

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR NINTH SITTING ON MONDAY, THE 29TH MARCH, 2010
(Time 10 : 30 AM to 1 : 00 PM and 2: 00 PM to 4 : 00 PM).

MEMBER PRESENT

Pu R. ROMAWIA, Speaker at the chair, Chief Minister, Deputy Speaker, 11 Ministers and 24 Members were present.

QUESTIONS

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

LAYING OF PAPER

2. **Pu LAL THANHAWLA** to lay on the Table of the House a copy each of the following.
 - a) Finance Accounts for the year 2008-2009 relating to Government of Mizoram
 - b) Appropriation Accounts for the year 2008-2009 relating to Government of Mizoram.
3. **Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy of Correction of answers to Starred Question No. 56 asked by Pu Lalduhoma, MLA on 23rd, March, 2010.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS

4. **Pu LALSAWTA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various demands under his charge.
5. **Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various demands under his charge.

S P E A K E R : It is a joy for the just to do justice, but destruction will come to the workers of iniquity.

We will take up question. Let us call Pu Lalthansanga to ask Starred Question No. 116.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker thank you. Starred Question No. 116. Will the hon'ble minister Civil Supply & Consumer Affairs department be pleased to state –

- (a) What is the ration quota of food grain per person?
- (b) If the minister could furnish the system of distribution during the year 2009-2008.

S P E A K E R : Let us call the hon'ble minister to answer the question.

Pu H. ROLHUNA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer to the hon'ble member Pu Lalthansanga's questions are - the quota ration for food grain per person is APL 2/3 kgs. and for children below 11 yrs, half the quota of adult. As for BPL and AAY 35 kgs. per card for one month.

The answer to question (b) is – During 2009 January to March 2009 is 3 kgs. per adult. Second fortnight of March to August 2009 - 2 kgs. per adult. September to January 2010 - 3 kgs. per adult. From February 2010 - 2 kgs. per adult.

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

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker thank you. I visited my constituency during February, and the ration was distributed only 1kg per person. Pu Speaker, in rural area the people are facing utmost problem in food grain. Therefore the quota in the rural area

should be increased as the present quota is not sufficient. Also, central norms or state norms should be followed. Regarding privatization of Weigh Bridge, what is the cost per vehicle?

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

PU C.RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, my question is, BPL families in my constituency do not receive 35 kgs. But only 26/27 kgs per month. I request the minister to please look into the matter so that they can receive their entitled quota.

Pu Speaker, 16 retailers from my constituency collect food grain from Vathuampui, Bungtlang, and Vaseikai. These 16 retailers in turn distribute food grain from these villages. I would therefore like to ask if these 16 retailers could distribute food grain from their respective village.

S P E A K E R : Let us call the hon'ble minister Pu H.Rohluna to answer the question.

Pu H. ROHLUNA : Pu Speaker, officially the department is not aware that ration is distributed only 1kg in hon'ble member Pu Lalthansanga's constituency. The department will look into the matter. In regard to additional quota for rural areas, Pu Speaker, usually additional quota is given to rural areas, leaving out the District headquarters as there are shops to purchase food grain. As of now weigh bridge in Serchhip is functioning smoothly. The retailers have to print the weigh in the carrying bill. The rate per trip is fixed by the department, but I cannot give the exact figure right now. Any way if the members want to know the rate I can give in writing latter.

The answer to the hon'ble member Pu C. Ramhluna's question is- it may be true that BPL families received only 27/28 kgs of ration. Pu Speaker as we all know Supply Department stretches to the remotest area of the state, and we do not deny the fact that we cannot check the remotest area as often as desire. Thus, there could be misappropriation in distribution in some areas by retailers. I would seek the co- operation of the hon'ble members to help the department in this regard and give first hand information if there is any. Pu Speaker, like I said, as much as the department is trying to solve these problems, it cannot be solved at once. The retailers

have been given instruction ample of time. Any way the matter will be taken up more efficiently.

In regard to head load bill the government pays the bill through the retailers. It is beyond our knowledge if the retailers do not pay the head loaders. However, if the hon'ble members are aware of this, do let us know we will try and persuade the retailers to give the payment. Pu Speaker, thank you.

S P E A K E R : We will move on to Starred Question No.117. Let us call Pu Lalthansanga to ask the question.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon'ble Minister Printing & Stationery, be pleased to state –

- (a) What is the propose project of the Government for Printing & Stationery?
- (b) Have the Government issued any order to indent stationery articles only from Printing & Stationery Department?
- (c) What is the monthly sale?

Pu P.C. ZORAMSANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, answer to Starred Question
MINISTER No.117 is -

- (a) To develop Printing & Stationery, the Government is taking various steps.
- (b) The Government had issued order several times to indent stationery articles from Printing & Stationery Depot.
- (c) The sale from the three depot during April 2009- January 2010, is ₹.3,80,590.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, supplementary question. Pu Speaker, due to inferior quality of stationery items, Stationery Department is turning into a sick department. The reason why other Department is reluctant to purchase from Stationery and Printing Depot is due to sub- standard quality. Thus, I would like to ask if the Government could take step in controlling the quality. Also, the number of supply given during the year 2009-2010. If the Minister cannot give oral answer, at least in writing later.

S P E A K E R : Let us call the hon'ble minister to answer the question.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, answer to the hon'ble MINISTER member's question is - From the last report i.e, 26 August 2009, stock value is 270 lakhs. Out of this stock value, the indent of requirements from Departments is only 4 lakhs. Thus the Government is worried and Consultative Committee is consulted for rectification.

As per office memorandum, all departments of the government had been notified to indent from Printing & Stationery. The notification was issued on 19.11.1997, 2.9.1998, 13.7.2004, 21.11.2006, 20.12.2007 and 9.9.2009. Like the hon'ble member had mentioned in regard to quality, the department also claim that the suppliers hold responsibility to a great extent. The total value of stock at present is ₹.270 lakhs. From October no indent had been issued. Pu Speaker, officials and technical persons inspected the stock to evaluate the amount salable from the stock and calculated as ₹.26 lakhs only.

Pu Speaker, I can assure for superior quality, I have instructed the department, if required stationery goods will be procured direct from the factory, I have seen the stock myself and the quality have improved. At present only the report requirements are procured in the depot as per advice of the Consultative Committee.

S P E A K E R : To ask Starred Question No.118 let us call Pu P.P. Thawla.

Pu P.P.THAWLA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon'ble minister of Taxation department be pleased to state - Into how many zone is Mizoram Taxation department divided? Is Lunglei Zonal Office headed by Assistant Commissioner of Taxes?

S P E A K E R : To answer the question let us call the hon'ble minister Pu Lalsawta.

Pu LALSAWTA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer to the hon'ble member's question is - Mizoram is divided into 4 zones. They are Aizawl North zone, Aizawl South zone, Aizawl Central zone and Lunglei zone. The answer to the second question is- there is Assistant Commissioner of Taxes in Lunglei. However, since there is no Assistant Commissioner post in Aizawl Central zone, he has been transferred to Aizawl Central zone as the work load is much heavier.

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

Pu P.P.THAWLA : Pu Speaker, my question is – is there any proposal to up-grade district headquarters office to zonal office? Is there any other person to occupy the post of Assistant Commissioner of Lunglei?

S P E A K E R : Let us call the hon'ble minister to answer the question.

Pu LALSAWTA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, my answer is at present there is no intention of up-grading the district office to zonal office. In Taxation department priority is given to areas where there are heavy activities. Thus, Lunglei has only one zone, whereas Aizawl is divided into three zones. However, under district headquarters we have 5 circles, they are, Serchhip, Kolasib, Mamit, Lawngtlai, Champhai and 6 Check gate in Mizoram. Due to shortage of manpower we are unable to post officers as required. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : To ask Starred Question No.119, let us call Pu P.P.Thawla.

Pu P.P.Thawla : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble minister of Taxation be pleased to state - Who is the highest tax payer during the year 2010? What is the amount?

S P E A K E R : To answer the question let us call the concerned minister Pu Lalsawta.

Pu LALSAWTA : Pu Speaker, the answer to the hon'ble MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer to the hon'ble member's question is – the highest tax payer during the year 2009-2010 is Indian Oil Corporation Limited, Assam Division, Vairengte. The total amount is, ₹.6,70,33,024.

Pu P.P.THAWLA : Pu Speaker, supplementary question. Is the government satisfied with present system of tax collection? Is there any proposal to improve the present system?

Pu LALSAWTA : Pu Speaker, there is always an intention MINISTER : Pu Speaker, there is always an intention to improve the system of tax collection in the whole world. In our Party manifesto there is an intention to improve the collection of commercial tax, land tax, building tax, water tax and utility services tax. At present though it is not satisfactory, proposal is on to improve the system for the convenience of the people and that, it is not a burden. As for the highest payer record, Indian Oil Corporation pays the tax collected from the people. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Let us now call Pu K. Liantlinga to ask Starred Question No.120.

Pu K.LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon'ble Home Minister be pleased to state –

- (a) What are the proposals initiated by the Government for the repatriation of Bru ?
- (b) How long will it take?

S P E A K E R : Let us call the hon'ble Home minister to answer the question.

Pu R.LALZIRLIANA : Pu Speaker, the answer to the hon'ble
MINISTER member is as follows –

- (a) For the repatriation of Bru the government has made road map which is already approved by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.
- (b) There is slight problem, so the time cannot be given.

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

Pu K.LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, what is the total fund sanctioned by the Central government for the repatriation of Bru? And what is the balance?

S P E A K E R : Let us call the hon'ble minister to answer the question.

Pu R.LALZIRLIANA : Pu Speaker, for the repatriation of Bru
MINISTER a single paisa has not been received proposed fund is ₹.25 crores, 87 lakhs. Talks is being held by the government between Bru Co-ordination and Bru Displaced People Forum. They have certain demand such as, creation of 500 houses in one village under Mamit district, and Central Security Force to guard them and to extent special project. We cannot fulfill their demands and due to the recent incident repatriation cannot be done.

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

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, Bru issue is a sensitive issue. Political parties have politicalised the issue in the past. Since it concerns the Mizos, utmost precaution should be taken. Thus, I would like to ask if the hon'ble Home minister has any intention in inviting political parties and NGOs to discuss the issue.

S P E A K E R : Let us call the hon'ble minister to answer the question.

Pu R.LALZIRLIANA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, it is a very constructive suggestion. It concern the welfare of the Mizos, therefore I have invited political parties and NGOs twice to discuss the issue. However, it is not a smooth sail as desired due to which we are in the present situation. I would like to state that in future we should never politicalised the issue but instead join hands. Pu Speaker, NGOs and political parties shall be invited as and when it is necessary.

S P E A K E R : To ask Starred Question No. 121 let us call Pu K. Liantlinga.

Pu K.LIANTLINGA. : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon'ble minister for Fisheries be pleased to state-How many quintal of fish is produced per annum by 7469 fish farms.

S P E A K E R : To answer the question let us call the hon'ble minister Pu H. Liansailova.

Pu H. LIANSAILOVA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer to the hon'ble member's question is 2890 M.T. of fish is produced by 7469 fish farms per annum.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. If 2890 M.T. of fish is produced, do we have a special market place for these fish farmers at Aizawl and Lunglei.

S P E A K E R : To answer the question let us call the minister.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA : Pu Speaker, market area is under
MINISTER Trade & Commerce, however in consultation with Trade & Commerce, allotment has been made in Aizawl New Market, Champhai, and Lunglei. There is a proposal to set up market at various places in consultation with Trade & Commerce.

S P E A K E R : Starred Question No.122. Let us call Pu Lalduhoma to ask the question.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Will the hon'ble minister for Law & Judicial department be pleased to state -

- (a) Why is the Mizo Ordinance, 2008 framed?
- (b) Has the Ordinance expired?

S P E A K E R : To answer the question let us call the hon'ble minister Pu Lalsawta.

Pu LALSAWTA : Pu Speaker answer to the hon'ble
MINISTER member Pu Lalduhoma's question is -

- (a) Mizo Divorce Ordinance is framed because it is felt that the divorce system is not satisfactory under the Mizo Customary Law.
- (b) The Mizo Divorce Ordinance was gazetted in October 2008, 6th October. But as per Constitution of India, State Assembly has to take action to make it active or inactive. Since no action was taken it is now given to Law Commission to be examined.

S P E A K E R : Supplementary question - let us call Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, I am glad that this ordinance is inactive. I would like to know who initiated this ordinance. It is our customary law, why is the ordinance made without being debated in the House. As it is examined by Law Commission, it should be taken into consideration after all the required information is collected. And, it should come as a bill and not as an ordinance, so that we can discuss it in the House. I would like to know if it is possible.

S P E A K E R : Let us call the hon'ble Law & Judicial minister to answer the question.

Pu LALSAWTA : Pu Speaker, I cannot answer the question as to who initiated the ordinance as it originated from the previous ministry. As MINISTER for consultation in examining the ordinance, I will speak to the Law Commission Chairman as it is my desire as well.

S P E A K E R : We will now call Pu Lalduhoma to ask Starred Question No.123.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Will the hon'ble Home minister be pleased to state - After the police have apprehended 19 Non - Banking Companies, has the government give awareness to the people?

Pu R.LALZIRLIANA : The answer to the hon'ble members' MINISTER question is - Press Hand out has been given 4 times to give awareness to the people to avoid Non-banking companies. Also, the police are still investigating these 19 financial Non- Banking companies, action will be taken as required.

S P E A K E R : Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, I would further insist that awareness be given through T.V. as it seems that in rural area, these non banking companies are still very much active.

One more question in regard to Suangpuilawn kidnapped case, I am not aware of any Enquiry Commission, so I would like to know the final report.

S P E A K E R : We will now call the hon'ble minister to answer the question.

Pu R.LALZIRLIANA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, we will try our best to give awareness in regard to these 19 Non-Banking companies.

As for Suangpuilawn kidnapped case, the government is not aware of Enquiry Commission being constituted. However, final report has been submitted on 29.1.2008.

S P E A K E R : Let us call the hon'ble member Pu Lalduhoma to ask Starred Question No.124.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Will the hon'ble minister of UD&PA be pleased to state -

- a) Have appraisal been done for the construction of road under JNNURM at Aizawl West-I constituency.
- b) When will the work be implemented?

S P E A K E R : Let us call Pu Zodintluanga , UD&PA minister to answer the question.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answer to the hon'ble member's question are as follows :-

- a) DPR has been submitted to the Government of India, Ministry of Urban Development for appraisal. After it is scrutinized by the ministry it will then be submitted to Central Sanctioning and Appraisal Committee.
- b) After receiving sanction from the Central government, the decision for implementation of the work will be taken.

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

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, we are eagerly waiting for the implementation of the project. My question is when will we have Municipal Council? When will Local Council Election be held? I am asking these questions because it is co-related with the fund of the project.

S P E A K E R : To answer the question, let us call Pu Zodintluanga, Minister.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA MINISTER : Pu Speaker the government is taking rapid step to have Municipal Council. Steps have been taken to review the Electoral Roll. The government is taking necessary steps to have municipal council as soon as possible. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Starred Question No.125. Let us call Pu C. Ramhluna to ask the question.

Pu C.RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble minister Food and Civil Supplies Deptt. be pleased to state –

- a) Is there a way to distribute LPG cylinder more frequently?
- b) Is there a way to stop the black marketing of LPG cylinders?
- c) What are the steps taken by the government?

S P E A K E R : To answer the questions, let us call the hon'ble minister Pu H.Rohluna.

Pu H.ROHLUNA : Pu Speaker, the answer to the hon'ble MINISTER member's question is –

- a) LPG cylinder is distributed according to the supply of IOC.
- b) Steps have been taken to stop black marketing of LPG in a more stringent way.
- c) Talks are held several times with IOC authorities to solve the problem. LPG cylinder is distributed according to consumer base all over India. Mualkhang gas bottling plant will be upgraded to double its present capacity. Also, steps have been taken to make Ramnagar bottling plant into electronic filling plant. As for the distribution, systematic distribution has been adopted with the monitoring cell from the department and the V/C at distribution points. The government is in the process of making criminal cases against black marketers.

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

Pu C.RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, thank you for the satisfying answer. Pu Speaker, the distribution is done zone wise now. In my opinion there is more commotion in the present system of distribution, whereas there is less hassle when we procure cylinder from our respective agents. I would therefore like to ask if the department feels more appropriate to follow the previous system.

Pu H.ROHLUHA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker the government is not the authority in the system of distribution. It is the company. The deal is between the company and the distributor. The government is nodal department and thus only help in monitoring. I request that, we bear in mind that it is the deal made between the company and the distributor. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Absentees: Pu Chawnginthanga and Pu R.L.Pianmawia for the information of the House. We will move on to the next list of business.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER : Though I do not have the detailed report of yesterday's incident, can I have the permission to say a few words.

S P E A K E R : House Leader seeks the permission of the House to give report of yesterday's incident. Can the House give permission? Let us call the House Leader to give report.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER : Thank you. Pu Speaker, few days back we experienced an earthquake and now as we all are aware, yesterday heavy thunderstorm with hail hit Bukpui, Suangpuilawn, Lunglei and Hnahthial area.

Yesterday at around 2:30p.m Phuaibuang distribution transformer line stopped working and so as to repair it, Pu Chanchinmawia, Master Roll and Bhagat Electrical Works Power and Electricity Department phoned Saitual-Keifang Control room to shut down the Saitual Keifang Sub-station . And so, the Saitual-Phuaibuang line was shut down.

Pu Speaker, as for the damage caused by heavy shower and hailstorm, instructions have been given to all the District Commissions of the destructed area to visit the damaged area personally and distribute relief materials. In Serchhip district at Bungtlang a house has been totally damaged and two houses have been damaged in Chhiahtlang. Immediate relief has been given.

In Darlawn twenty houses have been damaged, with eighty houses partially damaged. Hundred and fifty houses are partially damaged at Sawleng. Eight houses are totally damaged at Sunhluchhip with two houses partially damaged. Twenty four houses are partially damaged at Sailutar. Thirty houses are partially damaged at Kepran. Ten houses totally damaged at Serzawl, with twenty seriously damaged and fifteen partially damaged.

Disaster management and relief was sent to Phullen last night and we are waiting for detailed report. At present BDO and DAC are on their way to Darlawn with two hundred Silpaulin and Relief fund. Pu Speaker, as there is no network we cannot get detailed report of some of the damaged areas. Hon'ble member from Bukpui is also on his way to the affected areas with relief fund and silpaulin. Pu Speaker, these are the reports I have so far. Thank you for giving me the permission to inform the House. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Pu Hmingdailova is unable to attend session today due to the disaster we have just heard. We shall move on to laying of papers. We will now call the hon'ble Chief Minister, Pu Lal Thanhawla to lay on the table of the House Finance Account for the year 2008-2009 relating to Government of Mizoram.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your permission and the House, I lay on the table of the House – Finance Account for the year 2008-2009 relating to Government of Mizoram and Appropriation Account for the year 2008-2009 relating to Government of Mizoram. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Let the copy be distributed. Let us now call Pu Lalrinliana to lay the copy of correction of answer to Starred Question No.56.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your permission and the House I lay the copy of correction of answer to Starred Question No.56.

S P E A K E R : Let the copy be distributed. We will now move on to Financial Business. We will take up Pu Lalrinliana Sailo Minister's demand and Pu Lalsawta. Let us now call Pu Lalsawta to submit his demand.

Pu LALSAWTA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor and with the permission of the House, I submit the following demands – Demand No.4 Law & Judicial Department ₹.12,43,70,000/-, Taxation Demand No.8 for ₹.7,93,35,000/-. Demand No.12 Parliamentary Affairs for ₹.36,98,000/-. School Education demand No.20- ₹.4,28,92,07,000/-. Higher & Technical Education Department, Demand No.21 for ₹.69,11,13,000/-. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Let us now call Pu Lalrinliana Sailo to submit his demand.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO
MINISTER : On the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, Sir I move Demand Nos.24, 28, 44 for ₹.1,70,29,38,000/- for meeting the expenses during 2010-2011 in respect of the following department, Demand No.24 Medical & Public Health Services ₹.1,59,49,15,000/- and Demand No.28 Labour & Employment - ₹.6,10,60,000/- and Demand No.44 Trade & Commerce ₹.4,69,63,000/- Total ₹.1,70,29,38,000/-.

S P E A K E R : We will give each member 10 mins. Alright who will start discussion? Pu R.Lalrinawma.

Pu R.LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. With your permission and the House I attended National Convention on Law, Justice and the common man. It was beneficial and enriching.

During this 6 yrs of UPA government we have several privilege for common man such as right to food (BPL), right to work (NREGA), right to compulsory education, right to meal, right to gender representation and so, Pu Speaker, it is a great achievement, therefore I just wanted to highlight for the information of the House.

Demand No.8, Taxation. In order to check exemption of tax at Vairengte, additional staff should be deployed.

Demand No.12. Parliamentary Affairs. Pu Speaker, it is important and must that official should be affluent with Parliamentary proceedings and practice thus, training should be organized for officers.

Demand No.24. Medical & Public Health Services. Pu Speaker, whatever clarification the hon'ble minister has to made in regard to National Rural Health Mission, we should not take it as personal vendetta. The law should take its own course.

Demand No.4. Law & Judicial. It is a great achievement and bravery on the path of the hon'ble Chief Minister to declare separation of judiciary while his own case was on. With this there will be justice for the people. Thank you.

Pu H.ZOTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I don't have much to say just few words

Pu Speaker, it is amazing that the 13th Finance Commission is able to identify specific needs. The minister has repeated several times that there are Doctors who are reluctant to be posted in rural area. Due to this the people are facing problem. Pu Speaker, to solve the problem of lack of nurse in District Hospital will it be possible to attach Health Worker in District Hospital? 13th Finance Commission has made an award to cut down the mortality rate of infant award is ₹.5,000 crore. I expect we could attain this award under the able leadership of our minister.

Under Demand No – 20, I want to stress about Lawngtlai Government Region High School which was promoted to Higher Secondary School in the previous ministry. Geography and Sociology was introduced and they needed the subject teachers. With an arrangement among the leaders of the District Council members in those times, they hired 2 lecturers for the mentioned subject and this needs to be taken care of officially. The former ministry had promised to tend to this but it is ignored till now. So, I would like to request the minister to remember this problem and find solution for us and that this Govt. High School is also among the 5 oldest High School in Mizoram.

In different areas like the North and Southern region, we are all very short in filling the post of Headmaster. Many of our schools are taken care of by Headmasters in-charge. Under the surveillance of our hon'ble minister, Notice and Orders are issued for the posting of Headmasters in different regions and I am very

grateful to him in this regard. At the same time, posts of the Headmasters are filled by teachers in accordance to their seniority in service. But many teachers hesitate to fill post outside Aizawl and I want to request for alternative arrangements if the appointed teachers cannot work and join their post within the given period.

I give utmost importance to 'Payers Convenience' under Demand No – 8, Taxation. We all know that Mizoram is not of first-rate in Tax base. Our hon'ble Transport Minister and other members had taken initiative for an easy payment of taxes for the convenience of the people and from what I observe I trust that the majority of the people will not hesitate to pay taxes which are expected of them. So, it is a must to make provisions in this matter.

Under Demand No – 21, Higher & Technical Education, under University Grants Commission (UGC) many Colleges have directly applied for grants and though many of them had utilized the grants for the progress of their college there are few Principals and other authorities who exercised the grants for their own personal advantage and it came to the notice of the government and they took preventive procedures and I hope this will bring about a constructive change in this issue.

Pu Speaker, lastly, under Demand No – 26, the office of Labour & Employment which had been running for 20 years in Lawngtlai is now very dilapidated and only manned by one M.R. I want to request our minister to up-grade and renovate the office and its establishment. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Thank you Pu Speaker. I also want to report that under my constituency there is one seriously damaged and partially damaged house in Biate.

Pu Speaker, under Law & Judicial I want to ask when the building of our High Court will be fit to be occupied? On Taxation Department, I suggest that we should try to be better equipped and be more open-minded regarding tax collection. The amount of tax collected could also add to our budget and I suggest that we should give more attention to this aspect.

Under Demand No – 20, School Education, it is now obvious that the department had now advanced in many ways and the GER had also increased by 82.72 % in the year between 2007-2008 and 2009-2010. I have visited schools in different areas and from what I saw several school buildings are ramshackle and needs to be renovated and extended. In such conditions it will not be possible to give full attention to their learning both for the teachers and the students and I would like to request our ministry to give attention and take steps in this issue. Regarding the extension of contractual teachers under SSA, may the hon'ble minister clear our minds since it was rumoured that the present contract may end before their actual time of termination. I would like to request our hon'ble minister to tell us about the selection grade of the teachers since it affects their ACP.

RMSA project had now started and 24 nos had been established and our need for such institution is very high under my constituency such as Hriangtlang. Regarding Medical & Public Services, we have extended the building but we are short in manpower, Pu Speaker, I commend that the concern minister should take measures in this regard. Our Budget had decreased and I fear that this will result in many problems in the future and I also request to elucidate the post of the Director under Hospital & Medical Education.

Pu Speaker, under Trade & Commerce, I would like to highlight on MAMCO which had about 10 wholesale markets and 82 Rural Primary markets under its supervision. This kind of market was constructed in Bungtlang but the work was incomplete because we do not receive the second installment fund. I would like to request for the completion of this market for the convenience of the people. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Anyone else? May I call upon Lt.Col.Z.S.Zuala.

Lt.Col.Z.S.Zuala : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Firstly, on Law & Judicial, we are now practicing the separation of judiciary and we witness this clearly after we hold the ministry and I encourage the hon`ble House leader to stand firm in holding justice during this ministry. On the matter of Customary Law, I think trying to put it in the written form only makes it complicated, so, I suggest we should practice our custom like we did before without inscribing it in a paper.

Regarding the Tax on our military canteen, among the North – East states the percentage of our vat is the highest which is 6 % while in other N.E states it is 4% and Tripura, Nagaland and Manipur take none. So, I suggest that we should at least decrease our vat on military canteens to 4 % for our service and ex-servicemen.

Under Trade & Commerce, we have requested the hon`ble minister to facilitate us in the construction of path to our market building in Mission Veng and from what we heard the construction work will be undertaken by UD & PA, so I request for the increase in the tempo of their work and I also want to report that the drainage construction under the market is also in great progress. There is a market building which is also under construction in ITI but is still half finished, if funds could be provided , the construction will be completed sooner.

Regarding Youth Commission which is under Labour & Employment, it has many success stories and I think it would be wise to strengthen them to be able to polish youth under their guidance to be more efficient and branch out not only at the national level but at the international level as well. Apart from

these, I think it is necessary to give coaching for army recruitment and I am positive this will encourage many youths to join the service.

Regarding the improvement of Education, we must know that our real standard reflects on the results of the selection or examination faced by our youths in other states, the outcome of their many exams shows that we still have a long way to go to achieve excellence at the grass-root level to attain this. If we do not trust ourselves, it will be wise to hire experts from other states to sit at the board of selection in order to avoid any kind of unfair means or political appointment. Thanks to our leaders we now have Sainik schools and other Central Schools and I hope these will flourish in the future for our own benefit.

On the matter of Medical and Public Health, Kulikawn Hospital in the South area should be better equipped to render better service to the people and to make light of the crowded patients we have in Civil Hospital. The approach road needs to be extended and if this is done, it will be very convenient for us all. Earlier the Urban Health Centre in ITI was visited twice a week by Specialist and if this schedule could be continued, it will serve a good purpose for the people who reside far from Civil Hospital. I hope the hon'ble minister will take note of what I have mentioned and thank you.

Pu K.LIANTLINGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. We have a lot of Demands to discuss today but I shall stress on only a few points since we have a short time. Under Demand No – 4, Law & Judiciary, I trust the Budget which amounts to ₹.15.60 crore will be utilized for the progress of Judiciary and Executive. Another important point is Youth Parliament Commission which is planned to be established in Mizoram. To instill a deeper knowledge in Law & Judiciary, it is important to impart the knowledge from High School level and I suggest that we should put at least ₹.10,00,000/- from the Budget for this purpose.

On Demand No – 12, only an amount of ₹.36 lakhs is placed for Parliamentary Affairs and I think it is wise to put more fund under other charges as well. I also think it is crucial to give awareness about the different House Committee which are the real workforce in the government. So, I think it is crucial to instill consciousness on this matter at the school and college level and through Youth Parliamentary Competition as well.

School Education which is under Demand No – 20, should be given more attention in order to maintain more quality and excellence in our educational system.

Regarding Higher & Technical Education, which is under Demand No – 21, the Central Government propose that an amount of 6 % should be utilized for GNP (Gross National Product) but in our state we operate about 1.8 % only on GNP which is very little in amount, and I think it is wise to increase our GNP for our own development. On the matter of scholarship, I think it is sensible to have

an autonomous Board for scholarship alone for better efficiency in the process of scholarships in our state.

Another point I want to state is about the construction of Middle English School under my constituency. An amount of ₹.5,00,000/- was allocated for the school building but the construction work is uncompleted and the students have to sit in-between rods during class and I request the government to aid us in completing the construction as soon as possible.

Moving on to Demand No – 8, I suggest that we should try to increase our state revenue by raising our source of income through Tax Revenue and Non – Tax Revenue and I also think it is time to introduce Income Tax in our state for our own benefit.

Under Demand No – 24, on Medical issues, the fund allocated had decreased by ₹.111.33 crore meaning that the total amount of fund for Medical purpose is only ₹.159.49. Medical purpose is very important and I think it is much too less to allocate only ₹.5 lakhs for our Referral Hospital and this year only an amount of ₹.1 lakh is allocated for Public Health Insurance which is very unsatisfactory. Does this mean that the Health Care Scheme which the people had been looking forward to will not be put into practice? If we are to have two Directorates under Medical department, it will be sensible to make a change in the pay structure according to their duty and designation.

Regarding medical supplies, demands are made by the Directorate without consulting the Medical Superintendent. I recommend that this method be examined carefully and Demands should be made according to the needs and in consultation with the Medical Superintendent. Apart from these, we are very short in manpower to provide more efficient service to the public, it is crucial to equip ourselves with more staff. Our new machine for Dialysis is not working and considering our needs this should be made usable as soon as possible and we should have at least five machines for dialysis purpose. I also recommend that medical staffs should be given 13 months' salary like our Police Departments and I appeal the hon'ble Chief Minister and hon'ble Health minister to look into this matter.

Regarding Labour & Employment, I want to point out that in other states they allocated about 40-60 % in Labour Ministry and in the light of what they practice, I suggest that we should concentrate on up-gradation of our schemes and techniques and we must also focus on the improvement of trainings we rendered on different trades.

On the matter of 6th pay, the hon'ble House Leader had announced that the government will implement 6th pay. In many Departments, the skills of the employees are dragged down and I think it is unfair for the employees to be pulled down from their skills. So, I appeal that this matter should be examined more carefully and that they should enjoy the status which are entitled to them. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : You have used 5 minutes and it's obvious that you can continue for even another 10 minutes, anyway who will be next?

We still have ten minutes left but since no one raised their hand we will have short recess and we will resume our sitting at 2:00 P.M.

The sitting is adjourned at 12:50 P.M.

2:00 P.M.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will now resume our sitting. We have discussed a lot in the morning session and who will start now? May I call upon Pu C. Ramhluna.

Pu C.RAMHLUNA : Thank you, Pu Dy.Speaker. On Demand No. 21 - Higher & Technical Education, after reviewing our Demand for Grant, the budget had decreased by ₹.1,106 lakhs and I think this should be examined more carefully once more. Apart from these we have 48 % in the Salary component and 43 % in the Scholarship component and the total amounts to 91 % meaning that the available percent will be very small in quantity. Regarding scholarship, earlier we used to have a Post Matric Scholarship Board which administered our scholarship process, but it is now planned to be centralised at the Cabinet Meeting on the 2nd December, 2009.

But after reviewing the procedure, the Joint Director and the Secretary have the financial authority while the Director is left out. It means that the Joint Director manages the scholarship without the awareness of the Director who is the Head of the Department. Considering the administration of the government, the procedure is not systematic and I suggest that this method should be reviewed and personally I do not think centralization is practicable or beneficial for our state.

On Demand No. 20 - School Education, under Supplementary Grants there is 'lumpsum for Grants-in-aid' and I want to inquire if we could receive this during this year and who will receive the grants. And I am also grateful that there is ₹.2,827 lakhs for Non- Government Schools. I also want to inquire the necessary qualification for M.E School Hindi teachers which are to be recruited soon.

Moving on to my constituency, Hmawngbu High School had been running for the past four years and they are now applying for affiliation under MBSE, and I appeal our government to examine their work and consider their needs carefully.

Under Medical & Public Health, Health Care Scheme was said to be put into service from 1st July, 2009 last year. And I have heard rumours that loans from ADB (Asian Development Bank) has been received. We, at the rural areas are looking forward to this scheme and we are tackling different kinds of ailments and disease everyday. So, I want to appeal the hon'ble minister to put the Health Care Scheme into practice as soon as possible. I also believe that there is also a certain amount of funds from the former ministry and I also suggest that these funds along with the interest should be utilized for this scheme. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Who will be next? Pu B.Lalthlengliana may have his time.

Pu B.LALTHLENGLIANA : Thank you, Pu Dy.Speaker. First, I want to state about Law & Judicial, Demand No 4. In the beginning of this ministry, one of their most important programme was NLUP which was the flagship policy.

But instead of taking the initiative, the case of the Chief Minister took more importance and the case was cleared by the end of February. The accusation of Rev.Zairema, Pu Bualhranga and other politicians regarding their involvement with business men from other states was also resolved and they come out victorious, in this issue I want to point out that in this case their prosecutor was the same who represented the Chief Minister and it was obvious that they would be victorious. Maybe it was because of that reason..(Pu Lalsawta : we have a separate Judiciary during those times and the ministry or the executive does not have any involvement in the matter) Pu Deputy Speaker, I am stating my points according to the information I have acquired.

Pu LALSAWTA MINISTER : The hon'ble member Pu Lalthengliana have a deep interest in the matter, but we must know that the Law Commission member Pu Rinmawia was stating the real facts about these matter and I think it is best that we do not discuss the matter further, at the same time we should know that the Judiciary was separate.

Pu B.LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Dy.Speaker, if the issue concerns our discussion, don't we have the right to state the facts?

Pu LALSAWTA
MINISTER : My fellow members, we should know that if we are not satisfied with the judgments of the Court, we could appeal to the Appellate Court or further to the Supreme Court.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Like our Law minister and our lawyers mentioned earlier, you can appeal to the higher court and we shall not discuss this matter any further.

Pu B.LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Dy.Speaker, I am stating the facts about the case but since you forbid further discussion I will move on to another topic.

On Medical & Public Health Services, Demand No – 24, regarding the disappearance of one storey of Civil Hospital building and Mobile Medical Unit, we are informed that investigation is still in the process which I doubt very much. Besides there is an estimate for all these and it is unfortunate that the hon'ble minister cannot give us facts about this issue and I appeal that facts regarding this matter be given to us as soon as possible.

Pu Dy Speaker, we asked about Health Care Scheme and answers were not provided to us due to change in the market rate. But I suggest our required answers be provided to us based on the timing of our questions.

Pu Deputy Speaker, regarding Health Care Scheme, answers could not be provided due to the fluctuation of the market rate. We too know that for such reasons, the interest could vary. But it could be prevented by switching to other policies and the policy buyer must give a signature to do this and was requested on January, 2010 which was not permitted. What is the reason behind these? If this is permitted, it will be a profit for Mizoram government and many underprivileged people and Mizo employees from Bajaj Alliance who cannot have their pay could benefit from it.

Another important point is, plans for construction of Recreation Centre in Civil Hospital area. If the government had made a decision in this regard, I would like to request to re-consider this project bearing in mind the growing population and the higher need of hospital services in the future.

Gas pipelines had been connected in every ward in Civil Hospital and Power Department are also ready to provide them with the required power supply. In this regard, I request our Health minister to take measures to enable

the use of these pipelines as soon as possible to suit the convenience of the people. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We must all bear in mind that to prove our statement right, we are only permitted to read after the approval of the Chairman. Who will be next?

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, firstly, I want to stress on Law & Judicial which was discussed earlier by my fellow member. The Public Prosecutors, Advocate General and Attorney General are government lawyers and are suppose to resign soon after the formation of a new ministry. Besides, corruption cases are trialed in fast track court and if pressure is not made by the government or from prosecution, the case is delayed for a very long time. So, I would like to request public prosecutors for faster trials whether it is a corruption case or any other cases.

We have passed the Gram Nyayalayas and I want to request our hon'ble minister to implement this as soon as possible and to permit us to have a sub-division court in Lawngtlai and Chawngte. Apart from these, I want to thank Law & Judicial for compiling Mizoram Court volume – IV.

On Health Care issues, under Health Department, we should know that it is illegal to invest the government funds in private names and our former Health minister had done that in his name and under the name of his family member, in this matter I want them to mind legal measures before taking initiatives in their plans. Health Care Scheme is most essential in rural areas.

They must consider the rules and regulations before taking on any projects. Pu Deputy Speaker, Health Care Scheme will be most beneficial for rural areas but more than 50% of the funds are utilized in city area. So, I want to request our minister to give special attention to rural areas. I also want to thank our Chief Minister for plans of establishing Primary Health Care Center in Borapansuri under NRHM and construction of the building is almost complete. We are also in desperate need of such service in Parva, the remotest corner of Mizoram and I request our minister to establish Primary Health Care Centre in the area.

Regarding schools under my constituency, during the time we paid our visit, it was equipped with only two chairs, manned with only two teachers and one LDC. So, from the MLA fund I provide them with twenty nine thousand which was the amount estimate for the school. Such was the way the former minister from the former government looked after school education. Pu Deputy Speaker, if we want good schools, inspection should be carried out on a timely schedule especially in

rural areas. Thanks to our hon'ble minister due to his hard work we also have a good HSLC results with a pass percentage of 66.6(%).

Pu Deputy Speaker, lastly on the matter of Trade & Commerce, under the leadership of our Chief Minister, our hon'ble minister and officials, schemes for trade route for Bangladesh and Burma will now be accessible and I want to thank them for their achievement and will add by stating that considering all their achievements our ministers have passed with flying colours. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Is there anyone else who wants to take their time? If not, shall we call the concern minister to wind up?

Dr.R.LALTHANGLIANA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Regarding Demand No. 21 - Higher & Technical Education, from the Budget Speech of our Finance minister, considering the budget from last year it has decreased by ₹.400.3 lakhs. Considering the amount placed according to the system of central government, I think at least 6 % should be sanctioned for this department. If the government gives importance only to elementary we will suffer the consequences in the higher and college level. I think the Recruitment Rules and Service regarding the staff and officers of the Higher Department had not been cleared and I request our minister to take steps in this regard.

Under Higher & Technical Education, I believe we have around 600 – 700 lecturers in Mizoram, during the 4th and 5th Pay, directives of the UGC are followed but now the government is unable to follow the pay scale and norms of UGC, in this regard, the decision making is in the hands of the state cabinet to and since all the funds are to be provided by the Central Government, I suggest the hon'ble minister to give special attention in this matter.

Under Law & Judicial, Demand No – 4, procurement of Birth Certificate has become quite troublesome. Petty things have to be paid for and it will be difficult for illiterate people and those coming from rural areas.

Regarding property registration, Wills and HBA for government employees, the amount for registration fees had become very high. An amount of ₹.5000/- had to be paid if ₹.2,50,000/- is to be taken and ₹.5000/- for an amount of ₹.25,000/-, and 2 % had to be paid in lesser amount. And if we are to take more, the procedure seemed to create a complexity for DC office. So, is there a way to manage the procedure like it was before? The people will no doubt face a problem and so will the government employees.

We have Taxation under Demand No. 8. What I want to say about this is that we have several Central Government employees here in Mizoram but we still do not have an Income Tax Office even in Aizawl. I think we may have ignored the necessity of having a proper office within the state for quite a long time now.

Coming to Demand No. 20, the previous ministry had proposed and mobilized funds from the Asian Development Bank with the intention to have quality education in the state. I am pleased to note that the present ministry has decided to pursue the project and I hope it will be implemented successfully.

One of the projects that we have pursued consistently in the past is the establishment of free schools in 7 districts of the state. ₹.20/30 crores had been allotted for each districts and since it is a central school, the students will receive everything free of costs. In the meantime, it is imperative that we check the construction works of the contractors from time to time. If the project is successfully implemented, hundreds of poor children will be able to avail basic education at the least and it will prove to be a huge step for us.

We recently organized a school games in Aizawl and one of the annoying problems is that we do not provide funds for transport and accommodation for children attending the games from outside the state capital.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Your time is up but since you are the group leader, I will allow you an additional 5 minutes.

Dr. R.LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Dy. Speaker, it is an embarrassment for the government to let the MLAs and public leaders pay for something like this.

The Health Care Scheme was supposed to function since May last year and it is imperative that it is implemented as soon as possible for the sake of the poor. If we feel that the existing scheme needs to be modified and altered to better suit the needs of the people, we must do so in a hurry. We have more than sufficient time to make necessary adjustments and we should make it available to the people.

Coming to my constituency, the Lunglei Civil Hospital does not have a cabin and a nursing station and I request the hon'ble minister to make a note of this and take necessary actions. The Hospital also shares a transformer with some of the localities and this is a major problem in times of power failure.

Furthermore, I would like to know what progress has been made with the Aizawl Civil Hospital Project under the NRHM with an estimate of ₹. 54 crores.

The previous ministry felt that the Civil Hospital is extremely congested now and an extension is a necessity. If the Police Thana is shifted to some other place, we can make room for other hospital wards. I have heard some criticisms and suggestions about cutting off some areas for social multipurpose centre and I think this is very sad because we can never have such a hospital like this in the middle of the city. The government needs to take a serious look at this and take decisive action.

Under Demand No. 44-Trade and Commerce, it seems that the hon'ble minister is a man of quick actions. Still, I would like to request him to give us a report on the progresses they made under the department. The people of Lunglei are eagerly waiting the developments the department is making since it involves the upliftment of the poorer section of the people.

Finally, I would like to urge the government to use their centrally sponsored funds correctly and finish their projects on time as much as possible. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Dy. Speaker, I would like to start with Taxation because we pay the most tax in the whole country although they are not paid directly. I am happy that we have a minister who is acutely aware of our situation and I would like to request him to exempt the people from oil and dal taxes.

Coming to Education, there is no school in Kawlkulh-II, Sairang yet the people think that there is someone who draws a salary in the name of that non-existing school. If you could clarify this, I would be deeply grateful. There was a post of coordinator under the SSA Inclusive Education lying vacant at Champhai recently. Three people applied for the post but the least qualified person was appointed. If these systems of appointment are continued, our quality of education will definitely suffer.

The Central passed the Right of Children to Free and Compulsive Education Act in 2009, but it appears that we have not used the Act in Mizoram. No notifications to implement the Act has also been released either. I want to know why we still do not implement the Act. Is there a financial problem?

We have several private and grant in aid schools and they have certain rules to abide by. In my opinion, these rules are weak and they do not even

seem like rules. I have spoken with the hon'ble minister and I think it is time to revise them. Let us empower the managing committee. Let us allow the private schools the power to recruit or fire a teacher as they please. If the education department is involved, it usually affects the quality of education.

Is it true that the Education Department is facing a financial crisis? Word is that they do not have sufficient funds even to buy an envelope and they are also unable to send notification letters to schools. Is the minister aware of this?

The hon'ble minister for Trade and Commerce was able to present all his demands without looking at his paper and I commend him for his effort.

There are some subjects the MLAs are confused about. It is uncertain which department we should forward some questions to, such as questions regarding the ILP. The Home and GAD both answers the question. We should make clear cut boundaries between each departments.

I realized that the department made a mistake in their answer regarding my Starred Question No. 56. But I am grateful that they gave me the correct version after a short while.

Are we still using the Border Trade Agreement signed by India and Myanmar on 21st January, 1994? If so, is it possible to sign a treaty at the state level or via the Chamber of Commerce? In the last Budget Session, the hon'ble minister said that the export of turmeric and ginger to Bangladesh is ready for commencement and the only problem was the price which was being negotiated at the time of the session. But now, they are saying that they are unable to contact the person they signed the Protocol of Mutual Cooperation with. This is extremely discouraging for farmers.

9 bamboo chip industries are being set up by the government and they are expected to be completed and functioning for exports to Bangladesh. I would like to know what progresses have been made so far. They say that chop-stick making is very profitable. Is it possible to try and set up these kind of industries? We normally do not allocate separate funds for the purchase of passion fruit and I urge the government to set aside funds for such venture in the future.

Moving on to Health, we all know that the department has faced huge problems in the past and I request the minister to tell us the details of the issue. I want to know why the amount of ₹.10 crores was deposited at Bajaj Alliance. Was it because of the interest or the commission? The fund was also deposited in the name of an individual and I wonder how they hope to withdraw it when it is mature. What was the government thinking?

Another ₹.10 crores was also deposited at SBI and we are informed that the current interest amount is ₹.12 lakhs. I believe the present interest rate is 6% and hence the said interest amount is too little. It should be at least ₹.50 lakhs. When was it deposited? What is the interest rate? How much interest has

accumulated so far? What is the purpose of the deposit? Is it possible to draw the money when it is needed?

How much money was given to the Reliance? How much reimbursement have they given out? Do they still have money for the MR Bill? Why are there so many MR Bill still unpaid? Can we pressure them to pay up?

It is also rumoured that the department cut 5% of their share. If this happens to be true, 5% of ₹.29 crores would come to about one crore. Where is that fund? Technically, it is only after all arrangements and agreements are finalized that the fund is transferred to the company. But the fund has been used up now and even if they try to make a claim, we have nothing to give them.

What was the fund used for? Who authorized it? Who kept it? How much was the fund? I would like an answer to these questions. When will the new scheme be implemented? If the new scheme is implemented will we be able to clear the pending MR Bill of the old scheme?

The hon'ble minister told us recently that there is a cancer patient fund which pleases me greatly but the fund is too little. The fund should be at least ₹.10,000/-.

Pu Dy. Speaker, the amount allocated for the upgrade of the Aizawl Civil Hospital was stated as ₹.54.23 crores but the Under Secretary, NE Division, New Delhi approved only ₹.16.50. ₹.10 crores was released in 2007 and the rest would be sanctioned after we make a detailed statement of account. There is no need for mudslinging on this matter and we should let it rest at that. Thank you.

Pu T.T.ZOTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I consider School Education and Medical departments as one of the most important, so I will start with Education.

We need to reform our education system since it is one of our most important assets in this day and age. One of the most common hindrances for education is requests for transfer by teachers. It saddens me to hear that there are schools that did not have any passing students in the recent matric examination.

Education covers our entire state and it is also one of the most vital ingredients for development. I would like to express my gratitude to the Chief Minister for sanctioning Champhai College ₹.10.75 crores under NLCPR. There is no need for mudslinging concerning the betterment of education and I am sure we all agree to this.

Pu Chairman, we constantly uses OPD and Mobile Unit Vans as tools to attack other parties and I think we need to put a stop to this now because we have committees who enquire upon the matter.

We do not have sufficient doctors as a whole in the state. We construct buildings for quarters and hospitals but there are hardly any doctors there. It is impossible to have an operation in the villages and there are also almost no medicines. I also urge the authorities to finish the building constructions on time since the need for medical attention is extremely high in the rural areas.

Finally, I extend my support for the passage of these demands in the House, thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu S. Laldingliana

Pu S. LALDINGLIANA : Pu Dy. Speaker, the members who stood before me pointed out the need for MR appointments at this time due to financial problems and this is a fact as we are all aware.

Due to shortage of manpower, several departments have employed MRs who consists of around 2/3 of the staff such as the Tourism and Health and Family Welfare Departments yet they have generated large amounts of revenue because of their hard work. The Community Health Centre, Public Health Centre and Primary Health Centre all have certain amount of doctors and nurses required but because of the financial difficulties, they are mostly understaffed.

I am deeply surprised and disappointed by the Printing and Stationary minister's announcement that out of the materials worth ₹.270 lakhs, only materials worth ₹.26 lakhs were usable and the rest will have to be discarded. I am sad to see the people's money go to waste. Who did this? When was it ordered? These are answers I would like to know.

I commend the hon'ble minister for Education because I believe he sincerely wants to elevate the quality of education in the state. They have set up a reform commission who are hard at work studying the loopholes in our educational system. They are also preparing themselves to strengthen the technical education aspect and if we can divert some funds for job oriented education, I am sure it will encourage a lot of young minds.

I am extremely concerned about the disorganized state of the Higher and Technical Department because they have no permanent Director or Joint Director. Such is the case with colleges, they only have adhoc appointee principals. Can we make Higher and Technical Services and offers these adhoc appointees an option to chose the posts they want as a regular?

We are using the UGC norms now but there are a lot of anomalies in the RR we are using in the appointment of principals. If we can follow the UGC norms through and through I am sure it will prove more efficient.

Trade and Commerce under Demand No. 44 is a small department yet the revenue they have generated is quite impressive. During 2009-2010, they have constructed 13 markets in different places and they also have check gates in 4 places. The revenue they received from these is an impressive ₹.60 lakhs and they have generated ₹.75 lakhs so far this year and they are expected to get over ₹.100 lakhs. In the meantime, their budget is very little. It is only around ₹.4 crores and 69 lakhs. I would like to know if their budget could be increased in the future since they are a revenue earning department.

I would like to request the members to stop arguing about the Health Care Scheme since the hon'ble minister will explain everything in his wind up.

Due to the efforts of the hon'ble minister, ten bedded hospital buildings are being constructed at the districts of Lawngtlai, Kolasib, Champhai, Serchhip and Lunglei under AYUSH funding.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us now invite the hon'ble minister to wind up the discussion and request leave of the House to pass his demands.

Pu LALSAWTA MINISTER : Pu Dy.Speaker, 12 members participated in the discussion of my demands and I am grateful that they have shown such an interest in the progress and development of my departments. It is my wish to answer all their questions and explain all the works we have done but I regret to say that I will be able to react only to some of their questions due to lack of time.

The hon'ble member, Pu Rinawma pointed out the fact that there is an alternate route to bypass Vairengte check gate. We are aware of this situation and I promise to look into it. In the meantime however, we are severely understaffed and there is very little we can do about it at the moment.

The members mentioned the importance and necessity of having a youth parliament where they can learn about House debates and politics in general. Meanwhile, the fund allocated for this project is very little and there is not much we can do. In any case, the manner in which we conduct ourselves in Mizoram is far better than that of the Lok Sabha in my opinion and hence, it might be even better if they learn House manners and decorum here in Mizoram.

In view of the need for judicial officers at village levels, we have recently appointed several officers. We hope to provide villages with access to fair and just rulings since we feel that the VCs are no longer suited to settle arguments appropriately in many cases.

To what Pu Zothangliana pointed out, I would like to say that although we want to have these subjects in our colleges, it is also a known fact that integrating a new subject is extremely difficult since there are many problems. We also do not even have an Educational Policy so far.

In regard to headmasters of High Schools and Middle Schools, it is very difficult to make the appointment mainly because instead of being a headmaster in a remote village, most senior teachers prefer to stay where they are currently posted. However, we do have around 20 teachers who are willing to be headmasters in villages presently.

Pu Lalthansanga asked when we will have the High Court relocated at the Secretariat Complex and I would like to assure him that we are as eager to move the Court since it will be much more convenient for the people but there are several complications mostly because the administrative section of the Court are not ready yet.

There are numerous offices and school buildings that need to be renovated and we are doing the best we can at this moment. There are many people who foolishly think of SSA as a source of income but I would like to remind you that the Mission is specifically designed to strengthen education and should not be used for personal gains.

Regarding SSA, appointment is made for 5 years term and post of concerned employee is supposed to be terminated by the end of this term. He may be re-employed if he is again selected for the next term.

Regarding Selection Grade for High School Teacher, no firm decision has yet been made. If concerned department found it as an urgent case, action may be taken immediately otherwise, it might have been delayed for some reasons.

Regarding project under RMSA, there is a plan for construction of 23 schools which may be taken up by the coming year. If any of the selected school urgently needs construction of the said building, they are free to build from their own fund.

Pu Speaker, I support opinion raised by Col. Z.S. Zuala about separation of judiciary. In this connection, I would like to point out case of the hon'ble Chief Minister. What I would like to emphasize is that the government is not involved in that case. Since decision of the court depends solely on the concerned judge, it is not necessary for the government to put any pressure. As pointed out by Chairman of Law Commission, the government made some involvements in judgment of court in the previous year which even resulted to transfer of the best Magistrate in Aizawl to Lunglei. Not only this, it was known to us all that there was a time when the government was in a situation to urgently change its Public Prosecutor. It is,

therefore, necessary to inform the House that the government has nothing to do with judgment of court issued recently though the case concerned House Leader.

Regarding Customary Law, it is to be noted that even the Chakmas in our state codified their customary law keeping in mind the weakness of having just an unwritten one. It is, therefore, important for us also, to achieve the same in such a way to prevail consensus among the people. Thanks to the step taken up by government of the previous ministry, effort has now been made to put our customary law in printed form and is now lying under revision of Mizoram Upa Pawl (MUP). After revision is completed, it will be forwarded to Law Commission for final touch so as to prevent confusion among the concerned people.

Regarding exemption of tax from CSD canteen, the department of Taxation, to some extent, examines the situation to maintain fair competition amongst shop keepers. Pu Speaker, even though order has already been obtained from the central to replace Value Added Tax (VAT) with Goods & Service Tax (GST) with effect from this coming 1st April, the government is not giving much interest in revision of tax as it is difficult for the Cabinet too, to make alteration to rate of goods abruptly.

As pointed out by Col. Z.S. Zuala, I opine it is necessary to inform the House the need to improve our education quality. As stated by certain members, it is important for concerned authority to consider retention of teachers of SSA and RMSA recruited on merit to maintain our education quality. In future, it may also be important for the government to consider recruitment of RMSA or SSA teachers through selection board or MPSC to improve our education quality. I believe the government will not suffer the existing insufficiency of fund if concerned authority recruited only those who are truly qualified in teaching.

Pu Speaker, my fellow member, Pu Liantlinga have stated that infrastructure for Law department is less sufficient and so more attention may be given. In this regard, I want to inform the House that Law department is not a developing department yet, some improvements could be seen. Besides, it is to be noted that only 50% of CSS is granted to Law department and the rest on loan where as 90% is usually granted to other departments with only 10% on loan. In fact, it is a problem for Law department to make improvement. Regarding his suggestion for improvement of Youth Commission, effort is given at our level best but it is difficult to make an ideal improvement as fund allotted to that effect is barely ₹.3 lakh in a year. Considering the interest and activities of the concerned students, I opine there is a possibility to improve the system.

Pu Speaker, it is true that amount of fund allotted to Parliamentary Affairs Department is normally quite small. There is no reason to improve the amount considering its usual function which comprises of pension of Member of District Council and Regional Council, and dealing of matter relating to House Session and Gov't Chief Whips. Pu Speaker, the department, like other departments, also has various steps to implement if enough budget funds are received.

Regarding rationalization of school and teachers, as pointed out by Pu Liantlinga, it is to be noted that setting up of a school requires at least 3 teachers even if there is only one student like a table needs at least four legs. What is important for our state is to make the best use of existing number of teachers in which rationalization may be necessary.

Pu Speaker, it is also pointed out that budget fund allotted to Higher & Technical Education is less sufficient. It may be accepted if we determine the amount only from size of the budget shown here. Hopefully, the department could manage itself more sufficiently with the coming of supplementary demand to be allotted after this session. On the other hand, Pu Speaker, if we consider responsibility of the Education department and existing problem of unemployment in our state, obviously the demand of Higher & Technical department seems to be increasing every year. Yet, it is to be noted for the members that fund managed by the department is not that small as it seems because direct funding from the central received by colleges are not shown here in the budget.

Pu Speaker, various members raised their opinion regarding centralization of scholarship. Despite the negative approach of the policy, members of this House seem to support the idea of implementing centralization of scholarship with a view to evade problems caused by decentralization. Not only this, a meeting of the Cabinet as well as Congress Legislature Party too has given their consent in principle. I admit that concerned department is to blame for failing to pursue the matter in time even though instruction has also been received from hon'ble Chief Minister too. On the other hand, it is to be noted that there are many things to be sorted out for the department as to whether the commission should be made to function as autonomous body and prominent persons to be appointed as members. Thus, the department is now examining these matters. It is regretted that there is misconception among the members that ruling party members as not having common opinion to this policy.

In reply to another point raised by Pu Liantlinga of the Republic Middle School, we are informed that it is impossible to make an ideal effort due to uneven surface of the site selected even though expenditure allotted for the work is ₹.5.68 lakh rupees. Anyway, since the member mentioned this matter out of concern for his constituency, I inform the House that the case will be examined immediately. If the work demanded more fund for completion, we may as well provide it as requires.

Pu Speaker, it is pleasing to hear again from Pu K. Liantlinga, a suggestion for improvement of payment of Tax with the help of Additional Resources Mobilization (ARM) which is also discussed in a Consultative Committee. I opine there is a way for the government to collect more income taxes by upgrading ones business with the help of NLUP, for instance.

Regarding suggestion of Pu C. Ramhluna for improvement of the system of Grant-in-Aid, I have also given some thoughts and it may be better if the existing three different types of allowance under Grant-in-Aid are combined as

one and then be granted to a particular school on the basis of number of students therein.

Pu Speaker, there are number of cases discussed today for which firm decision of the government could not be given such as the Education Reforms Commission formed following unanimous decision of the House for which concerned officials too, give intensive effort to their works. While we were expecting to receive the recommendation before 31st March, we are requested to extend the time up to 31st May. It is, therefore, not possible for the government to make firm reaction to favorable suggestions and policy matters raised by the members unless Education Reforms Commission is implemented.

Pu Speaker, there is a plan to recruit number of Hindi Teachers for High School and Middle School and so, Pu Ramhluna suggested Under-Graduate (Hindi) may be considered for qualification. According to the Recruitment Rules, under graduate qualification such as matric or class-XII (Hindi) are not acceptable as this recruitment concerns Middle School and High School. This should not be confused with 500 dismissed Hindi Teachers and those 687 Hindi Teachers who filed legal case against the government at High Court as they all are Primary Hindi Teachers. What we are discussing now concerns Hindi Teachers of Middle School and High School and so, their qualifications should be higher. Hence, it is necessary to follow the rules in this case whether it is Mizoram or Autonomous District Councils. (PU C. RAMHLUNA : - Is Hindi B.A. the desired qualification for Middle School?). Yes, it is and HSLC (Passed) for general line.

I supposed we had enough discussion on Separation of Judiciary, but I would like to reiterate that the government is not involved in judgment of court. It is to be noted that any proposal which may be made by the government is not meant to be accepted necessarily.

Regarding the case of Tlabung as pointed out by Pu Nirupam Chakma, I opine if one is aggrieved by judgment of the court, it is not necessary to relate the matter to others as the only mean to resolve the matter is to appeal the case again at higher court. As of his suggestion regarding Fast Track Court, it has already been set up and is now functioning at its level best. Regarding Gram Nayalayas, I supposed we have already explained the matter.

Regarding his suggestion for compilation of Laws, we have completed compilation of up to Volume-IV and I supposed the whole is completed in 10 Volumes. As of his point regarding Parva School, the department considered the case of this school it is already defunct and so, it is no longer necessary to maintain a school without student. (Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA: - The truth is that the Headmaster, teachers as well as LDC of this school were attached to other schools and there is no way to have an admission.) Pu Speaker, there may be some schools disregarded or deliberately ignored by the department. We will look into the problem immediately.

Pu Speaker, Pu Nirupam Chakma insisted on indicating home address of top 10 students in the result of MBSE with a view to instill in the students a competitive mind and he is regretted that home address of HSLC Top 10 student from his district was shown as of Lawngtlai district. I understand his point of view and we may make ratification if there is error in it.

Pu Speaker, reacting to the point raised by Dr. R. Lalthangliana that budget fund allotted to Higher & Technical as less sufficient, I do appreciate his point of view which is believed to be originated out of his concern for the department. In regard to the portion where the problem is mostly felt such as shortage of fund for field trip or industrial trip, it is to be noted by the members and concerned students that the department follows the existing procedure and field trip or industrial trip is not treated as an excursion. There may be some grievances in the selection of students for excursion as it covers entire students of a particular school or college. As for a field trip/industrial trip, it concerns only a particular student pursuing a particular subject. It is unusual to complain as to why fund allotted to field trip as more than that of excursion. It is, therefore, wise for any department or a college to agree with the decision of concerned authority.

Regarding service matter of Higher & Technical Education department, it is a fact that there is a problem. But it may be noted that the problem existed not from December, 2008 only as during government of the previous ministry, concerned authority had even made numerous efforts to resolve the problem but in vain. Since the problem has been delayed for a long period, the department instantly examines the matter. But since the problem concerned service matter, it is necessary to deal with careful attention. It may, therefore, take some times for full completion. Out of 22 college principals in Mizoram, the only substantive principal is of Saiha College and the rest are Adhoc principal. In the same manner, the present Director and Joint Director of Higher & Technical Education Department too held Adhoc post and they only held Substantive post as a lecturer of Selection Grade or a Reader. As the problem persisted for a long period of time, intensive effort has been made for immediate solution. Hopefully a college principal and lecturer will soon be upgraded following UGC of Sixth Pay Commission. Not only this, Pu Speaker, there is a plan to maintain their services according to Service Rules instead of Recruitment Rules to set up better organized service. Apart from this, we also have some thoughts to engage from the market, more suitable person for principal as the existing practice of filling up of 100% by lecturer is no longer updated. It will then open opportunity for fresh applicants to enter into selection grade.

Regarding Birth Certificate as pointed out by Dr. R. Lalthangliana, it is a common practice in my locality that one Primary teacher assigned to do the work collected necessary information by visiting each households by the morning and then go to DC office if the situation demand. I opine the procedure is quite simple. Anyway, the aforementioned problem may not be the purview of Law Department but instead GAD, to resolve the matter. (Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA :- Pu Dy. Speaker, the procedure may be simple but what I am trying to say is that after collecting two application forms, we have to submit court fee with stamp affixed to concerned advocate. The procedure may be simple to some but

not to the general people.) Alright. We will examine the procedure if there is any problem.

Voluntary Retirement Scheme, as pointed out by certain members, let me inform the House that it is almost completed. As already stated, there is a plan to offer voluntary retirement to some teachers with a view that knowledge of some teachers is outdated to feed students of the new generation. Even though it is planned to be done on the basis of Structural Adjustment Loan with the scheme to be funded by Asian Development Bank, there is a problem to continue with it as this retirement scheme demanded that the concerned person should be a permanent employee. Thus, it will be necessary first to convert the service of concerned temporary employee to a permanent one. If so, it will be a problem for the government if concerned employee, whose pay is upgraded as a result of Sixth Pay Commission, prefer to remain in service. Anyway, we are trying our level best to resolve the matter as there are number of teachers who prefer to go on voluntary retirement. Hopefully the scheme may be implemented by the coming year 2010-2011.

Pu Dy. Speaker, there is also a plan to set up more schools of Kendriya Divyalayas which is already set up at Zemabawk and Thenzawl. If necessary, we may obtain help from the hon'ble Chief Minister to approach central authority as pressure made from our level may not be strong enough to obtain a positive response.

Regarding Physical Sports meets organized for the students, it is learnt that members particularly of remote constituencies have problem of accommodation as well as conveyance for the students to participate from their respective constituencies. It is regretted as the main reason is due to shortage of fund yet, concerned members should understand the situation as we are compelled to do so in pursuance of interest of the students. We will look forward for fund for meeting expenditure of accommodation, food and lodging of the students in the coming years. If not succeed, we may repeat the same process on which I request concerned members to understand the situation.

Some members pointed out Centrally Sponsored Scheme and appropriate spending of fund; this newly formed ministry may not be perfect as yet as they have not enough experience for which advice of the members is always entertained.

Pu Dy. Speaker, regarding taking of tax on edible oil and dal as pointed out by Pu Lalduhoma, I am not ready to react to the point instantly as I am not sure whether it is included in declared goods. Since these two items are essential needs of the poor and the general people, the government will try it best to resolve the matter.

Regarding the case of Kawlkulh-II Primary school, Pu Lalduhoma claimed that even though the said school is not functioning, regular pay is drawn by the concerned teachers. Pu Dy. Speaker, we will verify it immediately and if the allegation is true, action will be taken.

Regarding the case of Disabled society of Champhai, I opine it is important to resolve the matter as it is pointed out in this highly regarded House.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Dy. Speaker, how about the case of employee under SSA?

Pu LALSAWTA : Pu Dy. Speaker, obviously there was an allegation. Hence, I have given instruction to concerned officer to prepare himself and also collect complaint information so that complain, if any, to this concern may be resolved instantly. In this connection, it is to be noted that the Right to Children to Free & Compulsory Education Act, 2009 is passed already but the effective date has not yet been notified. There is a rumour that it may come into force with effect from the 1st April which is the day just after tomorrow. Supposing it is officially notified, I am afraid that some students may claim their Rights as we are not yet in a condition to deal with the case.

In this connection Pu Dy. Speaker, it is very difficult for a poor state like ours to deal with the matter as order of the Supreme Court is very strong and we are not in a condition to follow accordingly. It may, therefore, be necessary for concerned authority to consider our condition.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Dy. Speaker, apparently we may be in a state of confusion if the aforesaid Right is claimed as the said Act is enforced already. I opine preparation of the department to this concern is less sufficient. Besides, budget provision allotted to the department is quite small considering financial involvement for the said preparation. It may, therefore, be necessary to apply for more funds by the coming R.E. I opine it is unsafe for us to wait for result from the Education Commission in the midst of impending order of enforcement and we may also be compelled to adopt the said Act necessarily. Hence, it will be important for the department to put more efforts on preparation.

Pu LALSAWTA : Pu Dy. Speaker, we may set up a
 MINISTER committee to determine matter relating
 to preventive measures and possible
 effect on Mizoram by enforcement of the
 Right to Children to Free & Compulsory Education Act, 2009.

As pointed out by Pu T.T. Zothansanga, it is true that we the members may have nothing much to explain if today's students claim they are disregarded as leaders of our state as well as officers and well-to-do teachers are educating their children abroad and outside Mizoram at higher cost of education and there is no reason for them to determine improvement of the educational institutions and concerned students in Mizoram. In this regard Pu Dy. Speaker, I would like to emphasize the need for each concerned officials to fulfill rightful claims of the students.

On the contrary, it is to be noted that we have number of enthusiast teachers who had even hire another teacher for his school from his own pay as there are many efficient teachers who deserve retention of their services. Hence, it is not late for us to build a better educational institution for our own children.

Pu Dy. Speaker, HLSC result came out just yesterday and I am sure that it would be of a great pleasure for the students who succeeded as they received word of congratulation from a highly regarded hon'ble Speaker's chair. It is pleasing to learn that this year's result happened to be the best result we had so far with passed percentage of 66.6%. It is to be noted that this is not because of the effort made by the government or the department of Education but the result of sheer determination of the concerned students. On behalf of the Education Department, I convey my thanks to parents of all concerned students for the achievement.

In this connection, Pu Dy. Speaker, I have to emphasize the need for the department to put more effort to save our students from drawing towards private institutions where cost of study is more expensive. On the contrary, we have to consider condition of the department concerned also. The cabinet meeting recently granted recruitment of 270 new teachers which may be allotted to schools where more teachers is needed. It is also planned to recruit 1305 number of Hindi teachers for High School and Middle School within Mizoram out of which certain numbers may be allotted to Autonomous District Councils. We also have SSA and RMSA to back up Education department and extensive effort has already been made to fill up gaps in our educational system. RMSA will be implemented this year from 1st April.

Regarding establishment of the department, a vacant post of Deputy Director, 6 posts of DEO and 20 posts of Headmaster were filled up recently.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Dy. Speaker, may the members be given a copy of Supplementary Demand Programme in which requirement of Additional Fund of ₹.812 lakhs for payment of lump sum grand-in-aid for Non-Government High School and Higher Secondary School, is shown?

Pu LALSAWTA : The beneficiaries of lump sum grant have not been finalized as yet. Hon'ble MINISTER member Pu Lalduhoma has mentioned that we are slow in finalizing.

Pu P.P THAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, when will it be finalized?

Pu LALSAWTA : We expect to complete within two months. The criteria will be the ratio of MINISTER the student and teacher.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Is there a proposal to merge the three categories? Also, if there is any proposal to review the guideline of the managing committee?

Pu LALSAWTA : It is my principle that, if a person wishes MINISTER to continue with the school it is their wish. But, the criteria the Government will up held to check the school will be the ratio of the student and the teacher. As for Headmaster, we have regularized 20 Headmasters.

Meantime, as mentioned earlier, we are leaving no stone unturned for the success of VRS. Quality and merit is the desire of the House Leader. Thus, it is the aim of Education Department to up held merit in order to attain quality.

To add to the 2 existing polytechnic, 4 more will be added very soon. And, also NIT. I will come towards the end of my wind- up, though I still have

so much to say, I have used up one hour and 40 minutes. Pu Deputy Speaker, I seek the permission of the House to pass my demand totaling Rs 5, 18, 82, 23,000/- .

DEPUTY SPEAKER, : Now the minister has sought the permission of the House to pass his demand totaling ₹.5, 18, 82, 23, 000/- all those who agree say 'Yes' and those who disagree say 'No'. The House has unanimously passed the various demands under hon'ble Minister Pu Lalsawta. It is now 5:15 we will have recess, and resume meeting at 5:45.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO : Pu Speaker, thank you. I would first of all like to thank all the members who participated in the discussion for their constructive approach. I will not react to each member's speech, but assure the members that I have noted down all the important points. Pu Speaker first of all I would like to speak about Health Care Scheme and ADB loan.as we are aware that the Asian Development Bank and World Bank are the Banks which give loan to the under privileged countries. Central Government knowing the various conditions of its states chose Mizoram. Thus 100 million dollar loan was granted to us. Out of which 25 million dollar provision is for Health and Family Welfare. It is unfortunate that two senior members for the opposition bench are not here while discussing this important issue. Anyway, Pu Speaker, it seems that the previous ministry does not discuss matters before implementation like we do. Before receiving loan from ADB, Health Care scheme was carried out with ₹.50 crore from Plan Fund.

I will move on to Bajaj Alliance. Under Security Exchange Board of India there is Bombay Stock Exchange. Under this stock exchange various insurance companies register themselves. Pu Speaker, these insurance companies have various policies and there is government bonds and corporate bonds. We are not sure under which bond the health care fund is deposited in Bajaj Alliance. The most important issue is Net Assets value (NAV) and the policy. We are all aware that there was global market recession and the market rate sunk to its lowest. What we the members should know is, the ₹.10 crore deposited in Bajaj Alliance was locked in for three years and the policy is for 10 years. We are not certain of the amount cut for service charge etc. During these three years locked in period we are unable to touch the deposit. Since it is ten years policy we are not sure under what system, condition we will be able to withdraw. Therefore, as we are not certain of the cut amount from the ten crore, we realize that it is baseless to quote the interest rate. Pu Speaker, it is not a matter of trying to defame anyone. I am questioned by the media persons if Health Care Scheme will be continued, and thus, I have to clarify the status of the fund.

Pu Speaker, Rupees twenty-seven crore, forty-nine lakhs was invested in Reliance Company, there was a discussion to invest ₹.28,93,88,192 however, Doctors made a suggestion that atleast 5% should remain with Health Department i.e. 1 crore, 44 lakhs. When I took charge ₹.8 crore, 16 lakhs was released by Reliance Company. Pu Speaker, Health Care Society and Reliance Company were not in talking terms as Reliance Company did not want to release fund. I called for meetings three times. I tried every method to convince Reliance and settle their differences between Health Care Society. Private Hospitals are happy with the effort I gave, they gave their words of appreciation through media. Pu Speaker, at present out of the ₹.27.49 crore only 5 crore is left with Reliance Company. This is the present situation of Health Care Scheme.

The fund comes from ADB as compass fund. ₹.117 crore 80 lakhs is tendered by finance department. Mizoram Rural Bank received the tender for 7% in one year. i.e. ₹.50 lakhs for one year. Mizoram Urban Co-operative Development bank ₹.2 crores for 3 years and Rural Bank ₹.5 crores and Urban Co-operative Development Bank ₹.2 crore for 3 years. Then with higher interest 7.76% for 5 years IDBI Ltd received the tender for ₹.57 crore and 80 lakhs. In this manner the fund is invested and we are expecting 7/8 crore interest.

Pu Speaker, we are fortunate that under Labour and Employment from RSBY scheme there is a scheme in which each BPL member will be able to benefit upto ₹.30,000/-. Thus with the fund that we will receive from Labour and Employment and the interest from Asian Development Bank there could be huge up-gradation. Planning Commission has given us the criteria for the selection of BPL. Roughly there are 69,000 BPL in rural and urban area. Pu Speaker, I want to mention this for the information of the House.

Pu C.RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, point of clarification. What about the ₹.10 crore invested in State Bank of India?

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, out of the ₹. 28 crores invested in Reliance 16 have been paid for bill, as we have just heard there is 5/6 crores left. How can that be? There should be ₹.10 crores left.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO MINISTER : The agreement was ₹.28 crores and the claim is ₹.23 crores within Mizoram and the claim belongs to them as per agreement.

Pu LALDUHOMA : I understand that, but there are claims where there is no payment. Can't we make them fulfill this claim?

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO : The amount we are able to claim is ₹.24 MINISTER crores. There was deduction of 5% as well, which according to me, could be bill for illness. Pu Speaker we are having good opportunity with RSBY as I have mentioned we are expecting to receive ₹. 200 crore per annum for Health Care Scheme.

13th Finance Commission has sanctioned ₹.30 crores. I expect it will cover what the hon'ble members mentioned in regard to PHC and Health Sub Centre. Every year there is a provision of ₹.10,000/- for untied fund and for annual maintenance fund ₹.20,000 for each sub-centre. If the hon'ble members could check, if this is utilized accordingly.

Likewise, ₹.10,000/- for village health sanitation, PHE untied fund ₹.20,000/- , annual maintenance fund ₹.50,000/-, ₹.10,000/- for RKS, ₹.1,80,000/- for PHC, ₹.50,000/- for CHC untied fund, annual meeting fund ₹.1,00,000/-, ₹.10,000/- for RKS. These funds are chaired for V/C and BDO.

As for the lost of one floor at OPD building, it is under investigation of Anti-corruption, thus it is not our perview, the law shall take its own course.

In regard to hon'ble member Pu Liantlinga's question, we are giving every effort to upgrade, infact I believe that Aizawl Civil Hospital will be one of the most hygienic hospital in India. As for the gas pipeline, we are preparing a project to cover all. As of now the present pipeline is functioning accordingly. In regard to Dr. Thangtea's question, we are preparing DPR of ₹.60,00,000/- for Lunglei Civil Hospital. Pu Speaker in regard to Aizawl Civil Hospital, dismantling has been completed and we can start construction.

Pu LALDUHOMA : In regard to ₹.10 crores invested in Bajaj Alliance. It is deposited in private person's name, will there be affidavit to identify if the fund is deposited back to the government. Chief Secretary is the Chairman of Health Care Society, I would suggest if the Chairman could be someone less busier than Chief Secretary for smooth functioning.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO MINISTER : It is under ACB. As for Chief Secretary as Chairman, he is quite capable.

Pu P.P.THAWLA : What is the interest for ₹.10 crores at State Bank?

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO MINISTER : Pu Speaker, ₹.12 lakhs.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, what is the exact amount left at SBI?

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO MINISTER : I will give you the detailed answer later.

As for the morgue van, we have purchased 407, Bolero and Camper. We shall look into the matter as required. We have also submitted ₹.180 DPR for Morgue House at NEC.

As for Referral Hospital, the present Ministry received ₹.4 crores and 61 lakhs. But all liabilities of previous Ministry was cleared. There is a proposal to complete the hospital with 220 beds.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, if the hon'ble minister could tell under whose agency is ₹.10 crores invested in Bajaj Alliance?

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO MINISTER : Pu Speaker, we will now move on to Labour and Employment. It is one of the most important department. If Labour and Employment Department does not play a significant role in a state it indicates that the State economy is not stable. Pu Speaker, we are fortunate that, recently there is an order to recruit three employment officers and Labour Deputy Commissioner post was also created.

Pu Speaker, there is a proposal to implement building and construction worker rules 1998, which is a Supreme Court order. Under this rule worker will be compensated in case of accident. It is for the welfare of workers. The Indian Government has given top priority for skill development initiative. In the wake of the project we are expecting that 120 students will be sponsored by the Central Government. Likewise to felicitate training program for youth, Central Government has sanctioned ₹.200 crores for construction of buildings and equipments at Saiha and Lunglei to Labour and Employment Dept. We are expecting to recruit officer for the said purpose. Project of the same is going on at ITI Veng amounting to ₹.250 crores. We are now at Globalisation Corporate Rule, so multinational companies will enter soon. Thus it is time we upgrade with skill development initiative. In regard to Pu Zothansanga's question, it is true that it is running in namesake, however, we will try our utmost capability to upgrade the present status.

Trade and Commerce, last year we collected ₹.60 lakhs revenue. This year we are expected to collect ₹.100 lakhs out of the ₹.4 crores budget allocation. I thank the Government for vesting such faith in the department. However, I'll expect highly on R.E.

Pu Speaker, I am very grateful that we are able to shift the hawkers at the entrance of New Market. The market is looking clean now. Last min we received ₹.120 lakhs for the beautification of the market, are expecting to accomplish the market to a higher grade.

Pu Speaker in regard to Zokhawthar, huge development has taken place, but the progress cannot be as speedy as expected since there formalities and process to comply. ₹.156 lakhs has been sanctioned for drinking water and ₹.216 lakhs for warehouse. State Bank with international link has also been established.

As we are all aware in the recently concluded conclave MOU has been signed with Bangladesh. However, the chairman of the agreement with Bangladesh did not stand by his word, thus there could not be a swift sail. From our side we left no stone unturned. For Kawrpuichhuah, we have submitted ₹.27 crores DPR at Home Department. Facilitator building for ₹.110 lakhs at Tlabung is under construction.

As for Pu Lalthansanga's question, we are expecting 2nd installment very soon. If there is no more clarification from the members, I will come towards the end.

Pu Speaker, I request this august House to pass the following demands - Demand No.24, Medical and Public Health Services ₹.159,49,15,000/-, Demand No.28 - Labour and Employment Department ₹.6,10,60,000/-, Demand No.44 - Trade and Commerce ₹.4,69,63,000. Total ₹.1,70,29,38,000/-. Thank You.

S P E A K E R : Now that the hon'ble minister has requested the House to pass his demand totaling to ₹.1,70,29,38,000/- all those who agree say 'Yes' and those who disagree say 'No'. The House has unanimously passed Pu Lalrinliana Sailo's demand which is – Demand No.24 - Medical and Public Health Services ₹.159,49,15000/-, Demand No.28 - Labour and Employment Department ₹.6,10,000/-, Demand No.44 - Trade and Commerce ₹.4,69,63,000/- totaling ₹.1,70,29,38,000/-.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO : Pu Speaker, thank you.
MINISTER

S P E A K E R : Now we have completed today's business, meeting is adjourned. We will resume sitting at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow.

Sitting is adjourned at 7:00 p.m.