

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

**LIST OF BUSINESS**

**FOR SIXTH SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2010  
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

1. **Pu R. ROMAWIA**, Speaker at the chair, Deputy Speaker, 11 Ministers and 25 Members were present.

**QUESTIONS**

2. **QUESTIONS** entered in a separate list to be asked and oral answer given.

**STATEMENT MADE BY A MINISTER**

3. **Pu S. HIATO**, Minister to make a Statement on the damage of Multipurpose Building at Berawtlang by fire.

**SHORT DURATION DISCUSSION**

4. **Pu LALDUHOMA** to raise short duration discussion under Rules 55 of Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly on Disaster Management at Tlawng River, Sairang.

**DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS**

5. **Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various demands under his charge.
6. **Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various demands under his charge.
7. **Pu NIHAR KANTI**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various demands under his charge.

**S P E A K E R**

: Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it; unless the Lord guards the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.

Psalms 127:1

We will now take up our first business, Questions & Answers.  
May I call upon Pu K. Liantlinga to ask Starred Question No. 61?

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Thank you Pu Speaker. Here is my question to the hon'ble Minister for Health & Family Welfare Department:

- (a) Whether the persons appointed for Refrigerator Mechanics were holders of genuine Refrigerator Mechanic Certificate?
- (b) If not, how many applicants were holders of genuine Certificate? May I know their names and addresses?

S P E A K E R : The minister in-charge to answer the questions.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO : Here is my answer, Pu Speaker.  
MINISTER

- (a) No, they were not.
- (b) Among the applicants, 9 persons were holders of genuine certificate and their names and addresses are as follows:
  - (1) Zohmingliana Pachuau S/O Lalroenga Pachuau, Bethel Veng
  - (2) Lalthazuala Hrahsel S/O Lalrohluhhara, College Veng
  - (3) J. Lalawmpuia S/O J. Lalrinhhana, Saikhama Kawn
  - (4) C. Vanhmingthanga S/O C. Vanchana, Zotlang Lunglei
  - (5) R. Vanlalhruaia S/O R. Chhuanvawra, Lunglawn Lunglei
  - (6) P. Lalrintluanga S/O P. Lalthansiam, Rahsi Veng Lunglei
  - (7) T. Lalramnghaka S/O T. Hrahlah, Meisavaih, Saiha
  - (8) Lalchawiliana S/O Chawngdailova, Hmunhmeltha
  - (9) H. Zarzoliana S/O H. Piangthanga, Hmunhmeltha

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

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, it is learnt that those three appointed for the said post such as K. Lalawmpuia of Keifang, M.F. Dawngliana of Electric Veng and C. Lalremruata were non-holders of Mechanic Certificate. Besides, list furnished by the concerned minister now is not the same with his answer to Unstarred Question of the previous session. What is the reason? Pu Speaker, since the persons appointed were non-holders of Mechanic Certificate, it may be pleasing if appointment is made in favor of holders of the said certificate instead?

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO MINISTER : If my memory serves me well, this question is asked by the same member three times such as on 23.7.2009, 16.10.2009 and 21.10.2009. Pu Speaker, it is not possible to make the said appointment without Recruitment Rules where as existing Recruitment Rules is of 1987 and it does not point out appointment of Refrigerator Mechanic. According to the R.R., qualification to that effect is HSLC or equivalent with ITI Training in Electric. Henceforth, the said appointment is made on the basis of this existing R.R.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Supplementary question, Pu Speaker. If Recruitment Rules demanded qualification in Electric mechanic for the said post, advertisement should have been made for Electric Mechanic. It is absolutely wrong to make advertisement for Refrigerator Mechanic as the three applicants of qualified Refrigerator Mechanic too were not appointed for the post. If it is insisted, R.R should have been amended beforehand.

My question, Pu Speaker, is, is not it possible to issue the said advertisement for Electric Mechanic instead of Refrigerator Mechanic so as not to violate the existing R.R.?

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO MINISTER : As known to us all, Pu Speaker, amendment of R.R. is not a matter to be completed in a week or so whereas demand for the said service is extremely high as it concerns for maintenance of various machineries in Hospital. We were, therefore, compelled to make the said appointment by the month of January. Advertisement was then issued in accordance with the existing R.R. as no harm is done as far as my knowledge is concerned.

S P E A K E R : Next, Starred Question No. 62 to be asked by Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Here is my question for favor of answer to be given by the hon'ble minister for PHE. Whether construction of Water Supply for Mizoram University, Tanhril is completed?

S P E A K E R : The concerned minister to answer the question.

Pu S. HIATO  
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, construction of Water Supply to Mizoram University, Tanhril which may be done by PHE is completed.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, the problem of scarcity of water is extremely high in Mizoram University and the surrounding areas. In order to resolve the problem, there is a plan to pump water from Setlak River, thanks to the effort made by the concerned officials. My question is, whether approach road to the said river could be constructed in advance so as to evade long delay of completion of the said plan? We are afraid that missing of materials for the said may cause abandonment of plan as in the previous years. May transformer be installed there immediately in order to evade such problems? Besides, Pu Speaker, there are other sources of water in the vicinity out of which sufficient supply may be obtained. If the plan is taken up, people in the area may be able to maintain their livelihood without water supply from Phase-II. May the plan be taken up?

Secondly, Phase-II pipeline to Tanhril and Central Jail had already been laid; yet leaking of water compels welding of pipeline which obstructs a regular supply to the area. May the concerned department determine to give water supply to the said area more regularly?

Lastly, Pu Speaker, since water supply from Phase-II is made available for Rangvamual, I do not think it is difficult for the concerned department to extend up to Phunchawng and PTC. May the concerned minister consider the case?

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

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, whether Phase - II plan started since the previous ministry which covered Durtlang and Sihphir remain unchanged?

Pu S. HIATO  
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the government too, aware of the problems pointed out by Pu Lalduhoma yet, I may not be able to give the answer to each question due to limit of time. Regarding water supply to Mizoram University, it is to be noted that the supply is coming from Luangmual reservoir which is fed by booster installed at Chandmari. University Campus is then supplied from Tanhril and also from 100 mm GI pipeline of bypass connection. Even so, a regular supply could not be given at present as Phase-II is not yet fully functional and effort has been made by the department for immediate completion.

Regarding his suggestion to set up plan for water supply from Setlak River, it is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme particularly meant for Industrial Crop Centre. Even though it is often pumped up for distribution in the surrounding areas, it could not be continued due to certain reasons such as missing of pipes, cables and poor condition of approach road. The concerned staff of the department, till this morning, continuously gives their effort to resolve the problem.

As of the problem of PTC, Lungverh, the case could not be considered as it was not included by census as a habitat area. Yet, the government determines to resolve the problem from state fund.

Regarding pipeline connection for Phunchawng from Rangvamual, there is a determination to include it. It will be given as soon as it is included in Phase-II.

In reply to the question of Pu R. Lalrinawma, we planned to install Booster Pump at Bawngkawn for which contract work for construction of buildings, pipeline and culverts has already been allotted. Construction of number of Tanky and reservoir for the same is completed. Hopefully, the problem of Durtlang and the surrounding areas will be resolved as soon as installation of Booster Pump is achieved.

S P E A K E R : ICFAI University too, made a request to me to consider their problem and provide a large tanky to their University. It may be pleasing if the minister in-charge take note of their problem while doing their work for Durtlang.

We will now take up Starred Question No. 63 and Pu John Siamkunga to ask the question.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Pu Speaker, the following are my questions and answer may be given by the Minister for Law & Judicial Department.

- (a) Whether the government has power to get involved in the judgment of a law Court?
- (b) Will Gram Nyayalayas (Village Court) be set up in reality?
- (c) If so, in which places will it be set up?

Pu LALSAWTA MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Answer to his question

- (a) No.
- (b) Yes. It will be started from the current financial year 2010-2011.
- (c) During the current financial year, it will be set up at four places such as:- (1) Phullen (2) Durtlang (3) East Lungdar (4) Ngopa. And during the next financial year, 2011-2012, it is planned to be set up at the following places such as - (1) West Phaileng (2) Bilkhawthlir (3) South Vanlaiphai (4) Bunghmun (5) Zawlnuam.

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

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Pu Speaker, the concerned minister has clearly stated that the government is not involved in the judgment of a law Court. As known to us all, the hon'ble Chief Minister was framed with court case in connection with corruption charges. After trial period of a couple of years, final order was issued by the court proclaiming his victory as he was free from all charges against him. In the meantime, some political parties

publicized the hon'ble Chief Minister as winning the case only because his party formed the ministry. I, therefore, insist on the concerned Minister for Law to clarify to the House that the government is not involved in the judgment of court that declared court victory of the hon'ble Chief Minister.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Supplementary question, Pu Speaker. May setting up of Village Council Court at Sakawrdai, Hqrs. of Sinlung Deveopment Council be included in first phase list of the programme?

S P E A K E R : Pu Lalsawta, concerned minister to reply.

Pu LALSAWTA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Regarding suggestion made by Pu R. L. Pianmawia, it is a three years programme and we may consider including it by the next programme.

Answers to Supplementary Question of Pu John Siamkunga remain the same with my answer to his original question. The government might have involved in such cases in the previous ministry, but not in this ministry as most of the advocates believed the said case won by Pu Lal Thanhawla should have been declared during the previous term but being delayed deliberately as the case may be publicized for the benefit of their party in the coming general election. All I could say now is that the government is not involved in any judicial case.

S P E A K E R : Starred Question No. 64 and Pu Lalduhoma to ask.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, Starred Question No. 64 and answer may please be given by Minister for Veterinary Department:-

- (a) In which year Piggery Farm at Kawlkulh-II (Model Piggery Village) was established?
- (b) What is the amount of expenditure to that aspect so far?

- (c) What is the existing number of family concerned?
- (d) How is the government plan to continue with this programme?

S P E A K E R : Pu Nihar Kanti, Minister for Veterinary department to answer the question.

Pu NIHAR KANTI : Pu Speaker, my answers are as follows:-  
MINISTER

- (a) Piggery Farm, Kawlkulh-II was set up in 2002.
- (b) Expenditure in respect of Piggery Farm, Kawlkulh-II till date is ₹.1,41,14996/-
- (c) 25 families.
- (d) In respect of this Piggery Farm, 1 Veterinary Field Assistant (VFA) of Muster Roll Employee is posted. Medicines and vaccine which may be used as necessary is supplied on a regular basis. The farm has been maintained with available aides to the concerned families.

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

Pu LALDUHOMA : I have two questions to this concern. It seems that this Piggery Farm is neglected by the government as no plan for improvement is made and no food for animal being supplied. Besides, it is learnt that no allocation of fund is made by the government for its maintenance. If so, may the government continue to take up this plan as on-going project of NLUP as there are number of families being engaged in the farm?

Secondly, even though the department of Veterinary installed transformer here, it was disconnected on 2<sup>nd</sup> January as the department of Veterinary failed to submit maintenance charge to P&E department. It seems that this failure was due to non-allotment of fund in regard to maintenance of the said farm. However, the department now submitted maintenance charge and transformer is brought to Aizawl for repair. But it is not known how long it will take. So, I am asking the Minister concerned if the said be immediately repaired? If not, may it be replaced with a new transformer as power supply is an urgent need of the concerned families?



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

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : It seems that it is the idea of the previous government to place Kawlkulh-II Piggery Farm near Sairang and the location is quite far from main road whereas 25 families are still living here. Pu Speaker, more than ₹.1 crore is already spent for this farm but no production has yet been made. I opine it is wise for the government to abandon the farm which depends only on spoon feeding from the government. Is it possible? If not, the government may determine involvement of Horticulture and Agriculture in the farm so that various cash crops are planted by the concerned families in the area surrounding their farms. May the government consider involvement of the department of Horticulture and Agriculture?

S P E A K E R : The minister concerned may answer the questions.

Pu NIHAR KANTI MINISTER : Pu Speaker, point raised by Pu Lalduhoma was absolutely right. This Model Piggery Village funded by NLCPR was initiated by the previous government. The main objective of this programme is to develop sustainable as well as self-sufficiency in meat production. It also aims to provide employment for rural people. However, it is regretted that its maintenance strayed away from the main objective. It is, again, regretted to mention that Veterinary department is facing insufficiency of fund to maintain the department itself. Hence, it is an extra financial problem of the department to submit ₹.6, 000/- of Electric Bill every month.

Regarding Model Piggery Village Kawlkulh-II located near Sairang, the problem has already been discussed in the Consultative Committee and also with leaders of the concerned village. Yet, financial decision of the government cannot be revealed now. The scheme is one time grant and I beg consideration of the members on behalf of the people of his constituency.

Monthly Bill of electric consumption of the village is submitted already and if there is other problem in this connection, we may look into the matter and so with the problem raised by Pu Lalrinawma.

Thank you, Pu Speaker.

S P E A K E R : Starred Question No. 65 and Pu Lalduhoma to ask.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, this is my question for favour of answer to be given by Minister for Social Welfare.

- (a) Is there any plan to implement Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) in Mizoram?
- (b) What is the existing Regulation used for maintenance of Children Home?
- (c) Is there special regulation for maintenance of De-addiction Centre?

S P E A K E R : The concerned minister to answer the question.

Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the following are the answer:-

- (a) Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) is being prepared for immediate use.
- (b) Presently, Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection) Act, 2000 is used for maintenance of Children Home.
- (c) Yes, it is enacted by the Central. De-addiction Centre in Mizoram is maintained by using manual of minimum standard of services for the programme under the scheme for prevention of alcoholism and substances drug abuse regulated by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Gov't of India.

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

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, may I get a copy of the regulations pointed out by the concerned minister? In this connection, Pu Speaker, I have not yet received till date information I had requested in the previous discussion.

Since ICPS is believed to be able to generate large amount of revenue for the state, it is not time for us to make some short of excuses for the delay. May the concerned minister give a specific time when the said regulation will be implemented?

Not like other Social Welfare Centres, maintenance of Children Home takes a complicate procedure which needs close attention of the department, it is necessary to obtain registration and license from Social Welfare Department. Pu Speaker, sufficient amount of fund is generally given in regard to various De-addiction Centres whereas the same assistance in respect of Children Home is quite small even though it is centrally maintained. What is the reason? May the government give more care towards maintenance of Children Home?

Secondly, how far step for setting up of Women & Child Development Department is taken? When will it be set up?

S P E A K E R : The concerned minister may give the answer.

Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA : Pu Speaker, it is mentioned that the  
MINISTER : government too, is concerned for  
immediate implementation of ICPS and  
so intensive effort is given for redrafting  
as demanded by Planning department and is now being approved.

Regarding the scheme, it is to be noted that 90% is to be funded by the Central government and 10% by the state. This scheme is found to be good one as it could be greater than that of ICDS and the concerned official, therefore, instantly prepared a project amounting to ₹. 5.79 crore. It will then cover maintenance of various Homes under Social Welfare department, Remand Home and Adoption of coordinating agency. Besides, this scheme is found to have a good prospective for alleviation of unemployment problem among the youths in Mizoram. Even though financial concurrence has not yet been received from Finance department, the department of Planning wants us to go ahead whereas central authority too, has even informed us that they were now ready to sign MoU as soon as we were prepared. Hopefully, this scheme will be achieved sooner or later.

As requested by Pu Lalduhoma, we may give him later a copy of allotment of fund in respect of De-addiction Centre and Home.

Regarding the question of setting up Child Welfare Directorate, I must say that leader of the House too, consider the importance and hence, instruction is given to Planning to give priority to that effect and it may be earmarked in the Plan

budget last year. Plan and suggestions is now being submitted to the government for immediate consideration. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

S P E A K E R : Next, Starred Question No. 66 and Pu K. Liantlinga to ask.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Here is my question for Minister, Health & Family Welfare Department:-

- (a) Is it a fact that Anti-Corruption Branch seized handsome amount of money drawn by Health Department?
- (b) If so, how much?
- (c) Who is responsible?

S P E A K E R : The concerned minister may answer the question.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO : Pu Speaker, here is the answer:-  
MINISTER

- (a) No.
- (b) Since answer to (a) is 'No', there is no sum of amount or responsible person to mention.

S P E A K E R : Pu K. Liantlinga, to ask Supplementary question.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Financial management of Health & Department is not that good as it seems there was missing of ₹.6.5 crore which cannot be traced out, ₹.21 crore allegedly shared between some officials for their personal benefit and missing of some lakh rupees from Health Care Fund. All these cases could be counted as a crime. Even though the cases were publicized in the media

unnecessarily, it is not known that action is taken. This is a serious matter as it really confuses the people of Mizoram. How will the concerned minister take up the case?

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO : Pu Speaker, media persons today are  
MINISTER very active as what happened in my  
department too were learnt instantly and  
were publicized since related documents  
were supplied to them. In order to explain the case, Pu Speaker, I beg your permission  
to read it out in the House a letter received by the Director, NRHM from the Under  
Secretary of Health Ministry, Gov't of India.

Subject: - Provisional for construction of District Hospitals in Mizoram at  
Khawzawl, Kolasib, Mamit, Saiha and Saitual at the cost of ₹.232.31 crores.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to a letter No.D.11011/10 (D/07/17  
MHS/3) Dt.10<sup>th</sup> February, 2009 on the subject noted above to say that an  
amount of ₹.16.5 crores was released for State Civil Hospital at Khawzawl  
during 2007. It is requested that the fiscal and financial achievements made  
against the fund released for formation of Hospitals may pleased be intimated.

Pu Speaker, I have given information very carefully to the  
media that after receiving instruction from the central to intimate financial  
achievements made against the fund released for construction of the said, the problem  
started as we could not find sanction order even after having a thorough check of  
Cash Book and Ledgers except the receipt of ₹.10 crore. We were, therefore,  
compelled by the situation to admit that the said sum was missing. It is under enquiry  
whether the central authority is making a mistake or the sum is actually missing. Pu  
Speaker, it is regretted as my statement to the media is manipulated for stirring up the  
sentiment of some people as it is not intended to apprehend any official personally.

Regarding recovery which is said to have been made, we have  
kept the amount but it does not resolve the whole problem yet. So, we, again enquired  
the central that when and in whose name the sanction was issued as it is clearly stated  
that ₹.16.50 crore is released already. In reply, it is stated as "An amount of ₹.16.50  
crore have been approved for release through the SPIP during 2009-2010. It is  
requested that factual position in this regard may be clarified along with detail  
statement of accounts etc." The statement is confusing as the sanction is said to have  
been released by 2009-2010 even though it is said to be done so within 2009-2010.

The question of whether action is taken in regard to this case,  
Pu Speaker, all I could say now is that it is under the investigation of ACB.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, Supplementary question for favor of answer to be given by Minister for Health & Family Welfare. Whether investigation is completed regarding the most outrageous case in Mizoram i.e. the case of missing of one storey of Civil Hospital building?

S P E A K E R : The concerned minister to answer the question.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO  
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, it is under the investigation of ACB. In pursuance of the record, enquiry is made with the help of the concerned Engineer of PWD Pu John Rammawia.

S P E A K E R : Starred Question No. 68 and Pu K. Liantlinga to ask.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, this is my Starred Question in respect of Minor Irrigation Department and the answer may be given by the Minister concerned:-

- (a) Whether tender is issued on various works under Minor Irrigation Department?
- (b) What is the number of the Detailed Project which has been submitted to the central during 2009-2010? May I know their amount respectively?

S P E A K E R : Pu Liansailova, the concerned minister, to answer the question.

Pu H.LIANSAILOVA : Pu Speaker, my answer is as follows:-  
MINISTER

- (a) No.
- (b) During the year 2009-2010, 41 Detailed Project Reports for 41 number of works under AIBP had already been submitted. The total estimate is amounting to ₹.4732.83 billion. Besides, step has been taken in regard to 73 Nos. of Minor Irrigation works under AIBP with the total estimate amounting to ₹.78.765 crore. Total amount of expenditure during 2009-2010 is estimated at ₹.45 crore and the rest i.e ₹.33.7654 crores is planned to be spent during 2010-2011.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Supplementary question, Pu Speaker. It is stated that the work is not tendered. If so, what are the criteria for the work not being tendered? Coming to the point, Pu Speaker, the concerned owner of a plot could be the loser if work is not allotted in his favor. I opine it is more appropriate for the department to allot the work to the concerned owner instead of others so that the work done will be better since irrigation is done for his own cultivation.

S P E A K E R : I do not think it is not necessary to give the answer.

According to Conduct Rules No. 60, I admitted application of Pu S. Hiato, Minister, to give a statement in regard to Multipurpose Building damaged by fire. I, now, invite him to take his time.

Pu S. HIATO : Pu Speaker, Multipurpose Hall at Beraw  
MINISTER Tlang is known to be one of the best Halls in Mizoram. The need to give this statement is regretted. Yet, I am thankful for the opportunity to make it.

Unfortunately, Multipurpose Hall at Tourist Resort, Beraw Tlang was damaged by fire yesterday, the 23.3.2010 at around 12:30 AM. Interior of the building is badly damaged as not a single materials inside is safe. The Hall was restructured in tin-sheet roof with its ceiling and wall fully equipped with sound proof. There were 3 staff-quarters under the building but no occupants were harm as they were all outside during the fire broke. The incident was heard firstly by a waiter at the Cafeteria. Luckily, the Hall was not engaged yesterday and so it was locked. It is unfortunate to lose the building as it was frequently used for important meetings,

conferences, seminars and workshops by officials and various NGOs. Besides, this Hall is known as one of the most attractive tourist resorts in Mizoram.

The on-set of fire was not known yet, it is believed that electric short circuit caused the fire. As reported by the staff at Tourist Lodge, Beraw Tlang, fluctuation of electric current is experienced regularly.

Pu Speaker, Multipurpose Hall at Beraw Tlang was inaugurated on the 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2006. It was constructed under Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) with financial sanction of ₹.49.68 crore. Sitting capacity of the Hall was 200 and it contained Reception, Lounge and Dining Room.

Fire & Emergency Service reached the spot immediately as they were informed soon after the incident took place and with the help of relentless effort made by Fire Service, it was stopped before spreading in the neighborhoods. I, therefore, extend my sincere thanks to the department for their valuable services. In the same way, effort made by Lungbial YMA Section was truly appreciated.

Not only this, Pu Speaker, it is pleasing to learn that the SDPO and staff of Bawngkawn Police Outpost, Lungbial Branch YMA and Zemabawk V/C rendered their valuable services in moving out properties of the staff and the department safe and sound. The service they had rendered will be remembered by the department. It is also learnt that some officials of Power & Electricity Department and PWD too had arrived at the spot immediately and rendered their valuable efforts. We truly appreciate their services.

Pu Speaker, the value of property damage is estimated as follows: - Furnishing sound system and furniture is estimated at ₹.26.20 lakh and ₹.97.33 lakh of the Civil Works. The total damages amount to ₹.97.33 lakh.

Pu Speaker, as we have no idea whether the building is repairable, we may consult technical experts first. If the damaged building is found to be irreparable, it may be necessary to spend ₹.97 lakh rupees for reconstruction.

Pu Speaker, I, therefore, give the report to this House to have first hand knowledge of the disaster and the situation we are in due to fire. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : As we have listened, it is truly unfortunate to experience this kind of adversity. Since it is not necessary to have discussion on this, we may now take up Short Duration Discussion. Application of Pu Lalduhoma is admitted as it concerned with an urgent need of the people. We may now call him to take his time.



Pu LALDUHOMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. On the 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2010, Branch KTP, Chanmari washed Blanket at Tlawng River to raise fund. Unfortunately, 2 of them were drowned. This river is known as accident prone area as it already cost at least 100 lives in all seasons. Many volunteer from Sairang, Dinthar, Sihhmui and various localities from Aizawl frequently rush to this river whenever accident takes place.

To prevent losing of more valuable life, it is strongly demanded to the government to supply the following equipments with immediate effect, such as:

- (a) 1 small size Rubber Boat for searching dead body of drowned.
- (b) 10 Nos. of Life Jackets.
- (c) 3 Nos. of Power Generators to be used by volunteers from 3 localities such as Dinthar, Sairang and Sihhmui.
- (d) Floatable ropes.
- (e) Oxygen equipments for under water swimming.
- (f) Water proof torchlight, at least 3 dozens.
- (g) Stretchers and hand gloves for handling dead body.

Pu Speaker, I raised the following demands as it concerns all the people. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Let me invite the minister for Disaster Management if he has something to say in this regard.

Pu NIHAR KANTI : Thank you, Pu Speaker. The department of Disaster Management & Rehabilitation laid down various plans for management of tragedy which could happen any time. Particularly for drowning, the following equipments had already been obtained, such as: - Inflammable boat – 2, Life Jacket – 1 and Leather suit (complete set) – 1. Besides, Deputy Commissioner Aizawl kept water torchlight, (large & small) to be used as necessary. Fishing nets (large size) for the same had also been purchased by the department and were given to YMA Sairang and Tuirial.

Also, Pu Speaker, ATI Disaster Management Cell, in coordination with YMA Sairang Branch organized practical training for life saving at Tlawng River and the programme is scheduled for continuation. Again, ATI Disaster Cell and Sports & Youth Services had organized practical training on search and reserve at Training Centre.

In June last year, the department allotted financial aid from UNDP to all DCs which may be utilized for management of disaster in their respective districts. It includes Inflammable tower light, generator, ropes, ladder, tracer and helmet etc. which are all kept at emergency centre of each Deputy Commissioner's office.

Besides, Pu Speaker, Disaster Management Committee under the guidance of Village Council is set up in all localities. It is to be noted that the Government of India issued relief assistance for the victim of Natural Calamity such as cyclone, draught, earthquake, fire, frozen rain, tsunami, landslide, avalanche, torrent and upsurge of insects. Since accident from drowning and falling from tree is a common tragedy that causes many lives in Mizoram, State Disaster Management determines to give relief assistance to that concern, too. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Next, I call upon Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana, Minister for Art & Culture, if he has something to say on this subject.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, I truly appreciate your decision to give Pu Lalduhoma an opportunity to give information to the House unfavourable incident in his constituency and also to make suggestion to the government which concerns disaster management. Much as well, it is pleasing to hear from the concerned minister regarding steps taken by the government. In this connection, it may be noted that under the plan for construction of Inland Water Ways, priority is given to smoothening works of uneven surfaces of the river that generally causes strong water current. But the said spot is not cover in first phase plan, yet it will be included as soon as provision of second installment is received.

As pointed out by our fellow member, aforementioned materials are very important not only for the given areas, but also in other places by the river and this House also witnesses the necessity of such materials. In this connection, I opine the service of Disaster Management department alone is not enough. Therefore, the said equipments and other materials should be kept under the charge of YMA/VCP of Sairang or else than keeping in the office of D.C. as it is inconvenient and delaying of time for the concerned volunteers to come to Aizawl to collect the materials when the equipment is urgently needed.

S P E A K E R : Next, Pu R. Lalzirliana, Minister for Home Department.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. It is appreciated  
MINISTER as Pu Lalduhoma has pointed out  
materials urgently needed in times of  
disaster but forgotten in fair weather.  
The same has already been discussed in a committee of Congress Legislature Party.  
The department of Disaster Management has taken step to a certain extent, yet we  
may still need to make improvement as suggested by our fellow members.

As pointed out, it may be necessary to keep in store at least one  
cylinder of Oxygen even if it is not fully used in a year. Yet, it is difficult to supply  
the material to each and every village by Tlawng River at the same time. We may,  
therefore, consider giving at least for Tlawng Sairang which is known as most  
frequent place of accident.

As suggested by Pu Zoram Sangliana, it may be more  
appropriate to keep the materials at Sairang Police Station. Besides, we may also post  
at Sairang Police Station police personnel who are expert in swimming so that their  
ability could be benefited on such events.

Regarding the said equipments kept at D.C. Office, Aizawl, it  
will be taken out from there immediately and will be put under the custody of Sairang  
Police Station. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : We all seem to understand the  
importance of the subject raised by Pu  
Lalduhoma in Short Duration Notice. In  
the same manner, steps taken by the  
government to that concern has also been pointed out by the concerned minister. I do  
not think it is necessary to have discussion as it is not a matter to be decided on Vote  
on Account. We may now proceed to the next business i.e. discussion on demand.

As shown here in the list of Business, we have demands of  
three Ministers for discussion which may be concluded today. In order to save time,  
we may take up the three demands at one time. To begin with, let me call upon Pu  
P.C. Zoram Sangliana, minister to submit his Demand to the House.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, on the recommendation  
MINISTER of the Governor of Mizoram and with  
your permission, Sir, I move the Demand  
Nos.18, 23 and 42 ₹.42,13,12,000/- only  
for meeting expenses during 2010 and 2011 in respect of the following departments.  
Demand No. 18 Printing & Stationery – ₹.10,4,34,000/-, Demand No. 34 Art &  
Culture – ₹.6 ,29,35,000/-, Transport – ₹.25,79 ,43,000/-. Total - ₹.42,13,12,000/-  
only. Thank you Sir.

S P E A K E R : Next, Pu J.H. Rothuama minister to submit to the House his Demand Nos. 6 and 37.

Pu J. H. ROTHUAMA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, Sir, I move the demand Nos. 6 and 37 for ₹.25,58,94,000/- for meeting expenses during 2010 and 2011 in respect of the following departments - Demand No.6 Land Revenue Reforms amounting to ₹.14,71,29,000/-, Demand No. 37 Cooperation – ₹.10, 87,65,00/- . Total - ₹.25, 58,94,000/- . Thank you Sir.

S P E A K E R : Next, Pu Nihar Kanti minister to submit to the House, Demand Nos. 30, 34 and 41.

Pu NIHAR KANTI MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, Sir, I move the Demand Nos. 30, 34 and 41 for ₹.54,35,00,000/- for meeting expenses during 2010 -2011 in respect of the following Departments – Demand No. 30 – Disaster Management & Rehabilitation ₹.10,70,45,000/-, Demand No. 34 – Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department ₹.34,77,88,000/- and Demand No. 41 Sericulture – ₹.8,86,67,000/- . Total – ₹.54,35,00,000/- . Thank you Sir.

S P E A K E R : Alright, three ministers have submitted to the House Demands of their respective departments. We will now start the discussion, three minutes will be allotted to each member. To start with, let me call upon Pu Lalduhoma to have his speech.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Thank you Pu Speaker. Let me start with Demand N0.34 Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department.

Piggery Village in my constituency which is known as Kawlkulh-II, Sairang its set up, scheme and location is felt very inconvenient. Even so, I opine it is necessary for the government to determine continuing the project

somehow as numbers of family had already grabbed the policy by giving all efforts. It is to be noted that the location falls within Chawilung which was later grouped under Sairang during insurgency. Even though it was put under Chaltlang Village Council, Gazette Notification of the Government, 2008, placed it under Sairang.

As the area selected for the project is quite narrow and could not be extended as no more vacant place is left. The approached road was constructed from the project of MIP but no appropriate maintenance is given since then.

Due to the absence of school in this village, it is difficult for the concerned families to settle here permanently. Although I have heard rumour of the village as having school teacher drawing pay regularly. But I could not find a better source to proof it. The concerned department may, therefore, check the case so that the problem is resolved immediately.

Pu Speaker, there are 7 nos. of Staff quarters in this village yet, none is occupied and maintenance of farm animals is left in the hands of a Chowkider who could hardly give injection.

Regarding supply of piglets to this farm, the concerned minister in his reply, stated that 152 nos. had already been supplied from the period of its establishment up to 2007. It means that only 5 nos. of piglets was given to a family for 5 years and it is absolutely impossible for the concerned families to rely on this project alone. Even after 2008, no piglet or wheat flour is supplied to the farm.

Moreover, Pu Speaker, 30 no quarters for farmers and 30 no Pigpen were constructed in the village but no repair has yet been made. Since their pigs are in the habit of licking dust particles of damaged portion of the construction, the problem of impediment of growth is then existed. It may, therefore, be wise for the department to make provision for the repair.

Pu Speaker, it may also be important for the government to determine achievement of this project as the selected site is expected to become important marketing place since it will be traversed by two-lane road coming from the neighbouring state. In addition to animal farming, the place may also be utilized for setting up other businesses when the said road is completed.

Regarding electric transformer as pointed out previously, the minister stated the charge as excessively high. In this connection, it is to be noted that the department paid only maintenance charge whereas consumption bill is given by each concerned family and so, burden of the department is not that heavy as reported. On humanitarian ground also, it is unusual to let the concerned people living without power supply for a long period just because of failure of the department to submit maintenance charge. It is our collective duty to serve the need of our people in every corner of our state and priority should be given to their concern.

Demand No. 6 Land Revenue & Reforms Department - Pu Speaker, as insurgency broke out and villages were grouped, number of family is

compelled to arrange their settlement in some corner of land owned by the other. Still, there are number of families who are living in the same situation. In Sairang village also, there are 50 families who are living in the land owned by the present VCP. Pu Speaker, owner of the land had suffered long enough as no rent is received for 42 years. It is, somewhat difficult for the owner of land to evict those families for not submitting the rent or ask them to do so as they are living here not by choice. As the landlord could not exercise his power over his own land, it may be more appropriate for him to let the government acquire the land. Is it possible for the government to acquire such lands for the benefit of its owner?

Demand No. 37, Cooperation Department - We all seems to be aware of the fact that cooperative movement is essential for the development of any state and for this reason, it is included in the manifesto of the ruling Congress party. Even so, it is regretted to learn that this department is not included in the flagship programme issued by the government. It may be wise for the concerned authority to consider including this department as one of the nodal departments of NLUP so that each society under Cooperation department benefitted the programme. It is allegedly stated that during the current financial year, PIGFED have not received yet financial provision which used to be received every year. If it is true, what is the reason? It may be wise for the government to determine the case immediately as this society is one of few societies that can manage without lost.

Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department - In reply to my previous question of whether there had been Silpauline being allotted to unofficial person for further distribution, names of 40 MLAs were furnished. Pu Speaker, I am not questioning the said material allotted to the members. What I would like to know is allotment in favour of unofficial personality. This ministry repeatedly alleged the previous ministry as messing up system of the government which I opine as hardly convincing as this ministry does not make any difference. It is surprising to learn that General Secretary of Congress party is able to obtain the same amount of silpauline allotted to the members to give away in my constituency. Pu Speaker, is it fair to allot the said material to non official person such as General Secretary of Congress party just because he is holding important position in the ruling party? The government may immediately stop this practice as it is not a material to manipulate for winning some votes but only for sheltering occupants of houses which may be destroyed by natural calamity.

Pu Speaker, I want to inform the House that a fire broke out at Tanhril yesterday which burnt up almost the whole area under Tanhril V/C. Every household spent all their water in stock to stop the escalating fire. It was, somehow stopped after struggling the whole night. Yet, many crops and trees were devastated. Hence Pu Speaker, I want to mention in advance that we may make an appeal to the government for rehabilitation and the concerned department may please process the case with immediate effect. It may also be appreciated if budget allocation to the concerned department is increased for this reason. Thank you.

Pu JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA : Next, Pu H. Zothangliana.  
DEPUTY SPEAKER

Pu H. ZOTHANGLIANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Firstly, I opine it is important to centralize stationary supply which may be put under its actual concerned department so that the quality of stationery items is enhanced.

Secondly, Art & Culture Department - I am extending my appreciation to the concerned department for assuring to put for the next project of the department, beautification of Phawngpui Tlang and for preservation of Tialpari Puk, a famous cave located in this mountain. In this relation, there is a cave known as 'Milu Puk' near Mampui village which is 18 kms from Lawngtlai. Inside this cave, number of extra-ordinary size human skeletons was found which were lost now due to lack of the idea of preservation. It may, as well be pleasing if the concerned department determine preserving this cave with its historical background.

Pu Speaker, I would also like to make a request to the concerned minister to give MUP members in my constituency, an opportunity of excursion/tour to Aizawl as I was told that their death wish is to see Aizawl, the capital of Mizoram for once in their life time.

Next, Transport Department - Pu Speaker, since Lawngtlai is one of the important places in the southern region, people travel to and fro mostly by means of private owned Maxi Cab. But with the increase of fare which could not be controlled by the government, the people no longer afford to travel by Maxi Cab regularly. I, therefore, request the concerned minister to upgrade District Transport Office of Lawngtlai so that problem of the people in the area is alleviated. Even though government of the previous ministry planned posting of DTO at Lawngtlai, it has not yet been achieved till today. The concerned minister is, therefore, requested to take immediate action on this. In this connection, Pu Speaker, it will be pleasing if the government consider replacement of two worn out buses under DTO Lawngtlai as it takes intensive effort of less sufficient staff to repair it in every alternate day.

Land Revenue & Reforms - Pu Speaker, while MNF ministry dominated the three Autonomous Districts, handsome amount of financial provision for Cadastral Survey was obtained. Pu Speaker, it is regretted to learn that the said provision received by my district was fully spent for purchase of vehicles. I, therefore, earnestly request the concerned minister to take fresh initiative for Cadastral Survey so that disputes on land holding are resolved.

Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department - Pu Speaker, in addition to the problem of increasing road accident, another disaster which frequented the southern region is drowning in the river of Chhimtuipui (Kolodyne). As pointed out by my fellow member from Aizawl 'W' constituency, life

saving equipments such as diving gear, diving suit, rubber boat, underwater torchlight, generator etc. is needed too. Some equipment might have been kept in the custody of DC, but could not be made available in time. The concerned minister may, therefore, keep this problem in mind while determining the point raised by Pu Lalduhoma.

Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department - Pu Speaker, as pointed out earlier, there is a departmental farm in Mampui village. During the previous ministry of Congress party, mixed farming of poultry, piggery and cattle was quite successful. But the products has fallen down intensively since the last 4 or 5 years due to lack of appropriate maintenance. Hence, the farm needs improvements in which Power & Electricity Department also have a duty to perform as regular power supply is necessary to run hatchery successfully.

Sericulture Department - Pu Speaker, it is highly appreciated as large amount of financial provision for improvement of Sericulture in the southern region was obtained during the previous ministry and the concerned farmers too, made some sort of improvements with production of cocoon. But purchase rate of the government for the product is not profitable enough to encourage the concerned farmers and may, therefore, be increased. Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker.

(Pu John Rotluangliana, Deputy Speaker at the chair)

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Next, Dr. R. Lalthangliana.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. Let me start with Demand No. 6, Revenue Department.

From my experience as a minister for Revenue department during the previous ministry, what I feel as most important thing is to achieve reorganization of the department. It is regretted that the department is not receiving enough credit as a guardian of the whole area of our land. Despite its important duty, the department is known to be the most criticized department with large amount of problem to be resolved. Hence, this House must be aware of the fact that the department has only 20 Gazetted Officers and 5 Technical Officers which is less sufficient to look after the whole of Mizoram. As a minister in charge of the department, I had made a plan to upgrade 6 Head Surveyors to Assistant Director which may please be achieved during this ministry.

Demand No. 38, Cooperation Department - Pu Dy. Speaker, it seems that there is an opinion that only one post of Registrar of Cooperation department is supposed to be filled up from IAS Cadre post only. It is not so as in other states of North-east as it depends on the decision of the concerned authority of a



state. It is, therefore wise for us too, to maintain flexibility and the most befitted officer of the department, if any, may be appointed for the post.

Despite its importance and functions of the department, Pu Dy. Speaker, it is learnt that only one additional Registrar is given to Cooperation department whereas in other departments such as Civil Supplies and Industries, 3 additional is given. In this regard, it is to be noted that Cooperation department deals with large number of cases of cooperative society numbering 1400 societies looked after which is mainly taken up by one ARCS and his two staff only. It is, therefore, difficult for only one ARCS to deal all the cases efficiently. It is, therefore, important for the government to determine the problems of this important department.

Besides, Pu Dy. Speaker, I opine it is inappropriate for ARCS to take charge of administration of District officer under Cooperation department whereas in other states it is usually put under the charge of the Dy. Registrar. If so, it may be more appropriate if 4 or more posts of Dy. Register are created to supervise each district more efficiently. At the same time, it is regretted as post vacancy of Senior Inspector and Junior Inspector remains unfilled till today. It may be wise for the government to determine filling up of the said vacant posts as soon as possible.

Demand No. 18, Printing & Stationery Department - During the previous ministry, Pu Dy. Speaker, four color Printing Press of ₹.104 lakh that other Government Press of the North-eastern states is not having plus Image Setter of ₹.40 lakh were purchased by the department. I have no knowledge of whether the said are used beneficially. For this reason, the government is expected to earn more revenues through this department and therefore, prescribed ₹.165 lakh. In this regard, I opine it is necessary for the government to give concern to the department so as to improve it as an earning press. In order to do so, it is important for each department to supply printing items as much as possible. I am confident that at least 1 crore will be benefitted if sufficient amount of printing items is obtained by the department.

Next, Demand No. 23, Art & Culture Department - Pu Speaker, it is regretted that enough financial provision is not made available to stimulate the youths today by giving them opportunity to participate in Cultural Troupe outside and inside Mizoram. Pu Dy. Speaker, barely ₹.16 lakh is allotted where as the department is having large amount of fund to give away to various NGOs. I opine the government should allot more funds to this department.

Again, it is necessary for the government to take immediate step for construction of Museum at New Capital Complex with the plan initiated during the previous ministry with financial sanction of ₹.2 crore. At the same time, it is necessary for the government to determine vertical extension of archive building which becomes small with the increase of collection of more items. Still, it is better if the government determine setting up new archive building at the outskirts of the city with the idea of collecting more attractive items.

Demand No. 42, Transport Department - Pu Dy. Speaker, it is true that condition of roads in Mizoram is greatly improved and travelers are now able

to speed at the rate of 180/hr. Yet, the disadvantage is that any traveler is prone to accident with the increase of careless driving. At the same time, it is not safe for travelers as long as driving test is permitted in the National Highway. The concerned authority should, therefore, arrange driving test ground in some isolated roads for each district to maintain safety. At the same time, it is as well important to make inspection ground at convenient place.

Pu Dy. Speaker, I opine it is important for the government to determine making a landmark with infrastructure and development which may be taken up under Transport department. I am confident that provision could be made available from road safety fund if suitable project and scheme is prepared. I, therefore, insist the concerned minister to consider the case so that each constituency is benefitted.

Demand No. 41, Sericulture Department - Not to mention of the general public, most of the existing and ex-members seem to underestimate the importance of Sericulture which concerned with self-sufficiency of manual labourers extensively. It is to be noted that there are more than 1000 families in Mizoram who are engaged in the farms under sericulture. Yet, the department is not having any plan to improve the system of silk processing with scientific method which could be achieved with not more than ₹.30 lakh. Besides, the department has no rearing house for silk cocoon processing till today which may be benefitted comprehensively for the concerned farmers if it is located in every district.

And, Pu Speaker, it is time to renovate the worn out building of District Sericulture Office. Regarding the establishment, it is important for the concerned authority to give more staff to the department in such a way to maintain the works efficiently. There are certain vacant posts of Rearer and Demonstrator for which permission could not be obtained for filling up such posts. It will be pleasing if the concerned authority consider giving permission with immediate effect.

Next, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department - If we carefully study budget plan in respect of this department, allotment for the year 2009-2010 is lower than that of the previous year 2008-2009 and still, the same for the year 2010-2011 is falling down by ₹.550 lakh. It is questionable as to whether the government is truly concern with the progress of this department. Not like other society of the North-eastern region, peculiarity of the Mizos as a family, is our attachment to rearing of pigs or chicken. Today, it seems that we have not fully realized this nature borne by every Mizo family. It is, therefore, necessary for the government to give priority to the needs of this department.

In this connection, Pu Dy. Speaker, milk packing machinery of Zobawk, Lunglei is no longer functioning and it may cost not less than ₹.100 lakh to repair the damaged parts. Even if there is a problem to replace it with a new one, it will be much pleasing if the demand of ₹.20/30 lakh for the repair is fulfilled immediately as the concerned people depend only on this product.

Again, Pu Dy. Speaker, there is one poultry farm at Lunglei. It may be more appropriate for the government to upgrade this farm as a demonstration farm as most of the families in this area are now becoming self-sufficient with this product as this farm could hardly make profitable revenue for the department. At the same time, it may be important for the government to determine commission of Dairy Plant at Kolasib and Champhai initiated under the previous ministry with immediate effect. As known to us all, most of our dairy plants are centrally sponsored scheme of Integrated Dairy Project to be handed over to the state government as soon as the project period is over. These kind of projects with a limited period usually entailed problems as soon as it is taken up by the state government. It is, therefore, highly necessary for the government to carefully determine the matter before taking up the project. As of the previous projects which are collapsing, it may be wise to determine taking up at least MULCO. Thank you.

DEPUTY S P E A K E R : Next, Pu Lalthansanga.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. Let me start with Demand No. 18, Printing & Stationery Department. The minister concerned recently visited go-down of Stationery department and found out number of damaged materials in store. Whether the concerned authority found out the reason for the damage? I wonder if damaged materials are supplied by the concerned suppliers. In this connection, government order is issued to all departments a couple of time to obtain stationery materials only from Stationery Department but in vain. It is, therefore, important for the government to verify that order is followed and the quality of materials supplied to the department is good enough.

Demand No. 13, Art & Culture Department - Pu Dy. Speaker, despite Guinness Book of World Record achieved recently by the Mizos with the help of Art & Culture department, sufficient amount of budget provision had not been allotted to the department as it is decreases by ₹.150 lakh. I opine it is time for the government to determine upgradation of Archeological Survey considering its important role as a source of information about identity of the Mizos. It may, as well, be necessary to renovate the building so as to attract visitors from outside.

Demand No. 18 - Pu Dy. Speaker, I have once made a suggestion at Consultative Committee for improvement of the existing MIG Printer as the quality of Visitor's card which is very poor to be used outside whereas members from other states produced a high quality at the Common Wealth Conference held at Meghalaya. It will be appreciated if the minister considers improvement of the said machine.

Demand No. 42, Transport Department - It is learnt that budget allotment in respect of Transport department is decreasing by a margin of ₹.141 lakh. With the plan for purchase of 14 no. of new buses, I am afraid that the allotment is insufficient for the department.

Pu Dy. Speaker, the member before me stated in praise of recently improved Lunglei road as travelers in this road could now drive at the speed of 180/hr. This is absolutely against the traffic rules as speed limit notified for this road is 40/hr. The government should, therefore, punish the offender. Pu Dy. Speaker, road standard of this road is supposed to be constructed 28 metres width; it was reduced to 18 metres. Besides, as leveling of this road is not appropriately done, it is extremely dangerous for the concerned travelers especially for those who are driving at the top speed. They should know that they are offenders. I, therefore, would like to suggest to Consultative Committee to give instruction to the people to follow the notified speed limit for this road to maintain road safety.

There were number of private buses operating in our state in the previous years, only few of them remain in a condition to continue mainly because of road accident which destroyed number of buses. Hence, there is a setback for the people in this region as the only means of transportation available here is MST Bus as they could not afford to hire a pick-up truck or other vehicles to carry their crops to Aizawl market. Keeping in mind of this problem, State Transport Booking Office was opened at E. Lungdar in the previous coalition government of my party and Congress but appropriate maintenance had not been received since then.

With the completion of NEC road, people living in the area of Keitum - Artekawn road also needs a regular service of MST bus for transportation of their crops to Aizawl as they could not afford to use Taxi or Maxi. It will be much pleasing if the government consider the case.

At the same time, it may be highly necessary to upgrade DTO of every district as there is a problem since computerization of vehicle registration and issue of driving license. In this relation, the concerned minister is requested to clarify in his wind up speech, how far restructuring plan of transport department is covering and whether the service of enforcement will also be made available in all districts.

Demand No. 6, Land Revenue & Reforms Department - it is regretted to learn that budget allotment to the department this year decreased by ₹.82.41 lakh despite heavy work load of Cadastral Survey. In this connection, Pu Dy. Speaker, it is learnt that the official demanded original copy of LSC for cadastral survey and in the same manner, it is necessary for government servant to surrender the same while applying for HBA. Hence, problem is created to many people. It may, therefore, be wise for the government to consider the case so that cadastral survey or HBA is processed without demanding LSC.

Pu Dy. Speaker, problem which frequently encountered by the people who are applying for house site today is objection made by ADA as it further

caused Revenue department incapable of issuing LSC. It may, therefore, be pleasing if the government determine relaxing restriction to allotment of house site if the applied area accommodated enough size for living. Not only this, the department collected passes of land and garden for unknown reason and the department is still pending all the concerned files. It seems that long delay of the government to execute its flagship programmes creates problem to holders of some lands and gardens. In this connection, I am asking the concerned minister to clarify how many passes are now in pending. If financial provision for NLUP amounting to ₹.58 lakh is spent, it will be appreciated if the said passes are released with immediate effect.

Demand No. 37, Cooperation Department - As known to us all, Pu Dy. Speaker, Cooperation department had not been selected for nodal department of NLUP. It might have been excluded with the opinion of its marketing status, but it is to be noted that cooperative movement is the outcome of most of the revolutions in the history of the world. It is, in fact, a deep concern not to include this important department that embraces various members of grass-root level societies. I, therefore, earnestly make an appeal to the government to reconsider the case so that it is included as one of the nodal departments of NLUP.

Demand No. 34, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department - Pu Dy. Speaker, it is an explanation of the government that insufficiency of staff retarded the department in taking preventive measures against the prevalent Food & Mouth Disease (FMD). It is much desirable to know how many times the government have to ignore MoU for giving that kind of answer. Many cows are now suffering the disease and they will die unless immediate attention is given. Pu Dy. Speaker, as number of families are already affected by this deadly disease, may the government determine compensating such families?

In regard to MULCO, Pu Dy, Speaker, the Deputy Director and other staff are usually posted on deputation and on the other hand, the department of AH & Vety claimed that they could not afford to give their pay. If so, the concerned society will greatly suffer if pay of the said staff has to be given by MULCO and Pigfed. May the government reconsider the case so that the previous system is re-introduced to resolve this problem? Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The time is 1:00 PM. We will have a recess now and discussion will be resumed at 2:00 PM.

**Recess : 1:00 PM.**

**2:00 PM.**

S P E A K E R : To resume the discussion, I now call upon Pu S. Laldingiana to have his speech.

Pu S. LALDINGLIANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Firstly, Demand No. 23, Art & Culture Department - I would like to extend my appreciation to the minister for exposing the Mizos worldwide with a beautiful Cheraw dance. As information received from Internet, the Canadian Broadcasting Commission (CBC) had even broadcasted the music as 'Sound of the week' for one week.

With your permission Pu Speaker, let me inform the House that we have a tomb near Mamte village in which the body of Do-pawrha, a famous king who was known for his bravery by the people was laid. It will be highly appreciated if the government determine preserving this historical place. It may, as well be important for the government to consider trimming up of a cave known as 'Puknuam' in Lunglawn, Lunglei so that it will serve as a recreational place for the youths and families in this region.

Next, Transport Department - I opine it is necessary for the concerned authority to review the system of issue of driving license as it is learnt that driving license is issued to a couple of under-aged applicants.

Pu Speaker, it is undoubtedly excitable to have an improved Aizawl to Lunglei road as any traveler on this road is now able to reach the destination in a much shorter time. Yet, it may be important for the concerned driver particularly of Maxi cabs to maintain appropriate speed limit so as to evade road accident. I, therefore, insist on the department to emphasize the need for road safety. At the same time, it is important to give awareness to drivers particularly of Taxis and Auto-Rickshaws to maintain driving manners as they frequently brought problems to the public.

Demand No. 30, Disaster Management Department - Pu Speaker, I opine tragedy caused by fire may be counted as a disaster. As reported by me in the previous discussion, a fire that broke out in my constituency caused an immense problem as it had caused the life of two brothers in a family and their mother who also passed away the following day. May the government consider giving financial aid to the victims of fire in my constituency?

Besides, Pu Speaker, at Mautlang village of my constituency, a fire broke out and devastated 12 households. It may, as well, be important for the government to consider giving financial assistance to such families.

Demand No. 37, Cooperation Department - Cooperation department is one of the oldest departments in Mizoram as it has already been established at Aizawl in 1956 and the office was ran under the Assistant Registrar of Cooperative Society while Mizoram was under the Government of Assam as Lushai Hills District. As much as it is old, the department could have functioned as an important department if priority was given by the government. It seems that the department has not been utilized purposely due to lack of appropriate administrative set up. Pu Speaker, in order to maintain an ideal cooperation movement, it takes the

idea of some experts with departmental knowledge, ideology and foundation of Cooperative department. It is, therefore, necessary to re-examine administrative set up of the department. As known to us all, Pu Speaker, the post of Registrar, at the present condition, is an IAS cadre post which was made without prior consultation of the associate departments. Thus, the department is ran by some junior IAS officers who usually returned to the central after servicing barely a year or so as the post could not be filled up by some senior officers of the department who have the knowledge of the department and its set up. It is, therefore, highly necessary for the government to determine restructuring administrative set up of Cooperation department. At the same time, it is necessary for the government to consider up-gradation of District Officers of Cooperation department at each district and the post of Joint Registrar may be created to supervise such District Officers.

Demand No. 6, Land Revenue & Reforms - I opine it is necessary to exercise decentralization of power to this department as Revenue Officer of a district is not empowered to issue allotment of house site in his concerned district nor a power to change the name of landholder. It always compels the concerned landholder to go to Aizawl to resolve the problem. It is, therefore, necessary for the government to examine the system and the status of District Officer may be upgraded. Thank you.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Thank you Pu Speaker. Let me start with Demand No. 18, Printing & Stationery Department.

Printing & Stationery Department was established at the beginning of U.T. government of Mizoram with a purpose to collect stationery items which may be ordered from every department. However, this has not been followed since many years back and as a consequence, number of old stock items at departmental go-down is continuously increases. To resolve the problem, government of the previous ministry divided stationery items into centralized item and decentralized item whereas the concerned department is permitted to procure centralized item directly from supplier of its own choice and the rest may be obtained from Stationery department. It is necessary for any department to follow the order so that revenue of Stationery department is increased.

Pu Speaker, four Color Printing Machine and Image Shutter purchased by the department during the previous ministry were appropriately maintained and it may be noted to notify all departments the necessity of providing printing order to the department as the quality of our output is no less inferior to other machines from other states. As most of the printing works of text book is done outside Mizoram, numerous printing mistakes is seen in our text books which often misguided students. It is, therefore, important for the government to necessitate printing of text books at our state government-owned press not only to evade such problems but to improve revenue earning of the concerned department at the same time.

Demand No. 42, Transport Department - Pu Speaker, we see that the building of Directorate of State Transport is dismantled and I have no idea as to when it will be reconstructed. MNF ministry of the previous government planned the reconstruction as multi-purpose building so that its ground floor and road-level of the building may be used as parking place and the rest and above road level to be occupied by the Directorate. It may be wise for the government if plan made by the previous ministry is maintained in this regard.

Pu Speaker, despite construction of CH. Saprawnga Truck Terminal building at Rangvamuah being completed, number of trucks still gets their parking along the road of Eden Thar to Vaivakawn claiming that their vehicles are not being accommodated by the building. It is pleasing if the concerned minister look into the matter so as to stop prevailing malevolence of this area around the clock.

Demand No. 40, Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department - Pu Speaker, some of the members may think silpauline as of a petty matter yet, it is a very important item for the members of rural constituencies. Generally, 4/5 bundles of this item is allotted to each member which may be given away to our constituency respectively. On the other hand, there are people who approached D.C. Aizawl for this item but were informed by the staff to approach their concerned MLAs. Most of the people visiting Aizawl then come to us for the said item whereas allotment to the members is less enough to be issued to each of them. To speak the truth, we were often compelled to exchange the allotted quality with that of smaller size so as to get more silpauline for distribution, but still, not enough. It is, therefore, desirable if sufficient amount of allotment is made to the members whereas general people are informed to approach their concerned MLA for the said item.

Demand No. 41, Sericulture Department - Pu Speaker, reasonable progress will not be achieved by Mizoram unless priority is given to Sericulture. It is regretted as budget allotment of this department remains unchanged and it will be pleasing if sufficient provision is made available for the progress of sericulture in Mizoram. At the same time, it may be wise for the government to review supply rate of cocoon to motivate the concerned farmers who are engaged in this occupation. It is also important for the government to consider the problems of the department since it is included as a nodal department of NLUP.

Demand No. 37, Cooperation Department - Pu Speaker, it is pleasing to learn that the government is planning to set up Sports Complex at Republic Veng, Aizawl. Particularly for the people of this locality, the plan is highly appreciated. But, Pu Speaker, as the selected site falls within the land allotted to Veterinary department, the office of Pigfed had to be removed necessarily. I opine the concerned authority should have consulted Cooperation department before taking up the plan. If it is insisted, the department should be compensated.

At the same time, it is regretted to learn that this important department is not selected as a nodal department of NLUP and it will be pleasing if the government determine reviewing the case so that Cooperation department is included.



Demand No. 6, Revenue Department - Pu Speaker, appropriate plan for setting up of Surveyor Training Centre at Hualngohmun had already been laid in the previous ministry. It will be pleasing if effective step is taken by the government in pursuance of this plan. It may, as well, be important for the government to consider regularization of 20 to 30 Surveyors appointed on contract basis as they had undergone a special training for 6 months. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Next, Pu John Rotluangliana, Deputy Speaker.

Pu JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Let me start with Demand No. 18, Printing & Stationery department. Keeping in mind of its objective, I opine the department failed right from the start. The department would have become one of the major departments in Mizoram if all other departments obtained stationery items through it. It might have become an earning department provided with sufficient amount of revolving funds. Hence, it may be important for the concerned authority to issue once again, a strict order to all concerned departments and necessary action may be taken if the order is not followed.

Demand No. 23, Art & Culture Department - Through this august House, Pu Speaker, I have to express my appreciation of the minister for Art & Culture for his diverse knowledge to expose our beautiful cultural heritage to be known worldwide. On the other hand, it is to be noted that various problems were created by the crowd to some shop-keepers in the areas around. It would have been better if the venue was located at Lengpui or other convenient places as the same could be achieved without causing such problems.

Demand No. 42, Transport Department - Pu Speaker, I opine it is time for the government to change mind-setting of the people as whenever the word 'Transport' is raised, the creepy engine sound of Transport Buses automatically comes into our thought. Hence, it may be important for the government to maintain the standard. Budget allotment to the department for this year may be decreased, yet, let us hope that it will be supplemented.

Pu Speaker, it is sad that bike accident frequented the news today which further caused me to think the main reason for the accident. The youths today are mostly fast learner in driving particularly of two-wheeler with the courage to drive instantly despite limited traffic knowledge and experiences. It is, therefore, important for the concerned authority to give the youths today, awareness by teaching them traffic rules. At the same time, it may be important for driving license issuing authority to maintain the standard as there are many who could easily obtain driving license immediately after completion of driving school. In this regard, it may be wise

for driving license issuing authority to demand Residential Certificate from any applicant to maintain a systematic procedure. In this way, I opine most of the accidents may be evaded.

Besides, Pu Speaker, I have made a couple of recommendation for Maxi-Cab Service to Tuipuibari but none of them were selected. I, therefore, would like to request the concerned minister to give priority to any application of the said route with special consideration for its remoteness of the location. At the same time, I am extending my appreciation to the concerned minister for making plan for construction of District Transport Office at the headquarters of my constituency.

Demand No. 22, Cooperation Department - Pu Speaker, I opine it is a problem for the department to look after firms and societies in remote places from the headquarters. Considering number of society enthusiast persons everywhere in Mizoram, it may be wise for the concerned authority to post Dy. Registrar's level officer to each District to look after them effectively.

Demand No. 30, Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department - Pu Speaker, I opine it is unusual for the department to distribute large amount of Silpauline while training relating to disaster management was given in full swing. I must say that there is no other state than Mizoram where spreading Silpauline is seen. It is ridiculous to learn that even a family who does not need the material wish to have it at least for store. It is, indeed, necessary for the department to change the system and change this mind set of the people. At the same time, the department must also see roles played by their counterparts in other states.

Regarding the question of grant-in-aid for 8 persons who has lost their life due to burning of forest, LAD had given a negative answer. If so, is Disaster Management & Rehabilitation, the concerned department? The case may be considered as it cost 8 persons' life. It is learnt that additional provision will be given to Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department. It will be much appreciated if more of this fund is utilized in the district this time.

Demand No. 41, Sericulture Department - Pu Speaker, I am truly concern with this department as it covers farming of a reasonable marketing prospect on which most of the people could get engage into it. It is, therefore, wise for the government to introduce this farming more intensively particularly in my constituency, as it does not take vast area of land. At the same time, it is desirable if the government determine providing additional fund to this department.

Demand No. 34, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department - Pu Speaker, as I have a limited knowledge regarding meat processing system of the department, I have no idea of whether the department marked each of the meat brought to the market is sealed. It may be necessary for the concerned authority to see whether the said measure is taken. Regarding processing and selling of meat in particular localities, it is important for the concerned authority to take necessary measure so that systematic procedure is followed by any butcher outside market places. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Now, Pu K. Lalrinthanga, who will be followed by Pu Lalrinawma and Pu T.T. Zothansanga respectively.

Pu K. LALRINTHANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Let me explain at the outset that we have received a copy of Work Performance Budget, 2009 – 2010, Work Programme 2009 – 2011 and Demand for Grant respectively. Demand for Grant includes 48 departments where as Work Performance includes 40 departments only. It seems that 8 departments are being missed out. Hence, it is impossible to study the detail work scheduled of the departments. As the department generally prepares its work schedule after Assembly Session is concluded, we, the members obviously passed such demands without specific knowledge of the context. I opine this is inappropriate and the system may be improved immediately.

Firstly, Demand No. 18, Printing & Stationery Department - Decentralization of stationery goods was practiced by the government during the 90's when most of the departments followed instruction of the concerned authority. However, sense of ignorance of authority of the government emanated since 1999 as cashiers of some departments, obviously with the knowledge of the minister of their concerned department, begin to purchase the required stationery items from their favorite stores. This consequently compelled Stationery department to dispose-off its stocks on whole sale rate. I strongly hope that the government will reconsider decentralization of stationery goods and the quality also be maintained accordingly.

At the same time, I want to mention the weakness of our system. Pu Speaker, the department has its own Purchase Board through which approved rate of stationery items is made. As the department called quotation, number of application from expert and non-expert suppliers is received. Purchase Board then selected supplier, who offered the lowest rate after making a comparative statement of quotations which I believe, is the main reason for supply of poor quality materials. It is, therefore, important for the concerned authority to appoint for members of Departmental Purchase Board, only who are expert in this field. In this way, the quality of stationery items will be maintained.

Demand No. 42, Transport Department - Pu Speaker, it is sad that we are facing congestion of traffic with the increase of vehicle particularly in Aizawl city. It may, therefore, be wise for a private or government departments to determine construction of their buildings to accommodate parking for vehicles at the roof top and the vehicle which may be carried to and fro by a lift. Transport department may issue the order to do so. I strongly believe the existing traffic problem will be solved by following the system as suggested. At the same time, it is deeply concerned that two wheelers are in the habit of getting in between two vehicles to pass each other in a traffic jam which frequently supplemented the problem. It may,

therefore, be important for Traffic Police to exercise strict command in this regard and the demeanor of traffic rules may be taken into custody as necessary.

In connection with suggestion on issue of driving license, it may as well, be important for a Traffic Police to test the driver of his knowledge with driving manual and traffic rules while checking his driving license at a convenient place and the concerned driver may be held in custody if a Traffic Police is not satisfied with the answer. I hope that most of the problem will be evaded if the system is improved as suggested. Thank you.

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

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I am not intending to speak of the amount of budget allotted to the departments as various members have made it already. I will make only few points which I felt to be necessary.

Demand No. 42, Transport Department - I think most of the owners of vehicle do not give enough importance to insure their vehicles. As known to us all, accident of vehicle frequented our news item now a day. In this regard, Social Welfare Legislation is implemented for the benefit of the concerned people. It is regretted that most of the people ignore the policy just because they are able to evade the concerned authority. It is, therefore, the duty of the concerned authority to see that insurance of any vehicle is validated so that insurance may be claimed any time by the owner of vehicle who may encounter such accident.

Besides, Pu Speaker, keeping in view of the problem of payment of road tax, the concerned minister arranged payment counter at the north and south of Aizawl. His concern for the people is highly appreciated. Yet, the same may be opened at more places.

As already pointed out by a member, plan for construction of Transport Office building may also include parking for vehicles. I opine it is a good idea not to add more storey beyond road level as we already have a problem with congested buildings of the city which blocked our views to every corner.

Demand No. 23, Art & Culture Department - In the midst of various problems and criticism, it is appreciated as we were able to perform our beautiful cultural dance to place the Mizos in the Guinness Book of World Record. Apart of making the record, it is greatly benefitted by the youths as most of the participants acquainted with the dance from their preparation for the event. Besides, the show indicates our unity for the cause of the Mizo society which certainly is one of the most favorable outcomes of that function. I am extending my appreciation to

the hon'ble Chief Minister and concerned minister of Art & Culture as without their effort this will not be achieved.

Pu Speaker, I must say that the department of Art & Culture used to be one of the most neglected departments. It is pleasing that it has now become an important department.

Demand No. 6, Land Revenue & Reforms Department - Pu Speaker, I opine enough importance is not given to Reforms. Thanks to the efforts of the concerned minister, concentration is now given to the Reforms with numbers of Rules which need to be amended. For instance, there are people who are having vast area of land with no purpose as we have no appropriate Rules to control the limit. Hence, it is necessary for the concerned authority to determine the case of land holding system. Land Revenue & Reforms is known to be a department with most legal cases to deal with due to absence of the said Rules. Yet, it also depends on the efficiency of staff. It may, therefore, be important for the concerned staff to maintain efficiency and cooperation to their colleagues so that the practice of issue of Pass at the office table without identifying the spot is stopped.

Demand No. 37, Cooperation Department - On the topic of the organization set up of Cooperation department, there are respectively one Registrar, Addl. Registrar and Joint Registrar whereas there are 4 Dy. Registrars. I opine the department needs at least 2 Nos. of Joint Registrar so as to maintain the office administration efficiently. Even if it takes to create a new post, the concerned Minister may make an effort to that effect.

According to Cooperative Act which has been passed last year, it is the Dy. Registrar who is authorized to look after the district. It is learnt that Asst. Registrar is now put in charge of the district which is against the Cooperative Act. The concerned authority may, therefore, look into that matter.

Demand No. 30, Disaster Management and Rehabilitation Department - As pointed out by some members before me, I support the idea of victims of fire which may also be counted as a disaster. While the government emphasizes on precaution measure for earthquake by organizing training and mock drill, it may, as well, be necessary to give attention to fire which rather is an instant needs. In this regard, it is important for the concerned authority to consider strengthening Fire department as insufficiency of staff is our main drawback in fighting against fire.

Demand No. 34, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department:  
- Regarding Piggery village of Kawlkulh-II which incidentally situated at a distance away from Sairang village was established under the previous ministry. Number of pig-pen were constructed with concerned families grouped there to run their respective farms. The problem, Pu Speaker, is that the department, till today, borne payment of their electric and water bill. The government supplied them with piglet etc. etc. but no product is made till date. I opine this project is an unusual one as it is only a waste of financial provision for the government. Unless more productive idea

is initiated, it is not necessary to continue with the project as it is a waste of time and money for the government to feed the said grouped families.

With a view to help achieving the project, Horticulture once offered to AH & Vety Department their cooperation by setting up farm concerning horticulture at the same farm but was declined. It is regretted as the outcome would have been different with involvement of other related departments like Horticulture.

Apart from this farm, the department has another farm at the original Kawlkulh and Pukpui, Lunglei which are said to be left unattended. As large amount of fund is already spent to that effect, it may be wise for the government to determine resumption of such projects. Thank you.

(Pu John Rotluangliana, Deputy Speaker at the chair)

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. Like other members, I would like to start with Stationery Department.

Demand No. 18, Printing & Stationery Department - I opine that this department does not function in accordance with plan laid down by the government. From the budget head of each department, O.E. is supposed to be spent for procurement of stationery items. Besides, it is the duty of each department to feed Printing & Stationery Department with any available printing items. Private firm may be offered only the portion which the assigned department could not afford to take up. The department would have collected large amount of revenue if the plan laid down by the government is followed from the beginning.

It is learnt that certain departments purchased costly machineries for departmental use which I supposed as not to be done. It is, therefore, important for the government to develop Printing & Stationery Department. As seen in this budget, ₹.50 lakh is allotted for procurement of supply materials. I believe more work can be done if the amount is increased. It is wise for the leader of the House to determine improvement of this important department.

Demand No. 23, Art & Culture Department: - As already pointed out, we have recently achieved World Record, thanks to the effort of the concerned leaders and officials. In this connection, we must give our thought towards the need to preserve our cultural heritage by upgrading Music & Fine Arts so that our musicians have chance to expose their talents to the world. It will be pleasing if the government give priority to upgradation of Music & Fine Arts.

Demand No. 42, Transport Department - Pu Dy. Speaker, it is regretted that enough importance is not given to this department that concerned public transportation. In this connection, I want to clarify question relating to mode of Taxi service which Law & Judicial Department could not give appropriate answer to it.

Pu Dy. Speaker, taxi is a public service vehicle and we should respect their service since it concerns for the public. Vehicle registration at Aizawl now ranges from A, B, C, D, E and F which indicates more than 70 thousand vehicles had already been registered. Including floating vehicles, it may be more than 80 thousand out of which number of off-road vehicle is determined as 25%. Hence, we can say that only 60 thousand vehicles are pliable. If so, it is to be noted by the House and the people of Mizoram that taxis and round about 300 buses are not the reason for the problem of traffic jam in Aizawl as 50% of the total vehicles are of privates. It is deeply regretted as the concerned authority often causes problem to taxi services and so, alternative measures should be taken in this regard. It may be more appropriate if area-wise taxi service is introduced and made service route to each public bus. It will then give rise to taxis, an opportunity to service more regularly.

At the same time, I opine it is necessary for traffic polices to examine their conduct towards taxi drivers as they seem to consider them as an easy prey. It is not appropriate for traffic police to verify driving license or documents of taxi drivers more often than others and take them into custody instantly. What he has to do is to help and show any driver, the right way in a polite manner. On the other hand, some drivers are having a limited knowledge of giving a pass to other vehicles. I opine it is important for the concerned authority to organize orientation training.

Demand No. 6, Land Revenue & Settlement Department - Pu Dy. Speaker, I opine it is necessary to bifurcate the department into two directorates such as Land Settlement and Land Record & Survey so as to reset the system in order. If not, it may be wise to put two Joint Directors with their respective responsibilities clearly separated. Regarding land dispute, it is important to introduce in the department an autonomous body to deal with the case separately.

Demand No.42, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department - Pu Dy. Speaker, I want to inform the House that there is just Rural Animal Health Centre at Bilkhawthlir to attend 20 to 30 thousand cattle. It will be pleasing if a Veterinary Dispensary is located here to attend the said cattle more effectively. The concerned minister may kindly consider the case. Thank you.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. Let me start my speech with Printing & Stationery Department.

Demand No. 18, Printing & Stationery Department: - It is learnt that the department have a spacious plot of land for the office at Luangmual. If so, it may be wise for the government to determine construction of the office building instead of letting them occupy a building at a congested locality. The place which may be vacated will then be transformed as a market place or parking lot. In this way, I opine the problem of traffic may be eased.

Secondly, it is highly appreciated as step has been taken by the department to achieve printing of embossed Asoka Pillar at Aizawl. At the same time, it may be important for the concerned authority to determine improving revenue of the department by printing students' text books and any other printing item.

Demand No. 42, Transport Department - Thanks to the diverse opinion of the hon'ble Chief Minister and the minister concerned for Transport department, we are receiving from JJNURM 14 buses for Aizawl city plus more than 14 by the 2nd installment. At the same time, it is much pleasing to learn that there is a plan to purchase 12 buses to be funded by Central Ministry of Highway and the state transport. I opine this will be benefited mostly by the people in rural areas as Maxi-cab service with exorbitant fare now supersedes public bus service.

Regarding payment of vehicle registration fee, it is pleasing to learn that the department, with a view to relieve the problem of the concerned people, now open payment outlet at various localities.

As a member of PAC, I have recently visited the western belt of Mizoram and what I have learnt from my visit is that our leaders of Transport too are much concerned with construction of road as their performance is quite satisfying. Presently, concentration is given to Bairabi - Sairang road that concerns Inland Water Transport. Relating to this, I opine there are number of rivers in the western region which may be taken up under this project. With a view of the progress of work under the said project, it is much excitable to wait for the coming of rail head at Sairang.

Demand No. 23, Art & Culture Department - As a famous saying, 'Old is Gold', I opine efforts made by our leaders in publicizing our beautiful Cheraw dance brings cultural revolution among the youths. It is highly appreciated as this is the first World Record achieved by the Mizo. As most of the parents today prefer other states to Mizoram for further study of their children, there are numbers of students from Mizoram pursuing their career amongst non-Mizo communities of absolutely different environment. Hence, the concerned students usually lose their cultural identity when coming back to Mizoram. This achievement, therefore, is highly appreciated not only because of the record, but it will also restore our culture and tradition in the minds of our youths today.

There are number of criticisms regarding this project. Yet, it is to be noted that everything has a negative point of view and we may take it for granted as expenditure involved to that effect hardly equal to the cost of construction of holiday inn in the garden of some leaders.

In this connection, I opine it is important for the government to give attention to conservation of our cultural heritage such as historical places and archeological sites. Hence, it is pleasing to learn that the minister is now taking up the project at 32 places with an amount sanction of ₹.48 lakh. As far as my knowledge is concerned, such a solid amount of financial provision has never been utilized in respect of this department. It is truly appreciative.



Not only this, Pu Dy. Speaker, the 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission separately allotted ₹.12 crore for heritage conservation. It indicates diverse vision of the hon'ble Chief Minister and concerned minister for the need to preserve our cultural heritage. Not only this, it is pleasing to learn that a documentary regarding traditional practices of the Mizos is being prepared as it will certainly be a good material for preserving our cultural heritage.

Demand No. 6, Revenue Department - It is pleasing to learn that the government turns attention towards homelessness. At the same time, it may also be wise to determine resolving the problem of insufficiency of staff in the department.

Demand No. 34, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department - Pu Dy. Speaker, 40% beneficiaries of NLUP in Champhai district opted trades under AH & Vety believing this department to be the most reliable department. Some members may criticize budget allotment to this department as less sufficient; it is hopeful that reasonable amount will be allotted considering option of NLUP trade under the department.

Demand No. 37, Cooperation Department - Some members claimed this department as being excluded from NLUP trade. In this connection, it is to be noted that any department is concerned with NLUP as a member of YMA is concerned every particular church. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Next, Pu C. Ramhluna.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Deputy Speaker, it is difficult to understand this budget as it cannot be stated as a full budget. Even though the amount is said to be increased by ₹.250 crore, it is not clearly defined rate of increase or decrease of the budget of a particular department. Besides, Pu Dy. Speaker, various departments submitted work performance of their respective departments, yet, none have mentioned the specific work. Hence, it is difficult for the members to explain specifically.

Firstly, Demand No. 18, Stationery Department - It is learnt that budget allotment in respect of Printing & Stationery Department is increased even though it is frequently mentioned in the House that large amount of damaged stationery material are kept in the departmental store as supply order is not received from other departments regularly. Instruction is given to all departments a couple of time but none followed. I opine it is necessary for the concerned authority to determine the case once again so that government order is followed, otherwise it may be a good idea to abolish Stationery section of this department. Regarding Printing section, it is important to determine printing of government calendar, official diary

and students' text books by the concerned department if machineries of highly developed were purchased. Why did the department acquired the said from outside and give printing order to other private press whereas such machineries is available for use?

Demand No. 23, Art & Culture Department - If overall budget provision is increased by 25 %, I supposed there will be some sort of improvement in budget allotment of this department too. Here, what I feel as most important is renovation of Vanapa Hall. The matter has been discussed in Consultative Committee also with the idea of extension of the building as the existing capacity is 900 seats only. It will be pleasing if the concerned authority determine the case.

Besides, Pu Dy. Speaker, Mizoram is occupied by various sub-tribes having their own cultural dresses. It will be highly appreciated if the concerned authority determined providing cultural dresses to each tribe as it is frequently needed on the event of receiving some visiting VIPs to their respective village and also for the occasion of cultural show.

Demand No. 42, Transport Department - As known to us all, the department is known as Mizoram State Transport Department and it is taken up by the state government. Pu Dy. Speaker, there is only few states in the country in which transportation is taken up by the government. It may, therefore, be important for the concerned authority to study the case whether it is more appropriate for our state to change state transportation to corporation system.

Regarding hiring charge of morgue van, it is learnt that rate used by Transport department is higher than that of Medical department. It may be appreciated if concerned department determine reducing the said rate even lower than that of Medical department so that it is benefitted by the general public particularly of the remote places.

In connection with the arrival of railhead in Mizoram, it is learnt that the government of Mizoram hesitate to fulfill the demand made by Railway Authority for payment of expenditure for setting up security. I opine the state government must ready to pay any price as it concerns security reasons. It may take negotiation with concerned department and Home department in this regard. It may be wise for the concerned authority to fulfill the demand immediately by considering it as an incentive.

Coming now to the problems of my constituency, we have one small size Transport bus service between Lawngtlai and Vaseikai which could hardly serve the purpose. Hence, it will be highly appreciated if the department allotted one more bus for this route.

Demand No. 6, Land Revenue & Reforms Department - Pu Dy. Speaker, it is learnt that performance of the department regarding Cadastral Survey is quite good. Yet, it may be important to increase the target as only 5000 hectares is taken up during 2008-2009, 7000 hectares during 2009-2010 and 5000 hectares

during 2010-2011 whereas case of dispute over land is increasing every year. As Land Survey covers this subject, it may be wise for the concerned authority to increase the target so that any problem is resolved as soon as possible. In this connection, Pu Dy. Speaker, departmental land is taken up by Survey Land Reforms department since a couple of year back. However, their progress is quite slow considering increase of case regarding dispute over departmental land. It will be pleasing if the concerned authority take up the case faster. Besides, I am concern with having a clear cut demarcation of reserved forest and non-reserved forest which has not yet been achieved till today. It may be wise for the government to determine separating responsibility of the said with immediate effect.

Demand No. 37, Cooperation Department - Pu Dy. Speaker, I opine it is important to know for the people of Mizoram the benefit of cooperative movement. There are number of self-help groups in my constituency who make encouraging performances. It may, as well be important to introduce contract farming with the government to determine marketing of the products which may be made from such farms.

Demand No. 30, Disaster Management and Rehabilitation Department - Pu Dy. Speaker, I would like to emphasize on rehabilitation as various members already stated regarding disaster. I opine it is important for the government to give attention to this portion as burning of household is a regular incident particularly in my constituency. In this regard, it is highly necessary for the government to give concentration to its prevention by giving awareness to the people especially in dry seasons.

Demand No. 34, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department - Pu Dy. Speaker, I want to inform the House that incubator installed at Mampui farm has now become out of function and the minister concerned once planned to visit the farm to see the problem. I supposed he could not reach the spot as the said machinery remains unrepaired. It will be highly appreciated if the minister takes immediate action to that effect.

Regarding Sericulture, I opine the project will be more improved if it is taken up by the department of Cooperation as Co-operative farming. Thank you.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. At the outset, I want to mention about legislative control. In a democratic form of government, legislative, which is regarded as the main principle controls over the executive. It may, as well be necessary for us to introduce the same as it will be effectively applied for budget scrutiny. It will be pleasing if the House determine introducing the said practice.

Planning & Programme Implementation Department - Regarding Annual Plan, I have once informed the House that a copy of the document had never been furnished to MLAs. It will be pleasing if it is also furnished to all the members from now on so that we may be able to study the detail plan of each department. In the central government, it is a common practice with each department to furnish the said document to each member. What is the reason of our government for failing to do the same? It is a must for Planning & Programme Implementation Department to maintain quarterly or half-yearly review of the programme of any department. A particular department may cross the limit unless it is monitored at regular interval. Even Estimate or Subject Committee could not be helpful when everything is spoiled. It is, therefore, necessary for the concerned department to take preventive measure beforehand.

Demand No. 23, Art & Culture Department - I opine Mizoram need to have a substantial Cultural Centre/Convention. The concerned minister may, therefore, try to arrange financial provision from the existing budget or from outside for setting up the said centre. At the same time, I would like to extend my heartiest congratulation to the minister for Art & Culture for leading the youths all the way to place the Mizos in Guinness Book of World Record with our beautiful cultural dance.

Demand No. 42, Transport Department - Pu Dy. Speaker, I would like make a request to the concerned minister to kindly take immediate action to Driving School Project submitted by LADC and then send it to central authority. In this connection, I opine it is important for the government to authorize DTO of each district for vehicle registration to alleviate problems of the concerned people. Regarding application for petrol permit, I do not think it is necessary to fix the time for submission of application yet the amount to be issued may be fixed. At the same time, I opine it may be more appropriate to set up petrol pump in every district to ease the problem of the people.

Demand No. 6, Land Revenue & Reforms Department - Regarding the increasing case of dispute over land, I opine Land Revenue department is responsible as land record has not been maintained appropriately. It is, therefore, necessary to have a proper document of land record. It is, again, the concerned department to lay the blame on it for any case relating to dispute over compensation of land obviously because a duplicate pass is issued. It is regretted that no action is taken against such staffs that are responsible. The government should, therefore, carefully determine means to eradicate such practices and further instruct the department to maintain proper land record.

Demand No. 37, Cooperation Department - Pu Dy. Speaker, I want to make an appeal to the government to kindly locate Apex Bank Branch within my district council. If achieved, it will be much appreciated.

Demand No. 34, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department - Pu Dy. Speaker, it is learnt that Sub-Divisional Office of A.H & Vety department within Tuichang constituency is no longer functioning. If so, how will NLUP be taken up in the absence of this department? It is necessary for concerned authority to

determine having the office back in function with immediate effect as it is essential for achievement of NLUP.

Demand No. 41, Sericulture Department - Pu Dy. Speaker, it is true that the prospect of the government in setting up Sericulture is good. On the other hand, I opine it is important to determine whether the people have enough interest in it. The department will surely success if the concerned people have given enough interest. It is regretted that financial provision of 4 crore rupees is wasted by the government even in my district where sericulture farming is not taken up seriously.

The concerned officials must also have the courage not to waste the said fund in such regions where the said farm is not taken up seriously but rather spend more funds to those who actually maintained this farming. In this relation, I want to say that the government is not having genuine interest in the said farming as sericulture farm which has once been set up in my district was withdrawn no sooner the previous ministry came into power. The concerned public might have already obtained interest and technical knowledge of this farming if the said farm had not been withdrawn. If the government considers running their farms continuously, I would like to suggest improving the quality of departmental farms by spending more funds instead of wasting in other regions. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Next, Pu Lalrobiaka.

Pu LALROBIAKA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker.

Firstly, Demand No. 18, Printing & Stationery Department - Budget allotment to this department amounting to ₹.10,04,34,000/- is truly appreciated. It indicates genuine concerned of the minister for improvement of the department. Particularly speaking, Printing Section of the department is greatly improved. It is pleasing to learn that the department is now able to print out an attractive Mizoram Calendar with high quality machineries purchased by the department during the previous ministry. We have further learnt that German-made machine for printing of Asoka Pillar is imported which will be utilized for processing Identity Card, Credit Card etc. This, certainly, is a remarkable achievement as all the departments will no longer need to spend large amount of fund to acquire printing items from outside Mizoram. Most of the requirement could now be obtained from Stationery department and in return, revenue of the department is expected to increase. Not only this, Pu Dy. Speaker, it is further learnt that our government is planning to set up Printing Institute which no government of the North-east region have as the nearest available institute of that kind is in W. Bengal. It is highly appreciated not only for the hope of improving our printing standard, but for the institution which is expected to generate large number of employment for the youths. In fact, vision of the minister to this concern is truly appreciating.

Regarding Stationery Section, I want to state that in the previous ministry, Pu Dy. Speaker, it was a common practice with many departments to procure material at an exorbitant rate; for example, a pair of socks supplied to Police department @ ₹. 1600/-. It is unfortunate that the same had also been practiced in Stationery department as there are large number of expired materials at the departmental store which need to be discarded. I opine it is utmost important for the concerned authority to determine immediate introduction of centralization and that any political party in power should give important to proper financial management with a sense of belonging.

Demand No. 23, Art & Culture Department - With achievement of World Record in Cheraw dance, Art & Culture department becomes more prominent which further brings out many advantages. The achievement is appreciated mostly because it was made in corresponding with our culture as it revives the value of our culture and tradition amongst upcoming youths. In fact, the idea and visions of the concerned leaders is truly appreciated.

Apart from entertainment it brought to the youths worldwide, I am proud to inform the House that The Canada Broadcasting Corporation had repeatedly broadcasted the event by announcing it as 'Sound of the Week'. I strongly hope that this will further instill in the minds of upcoming youths sense of nationalism and responsibility to preserve our culture and tradition.

Pu Dy. Speaker, it is further learnt that the concerned minister have a vision for construction of new building of Vanapa Hall with appropriate plan of its capacity. For the same, Architect has also been consulted. In fact, demand of the department amounting to ₹.6,29,35,000/- is truly appreciated.

Demand No. 42, Transport Department - Pu Dy. Speaker, I opine the department needs appropriate maintenance of vehicle registration with the increase accident among under-aged drivers. Obviously, the main reason is due to leniency of the concerned department in vehicle registration and lack of regular check of the documents.

Pu Dy. Speaker, as you have pointed out character of existing drivers of transport buses, I want to praise their conduct as they always set good example to other drivers.

Regarding condition of the state transport buses, it is the members who know best that the department could not afford to purchase sufficient number of bus from existing allotment of budget. However, it is pleasing to learn that development fund will be received from JNNURM for purchase of new buses. This time, it is hopeful that my constituency too will be covered by this scheme. Thank you.

Pu CHAWNGTINTHANGA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. With the efforts of government under the previous and existing ministry, we are fortunate to see remarkable improvements in most of the departments. Those concerned leaders truly deserve credit.

Today is scheduled for discussion of Demand for Grant. It is obvious that the concerned officials, after having a speculative study on the matter submitted the following eight demands. Some portions may seem incomplete due to finalization of plan which is yet to be made by central authority.

Demand No. 37, Cooperation Department - As pointed out by some members, the department comprises of RCS, which is IAS cadre post, one Additional Secretary which is occupied by a departmental officer and only one JRCS. In fact, pyramid structure of the department is not appropriate as 2 posts of JRCS have to be created. As Cooperation is an important department, it could turn out to be the foundation stone for the progress of Mizoram if it is moulded for the exact purpose. Besides, Pu Dy. Speaker, Cooperative Act underlines that Deputy RCS should be posted to each and every district. However, according to the existing practice of the department, it is the Dy. RCS who has control over the district. It is, therefore, necessary to improve the system so as to turn this department into a resourceful department.

Demand No. 34, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department - Pu Dy. Speaker, the distinctive feature of the Mizos is cattle breeding such as pigs and chickens etc. etc. which is usually attached to any settlement of a family. Hence, breeding of domestic animals is economical foundation of every family. It is to be noted that even loss of a single cattle weakened economic condition of concerned family in a village. Despite this strained situation of concerned family, it is regretted to experience absence of VFA in rural areas particularly in times of spreading of animal diseases. Since, this department happened to be the most opted trade under NLUP, I make an appeal to the government to determine immediate posting of VFA in rural areas so that each of them covered the assigned portion effectively. At the same time, it is important for the government to improve the department to benefit their active services.

Next, Demand No. 6, Land Revenue & Reforms Department - As God gives the Mizos or other tribes a particular region for settlement, we have no other place in the world to be claimed as our land. In fact, it is important for us to have appropriate system for maintenance of our land. It is regretted as problem existed on many occasions due to absence of the said system. [DEPUTY SPEAKER: Your time is over as it is 4:00 PM already. You may now make your conclusion.] Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. To resume my speech, most of convenient ranges along the roads in our state have now become property of the rich and well-to-do businessmen and no space is left for the underprivileged. In fact, we are badly in need of Land Reforms. In reply to my question as to what action will be taken by the government against extension of land settlement encroaching reserved forest by one powerful man in my constituency, concerned minister informed the House that the

said pass has already been cancelled. Despite the order of cancelation, it is learnt that the concerned person deliberately devastated this highly valued reserved forest. I would like to request the Minister to note down my point and send his officer to have a spot verification. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will now have a recess. Discussion will be resumed at 4:30 PM.

**Recess 4:00 PM**

**4:30 PM**

S P E A K E R : To resume our discussion on Demand, let me remind you that there are departments whose Plan Fund are shown in the budget statement. Departments who do not have Plan Fund are supposed to show their performance budget and work scheduled respectively. Now, let me call upon Pu R.L. Pianmawia to have a speech.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. It is our privilege to have discussion on demand of eight departments under a peaceful situation. It reminds me of Almighty God who blessed Pu Lal Thanhawla and his fellow leaders to act as mediators so that peace is prevailed in Mizoram and this brought a peaceful atmosphere of this session too. Due to the same reason, we are able to achieve the said World Record. In a way, it is incomplete to discuss our demands in the absence of that leader who has done so much for our state.

Let me start with Demand No. 42, Transport Department - Pu Speaker, we have number of Transport Buses servicing inside and outside Mizoram. Likewise, we have a regular bus service to Guwahati whereas concerned drivers frequently faced problem of lodging at Guwahati Mizoram House even though the department applied for permanent accommodation for such drivers. It is, therefore, important for the concerned authority to determine allotting permanent lodging to them at Guwahati Mizoram House with immediate effect.

Next, if we determine the main reason for traffic jam and road accident, I opine it is mostly because of drivers licensed from private driving schools. It is, therefore, important to improve the system of our driving schools by necessitating the students to undergo one month training on traffic rules so that a reliable driver is produced.



Demand No. 23, Art & Culture Department - This department has now become a well-known department even from remote places as the people are beginning to learn the benefit. Since the department concerns with people of such a wide range, demand for financial provision ought to be high. Hence, it is important for the government to give support with any possible mean and also determine giving sufficient amount of budget fund. In relation, the department issued sets of cultural dresses but only in favor of some capable NGOs or communities. It is inappropriate for the department to show partiality in this regard and sufficient amount should instead be allotted so that any applicant is benefitted.

Demand No. 37, Cooperation Department - Pu Speaker, from the light of our discussion, on the set up of Cooperation department, I opine it is inappropriate to save the post of Registrar of Cooperation only for IAS, instead it should also be filled up by senior most officer of the department as they have enough experience in maintenance of some cooperative societies formed by poor people mostly in rural areas. Besides, it is wise for the concerned authority to give more favor to officer of our very own Mizo to hold this important post. Regarding distribution of works, I opine it is necessary to improve the system by allotting administrative work to a particular Jt. Registrar and dealing of loan recovery and audit respectively to two other Jt. Registrars which posts may have to be created a new.

Next, Demand No. 34, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department - It is known that this department plays an important role that concerns families at grass root level in rural areas to health of a well-to-do family in urban areas. In this connection, I am deeply concern about health condition of pigs imported from Manipur through my constituency Tuivawl as they usually have spotted meats. It is, therefore, an urgent need to set up a check gate at New Vervek so that health condition of any imported animal is properly checked. Pu Speaker, I agree with the point raised by the member regarding filling up of vacant posts of VFA as insufficiency of this staff is intensively high. It will be much appreciated if concerned authority determines immediate execution of the demand that concern mostly of the welfare of rural people.

Demand No. 30, Relief & Rehabilitation Department - Pu Speaker, some Unit or Block leaders of a particular political party were able to obtain a profitable amount of Silpauline in the previous ministry. We are fortunate that the procedure is changed and the material is now handed over to each concerned MLA to be utilized for the exact purpose.

Demand No. 6, Land Revenue & Reforms Department - Regarding this department, Pu Speaker, I would like to suggest that the concerned authority to post at least two Surveyors in every Block Headquarters as in every Development Block, there are number of LSC and LSC related dispute to be resolved as it is a waste of time and money for the concerned person to go to the Directorate Office to pursue the problem. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Next, Pu K.S. Thanga.

Pu K.S. THANGA : Pu Speaker, various members have already mentioned about Printing & Stationery Department and I would like to give my support to the points which are good for improvement of the department.

So, let me start with Demand No. 23, Art & Culture Department - At the outset, let me congratulate the minister for Art & Culture for making effort to make a World Record by the Mizos with our beautiful cultural dance. Apart from achieving World Record, it is satisfactory because most of the youth today hardly experience cultural events nor have in mind its value. It was quite an entertainment for the world to watch more than ten thousand Mizo youths performing Cheraw dance to the same beat. Again, it is a great opportunity that the participants were to be able to practice till late night under a peaceful situation as there will not be a chance for this if it were like Mizoram when it was blanketed by curfew in the previous years. It is quite a coincidence to achieve World Record under the same leader who vacated his seat to other for the cause of peace in our state.

Pu Speaker, regarding cultural heritage, the department, by coordinating with leaders of INTAC has taken up various steps for protection of our cultural heritage sites and historical spots within my constituency too were selected. Pu Speaker, once a particular spot is declared as cultural heritage, it attracts number of visitors from inside and outside Mizoram every year. Hence, it may be wise for concerned authority to maintain preservation as well as providing shed for visitors.

Demand No. 42, Transport Department - Pu Speaker, due to increase of driver without adequate knowledge of driving manner and etiquette, it is obvious that the concerned authority is rather lenient in issuing driving license. For the same reason, driving now becomes a problem even for a qualified driver. Hence, it is important for concerned authority to improve the system by maintaining strict regulation for issue of driving license and also give awareness to the public harmful effects of under-aged driving which happened to be the main reason for increase of road accident. At the same time, it may as well be important for the government to determine deployment of Highway Patrol in cooperation with Traffic Police on our newly developed National Highway to control speed driving of inter-state Maxi-cab services that frequently caused road accident.

Pu Speaker, it is highly appreciated as the minister for Transport department has now set up number of counter for convenience of concerned people for payment of road tax. It will be pleasing if other departments that concerned for collection of taxes follow this example.

Demand No. 6, Land Revenue & Reforms Department - Pu Speaker, it is desirable if the government determine appropriate regulation for issue of

pass and cadastral survey may be prevailed throughout the state of Mizoram so that land revenue is imposed accordingly. Regarding the existing system of our land holding also, I opine it is necessary for the concerned authority to make improvement as increasing number of unoccupied land holdings now obstructs many developmental work which may be taken up by the government. Some land holders may also desire to surrender their land depending on the system of land holdings.

Demand No. 30, Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department - Speaking of disaster, it is true that the Central Government outlines adversity which may be considered as disaster. Yet, there are some cases in our state which are not listed or applicable to our state and there are some which the concerned department may consider as a disaster such as adversity caused by fire, road accident and drowning. I opine it is the responsibility of Disaster Management department to determine rehabilitation of victims of the aforesaid cases which frequented Mizoram.

Lastly, Pu Speaker, it is important for the concerned authority to have proper system for issue of Silpauline which is commonly used in conference of most NGOs. I opine it is wise for the concerned department to procure good quality of the material which may be issued on hire system to such NGOs or others. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Next, Pu Joseph Lalhimpuia.

Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUIA : Pu Speaker, let me start with Demand No.23, Art & Culture Department. It is pleasing to learn that step has been taken for construction of State Library building and library buildings at number of villages, thanks to the effort made by the concerned minister. I hope that he would also determine other funds for construction of the same at the remaining villages.

Secondly, Pu Speaker, steps taken for preservation of our cultural heritage is truly appreciative. In this connection, I want to mention that in my constituency, concentration is given on the policy of Women Empowerment whereas preservation as well as beautification of the place where the body of a historical heroine Ropuiliani was laid is felt as an urgent importance. Pu Speaker, approach road to this valuable place is not existed even though it is one of the most interested spot for sight-seeing. I, therefore, make an appeal to the department to construct approach road to the said spot which is under well-preserved by the department itself.

Demand No. 37, Co-operation Department - Pu Speaker, considering activity of various NGOs in different localities, I must say that we all are living by Co-operative movement ideology even though no remarkable achievement is yet to be seen in efforts of the government for improvement of this department.

Hence, it is obvious that there is a loophole which needs to be checked immediately and I opine it is necessary to change the system.

Demand No. 41, Sericulture Department - Pu Speaker, Zobawk and its surrounding areas within my constituency happened to be neglected area where no development work is done for the last 10 years. Despite negligence of the government, the people, somehow, manage to survive by full concentration on rearing silkworm and they now become a cluster village with largest producer of raw material. In this connection, it is learnt from some experienced farmers that plantation of pineapple and banana near mulberry tree is as harmless to breeding of silk worm and therefore, may be suggested. Thanks to the concern minister for farmers of the southern region there is a plan to apply for financial grant for processing cocoon. I, therefore, convey my gratitude to the concerned minister on behalf of the farmers of the southern region.

Demand No. 42, Transport Department - Pu Speaker, my concern regarding transport department is speeding of two wheelers such as bike and scooter which increased accident in Aizawl city. Speed driving is harmful not only for concerned riders but also for pedestrians. I am not sure whether it is the purview of transport department yet, it is time to implement rule for cancellation of driving license of such drivers or detainment of drunk or speed drivers to maintain discipline.

Demand No. 6, Land Revenue & Reforms Department - Pu Speaker, it seems that rules which had been enacted during the time of District Council have been in use till today as transfer or issue of LSC still required signature of the existing concerned minister without knowing the detail of a particular land holding. It is, therefore, necessary to improve the system by enhancing the power to the concerned District Officer who is familiar with a particular land holding so as to save time and money of concerned land holder as well as office staff who are in-charge with the dealing.

Lastly, I opine it is important for the government to determine acquiring public land holdings as much as possible as most of the central projects demanded free land. It is regretted as many projects from the central were withdrawn due to unavailability of free land. In fact, the concerned department is responsible for the failure and concentration may, therefore, be given so that enough free land is made available. Thank you.

S P E A K E R

: Next, Pu Lal Thanzara.

Pu LAL THANZARA : Pu Speaker, let me start with Demand No. 23, Art & Culture Department. At the outset, I would like to convey my thanks to the hon'ble minister for Art & Culture and his staff for exposing the Mizos worldwide by achieving Guinness Book of World Record. It is pleasing to learn from YMA leader of my locality Zarkawt that there has been so much improvement due to their preparation for the record event. Much as well, it is truly appreciated as this event brought cooperation among members of various sections of YMA.

Regarding suggestion made by some members for shifting of Museum and Library at the outskirts of the city, I am afraid it is done as suggested. In my opinion, the said should be located in the heart of the city and the existing proposed site at New Capital Complex too, is inappropriate and may be shifted at old Secretariat building for convenience of visitors.

Demand No. 34, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department - Pu Speaker, with the increasing population of breeding animals in Aizawl, I opine only one Veterinary hospital located in the south of the city is not enough and, therefore, another should be set up in the north with a regular service of veterinary doctors therewith. It is pleasing if the concerned minister considered the matter. Besides, it is important for the department to determine engaging trained voluntary employees in veterinary hospital to attend or give injection to animal which may be brought for immediate attendance.

Demand No. 42, Transport Department - Pu Speaker, Transport department occupied one private building for DTO Office within Aizawl N-III constituency. Even though the department has its own building now, I request the hon'ble minister not to leave as it is the only departmental office located in my constituency. In this connection, since this office deals with processing driving license, a regular supply of power is necessary. Despite the necessity, all their machines often downed due to irregularity of power supply. In order to serve the people in due time, it will be pleasing if the concerned minister provides power generator in pursuance of his assurance to the staff. Speaking of driving license, it may, as well be important to improve the software used for processing driving license as quality of photo taken for driving license is very poor and its size may also be trimmed down to the size of a credit card so that driving license is accommodated in a wallet. In this connection, it may be wise for the department to determine fitting a monogram in a processing machinery so as to prevent misuse of driving license.

Pu Speaker, it is pleasing to learn that repairing work of Lunglei road is now completed. In this regard, it is to be noted that road accident may not be prevented unless some sort of measurement is taken. In doing so, speedometer be used which is easily manageable by traffic police so that any speeding vehicle is imposed a monetary fine. Thank you.

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

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Let me start with Demand No. 18, Printing & Stationery Department. Despite the government policy of appropriate financial management, it is regretted to learn that the department of Printing & Stationery is misused as personal benefit of some suppliers and officials as large amount of old stock material becomes useless and were disposed off on auction. Pu Speaker, if the government is truly concerned with improvement of this department, I opine there is a possibility. In order to do so, it may be wise for the government to determine providing more budget funds and a spacious building to the department.

Demand No. 23, Art & Culture Department - As pointed out by various members, I would also like to convey my appreciation to the concerned minister and department for achieving World Record. At the same time, I would like to request the hon'ble minister to give more attention towards the three District Councils with regard to Art & Culture. In this connection, it may be appreciated if the department determines providing more P.A. sets and musical instruments on subsidized rate so that it is also benefitted by remote villages.

Demand No. 42, Transport Department - Pu Speaker, despite plan for reduction of government expenditure, it is learnt that Transport department purchased number of buses. If so, it will be much appreciated if at least three is allotted to Saiha District to replace three worn out buses servicing in three routes.

Next, Pu Speaker, it is learnt that drivers qualified from driving school ran by Transport Department are more reliable than those from private driving schools. Hence, it will be pleasing if seat at the said departmental driving school is increased so that more students are accommodated.

Demand No. 6, Land & Revenue Department - Pu Speaker, in order to resolve mounting problems of unsettled land; I opine it is important to improve the system of concerned department. In this connection, I want to point out that the three District Councils highly appreciate computer received from Land Revenue & Settlement department for cadastral survey. Yet, the machine is not utilized as it is supposed to be due to shortage of fund. It will be pleasing if the government determine allotting adequate fund to the three Autonomous Districts to enable cadastral survey work more effectively.

Demand No. 37, Cooperation Department - I opine it is necessary to create more post of DRCS to upgrade the department from district level District Officers are functioning under ARCS without improvement of worth mentioning. Besides, I think it is important for the department to arrange motivation campaign to various societies particularly in rural areas as many are now lying inactive due to lack of concern of the department. The existing problem with such

societies may not be resolved from the office table but needed practical effort of the concerned staff. It is desirable if the department improve at least one or more society in every district to set example to rest of the societies. I request the concerned minister to give importance to any suggestion made by the members for improvement of Cooperation Department.

S P E A K E R : Next, Pu Lalrinmawia Ralte.

Pu LALRINMAWIA RALTE : Pu Speaker, like other members have done, I would also like to congratulate the hon'ble minister for Art & Culture for placing the Mizos in the Guinness Book of World Record. It is mentioned that we, the Mizos has already hold a record in the previous year. As you have known, Pu Speaker, a study on consumption of tobacco in Mizoram was carried out under your leadership. It is learnt from the study that in Mizoram, almost three thousand lakh rupees is spent annually by the people on tobacco and it related products which happened to be a World Record even if not officially announced. Despite such a record made in the previous year, it is truly appreciated that more than 10 thousand Mizo youths achieved the said record. It is learnt that some people ridiculed this achievement as the only positive approach made by the ministry who promised us with NLUP. Pu Speaker, it is to be noted that it was not the ministry who made the record but the Mizo youths as a sign of the coming cultural revolution in our state.

Besides, Pu Speaker, steps taken by the minister of Art & Culture and his department concerning cultural heritage and preservation of ancient monument is truly appreciated. Yet, it still needs more efforts as the value of our cultural heritage depends on the amount of interest which may be given by our society.

Demand No. 42, Transport Department - According to the data released by National Crime Record Bureau, 2008, Mizoram ranked second highest position in number of road accident fatalities. Pu Speaker, it is further stated that the main reason is ignorance of the policy of road safety. In this connection, it is to be noted that road accident in USA is 15 times higher than that of India, yet, rate of accident fatalities is much lower compared to India. Advertisement of a car company of USA, as often seen in printed media, "Let's buckle up! Together we can save life" indicates that the people of USA give much importance to road safety policy whereas in our country, the people ignore necessity of using seat belt in a car. Even if wearing helmet or a seat belt causes problem to some people, it may be important for the concerned authority to issue a strict order as it concerns life and death.

In this connection, I am concern about unclean and excessively decorated taxis which are often seen as it is not attractive to visitors from outside and

also degrade the appearance of our city. Not only this, it is a shame that we still have persons driving around shirtless. Hence, it may be important for the concerned authority to prevail strict regulation to that effect.

Demand No. 30, Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department: - As I have already pointed out in the general discussion, Pu Speaker, I opine it is highly necessary for the government to emphasize the need for the people to follow preventive measure against earthquake. It is learnt that an earthquake with 5.6 Richter scale recently shook the neighboring country Myanmar and its epicenter is situated 120 kms away from Aizawl. I opine it is not enough to know that we are in the same zone only but we must also acknowledge that the same disaster could happen to us considering the standard and location of many buildings in our city. I, therefore, would like to suggest that the concerned department, in coordination with School Education Department, organize Earthquake Drill in schools so that people keep in their mind what steps should be taken for their safety on such events. I opine this will be more effective than conducting training on Disaster Management.

AH & Veterinary Department - Pu Speaker, it is known to us all that insufficiency of staff in this department is very high and it is, in a way, sad to think that most of the beneficiaries of NLUP opted trade relating to AH & Veterinary Department. It may be wise for the concerned minister and his department to determine temporary recruitment of activists to attend farm animals like Health Department recruited numbers of ASHA (Accredited Social Health Activist) as existing strength of staff of Veterinary Department is less sufficient to serve the purpose. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

S P E A K E R : We will now close the discussion. Now, let me call upon Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana, concerned minister to wind up the discussion and then beg leave of the House to pass his Demands.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, it is my pleasure to hear from the members praises towards my concerned departments and suggestions for their improvement. We also have listened to demands made by various members concerning their respective department which indicates their true concern for improvement of my departments.

13 out of 21 members who stood up expressed their concern for improvement of Printing & Stationery Department. Those demands may concern action from the directorate or secretariat of the department; we will look into the matter with my officers as soon as possible. At the outset, I thank the member from Lawngtlai 'E' constituency for sharing his opinion of the need for centralization of



Stationery as it is the main reason for stagnation of this department. In this regard, an order had already been issued from Chief Secretary's level a couple of time yet, some departments decline to obey the order. In this connection, I want to clarify to the House that even though a cabinet meeting inclined decentralization of Stationery, a meeting of all secretaries held on every Monday passed decentralization of the same. It is regretted that officers of the departments seem to give more importance to the decision of a meeting of all secretaries than that of the Cabinet. However, it is now shown in the note sheet, the detail step taken by the department to that effect with proposal to prepare a cabinet memorandum. It will be much appreciated if concerned leaders too, remember the opinion of majority of the House when the matter is discussed in a cabinet meeting.

Certain members criticized plan for enhancement of Printing Institute as being delayed too long. To clarify the situation, it is learnt from the Governor's speech that financial approval of Rs.8 crore, 75 lakh for enhancement of Printing Institute had already been obtained. But the process is being delayed due to unnecessary documents demanded by DoNER Ministry. Explanation made to that effect is now being approved. Hopefully, financial sanction will be received in a day or so.

Regarding criticism on publication of Mizoram Calendar, it is to be noted that paper binding work takes sufficient amount of manpower to complete publication in due time and so, we are compelled to obtain it from outside Mizoram. If Printing Institute is enhanced as stated, we will then be able to process any printing material, letter head, visiting card or Ashoka pillar on our own. Besides, processing driving license, MGI machinery too are included in this project. Regarding site for Printing & Stationery Office, I would like to inform the House that during the previous ministry, large enough area of land had already been purchased at Chawnpui and another one at a different place. I have once expressed my desire for shifting of Printing & Stationery office at the aforementioned site as the Prime Minister announced financial sanction of ₹.20 crore for construction of the same and place which may be vacated be used as a market for green vegetables or parking place for vehicles.

In connection with quality of stationery materials, it is regretted to mention that collection of stationery items is stopped for the time being so as to evade mounting of old stock indent items as no department appropriately followed order issued by the Chief Secretary.

Pu Speaker, even though Printing & Stationery Department is headed by Controller, there are things which could not be controlled whereas Stationery Dealers Association, in contrary, approached our Chief Minister for decentralization of stationery. In this regard, I am very happy that most of the members too contradicted the idea of de-centralization. Their support gives me confidence to take up plan of feeding private firm and hand over supply of stationery items.

Pu Speaker, I think it is necessary to clarify the reason for the delay of publication of Gazette. It is to be noted that official memorandum of various

departments under the Government of Mizoram is printed on government plate under RNI Registration No. 27000 of 1972. On the basis of this registration, we have obtained Postal Registration No. NE.313/MZ but expired on the 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2008. The effort for renewal of this registration remains unachieved due to misplace of a copy of RNI Registration during the year 1986 when Information & Public Relation and Printing & Stationery were bifurcated. The problem is that without producing the said registration first, Director of Postal Services, Aizawl could not release Postal Registration. And as such, huge issue of Official Gazette from 2009 remains under the custody of Directorate of Postal Services. We made a request to Residential Commissioner New Delhi to help us get a duplicate copy of RNI. We are hoping to receive the said copy sooner or later. As soon as the problem is resolved, we will be able to receive the said gazette in combine form as done in the previous years. Presently, gazette is delivered by means of our Dak Runner within Aizawl and some reliable Maxi-cab driver to subscribers in every district. We will follow the same routine when Postal Registration is cleared. If DoNER ministry approves fund for improvement of Printing & Stationery, we will be able to obtain any issue of gazette from internet by means of laptop provided by you Pu Speaker, to each of the member. Besides, if centralization of Stationary department is achieved, we will be able to maintain quality control and any department will be able to check stock condition of Stationary Department from internet.

Regarding four colour machine and Image Setter, it has already been utilized for processing Mizoram Calendar of 2008, 2009 and 2010 with 5000 copies each. So far, we have no problem with quantity of work-load, but with manpower as only 500 copies of binding could be done in a day. If the said financial provision is obtained from DoNER, problem with binding will no longer exist as it will then be processed by a machine.

Coming now to Demand No. 23, Art & Culture Department, 17 out of 21 members who stood up to speak expressed their congratulation to my department for achieving World Record in Cheraw dance and I truly appreciate their concern. As pointed out in my message of Chapchar Kut and Cheraw World Record broadcasted from Local TV network, Doordarshan and All India Radio, no culture or tradition is flourish unless peace prevails. As known to us all, Mizoram went through dark period in which normal lives were overwhelmed by violence and hardly any one dared to attend church service in late hour as they were threatened by curfew. Apart the relentless effort made by our youths and concerned departments, I must say that this outstanding achievement is due to peaceful situation of our state, thanks to the second coming of a ministry headed by Pu Lal Thanhawla who, once sacrificed his valuable position for the cause of peace.

Regarding criticism about the name given to 'Cheraw' dance, it is to be noted that certain countries, such as Philipines, China, Korea, Cambodia and some other South East Asia countries has their own bamboo dance as some states in North-east India. Hence, western people give a common name to any bamboo related dance as 'bamboo dance'. Thus, no registration can be done without this common name. Pu Speaker, it is to be noted that members on your right are not the only contributors for this remarkable achievement but also leaders of the previous ministry

under which registration is obtained despite suggestion made by the department for the record attempt had been rejected. As soon as this ministry came into power, the hon'ble Chief Minister, keeping in mind of financial condition of the new government and with a vision to expose our Mizo culture worldwide, made immediate effort to attempt the said record. I, on behalf of my department, have to extend my thanks to the hon'ble Chief Minister, who also is in-charge of Finance for arranging financial expenditure for that event. So, Pu Speaker, I am proud to mention in this House that a video clip of this event is now accessible through internet with minister for Art & Culture Department, Mizoram receiving certificate for achievement of the record. As already pointed out, The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation [Commission] had even announced the surrounding music beat of the event as 'Sound of the Week' for one week long of its programme. I assume this truly clarified the identity of the Mizos.

Pu Speaker, keeping in mind the necessity to expose our beautiful culture and tradition to world level for improvement of our status, it is truly appreciated that thousands of youths enthusiastically participated in the event. Not to speak of participation from various branches of YMA in our state, contribution of 25 groups of dancers from St. Pauls School, participation of group of disabled dancers from Gilead School and Churachandpur's YMA from outside Mizoram were highly respected. It is pleasing to learn that cultural revolution is coming up corresponding to this record breaking event. Regarding achievement of this record, Pu Speaker, I want to say that appreciation from the members is welcomed. But it is the hon'ble Chief Minister who deserves the credit most. Again, it is pleasing to learn that the people now aware of the value of preserving our cultural heritage as a consequence of this event as cost price of various types of cultural dresses were hiked immediately after this event.

Pu Speaker, the distinctive opportunity of Art & Culture department is that outside the state budget, financial provision can also be obtained from various sources such as Raja Ram Mohan Roy Library Foundation, NEZCC, Indian Museum, Queen Victoria Memorial Hall and other ministries. The department intends to make the best use of such funds for preserving our cultural heritage in various places in which cooperation of the members is needed. As already learnt from the budget speech of Finance Minister, we have even received from the 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission financial sanction of certain amount. It may not be possible to fulfill all the demands of the members, yet, let me inform the House that now is the time for the members to submit their respective demands, if any, and the department will try its best so that the fund is spent appropriately.

Demand No.42, Transport Department - Out of 21 members who spoke, 19 members mentioned about Transport Department. It is truly appreciated that the members are aware of development funds not only within state budget but also coming from outside to my department.

As if the department is on the verge of termination, number of buses in operation is reduced from 200 buses to 54 whereas 40 buses have even exceeded guarantee time given by the company as they are servicing for more than 16 years. On the other hand, it is important to consider the fact that Transport bus service

mostly to the routes where private buses refuse not to do so due to poor condition of road. As pointed out by certain members, the department somehow managed to operate buses in the southern region such as from district Hqrs. Lawngtlai and Saiha but quarterly report received from concerned DTOs indicates the loss. Even so, we still have plan to improve service of transport buses as we are providing uniform separately to drivers and conductors with name plates on it so that the public could tell their differences.

Regarding construction of Transport Directorate initiated during the previous ministry, the government, after scrutinizing DPR, is not satisfied and therefore, referred to experts of PWD to prepare the same anew. According to the new DPR, basement parking will be constructed at the level of Temple, the next two floors for office and floor on Vanapa Hall road level also as parking. This floor is planned to be constructed as open space to give view of the surrounding areas. Another two floors will again be constructed above open space parking place for the office and training hall of driving at the top. Hopefully, construction will soon be started.

As pointed out by the hon'ble Dy. Speaker, who also represents Mamit Constituency, there is financial provision for renovation of DTO office of Mamit but could not be started in condition now due to problem arises in the selection of site for the construction. It may be started instantly if the site earmarked by the late Dy. Commisioner of Mamit, Pu Z.Lahmingliana is provided.

Pu Speaker, due to generosity and concern from central authority, we have 25 new buses for City bus. Buses which have been previously sanctioned were large size but were replaced with 24 seater to suit our narrow roads. Financial sanction we expect to receive as 1<sup>st</sup> installment for purchase of 11 buses will now be able to cover to purchase 14 buses due to changing of size of the bus. Such buses are expected to arrive by this week or not later than the coming week. Pu Speaker, I would like to inform the House that the department takes careful measure for purchase of the said buses. We have sent our officers to Jaipur where such buses were built to ensure that they were built in accordance with agreement with the company and were further instructed to leave-off if order is not followed. We have even informed the company that on receiving such buses, any of it may be rejected if the department is not satisfied with the condition. According to the plan, the first 14 buses are allotted to operate in University, New Secretariat complex etc. and Aizawl East – I, as demanded by the concerned member, may also be covered by the next installment. Besides, Pu Speaker, I am pleased to inform the House that the Director and Secretary of Transport Department who recently arrived from the capital bring home financial provision for purchase of 12 buses which may be allotted for replacement of condemned ones servicing in rural areas.

As already pointed out, DTO office in each district headquarters has now been computerized. Since then, problem of the people for payment of road taxes and vehicle registration is now being resolved. In this connection, it is to be noted that arrangement of outlet for payment of the said for

heavy vehicle at Ch. Saprawnga Truck Terminal is not our concern as the building is not of the department.

Regarding Driving Institution, presently we have one at South Hlimen, 4 private schools at Aizawl, 3 at Lunglei and 1 at Champhai. It is learnt that such private schools were set up without the knowledge of concerned authority. But only after an enquiry is prevailed to this concern, it is learnt that the said driving institutions are running with the help of concerned DTOs respectively. In this connection, it is to be noted that departmental driving is two months course only but in private schools it is only one month. Transport Department ran this driving school since September, 2006. Presently, we are having 4 instructors with a Principal. This school has 2 light vehicles for learning and its capacity is 30 students. Syllabus used in the departmental driving school is of Central Motor Vehicle Rules, 1989 whereas in private school it is used as furnished by the department. Validity of private driving schools is issued for 2 to 5 years or as the case may be.

As pointed out by a member from Tuichawng constituency, we are pleased to receive application from CADC for setting up of the said school. It has not yet been forwarded to the ministry as the concerned authority is now scrutinizing the matter with new technology and is expected to come out soon. (Pu LALDUHOMA: - Pu Speaker, most of the people prefer taking taxi to bus to evade delay of time. In cities of other states, public buses stay in the stand point only for a moment. I believe more passengers may be attracted if bus timing of our city too is changed as that of other cities. I have once mentioned this problem at the conference of area MUP and most of the members there seem to be effected by this problem. May the concerned authority, in consultation with Bus Owners Association, consider the matter to ease problem of conveyance for the public?)

Regarding point raised by member from Aizawl West – I constituency, driving license for 60 c.c. vehicle can be issued to a person up to the age limit of 16 years. As suggested, it is highly necessary for any family to cooperate with the authority for the safety of our children.

Regarding delay of public buses in one stand point, I opine the problem persist as concerned authority has long been suppressed by rich and powerful and the system, therefore, could not be improved. But in the Government of this ministry, concerned authority is strongly determined to change the system for good as discussion with concerned association had already taken place. Approach had been made to the association to introduce coupon/ticketing system as some less developed states than ours had already introduced the system. Further suggestion has also been given to let any passenger enter from the front door and getting down from the back door and also not to delay their buses in one stand point as this practice often causes traffic problem. In the meantime, I appeal to all the owners of public bus to give instruction to their respective drivers so that our system is changed with immediate effect. As of the other demands of my departments, Pu Speaker, I have noted down here and we will look into it with my officers.

So, Pu Speaker, I now beg leave of the House to pass Demands of the following Departments such as Demand No. 18, Printing & Stationery Department – ₹.10,0434,000/-, Demand No 23, Art & Culture Department – ₹.6,29,35,000/-, Demand No.42, Transport Department – ₹.25,79,43,00/-, the total ₹.42,13,12,000/-. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Hon'ble minister, Pu Zoram Sangliana, after explaining begged leave of the House to pass Demand No. 18, Printing & Stationery Department – ₹.10,0434,000/-, Demand No 23, Art & Culture Department – ₹.6,29,35,000/-, Demand No.42, Transport Department – ₹.25,79,43,00/-, the total ₹.42,13,12,000/-. Member who agree to pass the Demands may say 'Yes' and those who don't may say 'No'. [Members: - 'Yes']. Alright. This House passed Demands of the hon'ble minister, Pu Zoram Sangliana such as Demand No. 18, Printing & Stationery Department – ₹.10,0434,000/-, Demand No 23, Art & Culture Department – ₹.6,29,35,000/-, Demand No.42, Transport Department – ₹.25,79,43,00/-, the total ₹.42,13,12,000/-.

Pu ZORAM SANGLIANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker.  
MINISTER

S P E A K E R : I now call upon Pu J.H. Rothuama, hon'ble minister to wind up his Demands and also beg leave of the House to pass it.

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, it is truly appreciated that the members enthusiastically participated in the discussion of Demands of my departments. However, it is regretted as I may not be able to clarify each of the point due to shortage of time on which I beg consideration of members of the House.  
MINISTER

With the progress and increasing population in the state, there are many which needs reformation in our Revenue system. It is, therefore, important for any member as well as concerned authority to determine the matter cautiously. I opine it is necessary to re-examine allotment of excessive area of land in the previous years without clear cut boundary. Keeping in mind the need for reformation of the system, bill prepared since government of the previous ministry is carefully re-

examined by expert committee set up under government of the new ministry. The committee is concerned with not only to reform the said bill, but also infrastructure restructuring of the department and the matter is now in its final stage. It is intended to put forward to a cabinet meeting after a consultative committee and a committee set up separately for this matter made final review of the draft. As desired by leader of the House, effort has been given by the government so that each family in Mizoram and authorized citizen of India without a house site of their own should have one. With the increasing population of homeless family in urban areas, we have to start this plan from urban headquarters such as Champhai, Kolasib, Lunglei, Serchhip etc. for which suitable land is being explored. The concerned authority now strongly object the practice of acquirement of land by a particular family through surveyor acquaintance to the family. Hence, instruction is given to the department to maintain a land-based record so that it is allotted only to a genuine person or family. Allotment may be issued as soon as the department submits the list for further approval of the concerned authority.

Regarding revenue collection of the department, it is lower than expected due to insufficiency of staff. Certain members suggested recruitment of at least 2 new Surveyors and I regretted to say that it is not possible from the existing strength of the department. Yet, I want to inform the House that number of staff will be acquired after completion of restructuring work of the system is placed in order. It may be noted by the members that to restructure the system, it is necessary to start from land Revenue & Reforms for which sufficient amount of financial provision as well as staff is a must. For example, survey work for the said plan initiated from Champhai district could not be carried out smoothly due to shortage of vehicle and staff.

Pu Speaker, it is truly appreciated that the hon'ble Minister, Pu P.C. Lalthanliana recently inaugurated the project for launching of Land Revenue Management and Information System. If it is achieved, it will be much beneficial for checking collection of tax from a particular land holder and allotment of site to a person more efficiently. This will certainly stop delay and non-submission of tax which is a common practice in our state so that it will enable the department to contribute more revenue to the government.

Besides, Pu Speaker, keeping in mind the importance of proper maintenance of records and survey, cadastral survey has already been carried out in Lunglei and some localities in Aizawl. Surveying work which has been completed, so far, is expected to provide clear record of a particular area. In order to achieve the plan, it is highly important for the government to clearly identify land-holder of each of the uncultivated plots of land which cover almost all favorable ranges along the roads for which cooperation of concerned YMA and VC are being required. Hence, it is important for the department to maintain a record of family land holdings and if a particular family failed to give a report to the concerned authority in due time, any plot of land claimed by them may be accepted as unoccupied. On the other hand, Pu Speaker, it is to be noted that the said work needs cautious action of the concerned authority as it is not possible to give judgment of each of the disputed land instantly. Despite the said problem, effort is given by the department and concerned authority

for the achievement of plan for reform and restructuring of the system. [SPEAKER: - One minute, please. The members seem to give interest on the process of land settlement in a particular district]. I supposed it has already been covered by my previous explanation. If infrastructure is improved as planned, any case may be forwarded first to concerned civil SDO and then to DC. In case of court judgment or revenue court in a district, DC may be the highest authority of that particular district. In some cases, it may also be necessary to centralize as there are number of fake passes being issued and it may not be appropriate to give full authority to the concerned DC. [PU LALDUHOMA: - Pu Speaker, it will be appreciated if the minister please to react to my suggestion for alleviation of the problem of 40/50 families who remain in the same condition]. I supposed it is about Sairang. There is no discussion for this particular case yet we may try to arrange it as necessary.

Coming now to Cooperation Department, Demand No. 37, I supposed Cooperation is one of the oldest department in Mizoram as it was established in 1949. The department was not popularly known except from 1986 when Peace Accord was signed. Since then, knowledge of the benefit of this department is covering every corner of our state and we are now having not less than 1368 Cooperative Societies with 42286 members. But, Pu Speaker, we the Mizos still need to learn how to cope better with policy matter of cooperative society.

Regarding non-inclusion of cooperation department under the programme of NLUP, it is supposed to be implemented soon. The main policy of the department is not just to expand business of cooperative society but to maintain reasonable rate of essential commodities throughout Mizoram. It is pleasing to learn that there are number of Consumer Societies in Mizoram whose conditions are stable enough without financial assistance of the department as such societies are able to maintain a reasonable rate of commodities to all consumers.

Regarding IAS cadre post for RCS and the setting up of the department, as we have listened the opinion of various members, I opine it is necessary for concerned authority to discuss the matter immediately.

Pu Speaker, I am proud to mention that with effect from 9 – 11 March, the department successfully organized Cooperative exhibition-cum-fair for the first time at Millenium Trade Centre to celebrate its 60 years. This exhibition comprised of not less than 60 stores in which number of items manufactured by societies under cooperative department such as MAHCO, ZOHANCO etc were displayed. The exhibition was found beneficial and, therefore, may be continued in the coming years.

Pu Speaker, we are now have 11 State Level Co-operative Societies and I am proud to inform the House that most of them, more or less maintain reasonable profit whereas income from government owned cooperative societies are diminishing. In this connection, I would like to convey my thanks to the department of Supply Department, AH & Vety as well as Sericulture for their valuable supports to Cooperation department by providing animal foods without which cooperation department may not be able to continue.



Lastly, I would like to convey my thanks to all the members who contribute their valuable opinions and suggestions for the improvement of Cooperation department.

Now, Pu Speaker, I beg leave of the House to pass Demands of the following Departments such as Demand No. 6, Land Revenue & Reforms Department – ₹.14,71,29,000/-, Demand No 37, Cooperation Department – ₹.10,87,65,000/-, the total ₹.25,58,94,000/-. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Pu J.H. Rothuama, hon'ble minister, after winding up the discussion, has now begged leave of the House to pass Demands of the following Departments such as Demand No. 6, Land Revenue & Reforms Department – ₹.14,71,29,000/-, Demand No 37, Cooperation Department – ₹.10,87,65,000/-, the total ₹.25,58,94,000/-. Members who agree to pass it may say 'Yes' and those who don't, may say 'No'. [ Members: - Yes ]. Alright, this House unanimously passed Demands of the following Departments such as Demand No. 6, Land Revenue & Reforms Department – ₹.14,71,29,000/-, Demand No 37, Cooperation Department – ₹.10,87,65,000/-, the total ₹.25,58,94,000/-.

S P E A K E R : Next, let me call upon Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma, the hon'ble minister to wind up the discussion and then beg leave of the House to pass the Demands of his departments.

Pu NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I, first of all, would like to convey my thanks to the members who contribute their valuable opinions and suggestions for improvement of departments under my concern. 10 members spoke in regard to Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department, 12 members in regard to Animal Husbandry and 6 members in regard to Sericulture Department.

Let me start with Demand No. 30, Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department. Certain members derided this department as just a provider of silpauline. But, in reality, Pu Speaker, it is one of the most important department as it concerns with life and death of a person as well as disaster management on the event of natural calamities.

Pu Speaker, it is true that it is not possible to isolate ourselves from natural calamity as it can strike anyone at anytime, anywhere and at any place. Yet, it can be reduced if precautionary measure is taken. I, therefore, appeal to all the people of Mizoram to take precautionary measures as much as we can.

It is pleasing to learn that the 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission recommended ₹.47.26 crore in respect of disaster management of Mizoram for the year 2010 – 2015. Thanks to the concern of central government to put Mizoram at a special state category, the government of India reduced 25% of state share to 10%. I would also like to inform the House that with a view of the importance of Disaster Management, two police officers were sent to Coimbatore to undergo master training in Disaster Response Force as 4 battalions has already been set up in Mizoram. In this regard, Sesawng is selected for the State Disaster Training Centre and purchase of materials for training will be funded by UNDP.

In March, 2010, Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department, in coordination with National Disaster Management, organized school safety programme that concerns pilot project on earthquake picker-men for which training is given to principal and teachers from 20 selected schools. Not only this, practical training on Research & Rescue and First Aid is given to YMA members at Central YMA Hall as organized by National Disaster Response Force, Guwahati.

Pu Speaker, I am glad to inform the House that under National Earthquake Risk Mitigation Project of National Disaster Management Authority, the Government of India, Civil Hospital, Aizawl is selected for retrofitting. A structural drawing to that effect had already been sent to New Delhi and sanction order is expected soon. Besides, the department, in cooperation with National Disaster Management Authority, is planning to organize mob-drill.

As laid down in Disaster Management Act, 2005, approach has been made to the government to put a separate budget provision from state plan fund in regard to disaster management. As known to us all, it is not yet possible for the department to put an ideal effort to disaster management due to insufficiency of fund.

Next, Demand No. 32, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department: - Firstly, I would like to react to the point raised by Pu Lalduhoma regarding Piggery Model Village. As pointed out, Piggery Model Village at Sairang is officially known as Kawlkulh-II. It was established by MNF ministry with an expenditure of not less than 1 crore rupees. It is regretted as an ideal maintenance was not given in regard to the project. We have discussed about the project at the meeting of Consultative Committee. As the project is of one-time grant, no fund is left for further maintenance. The question of referring its maintenance under NLUP, we will try to make a judicious decision after discussion is taken place at Consultative Committee.

Regarding production of clean and healthy meat, the department has made an intensive effort. Various members demanded Rural Animal

Husbandry Centre for their respective constituencies and I regret to say that it is not possible to expedite the plan due to insufficiency of fund.

As the hon'ble Chief Minister announced the flagship programme of his party to uplift economic condition of under-privileged with the help of NLUP, effective effort has been made by the government and the selected beneficiaries of NLUP fund. It is pleasing to learn that large number of beneficiaries who has opted farming of pigs, chicken and mithun make strenuous effort to achieve a stable occupation with the help of NLUP fund.

Pu Speaker, AH & Veterinary department is now functioning with its district office in 8 district headquarters to maintain Veterinary hospital, Dispensary and Rural Animal Health Centre with the help of Veterinary Doctors and Veterinary Field Assistants. Besides, the department is also concerned with the health conditions imported of farm animals from outside by setting up Surveillance Office at border area. Presently, there are 5 Hospitals, 36 Dispensary and 105 Rural Animal Health Centre. Besides, there are 7 cattle rearing farms, 10 pig's farming and one farm each for chickens, turkey, ducks and goats under the maintenance of the department.

Besides, the department also has 6 a well-established Disease Investigation Laboratory and 2 Feed Analytical Laboratory. Pu Speaker, I am proud to inform the House that thanks to relentless efforts made by the staff, the department successfully prevented recently out break Swine fever and Food & Mouth Disease.

Regarding development work under the department, various steps have been taken as improvement of Modern Slaughter House is completed with expenditure of 28 lakh rupees and plant for Rendering Plant and Lairage, funded by NABAARD is under-construction.

Next, Demand No. 41, Sericulture Department - Firstly, I would like to make a clarification regarding cocoon rate as pointed by our fellow member of Lawngtlai E-II constituency. Pu Speaker, the said rate is divided into 4 grades such as A, B and C. Recently, the rate is renewed as the following grades: -

Grade	Previous Rate	New Rate
A	₹.120/-	₹.180/-
B	₹.100/-	₹.150/-
C	₹.90/-	₹.120/-

Pu Speaker, Sericulture department was established in 1985 and is now running 25 years. The department made various achievements within these 25 years despite the problem of insufficiency of staff. It is regretted to point out that appropriate maintenance of departmental farms could not be carried out due to shortage of financial provision and this subsequently brought problems to the concerned farmers. It will be highly appreciated if the government provide sufficient fund for maintenance of the said farms.

The department has also been roped in under NLUP despite the problem of insufficiency of staff. It is learnt that number of beneficiaries of NLUP opted cocoon farming. Hence, it is necessary for the government to immediately fill up 39 vacant posts in the department to maintain effective farming.

Since sericulture farming is proved to be a favorable occupation, number of farmer is improving every year whereas during 2010 – 2011, more than 2000 families in our state carried out mulberry plantation to run the farm. During the year 2010 – 2011, the department has the following plans in hand: -

1. Plan for plantation of mulberry stalks of 80 thousands.
2. Plan for Selection of 2000 families to carry out the farm.
3. Plan for construction of District Office at Champhai.
4. Plan for construction and repair of staff quarters at various places.
5. Plan for setting up Grainage House at Zobawk.
6. Plan for setting up cocoon seeds processing plant at Champhai.
7. Training Programme to 2000 farmers and 30 Nos. of in-service persons.
8. Target for production of 4,50,000 cocoon and 65,000 kgs of silk.
9. Plan for construction of Scientific Rearing House of silk at 7 Seed Multiplication Centres.
10. Keeping in mind an inclusion of Sericulture under NLUP, Sericulture Training Institute may be set up for the advantage of farmers.
11. Plan for selection of 2000 families for implementation of Sericulture under the programme of NLUP for the year, 2010 – 2011.

So now, Pu Speaker, I beg leave of the House to pass Demands of the following Departments such as Demand No. 30, Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department – ₹.10,70,45,000/-, Demand No. 34, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department – ₹.34,77,88,000/- and Demand No. 41, Sericulture Department – ₹.8,86,67,000/-, the total ₹.54,35,00,000/-. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : The hon'ble minister, Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma has begged leave of the House to pass Demands of the following departments such as Demand No. 30, Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department – ₹.10,70,45,000/-, Demand No. 34, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department – ₹.34,77,88,000/- and Demand No. 41, Sericulture Department – ₹.8,86,67,000/-, the total ₹.54,35,00,000/-. Members who agree to pass may say, 'Yes', and those who don't may say, 'No'. [ Members: - Yes ]. All right. This House unanimously passed Demands of the hon'ble minister, Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma such as, Demand No. 30, Disaster Management & Rehabilitation

Department – ₹.10,70,45,000/-, Demand No. 34, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department – ₹.34,77,88,000/- and Demand No. 41, Sericulture Department – ₹.8,86,67,000/-, the total ₹.54,35,00,000/-.

Pu NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker.  
MINISTER

S P E A K E R : Our Business for today is finished. We will now adjourn the sitting and discussion will be resumed on Monday, the 25.3.2010 at 10:30 AM.

**Sitting is adjourned. [ 7:15 PM ]**