E A K E R : We have come to the end of our question hour and we will now move on to 'Laying of paper'. May I now call upon Pu Lalzirliana to stand in place of hon`ble Chief Minister and lay in the House, "The Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the State of Manipur & Mizoram (Electric Supply Code) Regulation 2008"

Pu R.LALZIRLIANA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your permission I lay, "The Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the State of Manipur & Mizoram (Electric Supply Code) Regulation 2008," on the table of the House.

S P E A K E R : The copy may be distributed. We will now move on to an Official Resolution, may I now call upon Pu Lalsawta, the hon`ble minister to move, “ That the Gram Nyayalaya Act, 2008 (Central Act No.4 of 2009) stands applied to the State of Mizoram except in the areas compromising the Autonomous District of Lai, Mara & Chakma, with effect from 02nd day of Oct,09.”

Pu LALSAWTA : Pu Speaker with your permission I lay, MINISTER “The Gram Nyayalaya Act 2008,” on the table of the House, and I propose a Resolution to exercise Central Act No.4,2009 in Mizoram except in the three Autonomous District Councils, i.e. Lai, Mara & Chakma.

Though the government had posted Magistrates and Judges in different villages, in some cases it is hard for them to have justice even in their own villages.

A person eligible for this post will be recruited by Mizoram Public Service Commission in collaboration with the High Court. They will tour around their respective regions and open a court for the populace in their region. Remuneration of the Magistrates and staff should be provided both by the Central and the state government in which both will provide 50/50 of their pay. For our state it is hard to provide even 50 % of the fund, so we have discussed this in the meeting of all the Chief Justice in India under the Chairmanship of the Union Law Minister and they give great importance to our request. Apart from these, under Article 371 ‘G’ it is written that though the Parliament enacts laws, it cannot be exercised if the state legislature does not approve the laws. But since a recommendation had been made to exercise these Act, I want to move this resolution for the benefits of the people. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : I believe we all have the copy on the table. We will now discuss the Act and each member shall have 5 minutes or shall we adopt the Act right away? All right, we will discuss the Act, Pu Lalduhawma you have 5 minutes.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. We have just gone through the Act and I find it hard to make any conclusion right away but if the government agrees to pass the Act, I will not go against it. But we must bear in mind that if we were to pass this Act, would it violate our customary laws? If our cultural heritage and traditional laws cannot be practiced after passing this Act, would it be possible to undo the passing of the Act? I will vouch for it if we all believe it would prove to be beneficial and if we feel that we are not ready I will not oppose it either. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Pu R.Lalrinawma.

Pu R.LALRINAWMA : Thank you Pu Speaker, it is pleasing that the hon`ble Chief Minister and Law Minister take steps for us to enjoy an opportunity to discuss an important resolution. Speaking about our customary laws, we live in India and we have criminal procedure code, civil procedure code which we have to follow. If this Act could be implemented as it is supposed to be, our community will no doubt have a positive impact in our community and furthermore open an employment opportunity for the people. Specially in our country we have many pending cases and this court will resolve such kind of problems to a great extent. I shall conclude by saying that I support this resolution. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

S P E A K E R : May I now call upon Pu Chawngtinthanga.

Pu CHAWNGTINTHANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Looking at our judicial system, it is clear that people from rural areas are very much less fortunate when it comes to seeking justice. But Gram Nyayalaya court will ensure that they have a fair share with qualified judge presiding in the court. And if there arises a situation where cases need to be resolved according to the Customary Law, it will be done so. This will also help in solving minor criminal offences where the rate is very high in rural areas. I shall conclude by saying that I support to pass this resolution. Thank you.

- S P E A K E R : May I now call upon the hon`ble minister to wind-up.
- Pu LALSAWTA
MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Speaker. In this kind of Court, our 1st class magistrates will plan a tour programme and different kind of cases will be solved at the people's doorstep. Besides, the existence of this court will not decrease the power of V/C and all the procedures had been studied carefully and we strongly believe that this will strengthen in following law and order in our state and furthermore helps the rural people to have justice at their doorstep. So, I will conclude by saying that I request the House to support this resolution. Thank you.
- S P E A K E R : Pu P.P. Thawla.
- Pu P.P.THAWLA : Pu Speaker, I want to say that, if our government had studied this issue and believe that it will be for the betterment of the masses, and if 90 % of the fund will be sanctioned by the Central government, I want to support and pass this resolution.
- S P E A K E R : The concerned minister had requested to adopt the resolution, is there anyone who is against passing this resolution?
- Pu LALDUHOMA : We neither support nor oppose this resolution since it may not be beneficial as we hope. So, we are careful and will abstain from it.

S P E A K E R : Some have abstained from it, but the majority of the members support this resolution. So, “ That the Gram Nyayalayas Act, 2008 stand applied to the State of Mizoram except in the areas comprising the Autonomous Districts of Lai, Mara and Chakma, with effect from 02nd day of October,2009” is now adopted by the House.

Moving on to another business, may I now call upon Pu R.Lalzirliana to submit his Demand Nos.16, 27 and 38 on the table of the House.

Pu R.LALZIRLIANA MINISTER : On the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission. Sir, I move Demand Nos. 16, 27 and 38 for ₹.550,32,80.00/- only for meeting expenses during 2009-2010 in respect of the following Departments.
16 – Home (including Prison) – ₹. 305,79,87,000/-
27 – District Councils - ₹. 136,25,89,000/-
38 – Rural Development – ₹. 108,27,04,000/

S P E A K E R : May I now call upon Pu. J.H Rothuama to submit Demand nos.6 and 37 on the table of the House.

Pu J.H.ROTHUAMA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, Sir, I move Demand Nos.6 and 37 for ₹.24,93,46,000/- only for meeting expenses for 2000-2010 in respect of the following Department – Demand No.6 Land, Revenue & Reforms ₹.13,58,26,000/- ; Demand No.37 Co-Operation ₹. 11,35,20,000/- Total ₹. 24,93,46,000/-.

S P E A K E R : Now, two ministers submitted their demands and we will now have discussion on their demands. Each members will have 10 minutes for discussion and the Opposition Leader will have 15 minutes. The bell will ring when there is 1 minute left. Now, let us invite Pu P.P.Thawla.

Pu P.P.THAWLA : Pu Speaker, I will straight away go to Demand no. 27. Our neighbouring state Meghalaya also has three District Councils. Before North Eastern Areas Reorganisation Act, 1971 was passed we were all under the Assam State. When the Act was passed in 1971 Mizoram also got U.T. and we have our own Government. Under the U.T. Government one Regional Council was divided into three District Councils. The progresses of the Councils were solely in the hand of the Government and if the Government gives utmost care the Councils prosper. I want to express my thanks to our present House Leader. Under his leadership in 1994 the District Councils were given more power. But in 1993-94 Mizoram State Budget, the fund we are to receive was given to us in lump-sum. This caused a lot of problems for us. Now, this year under the new government, the Council leaders are given a chance to attend the plan discussion in the Central. The increase rate of our budget in 2009-2010 are- in Mara Autonomous District Council it increased to ₹.421 lakhs and ₹.405 lakh in Lai and 475 in Chakma. After 38 years the plan fund of the Councils are as follows : Lai – ₹. 1400 lakhs, Mara ₹.1250 lakhs and Chakma ₹. 1150 lakhs. 16% of the population in Mizoram are the Council people. But we got only 2% from the Budget. If 16% from the Budget were given to us I think our situation will be more stable and developed. I hope and pray that the present government will give us more priority in the future.

Next, I want to discuss about Demand no. 38 – Rural Development. This department received many fund from the Central government. I want to point out that under BADP Scheme, works have been executed for pavement of jeepable road in many villages. But from past experience it is clear that many fund were misused. Last year 14 lakhs was sanctioned for pavement of road between Lawngban and Lungdar. The fund was used negligently and as a result, work executed was not known by us. Why I want to elaborate this point is because it would be very pleasing if the government gives priority to rural areas. Many remote villages were not reached by any vehicles so far and they need the fund very badly for development. Pu Deputy Speaker, it appears that Lawngtlai and Saiha district have fund from BRTF. But the elected members from these two districts are not even included in the Board. To know their work progress and their achievement we, the members should be member in the Board. I want the concerned minister to take an initiative in this regard.

Next, on Demand no.16 – Home Department. Saiha district needs a new Jail as the existing one is not strong enough to hold the prisoners. That is why we heard prison break every now and then. Therefore, it would be good if the minister in-charge can give us permission to rebuild it. Regarding stationing of IR Bn. Headquarter at Maubawk, I want to know the progress made so far.

On Demand no. 37 – Cooperation. Additional RCS post has been created last year in order to have a definite work progress. It also appears that they have sufficient staff to carry on. But there is little fund in this department and this hampered developmental works. Fund expected by Primary Society and District Society cannot be met. The people in rural villages depend on this, they can get loan

and grant-in-aid through Co-operation Department. Therefore, it would be good if the present government can give more fund to Cooperation. Thank you Pu Deputy Speaker.

Pu JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA : Who will be next? While having a
DEPUTY SPEAKER discussion, let us try to mind our time.
Pu Chawngtinthanga.

Pu CHAWNGTINTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. First of
all I would like to discuss about Demand
no.16 – Home Department. This year
our budget increased due to the hard
work of our leaders. In Home alone we have ₹.1153.59 for major works. I would like
to request the concerned minister to open a new Police Out-Post within my
constituency. Right now, Saitual Police Station covered us. But due to bad condition
of road, urgent cases and spot verification when needed cannot be done. We
sometimes face insurgency as the area was infiltrated by rebels. Regarding I.R.Bn.
posted at Khawlian, it would be appreciated if their quarters can be repaired as the
existing ones are not strong enough to hold winds and storm. Besides, they lack
mobility, even when an incident occur which needed their attention, they have no
transport facilities to go to the spot. If one Gypsy Soft – Top can be given, it would
make them more efficient and solve a lot of their problems.

On Demand no. 38 – Rural Development we can see the
increase of the budget. In major works, they have 3130.44. With this kind of money I
hope and pray that the department can built us a new suspension bridge between
Ngopa and Phuaibuang. The existing bridge is not very strong now and is very
dangerous for the people. We also need new bridges between Suangpuilawn and
Phuaibuang, Khawlian and Tlangnuam and Daido and its neighboring villages upto
Khawdungsei. Unfortunately my constituency does not receive BADP fund and
Minority Area Grant Fund as other constituencies did receive. We are solely
depending on the Normal Development Fund. I would like to request the minister
concern to take notice of this.

Next, I would like to discuss about Demand no. 6 – Revenue.
In Luangpawm which is within my constituency, I received a report that there is
someone who on the basis of the power of the last government grabbed land as much
as he like. According to the villagers this man takes all their land which was
cultivated by them including mahal of Tuivai sand. Such cases are there in many
places and it would be appreciated if fund can be put aside to do investigation. I want
the minister to take notice and pursue the wrong doer and bring justice to the people.
Thank you.

Pu JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA : Who will be next ? Pu Hmingdailova.
DEPUTY SPEAKER

Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. First of all I would like to thank the hon'ble Chief Minister cum Finance Minister for preparing a well balance budget.

First of all I would like to request the hon'ble Home Minister to set up Police Out-Post at Bukpui. I want to point out in a few words why it is needed. Bukpui lies between Silchar and Aizawl National Highway. Here some travellers who, for some reason do not want to face check-gate used Bukpui road as bypass. This happens every now and then. Besides, the nearest Police Out-Post is in Kawnpui which is too far for them and it is about 70 kms. from Aizawl. When there is trouble they do not have anywhere to go for help. It is also a doorway for smuggler to smuggle goods from Manipur and is also used by rebels.

Regarding 1st I.R.Bn., at Mualvum many of them are selected to go to Chhatisgarh. After their return from Chhatisgarh they are posted to Khawzawl straight away. Is it possible to take necessary action so that they can join their family who still reside in Mualvum as it is their original Battalion?

Next, under Cooperation there are many Public Undertakings in which POL and LPG are not to be excluded even though they earn a minimum profit while private company earn a huge profit. We have MIZOFED under Cooperation, but it looks like they have no profit in their dealings and needed the government aids always. Is there a way to reform our Public Undertakings so that they can have a balance in profit?

On Demand no.6 - Land Revenue and Reforms. In 2008 many land were patta as there was an intention to construct Serkhan to Bagha road in double lane. I want the concerned minister to look into the matter and exercise his power to cancel such wrong doings. It will be interesting to know how many land were patta under one area of a land ?.

Pu JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA : Now, we will invite Pu Lalthansanga.
DEPUTY SPEAKER

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. First I would like to discuss Demand no.16 Home Department. In N. Vanlaiphai which is within my constituency, there are about 14 Police quarters. If it is not used by them the building will collapse long ago. The approach road to Thana or so to say Police Post is also very bad. Besides, this area has been used by the rebels as by-pass, even though there are two micro observers, it does not help much. Therefore, it would be appreciated if it can be strengthen and increase staff along with their vehicles.

Next on Demand no. 38 – Rural Development. It is one of the most important departments in Mizoram. It appears that this year we get lots of fund for work. Almost all the Mizoram depend on this department in development. In the new guideline, BADP will cover only people who are within 20 km. from the border area. If this is going to be so, many villages will have a problem. They will receive fund only on the going scheme. Therefore, I request that an on - going works especially in the construction of community halls, can the government give fund from MLCPR or from Social Education Scheme to finish it ?.

On Demand no. 6 – Land Revenue & Reforms. I would like to make a suggestion in work distribution. The technical staff of this department are not given what they are supposed to do. They are given task like collecting taxes and verifying land disputes. It would be more appropriate if Technical Wing is open in order to separate them from this daily works. Now, central survey is going to be conducted under NLUP. In this regard, it should be more appropriate if they stay wide as a body as this survey is going to include Village, Sub-Division and District demarcation. They can work faster if they stay as an independent wing. Now their strength is 200, if 100 more are recruited it would make the work a lot easier.

Next, on Demand no. 37 – Co-Operation. It would be appreciated if the existing government can form a Co-operative Development Council. Besides, I would like to make a reference on MULCO. MULCO exists as a semi government body. It appears that their product is not lucrative. The dairy farmers of Sihphir are not happy and faced many hardships. This resulted in wanting to sell their cattle. It is important that the government look into the matter and consider their problem and should find a way for them to make profit. That is all thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

Pu JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA : Now, it is going to be 1:00 p.m. We will
DEPUTY SPEAKER now have recess and continue our
discussion at 2:00 p.m.

2:00 P.M.

Pu JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA : We will now continue our discussion.
DEPUTY SPEAKER : Four members already participated in the discussion this morning. Who will be next ? Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

Pu T.T.ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. First of all I would like to discuss about Demand no. 16 – Home Department. It appears from our work programmed that staff quarters at Kolasib, Mamit, Lawngtlai, Lunglei and 2nd MAP and IR Bn. at Khawzawl are going to be built and renovated. At first I did not realise its importance, but when I look into the matter closely, I think such is what is needed. Under the Police Modernization scheme, housing scheme was neglected by the previous ministry. Now, in this new government we are starting to do real work by building quarter for our Police department starting from S.P. Office and Police Out-Post at various district headquarters.

I want to point out few things regarding Champhai which is my constituency. Eastern part of Mizoram is one of the rebel prone areas. Not long ago, they extorted money from traders along the Burma borders and this resulted in increase of prices in goods coming from Burma. It would be appreciated if the government can set up check-post in Khawbung and its surrounding areas. There is one in Dunglelang, but if this is going to function as it is before, it would be good if another Police Station can be placed at Vaphai or Farkawn. This will enable us in catching the criminals faster. I request that the hon'ble Minister give us priority in this regard. Besides this, the area around Hnahlan is very important. This area has been used as by-pass by the rebels to go through training in Burma. Therefore, it would be very useful if Police Out-post can be stationed there. Also, if one company of police can be posted in Champhai it will be very effective in catching criminals and that will also strengthen the existing Police force. I also want to add that the existing staffs quarters which were built during 1956/57 by a good carpenter are almost decay. Can this be rebuilt ?

Next, on Demand no. 38 – Rural Development. BADP fund has been very useful and important for us as we are living in the border. It is very important for us to develop this area as it is the glimpse of the country. Trade & Commerce department also improved their works. There is going to be many works under this department for development and I hope that the concerned minister and department give us priority in this.

On Demand no. 6 – Revenue. In 2005, the then minister in-charge upgraded Champhai Revenue Department for ASO-I post. Still ASO-II

remains head of the department. Can this be turned into a full fledged post as soon as possible ?

Pu JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA : Who will be next ? Pu K.Liantlinga.
DEPUTY SPEAKER

Pu K.LIANTLINGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. Today, we are having discussion on various demands. I will go straight to Demand no. 16 – Home Department. It appears that about ₹.1395 lakh has been put for capital minor work and major work. In this case it would be good if we can have a definite work programme in order to have an effective result. Regarding Police Modernization Scheme, the Central government has definite scheme in spending the fund. The main object is for construction of permanent building and Out-Post and for upgradation of skill. From 2007 report, we can see that the department failed completely in this regard. Therefore, the present ministry has to take an initiative to meet the central scheme.

Besides this, I want to point out about protocol. In India, we have order of precedence where the Governor is No.4 and the Chief Minister is No.7 and in No.12 are the Chief Justice and Speaker of the Legislative Assembly. If this is the case, it means that in the state the Governor takes No.1 place while the Chief Minister second and the Speaker third, the Cabinet Minister came into 4th place. According to the order of precedence released by the Government of Mizoram dated 21.1.2009, the Speaker was placed at 12th position. This is against protocol practiced by the Govt. of India. Can the government make amends and placed the Speaker at the third position as it should be ? This is very important for security measure, besides in democracy, there are three kinds of government such as the Executive, Legislation and the Judiciary. In this, the Governor, the Chief Minister and the Speaker are the top most.

Next on Demand no. 27 – District Councils. The Council's fund was raised to ₹. 136,25,89,000/- in this budget. If the fund can be delivered on the exact time it will be appreciated. During the tenure of the last Governor, their fund has not been released for a long time and this caused them lot of problems in their work for development. I hope that this will not be repeated in future.

On the next demand which is Rural Development, I want to point out about their budget for this year. It seems that they have ₹.3156 lakh in Capital and 8028 in Work Programme and ₹.5146 lakh in Grant-in-aid. What I want to say is about the Job card holders as we discussed it in the District Level Vigilance Monitory Committee. There are about 36,090 holders in 657 Job card. From the unused Job card, about ₹.67 lakh and 67 thousands of fund remain unused. But the whereabouts of the remaining fund cannot be found. This is what happened in LAD

under the Local Administration fund. Therefore, I suggest that the concern Minister act fast to recover the missing fund.

Under Revenue Department we have ₹.256 lakh in Work Programme. ₹.10 lakh was put for NLUP Cadastral Survey and ₹.30 lakh for Normal Cadastral Survey. To use the fund properly, a definite co-ordination is needed. Besides our Forest Reserve system should be changed. It could be more appropriate if forest reserve is on top of the hill while Horticulture and Agriculture reserved the plain area. I want to make a suggestion on the management of land dispute. It should be more appropriate if an Autonomous Body with magisterial power is set up to deal land dispute. Right now, the Assistant Director tends such cases where the Director can exercise his power freely.

On Co-operation Pu Deputy Speaker, I think they are the best in submitting taxes from capital and revenue section. It will be good if co-operation development can be run smoothly. However, all their vehicles are sold under Privatization scheme which causes problem to the State level Co-operation Societies. Thank you Pu Deputy Speaker.

Pu JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA : It would be appreciated if our leaders and officials remember what the hon'ble member pointed out in regard to providing the hon'ble Speaker an escort pilot during Session. Now, who will be next ? Pu R.Lalrinawma.
DEPUTY SPEAKER

Pu R.LALRINAWMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. First of all I would like to express my thanks for having ₹.250 lakh in Fire & Emergency Services under Plan fund. Under this new government, fire sub-station has been set up at various places. It will be much appreciated if a permanent sub-station can be placed at Ch.Chhunga Bus terminal at Thuampui. The main station is not convenient for southern part of the city during emergency as we always have traffic jam problem. Besides, I am happy to learn that development work has gone underway to modernize Forensic Science. This will enable them in catching criminals a lot faster. Regarding District Jail, we can see in the work programmed that Mamit and Serchhip are going to have a new jail. This means that all District Headquarters will now have jail besides a court of their own. This is very good for security, also if possible Prison Van should be provided to each of them.

Regarding Home Guard, it is very pleasing to see that fund was put in this budget for their upgradation. This government knows how important they are and give them priority. We can see in this budget many developments. S.P. Office at Kolasib, SDPO quarter at Vairengte at the cost of ₹.16 lakh is going to be

constructed. Besides, law and order is very well maintained and it would be appreciated if they can maintain strict order to bikers who used to drive fast in the night with bright light and without silencer.

On Demand no.38 – Rural Development. It is very pleasing to learn that ₹.2000 lakh has been put for 100 days labour. Within my constituency this fund was usefully used for pavement of road, can it also be used for digging of land where we can find water as we face scarcity of water in many places? I also want to request the department to treat us as a rural area. In many cases we are treated as city areas where there is fund to receive and rural area likewise. The area may be within the city but its inhabitants need rural treatment for their development.

On Demand no.6 – Land Reforms. It is very pleasing to know that land reformation settlement was going to be given priority in the priority sector according to the Chief Minister's Budget speech. We are trying to be the first tribal state to have comprehensive land settlement and land reform in India. Besides, the minister informs us that they are going to strengthen infrastructure to have a more appropriate land holding system. In our present situation, there are many wrong land holdings to be seen. Many LSC was made from the table which is against the rule. This kind of practice has to stop. My time is up, thank you.

Pu JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA : We will invite Pu Lalrobiaka.
DEPUTY SPEAKER

Pu LALROBIAKA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. It is very pleasing to learn from our budget that there is so much development in this new government.

First of all I would like to discuss about demand No. 16 – Home Department. We can see from our budget book that Police Modernization scheme will open a door for many rural areas. In many rural areas like my constituency, there is no infrastructure to develop the existing Police force. As my constituency is in the western part of the country, we have many rebels. To tackle these rebels we need good equipments. From answer to Pu Thangtea's question, we learn that during 2003-2008 the department purchased many vehicles. But it appears that they were not given to the right places. I think we have to distribute them in the right place in future. They are not well equipped to maintain law and order. Besides, their quarters needed repairing very much. When I visited their quarters within my constituency, it is very shameful. I hope the present Minister will look into the matter and take necessary step to upgrade the existing buildings.

I also want to highlight the hardship faced in my constituency. There are about 20 villages in Kanghmun and its surrounding area, there is no Police

out-post. Whenever there is an incident which needs police attention, they have to go to Mamit to report it. From there they transfer it to West Phaileng which is far from their villages. Such is the case that it will be a great help if one Police Out-post can be stationed in this area.

Next I will go to Demand no.38 – Rural Development. As we are in the border area, we are very fortunate. Fund we received from Border Area Development Programme helps us greatly in development. If the government can make definite work programme in fund execution, many villages will own great assets. While some villages utilized fund accordingly, in many villages it was diverted or misused. Therefore, we need a definite work programme in this regard. Besides this, I want the House to bear with me in this one. Mamit district was compared with Saiha district whether to receive Backward Region Grant Fund (BRGF) or not, but when the time comes it appeared that other district whose name do not appear in the list during the time of comparison received the fund while Mamit district failed to do so. Therefore, I request the government to take an initiative in this regard so that Mamit district can receive the fund.

On Demand no.6 – Land Revenue. From our budget, it does not seem to be enough to execute work. Can their budget cover their work programme like surveying and their other needs?

As the hon'ble member before me had said, Revenue department should maintain a neat record to deal with land disputes fairly. Most of the problems they are facing right now are created by the department itself. Due to poor file maintenance, we are creating lot of difficulties for the people. Therefore, I request the hon'ble minister to take quick and necessary actions to remedy this problem.

I would like to conclude with Demand no.38, Rural Development. As you all know my constituency is beside the border and there is an ongoing work of border fencing. The work has affected the people in so many ways that their very livelihood is put in jeopardy. The government has chalked up resettlement plan but even after 5 years, the people are still unable to relocate to their new appointed villages. Therefore, if the department heads and the hon'ble minister could look into this problem, I would be extremely grateful. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Pu K. Lalrinthanga may take the stand next.

Pu K. LALRINTHANGA : Thank you very much, Pu Speaker. I have studied the demands presented today from the point of profits gained in minor and major works. The member before me had said that all the major works under Home Department has already been allocated, and this is true, of course. But, there is nothing mentioned about minor works in the work programme. I will come back to this subject later. Under the Rural Department also, minor heads are not mentioned in the work programme.

The location for minor works and major works are clearly mentioned under Land Revenue department. The point is that each department should clearly mention which is which and for what purpose these works are undertaken.

Coming back to Home Department, the hon'ble Home Minister promised us that a permanent SDPO post will be set up at Vairengte while a IR platoon will also be posted there permanently. The place is indeed, a centre of activity and policemen are constantly needed to keep peace. Therefore I would like to request the hon'ble minister to set up an elaborate outpost from the unallocated funds of other departments, if necessary.

Only BADP is mentioned clearly under the Rural Development. If the rest of an unallocated funds could be used to develop Serlui areas including villages such as Thinghelh, Saipum, Chawnpui and Saiphai, I am sure it will ease their burdens to a great extent.

In the meantime, I am pleased to say that employment under NREGA will be conducted for 100 days this year. In the previous year, there was only 26 days employment generated.

I would also like to point out that the villagers of Phaisen are facing problems due to landowners who claim the land between the river and the recently constructed road. They have no means of extending their village or to make use of the land for living.

Finally, now that NLUP is going to be implemented, the government should know that villages like Saihapui and Thinglian no longer have lands to call their own. It will be a huge problem for them if they want to receive NLUP grants. These people have lost their lands and some of them are forced to work the lands at Cachar. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

Pu JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA : Very well, who will take his stand
DEPUTY SPEAKER next? Alright, Col. Z.S. Zuala.

Lt.Col. Z.S. ZUALA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I would like to speak about Home Department under Demand no.16, first of all. As you all know, the area around Ngaizel and Saikhamakawn has no fire station and as a result, fire broke out 5 times last year. The fire department responded as quickly as they could but their station is too far. By the time they arrived, there was nothing to salvage. I, therefore, request the hon'ble Home Minister to find a way to set up a fire station in these parts of the city.

We have Sainik Welfare Department also under Home Department, which does not even have its own office building after so many years. Apart from looking for suitable office sites, I request the hon'ble minister to set up a District Sainik Board at Kolasib and Champhai. Two per cent of the population of Mizoram is comprised of ex-servicemen. The Sainik Welfare has accepted the proposal to give financial assistance amounting to ₹. 1000 to World War II veterans and I request the government to implement this proposal as soon as possible.

Aizawl 'S' II is declared as a town area but when NREGA was to be implemented the authorities told us that we are under a block area and our employment was cut as a result. The people in this area are facing various hardships and even if we do not satisfy the required criteria for NREGA, can the hon'ble minister improvise some other scheme to help us?

We are also not included in the Rural Housing scheme, but the authorities are well aware that quite a large number of city dwellers are extremely poor. Therefore, we would be very grateful if you could devise some sort of substitute for us. Thank you Pu Deputy Speaker/

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I would like to start with Demand no.6-Land Revenue Reforms Department.

It is my knowledge that the Department is studying the Mizoram Land Revenue Bill, 2008 in an attempt to better the administration system, for which I am deeply pleased.

I am also glad that ₹.12 lakhs has been allotted for Regulation of Land Holding and Tenancy while another ₹.212 lakhs has been set aside for maintenance of Land Record. Our major problems regarding land holdings stem from poor file maintenance. I am sure with the new system of computerization; over-lapped files will be dealt with more efficiently.

Concerning Cooperatives, I do not know why the government is distributing monetary assistance to different organizations instead of making investments in institutions such as APEX Bank or Zo Fishfed. If anyone could enlighten me on this subject I will be extremely grateful.

I am also thankful that the Home Department has developed the Forensic Branch in the state, With better facilities and equipments, I am positive that we will be able to reach a new era in criminology.

I feel that the fire department should set up a fire station at key points of the city so they will be able to arrive at the scene of the accidents quicker. It also appears that the department is trying to upgrade the existing jail facilities while constructing new jails where they are needed. ₹.450 lakhs has been allocated for the Police Department and in my opinion, their first priority should be to set up police outposts near the borders.

I am pleased by the fact that the fund for Rural Development, IAY, BADP and District Councils have all been increased and I am sure we will see considerable development in the future. Thank you.

Pu JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA : Pu C. Ramhluna.
DEPUTY SPEAKER

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Thank you very much, Pu Deputy Speaker. Let me start with Demand no. 16, where I would like to point out that ₹.200 lakhs has been set aside for the construction of S.P. quarters at Aizawl. If it had been for the construction of D.G.P. quarter, I completely understand. But this is for the construction of the S.P. quarter and I feel that the amount allotted is far too much.

Secondly, the government is currently fencing the border and there are several families who have yet to receive compensations. Their lands are possessed by the government and many of them are relocated to other places but they are not compensated for the loss of their property. Can the hon'ble Home Minister please take a look at their problem as soon as possible?

Furthermore, Pu Deputy Speaker, although we have a Police Out-post at my constituency, they have extremely poor facilities with low man-power. Their jurisdiction is very wide and they are unable to respond promptly to emergencies in the remoter areas. I, therefore, request the Home Department to upgrade their facilities and if possible, elevate it to a post of SDPO level.

In matter of appointment within the District Council, it was stated that appointments below gazetted status will be made in favour of the District residents. However, the previous ministry ignored this condition completely and did not hesitate to appoint persons from other Districts. Can the present ministry revise this rule so that appointments will be made only to District residents?

Now that the fund for District expenses has been increased, it would be of great help if an F.A.O. or Deputy Director of Finance and Account could be posted at the Districts to assist us in financial matters.

Coming to Rural Development, I am disappointed that no appropriate arrangements were made for the people to find employment. Most of the employments are generated without a far sighted plan and hence, lots of days were wasted. To generate employment for 100 days in a year, the authorities should have a good plan so they will not rob the people of their benefits. Also, they must keep a clean record of the works they have done so far so that we will be able to analyze the developments we have made within a year.

Pu Deputy Speaker, we are trying to develop the people and the country through several schemes such as the BADP, etc. but our Unstarred Question a while back revealed that several District Council heads undertook the work when it should have been undertaken only by those qualified for appointment. Thank you.

Pu JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA : Pu Nirupam Chakma.
DEPUTY SPEAKER

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. As my fellow members have pointed out, the District Budget has been increased three fold in this ministry and for which I express my deepest gratitude. In the meantime, we should also be aware that during 1994-1995, 19 departments were set up in each District to enhance power. Therefore, the salary component is naturally very high. Most of the fund allocated for the Districts will still end up as the salary of employees in each department and hence, if some of the plan fund could be converted to non-plan fund, I am positive that we will have development at a faster pace.

In regard to BADP, it is apparent that the concerned Minister has to be extremely strict and vigilant. The project is used as a tool for corruption. This is evident from the Starred Question no. 28 of Pu K Liantlinga. We will be watching the progresses made during this year and if necessary, we will reproach the minister at the next Budget Session.

Pu Speaker, I believe it would be beneficial for the people if the Home Department could set up schools at MAP and IR encampments. The wages of Home Guards should be hiked. I would also like to notify the hon'ble minister that Chawngte PS has to be constructed anew. Opportunities for recruitment should be made available to the District residents.

Pu JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA : Pu K. Lianzuala.
DEPUTY SPEAKER

Pu K. LIANZUALA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. First of all, I would like to express my gratitude to the Home Department for setting up a fine administrative system under the new ministry.

Pu Speaker, the construction of Serchhip jail was started by the previous ministry and the work is almost completed today. Therefore, I wonder if so much money as indicated in the work programme is still required. For what purpose will it be used? Moreover, Serchhip is a new District and a good jail is urgently needed. Hence I request the hon'ble minister to inaugurate the jail as soon as possible for the sake of the people.

Coming to Rural Development, Lungpho area was declared as RD Block area by the previous Congress ministry but the MNF ministry has neglected it for their whole 10 year Ministry. Therefore, I request the hon'ble minister to take note of their situation and take actions where they are necessary.

I am pleased that Sainik School will be set up in the state and I offer my gratitude to the Home Minister and the House Leader. We are all aware about the congested state of our city traffic and I feel that the traffic police department should be strengthened to mitigate this problem.

Coming to Rural Development, Serchhip is our District Headquarter but the road which connects it with villages like Chhiahtlang, Sialhau and Lungpho is extremely in a bad condition. Since the PWD could not do anything about it, I wonder if fund could be set aside for its maintenance by RD department. The roads are constantly blocked during rainy season and we are unable to travel anywhere at these times.

Drugs, arms and contrabands are smuggled from Burma along the route of Chhingchhip and hence it is of utmost importance that an outpost is set up at Lungpho to check these illegal trade.

Moving on to Demand no. 37, Serchhip is an area with plenty of manual labourers and farmers and cooperatives are essential for our livelihood. Therefore, I would like to request the hon'ble minister to have a cooperative establishment for us so that our productivity will be developed in the future. Thank you.

Pu JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA : Who will take the stand next? Shall we
DEPUTY SPEAKER call the minister? Very well, let us hear
from Pu Lalduhoma and since he is
the Group Leader, we will give him
an additional 5 minutes.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Let me
start wit land acquisition by ONGC at
Hortoki under Revenue Department.
The approach road to the drilling site
is divided into four groups – A,B,C,D. The company has already conducted a survey
on how many landowners they will have to compensate. On the second survey with
the revenue surveyor, it was determined that there were 28 LSC holders, some of
which were periodical pattas and V/C pass. The problems arose when the amount of
compensation were assessed. There were some people who tried to get hold of several
licenses for their land while the surveyors also demanded a share of the land when the
landowners go to them for patta. Ultimately, the number of LSC's rose to 40 with 305
landowners in the final list. The company is therefore, extremely reluctant to give the
compensation and re-assessed the compensation based on government approved
compensation rate, 1991.

As a result the true landowners formed a group called 'Real
Landowners Association' and requested the hon'ble minister to re-assess the land.
The minister has kindly approved of their request and the DC of Kolasib released a
fresh order to re-assess the lands. However, those with the fake passes have pressured
the government to accept their LSC's. These people with fake passes are mostly
Congress V/C's and workers, not only from Hortoki but from Kolasib as well. They
threatened the real landowners and the government and due to their manipulations the
order for re-assessment was withdrawn by the Addl. DC of Kolasib. In view of all
these incidents, I request the government to take strict and efficient action so that only
those with the real LSC will receive the compensation.

Secondly, when Tripura Government conducted a survey in
February, 2003, they admitted that Phuldungsei village along Zampui range was
within the borders of Mizoram. But the government of Mizoram completely neglected
them and hence when another survey was made in 2007, the area was declared as
Tripura lands. Now they are trying to build a Mandir at the area and they have also
built an outpost within our boundary. We have already passed a resolution to set up a
boundary commission to prevent loss of lands to our neighbouring states in March,
2006. I want to know what developments have been made so far.

Regarding Demand no. 16, I request the hon'ble Home
Minister to ensure that no politics is involved in the recruitment of policemen.
Furthermore, we have passed a resolution to increase the wages of Home Guards and
now that their equivalent grades are enjoying the 6th Pay, the government should also
hike their wage to the equivalent of at least skilled – I level.

About my constituency, Sairang is a place where accidents happen frequently. Therefore, I request the Home Minister to equip the police station with better facilities and man power.

Moving on to Demand no. 38, we were assured that constituencies who did not receive BADP will be taken care of by the government in other ways. I would like to take this moment to remind the authorities that we are eagerly waiting for our special privileges.

Pu JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA : Our allotted time has come to an end
DEPUTER SPEAKER but since we want to finish our
business today itself, we will take a short
break and resume discussion at 4:30pm.

4:30 P.M.

Pu H. ZOTHANGLIANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. First of all, I
would like to express my gratitude to
the hon'ble Home Minister for
enabling the police forces to do their
work without hindrances from the higher level of authorities.

The unarmed police branch has less opportunity for promotion than the armed branch. If the hon'ble Home Minister could arrange a fair and equal opportunity for promotion as the armed branch, I am sure they will be deeply obliged. The department has also created the post of DIG, outhern range for Lunglei but recently, the post has been vacated. I request the Minister to fill up the post as soon as possible.

Furthermore, the department has made plans to construct quarters for SP and Commandant as well as offices at Kolasib, Mamit and Lawngtlai. The departmental staff at these places, especially Lawngtlai are extremely understaffed. I request the hon'ble Home Minister to provide us with man power for the department to carry out their duties efficiently.

Lawngtlai District jail is almost completed now and it would be an enormous benefit for the people if it could be inaugurated as soon as possible. We also need better equipped fire department at Lawngtlai and if provisions could be made to develop their facilities, we will be deeply grateful. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Dr. R. Lalthangliana.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Thank you Pu Speaker. Starting with Demand no.37, I would like to know why the capital account for Cooperatives has been decreased from Rs. 117 lakhs to ₹. 47.6 lakhs. It is imperative that all the funds allocated for development are used correctly.

The Fitment Committee has decided to do away with compensatory leave salary for police constables and inspectors. I wonder if this is a good decision. Another important point is setting up of police stations in strategic places such as Buarpui, Haulawng, Seling and Sakawrdai.

Regarding recruitment, the previous ministry recruited 4 battalions of police force while only around 125 posts were created for MRP. It is inappropriate to use armed forces to guard police stations like the Thana and other establishments. Therefore, we should recruit more unarmed policemen for these purposes at least.

If my memory serves me right, after our I.R. policemen were withdrawn from Chhatisgarh, they are now ordered to go to one of Assam's most volatile region. If this is true, why don't we send our policemen to cities like Delhi where they will have better benefits instead of sending them to dangerous places?

In regard to Fire services, the department has been granted an increase in their budget upto ₹. 2 crores. I heard that the government is going to construct new fire stations at Mamit, Aizawl North and South. I request the hon'ble minister to take a look at our fire department status in Lunglei and even if construction of a station is not possible, to set up some sort of mobile fire department.

The government's practice of transferring police officers frequently should be stopped. They deserve peace of mind and the office works cannot progress as well.

Pu Speaker, the crime record of Mizoram is, 87.73 % while the all India record is 50.7%. This is a remarkable achievement.

Few words in regard to Revenue Department. Pu Speaker, the processing period of LSC at District Revenue takes quite long, this is due to the fact that there is no Technical Officer. If the surveyors are up-graded to Technical Officers, the problem could be solved. As for cadastral survey, the man-power required to cover Mizoram within 4\5 years is approximately 600\700, the present strength is only 300. This needs immediate attention as it is the key factor of Revenue Department. I would like to request the minister to state what stage they have reached for re-construction of the Department. I would also request that the Central Government be approached as soon as possible in regard to land rent of Assam Rifle. Pu Speaker, during our term we received fund from C.S.S. for computerization of land record and standard of revenue administration and up dialing land record, the Department has benefited immensely as it is there for everyone to see, however, there are still DPR to be prepared and which needs to be sent to Ministry of Rural

Development Department of Land Resources for additional fund. I suggest that priority be given for the same. Thank You.

S P E A K E R : Thank you for observing time correctly. Let us now call Pu K.S.Thanga.

Pu K.S. THANGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I will try and speak within the allotted time. I would like to start with Demand No.6. ₹. 100 lakhs is highlighted for NLUP Cadastral Survey, which is a clear indication for the people to see that NLUP is coming to reality, I will not comment any further. Pu Speaker, we need to have a systematic land holding system in our state, as there are vast stretch of land in the rural areas which is unattended.

In regard to Compensation mentioned by the hon'ble member before me, I would like to mention that Revenue Department should carefully examine the prevailing fake LSC .Pu Speaker, during the Congress term there was only 40 LSC in Tuirial Hydel Project .After the change in ministry, LCS swelled up to 1008.The Hydel Project which could have produced 60 Mega Watt has to be abandoned. Thus, the minister should take strict action against the defaulters.

Few words in Co-operation Department, the minister's intention in taking co-operation movement is highlighted, it is pleasing to note that the people are going to benefit from this movement. We will watch and wait with high expectation.

Demand No.27, District Council Affairs. It is note worthy of the raise in the Budget; I thank the minister for the effort given.

In Rural Development Department, there is fund allocation of ₹.400 lakhs for Rural Housing. Pu Speaker this clearly indicates that this Government is the government for the poor. Further, there is fund allocation of ₹.5146, grand-in aid and ₹.2498 for backward District. I would like to request the Minister to take note that, in my constituency there are 26 villages which are not under backward region and neither fall under Boarder Area Development Fund thus requiring land lock assistance.

Coming to Home Department, it is appreciating to see the salary of Home Guard in the Budget allocation.

I would like to thank our Home Minister for his able determination. Now, under his able leadership the Police Department has been re-constructed, and the people of the state are in peace and harmony. The people of the state are once again entrusting their believes in the Police Department. I would also

like to thank for the ₹.250 lakhs budget allocation for Fire and Emergency Service. Thank You.

S P E A K E R : We have come to the end of our discussion. Let us now call the hon'ble Home Minister to wind up his demands.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, thank you, counting of vote is in progress at three states, and the Congress is likely to form ministry in these three states.

In regard to Hortoki- Meidum road compensation and Serkhan Bagha road fake LSC; I would like to inform the House that enquiry will be taken.

Pu Speaker, I regret to state that you were without a Pilot. Also, listed 12th in the order of precedence, I take full responsibility for the mistake. Speaker is no.2 in the order of precedence after the Chief- Minister.

I am glad that 17 members spoke about my demand, I have noted down all the important points, I will not react on every point due to constraint of time, and I request the members to understand. First of all Pu P.P Thawla mentioned that DADP work is substandard in southern area, I was wondering what could be the reason, as DADP is appreciated in the north and in the south region, could it be the people. In remote areas, BDO themselves often purchase the work of BADP, BRGF and, Rural Housing. Pu Speaker, if the supervisors are executing the work themselves it is inappropriate, we are intending to stop this.

In regard to Border fencing, Home Department is not the executing agency; however, I would like to mention that the Department is trying to solve the problem to the best of its capability.

I am grateful that the members give priority to Home Department. Since October 2008, the Department has taken up chiahpuam case. ₹.182 to ₹.183 crore is believed to be involved in this case. The police have recovered ₹.25crores 45 lakhs and 53 thousand. And 17 persons have been charge sheeted.

As regard to law and order, National Highway was blocked in agitation for transfer of doctor from Kolasib, also, a total bandh was organized by Vairengte Co-ordination Committee. In regard to Vairengte, the previous ministry made a mistake. They should have constructed the ruined out- post of the UT period, rather than renovating 2003 construction, this could have evaded the problem. I however convey my sincere sympathy to the injured persons.

Yesterday we heard about the traffic jam. SP Police and Transport Department had a well set plan to solve the problem. As per plan, a batch of taxis are off road each day in rotation. This has proved effective; I thank the minister and the people for their support.

MZU gave Mizoram University Vice- Chancellor an ultimatum to leave Mizoram by 8th September. But however, the police are able to tackle the situation in peace. I would also like to mention that the police are effectively maintaining law and order in the HPC area as well, as there is report of extortion.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Is the tender for Zohmun to Mauchar road allotted to Pu Zonunsanga as demanded by HPC (D)?

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA : The tender has not been allotted to MINISTER Zonunsanga. With the present Government, even insurgents are aware that there is no room for them so, they express their desire to come over-ground and thus, on 17/7 Home coming Programme was organized. Pu Speaker, we are indeed very grateful to them.

Home Department has several achievements which we are grateful of 32 posts have been created in ACB and several posts in Forensic Science Laboratory. Three Police Out- Post have been up-graded to full fledged Police Station that is, Vaivakawn, Thenzawl and Phura. Two SDPO posts have also been created at Vairengte and West Phaileng and proposal is going on for Darlawn and Sakawrdai. As we have mentioned several times that we will ignore MoU, the creation of these posts have testified our statement. Under the Mizoram Police Modernization Scheme, there is a provision for construction of new buildings, purchase of guns, ammunitions and vehicles. Pu Speaker, we have received additional fund for purchase of uniforms, we are grateful to the hon'ble Finance Minister for the sanction. Strict order is issued that the receiver of the uniform supplied must deliver the goods as per the quality given for sample at the time of tender quotation.

At present situation there is no intention of recruiting IR Battalion.

Yesterday, we heard about GPF. Police department is huge, unlike other Department, everyday there are approximately 160-170 applications, due to this reason, LOC is not sufficient. This year GPF have been sanctioned to 3726 persons, total amount of which is ₹.15, 44, 30,000/-. As for TA/DA of police personnel who went to Chhatisgarh, there is fund allocation in the present budget. Once we pass the Budget it will be distributed.

Being the Home Minister, there are times when we have to make strong statement, in order to maintain law and order. I would like the people to know that, this government is the government of the righteous people where as a dreadful government for the wrongdoer. Hon'ble Chief-Minister mentioned that my son was caught by the police. Pu Speaker, the Chief-Minister's daughter was also caught by the police for violating traffic rule. I would like to mention that if we are to maintain law and order, we should be willing to face the consequences ourselves.

I would like to state that steps have been taken to create Cyber Crime Investigation cell, in the wake of the advancing technology. As such, the central Government has sanctioned fund for Criminal Tracking Network system. With this technology we will be linked with all the police stations of the country and can avail the criminal report from the remotest areas of the country.

For the past 10 years we were the route of arm smugglers, we have mentioned several times in the House with the number of the vehicles and names of persons involved, but no action was taken. Within one year of this ministry, 69 guns have been seized.

There is a proposal to accommodate the 5th IR Battalion at Referral Hospital. As of now, the site for 5th IR Battalion is not selected. It is my personal opinion that they should stay close to the city.

Pu Speaker, there is a budget allocation of ₹.250 lakhs for Fire and Emergency Service. There is a proposal to constitute three fire stations at Aizawl North, Aizawl South and Mamit. Also, a Mobile Service at Aizawl. Pu Speaker, we are expecting to create 68 posts in Fire and Emergency Services. Lunglei Fire Station will also be up-graded to full fledged Fire Station. Further, there is a proposal to make Act and Rules for Fire and Emergency Service.

Coming to Home Guard, we have passed private resolution in the House in regard to their allowances. The proposed allowances are readied for the approval of the cabinet.

Pu Speaker, the fund allocation for the three District Councils has increased by 25% from the central government, and 53.26% from the state government. As per the provision of Para 14 of the 6th Schedule to the Constitution of India, a Commission has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Pu T. Gupta, IAS retired. The people have expressed their gratitude to the House Leader as it is a Commission where they can ventilate their grievances.

For NREGS, the central government has sanctioned ₹.16,727.90, lakhs. Out of which 10% is state share. In Champhai, Lawngtlai, Saiha and Lunglei, 100 days work has been executed for this year. As for other District, several days are left. India Today has awarded Mizoram the special Bharat Nirman Award for NERGS. The central government has approved ₹.29219, 4 lakhs for the current year for NERGS. In the present budget, only ₹.1800 lakhs state share could be

allotted. NERGS is executed as transparent as possible. Step is taken to detect fake job card. We have created the provision to receive the material component for VC.

During the current financial year there are 3151 IAY beneficiaries, we are expecting to select 3504 beneficiaries next year. The beneficiaries will be selected by NGO. They will be enrolled as permanent wide list.

As for Rural Housing Scheme, planning has given us an earmark of ₹.400 lakhs. MLAs could benefit in times of natural calamities for their constituency.

In SDSY, 274 groups have been constituted. Out of which 202 groups have received fund. 2037 groups have been constituted in SHG.

Border Area Development Programme is in progress at Myanmar and Bangladesh border. We are expecting to receive ₹.2495 lakhs, 90% have been sanctioned.

DRDS has been implemented in Saiha and Lawgtlai, we are now waiting for the permission of Ministry of Panchayaty, New Delhi for the implementation at Mamit District.

Prison, the authority of jail has taken various steps to rehabilitate the jailers, like their character, moral and paving way for them to earn their livelihood. Pu Speaker, four new District Jails have been constructed and Sub- Jail at Vairengte.

After meeting was held with the hon'ble Chief-Minister, it was decided that Zila Sainik Welfare Office will be opened in Champhai and Kolasib. The fund for District office will be borne by the state and central government fifty-fifty. The raise of Financial Assistance to World War Veteran from 500 to 800, awaits the approval of the Cabinet.

In regard to Vanlaiphai Police out-post mentioned by Pu Lalthansanga, there is only 21 cases registered in 2008, and 8 cases in 2009. Thus, I request the member to understand that there are other Out-Posts which need priority in manpower in the maintenance of law and order.

In regard to the question made by hon'ble member Pu Chawngtinthanga, vehicle is allotted to Suangpuilawn BDP and Sakawrdai BDP. But we are unable to provide vehicle at Khawlian, however, ₹.2500 is sanctioned every month to take ration. I think that is all I have to say.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, what about Chhimtupui District? We are being neglected.

Pu R.LALZIRLIANA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, we are not neglecting Chhimtuipui District, huge fund is allotted at Chhimtuipui District, and thus there is vast avenue for development.

Pu Speaker, I request this august House to pass the following demands they are, Demand No.16 Home, ₹.305,79,87,000/- . Demand No.27 District Councils, ₹.136,25,89,000/- . Demand No.38, Rural Development, ₹.108,27,04,000/- . Totaling ₹.550,32,80,000/- . Thank you.

S P E A K E R : The hon'ble minister requested the House to pass his demands, they are, Demand no. 16 Home. Demand no. 27 District Councils. Demand no. 38 Rural Development. Now all those who agree to pass the demands say 'Yes', and those who disagree say 'No'. The House has unanimously passed the demands, totaling ₹.550,32,80,000/-.

Pu R.LALZIRLIANA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, thank you.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, if the treasury bench tries to pull down your status again, we will stand up for you. Yesterday you have a very peculiar way of counting numbers, you seems to love change.

S P E A K E R : Yesterday it was not written in words that is the reason. Let us now call Pu J.H.Rothuama, hon'ble minister to wind up his demands.

Pu J.H.ROTHUAMA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, thank you. I thank the hon'ble members for actively participating in the discussion of my demands. I have noted down all the points, thus, I will not re-act on all the points mentioned. I will try and make it short.

In regard to the question raised by the hon'ble member from Aizawl West-1, the House Leader has answered the question. Department Enquiry has been taken. It is unfortunate that we the Mizos show our true nature when it comes to compensation. The application for compensation of Assam Riffle land rent has not stopped till date in the rural area. It seems that rightful governance is impossible. Even if we members are able to control, the public needs awareness.

Regarding Pu Kamliana, mentioned by the hon'ble member from Chalfilh. Pu Speaker, the said person has periodic patta of 15 bigha at Saitual Tuivai. A surveyor made a mistake in demarcating the land, thus it turned out that the land he demarcated was so vast that 5 patta was made in different names. But, the Department could not approve thereby which, the patta was cancelled. Only the original 15 bigh was issued. And the land tax he has paid was returned as well.

The government is intending to allot plot to the poor, thus the government is arranging plot in various Districts. It is the desire of the government that every citizen of the state owns a plot of land. Pu Speaker, cadastral survey has been carried out, but it has not met the requirement. Computerization has also been implemented. But we are short of manpower and trained staff. Therefore we have to approach the authorities for post creation. It will take time to keep record as demanded by the central government. However, we are intending not to cross the time bound given by the central government which is 2017.

There is a proposal to upgrade the infrastructure like that of other state. The proposed changes are highlighted in the Budget.

Pu Speaker, the target in revenue collection for the year 2008-2009 was ₹.195 lakhs. We crossed the target by ₹.49 lakhs. The amount is still very less. Therefore it is a clear indication that the Revenue system needs change.

During 2008-2009 cadastral survey, 4519 plots was created as house sites, 439 plots as agriculture land and 15 villages as controlled area. Also, 21,360 land holdings have been computerized.

Dr. R.LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, point of clarification. The previous government issued Revenue pass to number of landless people, the present government has stayed these pass recently. I would like to request the minister to clarify the reason.

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, it is fortunate to have the opportunity to clarify. It is true that the previous government issued Revenue pass in Serchip, Champhai and Aizawl Luangmual. However, we have received various complains against these pass. In some case, pass was issued to plot which was already owned and where building has been constructed with tenant residing. And there are cases where pass is issued to persons who have already owned a land. Hence, we are examining these pass, once it is readied it will be submitted for the approval of the Cabinet. Landless persons will be allotted plots.

Pu Speaker, with the approval of the Chief Minister, Expert Committee has been constituted to examine the various rules and regulations that we have in Revenue Department.

Coming to Co-operative Department. It is an important Department with primary member of 1365. Pu Speaker, not that I criticize the previous government, the system of co-operation department needs rectification. Pu Speaker, without holding election of Board members their term was extended till 2008. After a new ministry was born in 2008, the board members are automatically supposed to quit. Since they did not quit, the authorities has to intimidate the members to resign. Hence, election was held in September, now with the new board, steps are taken. There are 1365 Co-operative primary members. The total oil purchased by MIZOFED during the year 2008-2009 was ₹.5760.98 lakhs and the sale was ₹.5895.61. There is a difference of ₹.134.63 lakhs between the sale and purchase.

And the total amount of essential commodities purchased in the current year is ₹.908.28 where as the sale is ₹.1061.64. MIZOFED has done a tremendous work, the net profit during last year and the current year is ₹.68 lakhs.

Pu Speaker, the target of Apex Bank during this financial year was ₹.20,06,00 and the achievement is ₹.21631.95. ₹.3750.74 was given out for loan. The Churches benefited from this Bank as they are able to take loan for the construction of Churches.

Coming to MAHCO. This is Mizoram Handloom and Handicraft Co-Operative Society Limited. The Society has showroom at various places in Mizoram. The society has taken vast steps in handloom and handicraft, their net profit in the current financial year is ₹.27 lakhs. Pu Speaker, besides Handloom and handicraft we have Pig fed, Women Fed, MAFF, MUCO Bank, Zofish fed and MULCO. These Co-Operative Societies had taken steps to the best of their capability in their production. However, we still lack behind compared to other state, knowing this the present government is gearing up to up-grade the Co-operative societies. Hence, a proposal is made to use Co-Operative societies as the torch bearer for the flagship programme, NLUP. I request the hon'ble members to give their support in the development of these societies.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA : Pu Speaker, as we have heard, MAHCO
MINISTER and MIZOFED have made profit,
though the minister did not mention
MULCO even MULCO made profit.

The rest of the Corporation is a loss Corporation. I would like to thank these
Corporations and also mention that they are noted by the government.

Pu J. H.ROTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, I would like to thank the
MINISTER minister. I would like to request that in
future the Budget provision be increased
for these corporations. With this, I
request this august House to pass the following Demands - Demand No.36, Co-
operation – ₹.11 crores 35 lakhs and 20 thousand. Demand No.6, Land Revenue and
Reforms- ₹.13 crores 58 lakhs 66 thousand. Total ₹.24 crores 93 lakhs 46 thousand.
Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Now all those who agree to pass
Pu J. H. Rothuama's demand - Land
Revenue and Land Reforms, Co-
operation, totaling ₹.24 crores 93 lakhs
46 thousand say 'agree' and those who disagree say 'disagree'. Alright, the House
has unanimously passed Pu J. H. Rothuama's demand. We will now move on to the
next list of business. Let us now call hon'ble minister Pu Zodintluanga to seek the
permission of the House to introduce "The Mizoram Municipalities (Amendment) Bill
2009.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA : Pu Speaker, I seek the permission of the
MINISTER House to introduce "The Mizoram
Municipalities (Amendment) Bill 2009."

S P E A K E R : Can the House give permission? Let us
call the minister to introduce the Bill.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA : Pu Speaker with your permission and the
MINISTER House I introduce 'The Mizoram
Municipalities (Amendment) Bill 2009.'

S P E A K E R : Let the copy be distributed. We will take up the Bill for discussion some other time. We have finished our business for the day, since there is no business tomorrow meeting will resume on Monday the 26.10.09, at 10.30 A.M.

Sitting is adjourned. 6.55 P.M.