

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

**FOR SEVENTH SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 25TH MARCH, 2010
(TIME 10 : 30 AM to 1 : 00 PM. 2 :00 PM to 4 : 00 PM).**

MEMBER PRESENT

Pu JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, Deputy Speaker at the chair, 11 Minister and 25 Members were present.

QUESTIONS

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

PRESENTATION OF REPORT

2. **Pu K. LIANTLINGA** to present to the House the Third Report of Committee on Government Assurances of Sixth Mizoram Legislative Assembly.

DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS

3. **Pu R. LALZIRLIANA** to submit to the vote of the House various demands under his charge.
4. **Pu S. HIATO**, to submit to the vote of the House various demands under his charge.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : But let justice run down like water, and
righteousness like a mighty stream.
Amosa 5 :24.

Now, we will take questions and answers. Let us call upon Pu
John Siamkunga to ask Starred Question no.81.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Will the hon'ble minister PWD be
pleased to state : -

- a) Is there any proposal to make construction of RCC Bridge (Double
Lane) PSC Box (Ginder Bridge) at the ferry of Darzo?
- b) If so, the length of the Bridge.
- c) And the number of villages to benefit the bridge.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call upon the hon'ble minister of
Home Affairs, authorized by the hon'ble
Chief Minister to give answer to the
above question during his absence.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir, answers of
MINISTER Starred Question no. 81 raised by Pu
John Siamkunga are the following:-

- 1) No.
- 2) Does not arise.
- 3) If the bridge is commissioned, sixteen villages will benefit it.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu John Siamkunga to ask
supplementary questions.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Construction of bridge is very important.

- a) Is there any proposal to construct suspension bridge there?
- b) Is there any concept paper for construction of RCC double lane bridge
there?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call upon the Deputy Leader of the House to answer.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA MINISTER : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir, there is a concept paper amounting to ₹.47.77 crores of DPR for construction of RCC double lane bridge at the ferry of Darzo ferry. Agency to do the work is being requested to submit the report. Before such construction, suspension bridge is to be constructed to have one ton pick-up truck plyable. The DPR has been submitted to the DoNER Ministry.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu B. Lalthlengliana to ask Starred Question no. 82.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Will the hon'ble minister, Rural Development Department be pleased to state -

How will the Government of Mizoram treat the Village Council who used fund from NREGS fraudulently?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu R. Lalzirliana, Minister to answer.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA MINISTER : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, the answer is government will take action against the Village Council who fraudulently used NREGS fund.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu B. Lalthlengliana to ask supplementary question.

Pu B.LALTHLENGLIANA : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, there are many villages where NREGS fund are used fraudulently at different places. In my constituency, the Village Council of Sesih deducted ₹.500 each from 247 families under NREGS. The fund is utilized for maintenance of Khuangleng road. The Village Council deducted five times more from the said fund. The total fund deducted from NREGS is ₹.3,92,544/-. Out of this, ₹.1,18,000/- is used for hiring of JCB. It seemed the balance of the fund is used as their own will which is complained by DLAO, Champhai.

There are 369 job cards in Aibawk village. Out of these cards, 208 family were employed on daily wage basis. The Village Council demanded ₹.500/- each from them on ground that they might have earn money without working properly. The total fund submitted by them is ₹.1,04,000/-. In Falkawn too, construction of gravity pipe line to Ramhawh was constructed by R. Vanlaltluanga, President Congress (I) Unit as a departmental work. He has drawn ₹.50,000/- only. I would like to ask the hon'ble minister to tell me the total amount of the bill. There is also a curious construction at Tahkaih nar, Muallungthu. This is a departmental work with an estimate of ₹.1,25,000/-for construction of RCC culvert. The work is already stated completed, but so far, they have done a very poor job. In the same location, two other works, construction of retaining wall at Pu Saia huan, with an estimate of ₹.1,49,565/- and RCC slap culvert at Bungkawn hnar with an estimate of ₹.1,25,000/- has been added. Therefore, Pu Speaker, three construction works has been undertaken at the same place. It is unbelievable that so many funds are diverted at one location which could have been easily completed with only ₹.50,000/-. Moreover it is rumoured that the MLA of the constituency is deeply involved in this affair. It is said that orders have been issued to submit ₹.10,000 / 20,000/- as block fund. From the BDO report, it appears that Falkawn has already deposited ₹.10,000 and the congress Block President, Zothanmawia withdrew the exact same amount from Aibawk RD Block. Therefore, I want to know from what account the money was withdrawn.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Ramhluna to ask supplementary question.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, Chhipphir Village Council President draws NREGS fund of ₹.70,000/- on 13th May,2009 from BDO office. Out of which ₹.30,000/- is used for detailment of Zawlbuk while ₹.40,000/- is not yet utilized. Can the hon'ble minister take action against it?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : One member is usually allowed to ask supplementary question.

Pu K.S. THANGA : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir, may I raise supplementary question as I am the concerned member of the constituency?

The hon'ble member of Farkawn said that the member of the constituency also got involved in the case of Falkawn

Pu B.LALTHLENGLIANA : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir, I am not from Farkawn constituency.

Pu K.S.THANGA : I mean East Tuipui.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : It is alright if the member cannot rightly mention the name of the constituency.

Pu K. S. THANGA : What I want to ask is that the hon'ble member had pointed out figure. But if there is to be questioned / complained, it is to be complained in writing to the concerned BDO. If there is some wrong regarding utilization of NREGS fund, BDO will submit FIR to the police. That is the rules of NREGS. Will this august House accept the complain of MNF worker who lost the confidence of the people without complaining to the BDO formally? That is my question.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call upon the hon'ble minister incharge to give answer to the supplementary questions.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA : Hon'ble Dy.Speaker Sir, there are lots of
MINISTER fund in NREGS, there is always
complaint even in the past. If we cannot
amend them people will have
understanding. I think we cannot answer Pu Thlenga's question as his desire for we
did not receive any information regarding this. But the Village Council generally
wants to make assets and fund for maintenance of link roads.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, a complaint
had been submitted to the DLAO but
there is no result.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir, most
MINISTER Village Councils used to hire JCB as
they want to have better roads and
playgrounds illegally but generally we
ignore such activities as it is done for the good of all. Generally, link roads are never
cleared by Village Councils these days. That is why, fund has to come from the
government. If government fund is used for their own sake that has to be examined.

Regarding work at Aibawk, we will send officers to enquire the
matter. If the work was done so wrong there will be no progress. Anyway, this
government as well as the central government is afraid of unlawful use of fund by the
Village Councils. Anyhow, if the fund of NREGS is used in the wrong way, fine of
Rs 10,000/- can be imposed as per section 25 of NREGS Act,2005. FIR also can be
submitted for judicial trial. IPC also can be applied for their punishment.

There has been misused of such fund even before, excuses
given by the ministers can encourage mis-use of fund. If there is mis-used of fund in
such way, we will try to find means for amendment.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu K.Liantlinga to ask
Starred Question no. 83.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Will the hon'ble minister, Planning and
Programme Implementation Department
be pleased to state : -

- 1) NLUP fund of ₹.165 crores in the budget for the year 2009-10 is not being utilized, whether the fund is used for any other purpose?
- 2) If so, in which department it was diverted?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu R. Lalzirliana Minister.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA MINISTER : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir, he stated the amount as ₹.165 but it is only ₹.100 crores. The fund is used for other necessary purposes.

2) it was reallocated to the concerned departments from the account of Agriculture Department where it was being kept.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalduhoma to ask supplementary question.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir, will the hon'ble minister furnish the uses of the said fund of ₹.100 crore during this financial year in written.

Secondly, will the balance of NLUP be revalidated or will you show the balance on the expenditure account?

Dr. R.LALTHANGLIANA : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir, it is voted and passed, as it is a scheme to relief the poor, it is very disappointing to delay in such way, will the government take step to stop such diversion?

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir,

- 1) Why this government could not implement it within fifteen months.

- 2) I would like to know the reason why it has not been implemented it, is it due to absence of experts?
- 3) Does this government have efficiency in this regard?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu R. Lalzirliana, Minister to answer.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA MINISTERS : Thank you hon'ble Speaker Sir. Written document can be given to Pu Laduhoma as requested. The balance on NLUP fund is now being prepared with the help of Animal Husbandry. Another expenditure will be there again in early future.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : They are going to give them under NLUP scheme.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA MINISTERS : Of course, they will be managed under NLUP scheme. There will be no hidden agenda or corruption at all.

Regarding the spending of ₹.100 crores, we also do not want it that way. But we want the beneficiaries to be successful. Hence, it is required to have proper schemes. We have no time to do it properly. It seemed that it is not only for NLUP. We were confident that the central government will give us more fund and thus we were given more fund than we expected, while many departments have shortage of fund, we therefore give them to NLUP implementing departments.

The reason why we do not use NLUP fund is that the NLUP Implementing Board constituted by government wants to give NLUP fund to the beneficiaries with the help of YMA/NGO. Such NGO also is not sure of the procedure as desired by the government. Amendment has to be made in accordance with the guidelines set by the central.

The main purpose of NLUP is to provide sustainable livelihood to the people. The government is going to increase the products of cultivators by means of this NLUP. It is therefore, necessary to make plan for the success of the policy. More than one lakh families are to be selected to have permanent employment. If they do things in accordance with their own will, we believe that the policy would not be successful. The seeds to be cultivated are to be selected by the experts from

Agriculture and Horticulture in accordance with the climatic condition of the area. We are going to set plan for the marketing of their agricultural products. Besides this, there are far too many families or beneficiaries who had chosen animal husbandry like piggery and poultry farming. The government believed that it is needed to arrange tradings selected by the beneficiaries.

The Prime Minister and the members of Planning Commission of India are also interested in this policy. They believed that it will also be useful for afforestation in India. When they see our DPR, they believed that it is worthy for adoption even in other state. In the DPR, we expect ₹.2,250 crore, but we are given ₹.2,900 crore. That is the main reason.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalthansanga to ask Starred Question no. 84.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Will the hon'ble minister PWD be pleased to state : -

- 1) Date of completion of the black topping of NEC road from Keitum to Artahkawn?
- 2) Will the work be completed in accordance with the contract agreement?
- 3) The length of the PMGSY road between Khankawn to Lungchhuan.
- 4) What is the estimated amount?
- 5) What is time allowed for completion of the said work?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu R. Lalzirliana on behalf of the Chief Minister to answer.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA MINISTER : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir, answer to the above questions are : -

- 1) January, 2011.
- 2) No.
- 3) Only 4 kilometers.
- 4) The estimate amount is ₹.262.34 lakhs only.
- 5) As per the contract agreement it is to be finished before September 2010.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalthansanga to ask supplementary questions.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, it seemed that the hon'ble minister is mistaken regarding the road cited above. It is two question.

Order for black topping work of Keitum to Artahkawn was given on 5.10.2006 to be finished in March, 2008. The estimated amount is ₹.29.8 crores. It seemed that there is also proposal to construct the pucca side-drain. I would like to ask the date of extension time specifically. Secondly, will the hon'ble minister clarify the name of Khankawn to Lungchhuan PMGSY road?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Due to absence of our House Leader, he may not be able to answer all questions exactly. Anyhow, let us call Pu R. Lalzirliana, Minister to give answer as far as possible.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA MINISTER : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir, Pu Sangtea asks about Khankawn to Lungchhuan, but it is Chekawn to Lungchhuan which is 4 km only. It is generally difficult to finish the contract work in time. In the same case, the concerned department too had pressure to the work. We have not yet received information regarding the extension of time allotted. The hon'ble member may know it from the concerned department.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir, my question on extension of time for black topping Keitum to Artahkawn road, the work remained incomplete for a long time. Its caused a serious setback to the village it passes through, there was an outbreak of influenza, many of them go to Serchhip Hospital and Aizawl Civil Hospital spending a large sum of money. The prevalence of influenza hampered the progress in view of the economic condition of the village. That is why, I would like to know the extension of allotted time.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The concerned demand is to be discussed. Now, only to the exact point. Pu R.Lalzirliana to answer.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA
MINISTER : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir, in my constituency too, we have the same problem. We have always requested them to finish as early as possible but they could not. That is why, let us have pressure to finish the work as early as possible.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : In my constituency too, we have the same problem. That is why, let the department bear down on them to complete the work. Now, Pu Lalduhoma to ask Starred Question no. 85.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Will the hon'ble minister, Industry department be pleased to state : -

I would like to know the reason why supply of tools for carpentry and tailoring usually distributed by MLAs to the people has been stopped.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call upon the hon'ble minister Pu S. Hiato to give answer.

Pu S. HIATO
MINISTER : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir, answer to the above question is that the annual plan budget seemed to be increased as the plan is concentrated to support famine from 2008-2009, the fund provided for such grand-in-aid is therefore, has been stopped.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalduhoma to ask supplementary question.

Pu LADUHOMA : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir, it is so grievous to know the slow running of budget and stopping of materials usually given to the poor by the MLAs to have self-support for their livelihood. If we expect their progress, it is not good to reduce budget amount to lose the share of the poor. Should not we increase budget amount for such purpose?

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir, it is not necessary to increase because it is to be taken up by NLUP.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call upon the hon'ble minister Pu S. Hiato to give answer.

Pu S. HIATO
MINITER : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir, we may have set back in some trades, but we have some progress in many trades.

As the hon'ble member from Chawngte constituency said before, we believed that NLUP will cover necessities. Twenty eight beneficiaries have chosen such trade. But if all members support it, it will be considered at the time of revise estimate.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, such schemes had already been stopped due to the introduction of NLUP. Such quota of the poor already existed a very long time before NLUP is encouraged. Is it true to say such quota had been stopped due to the implementation of NLUP?

Secondly, NLUP fund is diverted to some department while the beneficiaries eagerly wait the receipt of the fund. May you carry on the NLUP without disturbing already existing programme?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call upon the hon'ble minister to give answer.

Pu S.HIATO
MINISTER : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir, we have ₹.1,904 lakh in 2006-2007. In 2007-2008 it is reduced to ₹.1,255.85 lakh. In 2008-2009 we have ₹.1,357 lakh. Adhoc grant-in-aid will be given. This year, we have only ₹.1,318 lakh for the same. Therefore, the said materials cannot be distributed this year. Under NLUP, some beneficiaries had chosen those trades. But such grant-in-aid will not be stopped as a whole.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, let us call upon Pu K. Liantlinga to ask Starred Question No. 86.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Will the hon'ble minister, Sports and Youth Services department be pleased to state : -

- 1) Whether the fund for construction of Mini Sports Complex had been fully received?
- 2) If so, what will be the time of completion?
- 3) Fund received for construction of Rajiv Gandhi's Stadium?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call upon hon'ble minister, Sports and Youth Services Department to answer.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA
MINISTER : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir, answer to the above questions are as follow : -

- a) ₹.1,359.52 lakhs for construction of Mini-Sports complex at Pitartlang is sanctioned from DoNER ministry. Out of this, 1st Installment of ₹.4,10,90,000 was received, ₹.5,06,50,000 is released again just now. State share of ₹.45,60,000 is also released now. The total amount of fund released for construction of Mini-Sport Complex is ₹.963.06 lakhs.
- b) If the fund is received fully, it is proposed to be finished within 18 months, that is September, 2010.
- c) We are awarded ₹.25 crore from Finance Commission. Out of this, ₹.10.69 crore had been released.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu K. Liantlinga to ask supplementary question.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Thank you hon'ble Deputy Speaker. I learnt that ₹.132 crores is the estimated amount of Rajiv Gandhi stadium. Will the contractor carry out the contract work? I came to know the contractor handed over the work on sub-contractor basis.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu Zodintluanga, minister to give answer.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, the member seems to know the released of the 2nd Installment and of the state share we received this morning before I am aware of this as a minister.

Regarding the contractor of Rajiv Gandhi Indoor Stadium, the contractor will do the work of the first phase and after finishing this, government will consider it again. We do not know about sub-contract system. We are depending on the accuracy of the work.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu B. Lalthlengliana to ask Starred Question no. 87.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Will the hon'ble minister, PWD be pleased to state : -

- a) Is there any proposal to construct the road between Khankawn and Khuangthing under PMGSY?
- b) If so, time of construction?
- c) Is there any proposal to hand over the road (already constructed) between Farkawn and Khankawn?
- d) If so, its importance and reason?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu R. Lalzirliana, to answer.

Pu LALZIRLIANA MINISTER : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir, answer to the above question are as follow : -

- a) No.
- b) Does not arise.
- c) Yes.
- d) Border Road Organization gave importance to this as the road is No. 1 priority for general staff road as it is important for national security.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : The road between Khankawn and Khuangthing is too curved and very long if it is to go from Farkawn road. As the guideline of PMGSY, the approach road is to be constructed to all villages which has more than 250 population. Will the hon'ble minister, therefore, give importance to the said road?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Question hour comes to an end. It seemed that there is no important question. We will not call upon the hon'ble minister to give answer.

I would like to inform the House that the hon'ble House Leader is on tour to New Delhi, Pu R. Lalrinawma and Pu Robiaka also go on tour for meeting, Pu R.L.Pianmawia is also visiting his constituency. The said members could not attend the House today.

Now, let us call upon Pu K. Liantlinga hon'ble member to present the 3rd Report of the Committee on Government Assurances of the Sixth Mizoram Legislative Assembly to the House.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Thank you hon'ble Speaker Sir. I want to say that the committee has cleared all the pending works in the former ministry with the 1st and the 2nd session of this House. With your kind permission and of this august House, I present to this august House the Third Report of the Committee on Government Assurances of the Sixth Mizoram Legislative Assembly. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The copies be laid on the Table of the House.

Now, we will have discussion on 'Voting on Demands'. We will take up two ministers' demands. If we agreed the same, let us call upon Pu R. Lalzirliana, minister to submit his demand nos. 16, 27 and 38 to the House.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA
MINISTER : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, Sir, I moved the Demand Nos. 16, 27 and 38 for ₹.5,78,60,83,000/- only for meeting expenses during 2010-2011 in respect of the following departments- Demand No.16 Home (including prison) ₹.3,32,66,60,000/- Demand No. 27 District Council ₹.1,37,71,40,000/- Demand No. 38 Rural Development Department ₹.1,08,22,83,000/-. Total ₹.5,78,60,83,000/-. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu R.Lalzirliana has submitted his Demand to the House. Now, let us call upon S.Hiato to submit his Demands to the House.

Pu S.HIATO
MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, Sir, I submit Demand Nos. 25, 40 and 43 during 2010-2011 in respect of the following departments-

Demand No. 25 Water Supply and Sanitation, ₹.98,27,49,600/-
Demand No.40 Industries Department ₹.28,93,87,000/-, Demand No. 43 Tourism Department ₹.5,46,87,000/- Total ₹.1,32,67,83,000/-

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The two ministers had submitted their Demands to the House. We will continue discussion. As usually practice, 10 minutes for a member, we will follow the same practice. Who will start the discussion. Pu C. Ramhluna.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Thank you hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir. First of all, I would like to speak about Home Department. It seemed that the department had done their duties properly. I would like to thank for keeping law and order in the state. For this sake, peace and harmony prevailed in the state. Besides this, it is pleasing that police personnel are no longer deployed in the house and farms of officers.

In my constituency, a good police quarters were constructed at Lawngtlai, but it is too far from the centre of the town. The road is poor and needs black topping. There is also Police Out-Post at Bungtlang. They have no vehicle. They have many difficulties to visit villages under their control. I therefore, beg vehicle for them. The Home department has ₹.500 crore under Police Housing Scheme. It seemed that it is necessary to construct one or two quarters there.

Previously, I.R. Police can be converted to Mizoram police (MAP), but not today. It seemed that it is good to do such conversion. I therefore, request the hon'ble minister to allow such conversion again.

Regarding Demand No. 27 District Council - the allocation is reduced by ₹.1,840 lakhs. It will be pleasing if additional allocation is made while plan size is increased by 20%.

It appears that the District Councils are to be given two more seats. It is preferable to do it before election in October. This year grant-in-aid given to them is not release on time. It is necessary to do so for solving their problems. Their administration has also to be improved. Political party feeling is wrongly used in the administration. There are many dissolution and suspension of Village Councils in the district. There is much unnecessary expenditure for such purpose.

Demand No. 38 - Rural Development Department, ₹.1,995/- is provided. Matching share of NREGS fund will have to be given in order to receive another sanction. In this connection, I would like to point out that there must be proper guidelines for work programme in each village, unlike what was practiced in the passed years. And the rate of wages made by the government is too meager for the present days. It does not even worth even the cost of one kg. of pork is ₹.160/-. It is also necessary to provide fund from NREGS for the members of Village Council for travelling expenses.

Regarding IAY scheme, there will be a large sum of money and ₹.35,000/- is usually given to a family. This allotment for a family is no more nowadays. It is good to raise to ₹.50,000/-. Regarding selection of IAY beneficiaries, I would like to request the hon'ble minister to allow MLAs got involved in the selection of beneficiaries of IAY even if we are not given quota.

Under Rural Housing Scheme, we are to be given fund for construction of 2500 houses. I would like to request the hon'ble minister to give more fund to rural areas than the city.

Under IWDP, seeds were distributed in some areas, but there is much complaints about the quality of seeds distributed. Hence, before distribution, seeds should be examined by Project Directors.

In the Civil Work, it seemed that works are executed by BDO office and Project Director office. It is better to work through IWDP Committee. There are 110 villages under Social Education. I would like to request the hon'ble minister to give the work in the hands of each concerned members.

Regarding BADP and BRGF, I feel that the fund should be utilized at the border areas. Some funds are used for Minor Irrigation. I would like to request the hon'ble minister to see the works at the spot. Some fund seemed to have been diverted to other areas. I therefore, request the hon'ble minister to aware that are benefitted by irrigation works. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I forget to say that the hon'ble Speaker could not attend office due to sprain in his waist. Now, let us call upon Pu Lalthansanga.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Thank you hon'ble Deputy Speaker. I will start from Home department. It is pleasing that Jails are used as centres of moral reformation.

The Police are also very efficient in their work. But I would like to say that the killers of our chowkidar are not yet arrested till date. I remember him for his service with us.

Pu Speaker, I often think about various incidents that had taken place in Mizoram. Regarding the killing of two young men of Vairengte around Bagha road, they are known as street boys in the first information. But after that, they are known to be good ordinary citizens, who were dependants for their families and social workers in their village.

Moving on to Demand No – 27, I am happy to point out that the Congress ministry had taken proper care regarding the allocation of funds in the District Council where the proportion is 7:9:11. Since the Lai District Council is the largest they receive 11, next comes the Mara where 9 are allocated and lastly CADC which is the smallest, receives 7. I am happy to know that this system will be practiced again in this term under the leadership of our hon'ble Chief Minister.

On Demand No – 38, I want to stress on the people outside our constituency who does not enjoy the privilege of BADP. Is there a possibility for them to enjoy any kind of opportunity from any schemes from R.D Department. Regarding IAY I am pleased to say that our officials are very cooperative and raising the budget for this project is an excellent means to uplift the unprivileged underprivileged who deserve help. Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu John Siamkunga.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Thank you Pu Dy. Speaker. Regarding Demand No – 16, I want to thank our hon`ble minister for our law & order situation and his other progress. I want to stress few things on the matter of our prison situation and I have heard that they have set up a Study Centre for the convicts. Though this may seem good for a reforming place, we have come across a situation where a hard core convicts abuse another convict physically; this results in mental damage of the victim. There are also other incidents which is believed will only worsen the mental stability of the convicts. I suggest that our convicts should be grouped and confined in accordance to the crime they committed.

Secondly, in regard to Demand No-25, I want to thank the concern minister of Water & Sanitation Department for taking a strong stand regarding the ongoing construction of Aizawl Greater Water Supply Scheme Phase – II. Knowing the critical condition of water shortage, he let the department take up the project in order to increase the tempo of their work to ease our condition. Now the work is in great progress.

On Demand No – 43 Tourism, as we know, we have earned about ₹.105.12 lakhs from domestic and foreign tourists and I think it is now obvious that we should give more emphasis on tourism, in this light, I would like to say that the meeting point of Tiau and Tuipui-Kolodyne river, which is in my constituency creates huge waves which is very magnificent. It was in the Mizo tale that 7 married couples were so mesmerized by the sight that they even forgot to prepare dinner and this led to their divorce. I am sure it will also be a sight worth seeing for tourists and I appeal and hope you have an open mind in this regard to construct a lodge in this area. Thank you, Pu Dy, Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : He does not take much time, let's assume that he wants to share his extra time with others. Pu P.P Thawla.

Pu P.P THAWLA : Pu Dy.Speaker, I will start from Demand No – 27. The plan fund had increased by 20 % and funds allocated in the three District Councils are very insufficient, so, I appeal that our R.E plan funds should also be increased by 20 %. At least 150 lakhs could necessitate our needs and I hope our hon'ble minister could bear this in mind for us.

Secondly, in the previous year, it was rumoured that from the plan funds an amount of ₹.50 lakhs had been utilized for supplying fish seeds in Mara Autonomous District. Unfortunately, the area does not have enough nursery to dispose such amount. I appeal our hon'ble Minister to investigate this matter for us.

On Demand No. 38 – Rural Development, I want to discuss about Lodawh which is within Palak constituency. During our ruling period, I have tried my best to construct a proper highway since the area is still unconnected by roads. Even funds received from BADP were operated by someone from Aizawl area. So, I request our ministry to take initiative so that Lodawh area could be communicable by road. On the matter of IAY, like the concern MLA had mentioned earlier, I support the increment of IAY to ₹.50,000/-.

Regarding BADP scheme, I propose that the funds should not only be enjoyed by the residents of Lunglei and Aizawl but also from other areas and that it should equally be distributed. I also want to thank the concern minister of Home department for establishing a police station at Phurra. Areas like Phurra and Tuipang are the border lines of Myanmar and it needs to be secured. So, for our betterment and development I request the hon'ble minister to take initiative to construct quarters for them and to accommodate them with better vehicles so they can carry out their duties more efficiently. I also suggest renovating the standing quarters which are now in a terrible shape. Another point I want to stress is regarding Saiha district jail which is one of the oldest. I request that its maintenance should be given more attention and with a better administration.

Pu Dy.Speaker, regarding Demand No – 25, on PHE, it is obvious that the concerned minister is working at his best for the development of his departments and I thank him for it. Recently, our churches have an assembly in Tuipang and the scarcity of water was unimaginable, even Tongkolong which is under my constituency is having the same problem. So, I appeal the government to take notice and work in unity since it is hard to succeed when only one is taking steps to achieve a goal.

On the matter of Industries Department which is Demand No – 40, as mentioned earlier, I sincerely hope and request that distribution of sewing machines and tools given to the needy which is a privilege enjoyed by the MLA's should not be abolished.

Lastly, I will once again highlight about Demand No – 43, Tourism Department. Development in different spheres has been taking place in the southern areas and I feel that Tourism should also be promoted. We also thank the

concern minister for his surveillance in this area and hope that development under Tourism in Tuipang should also be completed soon. It is also our hope and wish that lodges could be constructed in our Missionary headquarters' area in Serkawn. Thank you, Pu Dy.Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Who will be next? Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

Pu T.T.ZOTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Regarding Demand No – 25, we have become more sufficient in water supply in Champhai area but we are not manned enough with staffs. I hope the hon'ble minister could bear this in mind for us and we are also very grateful that P.H.E had taken initiative for development under my constituency. Though we may have made progress in the supply of water I want to stress about its purification. On our advertisement we have often seen that the required qualification is B.Sc Chemistry, with the growing progress and technology and considering our situation, I believe we need an expert in this matter like a Limnologist (Study of fresh water) to process our drinking water for our benefit and our health.

Regarding Demand No – 40, Industry Department had inaugurated IIDC in my constituency, Champhai area and we are very grateful for it. But now it is in the hands of ACB and it is our wish that the government take initiative to increase the tempo of their work.

Regarding Demand No – 43, Tourism, it is obvious that my constituency is a great area to promote tourism if the concern department like Tourism, Art & Culture and BADP take measures it will no doubt be a good area for income generation.

On Rural Development i.e Demand No – 38, for us, it is our main source of development and we are grateful for all the progress that has been made. But I want to say a few words about the neighboring area i.e Sesih. I have heard that they have a problem regarding NREGS which is monitored by the respective BDO. But they filed their report to the V.C's requesting them to take action which is not under their jurisdiction. They should report their trouble to the concern BDO to clear their crisis and not the other way round.

On the matter of Demand No – 16 (Home), Pu Speaker, in the former ministry, we, the people have had faced many crisis and there was a large gap between the rich and the poor. Before, our forces were one of the best in our country but in the former ministry, it seems that their reputation have gone down. But fortunately, the change of Ministry had brought about a major change in our social

life for the better and the people are more at ease with their everyday life because they are secure, which is priceless. And I am very grateful for all these.

Regarding 13th Finance Commission, an amount of ₹.31.00 crores had been allocated for the construction of Police Station buildings in the border area. The area of my constituency is also the border lines of Myanmar and I would like to request our government to take initiative to construct Police Station in these areas for security purpose. Lastly, I would like to say that all their Demands are all very worthy for approval and I support all of them heartily.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Who will be next? I will call upon Pu Lalduhoma and he will have 15 minutes. We should bear in mind to make use of this period wisely and not a minute more.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Dy.Speaker, I will highlight only one point on Demand No – 38 i.e, Rural Development. The office of BDO which is supposedly placed in Tlangnuam is quite secluded and the approach road is in a bad condition. I propose that this should be reconsidered or the office should be located in New Capital Complex or the old Secretariat building.

We have heard that Home department is soon to provide us with a Beat Office in Ramrikawn and we would like to thank them for this matter. Regarding the kidnap case of Suangpuilawn, it is everyone's wish that such situation should not rise again and no matter how the previous ministry handled the case, I believe it is the right of us, the legislators, to know the reason why the case was closed and if it is worth re-opening. I request our Home minister to provide us with the information on how the case ended and how it should be processed again.

The Economic Investment Wing had proved that there are about 19 Companies operating in Mizoram. We have encountered a problem in this kind of investments before and it is the duty of the government to warn us and examine this and take precautions and action in this matter.

We have passed the Transparency in Public Procurement Act. Yesterday we heard that in Printing Press Department, many of our government departments have violate the Act by procuring their requirements from private firms. Does this mean that we violate the Act we have passed?

Fire broke out in Tanhril the day before yesterday causing great damage to the neighboring areas and the culprit had been arrested. I have been informed that many of Forest department employees make a request to the Police

department not to take action against the culprit. But I hope the government put the man under the jurisdiction of the law.

Regarding Demand No – 43, Tourism, we know that we have a good potential in Tourism in our state. How does the government plan to promote eco-tourism? To take full advantage, I would suggest making use of our Land Use Policy by investing to promote tourism. If we succeed, it would serve to be a good source of income generation for our state.

Pu Speaker, regarding naming of the departments I find it confusing that certain departments are named differently under a Demand. For e.g here we have Water Supply & Sanitation Department under Demand- 25, but in reality, we all know that Sanitation is under UD & PA Department. We should make correction and place them under the correct demand.

I believe that we have 17 SDO posts under PHE department. Why have these posts not been filled up when we have sufficient fund in the concerned department and many qualified candidates?

We learnt that 24 MLD is almost ready and hydraulic test could be conducted. Specially, the people of my constituency have been very excited and we would like to thank our hon'ble minister for giving us his word in the House in this matter. We also like to know about the progress made in Sairang Water Supply Scheme and is there a possibility of increasing the tempo of their work?

Moving on to Demand No – 40, Industry, MIFCO had made an agreement with Green Cover Oversees Guwahati and later on with SHOP in Nov 20th. So far SHOP had purchased 9000 ltrs at the price of ₹.42 per kg and 50,000 ltrs are still left. If we had privatize this, I am positive we will have more profit and it will be one of the greatest assets for us. I think it is high time to introduce a single window system. We know that in this method, companies have to go through about 10 departments to acquire their clearance. Having this in mind, if we operate this carefully, we could use this system to attract companies.

The quarters at Industrial Growth Centre at Luangmual are in ruins. We have often talked about special economic (SEL). To exercise this I feel the area will be an appropriate place to start with. I also believe that we should invest in Insurances for industries and not only in Agriculture.

In the previous ministry, our Chief Minister song praises about Agarbati making machines which were also purchased by C. Zirliana. I too have 3 machines of such kind and it was a disappointment. Many procured the machines by taking loans and it cannot even generate enough merchandise to provide even one day labour fees.

How will the buyers repay their loans? I have even appealed the hon`ble Chief Minister to absolve them, since it is not their fault. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Who will be next ? Pu Lalthanzara.

Pu LAL THANZARA : Thank you, Py Dy. Speaker. First, I would like to thank our hon`ble Home minister for bringing a great change in the administration of Police department.

At the same time I would like to request the minister to take strict actions against those who are a threat to our society, they are not robbers or drinkers , they are bikers who rides at a high-speed in the populated areas. They could cause serious accidents and damage and before this happens I request the hon`ble minister to take actions in this regard.

On Demand No – 25, regarding water supply, we all have a great scarcity of water but our minister had taken initiative in this regard resulting in the better supply of water. There was a rumour that the people in-charge are corrupted and their distribution is not even. I would like to request PHE officials to look into this matter for better administration.

On the matter of Demand No – 40, Industry Department, from the budget speech of the hon`ble Chief Minister, it appears that Industry department have a new industrial policy and I trust that these policies will be very beneficial even for the success of NLUP Policy.

Regarding Tourism Department Demand No – 43, apart from our beautiful landscape it is essential to be able to provide drinks like grape-wine and other beverage to quench the thirst of our tourists; I think the government is now taking initiatives in this matter and I feel it is very important for the growth of Tourism.

I also want to state that in each and every localities we have problems in our drainage systems. I would like to request our P.H.E, P.W.D and Urban development to be more co-operative amongst themselves and make projects to improve our drainage facilities.

Going to Industries, I heard that areas of land were allocated for industries but without any improvement. The project could prove to be very beneficial for the educated unemployed and I request the hon`ble minister to take steps for faster progress in this regard. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : You have used your time wisely, Who will be next? Pu Joseph Lalhimpua.

Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUIA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Regarding Demand No – 16, I would like to thank our hon'ble Home minister for planning to establish a traffic branch in Lunglei. The number of vehicles have increased day by day in the area and for 10 years, different prominent NGO's have appealed to the former ministry to inaugurate a branch in Lunglei which the government took no heed to their needs. But in our ministry, taking into accounts the rising need of the people, our minister had plans to inaugurate a branch in Lunglei and for this, I thank him.

In the year 1976, a Fire Sub – Station was established in Lunglei. With the increase of population and growing requirement, we need a District Station. Under the leadership of our Home minister, we heard that plans to promote our sub-station into a District Station are on-going and we are very grateful to him.

I also want to point out that highway between Aizawl – Thenzawl – Lunglei are regularly in used, everyday more than 20 Sumo Service cross this path and the need for highway patrol is now increasing. Apart from these the 13th Finance Commission had given several awards to the Fire Department. It is due to the hard work and attention given by the hon'ble Home minister and I thank him for his commitment and for the growth and progress under his concern departments.

Under Demand No – 38 Rural Development department, BADP had come up with new norms, and developments within the city area are undertaken by UD & PA and JNNURM. There are many areas which are not covered by BADP (Border Area Development) and I would like to suggest more schemes / projects to be undertaken by Rural Development Department to cover such areas.

On Demand No – 43, Tourism Department, it is important to note that it is our scenery that is our main tourist attraction and is vital that we protect our natural surroundings, but we are in the habit of building lodges in areas where views of the countryside is most beautiful and mesmerizing. I would like to request the hon'ble minister to be more concern with precautionary measures in this regard.

On the matter of Industry Demand No – 40, I want to state that about 38 % of Mizoram bamboo grows in Lunglei district but we have no industry in the area and 100 % of our bamboo is shipped into Bangladesh. So, I would like to request the hon'ble minister to take steps in this regard and make use of our resources for our own economic growth.

Regarding Water Supply & Sanitation Department, i.e Demand No – 25, in the beginning of our ministry, there was a great scarcity of water in our state. Thanks to the hon'ble minister, due to his hard labor, our problems have eased and because of the progress made by this ministry, Lunglei Greater Water Supply Phase – II had also been accepted by DoNER ministry, and I would like to request for a faster completion of the project for the convenience of the people of our district. I will conclude by saying that I give my support to the Demands made by our leaders and I believe that the funds will be utilized wisely. Thank you, Pu Dy.Speaker.

Pu R.SELTHUAMA : Thank you, Pu Dy.Speaker. Regarding Demand No – 16, Home Department, as mentioned by our fellow members, our state has become peaceful and the people now have faith in our forces. This is all the result of hard work and attention given by the hon'ble minister. At the same time we must know that in every Police department across the world, investigation of crimes cannot be 100% successful. We must also remember that our Police departments are short in hand and if posts of the pensioners or the deceased are filled promptly we may overcome many of the difficulties we are facing at present and the department will be more efficient in their work. Apart from these, they are not equipped with enough vehicles and it affects their work in emergency cases. So, I would like to suggest that this department should be equipped with more vehicles for improvement in their field of work.

Under Demand No – 38, Rural Development, I have seen much progress in different areas. Under PMGSY roads are constructed in places where only two wheelers could enter but now LMV and HMV will also have access in these remote areas. Though the construction is not yet completed, it is obvious that different secluded places will now be accessible helping them to develop in numerous ways.

Under R.D Department, I am happy to say that there has been a great change, earlier about 20 years ago under Rural Housing, we were provided with tin roofs which were very convenient. When we went for plan discussion at Central, they were very supportive about Rural Housing project and further suggested that we should also provide them with gutters for harvesting rain water to facilitate them during shortage of water in their respective areas. I want our hon'ble minister to remember their hint and pursue this as per their suggestion.

Regarding Demand No – 25, Water Supply, I trust that Greater Water Aizawl Supply Phase-II project is almost complete and I request for a faster tempo of work in this project. Under my constituency in Lawipu there is a precipitous road which is floored with boulders and the V.C's constructed a shortcut for their expediency and I would like to request for a metal covering for their convenience. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : May I call upon Pu K.S Thanga.

Pu K.S THANGA : Pu Dy.Speaker, thank you for giving me this opportunity. With your permission I went to the YMA Conference and came back and during my absence, our hon'ble member proclaimed that project under NREGS which is within Falkawn V.C's area was completed with around ₹.50,000/- while the actual sanction amount was ₹.3 lakhs. Here I have a statement from Pu C.Rokunga, the V.C President declaring that

the statement made by the hon'ble member was a false accusation and that they are willing to go to the said site for verification. He also stated that a prominent politician like him should think before he speaks and must be sure about his subject matter.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : If you are to discuss about our Demands, do concentrate on it and if you want to slip in that particular topic during your discussion you may.

Pu K.S THANGA : The discussion we have in the House will be recorded and the people deserve to know the truth about these false accusations. During 1(one) year of our ministry, we have accomplished more than what the previous ministry had attained in 10 years and they are envious. Pu Dy.Speaker, here I have a statement made by the V.C President of Aibawk declaring that the statement made by the hon'ble MLA Pu B.Lalthlengliana, regarding the number of job cards under NREGS was false. The number of job cards were 372 and the number of houses in Aibawk is 349, the rest are government employees and he had looked after the area without any progress for 15 years. (Pu B.Lalthlengliana : Pu Dy.Speaker, if he is trying to prove himself right without discussing our Demands.....) (Dy.Speaker : Please be quiet and calm yourself) (Pu B.Lalthlengliana : During 15 years of my MLA term, he had also utilized Pu Hipheia'a fund in the same way)

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Please calm yourself. We shall not discuss about that subject further, we will concentrate on our Demands only. But if you want to criticize about their work under R.D Department as a part of your discussion, it will be permitted. Anyway, the previous MLA does not seem to satisfy the needs of the people and they elected another MLA for their constituency. (Pu : B.Lalthlengliana : Pu Dy.Speaker, I too wish him to become an elected member and that was why I beg to be excused)

Pu K.S. THANGA : If he wishes to take it up Pu Speaker, I will give him an opportunity to recommence work at my constituency. This is purely a sign of envy regarding the development of the area and hence the opinion of a single party should not be considered worthy of discussion in the House..(interruption)

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, I personally went to the worksite at Muallungthu and I saw what was going on. It would be better for him if he does not try to explain himself..

Pu K.S. THANGA : That is the opinion of a single party representative and not worth considering in the House.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : You have lost in the election twice and do not think that winning once makes you the favourite of the people..

DEPUTY SPEAKER : This is between the two members so I will not let the others interfere.

Pu K.S. THANGA : In any case, the people are happy and satisfied now. There has been tremendous progress under the RD.

Several members have commended the progress made by the Home department. A department which I am sad to say was practically run to the ground by the previous ministry. May I have another 5 minutes please Pu Dy. Speaker since I was so unceremoniously interrupted during my speech?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : You both dragged on too long about the subject. I will give you an extra 2 minutes.

Pu K.S. THANGA : Thank you. Today, we have a strong minister who released the Home department from its previous political bondage and enabled them to act as a cohesive, efficient law enforcers. The people now feel safe since criminals and law breakers are quickly apprehended by the police. Thus, I relay my gratitude to the government and the Home department.

Under the Water Supply and Sanitation, Saikhamakawn has been neglected by the department during the previous ministry, but the current PHE minister has decided to look into the water scarcity faced by the village. This proves to be a great relief for the people and I offer my thanks to the government for realizing the hardships of the people. The hon'ble minister has also personally visited Hlimen and Melthum and promised to tackle their water scarcity as soon as possible. Thank you for your time Pu Dy. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu K. Lianzuala.

Pu K. LIANZUALA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. I would like to go straight to Demand No-16, Home department. The city's traffic problem has been eased somewhat by the recent recruitment of traffic police but the department still lacks sufficient officers. If my information is correct there are presently 2 Inspectors, 3 S.I., 3 A.S.I., apart from the SP. I am positive that their efficiency will be extremely improved if more officers could be recruited and they are provided with better facilities. From what the Chief Minister had said, it seems that we are going to have a commando company very soon and we are indebted to the hon'ble minister for setting up a border out-post.

I am sure you are all aware of the lack of law and order in the Bru areas. They keep demanding things which are impossible to fulfill for the government and their behavior sometimes appear to suggest that they do not really want to return to Mizoram. The government needs to consider their case seriously and if they do want to return to the state, they should be repatriated to their old respective villages.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We are scheduled to end the session by 4 p.m. but since this is a Demand business, we will keep going until the discussion is over. Please continue.

Pu K. LIANZUALA : I offer my gratitude to the hon'ble minister for continuing the construction of a jail at Chhiahtlang which I believe, is almost ready now for inauguration.

I am especially thankful that a Sainik school will be set up at Chhingchhip which incidentally is my constituency, it is also gratifying to hear that the amount of ₹.50 crores has already been sanctioned for the purpose. I sincerely commend the hon'ble minister for his role in the realization of such a distinguished institute.

Moving on to Demand No. 40, the Co-operatives in Mizoram under the Industry department are being managed at a loss. The Chief Minister mentioned this in his speech and their problems need to be tackled as soon as possible. They are a burden to the government if they continue like this and if necessary, the government should invite the assistance of a consultancy firm to eradicate their issues. It is imperative that we conduct a full study of their administration and financial management and if necessary, the government should even buy them out of their dilemma since they are a crucial part of development in a growing state like ours.

Coming to Demand No. 38, I would like to express my gratitude to the R.D. minister who announced that the Rural Housing Scheme would be implemented in rural areas under which 2500 families may receive tin roofing.

Apart from this, the condition of the rural areas is very harsh since the NREGS has been stopped due to lack of funds. The villages who do not enjoy BADP fund are the ones who suffer the most. Even in my constituency, the villages on the other side of the river Tuichang are able to avail the benefits of the fund whereas the other side are unable to enjoy the benefit. Therefore, I would like to request the hon'ble minister to include us under the BADP area.

Under School Education, there are several on-going constructions of Community halls and some yet to be started. Here also, I would like to request the hon'ble minister to give us priority so that these constructions may be completed within the targeted time. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will take a short break and we will re-commence at 4:30 p.m.

4 : 30 P.M.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will resume our discussion now. Let us invite Dr. R. Lalthangliana to share his thoughts and since he is an opposition leader, I will allow him an extra minute.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I am glad that our discussion has progressed smoothly. Demand No. 25 is concerned with drinking water supply, one of the basic needs of living things. Scientists predict that during the 21st century, our drinking water supply will diminish at an alarming rate due to pollution and deforestation.

I am pleased that the districts of Serchhip and Lunglei has received ₹.7/8 crores to combat water scarcity under the JNNURM scheme, which was started by the previous ministry. The reservoirs at Lunglei are in dire need of reconstruction and I offer my thanks to the government for continuing the works of the previous ministry. When we mention water hardships in the House, we tend to discuss the problems faced by Aizawl city only. The truth is that water scarcity is a major problem in rural areas as well. Therefore, I request the hon'ble minister to assess their situation and take actions to provide the remoter areas with a steady supply of drinking water. It is also time we consider rain water harvesting at a larger level. If possible, we should construct multi storage building to supply 2/3 zonal tanks with water treatment plants wherever necessary.

Under Demand No. 40 – Industry, the government has spent ₹.500 lakhs to prepare the real estate at Kawmzawl but apparently, the government has not utilized it as expected. I request the government to make sure it is not neglected in the future.

It is crucial that we look into the problems faced by the corporations which are running at a loss. Educated unemployed are given loans under Industry deptt., but the banks creates problems for them occasionally and I think the government should find a way to put a stop to it.

If we genuinely want to make progress under Industry deptt., I think creation of clusters in every districts, much like what we have at Zuangtui is advisable so that we may accommodate more and more trades.

In regard to Tourism, I am sorry that the conference centre built by the previous ministry has burned down to the ground recently. I hope the government will build a new one as soon as possible. It is also time that we convert the department into a revenue earning department. Tourism is one of the biggest sources of income in other places and hence we must find a way to make it a revenue generating department.

The former government created 4th IR Battalions under Home department and recruited about 4000 policemen. The police manual was also completed by 2005 and their lives were insured. The DIG post for Southern zone, Lunglei and Chhimtuipui District has been vacant for some time now and I request the government to fill up the post as quickly as possible.

I commend the Home minister for his leadership but in the meantime, I wish works could be done at a faster pace. He was the one who strongly

condemned the supposedly paying off of the kidnapers in 2003 and now that they are in power, the case should be solved and some kind of closure should be accomplished by now. The question regarding the mobile unit van should have been confirmed by this time as well. It is hardly a problem to determine if it is really new or a second hand and there is no need to employ the police for this matter.

It is imperative that we strengthen our ACB. The matter of the disappeared building at the Civil Hospital seems to be merely political and it is time this case is resolved as well. This is the same for the NRHM fund.

I sincerely hope that Buarpui village will be given a police outpost and I request the Home minister not to shift it to other villages as they have done with the PWD Sub-Division and the Electric Department Sub-Divisions in the past.

Coming to District Council, the hon'ble Chief Minister sent a letter to Mrs. Sonia Gandhi on 8th July, 2009 requesting her to provide direct funding and grant for more power for the three autonomous districts of Mara, Lai and Chakma. It was a clear political move with the intention of attracting more votes. Now that you have assumed power, I think you should honour your promise. I am very much interested in the progress you made in this regard.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Please start summing up your speech now.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Moving on to Rural Development, too many cheques have been issued to contractors this year. The state banks are empty, probably due to the ending financial year and the contractors are unable to withdraw anything as a result. I also wonder if the PMGSY funds have been used to pay for the salaries of government employees as we had done with the ADB fund in the past.

Finally, I truly hope that the various schemes under RD such as SIRD are utilized to their full potential so that the farmers and labourers will benefit them to the fullest. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us invite the concerned ministers to wind up the discussion and ask the permission of the House to pass their demands. Pu R. Lalzirliana, Minister.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. First and
MINISTER : foremost, I wish to extend my heartfelt
gratitude to the 21 members who
expressed their concerns and suggestions
in regard to my departments.

I will try to provide you with the information you have requested as much as I can although I regret to tell you that I will not be answering each and every questions.

The kidnap case happened during MNF ministry and I have stated the names of the people who paid the money to the kidnappers and where they met. Unfortunately, the MNF seem to fear the publicity of their ransom payment to the general populace and the documents were destroyed by the time we assumed power. During that time, we demanded that the Suangpuilawn kidnap case be investigated by the police properly and yet no steps were taken to uncover the truth. It has been almost 7/8 years now and reopening the case would hurt a lot of people, which we believe is completely unnecessary.

I will look into the subject of argument between the hon'ble members – Pu Thlenga and Pu KS Thanga and the department will do everything to ensure that the people are done right by the government. The police department already has a suspect on the murder of Mr. F. Pahnuna's chowkider. The culprit is absconding and the police are doing their best to catch him. I am pleased that among the 21 members there is only one mention of an unsolved murder case whereas there used to be several cases under the previous ministry. In regard to the death of our fellow Mizo near Guwahati, some people accused me of not safeguarding our honour, but I assure you that I have done my part and these unfortunate incidents should not be used as a political opportunity to attack the government. The commandant in charge has submitted his report and statements of witnesses has been filed but it would be inappropriate to reveal all the details in this House.

On the subject of the 13th Finance Commission award, I sensed that the hon'ble members want the cash award to be used in your respective constituencies but the locations of the construction has already been proposed – Kolasib, Marpara, N. Vanlaiphai, Serchhip, Kawrthah, Borapansuri, Kanhmun, Darlawn, Sakawrdai, Bairabi, Champhai, Ngopa, Sialsuk, Saiha, Tuipang, Tlabung, Bunghmun, Thingsai, Vasei, Lunglei, Sangau, Lungsen, Hnahthial, Phura, New Vervek, Bilkhawthlir, Zawlnuam, Zokhawthar, Seling, Dungtlang, S. Vanlaiphai, Saiha Tlang, Bualpui NG, Lungbun, Bungtlang and Parva. 3 buildings will be constructed at each of these places amounting to ₹.70 lakhs, ₹.35 lakhs or ₹.12 lakhs in accordance with the cost of construction.

We are hoping to reconstruct the beat post that Pu Duha mentioned. The members suggested that the MLA should be informed and sought advice from, in regard to IAY beneficiaries but a 5 year permanent waiting list has already been approved and until the term is over, the list cannot be altered. In case of death or other incidents, adjustments will be made and the members will be informed

about the alterations. The benefits under the IAY is ₹.30,000 for new construction and ₹.15,000 for upgrade. The amount is very little in this day and age but it has been fixed by the Rural Development Ministry and there is nothing we can do about it at the moment, but I believe the central government is considering its increase. It has been decided that a special allowance of 6 per cent should be set aside for the VCs from the NREGA administrative cost to ease their travel and inspection expenses. We are also trying to find a way to raise the NREGS wage to ensure that the poor are really able to benefit it even more. We have decided to let the ongoing VC terms to continue until the Municipal elections since they have already been included in the Labour Budget.

In regard to Fire Department, although we have given endless warnings and caution awareness to the people, hundreds of fire broke out in the state, destroying several houses and lands. There were 8 fatalities and 2 wounded so far this year.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, what kind of compensations has the government arranged for the victims?

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA MINISTER : Pu Dy. Speaker, we can give them tin roofs under the Rural Housing scheme and after a report of the fire is submitted to the DC office, they will take action as necessary.

Coming to the Demand No. 38, work under the NREGA has been started in all districts and 90 per cent of the fund will be provided by the central while the state will provide a matching share of 10 per cent. During 2009-2010, ₹.2,32,299 has been used for generating work in 5 districts but the whole 100 days could not be generated yet since the fund expected from the central is late in arriving. For the year 2010-2011, the proposed amount is ₹.32,023 lakhs out of which the state matching share is ₹.2000 lakhs. The labour budget has already been submitted to the RD ministry and district cells are also created to oversee the proper utilization of these funds correctly. For the efficient implementation of the scheme, a management information system will be set up through internet for quicker proposal and sanction of funds from the central to avoid the hassle of officials going back and forth to the centre personally. There are several check measures to avoid inappropriate use of the funds. The implementation of the scheme in Mizoram may not be perfect, we are one of the most successful states in the country and some districts even received an award for excellence under the NREGA administration.

The Integrated Water Development Programme has been implemented in Mizoram from 2010 and there are 52 projects currently. The central

government has granted ₹.2,299 lakhs with a state matching share of ₹.261 lakhs. We have already received ₹.2,561 lakhs to undertake 7 new projects apart from the IWDP and HARIALI projects. Following the new policy, ₹.94,565.90 lakhs has been proposed under the Integrated Water Management Programme to undertake 170 projects using the projective and strategic plan. Works has already been started on 16 projects during 2009-2010 and the central and state matching share of ₹.84,208 lakhs and ₹.1,098 lakhs respectively has also been received. However, since we cannot ascertain how much the total cost of the projects would be, it has not been included in the Annual Budget.

During 2009-2010 we have received a total of ₹.322.65 lakhs from the central and state matching share. 12 self help groups has been set up during 2009-2010, making it a total of 2203 self help groups in Mizoram. ₹.2,598 lakhs has been set aside for Backward Region Grant Fund and is implemented in Lawngtlai and Saiha. ₹.200 lakhs has also been received under the SIRD and will be implemented in Kolasib while we expect another ₹.305 lakhs and ₹.235 lakhs for Lawngtlai and Saiha respectively.

The proposed amount for BADP during 2009-2010 is ₹.2,496 lakhs out of which ₹.2,146.50 has already been used. Under the new guidelines, the BADP will be implemented only in areas within 20 Km from the International Borders... (interruptions..)

For those villages that no longer receive BADP or BRGF benefits, we will try to focus the Social Education Scheme on them. There are 25 halls under construction under the NLCPR, all of them in 3 installments. Most of these constructions are undertaken following the guidelines and only a handful are being undertaken by private contractors.

26 Blocks are covered by Housing for Project Staff under Rural Development where staff quarters and offices will be constructed but as I mentioned earlier, those areas not covered by the BADP will be given priorities. ₹.184 lakhs has been allocated for this year and ₹.299 lakhs for next year for the project. 4325 houses will be covered by the Rural Housing and if there are natural calamities or disaster in your constituencies, you are welcome to avail this benefit.

As you will notice, the Rural Department is working hard to elevate the conditions of the poor in several ways and most of these projects are undertaken using the Centrally Sponsored Schemes.

Coming to Demand No. 27 – District Council, the budget for the 3 Autonomous District Council is ₹.10,185 lakhs from Non-Plan, Grant-in Aid, and ₹.3,999 lakhs from Plan Fund, coming to a total of ₹.14,157 lakhs for the year 2009-2010.

The funds are used to construct link roads, staff quarters, plantations, fish farms, road maintenance, etc. The Districts also have a revenue target of ₹.133 lakhs and they have already generated ₹.72 lakhs at this time. During 2009-

2010, the amount of ₹.70.78 lakhs has been given to Lai Autonomous District, ₹.84.97 to Mara District and ₹.377.91 to Chakma District.

There is a standing Enquiry Commission to monitor the utilization of funds and to advise them on their setbacks.

I would like to finally move on to Home, Demand No. 16. We all know that Lalzarzokima (17) s/o Lalngilneia, Bungthuam was killed by Bru insurgents on 13-11-2009 and 399 Bru houses were burnt down by an angry mob in the process. Although the ringleader of the murder is yet to be apprehended, we have already arrested 8 suspects and the police are doing their best to capture the leader. In light of this event, the Bru repatriation project has been put on hold for the time being. Since the 3rd Battalion MAP posted at the Tripura border had to go to Assam, the 4th IR Battalion has been deployed from Thenzawl PTC to replace them.

The police department has seized several firearms ranging from AK47 to pistols and country-made hand guns and they continually step up their surveillance of the arms smuggling business. Ramthianghlina, Bungthuam, the culprit on the rape/murder case of Lalrinsangi, Dapchhuah has been apprehended by the police and he has confessed to his crime. The police have also successfully investigated the case of the mysterious body found in Champhai and they have arrested the killers who also confessed to their crime. The killer of taxi driver Chawngmingthanga, Laltanpuia was also captured by the police after intensive investigation. The culprits who attacked the truck driver, Anwar Hussein and killed him were also sent to prison and the 5 robbers who robbed C. Thanmawii, Saron Veng were apprehended by the police. The police also arrested Reagan Laltanpuia for killing Lalramthianghlina and dumping her body in a side drain. Zakir Hussein, the killer of Zoramawii has absconded and the police are currently working together with Cachar police to bring him to justice.

We are trying to set up a Sainik Welfare Office in Kolasib and Champhai. Posts have already been created and when the construction is completed, I believe it will prove to be a big help to the ex-servicemen in the areas. The 13th Finance Commission has also given us a cash award of ₹.50 crores to set up a Sainik School at Chhingchhip and construction works are commencing. The amount of financial assistance given to the wives of World War II veterans, bravery award and ex-gratia has all been hiked recently.

We have received a plan fund of ₹.250 lakhs for Fire and Emergency Services from last year and the fund has been used to repair 38 office quarters. The facilities of all the offices and stations have also been improved and fire fighting equipments with better technology has also been purchased. We also expect to have 10 new trucks in the near future.

Fire & Emergency Dept., Motor bills pending are cleared with this money. Besides, awareness campaign to prevent fire spreading was done through pamphlets, voice SMS etc., using a lot of money. Nevertheless, it is a year we suffer fire most, this clearly shows that we have to be very careful in the future. Right now,

proposal to open a new Fire Station at Mamit, Aizawl North and South is underway. This will open 64 vacant posts which are still under the Finance Deptt., for approval. The Transport deptt., gives us a land in Aizawl North and we construct a building. In the new Plan, we hope to distribute Fire Extinguisher at subsidy rate. Plan has been going on to build a new Auxiliary fire post but will take time as equipments need to be purchased. Twenty crore fund received from 13th Finance Commission will be used for the development of Bus station and its infrastructure.

Regarding Home Guard, I want to clarify that all their demands like ration allowances, rifles allowances, washing allowances and rank pay are increased. Besides, the Home Guard Rules, 2009 is under Law Deptt., for study and will soon be out for used.

Let us go back to Police department. The govt. knows the role played by this deptt., in fighting corruption. Therefore, it will be strengthened and for these 33 new posts were created which will soon be filled up. Besides, 6 posts were created for Vairengte SDPO office and another 11posts for West Phaileng SDPO office. We also hope to give promotion to Inspector from Selection Grade. The Fourth & Fifth I.R.Bn finished their training and guns were ordered for them in the factory. As we received order to form a Commando Unit, Finance Deptt., allowed us ₹.6,000 lakhs. With this money, we will purchase guns and necessary equipments. To fight crime through I.T we are going to built Crime Criminal Tracking & Network System (CCTNS). Through this we will have a link with other police forces within the country. The 3rd Bn. was employed to relieve the CRPF in Assam and through this the death of our own Mizo was witnessed by their Commandant. We also want to equip PTC Thenzawl more as it is going to be the training centre for our police. Further more we hope to make it into a Training College. Regarding Forensic Science Laboratory, it is essential for solving crime and needed to be well equipped. Their building was constructed in the Secretariat Complex and will soon be finished. Besides, five Forensic Science Assistants was recruited and the Dy. Director was promoted to Jt. Director.

On Prison deptt., we have about 6 Jails in all of Mizoram, which needed renovation and strengthening. We received 30 crore from the 13th Finance Commission for this. Besides sub-jail at Lawngtlai, Serchhip and Vairengte are under construction and we hope to open them as soon as possible. We will also create a new post when Finance Deptt., gives approval.

Regarding foreigner, we are facing many problems when we arrest them especially in the border. There is international law to observe. Besides, we cannot control the magistrate to convict them as practiced in the past after we used separation of judiciary. To hand over to their country we need funds for conveyances which the deptt., cannot cover from their own fund. Therefore, we need support from inside and outside especially from the members. The 13th Finance Commission is going to give us ₹.131 crore in Home Deptt. We hope that this will enable us to move forward and strengthen our forces.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I beg the House to pass my Demand No. 16 including Prison ₹.3,32,66,60,000/- ; Demand No. 27 District Council ₹.1,37,71,40,000/- ; Demand No. 38 Rural Development ₹.1,08,22,83,000/- which total ₹.5,78,60,83,000/-, thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon'ble minister Pu R.Lalzirliana submits his Demand No. 16 Home (including Prison) ₹.3,32,66,60,000/-, Demand No. 27 – District Council ₹.1,37,71,40,000/- ; Demand No. 38 Rural Development ₹.1,08,22,83,000/- totaling ₹.5,78,60,83,000/- for the House to pass it. Those who are in favour say 'agree' and those who are not say 'disagree'. As we all agree, the hon'ble minister Pu R.Lalzirliana's Demand Nos. 16, 27 and 38 amounting to ₹.5,78,60,83,000/- was passed by the House.

PU R.LALZIRLIANA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.
MINISTER

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, let us invite the hon'ble minister Pu S.Hiato to wind up the debate and ask the House to pass his demand.

Pu S.HIATO : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. Today our hon'ble members participate in the discussion of my three demands. I will not react to those who expressed their thanks but I want them to know that I am very pleased. I will try to react to some issues as we cannot react to them all. First, I would like to point out about Pu Lalduhoma's speech regarding Pu Ruata's plants which were destroyed during the excavation of road. Right now the Revenue Dept., examines the extent of damages, afterward, action will be taken.

Regarding Industrial Growth Centre, we started building the house and to finish it we have to wait for the 2nd installment. The gap takes a long time and the building needs renovation to finish it when we received the 2nd installment. Therefore we are trying our best to improve the situation by selecting the site for allotment. Regarding acquisition of 76.68 bigha land at Pukpui which was mentioned by Pu Thangtea, the Chief Minister laid the foundation for building infrastructure in 2005. Right now MKVIB used it for their office and they have a

Management Committee under the D.C. They work hard for the development and plot allotment was underway.

To strengthen Govt. Undertaking PSU, hon'ble member Pu Lianzuala made a request to hire Consultancy Firm. I want him to know that right now we are negotiating to do so. Regarding Pu Duhoma's question on MIFCO and its product, we signed MoU with M/S Shimla Hills Offering Pvt. Ltd (SHOP) on 20.11.2009 while the previous govt. signed with M.S.Green Cover Overseas, Guwahati on 27.9.2007. The later failed to pay a balance of ₹.672,510 after much request. Therefore, we are now negotiating with the new company to find a way to sell 50,000 ltrs of passion fruit juice.

On Industries dept., we all know how backward the dept., is in recent year. But now we know how important this dept., is for our economic growth. Therefore, we take step to improve and strengthen it and create a good working relation with other improved deptts. in order to process and find a market for our agricultural and industrial products. The govt. also gives importance to food processing. We cannot find a market for our product like red oil palm, ginger, turmeric etc, in their raw state. We have to process them first and afterward the marketing will be easy. For this purpose central govt., gives us 50 crore for mega Food Park due to the expression of interest our hon'ble Chief Minister gives. With this, we set up a Modern Abattoir near Bung Bungalow and hope to set up Food Testing Laboratory under the Central Scheme. Beside these, we are trying to improve Tea Industries. The climate of Mizoram is good for tea and it is believed that its aroma is better than that of Darjeeling and Sikkim. Because of this, the Vice – Chairman of Tea Board of India paid us a visit and was very satisfied. Right now about 300 families in Biata and Ngopa grow tea and in Ngopa the grinding machine has been set up. We also select five villages for small tea growers namely Khawzawl, Baktawng, Saipum, Saiphai and Bungthuam. These small tea growers are trained in Toklai and right now about twenty tea growers from different villages train in Jorhat. We are thinking about making Integrated Rural Road map for Tea Development as it is going to be needed for choosing the site, its variety and others. Besides, we have to strengthen the infrastructure, for this we need sufficient supply of electricity, water and inland road. This means we need a compact area, therefore we choose four areas namely Industrial Estate at Zuangtui, Industrial Centre at Luangmual, Export Promotion Industrial Park (EPIP) at Lengte and Bamboo Technology Park at Sairang.

Pu Chairman, as we all know Mizoram became one of the leading states in handloom. Therefore, we are promoting our handloom in different parts of the country as well as outside the country. Under the Integrated Handloom Development Scheme (IHDS) we received ₹.52.45 lakh for cluster approach and 47.57 for group approach from Development Commissioner Handloom. Under Health Insurance Scheme 179 weavers were registered. State Award Scheme was prepared and notified for those who excel in handloom & handicraft.

Without bamboo base we cannot built industry in Mizoram. Therefore, we are going to take initiative in this regard by eliminating Bamboo Mahal System. It will be considered in the Council of Ministers committee. Besides, we want

to sell bamboo in chip form. To do this, we selected nine clusters namely Chhingchhip, Maubuang, Tuirini, Falkawn, Dapchhuah, Hortoki, Tlungvel and Bungmun. Right now, we have a small industry making Agarbati stick; we will broaden the horizon by accepting order coming from outside state in which about 10 metric tones was ordered in the first phase. The deptt. takes initiative to help those who are interested in bamboo industry. Besides, to be successful in industry, we have to have a training centre. Right now, we have Knitting & Tailoring Training Centre at Aizawl, Lunglei, Saiha and Champhai, Weaving Training Centre at Aizawl, Lunglei and Saiha, Cane & Bamboo Training Centre and Rural Industrial Development Centre at Aizawl. Pu Chairman, step has also been taken to receive grant from central under different scheme.

Regarding oil and gas, it was discovered that there are abundant oil and gas in Mizoram. To extract this, first of all we have to make sure that our entire existing quarries are safe and sound; we take step in this regard. Under Industry dept., there are three PSU, unfortunately these three are not earning any profit. Right now, staffs from ZIDCO, ZOHANCO, MIFCO and MKVIB cannot draw their salary for three to four months, as almost all of them are bankrupt. It is a very serious matter for the govt., whether to continue their existence is a big question. It will be improper to shut them down drastically as many people lives depend on it. Therefore, we need to find a way to solve this problem. Besides these, we are going to broaden our trade relation with our neighboring countries like Burma and Bangladesh. In this regard, we already have a one to one talk with their representatives. For this to become successful we are preparing ourselves through NLUP.

On Tourism, I am happy to share with you that Mizoram is regarded as the most peaceful state in India by Indians and foreign tourists. Our attitude towards them are appreciated and I hope we will improve in every aspect when the times come. What I want to point out is that they want to know how bamboo industry will be developing in the future. They are very interested in this especially the Taiwanese. The Chinese, American and Indian also show a chance to improve our culture, tourism and industry. We are looking for a good consultancy firm, who had experience in different parts of the country. The dept., had achieved many progress in developing schemes. Right now, we manage different resort like Tourist Lodge, Highway Restaurant, Resort and Picnic Spot totaling forty one. We are going to add Circuit House or IB House in different villages for official purposes. We received grant for Champhai Tourist Destination, Lunglei Circuit House, South-End Tourist Circuit, Tourist Destination at Sakawrdai, Kanghmun and Eastern Tourist Cicuit. We also received 479.49 for Beraw tlang and we are trying to improve Reiek Tourist Destination. We are building a large house at Chaltlang and Chalfilh tourist destination also. Right now ten projects are underway and are almost finished. We are building houses at East Lungdar, Farkawn, Zokhawthar, Hnahlan, Tuipang, Saiha, Bualpui NG, Vawmbuk, Sangau, Saitual, Hrangchalkawn and in Lawngtlai we are replacing the existing building. We finished building in Paithar, S.Vanlaiphai, Thingsulthliah and Darzo. We are also trying to regularize the staff and are waiting for Finance concurrence. We also received one thousand lakh for construction of Institute of Hotel Management. They are starting work near Bung Bangla and with the money release from 1st installment they are building Administrative Building, Boys

and Girls Dormitory. We are trying to open it on 2011. They will offer a course for B.Sc in Hotel Management and Administration Degree and Diploma Course in Food Craft & Food Production. To attract tourist we are trying to start Aero Sport, adventure and sports and for this we apply for grant from the ministry. For Aero sport we received ₹.298.38 lakh and had done some testing at Hmuifang tlang and were thought to be very good. Now we are waiting for the 2nd installment. We hope this will interest our youth in pursuing this sport. The central govt. also gave us grant to conduct festival of any kinds to attract tourist besides the existing Chapchar Kut. We will try to do our best in this regard. In 2009-2010 we cannot organize Chapchar Kut, Thalfavang Kut and Bamboo Festival due to shortage of fund, but Anthurium Festival was organized which we all enjoyed from the look of it.

Pu C.RAMHLUNA : Pu Deputy Speaker, instead of setting up Tourist Centre at Chhuanlung and Niawhtlang can one of them be diverted to Bungtlang as it is going to be very important once the Multi Modal Road is constructed.

Pu S.HIATO MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, it is Niawhtlang and Chakhang not Chhuanlung and Niawhtlang. Bungtlang was also one of them and work will be started as soon as sanction is received. Besides these, under Human Resources Development Dept., we dispatch several youths to train in this course such as B.Sc Hospitality and Hotel Administration. We have five seats in these courses and they trained in Shillong and Guwahati. We also have a one and half-year course in Food Production at the same place and right now eight persons are undertaking the course.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, point of clarification please. For Chawngte Tourist Destination ₹.3 crore 99 lakhs was sanctioned, but from this more than ₹.2 crore was proposed to be given to Bungtlang while Chawngte Destination was to receive only ₹.57 lakhs. Can this be changed ?

Pu S.HIATO
MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, central govt., is very generous in the development of Tourism. We are having training among the Traffic Police, Airport Duty, Taxi Driver and Tea Stall and Hotel workers how to welcome the tourist and practice cleanliness. Besides, we are waiting for grant to build Tourism Centre at Kanghmun and Chawngte. For Aizawl, we are thinking about expanding and equipping Reiek and Hmuifang tlang for more attraction as they are easily accessible from Aizawl.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I want you to take in mind Rawpuichhip that is within my constituency for tourist centre as its hill is ideal for playground and beautification.

Pu S.HIATO
MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, we will take that in mind. Right now, we are renovating Berawtlang Resort and Chaltlang Tourist Lodge. We are renovating houses in Reiek also as we want to be more equipped for tourists. Concerning Hmuifang tlang tourist lodge, it is ideal for picnic spot and I want to request the PWD to finish black topping as soon as possible. Right now, we built a new house to accommodate discotheque, health care, massage room. With this, we hope to attract more tourists in the future. We hope to provide them with drinks also if the govt., can find a way as this will be the stepping-stone to attract more tourists.

Next, I want to discuss about PHE. We all know scarcity of water prevails in our state this year. This is due to less rainfall and cutting down of forest. We have to work together in this and request the support of every member in order to stop felling of trees. While we face this problem, we have another problem concerning Phase II. We all know that the contractor was cancelled because of incompetency. We extended his time of completion three times from the start of the work. Now, the work was taken over by the deptt, and they work very hard. Our environmentalist Pu C.Rokhuma, often mentioned that we get harmful waste through the water supply from Serlui 'A' into our food. In order to avoid this, we are furiously working to put Jack well and Weir in order to purify water pump from Serlui 'A'. We are targeting 2011-2012 for the finish time. Regarding the question on 24 MLD, we hope to finish it on 2012 provided we get the money on time and we are busily working for it and we expect that during our budget session we can pump 24 MLD to Tuikhuahtlang. After we finish this, some of our immediate water shortage will be lessen but those that are not yet connected from Tuikhuahtlang will still have water shortage. Installation of pipe for Falkawn, Sihphir, Durtlang are under way and we hope to finish it as expected. As the dept., is concerned with Sanitation, we are trying to improve every village in Mizoram to be more aware in sanitation. In all India

level, 20 villages were listed as having good latrine and urine system besides being clean.

I also want to inform the House about the Revenue and House Water Connection we received and done. Till 28.2.2010 49,663 House Water Connection was done and we received ₹.65,41,154/- in revenue. Now we are concentrating on rural areas and during 2009-2010, we set up 93 gravity of hill-irrigated water supply and implementing (upward) water pump for 10 villages. We have finished project for rainwater harvesting in 7 villages and also finished making millpond in 14 villages. Beside these, projects for supplying abundant water to 56 villages are completed and improvements of hill-irrigated water supply are ongoing in 73 villages. Sanction for Mizoram from the central during 2009-2010 is ₹.4,840 lakh and from this ₹.3,515.40 lakh is already used. Since water shortage is acute in Sangau we have a sanction of ₹.4.88 crore from NEC and ₹.35 lakh is already used in the 1st stage. Likewise, we have ₹.133.72 lakh sanctioned from the ministry of DoNER for lower Sakawrdai and from this they have already given us ₹.41 lakh and 30 thousand. In the 2001 census, there is one city and twenty-two big towns in which 14 big towns have not yet received abundant drinking water. In 2009-2010, we signed an agreement for up gradation of Greater Water Supply Scheme Phase – I and to augment Greater Serchhip Water Supply Scheme under UIDSSMT. Under JNNURM ₹.78.41 lakhs of state share was released to mend water pumping machine. The state govt. funded ₹.63.68 lakh for phase – II and ₹.496 lakh for Aizawl Water Supply Scheme, these fund are to cover other expenses made under this scheme and ₹.100 lakh for tethering 33 KV overhead line phase-I.

Regarding Sanitation, total sanitation campaign started in 2003-2004 and covers every district in Mizoram. Along this, PHE take up base line survey and awareness campaign. Their main objective during 2009 – 2010 are as follows : 3574 latrines were built for BPL families, public urinal was put in 89 places, waste dumping area was made in 8 places and Nirmal Gram Puraskar Award for the most clean village was distributed to 20 villages, for this ₹.481.83 lakh was used during 2009-2010. Besides, we are trying to place stand alone which purify water instantly in every school in Mizoram so that school children can have drinking water abundantly.

Dr. R.LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I want to make a request concerning the routine of water distribution. In the existing routine, it appears that while some areas receive once a month other receive once a week. Besides, we have to give priority to Primary and Middle Schools, they need water to cook their midday meal. We have to look into this matter as soon as possible.

Pu S.HIATO MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, we face many problems in distribution of water. We learn that in many places bribery was involved among the distributor. We issued strict order not to practice this further and notify them to transfer or suspend if they found anyone doing so. In this case, we request all of you to support us and notify us if you know anyone who receives a bribe. Regarding mid-day meal, we are trying our best to provide them with sufficient water supply. However, as already stated we cannot supply abundant water in every village. Therefore, we all have to conserve what we had and I request your kind understanding in this regard if problem arises.

Pu Lalduhoma raises a question regarding the disconnection of Sakawrdai water connection. That incident was the work of one J.E. who collects the connection fees and pockets it. Right now, we are trying to cover the money by extracting ₹.6,000/- from his pay every month. I also want to inform Pu Thangtea that a Chemist tests the content of bleaching powder in the water supply in Lunglei and found it is not harmful for health.

Dr.R.LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, there is misunderstanding, what I was talking about was the water supply of Aizawl not Lunglei. Nevertheless, I am thankful that they conduct a test in Lunglei.

Pu S.HIATO MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, I want to reassure the House that the content of bleaching powder in our water supply is not harmful to our health.

Pu T.T.ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, is there a way to open a post for expert distiller in the Recruitment Rules?

Pu S.HIATO MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, according to our existing Recruitment Rules, the required qualification is B.Sc (Chemist). However, it is not relevant now and we are trying to amend the rules. I beg the House to pass my demands as follows : Demand No.25 – Water Supply & Sanitation ₹.98,27,49,000/-, Demand No.40 –

Industries ₹.28,93,47,000/-, Demand No.43 – Tourism ₹.5,46,87,000/- totaling ₹.1,32,67,83,000/-. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon'ble minister Pu S.Hiato winds up his discussion and asks the House to pass his demands. Those who agree say 'agree', as we all agree the hon'ble minister's demand such as Demand No.25- Water Supply & Sanitation ₹.98,27,49,000/-, Demand No.40-Industries ₹.28,93,47,000/-, Demand No.43-Tourism ₹.5,46,87,000/- totaling ₹.132,67,83,000/- was passed by the House unanimously.

PU S.HIATO
MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, we have finished our business for today, we will resume our meeting tomorrow the 26th March, 2010 at 10:30 AM.

Sitting is adjourned at 7:10 PM.