

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

**FOR EIGHT SITTING ON TUESDAY, THE 27TH 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, Chief Minister, Deputy Speaker, 11 Ministers and 25 Members were present.

QUESTIONS

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

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

2. **Pu H. LIANSILOVA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demand under his charge.
3. **Pu H. ROHLUNA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demand under his charge.
4. **Pu ZODINTLUANGA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demand under his charge.

S P E A K E R : That you also aspire to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you; that you may walk properly toward those who are outside, and that you may lack nothing.

Diligence is man's precious possession. Proverbs – 12:27.

We will continue with the Question Hour. Let us call Pu K. Liantlinga to ask Starred Question No. 107.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the Hon'ble Finance Minister be pleased to state –
a) What is the year - wise amount of revenue collected by Mizoram State Lottery during 2004-2009?

b) What is the year-wise amount of expenditure for the honorarium of judges who oversaw the ticket draw during the last 5 years?

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Let us invite the Hon'ble Finance and Chief Minister, Pu Lal Thanhawla, to furnish the details.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer to the first question is –

2004-2005 - ₹. 9.03 Crores.
2005-2006 - ₹. 6.45 Crores.
2006-2007 - ₹. 2.00 Crores.
2007-2008 - ₹. 1.53 Crores.
2008-2009 - ₹. 3.01 Crores.

From 1.4.2009 till date – ₹. 5.80 Crores.

The answer to Question b) is-

2004-2006 - ₹. 1.16 Crores.
2005-2007 - ₹. 0.64 Crores.
2006-2008 - ₹. 0.68 Crores.
2007-2008 - ₹. 1.25 Crores.
2008-2009 - ₹. 3.01 Crores.

From 1.4.2009 till date – ₹. 1.62 Crores.

₹. 0.64 Crores in 2005-2006, ₹.0.68 Crores in 2006-2007, ₹. 1.25 Crores in 2007-2008, ₹. 2.73 Crores in 2008-2009 and from 1.4.2009 till date – ₹.1.62 Crores. I would also like to inform the House that the original statement is corrected with this data.

S P E A K E R : Supplementary question from Pu K. Liantlinga.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I would like to know how many Mizoram State Lottery do we have. Secondly, is there a proper and official Rule to appoint the judges who oversee the lottery ticket draw? How much honorarium does a judge receive in a day? Does it conflict with the Government Servant Honorarium Rules?

S P E A K E R : The Hon'ble Chief Minister may furnish the answer.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : The honorarium is ₹. 50 per draw during working hours from 21.9.1999 and ₹. 75 per draw when working overtime. ₹. 50 per draw during working hours and ₹.60 when working overtime from 2001. From 2006, judges receive ₹. 30 per draw and ₹. 40 per draw when working overtime. Presently they receive ₹. 5 per draw with a maximum limit of ₹. 2000 per shift and ₹. 10 per draw with a maximum limit of ₹. 2000 per shift per judge when working overtime.

Only circle officers not below the rank of Under Secretary are appointed as lottery draw judges. Since, important and busy officers has to often leave their work and attend the draw, it was decided from 1.9.2009 that only pensioners would be appointed. Honorariums are given from the Department Revenue.

S P E A K E R : Let us invite the hon'ble member, Pu C.Ramhluna to ask Starred Question No. 108.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, will the Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture Department be pleased to state –

a) The amount of fund allocated for NLUP under the Annual Plan, 2009-2010.

b) Is this fund received from the Prime Minister's Special package? How much is it?

c) How many families are expected to receive the assistance? How much will each family receive during 2009-2010?

S P E A K E R : The hon'ble Minister for Agriculture may furnish the answer.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA : Pu Speaker, the answer to the hon'ble MINISTER member's questions are as follow:-

a) ₹. 100 Crores.

b) Not for this year.

c) The number of families to receive the assistance has not yet been finalized and the amount a family may receive will differ in accordance with the project they choose.

S P E A K E R : Supplementary question from Pu C. Ramhluna.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, I would like to know the criteria for choosing the beneficiaries. Will it be party based or the estimated success chance of the project chosen.

S P E A K E R : Pu H. Liansailova may provide the answer.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, NLUP Implementing Board has been set up in each district to choose the beneficiaries. A baseline survey has just been completed and the beneficiaries will be selected based on the survey.

S P E A K E R : Supplementary question from Dr. R. Lalthangliana.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : It is obvious that your request to sanction the fund as a special package has not yet been approved. You have allocated ₹. 100 crores from this year's budget out of the total ₹. 2500 crores you promised to distribute within 5 years. In that case, have you made any budget revision? If the special package is still not approved next year, I would like to know how you plan to distribute the whole promised amount within 5 years.

Despite your denial to allegations that you have not touched departmental funds, the budget of 10 departments has been diverted and their budget is less than the previous 2 years. This will certainly prove to be a drawback in their developmental works. Can you tell me where the Rs. 100 crores for NLUP is obtained from?

S P E A K E R : The hon'ble Minister Pu Liansailova may provide the reply.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I can only answer the questions related to NLUP. The others are the concerns of the Finance Department. The project is in its initiative stage and hence we believe that Rs. Crores is sufficient to start out with. The fund is obtained from the normal plan fund.

A DPR has been submitted to the central ministry and after the Chief Minister talked this over with the Prime Minister and the Vice Chairman of Planning Commission, they agreed to allocate the funds as follows- Management and Capacity Building component – ₹. 7011 lakhs. Development component – ₹. 1269 crores and ₹. 1187 crores for infrastructure coming to a total of ₹. 2526.89. Apart

from the Planning Commission, the PMO has notified secretaries from other Ministries to consider the project and several meetings have already been conducted.

The Planning Commission has also decided to send an inter-ministerial team comprising of joint secretaries and above, to study the project on the spot. They will arrive on the 1st week of this September. Therefore, we still do not know if the fund will be granted from the Prime Minister's special package or from other sources.

I cannot furnish the reply to the question regarding fund allocations for deptts. but the process is that there are projects which has been terminated or put on hold for various reasons and until other projects are taken up, their funding would likely decrease.

S P E A K E R : Let us invite Pu Lalduhoma to ask Starred Question No. 109.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the hon'ble Minister for Trade and Commerce be pleased to state – Has a rule been made to control price fluctuations?

S P E A K E R : The hon'ble Minister for Trade and Commerce, Pu Lalrinliana may provide the answer.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO : The rule is being prepared at this time. State Agricultural Produce Marketing (Development and Regulation) Bill, 2009 has been submitted for consideration by Cabinet Memorandum Council of Ministers.

S P E A K E R : Supplementary question from Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu LALDUHOMA : The House has been informed yesterday that the government does not have enough turmeric and ginger to buy. If this is the case, has the government properly announced its intention to buy these produces? Is the government still buying them? Where are they buying?

S P E A K E R : Pu Lalrinliana Sailo, Minister may answer the question

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO : Pu Speaker, an MOU was signed with Bangladesh and they requested us to sell them one truck load of turmeric and ginger immediately. We told them that it was an off season but they beseeched us and we tried to obtain the goods wherever it was possible. The deal was managed by MAMCO and hence I do not know if it was formally advertised or not. We bought ginger at ₹. 20 per Kg and turmeric for ₹. 6 per Kg.

S P E A K E R : Supplementary question by Pu John Rotluangliana.

Pu JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA : Is there any intention to renovate the dilapidated market quarter at Bara Bazaar?
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S P E A K E R : Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, I want to request the Trade and Commerce Department to stop dumping garbage at Rangvamual.

I would also like to know if the government can guarantee the farmers that it will maintain a support price?

S P E A K E R : Let us invite the hon'ble Minister Pu Lalrinliana Sailo to answer the questions.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I have visited the Bara Bazaar 5 times already and I have directed the Chief Engineer to improve the condition of the semi road from Chhinga Veng to Dawrpui Veng. I am aware of the decrepit condition of the quarter buildings and I have also informed the authorities to build a new quarter. However, the department does not have sufficient funds at the moment and necessary funds are requested at Planning Department. We have also submitted a proposal with an estimate of ₹. 64 crores to rebuild the market area when the 13th Finance Commission team made their visit but they were reluctant and they advised us to turn to other funding institutions like DoNER.

In regard to the rate of agriculture produces, it is impossible to control price fluctuations. The previous Ministry had given a support price during their rule but we feel that if we just let the farmers and the buyers settle the price directly, it would be more convenient for them both. However, this is a huge step and the concerned authorities will have to talk about it.

S P E A K E R : Let us invite Pu Lalthansanga to ask Starred Question No. 110.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the hon'ble Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state –

- a) How many families were unable to plough their land during 2009-2010?
- b) In which district did this happen?
- c) How has the government compensated these families?

S P E A K E R : Let us invite the hon'ble Minister for Agriculture Pu Liansailova to furnish the answer.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA : Pu Speaker, the answers to the hon'ble
MINISTER member's questions are –

- 1) 1990 families.
- 2) 28 families in Aizawl District, 696 families in Champhai District, 389 families in Lunglei District, 124 families in Saiha District, 143 families in Mamit, 181 families in Kolasib, 33 families in Lawngtlai and 396 families in Serchhip District.
- 3) The Central Ministry has been notified about the drought and assistance has also been requested. We are awaiting their reply at the moment.

S P E A K E R : Supplementary question by
Pu Lalthansanga.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, even the families who were
able to keep their paddy fields have
very little harvest to look forward to.
Can the government provide them with
irrigation especially in the drought prone areas?

Has the state been declared as a drought affected area?

S P E A K E R : Pu Lalthangliana.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I would like to
know how these families are identified.
Has an appropriate survey been
conducted to find out the draught
affected families? In your request to the central government, how did you describe the
fields?

S P E A K E R : Pu Liansailova may answer the queries.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA
MINISTER : After the DAOs assessed their areas and a report has been completed, it was found that 59 per cent of the area has been affected by the drought. No declaration was made because the affected area is less than required for declaration as a drought affected emergency area.

We have distributed several water pumps at the drought affected areas. The project we have submitted to the central Ministry is more concerned with developing our agricultural system rather than directly compensating the farmers.

S P E A K E R : Supplementary question by Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. The previous government initiated several agriculture development projects in Champhai. Can you provide us with such initiatives in my constituency?

S P E A K E R : The hon'ble Minister may furnish the answer.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the main objective of the department is to undertake schemes which will help in increasing the paddy output. I have discussed this with the department heads at length and we felt that paddy is the most essential crop for the state. Therefore, all identified potential areas will be covered by the scheme.

S P E A K E R : Let us invite Pu P.P. Thawla to ask Starred Question No. 111.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for School Education be pleased to state- How many Government/Deficit High Schools are there in Saiha District? Can you give me the names of their Headmasters, Teachers and Clerks?

S P E A K E R : The hon'ble Minister for School Education, Pu Lalsawta may provide the details.

Pu LALSAWTA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer to the hon'ble member's questions are –

- 1) There are 10 government/deficit high schools. They are –
 1. ECM Deficit School, Saiha
 2. Government High School, Saiha
 3. Govt. Saiha High School
 4. Govt. Tuipang High School
 5. Govt. Zawngling High School
 6. Govt. Chakhng High School
 7. Govt. Phura High School
 8. Govt. Mara High School, Serkawr
 9. Greenland High School, Tawngkawlawng
 10. Govt. Maubawk High School, Saiha.

- 2) The names of Headmasters, teachers and clerks are –
 - a) ECM Deficit High School Saiha – T. Rothanga, Headmaster. Teachers – Tialkhara, L.C. Chasal, L. Pali, G.K. Babu, Hmangaihliana, B. Vakhai, K. Beirasia Pakhai. LDC – Notia and Tiakhu, 4th Grade.
 - b) Govt. High School Saiha – The post of the headmaster is vacant. Teachers – Chatua Chatia, K. Samantha, Lalropuia Chinzah, Lalthianghlina, PP Phulua, Lalhlupua, B. Mary Jones, Lizzie Sebastian, Hmunkhara.
 - c) Govt. Saiha High School – C. Roliana, Headmaster. Teachers – LC Lalngura, ZT Maybe, Jay Chitha, K. Rohlupuii, Sardaise Throsy, Birbal Lalawmpuii, Pakho Chozah, HC Liby, Zadala.
 - d) Govt. Tuipang High School – Nudaw Ahu, Headmaster. Teachers – B Remkungi, Z Nungmang, C Chhumlinga, FC Johana, K Malsawmdawngliana, T Luathai, V Dolua.
 - e) Govt. Zawngling High School – Headmaster- C Biatha, ST Thawla, F Chhochhai, TT Zaupai, Lalramhmuaka, T Lisa.
 - f) Govt. Chakhang High School – Headmaster – Post vacant. Teachers – BS Sabei i/c Headmaster. Teachers – C Tholau, C Beihu, K mosia, Amos Chithea.

- g) Govt. Phura High School – Headmaster – TT Zaho. Teachers – TP Zalena, Zahip, A Sitho, K George.
- h) Govt. Mara High School, Serkawr – Headmaster – T Pachhua. Teachers – R Somanrajantilai, R Vijaya Kumari, MT Vatlai.
- i) Govt. Greenland High School, Tawngkawlang – Headmaster – Post Vacant. Teachers – Pamaw Lapi i/c Headmaster, Satyandra Prasad Singh, Kiran Sinha
- j) Govt. Maubawk High School, Saiha – Headmaster – Bose Hlychho. Teachers – C Mahlei, J Thanglawma, H Dohranga, HC Vailawma, H Lalparliana.

The vacant posts will be filled up soon.

S P E A K E R : Our question hour has ended and I have an announcement to make. The hon'ble member, Pu B.Lalthlengliana is absent today because he had to attend a FLAM meeting.

We will move on to our next business at hand, which is Financial Business. Today we will take up the demands of three Ministers. Is it okay if we let them submit their demands at once? Very well, let us call upon Pu H. Liansailova to submit his Demand numbers 13,31,32, 33,35,47 before the House.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission sir, I move the Demand Nos. 13,31,32,33,35 and 47 for ₹. 2,48,68,22,000 only for meeting expenses during 2009-2010 in respect of the following departments. Demand No. 13 – Personnel and Administrative Reforms, ₹. 2,20,40,000. Demand No. 31 – Agriculture, ₹. 1,46,67,86,000. Demand No. 32 – Horticulture, ₹.17,09,18,000. Demand No. 33 – Soil and Water Conservation, ₹. 12,70,25,000. Demand No. 35 – Fisheries, ₹. 9,86,33,000. Demand No. 47 – Minor Irrigation, ₹. 60,14,20,000. Total – ₹.2,48,68,22,000.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Let us invite the hon'ble Minister, Pu Rohluna to submit his demand numbers 17 and 36 before the House.

Pu H. ROHLUNA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission sir, I move the Demand Nos. 17 and 36 for ₹.2,65,70,11,000 for meeting expenses during 2009-2010 in respect of the following departments, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department, ₹.2,26,20,17,000 and Environment and Forest Department, ₹.39,49,94,000. Total - ₹.2,65,70,11,000.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Let us now invite the hon'ble Minister, Pu Zodintluanga to submit his Demand Nos.14,22,26,46 before the House.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission sir, I move the Demand Nos. 14,22,26,46 for ₹. 1,32,60,69,000 for meeting expenses during 2009-2010 in respect of the following departments – Information and Communications Technology, ₹. 6,86,13,000. Sports and Youth Services, ₹. 32,41,57,000. Information and Publicity, ₹. 6,71,80,000. Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation, ₹. 86,61,19,000. Total – ₹. 1,32,60,69,000.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Very well, we will now begin discussion of the 12 Demands of the three Ministers. Each member will have 10 minutes. Let us start the discussion with Pu Lalrinawma.

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I would like to start with Demands Nos. 31, 32 and 47. The previous Ministry had stopped the use of fertilizers during their term and they encouraged the farmers to start organic farming. However, they failed to provide the farmers with necessary equipments and training and it cause a huge problem for them. Therefore, I am glad to see that this government has decided to distribute manures and fertilizers at a subsidy of 50 per cent.

The previous ministry also gave assistance to groups of farmers rather than individuals and they set up a committee for the purpose. But the committee is not an official committee. The members do not elect their chairman and they do not have any rule binding their actions. Therefore, Pu Speaker, if this government is going to continue that practice, I would like to suggest that we create a set of rules and specific areas in order to ensure that these assistances are utilized to the fullest.

If the government could build waiting sheds along the road to the fields, I am sure it would prove very useful for the farmers. They could use it to rest or wait for their fellow farmers there.

I have mentioned this in the previous session, Pu Speaker. The previous Ministry rented private buildings as godowns and huge amount of the government's money is wasted as a result. We have perfectly good godowns at several places such as Sihphir. If we make use of them instead of renting private buildings, I am confident we will save a lot of money.

Coming to Demand No. 17 – Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, I think the special court under the Essential Commodities Act should function separately without attaching it to other departments. It should be efficient enough on its own to pursue and persecute black-marketers and other offenders. We need a strong and efficient court to control the flow of essential commodities and hence, the power of the court should also be strengthened.

In regard to Demand No. 46, Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation, we have two main garbage dumps for Aizawl city – Tuirial and Sihphir. The villages near these garbage dumps are affected by it to a large extent. Therefore, wouldn't it be appropriate if we could favour them in some way? If the condition of the road from Aizawl to Sihphir dumping ground could be improved and widened, I am sure the villages near the site would be extremely grateful.

Moving on to Sports and Youth Services, we have several playgrounds which are unusable for formal events due to poor maintenance. Even if it is impossible to build new playground in the city, we can always develop the grounds near the city such as Zemabawk playground. Even Sihphir, which used to be champions of Mizoram in hockey, no longer have playgrounds for practice. This was mainly due to negligence and poor maintenance by the government. Therefore, I request the hon'ble Sports Minister to look into this problem and find ways to develop our existing playgrounds at least.

I regret to say that the Tug of War Association owes an affiliation fee. We were able to grab the first position in the National level and I think they deserve some sort of assistance from the government.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte.

Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Allow me to start with Demand No. 31, Agriculture. First of all, I would like to express my gratitude that NLUP has been implemented to do away with shifting cultivation.

I also welcome the statement made by the Finance and Chief Minister, Pu Lal Thanhawla, that an Agriculture University would be set up here in Mizoram itself. I am deeply pleased that the government has started a new scheme to support the farmers who had failed in organic farming. The concept of organic farming was quite good but to accomplish the goal, the farmers sorely needed guidance and assistance from the government, at which the previous Ministry filed miserably.

About Demand No. 22 - Sports, I am deeply satisfied by the progress made under the sports department. When Pu Lal Thanhawla was interviewed by the media, he promised that his government would build a stadium in 6 months if they were elected. It is pleasing to see that he had accomplished just that in 6 months. Let us hope that we will have a sports academy in a few years. Also, I would like to inform you that a sport promotion centre would be set up in each district headquarters. After the budget was finalized, the Chief Minister suggested that an additional 5 Crores should be set aside for sports department which I am sure the sports lover would welcome enthusiastically. All these developments are sure to bring about changes in the field of sports.

Moving on to Demand No. 46 – Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation, I am profoundly happy that the Chief Minister has signed an MoU with the Asian Development Bank to implement the ongoing North East Regional Capital City Development Investment Programme. Rs. 14.77 crores sanctioned by the JNNURM during the previous Ministry has also been increased to Rs. 50.33.

Pu Speaker, in regard to Demand No. 36 – Environment and Forest, the Chief Minister has decided to include the Comprehensive Forest Soil Conservation Management Policy to address the concerns of global warming, in the budget. A good forest cover means drinking water and forest wealth. I am pleased that Rs. 5 crores has been set aside for this purpose.

Coming to Demand No. 46, there is a small road in Lily veng which links up with Sairang road. The residents over there hire a truck from their pocket to dump their garbage and I would like to request the Hon'ble Minister to help them and find a way to ease their difficulties.

Coming back to Demand No. 31, there is an Agriculture Extension Officer posted in Kawnpui but he has no staff and a volunteer is recruited for Rs. 1000. He does not even have an office or a quarter. If the Hon'ble Minister could do something for him I am sure it would make his work a lot easier.

Thank you, Pu Speaker.

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

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I do not know how far the government has undertaken developmental works at Betsuri but it is apparent that the southern region is the best place to start development.

The first pilot project was proposed at Phura under the UT government of Mizoram. However, the project failed ultimately due to lack of proper road connectivity. Therefore, I request the government to take a fresh look at this project under the NLUP.

There is a vacant SDAO post and an Agriculture Extension post at Tuipang and I request the hon'ble Minister to fill the post as soon as possible.

Under Demand No. 32 – Horticulture, we missed the potato seed distribution last year and I feel somewhat responsible for not knowing the time of distribution. I sincerely request the department to inform us of the time of distribution this year.

About Demand No. 33 – Soil and Water Conservation, this is one of the earliest departments and yet they were unable to occupy their own department building for several years. Now that they have finally moved in, it is imperative that we make the best use of their workforce. It would be great if they could start work from the 2009-2010 budget financial year itself.

What I would like to add regarding Demand No. 47 – Minor Irrigation is that we now have a separate Additional Chief Engineer and it would be a huge development if a Minor Irrigation, Saiha Division could be opened.

Moving on to Demand No. 17 – Food and Civil Supplies, we are still mostly dependent on provisions from outside the state. Therefore, godowns are extremely essential especially in the remoter areas. Tuipang constituency does not have proper godowns and our stock often go to waste. I request the Hon'ble Minister to tackle our problem and if possible, build a new godown for the area.

Lack of sufficient gas distribution is also another major problem and I request the Minister to solve this issue as well.

Concerning Demand No. 36 – Environment and Forest, I am truly pleased about the developmental works done by the department under the centrally sponsored schemes. It would be a welcome additional development if a Saiha Division could also be set up.

In relation to Demand No. 22, Sports and Youth Services, I would like to commend the hon'ble Minister for his achievements. In the meantime, I would also like to request him to build a district sports complex at Tuipang for the benefit of sport enthusiasts in the constituency.

Coming to Demand No. 26 – Publicity, rural areas are acutely interested in the governmental works and affairs. Whenever it is possible, they would gather around and listen to the government's progress and objectives on the radio. The previous ministry distributed radios and televisions during their rule and the people benefited a lot from it. I request the hon'ble Minister to distribute them again so that the residents of rural areas may keep themselves informed.

Finally, in regard to Demand No. 14 – Information and Communications Technology, I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to set up a computer training centre like ZENICS at Saiha so that the youths over there could have access to the fast growing technological world of today.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I would like to start with Demand No. 36 – Environment and Forest. I am deeply concerned about the State Pollution Control Board, which has grown so little over the years. It was set up in Mizoram in 1989 under the Science and Technology Department. Its budget had remained the same throughout 2003 – 2008, which was ₹. 15 lakhs. It was revised and increased to ₹. 30 lakhs last year yet that budget remained the same this year. There is simply no development within the department.

After careful consideration in 2002, the Planning Department notified the Forest Department through a letter wherein it was stated, "Planning and Programme Implementation Department has committee to continue the maintenance of sanction post beyond 10th Five Year Plan." Based on this recommendation 8 posts were created in the department. However, the state would have to take over

maintenance of the department and so far no action has been taken by the government.

In the meantime, the Planning Commission has also directed the state to 'provide grants, both plan and non-plan' last year, but if you look at the budget, you will see that the direction has not been followed. As it appears, the department of Forest and Environment does not concern itself too much about the welfare of the board.

The board currently has only 16 staff and with the fast growing requirements of district capitals, they are in dire need of strengthening.

The second point I would like to address is Soil and Water Conservation under Demand No. 33. I am grateful that the department budget has been increased this year but I feel that the fund allocated for terracing is far too less to make any solid impact on our productivity. The department is severely understaffed as well. There are a total of 490 posts in Mizoram out of which only 358 are filled. Therefore, I would like to request the Hon'ble Minister to give special attention to the department in the future.

Concerning Agriculture department, it is important to localize our industries. For example, corn is abundant at the eastern range and if we set up a feed plant over there, we will be able to overcome our issues about stock beef and pork import from Burma.

In regard to Fisheries Department, we sorely need a district level development and I believe our department heads are trying to implement a better policy.

About Sports, I think we spend a lot of money every year under the SSA. If we are able to integrate them with the Sports and Youth Department, I am sure they will be able to work more efficiently.

Thank you.

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

Pu K. LALRINTHANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. First of all, I am pleased that the agriculture department is distributing tractors, power tillers, etc. I am sure this will increase our agriculture production rate immensely.

I am also happy about the developments made by the Fisheries department. At the same time, I would like to let you know that the fish farmers were not quite satisfied with the fingerlings distributed by the government in the previous

years. They claim that the fingerlings were much too small for distribution and handling. Also, they did not receive the amount they expected.

The government has also promised to repair the freezer at Serlui constituency and as it will soon be time to harvest the fish farms, I request the Hon'ble Minister to take action as soon as possible.

The Phaisen-Phainuam region has always been our land but lately, Cachar residents have started pressuring the Mizos to move away. I have discussed this at length with the Ministers and Parliamentary Secretary and I told them that if we convert the place into a fish farm, it would be a good way to protect our land.

Serlui region under Minor Irrigation is a potential area and there are currently 13 projects undertaken by the department. If you take a look at the work programme, the government of India has already approved 73 projects on March, 2009. It is clear that the department will irrigate the surrounding areas during the dry season from this year on. Thus, we must withdraw the sanctioned money as soon as possible to make this a reality from this year. Our agriculture production rate will increase substantially and our dependence on vegetables from cachar will become less. Therefore, I request the hon'ble Minister to take necessary actions as quickly as possible. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Very good. We should know that tribal lands cannot be sold to non tribal. Col. Z.S. Zuala.

Lt.Col.Z.S. ZUALA : Thank you very much, Pu Speaker. Starting with Demand No. 36, we burn our forest area every year and our land has continuously suffered heavy damages. Our Minister and the department have also tried their best to protect our forest but so far, no worthwhile headway has been made. We must protect our precious natural vegetation to preserve our natural land reserves.

I have often wondered if we should hire people to watch the forest during dry seasons to prevent forest fires and terminate their employment at the end of the season. In the meantime, we should also stop requesting for timber permission because we are hindering their works and are making it difficult for them to pursue their objectives.

I am not sure if the UD&PA and LAD has properly coordinated their works because the V/Cs are not sure which office they should approach.

Coming to Demand No. 22 – Sports, we have several playgrounds in Aizawl South II area. Tlangnuam field was prepared by the previous Ministry for a standard playground. They constructed retaining walls and other necessary facilities but the wall collapsed during the monsoon and no further action has been taken till today. I request the hon'ble Minister to restart development of the ground as soon as possible.

We also have a field at Venghnuai and with the Minister's approval, the ground has been widened and is now used frequently for smaller events such as the Under 17 football competition.

I am also grateful about the developments made on Rajiv Gandhi Stadium at Mualpui. I expect it will prove to be a huge benefit for our football enthusiasts.

I am deeply impressed by the progress made by Horticulture Department. Their anthurium exports have made Mizoram famous and their involvement in the cultivation of grapes at Hnahlan is expected to be a huge success. In the meantime, I would like to remind them to be careful about distribution of seeds and plants to farmers.

Moving on to Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, we are hard pressed by scarcity of domestic gas supply. But if you take a closer look, you will know that the gas supply has been actually increased. I think they are doing their best to provide the public with sufficient gas supply. Rice supply was also blocked by BODO undergrounds when we first came in to power but after we requested the Union Home Minister to address the issue, security forces were sent to clean up the area and we have free flowing supply as a result.

What I would like to add regarding Sports and Youth Services is that we now have a Youth Commission which, if utilized correctly, will prove immensely useful for the youth. They can make arrangements for our youths who are interested in joining the army. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Let us invite Pu K. Liantlinga next.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Let me commence my discussion with Demand No. 31. The Budget for minor and major works and grant in aids has been increased only by 11 crores. In the meantime, the annual budget for several departments has also clearly been diverted for NLUP and the government's claim that ₹. 100 crores has been set aside for NLUP demands clarification.

In connection with the same topic, a certain amount of fund should also be allocated for Soil and Water Conservation Department because it is imperative to test our soil. Unless we know the exact condition of our soil, it would be impossible to determine the correct chances of success. An elaborate laboratory should also be set up for the purpose.

I am pleased about Demand No. 47 - Minor Irrigation where ₹. 5555 crores has been allocated for their work programme. I am confident they will be able to undertake their projects efficiently. Coming back to Demand No. 31 – Agriculture, if you look at the budget allocation, only ₹. 1.9 crores has been set aside for Performance Budget. As a result, I feel that the department needs to plan their work programme with utmost care,

Moving on to Demand no. 22 – Sports and Youth Services, the department has been somewhat neglected in the previous Ministry and hence I think it is very pleasing to see that ₹. 32.41 crores has been allocated for the department this year.

I am grateful for the sake of our youths about the fresh sanction of ₹. 34 crores for the construction of Rajiv Gandhi Stadium, Sports Complex at Pitarte Tlang, Zobawk Sports Academy, etc. I think this will prove to be a huge leap for sport in the state.

We have District Sports Offices in Lunglei, Champhai, Saiha and Kolasib but their budget provision is only ₹. 20 lakhs each. With such a low budget, it is obvious that they will be unable to take efficient steps for the development of sports.

It is time we create a District Sports Office here in the state capital where 25 per cent of the total population lives. The Sports Directorate alone is incapable of handling all the works. If a District Office is not created, even an increase in the budget will have little impact on the development.

It is also important for the Sports Department and the Education Department to work in cohesion because most talent searches are conducted at school level. The two concerned Ministers must find a way to synchronize their departments and set up a platform for our youths to expose their potentials.

Under Demand No. 46, the UD&PA has ₹. 5568.66 lakhs allocation for their work programme and I believe the Municipality will utilize this fully for developmental works. It is my opinion that creating a separate department instead of integrating it into the LAD was a mistake made by the previous Ministry. The UD&PA department has practically taken over almost all the works, especially in the city, which leaves the LAD department with nothing much to do. Therefore, it is imperative that a clear allocation of business must be drawn between the two departments.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : We will now have a short break and we will continue at 2:00 P.M.

2: 00 P.M

S P E A K E R : We will now continue our discussion. Who will be next? May I now call upon Pu John Siamkunga.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Thank you Pu Speaker. Starting from Demand No – 31 Agriculture, the government had distributed Power Tiller to many farmers and no doubt this will assist them in their farming. Practicing NLUP will bring about a change in our farming system and the money will be circulating within Mizoram meaning that the profit will also circulate within the State. It is obvious from the Budget that the government is trying to develop Agriculture, Horticulture and to conserve Soil & Water meaning that we could be more independent in the production of crops. Regarding Fisheries, it is high time that we are independent, our consumption of fishes have increased and we imported a large amount of fish in a month and all these money go to other States. To prevent this it is crucial to be self-sufficient and resourceful to be economically independent and this will no doubt increase the per capita income and individual savings as well. It is gratifying that the government insist on the countersignature of V/C's or NGO's while distributing seeds as this will prevent any kind of mishandling.

Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs have always been the most important department of all times and due to their busy schedule it is hard for them to give attention to their go-downs and quarters. Fortunately, we could see that sanction has been made for repairing and renovation of 30 go-downs and 12 staff quarters. Introduction of consumer card is a wise move as this will clearly note the number of people owning the card preventing any kind of mishandling.

On Demand No – 22 - Sports & Youth Services, it is heartwarming to know that Youth Commission had created an opportunity for coaching classes opening doors for the younger generation. Looking at the different points I have highlighted, I find it pleasing that the government had the strategy for the betterment and development of the people .

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : May I now call for Pu Lalrobiaka.

Pu LALROBIAKA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. We have discussed different topics and we all know the significance of Agriculture, Soil & Water Conservation, Fisheries, Minor Irrigation etc. and without these departments it is unattainable to have development and be economically independent. So, with the allotted budget in these different departments it is obvious that a great process of development will be there and we will no doubt be more self-sufficient.

Moving on to Demand No – 17, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, due to their effort and hard work, we have enough supplies of sugar and we receive more LPG supplies than the previous years.

Environment & Forest department have also been allotted an amount of ₹.39 crores, they are also inter-related to our flagship programme, NLUP. Under the guidance of our Sports Minister, ‘Catch them Young’ Policy will create and mould our younger generation, paving ways for them for better and bigger opportunities. From our budget it is clear that proper plans and strategies are well thought-out for the development of our State. Thank You, Pu Speaker.

S P E A K E R : Pu Lalthansanga.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker, On the topic of Agriculture Department, subsidizing Power tiller is a good move but there will be many who are not in the position to buy these tillers even after subsidizing the rate, I, therefore suggest that these machines should also be put on a rental terms so that the less advantage people could still make use of the machines by hiring it. I also want to appeal to the Government to release the Relief fund this year since there are many farmers who are unable to run their farms.

On Demand No – 32 Horticulture, their budget is lesser than last year, and the difference is ₹.1.5 crores. Though there seem to be no problem in the production, the processing and the marketing is the main crisis and I hope the government could take better and more immediate steps in this regard.

Under Soil & Water Conservation Department, Demand No – 33, I assume that the government is undertaking different projects which may not be

known to us all and in the meantime I suggest that Tuichangral River Valley Project should also be taken into account.

On Demand No – 35, Fisheries, on behalf of the fish farmers I want to request the government to dispense more of the seeds this year since it has proved very beneficial for the fish farmers and will create a good incentive for their future.

Moving on to Minor Irrigation, Demand No – 47, is there any plans to set up SDAO in Vanlaiphai? Under Demand No – 31, Horticulture in Vanlaiphai is also manned with only one AEO and one IV- Grade, I hope this could be noted and action taken in this regard. I also wish progress could be made in VADC in Forest & Environment Department and it plays a very significant role in our constituency.

Regarding Demand No – 17, Food, Civil Supplies Department I look forward to a point where we could have more sufficient supply of Gas in areas like Serchhip, I request our Minister to bear this in mind and find strategy for us. Lastly, I wish our Minister could note that there are 6 officers in 8 districts under Information & Publicity and that plans should be made in order to recreate and develop Bharat Darshan and Doordarshan.

Thank you.

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

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Dy.Speaker, firstly I want to state that we should empower Information & Publicity and that Annual Report should be given by every department so that progress made by each can be acknowledged by the public.

Regarding Personnel & Administrative Reforms, utilizing our Administrative Training Institute, it will be a wise step to conduct training on capacity building to polish the government servants to aid them in their skill development. Pu Dy. Speaker, as highlighted in the Chief Minister's Speech, NLUP is a flagship programme in which different departments like

Agriculture, Horticulture, Minor Irrigation etc, are integrated and depending on the trade selected by the individuals these departments will implement the Policy and thus the budget of these departments have increased. And under the programme it has been formulated that 1.2 lakh families will be assisted which consist of families coming from different political Parties.

I also find it very delighting to know about the achievement made by UD & PA but at the same time I want to know why the Housing Scheme for the Economically Weaker Section is not yet dispensed since the sanction had already been made? Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker.

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

Pu R.SELTHUAMA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. On Demand No – 13, Personnel & Administrative Reforms, I want to emphasize on the manner we record our ACR. We have been following the same routine from the start and I feel that it would be wise to make a change in our procedure by permitting the person to look at their own ACR. In many cases, an individual strives his/her best in his/her duty for promotion and supercede the person before him, but when they do achieve that certain stage a new order came out stating that such condition will not be applicable which is very harsh for the victim. So, I suggest that the government should look and make amendments in this regard.

On the subject of posting, I suggest that the Minister should consider and let a person choose their posting place or putting them in their hometown or close by when they near their pension year.

Regarding Demand No – 31, Agriculture, I hope the distribution of Mini – Tractor at a subsidizing rate of 75% will increase our production rate and it is also satisfying to know that we will be receiving RKVY. NLUP, our flagship programme will be funded from our annual plan making it clear that we will not be facing any problems in this regard.

Moving on to Minor Irrigation, it is sensible to know that teaming up with NLUP and Minor Irrigation, building ponds will be beneficial for the rural areas.

On Demand No – 17, Food, Civil Supplies, under the leadership of our hon`ble Chief Minister, our problems regarding the supply of rice had immensely decreased and with the project of trains coming up to Sairang, it is apparent that we will not be facing problems in the matter of supplies in the future. Regarding the supply of gas it is clear that supply is more abundant than last year but I appeal the hon`ble Minister to give more effort in this matter so that we will be more sufficient in this concern. Thank you, Pu Dy.Speaker.

Pu C.RAMHLUNA : Thank you, Pu Dy.Speaker. It is apparent that we should concentrate on our own constituencies and I appeal the Minister to make a note of my pleas.

Firstly, I want to thank our Minister for his work due to which our problems regarding the supply of rice had decreased immensely. On 29th July, 2009, I inquired if money is given to individuals for their head-load of rice and the answer was positive and furthermore it was stated that an amount of ₹.4,88,92,411/- was utilized for this, but the people of my constituencies have never received any. So, I appeal that they are given such opportunity.

On the subject of BPL, I want to make a request for the people of my constituency so that they can enjoy a better supply and higher quota from their Retailer and the supply of gas is also very limited so I request our Minister to find a strategy to resolve this matter for us.

Pu Dy.Speaker, on Demand No – 36, Forest & Environment alone, the budget had decreased by ₹.392 lakhs and I suggest that this should be revised since the department will suffer the consequences. Under 12th Finance Commission, 186 number of staffs are recruited on contract basis and their term is almost complete, is there a way for them to remain in the same post?

The post of the Member Secretary is an independent post, can arrangements be made to fill up the post?

We have encountered lot of problems regarding the burning of forest, so, I suggest that precautions should be taken by conducting awareness campaign etc.

On Demand No – 46, under UD & PA, on 10th Oct, 2008 appointments for Assistant Town & Country Planner, Sanitation Officer, Assistant Sanitation Officer were made along with their appointing staffs. Though their Budget is from Sanitation Budget, it is executed by LAD which makes it confusing for them, so, I appeal our hon`ble Minister to look into this issue and clear the matter for them. Under the same demand, the statue of Mahatma Gandhi was demolished at Kolasib by their V/C where they build a house for commercial purpose, this matter had also been brought to the Governor and I also request our Minister to look into this issue.

On Sports & Youth Services, I congratulate them on their budget but since their work plan could not be seen is there a way to state their work programme?

Pu Dy.Speaker, under Fisheries, there are many places where they do not know that seeds are distributed, so, I hope the department will look into this matter for us.

Pu Dy.Speaker, from the report of Mizoram Economic Survey, one family could receive an amount of ₹. 6,000 – 2,00,000/- as their income from Anthurium. I want to ask if there is a possibility for the rural areas to undertake the growing of Anthurium under NLUP.

Pu Dy. Speaker, I appeal the Minister to investigate about the funds given out for fishery in places like Aibawk, Samlukhai etc since we know that only 1 out of 13 had actually dug a pond for fishery and some of them have utilized the fund for purchasing two wheelers and others. Pu Dy. Speaker, I have a lot more to say but I shall conclude for now. Thank you.

Pu JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA : May I now call upon Pu Joseph
DEPUTY SPEAKER Lalhimpuia.

Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. Firstly,
proving our statement that we will
truly be keen on uplifting the down
trodden community, under the guidance
of our hon`ble Chief Minister, we will now avail RKVY.

Pu Dy.Speaker, I also want to point out once again that our budget was prepared with a separate financial plan for NLUP and when our plan budget is laid in the House, it is done do as one complete whole and it is surprising that many of our members are still stating that funds for NLUP are pulled from different sanctions allotted to different departments.

Under Agriculture & Allied Department, I request our Minister to give more effort in our convergence. We have many link roads like Horticulture link road, Agriculture link road etc and to avoid duplicity, I think it is crucial to have more convergence. Speaking of Agriculture, I beseech our Minister to man us with more staffs since we lack manpower in Agriculture Department in Lunglei.

Under Horticulture, I request the department to increase their rate of production of seeds since many of us purchased them directly from the bazaars which are not of good quality.

On Demand No – 35, Fisheries, the government have about 4 nursery, and we spent lots of money in purchasing fish from other areas. If fishery keeps on growing as we expected we would need an Ice – Plan for preservation, so, I appeal our Minister to note this and find strategy for us in this regard.

Regarding Demand No – 37, Minor Irrigation, the terrace we have in Mizoram are undersized to meet the norms of AIDP. Is there a possible way to make arrangements and make AIDP norms practicable for us, since it will be very beneficial for the rural areas.

Pu Dy.Speaker, on Demand No – 22, because of the hard work of our hon`ble Chief Minister and our Sports Minister, Rajiv Gandhi`s Stadium is

under construction and furthermore, for the first time in Mizoram, under my constituency, ₹.34 crores of State Sport Academy construction is going on and I want to thank our hon`ble Chief Minister and our Sports Minister for this.

On Demand No – 46, UD & PA, from our hon`ble Minister`s speech, I trust that UD & PA office will be opened very soon in Lunglei, and under LAD and UD & PA, in Lunglei both departments rely on each other regarding maintenance of cleanliness and I request that this matter be settled very soon, I also believe that Lunglei Greater Water Supply will also be renovated and I hope this could be started very soon.

On Demand No – 18, IT, I want the House to note that it started from Tlabung during District Council, so I wish steps could be taken in this regard from the West. I have appealed to the government to have Wildlife Division in Lunglei so we could take care of Thorang and Khawnglung Wildlife Sanctuary with more efficiency, and I look forward to the day that it becomes successful.

Lastly, under my constituency, from Tribal Affairs Ministry, a Community Hall was constructed at Leite which amounts to almost 10 lakhs but I did not see the building at all. I beg our Minister to examine this and hope funds we received from CSS could be used in their proper allotted place. Thank you.

Pu JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA : Who will be next? Shall I call upon our
DEPUTY SPEAKER minister to wind up? Since he is the
group leader we will give him 15
minutes.

Pu LALDUHOMA : I will start from Demand No -17. I think
it is crucial for MLA`s to know the
number of connections and the amount
of gas received by our Gas distributor. I
also ask to make the distribution evenly in proportion to the number of family
members.

The notice given out regarding LPG Gas was very confusing. In places like restaurants, hotels etc, non-domestic gas cylinder should be used, it was written that it was not an order but for those who do not follow is punishable. In No – 3 of the Notice, it was stated that non-domestic connection is available at all times and if one have a connection they can have as many cylinders as they want with a security deposit of Rs 1500/-, but we have been informed that a new connection has to be made with one new cylinder, can clarification be made in this issue?

I request our minister to investigate and take actions on many of our corrupt store keepers who sell sugar and rice illegally as this results in shortage of supply among the people. I do not need to mention that there are many forged

head-load bills where the real headloaders do not receive any money. But as mentioned earlier an amount of Rs 4 crores and 88 lakhs had been used for this purpose, and I appeal that this should be inspected. I also suggest strongly for placing Weigh Bridge in every important place to eradicate corrupt scaling and to minimize FCI Godown for our own good as this will increase the use of HMV from the State people.

On Demand No – 26. Information, I believe it is crucial for the State Govt. to appeal permit for us in the central government to have access on information in different Central offices like Doordarshan, AIR, State Bank of India etc through RTI since they operate in our state.

Regarding Demand No – 46, UD & PA, our city has no doubt improving in cleanliness. But at the same time there are law-breakers who do not pay heed to the rules of sanitation. I request that actions be taken immediately against these law- breakers.

Demand No- 35, Fisheries, we have discussed about the success of Fishery but in every agricultural and other production, our problem is the market and the market place. So, I expect our government to provide us with a well facilitated market place for our fishery.

Regarding Demand No – 36, Environment & Forest, as per the Rules made by the Parliament and according to Article 371(g) it is vital to give back all private lands to their respective owners.

Pu Dy.Speaker, we have discussed 12 departments and I shall stop for now, thank you.

Pu JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA : We will now have a short recess and we
DEPUTY SPEAKER will resume at 4: 30.

4 : 30 P.M.

S P E A K E R : We will now call upon our hon`ble
Minister to wind-up. We must
understand the fact that by winding
up, our Minister is also giving a detail
annual report on his concerned departments, so let us all be patient while our
Ministers take their time.

May I now call upon Pu H.Liansailova.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. We have
MINISTER listened many of the suggestions made

by our hon`ble members and they are well noted by our directors and secretaries.

Regarding funds allotted for Fishery at Samlukhai, it is the inclination of our House Leader to execute as per the rules and regulations and we will right any wrong if we encounter any.

Regarding Sunhlu seeds pointed out by Col. Sangzuala, those kind of situation could happen but I want to state that we took extra care in all the seeds and we do not buy any unless it is from the nursery and certified by our experts.

On Demand No – 13, Personnel & Administrative Reforms, we have ₹.134 lakhs in Plan Budget and eighty-six lakhs and forty –thousand in Non – Plan Budget.

Under Agriculture, Demand No – 31, the total demand amounts to ₹.146,67,86,000/-, there are ₹.133,43,82,000/- in Plan budget and ₹. 130,24,04,000/- in Non-Plan Budget. Apart from these, for Research we have ₹.1 crore 73 lakhs 70 thousand 9 hundred and in Plan we have ₹.5 crore 30 lakhs 80 thousand and one thousand. It was stated earlier that our budget have decreased this year, so, I will make further statements to make it clear.

Under Soil & Water Conservation, between 2009-2010 an amount of ₹.12 crores 70 lakhs 25 thousand was presented and under B.E between 2008-2009 it was 10 crores 11 lakhs. And this year our the increasing amount is ₹. 2 crores 59 lakhs 25 thousand. For Fisheries our demand amounts to ₹. 9,86,33,000/-. In 2008-2009 in B.E our budget estimate was 6 crores 23 lakhs 40 thousand. We have to note that when a project work is finished and until the next grant comes, it always seems that the department, implementing the project is short in finance. Apart from these, we should also bear in mind that we will have an additional grant from DPR, Special CA or ACA.

Under Agriculture it is pleasing to know that we will be availing RKVY and our DAO`s in different districts are collecting data`s which we hope will be submitted in the month of November. And the grants we receive will be given to the State government and this will again be sanctioned by the state government according to our needs.

Regarding NLUP I want to point out that the main aim of the programme is to provide a sustainable occupation for the people irrespective of their parties and it will be carried out as per the rules.

Under Agriculture we have a big project under ISOPOM, plantation of Oil-palm where the Central and State share is 75/25 which was started in the year 2004 in a contract farming-mode. We have covered districts like Kolasib, Mamit, Serchhip and Lunglei where there are about 5000 or 6000 families involved in this project. In collaboration with different reliable companies like godrej agrovet, suchi ray and food-fat, our project is progressing immensely and I request all our

hon`ble MLA's to encourage the people of their constituencies to work diligently in this project.

A budget of ₹.550 lakhs had been estimated for The National Water Shed Development Programme and under this project 3000 hectare of land needs to be renovated and we have PIA in every project and DAOs in every district supervise their respective areas.

Under Agriculture, this year we have only one crore for crop-insurance and we hope this will increase later and in the meantime, we have National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NICE) also known as Rashtrya Krishni Bema Yojana (RKBY) and a notification was already sent out to cover Champhai and Serchhip district and a training was also conducted and 12 families have availed this scheme and with NLUP in progress I believe this scheme should be more popularized.

Given a priority by our Chief Minister to be independent in agriculture farming, we have taken many steps in this regard and our officers and experts have worked earnestly and SR-I has also been practiced. Apart from these IR64 has also been demonstrated and our farmers and experts are very eager to use these technologies. And we are also branching out so that we could have a better production of crops so that we could also be self-sufficient in this matter and for these successions we are also planning to give out seeds.

Making use of Revised Micro-Management Programme our hon`ble Chief Minister had taken steps for us to make use of this programme and we will now be capable of distributing almost 400 Power Tillers. And I request all our hon`ble MLA's to know that since these Power Tillers are subsidized at a great rate, to prevent selling and misuse of these machines we let them sign an affidavit and register them before a lawyer/magistrate as a precautionary measures.

Regarding agriculture I think it is crucial to make the younger generations know that in order to be economically independent we have to be self-sufficient in agriculture and that growing crops and farming is not only for older people or just a method to provide sustainable occupation for rural people.

Under Agriculture Research and Education, in every KVK District they are able to function properly and seeds are examined by the experts and they will be put in the seed foundation after their approval. This will prove to be very beneficial for our agriculture system.

Plans have also been made to renovate the Integrated Training Centre at Hnahthial and funds have also been allotted to us. The Principal, the Director and others are also looking forward to this.

Going on to Fisheries, we have ₹.123 lakhs for direction and administration, 86 lakhs for fish-seed production, 385 lakhs for fresh aqua-culture.

Though Fisheries is not a new department we are unable to cover every district and I request our hon`ble members for their kind consideration regarding opening of our branches in other districts. Regarding fish-seeds, we

distribute them whenever we receive funds from ACA, and in the coming year, our fishery pond under our department and...

From the report there is 20,000 hectare of potential area for fish farming. Fish seed has been distributed in Lawgtlai, Lunglei and Tam Dil. Pu Speaker, huge water body has come up with Hydel Projects; hence steps are taken to utilize these hydel projects for enhancing the production.

Coming to Demand No.33, Soil and Water Conservation. The Plan Budget allocation for the department is 300 crore, half the allocation will be invested in Direction and Administration Infrastructure building. And, ₹.143.76 lakhs for developmental works, ₹.36 lakhs is earmark for plantation, check-dam and terrace which will cover 30 hectare of land. Pu Speaker, ₹.40 lakhs is earmark for rain-water harvesting and ₹.10 lakhs for erosion. These are the work schedule of the plan fund .I would like to clarify that Valley Project is not Plan fund but, CSS fund.

Minor Irrigation department though is not a new department, it is the first time there is a separate budget allocation for the department. There is a plan to invest ₹.5 crore, and 12 lakhs for- Direction and Administration. The plan working target is- there is 2769 hectare of on going projects out of which 118 projects has been covered. At present, we cannot enter compound area which is less than 25 hectare. Our first priority project is Mat valley, and Chhamphai Valley.

Coming to Horticulture, I will not speak about the Budget provision. As we are all aware there is huge potential in Horticulture, we are successful in grape, passion fruit, and Anthurium plantation. Now, Aloe Vera and Stevia is taken up, however we are slowing down the process as the market linkage has to be taken into consideration. Isreal citrus has been given to 20/30 families for plantation under Technology Mission. Pu Speaker, for the export of Rose and Anthurium cold storage will be installed at Airport and a refrigerated Vehicle will also be provided. We expect this to be of tremendous purpose to the Growers. Further, under Technology Mission we are expecting pack house for passion fruit. Pack house will help in exporting passion fruit in its green form. Regarding Green House, we have tangible result in Khawzawl, and Champhai District among educated unemployed. This year there is a proposal to go on a low cost drive.

Lastly, this year there is an intention to decrease the supply quotation of seeds, and to purchase seeds as far as possible from the farmers .Pu Speaker, regarding the processing of our products like, Pineapple, Passion Fruit, and Grape, under the guidance and the initiative of the hon'ble Chief- Minister, we are expecting to have a fruitful engagement with prominent companies like Global link, and Future Wine. As such, Future Wine is intending to visit Mizoram on the first week of November to study the facilities and the potential of the State. Pu Speaker, we are expecting some form of development within these 5 years. I would now like to request the House to pass the following demand, Demands No.13 Personal & Administrative Reforms, Demand No.31 Agriculture, Horticulture, Demand No.33 Soil and Water Conservation, Demand No.35 Fishers, Demand No.47 Minor Irrigation. Thank You.

S P E A K E R : Now the Minister has wind up his demand and request the House to pass his demand, all those who agree to pass the Demand say 'agree' and those who disagree to pass say 'disagree', the house has unanimously passed Pu H.Liansailova, Minister's demand totaling ₹.248 crores 68 lakhs, and 22,000 thousand.

Pu H. LIANSAILOVA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, thank you.

S P E A K E R : Let us now call Pu H.Rohluna, Minister to wind up his demand and seek the permission of the House to pass his Demand.

Pu H. ROHLUNA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, thank you. I would first of all like to thank the hon'ble members for actively participating in the discussion of my demand. And, for their valuable suggestion. I would like to start with Environment & Forest; I will try and wind up without taking much time, but since I am a first timer, I may not be able to do so. I therefore request the members to understand.

Pu P.P.Thawla mentioned about Saiha Forest Division.Pu Speaker, Forest Department does not take direct action in the District Council, they have their Autonomous Officer.

The hon'ble members mentioned about the Budget Allocation for Pollution Control Board. Like last year ₹.30 Lakhs is what can be allocated for the Board, it is our desire to increase the amount. However, unlike other State, development work is still limited. Regarding Board Secretary, there is court case so; the Government is trying to solve the problem.

The hon'ble members emphasize on Fire Prevention. Under the initiative and Chairmanship of the hon'ble Chief- Minister, meetings were held to discuss, as to how the environment should be protected. There was a suggestion to create fire squad, however due to constraint of fund immediate action could not be taken. I would like to thank YMA and Village council for their pro-active role in

matter of fire prevention. The preparatory season is here, thus I would like to mention that, the Department will make necessary preparation as required.

In regard to Forest Development Agency, VFDC's nature of work has been discussed in previous session. Pu Speaker, the copy of sanction has been distributed to the hon'ble members, if there is anyone who have not received the copy, we will try and give the copy.

For the information of the House, State Wild Life Board is intending to take whatever necessary step to up grade Wild life Division in Lunglei. In regard to Leite Community Hall, sanction for the construction of the Hall have been made in 2007-2008. Pu Speaker, if the Hall does not really exist, the Government will enquire and find out, where the fund is utilized. As for Dampa Tiger Reserve, we have received ₹.14 lakhs for preparatory, rather than this Fund we have not received any other Fund.

With global warming, huge task is entrusted in Environment and Forest. In- spite of lack of manpower, we feel we have done a tremendous work. The Village Forest Committee is constituted with the funding of the Central Government to safeguard the Environment and Wild Life. It is our desire to execute work as transparent as possible. It is due to this reason that the hon'ble members are given the sanction copy.

For Intensification of Forest Management, the Department has received ₹.500 lakhs as per provision of 12th Finance Commission. For the development of medicinal plant, development of wild life and national oil seeds and vegetable oil development, ₹.111 lakhs, ₹.61, 45,005 lakhs respectively is expected from the Central Government within this financial year.

To safeguard the environment and multiply the trees of the State, Green Mizoram Programme has been organized under the initiative of the hon'ble Chief- Minister. Under this Programme ₹.16,44,669 lakhs of trees has been planted. We request the people of the State to give their co-operation in the maintenance of these plantations.

Few words in forest clearance, I would like to request the hon'ble ministers to give importance to forest clearance before starting any project in the forest reserve, as it is monitored by the Apex Court.

Pu Speaker, it is our desire to speed up the selling of teak as it directly concerns the people. At Kawrthah Division we have working plan which has already been approved by the Central Government. Work plan for Kolasib and Thenzawl Division working plan has also been submitted for approval. As much as we would like to speed up the selling of teak, the lack of manpower constraint us. Pu Speaker, we have approached the authorities to allot rail-wagon on quarterly basis, and we are hopeful that we will be allotted accordingly. If this is so, the export of teak to other states will increase and so will the profit.

In the State Zoo we have Mr. Hume's pheasant. This particular bird if reproduced in other country they become spurious. But, Mr. Hume's pheasant that we have in our Zoo reproduce the original. Thus we hold a world record in this. At present we intend to multiply the Gibbon ape.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, as we are speaking about Gibbon ape, I would also like to mention that, in Mamit, 36 families who registered themselves under the Society Registration Act live in a given plot. In this area there are two Gibbon Ape couple. Rawpuichhip R.O. has given permit to cut trees at this Lubul reserve forest. This caused the apes to be timid. I believe it has come to the notice of the Minister as well. I request that immediate protection be given.

At PTC Zoo, I heard that a tortoise escaped from the Zoo, it is really amazing. The 20 MR employees from the Zoo has not received their salary for this year.

Pu H.ROHLUNA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, Regarding Gibbon ape, I have received information and have given direction to protect the ape. Chief- Wildlife Warden is looking into the matter.

I regret to state that we are unable to pay their salary in time. As they are under Concurrent List; thus, rely on Central Government's Sanction. But, we assist them as far as we can.

I would like to say few more words in regard to preserving Forest Reserve. Pu Speaker, we the Mizos are deeply aware of the preservation of Forest Reserve for the past generation and we have the Village safety reserve and the Supply reserve. However, with time village grouping came into existence, and thus lack in the preservation of Forest. I have personally told the central Minister that, the central Government is responsible for the diminishing of safety reserve and supply reserve. Thus it is the responsible of the Central Government to rebuild. Hence, we are expecting to receive Additional Central Assistance fund of 38 crore. Infact, we will be the 3rd highest State to receive the fund. Pu Speaker, thus we are expecting that steps be taken in the preservation of Village Forest Reserve and Community Reserve with this fund.

Pu Speaker, the Revenue received in the current year from March to June is, ₹.6,51,385. And for Bamboo Mahal ₹.23,04,500.

Pu Speaker, no one talked about Legal Metrology. I would like to say few words. Legal Metrology wing is headed by Joint Controller. It is their duty

to check the weight and measure of the essential commodities, and also the quality specification. As far as possible they check the measurement at market place as well. In spite of the vast work load assigned to this department, the lack of manpower causes huge set-back. They are the protector of the consumers. We are glad that with the help of the Central Government's assistance, we have acquired various equipments and check-kits. Pu Speaker, as mentioned earlier, if the enforcement staff could be increased, I suppose the people could benefit more. At present we have received calls from various part of the district, but like I said, due to lack of staff we are unable to attend these calls. I wanted to highlight these points so that the members could understand our problem.

Coming to Food and Civil Supply. Pu Speaker, whatever allocation that is received from the central government is distributed to the Public Distributor. The total allotment received for BPL, AAY and above poverty line is not sufficient. Thus, every month, 8000 metric tone of rice is purchased by the Government at economic cost. It is due to this reason that the Department is able to distribute rice. As members mentioned at the beginning of this year due to unavailability of rail-wagon we have problem in supply of food grain. There was a time when the godown was empty. However, with the intervention of the hon'ble Chief-Minister, Special Secretary from the central Government was dispatched to Halflong to enquire the cause of the stoppage of rail wagon. From there on till date we have sufficient supply. I would like to thank the hon'ble Chief- Minister.

As mentioned above, we could not stock rice in time for the rainy season. Fortunately, there is no road blockage and hence there is normal supply through out the year.

Last year sugar was not distributed from April to October, However this year except for April, May, and June sugar is distributed every month. hon'ble member from Lawngtlai urged for the increase in the quantity. Pu Speaker, we are content with the present quantity, as there is scarcity of sugar in the central Government. We expect for festival special allocation.

Pu C.RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, is it because the allocation is less or we are unable to purchase the allotted quantity? And if the quantity can be increase at least in the rural area.

Pu H. ROHLUNA : The monthly allocation is 6660 quintal. Therefore, we are able to distribute only 500 grams each. It is the desire of PSD to give at equal rate, and equal quantity. There is no problem in the purchase of the allocation. The sugar producing states themselves are complaining in the recently concluded Food and Sugar Minister

conference, of the huge loss they are facing. They urged the Central Government to increase the price. Pu Speaker, infact, the Department is proud to distribute sugar regularly from July.

The hon'ble members spoke about godown. It is true there are various godown which needs repair. Pu Speaker, the Department is aware of this. Thus, priority godown is selected for repair. We are waiting for sanction from the central Government for the construction of Lunglei, Mamit, and Aibawk godowns with the capacity of 100 metric tones, and 500 metric tones each. The on-going construction at Serchhip, and Chhiahtlang will be completed shortly. Members must have noticed vacant godown at various places. This is due to the fact that the selection for construction was not chosen appropriately and thus results in double godown which is not required.

Pu, Speaker, we have opened consumer help line for consumer to lodge complain and enquiry. We have been receiving grant in aid from the Central Government for consumer awareness campaign. Hence, the awareness has grown significantly.

In regard to K.oil and Gas the department is aware that the demand is high. Thus, the Department is looking into the matter as to what could be the best solution for its distribution.

Few words in regard to POL. Due to the effort given by dealers and company representatives, problem in petrol and diesel have been solved. I thank representatives of the company and pump dealers.

Hon'ble Speaker Sir, member from Lawngtlai 'W' constituency stated that there is something wrong in regard to head load of rice. That is, the retailer benefited head load bill without handing over the bill to the people who carried rice. This will be looked into on the spot.

Pu K.LIANTLINGA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, is not it possible to enquire the DCSO Lawngtlai 'W'?

Pu H.ROHLUNA MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I do hope we can do it. I think the retailer should draw the carrying bill. But he did not hand over the bill to the people. If the retailer could deduct head load bill while issuing rice, it will greatly help the people. We would do our best to do it in such way.

Pu C.RAMHLUNA : Thank you hon'ble Speaker Sir. What I want to know is the person who draw the head load bill. It is time to know as this has been going on for sometimes.

S P E A K E R : The Minister had given you assurance. To whom did you submit your application? What are the names of those people?

Pu C.RAMHLUNA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I had submitted my application to the Director and had informed the hon'ble Minister personally more than one month back. It is time to know the matter.

S P E A K E R : It is good to pursue the matter as early as possible for the concerned minister.

Pu H.ROHLUNA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I would like to request the hon'ble member to have a good understanding. I think we have not issued any head load bill to his constituency after the functioning of this ministry. The reason is that there is lot of pending bill and also the department issued bills in seniority after the functioning of this ministry. Some special case were there such as releasing bill for patients on refered cases.

Regarding weight bridge, we have weight bridge at Serchhip. Muanna godown, Zuangtui and Vairengte. The weight bridge at Hnahthial and other places were already sold last week. The weight bridge at Vairengte is also ready for sale. But we think it again and had inspected it and believed that it may be repaired and we called technician from Bangalore. We did not know that the weight bridge at Zuangtui was shocked by thunderbolt in September of this year. It is very troublesome for the government. We want to use it. We want to purchase the weight bridge but we have no fund and seek fund from ways and means.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, some weight bridges were sold during the former ministry. While some were repaired by appointing contractor. Among them only the weight bridge at Vairengte is serviceable. The reason why I think the machine cannot be broken easily is that there is a MODAFFER which can not break easily. If it breaks often, I think it is done intentionally. In such cases, action is usually taken against supervising officers. I think no weight bridge will be broken easily. It is good to have spot verification against Zuangtui weight bridge whether the thunderbolt really shocked it. It is important to take prompt action by the Hon'ble Minister to get rid off such easy broken machine.

Pu H.ROHLUNA MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I think the hon'ble Member does not know that the weight bridge at Vairengte had damaged for a long time. It does not function till date. The weight bridge at Serchhip is a good one. Zuangtui weight bridge also needs repairing. We have no weight bridge at any other place.

We do our best not to break the weight bridges, even the order is strong enough but we did not know how to take action against the thunderbolt.

Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I spent lot of time, I beg the House to pass my Demand Nos.17 – Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department - ₹.226,20,17,000/- and Demand No.36 – Environment and Forest Department - ₹.39,49,94,000/- for expenditure for the year 2009-2010. Thank you.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, with the absence of PIO, it is very troublesome to submit an appeal. I, therefore, request this government to have PIO in each of our area.

S P E A K E R : Pu H. Rohluna, hon'ble Minister had wind up his demands and begged the House to pass his Demands. Can we pass it.

(The Demand is voted and passed).

Now, let us call upon Pu Zodintluanga, hon'ble Minister to wind up his demands and to beg the House to pass it.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, first of all, I MINISTER would like to thank God and the hon'ble Chief Minister for his handing over four departments to me to look after on behalf of this ministry. It is very pleasing to know that most of the hon'ble members thanks me and said my demands. I will do my best to react them all.

Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I will try to point out the election manifesto and its implementations by this government led by hon'ble Chief Minister Pu Lal Thanhawla. Because I think the members and the people are interested in it.

Demand No.26 – Information and Public Relation – Regarding the achievement record achievements made by the government highlighted in the monthly issue of 'Tunlai Chanchin' with its coloured photograph.

Regarding PIO, I would like to request Pu Lalduhoma to submit his question to me in written for further and immediate action to the Central Government. It is necessary to take action if any state has no SPIO/SAPIO as we are expected to report to the Central Government.

Regarding distribution of Television, it is One Time Grant made by Pu Regapathy, Union Minister for Peace Accord Commemorative. While Community Viewing Shed under BADP are constructed there is no more fund under BADP, but we are expected to distribute Radio from our budget.

Hon'ble Speaker Sir, we are fortunate that we received many suggestions from hon'ble member of Lunglei 'W' which he could not implement during the period of ten years of their term. It seemed that he had a good confidence in this Ministry led by Pu Lal Thanhawla. Six vacant posts are now ready to be filled up through MPSC. Demand of two more vacant posts is now submitted and put up for further consideration. A building at Serchhip is also completed and UDC, LDC and other staff are also granted for functioning of the office. One vehicle is also already purchased for use of I & PR Department.

Hon'ble Speaker Sir, as said before, this Ministry is a ministry that wants to implement Election Manifesto. Under I & PR Department, Election Manifesto is briefly categorised as Journalists Welfare Fund Rules, Press Accreditation Rules and Setting up of the Mizoram Literature Committee. This Government had already implemented the above two Rules and had set up Committee for the progress of the Mizoram Literature.

Demand No.14 - Information and Communication Department, it is headed by Commissioner and Secretary IAS. While Directorate is supervised by

the Principal Information Officer. We are now expecting to make better progress for this department after appointing those officers.

Regarding Software Technology, step is now taken by the government. The former ministry put it under Industries Department, it is under the same department. The department takes prompt action for its improvement. Besides these, Computer Training Centre is set up for women and backward classes of the youths. It is named as Capacity Building Development Programme, using ICT for women and rural youth in Mizoram. The trainees are to be selected cooperating with MHIP and MICLUN. Computer Training Centre at Chhing Veng for disabled persons is also set up. It is named as IT Base Education and Communication.

Government is also taking step for setting up of Call Centre for the unemployed youths. In order to get Call Centre, good connectivity is the most important thing. For this purpose, the hon'ble Chief Minister submitted an application to the Central Ministry for supply of overhead fiber Optic in the state. Step is now being taken in collaboration with Power Grid Corporation of India Limited.

This ministry is now taking step to have Public Information Centre. This is a service of the government to the public. Now, 136 centre is proposed to be set up. The people will easily get booking of railway, air ticket, birth certificate and electric bill etc.

Hon'ble Speaker Sir, proposal is also made to set up Mizo Language Software in collaboration with Centre for Development for Advanced Computing, Kolkatta.

Besides these, almost all government servants are expected to go on training of computer. Sixty one officers were sent to go on computer training at different Computer Institute during this year. All clerical employees are also expected to go on computer training at NIC and ATI.

Demand No.22 – Sports and Youth Services Department. The state is fortunate to have a Chief Minister who has keen interest in sports. He is interested in sports not only in words but also in deed. He has given top priority. Various Sports Associations thank him for his action in sports.

I would like to inform Pu Lalrinawma to know that inspection has been done with its photograph for construction of playground for Zuangtui and Zemabawk. We also know the championship of Zemabawk and Durtlang in tug of war in National Games. Not only that, but his constituency from Sihphir will represent Mizoram in fencing in the Indian National Games.

Regarding the steps taken by SSA and Sports and Youth Services Department, there is some proposal for amalgamation under the Sports Authority of Mizoram headed by the hon'ble Chief Minister of Mizoram. But no decision is made till date.

Tlangnuam playground is an on-going work, accordingly it will be improved as the governmental work programme. It is difficult to maintain Venghnuai playground and any other playgrounds mentioned by the hon'ble members as they are owned by Games and Sports Association/YMA. Unlike the former ministry this government will try to improve any playground constructed by this ministry for the benefit of the players.

It is very pleasing that Dr.Thangtea pointed out implementation of the programme of "catch them young" in the former ministry. I would like to inform the House that we would continue any programme which is good for the people. Zobawk State Sports Academy continued by this ministry has no DPR and with the help of the hon'ble Chief Minister we contacted personally the DoNER Minister at the Central. Fund sanctioned for various playgrounds had been increased from ₹.10 crores to ₹.34 crores. With the implementation of those academy we are going to have the best Sports Academy in India.

Regarding the election manifesto, this ministry implements almost all of its election manifesto. Rajiv Gandhi's Stadium has been started within six months of this ministry digging ground by his own hand as the hon'ble Chief Minister said on his public speech. The documentary film of the construction of Rajiv Gandhi's Stadium is made for our generations.

S P E A K E R : Regarding the damage of retaining wall at various playgrounds. You need to make assurance that no such damage will happen again due to poor quality of work.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, government is going to take steps seriously to ensure that no retaining wall damage again. Any contractor engaged should be made aware that no such damage happen again in future.

Hon'ble Speaker Sir, there is much saying about Rajiv Gandhi Stadium. Dr.Thangtea too does not seem to believe that the site will be transferred to Mualpui. But, if it is not transferred, we may lost funds already sanctioned for its construction from the 13th Finance Commission as there is no permission from Assam Rifles. Signature column of Assam Rifles and the Government of Mizoram is still lying vacant in the application form. If the fund already sanctioned is not yet in use for its construction, we are afraid that the 13th Finance Commission will not allow to sanction another fund. That is why, we start the work as early as possible.

We also have permission for training of small Aircraft pilot from NCC headquarter, Delhi with one aircraft and its instructor. If so, the youths will have training of pilot without any expenditure.

Demand No.46 – UD & PA - It is a young department established on 24th August, 2006. Its purview is very wide. Its duty is to supervise and bring developments within the city. It has to interfere in the business of almosts of all departments in the city. Speaker Sir, sufficient drinking water supply in the city and other towns is also our election manifesto. Now, we have a project of ₹.102.54 crores from NERCCDP. Besides this, a good municipality is also our target for better administrative system of the city by means of “The Mizoram Municipal Act, 2007”. We are not only to benefit funds from JNNURM. Hon’ble Speaker Sir, we hope that the Mizoram Municipal Bill, 2007 will be amended in this House within one year.

Regarding UD & PA and LAD, the government decided that the works of LAD will be carried out by UD & PA especially for the city. Other works of LAD will remain the same for other towns and villages. The Allocation of business Rules is amended by the government in such way. We expected that the identified works of three departments like ADA, LAD and UD&PA will be amended by government after Municipal Election.

MLA from West-I mentioned about disposal of human waste in the city, we are so sorry for it. I will not mention the name of person as FIR is submitted at Vaivakawn Police station. The department of UD&PA tried its best to maintain cleanliness and declared the year for cleanliness not only cleanliness week within the department. We believed that it is necessary to impart children from the smallest ones the importance of cleanliness. We believed that Aizawl city is the cleanliest city in the country. If we teach from the smallest children we may become the state in the world.

MLA from Lunglei ‘W’ alleged that UD&PA intentionally delayed funds for water supply scheme of Lunglei and Serchhip under UADSSMT. The fact is that, the fund is sent to Planning Department and after its approval we are now waiting for concurrence of Finance Department. As it is Central Scheme, we want to use the fund as early as possible. Although it is not me to clarify about it, but as UD&PA is wrongly alleged by the hon’ble Member, it is necessary to clarify about it.

Fund under the housing schemes of Lunglei and Champhai is also not yet sanctioned till date. The government has problem from Finance Department, but it is well to understand such delaying period although it is very desirable to receive such fund at the earliest. It is desirable to apply the second installment to the Central Government. The work is to be executed by the department appointed by the State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC) headed by the hon’ble Chief Minister.

Hon’ble Speaker, I have taken my time, I would like to thank the hon’ble Members for their earnestness in the discussion of UD&PA Department.

Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I beg the House to pass my Demand No.14 – Information and Communication Technology - ₹.6,86,13,000/-, Demand No.22 – Sports and Youth Services - ₹.32,41,57,000/-, Demand No.26 – Information and Publicity - ₹.6,71,80,000/-, Total ₹.1,32,60,68,000/-. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Now, Pu Zodintluanga, hon'ble Minister had wind up his demands and begged the House to pass it. Can we pass it.

(The Demand is voted and passed)

Pu ZODINTLUANGA : Thank you, hon'ble Speaker Sir.
MINISTER

S P E A K E R : In our discussion 16 members participated.

Regarding Lottery, the hon'ble Chief Minister submitted correction about answer to Lottery. Do you see the copy?

Now, we finished our business for today, we will adjourn the sitting for today and resume it at 10:30 AM on 28.10.2009.

Sitting Adjourned.

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