

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

**FOR TENTH SITTING ON TUESDAY, THE 30th MARCH, 2010
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)**

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

QUESTIONS

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

LAYING OF PAPERS

3. *Pu B.LALTHLENGLIANA* to present to the House the following Reports of Public Accounts Committee :
 - (1) First Report on the Report of Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the year 2005-2006 relating to Health & Family Welfare Department.
 - (2) Second Report on the Report of Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the year 2006-2007 relating to Health & Family Welfare Department.
 - (3) Third Report on the Report of Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the year 2006-2007 relating to Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS

4. *Pu H.LIANSILOVA*, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various demands under his charge.
5. *Pu H.ROHLUNA*, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various demands under his charge.
6. *Pu ZODINTLUANGA*, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various demands under his charge.

S P E A K E R : Then Isaac sowed in that land, and reaped in the same year a hundredfold; and the LORD blessed him.

Genesis 26:12

The wilderness and the wasteland shall be glad for them, and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose.

Isaiah 35:1

We will have question hour and invite Dr.R.Lalthangliana to ask his Starred Question No. 136.

Dr.R.LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble minister for General Administration Department be pleased to state –

Progress made in regard to opening the Commissioner office at Lunglei which was underway during the previous govt.

S P E A K E R : Let us invite the hon'ble Chief Minister Pu Lal Thanhawla to reply.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, as there is no post creation for Commissioner in Lunglei there is nothing much to report.

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

Dr.R.LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, can the present govt. inform us their intention in regard to opening Commissioner office at Lunglei? Do they have a definite policy in this regard?

S P E A K E R : Let us invite the concerned minister to reply.

PU LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the govt. does not have a definite plan yet, but will think about it if necessary.

S P E A K E R : We will go to our next question which is Starred Question No.137 and invite Pu K.Liantlinga to ask.

Pu K.LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble minister for Agriculture department be pleased to state –

- (a) The closing balance on MIP
- (b) Name of the Account
- (c) The remaining exact amount.

S P E A K E R : Let us invite the concerned minister Pu H.Liansailova.

Pu H.LIANSAILOVA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answers to Starred Question No.137 are as follows :

- (a) ₹.12 crore 66 lakh, 80 thousand and 2500.
- (b) Account was opened in 2002-2003 under MIP name at SBI.
- (c) The opening balance is ₹.15 crore 60 lakh and 24,000.

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

Pu K.LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. While ₹.12 crore is still in MIP, ₹.4.48 crore was spend in NLUP. What is the detail expenditure? Is there any amount left? If spend, for what purpose.

S P E A K E R : Let us invite the hon'ble minister Pu H.Liansailova to reply.

Pu H.LIANSAILOVA : Pu Speaker, there are many committed expenditure when MIP account was transfered into NLUP. Therefore, they are distributed as committed and right now about ₹.11,718,625 were put in different banks for easy access while working. From the remaining balance ₹.2 crore eighteen hundred thousand was loaned out and the whereabouts cannot be disclosed. Right now all we can say is that ₹.83 lakh was loaned out to Champhai Winery Factory and the same amount goes to Hnahlan also Venus Bamboo was given ₹.50 lakh. We do not know whether we can retrieve this. Besides, the remaining money in MIP is solicited to NLUP Board through Re-appropriation Authority and we are managing from this. As already stated in the previous answer, from ₹.448 lakh about ₹.380 lakh was going to be used in Management Component and Training Component and ₹.100 lakh for committed expenditure which we called PAC.

S P E A K E R : We will go to Starred Question No.138 and invite Pu C.Ramhluna to ask.

Pu C.RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble minister for Finance department be pleased to state –

- (a) Whether there is an intention to pay govt. servant under Mizoram govt. in accordance with the 6th Central Pay Commission Recommendation.
- (b) If yes, step taken so far.
- (c) Expected date for payment.

S P E A K E R : Let us invite Pu Lal Thanhawla, hon'ble Chief Minister i/c Finance department to reply.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, answers to Starred Question
CHIEF MINISTER No.138 are as follows :

Yes, there is an intention. The govt. had a talk with the Federation and the concerned officials. A Committee was set up to consult and study the pay structure of other states in order to meet the govt. servant's desire. Now, we are waiting for the Committee recommendation and after that we will have a meeting with the govt. servant and then step will be taken to implement to pay as the 6th Pay Commission Recommendation.

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

Pu C.RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, first I want to ask if the 10% increase in Demand for Grants was put based on the Fitment Recommendation. Secondly, whether there is an intention to give them an interim relief in pay before using the 6th Pay Recommendation.

S P E A K E R : Let us invite the Finance minister to reply.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, we are happy that
CHIEF MINISTER negotiation was going well between the ministry and the government servant. Financial problems we faced are well remembered by them. The Fitment Committee which consists of 3 ministers and one Parliamentary Secretary asked us to give them more time and when they submit their recommendation, we will have a final decision.

S P E A K E R : Now, we will invite Pu Lalduhoma to ask hi Starred question No.139.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble minister for Agriculture department be pleased to state –

- (a) Whether 10% of NLUP was used in management component.
- (b) If so, summary of works.
- (c) Whether Marketing Cell was set up. If so, date and name of the chairman and member.
- (d) Progress made so far.

S P E A K E R : Let us invite Pu H.Liansailova to answer.

PU H.LIANSILOVA : Pu Speaker, answer to Starred Question
MINISTER No.139 are as follows:

- (a) 10% fund is not yet used.
- (b) As it is not used yet, there is nothing to report on work done but sanction of ₹.348 lakh was waited for management administration cost and capacity building training.
- (c) Marketing cell was set up on 27.3.2009 under the chairmanship of Pu Lalnghinglova Wg.Cdr. Rtd. Member secretary and OSD is Pu L.R.Laskar, IAS(Rtd) and members are Dr.L.H.Chhuanawma and Mrs.Mercy Sinate.
- (d) Their main progress right now is collecting market data and taking step to work with the marketing agency. Besides, they are preparing a way to do export in national and international market and search for a way to acquire proforma invoice in order to apply for export and import code.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, supplementary questions.
What are the differences in regard to management component, administrative cost, pamphlet and campaign material?

While ₹.100 crore was used up, the remaining ₹.400 crore was supposed to be used in that regard. If that is not management component, can they explain the meaning?

Secondly, can they pave a way for marketing other products like turmeric, ginger etc., besides products from NLUP. Can the marketing cell find a way for our poor farmers who are in dire need to dispose their products? And thirdly, the Congress party in their handbook of NLUP stated that for successful implementation of NLUP, rules and regulation will be made to prevent 'Misuse' and will be put to the House for voting. But we heard nothing till today. What is the meaning of this? Does the govt. think it is not necessary ?

S P E A K E R : Let us invite Pu H.Liansailova the hon'ble minister to reply.

PU H.LIANSILOVA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I am happy to learn that the hon'ble member asked his question from earnestness. While 10% of management component will be reserved for expenditure, we are applying for re-appropriation so that we can use according to need base with extreme measure. As put in the guideline management component includes strengthening the parent deptt, as well as their salaries and the District Commissioner office was used as a base for District Committee.

Regarding the marketing board, they concentrated on marketing products from NLUP as it was set up for this purpose alone. In the meantime, they also give their best to help our farmers who are in dire need to market their product like grape, turmeric and passion fruit. Besides this, we face a problem in its process as it involves different department like Industries, Horticulture etc.,. In regard to turmeric, the previous govt., had a talk with Diamond Shipping and Sunrise Company. But when they have a power point presentation regarding their project, their offered rate i.e. ₹.1.70 per Kg at farm gate rate and a captive price of ₹.2.50/- at Sairang is too low and I told them that I find it hard to agree with their project, we parted company. While this is the case we learn that some NGOs are taking step and bought it at the rate of ₹.5/- and ₹.6/- and we lend a hand in any way we can in this. The department is busy with organic certification while some NGO also acquire the certificate. According to them, they can sell it at the rate of ₹.90/- per Kg. with this certificate attached. They are called CIDAR and were stationed in between Zemabawk and Tuirial. Our hon'ble Chief Minister gives important and we are trying to find a way to help them in any way we can. That is all the answers I can deliver right now.

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

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, regarding organic certification, while it was first introduced, we gave high esteem and discarded fertilizers. It appears that it is the market we are aiming. What is the criterion to give organic certificate ? Who authorised in Mizoram right now ? From my experience, companies from outside state who buy our product like chili etc., have the authority to give the certificate. While this is the case, how are we supposed to act in this regard? Can they fill me in on the situation?

S P E A K E R : Let us invite the minister to reply.

PU H.LIANSILOVA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, our products like turmeric, ginger and chili are grown without using fertilizer which we called organic by default. To put it into market there is so much to go through; therefore, the concerned department i.e. Horticulture are having a talk with the concerned company who holds the authority to give an international organic certificate.

S P E A K E R : Now let us invite Pu Lalthansanga to ask his Starred Question No.140.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon'ble minister for Education department be pleased to state –

- (a) Whether the 24 high schools were put under the RMSA scheme.
- (b) If so, what is the criterion in the selection?

Pu LALSAWTA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answers to Starred Question No.140 are as follows :

It is 23 not 24 H/S. It will be established under RMSA.

The criteria are - (1) There should be no H/S within that village or locality.
(2) Survey was made whether the neighboring village or locality can benefit. Selections were made with central ministry of human resources.

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

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, it appears that selection was made where there is no Govt. H/S. If that is the case, is there a way in the 2nd phase to open one in Hriangtlang. Can priority be given to them as there is no school in that village for a long time?

S P E A K E R : Let us invite the minister to reply.

Pu LALSAWTA : Pu Speaker, as already stated the main
MINISTER criterion is whether there is a Govt. H/S in that area. Therefore, we are doing our best to open in those areas. There are so many villages like Hriangtlang who does not have H/S of their own in Mizoram. We will continue to open more in the next year and the year to come.

S P E A K E R : Now, we will go to Starred Question No.141 and invite Pu Lalduhoma to ask his question.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, will the minister for Trade & Commerce department be pleased to state –

Whether the govt. think broom is good enough to make a living and what about its method ?

S P E A K E R : Let us invite Pu Lalrinliana Sailo, the hon'ble minister for Trade & Commerce to reply.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO : Pu Speaker, answer to question (a) is
MINISTER 'yes' the govt. thinks broom is good enough to make a living. (b) As broom is the product of minor forest, the marketing is under the Forest Deptt., authority. From 1994, the govt. of Mizoram placed it under Mahal system and where there is not Mahal it was sold in permit

system. Pu Speaker, as I already said, the latest in practice of Parliamentary System, transfer of question was restricted. But here we give answer to questions which are not our concerned. Nevertheless, broom industry is also under the purview of Trade & Commerce under the Business Transaction already made. We have a warehouse in Vairengte which was used by both Forest and the seller every year.

S P E A K E R : We have a rule to adopt here in Mizoram Legislative Assembly which stated that the concerned minister should be asked only question relating to his concerned department. . Nevertheless, sometime we admitted question which may not be related to minister under the Speaker's authority. Therefore, we cannot expect supplementary question on those questions. Now, Pu Lalduhoma may ask his supplementary question.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, this is very troublesome for us members. While cultivation was done under Agriculture and Horticulture, marketing was done by Trade & Commerce and processing was done by the Industry. Likewise, Soil deptt., done cultivation like rubber and others. It is very complex and very hard for us to know which department to ask the question. Can the govt., find a solution in this regard. I want to ask as well as suggest whether one deptt., can take responsibility in cultivation, marketing and processing. Lastly, I would also like to ask whether permit can be given to those who cultivate broom under V/C pass holder if LSC and periodic patta holder are given permit to do so.

S P E A K E R : If the minister can furnish answer let us invite him.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO : Pu Speaker, it is true that our current MINISTER system is very complex for us as well as the members. I think it needs a specific kind of system which will enable each deptts, to take action in their jurisdiction. This matter needs serious thinking under the guidance of our hon'ble Chief Minister. That is all I can furnish right now.

S P E A K E R : If the House Leader has anything to say in this matter let us invite him.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, if there is a problem it needs to be solved. Regarding broom, our govt. thinks it is good enough for our farmers to earn a living through it. As the hon'ble member Pu Lalduhoma pointed out, it is not profitable for farmers in the current mahal system. We have to find a way to solve this matter and pave a way for them to sell it at a profitable rate. As in bamboo mahal, we just halted the mahal system for the time being and likewise we will try to find a way to stop the mahal system in broom also.

S P E A K E R : Now, we will invite Pu Lalduhoma to ask Starred Question No.142.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble minister for Trade & Commerce department be pleased to state –

Whether step was taken for our farmers to sell turmeric which was cultivated under the instruction of the previous ministry.

S P E A K E R : I think we already heard that issue nevertheless we will invite the minister if he has anything to add to that.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answer to the hon'ble member's question is – we are still trying to find a buyer.

S P E A K E R : Supplementary question Pu Lalduhoma. Is he not yet satisfied in the answer?

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, is there a way to help our growers to dispose of which they had already produced? If AMFU can find a buyer which I learnt from them will not exceed ₹.5/- , is it alright for the govt. to give them a support price of ₹.2/- or ₹.1/-. This way we can help them in disposing their product and not advocate growing another in the future.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I want to inform the House that about four lakh fifty thousand still remain for digging. Therefore, we take step to export it in dry and had a talk with Naturalist Institute of Inter Disciplinary Science and Technology, Trivandrum. As their suggestion, we prepared DPR worth ₹.240/- crore. Besides, MAMCO also try their best in the marketing and right now we follow the free market system for the benefit of the cultivator and we think it is very profitable. Lastly, it appears that we, the govt., society and group are trying our best to find a profitable market.

S P E A K E R : It is very satisfying, now we will invite Pu B.Lalthlengliana to ask his Starred Question No.143.

Pu B.LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble minister for General Administration Department be pleased to state –

Whether report was submitted by the Builum Compensation Commission.

S P E A K E R : Let us invite Pu Lal Thanhawla, the hon'ble Chief Minister in-charge General Administration Department.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, it was submitted on 29.1.2010. Right now, Vigilance Department executed it and in some part action was taken.

S P E A K E R : Supplementary question Pu B.Lalthlengliana.

Pu B.LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, according to News paper it appears that a certain number of families still reside in Builum while the govt. reserve a place at Kolasib Rengtekawn to set up their home, if this is true, what will be the govt's. decision

S P E A K E R : Let us invite the hon'ble Chief Minister to reply.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, if they continue to live there, they will be submerged.

S P E A K E R : They will have to build a boat. Now let us invite Pu Lalduhoma to ask his supplementary question.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, our ongoing discussion is compensation I want to ask about the compensation in regard to Chaltlang Vawngawn which was to be occupied by the Army for their headquarter due to the conflict between China and India. It is said that there are many fake LSC in this area due to the reason I stated above. If this is true and reaches the Army it will be a disaster and our reputation will be tarnished. Can the Minister tell me whether this is true or not.

S P E A K E R : We are discussing Builum compensation and the member thinks it is relevance to ask Vawngawn. Let us invite the minister to reply.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, it is very sad to learn that
CHIEF MINISTER each and every one of us is willing to get compensation falsely. It seems we have no compunction in this regard. In regard to Vawngawn compensation, the concerned minister set up a committee to look into the matter with care and diligent as there are many false documents. I heard that the committee submit their report and from this we can detect which is wrong and which is true. Nevertheless, Pu Speaker, many big projects and successful ones cannot be started due to false claim of compensation. In this regard the law will take its own course and punish those who violate the law.

As the hon'ble member said the Army's interest lies in the situation not in Mizoram itself. As China bordered us in every corner, they want to set up Brigade headquarters in order to counter attack China invasion. We are still negotiating and therefore needs the support of the citizens. During this period we are trying to locate a bogus claim.

S P E A K E R : Now, our question hour is over. The Home Minister intimated that he has information to announce in the House, we will invite him now.

Pu R.LALZIRLIANA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I want to inform
MINISTER the House that this morning around 2:30 MST Bus travelling from Guwahati was robbed between Kalyan and Masimpur road. The passengers gathered whatever weapon they can reach to fight against their attackers and turn the bus to pursue them. Among the passengers, there were two armed police and one of them shot the robbers twice with his Special Revolver. But as the bus was moving, the robbers take their loot and run away, whether the target was hit or not was unclear. They retrieve their goods which the robbers scattered in the road and from this it was learnt that books belonging to 3 MBBS students, Computer Peripherals worth ₹.6000/- and other goods worth ₹.10,000/- was missing. The drivers are Zonunmawia and Muanthanga and the conductor is R.Dengkhuma. As this incident took place in the middle of the night they cannot pursue the robbers without having any knowledge of the area. Pu Speaker, thank you for giving the opportunity to share this information in the House.

S P E A K E R : Pu K.S.Thanga, hon'ble member had to attend to his constituency as they were hit by a cyclone. Now, we will go to Laying of Paper and invite the hon'ble Chief Minister and also House Leader to lay on the Table of the House "The Mizoram Road Fund Rules, 2010".

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your permission of the House I lay on the Table "The Mizoram Road Fund Rules, 2010".

S P E A K E R : Let us distribute the copy.

Dr.R.LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, my copy started from page 3, it seems that there is some lost pages.

S P E A K E R : Replace his copy. While it was supposed to be checked before the distribution. Why is there still unchecked copy in our distribution? I want to apologize on behalf of the office. When they submit the copy, the Assembly staffs are supposed to check it and return if it is incomplete.

Pu LALRINMAWIA RALTE : Pu Speaker, there are mistakes in the wording in the complete set. If we turn page 2 of para 2 Definition, it started with 'provided that' and then it continued in small no. below with a 12 number. It appears that the binding was wrong, page 3 should be page 2 from the look of it.

S P E A K E R : As we are all learned men, let us read according to the section number. I hope that the section number was put right.

Dr.R.LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, I may sound grumpy but I think this will become more important for the coming year. It is not the Assembly Secretariat's fault, if we look into the last page we can see that there is no cover. This is most embarrassing, we have to be more careful in the future. The blame is not on the Assembly.

S P E A K E R : All deptts. should, before dispatching copies to members which was to be laid on the Table of the House check and recheck. We do not want to see the repeat of this incident.

Now, we will have our next business which is Presentation of Report. Let us invite the hon'ble member Pu B.Lalthlengliana to present the following Reports to the House -

- (1) First Report on the Report of Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the year 2005-2006 relating to Health & Family Welfare Department.
- (2) Second Report on the Report of Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the year 2006-2007 relating to Health & Family Welfare Department.
- (3) Third Report on the Report of Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the year 2006-2007 relating to Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, with your kind permission, I present the following Reports on the Table of the House: -

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S P E A K E R : Chairman, PAC has presented the three reports of C & A.G. to the House. The copies be placed on the Table of the House.

Now, we will take up Financial Business i.e. discussion on demands for 3 ministers. To start with, let me call upon Pu H. Liansailova, minister to submit to the House Demand Nos. 13, 31, 32, 33, 35, and 47.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA : Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of
MINISTER the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission Sir, I move the Demand Nos. 13, 31, 32, 33, 35 and 47 for ₹.1,94,50,82,000/- for meeting expenses during 2010-2011 in respect of the following departments-

Demand No.13, D P and A R	- ₹. 2,23,58,000/-
Demand No. 31, Agriculture	- ₹.84,68,80,000/-
Demand No. 32, Horticulture	- ₹.18,60,04,000/-
Demand No.33, Soil and Water Conservation	- ₹.18,51,94,000/-
Demand No. 35, Fisheries	- ₹. 9,91,26,000/-
Demand No.47, Minor Irrigation	- ₹.60,55,20,000/-.
TOTAL	- ₹.1,94,50,82,000/-.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Now, Pu H. Rohluna, minister to submit his demands to the House.

Pu H. ROHLUNA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, on the
MINISTER recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission Sir, I move the Demand Nos.17 and 36 for ₹.2,71,28,62,000/- only for meeting expenses during 2010-2011 in respect of the following departments:-Demand No. 17 - Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs ₹.2,30,68,41,000/-, Demand No.36 - Environment & Forests ₹.40,28,62,000/-.
TOTAL - ₹.2,71,28,62,000/-. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Next, Pu Zodintluanga, minister to submit to the House Demand No. 22,26,46 & 48.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission sir, I move the Demand Nos. 22, 26, 46 & 48 for ₹.1,58,48,31,000/- for meeting expenses during the year 2010-2011 in respect of the following departments –

Demand No.22, Sports and Youth Services	- ₹.20,49,80,000/-
Demand No.26, Information and Publicity	- ₹. 7,30,12,000/-
Demand No.46, U D and P A	- ₹. 1,24,96,000/-
Demand No.48, I and C T	- ₹. 5,72,00,000/-
TOTAL	- ₹. 1,58,48,31,000/-.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : We will have discussion now. Each member will be allowed ten minutes. Let us call upon Pu H. Zothangliana.

Pu H.ZOTHANGLIANA : Thank you, hon'ble Speaker Sir. Under Demand No. 31 Agriculture department is a leading department of the flagship programme of NLUP. It is very pleasing that large amount of fund is provided in the budget. The hon'ble minister informed the House that supply of seeds to the cultivators will be stopped in future. It may be better to do away with such supply of seeds as it was not fully successful. Amongst the beneficiaries of such supply of seeds, Cheural village of my constituency is the most successful village of all of the supply of seeds especially in potato cultivation. Hence, I request the hon'ble minister not to stop supply of potato to this village as the people are wholly depending on potato cultivation till date.

In Fisheries Department, the supply of fish seeds is sufficient in the state, but it does not yet cover the requirement. In this connection, I would like to point out that the system of supply of fish seeds is not good enough. If the state is going to carry on the supply of fish seeds, the system may be improved as almost 50% of seeds are dead when it reaches the remote areas. It is good to hand over to the society or association in cash. In this way, the state government will get less expenditure for the supply of fish seeds and the farmer will get better quality of fish seeds.

Regarding Minor Irrigation, it is very pleasing to learn that this ministry has a lot of works in land development and construction of water channel. In this regard, I would like to say that the approach road is neglected, which is very

important for cultivators. I would like to request the hon'ble minister to take initiative. In this connection, the department has a lot of projects in different parts of the state without appropriate office and staff quarters. It is, therefore, necessary to have at least office for EE and SDO in each District Headquarter.

Under Demand No.17 - Food, Civil Supply and Consumer Affairs Department, the government has done its best and gets good achievements even though there are many problems. It is necessary to give more efforts as it concerned with the poor and the rich. It is very pleasing that this ministry is going to construct Bailey bridge at Darzokai.

In Sports and Youths Services Department, I would like to congratulate the hon'ble minister for he had a correct answer for the biggest question of the youths of the state by constructing Rajiv Gandhi's Stadium at Mualpui, I T I Veng Aizawl and laid its foundation by Sonia Gandhi.

In Information and Public Relation Department, I would like to request the hon'ble minister to remember the importance of media in regard to advertisement especially in the district headquarters of Lunglei, Lawngtlai and Saiha. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu R. Lalrinawma.

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir. In Demand No. 31 - Agriculture department. The department has various steps to be taken. It is pleasing that this ministry already constructed 21 roads and another 20 kms under construction. I hope that Chamdur agriculture link road at Sihphir will be included among the next projects.

Demand No. 47 - Minor Irrigation. Despite shortage of staff, Minor Irrigation department has 73 projects to look after. It will be pleasing if filling up of vacant posts of SDO are considered by concerned authority.

Demand No. 33 - Soil and Water Conservation department. This important department is bifurcated from Agriculture Department even though I insisted on its amalgamation. It is known to us all that Green House scheme is benefitted by many. It may be more beneficial if it is taken up at Sihphir, Durtlang and Zemabawk too.

In this connection, most of the family at Sihphir, Lungdai and Serkhan depended on plantation of squash as financial assistance is said to be made available. However, it is learnt that the said assistance was diverted for plantation of

grapes and passion fruits after spot verification was taken up by Technology Mission. It will be pleasing if such kind of diversion not happened again.

Demand No. 36 - Forest & Environment Department. Broom stick mahal is done only within forests plantation. It is said that the broom stick cannot be sold more than the price of mahalder rate. What I want to say is that check gate for ginger is stopped and ginger rate is higher than ever while broom stick cannot be sold more than the Mahalder rate. In this connection, I would like to inform the House that a mahalder of broom stick from Mamit Division asked to purchase Lalrinawma's broom sticks. But Pu Lalrinawma did not allow at the price fixed by the mahalder. The mahalder reported to the authority. The broomsticks are therefore, seized by the government. I would like to request the hon'ble minister to enquire the matter and take necessary action.

Hon'ble Speaker Sir, it is very pleasing that UD & PA has taken steps for sufficient drinking water for Aizawl city. I would like to request the concerned department to reach Sihphir and Zemabawk where drinking water problem is serious in the city. While Aizawl North-1 is used for dumping ground at Tuirial and Sakawrhmutuai, the constituency wants not only dumping ground but also wants development.

Demand No. 22 - Sports and Youths Services Department. Under "Catch Them Young" policy it is very pleasing that incentive cash award is given to 578 sports men as a result of efforts made by the hon'ble Chief Minister and the concerned minister. Not only that but playgrounds, many sports complex, district level sports complex and indoor stadium were constructed in many places. Zemabawk playground also needs repair and renovation. Thank you, hon'ble Speaker.

S P E A K E R : Pu V.L. Robiaka.

Pu V.L. ROBIAKA : Thank you hon'ble Speaker. Demand No. 31 - Agriculture. Regarding increase of agriculture products in the state, it is published on Times of India and Year Book that the hon'ble minister has keen interest. Thus, agriculture made huge production. Not only this, the state has 109 mini power tillers out of the total target of 348 nos. for the coming year. It is really pleasing as the main objective is to encourage the youths to engage on agriculture. Besides, Mamit and Kolosib division had static soil testing laboratory and mobile testing unit which is the need of the state. The budget provision to that effect is amounting to ₹.84,68,80,000/- which is considered as sufficient.

Demand No.13 - Department of Personal & Administrative Reforms. The department has sufficient amount of budget for the coming year. In this

connection, Mamit district needs help to sustain law and order effectively as it is situated in the state boundary. It has various problems due to Bru revolutionaries. The Deputy Commissioner is now on training and his charge was taken up by the Additional DC. I, therefore, would like to request the concerned authority to take step for better functioning of DC Office.

Coming now to Horticulture department, it is very pleasing as we have enough production of Anthurium to be exported outside. Effort of the department is worth mentioning as it can produce tomato and capsicum even in dry season by means of green house. Besides, the department organized demonstration to farmers by giving them training. It also organized exhibition successfully which is a challenge to the farmers.

Pu Speaker, the department also set up mandarin orange nursery at Rulpuihlim in my constituency in which people of the surrounding villages such as Darlung, Sabual and Tuahzawl give much interest to cultivation of mandarin orange. In this regard, it is wise for the department to supply more seeds to them. Under NLUP of the previous term, plantation of betel nut was introduced at Silsuri, Marpara, Pukzing and Phuldungsei. I am happy to inform the House that concerned beneficiaries now beginning to earn a regular income.

In Fisheries department, steps taken by the department is truly appreciated. In view of the adaptability of fishes in the western belt, I appeal to the concerned minister to concentrate fish farming in the western belt. Regarding rearing of lobsters, it is to be noted that careful selection of seeds is necessary in order to have a good quality of lobsters.

Regarding UD & PA, it is pleasing to see the increase of budget amount as the department concerned for proper sanitation and cleanliness of the city. It is, therefore, necessary to increase the strength of the officers and staff. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Now, Pu Lalthansanga.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Thank you so much, hon'ble Speaker. Before getting to the point, I would like to inform the House that around 4 to 5 AM this morning, the hailstorm hits Leng village and almost all households were destroyed.

Let me start with Demand No. 31. ITC Hnahthial is established in 1981. As a budget for this year, ₹.54.58 is provided whereas in the previous year, it was ₹.91. In this regard, I would like to know in detail how the budget is spent as there is no work to see.

Pu Speaker, 7 nos. of KVK is purchased by the department and are installed in my constituency and N.Vanlaiphai. There was a plan to organize a demonstration to farmers. But due to shortage of water supply, the function ended up without appropriate conclusion. Hence, it is important to take more steps to put the said machinery in function. Besides, it may be wise for Agriculture department to hand over the work to Minor Irrigation department as the work relates to minor irrigation. I therefore, request the hon'ble minister to take initiative.

In Minor Irrigation department, there is lot of works under AIBP in which there are about 61 projects. As stated before, inadequacy of staff is their main problem. There is no way for them to make an ideal survey and plan projects. Apart from this Pu Speaker, shortage of water supply is acute in North Vanva-II, in which the plan is to be taken. In this regard, I would like to request the hon'ble minister to follow the will of the farmers there.

In Demand No. 31, ATMA is set up under the Chairmanship of DC and DAO Agriculture as the secretary. In this regard, I would like to know as an MLA, how the fund is used? Besides, Pu Speaker, bifurcation is very common under Agriculture Department nowadays. Is not it more appropriate to consider amalgamation of such bifurcated departments?

In Demand No. 32 - Horticulture department, turmeric plantation is encouraged but there is no marketing facility till date. It is, therefore, important for concerned authority to build a good cooperation between Horticulture and Trade & Commerce department in order to have proper marketing for turmeric products. It may be more appropriate that once a department takes up the project, let it carry out the project through the end. If not, the farmers may always be confused of which department takes the charge of their business.

Demand No. 35 - Fisheries Department. Pu Speaker, number of applications for financial assistance are rejected due to attachment of V/C pass in the application whereas the department demanded LSC obviously due to some confusions with the terms of application. This is a serious problem for the farmers particularly from remote areas. Will the hon'ble minister request Revenue Department to set permanent settlement on behalf of the farmers so that their fish farms may be certified settlement? In this way, the fund will be made available to the needy farmers.

In Food, Civil Supply & Consumer Affairs department, I would like to ask whether Public Distribution System can be improved. It is necessary to improve the quality of rice. Rice is purchased only from FCI with a very dear cost. It is available at the market a better quality of rice than supply from FCI. Is it appropriate to purchase rice from agencies other than FCI?

In Forests department, I want to point out that VFDC report is rarely received by the members. In this connection, I would like to know whether MR can be employed under Protection of Wildlife to generate employment opportunity for the youths today.

Next, I would like to congratulate the hon'ble minister for expeditiously carrying out the PYKKA policy. Under this PYKKA, number of playgrounds were constructed. But Pu Speaker, playground cannot be utilized as there is no side-drain. It is also needed to construct audience gallery. I, therefore, request the concerned minister to take more steps for such purposes.

Demand No. 26. UD & PA I would like to know the villages which are to be declared as town as it concerns development and sports facilities. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Now, let us call upon Pu Hmingdailova.

Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE : Thank you, hon'ble Speaker.

I will start from Demand No 31 - Agriculture is a very important department as the people of India are depending on the product of Agriculture. In this connection, NLUP plays an important role as it concerns lifetime employment for the poor who depends on Agriculture.

Demand No.32 - Horticulture. Some may believe that Horticulture is more successful than Agriculture in the state. It is learnt that more than twenty thousand orange seeds from Israel is imported in our state out of which 6000 nos. are planted at Tuirial block which is still in good condition. Maintenance of this plantation could also be taken up by Horticulture department as it is done in Israel even though it required prolonged nursery period. In this regard, I request the hon'ble minister to give priority to this project as the prospect is good. It is, therefore, more important to provide more funds than depending only on central fund.

Squash plantation is concentrated in the area of Lungdai and is now extended up to Nisapui village. The people of Nisapui earned a large sum of money from the said plantation this year. Since most of the families who are engaged in this plantation are too poor to acquire materials needed for the plantation such as iron and manure, I request concerned minister to supply the said to such families.

Regarding Minor Irrigation Project, the department is highly benefitted by farmers for cultivation of various kinds of crop such as orange, large bean etc. It is learnt that M.I. Project is located in two places within Tuirial block recently despite the need for the same in other places. I, therefore, request the hon'ble minister to examine the case so all the farmers are equally benefitted the project.

Demand No. 22 - Sports & Youths Services department. Pu Speaker, this House as well as the people know very well the remarkable performance of this department just within one and five months of this ministry, thanks to the effort made by the hon'ble Chief Minister and concerned minister Pu Zodintluanga. The

minister Pu Zodintluanga, following commitment he had made in an interview on Zo-Sports, construction of Rajiv Gandhi's Indoor Stadium is done within six months from the date of this ministry whereas construction of Mualpui Indoor Stadium too, is now started. Besides, the hon'ble Chief Minister made commitment that he would give Boxing Ring to each district headquarters. Now, it has already been given to Kolosib and Saiha district and the rest may be given as soon as infrastructure for store is ready. Moreover, I would like to point out achievement of the government with "Catch them Young" policy in the state. This policy is popularly known among the youths. It is pleasing to learn that achievement is made in all discipline of sports due to the encouragement of the said policy.

Regarding Hockey, it is highly appreciated as the concerned minister determined construction of hockey playground at Chite as we have no such playground for hosting a tournament whereas plan for construction of the same at Zobawk is under processed. Not only this Pu Speaker, it is truly appreciated as the hon'ble Chief Minister also set up hockey academy at Kolosib for hockey lovers.

Demand No.36 - Forests department. The department tried its best in prevention fire last year, Yet, I opine it is necessary to give more efforts by giving awareness campaign to the people. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : We will have recess now and discussion will be resumed at 2:00 PM.

2 : 00 P.M.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will now continue with discussion of afternoon session. To start with, let us call upon Pu C. Ramhluna.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Thank you, hon'ble Dy. Speaker. Let me start with Demand No. 31 - Agriculture department. I opine it is good to continue with organic farming to bring about healthier atmosphere. To encourage the application, it may be wise to raise the value of crops produced from organic farming.

Pu Dy. Speaker, I want to state that our harvest amounts 68917 metric ton only meaning that this will meet only about 25 % of our requirement and I want to suggest that it would do us good to collaborate with FCI and to put our harvest on the market so that we too could benefit from it. Apart from these, I think we would gain much if we could convert our farming lands to rice-bowl harvesting areas by connecting with Minor Irrigation for water supply and it will surely be a

success after 4/5 years. We are looking forward to the success of permanent farming projects since we are wasting our lands by our farming systems.

Regarding Demand No. 31, anthurium has become very popular and Zopar alone could sell 9 lakhs and sixty thousand but they do not seem to have any competition in the market and I suggest that the government should set a market for competition to make its value higher. On the matter of grape wine, the former government had provided loans for many and it is now rumoured that the government is going to hand over the plant to Delhi based firm and I hope our hon'ble minister will not allow such things to happen. We should take responsibility to make it a success.

On Demand No.33 - Soil & Water Conservation, I must say it is crucial for the department to compile a manual or hand-out in soil conservative measures for awareness so that everyone can take part in the aim of the department.

On Demand No.35 - Fisheries, I think it is crucial for us to take measures to have a regular market in order to make it sustainable. Like I mentioned earlier, regarding Minor Irrigation, I would like to request our hon'ble minister to inspect different rivers like Sumsi , Damlui, Pugnasury, Kau, Pandawng and other to convert the areas into rice – bowl region.

Regarding Demand No. 17 - Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, I would like to request our hon'ble minister to give his attention to 16 villages under my constituency. They have to head load their rations and cover about 7/8/10 kilometers and are not given any fees and I appeal our minister to look into this matter and find a solution to their problem or make an arrangements so that retailers should deposit their rations in their respective villages.

Regarding Demand No. 30 - Environment & Forest, in the 12th Finance Commission we have recruited 186 nos of trained co-terminus employees and since the 13th Finance Commission is now observed, I request that our 186 nos of co-terminus be continued to be employed.

On the matter of Sports & Youth Services, I believe it is a good idea to organize a talent search in my constituency and considering their ability they are worth shaping and it would be wise to create an opportunity for these younger generations. Thank you.

Pu T.T.ZOTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. Our former Chief Minister gave importance to Horticulture and took the department under his wing. Our minister mentioned earlier that grape and passion fruit had been a success but is not highlighted in the achievement which is unsatisfying. I also want to add that the eastern region are prone areas.

Regarding Demand No. 31 - Agriculture, in Champhai area 54 nos of power tiller had been distributed at a very high subsidized rate and though we are very grateful for these, it still does not meet our requirements and I want to request for more to develop our regions to generate a sustainable livelihood for the people.

Moving on to Demand No. 35 - Fisheries , after inquiring at the department, we have about 24,000 hectare where only about 3890 hectare is utilized leaving 21010 hectare. Our requirement is around 13290 and we produce only about 3200 metric tonne. We bring in a large amount of fish from our neighbouring states and I think it is crucial for us to be self-sufficient so that we, the people of Mizoram could benefit from it and make fishery a sustainable occupation in our state.

Regarding Demand No. 47 - Minor Irrigation, the people under my constituency must gain the most, but I want to request for a construction of irrigation canal to meet our requirements in water supply in our fields.

On the matter of Soil & Conservation Demand No.33, it is now obvious that we are losing our fertilized soil due to shifting cultivation and I suggest that we should give priority to terracing. It will help in conservation of our soil and we should also bear in mind that 10 years before, we received about 2500 ml of rainfall but now it has decreased to 1940 ml. To revive this and to harvest rain water the best solution would be from the political and administrative level.

Enormous steps have been taken in Sports & Youth development and all these could be seen in plain sight. Urban Development took a project and constructs houses for the poor and the needy and also take steps to help the less privilege within the city area, and I am truly grateful for all these. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu John Siamkunga may have his time.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. Under Sports & Youth Services Demand No. 22, I want to mention that our Sports minister had taken immense steps in promoting and developing sports in our State and using of artificial grass is a great one. I think it will be wise that every department should have a website for public information to keep ourselves more updated in their work and progress.

On Demand No.84 - Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation, it was planned that Aizawl Greater Water Supply Scheme Phase – I will be renovated and Phase – II is also an on-going project. This will surely elevate the problems we faced on water supply. Multi Labour Car Parking at Hunthar will be our

state treasure and Solid Waste Management Project which is on-going is also worth mentioning.

Under Demand No. 13 - Department of Personnel & Administrative Reforms, we are very short of MCS and examining the new method, where recruitment will be made at regular intervals formulated by our hon'ble minister is very sensible and it will facilitate in building quality education among our youths.

Regarding Demand No.31 - Agriculture, while Hnahtial South Tuipui was under my constituency, I visited the Integrated Training Centre (ITC) and their building was dilapidated, but now our hon'ble minister had taken initiatives to construct buildings and an amount of ₹.55 lakhs is sanctioned and work is on-going as we speak and an amount of ₹.22 lakhs is also allocated for internal roads and I am grateful to the concern minister for all these progress.

Regarding Horticulture, I think we should give importance to soil testing to find out whether our soil is alkaline or acid soil to maintain a balance so that we will produce a higher quality of crops. On Demand No. 33 - Soil & Water Conservation, it is obvious that it is the backbone of agriculture and with the increase of global warming, soil & water conservation is a must and at the same time we must give attention to afforestation to prevent soil erosion and I am grateful that the new ministry give much importance to these department and take initiatives to achieve its aim.

On the matter of Fisheries, from the records there are 7469 no of ponds recorded and still we do not suffice in fishery, this issue needs to be looked into and strategy should be made to sustain our state in fishery.

Regarding Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs i.e. Demand No. 35, a few days back I saw in the newspaper that digital weight bridge is used in Serchhip and many who were suppose to deliver the rice panicked. This means that the supplies have been corrupted and I request our government to look into the matter and take necessary actions in this regard.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We all seems very enthusiastic today, Pu B.Lalthlengliana may have his time.

Pu B.LALTHLENGLIANA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. Under Demand No. 17 - Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs , I respect how our hon'ble minister catch a culprit selling a bag of rice illegally on Dt.15.2.2010. But at the same time there are many instances where such kind of illegal acts took place. Apart from these, LPG gases are always

available in the black market and diesels are also diluted and I would like to request our hon'ble minister to look into this matter and take precautions and actions in this regard.

Under Information & Publicity, I request the government to take precautionary measures regarding piracy of Mizo albums and Mizo movies where many of our talented young people took part and they are unable to take the credit of their hard work. In the central government, there is a Ministry of Information & Broadcasting under which they have a Film & Music Industry Unit, and likewise I request our government to take initiative to promote our talented youths in this regard and I think we should also adopt, 'Cable T.V Regulation Act, 1995'.

Under Sports & Youth Services Demand No.22, I want to ask our hon'ble minister how many approach roads are planned to connect Rajiv Gandhi Stadium and it will be wise to finish a least the ground level during the working season and I hope we remember the Sports Complex situated at Pitarte Tlang and the renovation of one Pigfed Society Office.

I want to praise our hon'ble minister for continuing 'Catch them young' policy which was started in the year 2005 during the MNF ministry.

Regarding Fisheries Department Demand No.35, I request our government to take more effective steps for its growth since this department can prove to be a good source of income for our state and Trade & Commerce should make a spot in every market for fish seller who sale fishes from Mizoram Farms and the government should also take severe actions against those who poison fishes in our rivers.

Under Horticulture Department Demand No.32, I suggest that orange sapling experimented by experts from Israel and Mizoram should be made available to increase the growers. We should not neglect Minor Irrigation, sufficient water supply is one of the basic needs to have a good harvest, bearing this in mind it is crucial to promote minor irrigation to help us in cultivation of crops and I request the government to give more effort to develop the department. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Nirupam Chakma may have his time.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Firstly, I want to stress on Department of Personnel & Administrative Reforms, I desire that the government should establish the department as soon as possible. If we want to attain good governance we need to stress on administering each department base on their requirement of manpower thus avoiding the need of being over staffed and at the same time

monitoring the work and practices carried by each department. I also want to know how vacant post will be filled up and how employees will be recruited?

Under Agriculture, we are now going to implement NLUP, I want to highlight that every year we see an improvement record and achievements from Agriculture department but on the other hand, our requirements in Food & Civil Supplies increase immensely. In this matter, we must re-examine our distribution of lands, the majority of lands are owned by rich people and government employees and for these reason many of our NLUP beneficiaries do not own lands for cultivation and they are oblige to choose piggery. Our agricultural lands are not in the hands of farming people and we must re-examine our land tenure system and I believe the matter should be solved even from the Chief Minister's level and through all the concerned departments.

Under Horticulture, I want to say that the department has been operating for such a long time and why do we still not have certified quality seeds? This matter must be considered and plans should be made in this regard.

Under Soil & Water Conservation, we must know that under ground water is decreasing in every part of Mizoram and conservation of water must be practiced. Taken as a whole, we do not suffer floods in Mizoram, but in many river banks there is immense soil erosion, to prevent these I suggest we practice hill terracing, utilization of terraced land, controlled bunding, controlled Qork, erosion control and gully control and in order to practice all these we need to increase our budget otherwise all our fertilized soil will go to Bangladesh. If we continue to practice our present farming system which is very destructive, our soil will be very dry after 10 years.

Regarding Fisheries, under NLUP fish farming trade was also selected by many beneficiaries and the department should have fish seed farm in order to meet our needs and also, we must concentrate on producing fish feed in our state. Regarding Minor Irrigation, all they need is an increase in their budget and the irrigation project in Chawngte is also satisfactory.

Under Food & Civil Supplies, attention should be given to our delivery system, what is the use of giving the retailer bill, carrying contractor bill after two or three years ? We also know that there is a leakage and though we may not be able to end it abruptly, it is a must to give attention to all these by the concern minister or the department officials.

I want to express my gratitude to our Sports minister for providing us football ground and football materials and at the same time I want to encourage him to pursue, 'Catch them young' policy not only in Aizawl but also in rural areas.

On the matter of Information & Communication, when Dr. Manmohan Singh came to Mizoram, he said ' It is not difficult to solve the problem of the educated unemployed, but it is difficult to solve the problem of the uneducated unemployed' so, the literacy rate in Mizoram is high and we must learn to make use of the department and accomplish the best we can attain from it. Thank you.

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

Pu K.LALRINTHANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker, a hurricane blew in Kolasib district and destroyed 65 houses completely and 185 were partially damaged. Since they do not receive any aid from the concerned D.C, a report along with an application for compensation is submitted to the Chief Secretary amounting to ₹.4,37,000/- and 400 nos of Silpauline. They are in despair and we will be very grateful if the concerned dignitaries could grant us what we need.

Under Demand No. 31 - Agriculture Department, the distribution of 48 nos power tiller and 109 nos of mini tiller is a great help for cultivators. It saves time and they can also rotate crops in one year and I hope more of these machines could also be distributed in other potential areas.

Another important point is Crops Insurance Scheme, during this year many cultivated areas burned down, farmers suffer the consequences immensely and are left with nothing and I wish in my heart of hearts that the insurance policy should have started earlier, at anyrate, I give my full support to Crops Insurance Scheme and hope more effective measures could be taken for the success of the scheme.

Under Demand No. 32 - Horticulture Department, I want to thank the department for their hard-work and for going an extra mile to implement their different projects. They went to different countries and search for crops which will be suitable for cultivation in Mizoram and for all these I want to express my gratitude to them. At the sametime, I want to request them to provide once again the Anthurium shade net since many were burnt and I have contacted the Director and he said the nets are available but can be bought at a subsidizing rate, and I want to request them again to provide us once again for free.

Regarding Fisheries department, our hon'ble minister took note of my words and plans are made for fish farming in Cachar border and I also suggest that private farms which breed lakhs of fish seeds under Serlui constituency be recognized if the needs for fish suppliers arise in the future. It will also encourage them and others in this trade in the future.

We have passed a resolution concerning Sports department in the last session and I think we are seeing the result of that. We are about to have a proper stadium and if I am correct, Mizoram received a medal tally of 36 Gold, 47 Silver, 37 Bronze and I am deeply pleased by these results.

One sports discipline that does not require a strong physique is table tennis and I believe it is the one sport we can carve a niche for ourselves in the

world stage. If we could set up a table in every village, I am sure we will see huge developments very soon. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu S. Laldingliana.

Pu S. LALDINGLIANA : Before I start discussing the Demand Pu Dy. Speaker, I would like to bring to the notice of the House that the last hurricane destroyed 16 houses while another 10 houses were damaged to the point that they have to be dismantled at Mualkhang 'S'. We are sending them what relief supports we can think of at this time.

Let me begin with Demand No. 46 - Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation. As we all know, the department is still very young but they are working very hard to maintain sanitation and they are also constructing water tanks in Aizawl and at Lunglei and Serchhip under JNNURM.

They are also working to decrease the congested traffic in the city and they are building a multi level car parking at Hunthar veng and Khatla. When these constructions are finished, I am sure much of our city problems will be solved.

They have removed all the mobile garbage trailers in the city and instead we have started using the PPP mode garbage trucks. This mode of garbage removal has been extremely successful so far.

Furthermore, the department also organized awareness campaigns on sanitation at schools and colleges. You may have noticed that the road leading to Sairang village has been cleaner than before. This is because the department has prohibited garbage dumping alongside the road.

I do not know if our technique of building septic tanks is incorrect or not but many families are faced with defunct septic tanks. However, the department has realized this problem and they have constructed an oxidation pond at Tuirial dumping site which was functional from last March. I am also happy to see that a separate fund has been provided for house construction of the poor under JNNURM.

There are only two things I want to say about Demand No. 22 - Sports and Youth Services. I am pleased about the way we organized the National Service Scheme. We have over 10,000 volunteers in schools and colleges. They have accomplished a lot of social works such as planting trees, constructing waiting sheds, donating blood, etc.

We have also mentioned in our manifesto that we will set up an NCC Air Wing during our ministry and we are working to make that a reality even as we speak. It is extremely expensive to learn to be a pilot but if the NCC Air Wing is set up, our youths can learn how to fly at a much lesser cost.

I am deeply pleased by the works the Sports Department has done so far. They have done an enormous amount of work to develop sports as we have promised. Rajiv Gandhi Stadium is currently under construction and also they have created a solid sports infrastructure. I am particularly pleased by the efforts given by the hon'ble Minister. After he has spoken with the proper officials, he has decided to build the stadium at Mualpui instead of trying to build it at AR Lammual, which is quite reasonable considering the fact that the previous ministry has failed to elicit an approval from the Assam Rifles.

The department has also established a sports academy and football academies at Kolasib, Kawnpui and Sairang and there is even a women Hockey Academy at Thenzawl.

The department has launched a project called 'Catch them Young' which is a systematic way of teaching sports to young boys and girls. They can choose which sports discipline they would like to pursue and on their chosen discipline, they will be taught by experienced coaches.

As we are all aware, Mizoram is a state with one of the highest literacy rate in the country yet we have very few people who can depend on their education for their livelihood. Therefore, I would like to stress the fact that sports has become a good source of income and it may even be a livelihood for many people. This is also a good indicator of the hon'ble Sports minister's prowess and strength.

I would like to say a few words of gratitude concerning the Minor Irrigation department. Due to the efforts of the department, there are many people who can manage to have permanent fields. Even in my constituency, the people from the villages of Tawipui, Thaizawl, Bualpui, Sethlun are able to depend solely on their fields for their livelihood.

However, they have too little man-power and their works could not progress as quickly as we would have liked.

Finally, Pu Dy. Speaker, I would like to move on to Forest. The government has made more efforts than ever before to prevent forest fire and yet there are still too many fires. It is said that sometimes the fire started from 2/3 places and I believe the matter must be examined seriously. 2 brothers have died due to forest fire in my constituency and their mother passed away 3 days after. I sought help from the RR and Forest department but they told me that there was no provision to help the family.

We need to step up our fire prevention system and even request the assistance of NGOs if necessary. We are a small state and we cannot afford to lose our precious forests to wild fires. Thank you.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. We are going to discuss 12 Demands under the portfolio of 3 ministers; hence, we cannot but be brief on each subject if we are to discuss them all. The departments under the hon'ble Minister, Pu H.Liansailova – Agriculture, Soil and Water Conservation, Fisheries and Minor Irrigation may be summed up under the NLUP Programme.

₹.100 crores was sanctioned for NLUP last year but the fund was not utilized to the disappointment of the people. A selection board was set up and the fund was supposed to be distributed this year. I do not know how much will be set aside for the programme this year but ₹.65 crores of the existing fund has already been used for other purposes which is very disappointing.

I do not know if you have made a mistake in your answer to the hon'ble member, Pu C. Ramhluna's question but you said that you have bought 4.80 quintals of sweet corn seeds at the price of ₹.10,08,000/- If this is true, it would mean that you have bought one quintal of seeds at the price of two lakhs, ten thousand rupees.

I consider Soil and Water Conservation under Demand No. 33 extremely important because it is the parent department for Agriculture, Horticulture, Fisheries and Minor Irrigation. If we neglect the department, it might be likely that NLUP programme will fail miserably.

We are running low on fresh water which is evident from the amount of rainfall recorded each year in Mizoram and lower than expected water level of Serlui 'B'. This will definitely affect our agricultural productivity in the future. Therefore, we need to address the issue quickly and as a parent department, Soil and Water Conservation department needs to tackle it in coordination with the other 7 departments which will also make a promising impact on the successful implementation of NLUP.

Unless we have an efficient soil and water management plan in the state, we are facing an uncertain future. Looking at the budgets for Water Resources Development, Land Reservation, Water Shed Management and Soil and Water Conservation Department, only ₹.83 lakhs has been allocated. All these departments are under one minister and I think at least ₹.300/400 lakhs should be allocated so that developmental works can be undertaken faster.

In your response to a question you said that 2890 metric ton of fish was produced this year. Supposing it is sold at ₹.50 per Kg, that would come to

₹.14.45 crores. In the meantime, the Central Fishery Development Board has rejected many applicants due to several reasons. It is essential to address this matter quickly.

I think Minor Irrigation has one of the best Performance Budgets and Work Programmes and their work so far is quite commendable. In any case, we need to find an alternate way of catching the fishes without draining the fish pond.

Moving on to Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs under Demand No.17, I urge the gas agents to improve their supply of domestic gas. They normally have 6600-8700 connections while MIZOFED have over 10,000 connections but with our current conditions, we have hardly enough to see us through a month. Furthermore, the private agents are better at providing the gas which is quite surprising considering that MIZOFED is a government agent. Isn't there anything the government can do about this? Will increasing their budget solve their dilemma? Domestic gas is an essential commodity and the department seriously needs to step up their effort.

Under Demand No. 36 which is Environment and Forest, broom plants are harvested (Mahal) in 8 districts making the business worth around ₹.36,000. I would like to suggest that we should include VC pass apart from the LSC, Land lease and periodic patta to obtain the order. This way, the indigenous people would have fewer problems from the contractors. Moreover, instead of the 'Mahal' we should develop the system of cutting bamboos so as to prevent hurting the forest. The top of the hills should be reserved while the banks of the river could be used as agricultural lands.

We are the only state without a sport stadium and now that preparations are made to construct one, it gives me great pleasure for the sake of our youths. I request that the sports department is even more strengthened and better equipped to enable them to undertake their work efficiently and quickly.

Let me speak briefly about Demand No. 26 – Information and Publicity. I heard that there is a proposal to grant pensions to journalists. If this could be arranged I am sure it will be a huge accomplishment. I am also pleased that a Journalist Welfare Fund of ₹.10 lakhs has been set aside for emergencies and medical bills. There is also a proposal to elevate their status to group 'A' level which I support wholeheartedly.

We do not have NREGS in the city and hence a 'Community Participation Law' has been proposed for the poor in the city. A DPR has been sent to the central but so far no action has been taken to implement the Bill.

In my speech the other day, the number of house construction approved by the ADA was heard by some people as only 576. As per the record I have here, the number of approved construction is 1276 while 600 were stayed due to different reasons.

Finally, we have received ₹.100,00,000 from Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation for the construction of a community hall at College Veng for which we are deeply grateful. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu P.P. Thawla.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. I would like to start with Demand No. 22 – Sports. I wish to let the hon’ble Sports minister understand that there are lots of extremely talented young men and women in rural areas who has even competed in the national and international levels. However, their potentials are not optimally developed due to financial difficulties.

I also request the minister to construct a standard level playing field at Palak constituency for the development of sports in and around the area. One of the reasons I enjoy visiting the villages under my constituency is that the Sports Department allow us to bring free footballs, volleyballs and nets for free distribution. Still, I request the minister to give us sufficient number of these sports goods so that we can give at least one each to the villages.

Under Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation, the department has employed several sweepers who sweep the roads and public places early in the morning. When they are finished, they go home to have their meal and after which they go back to the office. They normally finish their office duty within 2-3 hours but they are not allowed to go home until 2 in the afternoon. Most of these employees are mothers who are sorely needed by their children and hence I urge the minister to look into this matter and if possible let them be dismissed when they finish their duties.

I also want to know if someone could be appointed to clean the garbage at the junction between Khatla and Sainik Rest House since it is detrimental to the beautification of the city.

Under Demand No. 26, the former ministry used to give us 4/5 radios for distribution when we visit our constituencies. These devices are very important and useful to the villagers. Can the minister do the same for us and now that technology has developed at such a level, if televisions could be distributed for certain regions, they will be access many important information via the DDK programmes.

Coming to Demand No. 31 – Agriculture, although the ‘Look East Policy’ has been initiated, there is much too little progress due to poor road connectivity and transportation. There are many potential areas for farming in the south which could affect our whole agricultural economy if it is fully utilized. Therefore, I urge the government to take quick actions to improve the conditions of our roads and transportations. Also, if concrete flood control banks could be constructed for Vaihlo river, I am sure the agricultural productivity of the farms along the river bank would increase considerably.

I would also like to bring to the attention of the government that the North east part of Saiha constituency is extremely fertile for potato plantation but the people in these parts do not have potato seeds to start farming. If the government can provide them with the seeds, it would be a steady source of income for many poor villagers in the area.

A Soil Division has already been set up in Saiha and all the office building constructions has been completed. The PHE division has also functioned hence I request the government to enable the Soil Division to function as soon as possible as well.

I also request the government to set up a divisional office under an Executive Engineer to look after departmental works of Minor Irrigation.

Under Demand No. 17 – Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, we have depended almost wholly on the government for rice and other supplies since we are located at one of the remotest corners of the state and we have almost given up farming. Hence, I request the government to stock up supplies at our godowns before the severity of the monsoon hits the state and the roads are still passable. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Selthuama.

Pu R. SELTHUAMA : Thank you Pu Dy. Speaker. Under Demand No 46 – Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation, our hon'ble minister has given us numerous works in each localities. In fact, we have 30 construction works being undertaken as I speak and I am deeply grateful for his vigor and strength. I am also pleased that an amount of ₹.1681 lakhs has been sanctioned for the renovation of water pumps under UD&PA.

The hon'ble minister has decided to discard the old garbage trailers parked in various locations of the city since it is detrimental to the beauty of our city. They have also prepared an oxidation pond for dumping our sewage. With the funding from JNNURM, they have also built 408 houses for the poor at Lawipu and Chite veng.

Moving on to Demand No. 22 – Sports and Youth Services, the hon'ble minister has made giant leaps of progress in the department. He has introduced the project – Catch Them Young through which young talents are developed and coached to hone their skills. An artificial grass has been installed at Lammual and the ground-works for the construction of Rajiv Gandhi Stadium has already been initiated.

In the meantime, I would like to request him to finish the construction of the football field at Lawipu. Most of the works has already been completed but it needs a finishing touch and if the hon'ble minister could spare a few amount of funds, I would be extremely grateful.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let me interrupt you for awhile. Our time has come to an end but we obviously have not finished our business for the day. Should we continue? Very well, we will have a short break after Pu Selthuama has finished his speech and then we shall continue the discussion.

Pu R.SELTHUAMA : Let me speak about Environment and Forest briefly. Our forest reserve is dwindling as we all know. Can we find a way to develop our forest reserve quickly? If each family in the villages plants 5 trees each, we will have a good forest in a short time.

Coming to Foods and Civil Supplies, we are all aware of the gas supply shortage recently but due to the effort of the hon'ble minister, the problem has diminished slowly. In a locality situated at the outskirts of the city like ours, the supply shortage is felt more intensely and in the events of deaths occurring in our area, we usually do not have gas to make tea. Therefore, I want the good minister to understand our plights and give us a few cylinders for just such emergencies. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will take a break and resume our discussion at 4:30 pm.

4:30 PM

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

Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUIA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Before I speak about the Demands, I would like to tell you about the predicament of the farmers at S.Vanlaiphai and Muallianpui. These farmers were given 3000 orange seedlings by Horticulture department in 2004 and those orange trees have matured by now. However, the oranges were no bigger than the point of a thumb and they were extremely sour. They have spent almost a decade of their time to look after the trees which failed to yield anything worthwhile. This is an insult to their hard work and dedication and I sincerely hope the ministers who will look after the department in the future will refrain from doing something like this again.

In regard to Demand Nos – 31,32,33,47 I believe we need to step up our efforts for the development of convergence. The departments are closely related and they need to have a distinct budget allocation.

Concerning Minor Irrigation, I do not have much to say except an expression of gratitude to the hon'ble minister. There used to be virtually no work done in the irrigation department in my constituency but due to the efforts of the hon'ble minister, we now have a work programme and very soon they will commence works in the area.

Moving on to Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs under Demand No. 17, we constantly hear of domestic gas shortage in the whole country but due to the efforts and quick actions of the hon'ble minister, the problem has decreased from sometime back and I would like to thank him.

In regard to Demand No. 36 – Environment and Forest, it is apparent that we do not use the fund we get from CSS and Tribal Sub-Plan properly for reservation and protection of our forests. Now that new proposals are made for the projects, I urge the government to utilize the fund correctly so that the forests may be beneficial for the rural areas.

I also request the hon'ble minister to speed up the establishment of a Wildlife Division at Lunglei to look after Thorang and Khawnglung Wildlife Sanctuaries.

Under Demand No. 48 – Information and Communications Technology, I believe we are very fit to dive into the world of technology. We are resourceful and we get a feel of new things very quickly. Therefore, I request the hon'ble minister to develop the department as much as possible.

On Demand No. 46 – Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation, I commend the hon'ble minister for his achievements because we are surely the state with the highest 10 per cent GDS in the North east. Thank you.

Pu LALRINMAWIA RALTE : Thank you Pu Speaker. I would like to start with Sports department under Demand No. 22 because I have noticed huge developments in different disciplines under the department.

The hon'ble minister has used his keen intellect to promote sports in different ways and this motivated a lot of young men and women to pursue sports with all their hearts. There is one thing I would like him to promote more among our athletes and that is long distance running. The sport does not require the athletes to be tall or big boned and it is something us Mizos can do well even with our diminutive stature and physique.

In regard to Information and Publicity, I am pleased to note that a trust fund has been allocated for medical emergencies of journalists. If it is possible, can the department make postcards for visiting tourists?

I would like to request the hon'ble minister to look into the garbage dumping at New Secretariat Complex because it could affect our health and also it is detrimental to the beauty of the place.

Moving on to Demand No. 31 – Agriculture, I commend the hon'ble minister for introducing System of Rice Intensification (SRI). The new system has made a huge difference in paddy farming in the hills and the yield is said to be triple the current system. I went to one of the fields and even someone as simple as me could see the improvements.

Coming to Demand No. 33 – Soil and Water Conservation, it was recorded back in 1985 that there were 750 villages without proper drinking water. In 1998, the number rose to 65,000. This means that we are destroying our water sources at a rapid rate. Hence it is imperative that we act quickly to protect our precious land.

Pu Speaker, I am deeply impressed by the dedication of Forest Department. If I may suggest something Pu Speaker, March 20th was observed as 'World House Sparrow Day' all over the world. I had no idea that people consider the sparrow to be so precious. We have a lot of sparrow in our state and if we protect them and breed them, it could be a huge tourist attraction. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Let me begin with Demand No. 17 because I asked the question how much rice is sold to BPL and IAY beneficiaries and the answer was 35 Kgs. But this is not the case because the Retailer Association advised their members not to sell 35 Kgs. in their meeting on February 2008. The minister and the department should have been aware of this. Can this problem be solved because the families should receive their fair share.

We have been given the list of gas connections for each agency and the number far exceeds the number of households. Yet we are facing a grave gas scarcity. Why is this happening? Tampering with gas cylinder is still very common and the culprits are extremely hard to catch simply because the people living near the places where they tamper with the gas would not report them. Moreover, a State Consumer Protection Committee was set up in May 2009 and I am a member there but we have not set up a meeting so far. What is the point of setting up a committee if we are going to do nothing?

Under Demand No. 31, in an answer to my question during 2009 budget session you said that Farm Power and Machinery Directories are made under Macro Management of Agriculture. Then I asked if I may have a copy of the directory? What kind of tools and machineries have you ordered for the farmers so far? The answer was, there is no directory and that no machineries have been sent for.

I am very disappointed with these answers. There are smart tools and new technologies for agriculture. Let us provide our farmers with the latest technologies and implements.

I want to talk about anthurium under Demand No. 32 because the main export agent 'Zopar' does not usually pay the farmers until very late and they are having a lot of problems due to this. We should have 3/4 agents to create a competition and it would be easier to sell the flower for the farmers.

Moving to Agriculture, you have promised in your election manifesto and NLUP manuals that you will distribute ₹.1 lakh to NLUP beneficiaries within 5 years. However, on the 107th page of the government proceedings, the hon'ble Chief Minister said that you have never said you would distribute ₹.1 lakh. This is very confusing for the people. In any case, there is also confusion regarding the duration of the implementation. In his interview, the Chief Minister said it would be fully implemented within 4 years but when they assumed power, they said in their action plan that it would be implemented within 5 years while their manual said the whole state would be covered within 10 years. What should we believe?

Furthermore, you have allocated ₹.100 crores for distribution and yet it is almost a year since you have assumed power and so far not a single penny has crossed the hands of the people. Instead the money was diverted for the salaries of government employees.

During their previous ministry, they have promised to distribute ₹.30,000 under the same scheme but there were 8 community blocks that did not receive a single penny. Therefore, it is very discouraging for the people and the way they have started the implementation is extremely doubtful.

S P E A K E R : Since you are the group leader, I will allow you to continue for a few more minutes.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Concerning selection, the government set up a committee where prominent citizens are appointed. The committee examines the village level selection and base line survey made by the YMA and makes a list. However, the party unit makes their own list and submits them to the committee and the unit list is the one that is usually approved.

What is the point of setting up a committee if their list will not be accepted? You are only hurting the feelings of the committee or board members. Your manifesto also states that if you make a manual or guideline it would be passed in the House but I have no recollection of passing any rules of that kind. Your so called 'Farmers' Commission' has also not come to reality as yet.

Finally, you have threatened the people too much even when they have received nothing. If you are going to make threats and promises of punishments, the implementation should also be reliable and quickly initiated. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Dr. R . Lalthangliana

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Thank you Pu Speaker. First of all, I would like to congratulate the hon'ble minister of Forest department and the IFS Officers for their promotions.

Other states consider pollution control board very seriously in environment and forests and I think we should think of applying it in accordance with our needs. We should make use of the Board more.

I really think this ministry is very fortunate because you are enjoying the fruits of labour of the previous ministry without actually doing anything much. For instance, the matching share for the state used to be 75:25 under the Integrated Forest Protection Scheme but we spoke with other N.E. states and pressed the central to reduce our matching share. They agreed to fix the states' share to 90:10 and hence you are reaping the fruits of our harvest. I also request the government to continue with the recruitments we have made under 12th Finance Commission to protect the forests now that you have received a much larger funding under the 13th Finance Commission.

I hope the government can keep us informed on the progress made to protect the Dampa Tiger Reserve because we are one of the recipients of the Bio-Diversity Conservation for Rural Livelihood Improvement financed by the World Bank and we are among only six states selected in the whole country.

It is true that we have frequent forest fires lately as we have heard from the reports. Deforestation is sure to have a deep negative impact on our daily lives and hence we need to start initiating environment awareness programmes as much as possible. It is the people of this state who are destroying our forest reserves and we need to learn its harmful impact to our ecology.

Under Demands 26 & 45, I would like to request the minister to take necessary actions to construct a State Information Facility Centre & Vehicle Parking lot near the Information department office because the DPR has already been prepared during the previous ministry. Moreover, I hope the 2 vacant IPRO posts will be filled up shortly.

The Information department is a vital part of the government and most of the time they do not have sufficient vehicles to move and fro and we have tried to provide them motors even during our term but the lack of funds was a huge problem. Now that you have bigger budgets, I hope you will equip them with the required facilities.

Under Sports department, I request the hon'ble minister to take note of the fact that we have tried to construct a playground at Lunglei Rahsi veng with what little funds we can collect. The field is near Dhobi Mual and if additional funds could be sanctioned for its construction we can have a full fledged playground in the near future.

Moving on to DP&AR, you have said that the RC of Delhi has been transferred but the truth is that he is still in charge. I would like to know if his transfer order has been issued and why it is so hard for the government to complete his transfer.

Finally, I would like to urge the government not to hesitate to continue the works started and undertaken by the previous ministry such as the development of organic manure making because projects such as these will prove to be a boon for the state in the long run. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Pu R.L. Pianmawia.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : First of all, Pu Speaker, I would like to express my gratitude for allowing me to take leave of the session to visit the villages in my constituency who were struck by heavy rains accompanied by hurricanes. I also thank the House Leader for making the reports here in the House and sending whatever relief support available as quickly as possible.

Starting with Demand No. 31-Agriculture, the SDAO Office and quarters at Darlawn are in decrepit conditions and in need of full repairs and renovations and I request the hon'ble minister to provide us with the necessary funds to make the repairs or if possible, construct new offices and quarters. We also have very little and poor link roads. If you could construct a link road for the people of Zohmun up to Danlak, I would be very grateful.

Concerning the NLUP, such a big venture should be carefully prepared and planned and hence it might not be implemented as quickly as we would have liked and expected. This does not mean that no action has been taken so far. It only means we do not want a sloppy work and that we are merely being careful.

Demand 32 – Horticulture is the same as Agriculture department in my constituency in that they need a new office and quarter.

Under Soil and Water Conservation, they have given us only 5 kgs of coffee seeds last year which literally was an insult to the farmers. I request the minister to set up work programmes through the department as soon as possible.

Coming to Minor Irrigation, a work programme has been made for Belthleng and Tuiphu and I would like to request the hon'ble minister to include the Kani Valley. A project was started by the previous ministry at Sakawrdai but no activity has been seen since then. If you can complete the project I would be deeply thankful.

I would like to know why the fund sanctioned by the Forest department are handed over to the PWD has not been mobilized and used for the construction of the DFO Office.

In regard to Supply – Demand No. 17, our quota of kerosene has been reduced sometime ago. Now we can only buy 2 litres per card. I request the department to increase our quota as it was before.

Furthermore, gas shortage is a huge problem in my constituency because the transportation charge itself is a burden. If the department can make arrangements to ease our hardship we would be very grateful. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Let us invite the hon'ble minister Pu Liansailova to wind up the demands and beg leave of the House for its passage.

Pu H.LIANSILOVA
MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I am truly grateful for the advices, insights and suggestions of the 20 members who participated in the discussion.

First of all, there are few clarifications I would like to make. In regard to the observation of Pu Liantlinga about sweet corn, the corn was imported from France and the high price was to be expected. Pu P.P. Thawla pointed out that the cheque for the construction of Soil Conservation Complex building at Saiha was missing which is a fact, but we are going to make a duplicate cheque and the fund will be withdrawn shortly. Pu Lalhimpuia brought to the attention of the House that the orange trees at S. Vanlaiphai and Muallianpui bore sour, nugget fruits which was truly unfortunate considering the amount of time it takes for the trees to mature. It is very hard to determine the kind of fruits it would bear just from the seeds and we have also made other mistakes in the past. We are trying to establish a new technique and until the experiments are completed, I would like to advise the farmers not to grow the seeds.

Pu Lalthansanga said that the rivulet at Vanva under the Minor Irrigation has dried up this year and the farmers are facing a huge dilemma. We are considering irrigating the surrounding places with water from Varhva and I would like to assure him that our officers are looking into it.

In regard to NLUP, I would like to assure all of you that we have the money for its implementation; an Apex Board has already been set up and the surveys are already finished. The board has met on several occasions and we have submitted a DPR. Surprisingly, they took a keen interest in the programme and they made suggestions and wanted to know all about its planning and proposed implementation.

They have decided to give us ₹.100 crores to start the programme and the board has requested a sanction of ₹.448 lakhs for 2009-10. The rest of the fund, i.e. ₹.955 will be used to fill up the gap of other departments since there is no point in keeping it unused.

S P E A K E R : Did you mean ₹.100 lakhs instead of ₹.100 crores?

Pu H. LIANSILOVA : Yes, ₹.448 lakh and ₹.995 lakh is of
MINISTER : Planning department to be divided to
each of the department. As demanded by
Pu Lalduhoma, I had even furnished a
copy to him and I do not understand why some newspapers underlined wrong
information as being given to the House. At the same time, some local newspapers
highlighted that central minister of states for R.D. department, in reply to the question
in Rajya Sabha sitting, pointed out as no financial provision as being given to
Mizoram for NLUP. If this is a fact, I believe the said minister might have no
knowledge about it to give the right answer as we have not made any approach to him
concerning NLUP.

As pointed out earlier, DPR for NLUP is submitted to the
Planning Commission and it is them who help us convened a meeting from Prime
Minister's office and also made for us appointment to meet any concerned authorities.
Since we are able to get any help at anytime from the Planning Commission, there is
no reason for us to approach R.D. ministry. Pu Speaker, Planning Commission has
now finalized the amount of fund to be allotted to Mizoram for the year 2010-2011
and sanctioning order will soon be received.

Pu Speaker, the government is not intending to disburse NLUP
fund immediately after provision is obtained as it is important to carefully examine
each category of trade selected by the beneficiaries otherwise it may end up without
purpose as so experienced in the previous years. Hence, ₹.100 crore which has already
been received may be kept for disbursement along with more funds to come by the
coming year.

Pu Speaker, some members expressed their appreciation to the
government for free supply of 340 power tiller to cultivators. In this connection, let
me explain to the House that the government concerned about today's cultivators in
Mizoram as most of them are above 50 years of age as people of younger generation
are no longer interest in cultivation. Secondly, cultivation by means of shovel and
spade is exhaustive and outdated. Hence, the government decided to supply power
tiller to cultivators as a part of mechanization programme. It is a fact that the
government had given away power tillers to the selected beneficiaries with strict
regulation to be followed and by obtaining signature of each beneficiary on affidavit
to prevent the materials from disposing-off. Despite strict regulation maintained by
the government, it is regretted to learn that two of them have sold their tillers two
days ago. Thus, we were compelled to submit FIR to the police and the accused were
apprehended immediately which further left fate of the accused to be decided by the
court. In the same manner, unless the government has taken appropriate measure to
implementation of NLUP, apparently it may end up in smoke before achieving the
policy.

Pu Speaker, it is truly pleasing to learn that various members
are concerned with improvement of Soil & Water Conservation department. I must
say that departments from which personal benefit could not be obtained are usually
regarded as less important. In the same manner, Soil & Water Conservation, though
one of the oldest departments in Mizoram, is regarded as less important as allotment

of budget fund too is quite small. But leaders of this ministry seem to give interest for improvement of the department. Hopefully significant step may now be taken by the department if enough fund provision is made available.

Regarding irrigation, our leaders may consider the fact that ideal improvement could not be maintained by the department as Divisional office has not yet been set up in every district due to shortage of staff. I would also like to inform the House that apart from irrigation for low lying areas cultivation, the department determined to cover irrigation for hilly areas cultivation too.

Some members suggested combination of Agriculture Crop Husbandry and Research & Education Wing into one department. In this regard, it is to be noted that the said departments may be described as a separate department to each other but functioned as one department without problem. Likewise, KVK and ITC are now functioning under Research & Education Wing and thus able to make remarkable improvement compared to the previous system. It is to be noted by the members that all concerned departments are functioning in uniform as Agriculture & Allied Sector in order to keep coordination at the level of ministers, parliamentary secretaries and principal secretaries. In the same manner, all concerned officers may seem to function as a separate department but a good cooperation is maintained. Regarding organic farming, we will continue with using organic fertilizers whenever it is needed but without threatening the general people as it was done so in the previous years. With the help of fund provision received from central as well as from the state government, the department currently put intensive effort for construction of vermi-compost project. Regarding organic farming, Pu Speaker, the largest project is one which is planned to generate vermi-compost from waste materials from fruit processing plant of MIFCO at Chhingchip. The department now constructs more buildings for the said project and hopefully we may be able to utilize it by the end of this year. Apart from this, I am proud to mention that plant which has been set up by individuals in Kolasib, Saikhamakawn, South Hlimen, Sihphir and Lungdai already generated large amount of income.

Regarding production of Anthurium, there is an opinion to take up its marketing as monopoly trade in view of non existence of competition among the growers as there is no reason for the concerned growers too, to feel bad with the decision which may be decided in consultation with concerned department and leaders of Anthurium Growers Association.

Regarding greenhouse project, the concerned department once determined to increase number of beneficiary as we have seen some improvements. However, concerned director and officers were not much impressed with the attitude of certain members of the association who used to make money from the materials received from the department. Yet, the department, in favor of few growers who has given genuine interest in this particular business, determines to continue with supply of materials but at a low cost.

Last, but not the least, Pu Speaker, it may be noted by the members that the total output of rice cultivation in Mizoram last year is only 24,000

metric tons from plain area cultivation and 44,000 metric tons from hilly area cultivation, the total production that could serve Mizoram only for just 3 or 4 months. However, the department still has prospects for expansion of its resources as suggested by some members for improvement of cultivation in their respective constituencies. It may be difficult for the department to improve total production of rice instantly as on the other hand, it is necessary to put intensive effort to desertion of jhumming system.

In this connection, Pu Speaker, I dare say our government will not always afford to import rice from Punjab unless the system of allocation of ration supply maintained by our government is proportionally improved as this happened to be the one of the main obstacle for the development of our state. Hence, it is the policy of the government to concentrate on expansion of resources for production of rice as the department is now introducing SRI and double cropping system. It is to be noted that the afore mentioned free supply of power tiller and tractors too are meant to cope with this new policy.

Regarding suggestion of locally produced rice which may be purchased by FCI, it is not possible since Mizoram is a deficient state whereas FCI get involved only in surplus states.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, flowers may be purchased from retailers of Khatla, Vaivakawn or Chaltlang etc. If one supply flowers to the retailer none other than Zopar, he/she may not receive financial assistance from the department as the remaining flowers supplied to Zopar are reduced which indirectly blocked competition among the producers. I, therefore, opine the idea of monopolizing the business is not suggestive. Pu Speaker, is it necessary for concerned retailers to obtain permission from the government whereas flower is a free commodity? I opine it is enough for a particular retailer to advertize his business and suppliers will then decide which agency is reliable most. Thus, it is absolutely wrong to obstruct retailers except Zopar from attracting suppliers and license which is issued to a particular retailer may also be cancelled.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA : Pu Speaker, point raised by Pu
MINISTER Lalduhoma is quite informative as it is the case which is frequently mentioned while we were sitting in the opposition.

We will look into the matter and necessary action will be taken.

Pu Speaker, I now beg leave of the House to pass my demands for meeting expenses of the following departments such as: - Demand No.13 - Personnel & Administrative Reforms ₹.2,23,58,000/-, Demand No.31 - Agriculture

₹.84,68,80,000/-, Demand No.33 - Soil & Water Conservation ₹.18,51,94,000/-, Demand No.35 - Fisheries ₹.9,91,26,000/-, Demand No.47 - Minor Irrigation ₹.60,55,20,000/-, Total - ₹.194,50,82,000/- (Rupees one hundred ninety four crore, Fifty lakhs and eighty two thousand) only.

S P E A K E R : The hon'ble minister, after winding up the discussion, begged leave of the House to pass his demands for meeting expenses of the following departments such as: - Demand No.13 - Personnel & Administrative Reforms ₹.2,23,58,000/-, Demand No.31 - Agriculture ₹.84,68,80,000/-, Demand No.33 - Soil & Water Conservation ₹.18,51,94,000/-, Demand No.35 - Fisheries ₹.9,91,26,000/-, Demand No.47 - Minor Irrigation ₹.60,55,20,000/-, Total - ₹.194,50,82,000/- (Rupees one hundred ninety four crore, Fifty lakhs and eighty two thousand) only.

Members who agree to pass may say, 'Yes', and those who don't may say, 'No'. [Members: 'Yes'] Alright. This House has unanimously passed Pu Liansailova, the hon'ble minister's demands for meeting expenses of the following departments such as: - Demand No.13 - Personnel & Administrative Reforms ₹.2,23,58,000/-, Demand No.31 - Agriculture ₹.84,68,80,000/-, Demand No.33 - Soil & Water Conservation ₹.18,51,94,000/-, Demand No.35 - Fisheries ₹.9,91,26,000/-, Demand No.47 - Minor Irrigation ₹.60,55,20,000/-, Total - ₹.194,50,82,000/- (Rupees one hundred ninety four crore, fifty lakhs and eighty two thousand) only.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA
MINISTER** : Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Let me now call upon Pu H. Rohluna, hon'ble minister to wind up discussion in respect of his concerned departments and then beg leave of the House to pass it.

**Pu H. ROHLUNA
MINISTER** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Since most of the family in Mizoram depends on food supply from the government, it may be taken for granted even if the public as well as the members criticized the standard of concerned department. However, it is truly pleasing to hear from the members valuable suggestions and constructive criticism for improvement of Foods & Civil Supply department. Pu Speaker, I may

not be able to react to each and every point mentioned by the members due to limit of time. Yet, it may be noted by the members that officials from my department noted down every points mentioned and action may be taken as necessary.

Pu Speaker, quality of ration supply received by VIP/MLA is criticized by some members that it is not good enough. It is to be noted that our VIP/MLA too received same quality supplied to the general public.

Regarding suggestion to increase supply quota issued to BPL and IAY beneficiaries i.e. 35 kgs which is considered as less sufficient, I want to inform the House that the amount is fixed from the central and we are not authorized to change it. The government, in view of the need of such families, somehow determined to arrange it from undelivered supply quota allotted to APL families to supplement deficiency of BPL and IAY beneficiaries and issued them on subsidized rate.

Some members suggested procurement of higher quality of rice from some private firms, it may be noted that there was a trial during the previous ministry but it was considered to be not applicable mainly due to the problem of quality control. Apart from this, private firms are considered as not being able to afford supply of all the demands as the department sometimes requires bulky supply. It is, therefore, easiest mean for the government to make it from FCI.

Pu C. Ramhluna has repeatedly pointed out problems of head loaders of supply of rice. As the problem concerns remote corner of Mizoram, we may not be able to understand absolutely. I, therefore, request concerned member to verify the problem and whether the assigned retailers let concerned villagers carry supply of rice by head loading and ignored them to reimburse the carrying charge. Concerned retailer may be replaced as necessary if he is found guilty. Pu Speaker, it may be more appropriate if we discuss the matter with Pu Ramhluna later in my office so that we may resolve the case immediately.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, I opine it is enough if directorate instructed concerned DFO to provide 15% or 20% for head loading charge.

Pu H. ROHLUNA : Pu Speaker, it is against the rules and it is not possible for the department to go that far. The department should place the bill to a particular retailer for disbursement but not directly to concerned head loader.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, the problem may not be resolved if the hon'ble minister insisted on not changing the procedure. It may be noted that carrying contractors are usually quite possessive when LOC is made available. If instruction is given from directorate to make a reservation for payment of head loading charge, it will certainly be followed and the problem will then be resolved. Pu Speaker, may the hon'ble minister kindly follow as suggested?

Pu H. ROHLUNA : Pu Speaker, I supposed I have enough explanation that it is not possible as the department already inherited large amount of outstanding carrying bills and MINISTER for payment which has not yet been made due to financial constraint in the department. Apparently the main reason for existence of enormous amount of outstanding bill is ignorance of erstwhile leader to make regular payment of carrying bill deliberately as free supply of rice is received from the central disaster management during the year 2004-2005. Yet, intensive effort has been made to normalize the situation.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, one question please. I am informed that it is allegedly a common practice with staff of Account Branch of Supply department to purchase carrying bill from some contractors and are being processed instantly whereas rest of the bill are lagging behind. It will be pleasing if concerned minister look into the matter with immediate effect.

Pu H. ROHLUNA : Pu Speaker, I assure the member that MINISTER necessary action will be taken if names of the staff who are involved in the case are furnished. Pu Speaker, any bill, before and after this ministry are under-processed but in order of seniority. If anyone learnt misappropriation with the process, please inform and I am ready to take action.

Some members pointed out about digital weigh bridge being installed at go-down of Zuangtui and Serchhip. In this connection, let me inform the House that the said machineries functioned already and we are now able to maintain strict discipline on incoming and outgoing retailers of the said go-downs. Even though the department desires to install the said machineries at all go-downs, we could not afford to do as yet due to lack of fund. As questioned in the previous discussion, Weighing charge is fixed as follows: - ₹.150/trip for Heavy vehicle, ₹.100/trip for

Medium vehicle and ₹.270/trip for Pick-up truck (large size) and ₹.50/trip for small size.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, whether accurate measurement of weight of stock delivered by retailers are checked before delivery? If so, whether is it possible for concerned retailers to take accurate measurement for issue of BPL quota as the amount which is determined as 35 kgs is usually less than 35 kgs?

Pu ROHLUNA : Pu Speaker, malpractice in dealing of
MINISTER BPL supply obviously existed during and before 2008 only and it is barely heard since 2009 as the department of Legal

Metrology conduct a regular check. It is to be noted that the government, in order to improve the system, insisted on any retailers to go through the said measurement. Besides, instruction is given to retailers to use appropriate measurement. If any retailer disobeys instruction of the department, necessary action will be taken against him.

Regarding misappropriation of supply of rice, the department has taken steps to reduce the practice. Bawngkawn Police Station has even received FIR in connection with misappropriation of 28 bags of rice and 8 persons were arrested for mishandling 209 bags and the case is under processed. In the same manner, FIR is submitted against 5 persons for mishandling 32 nos. of LPG (gas) cylinders. A member from Aizawl West-1 seems to know persons who are involved in such cases. If so, their names may be furnished so that the department will be able to take necessary action. It is pleasing that even the hon'ble home minister has informed us of his suspicion at one place where he witnessed someone mishandling supply of rice last Saturday. Immediately, I have instructed the director and inspector of the department to pursue the matter instantly. Thus, we were able to catch wrongdoers in red-handed and 100 bags of rice were then recovered on the spot.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, we have made numerous efforts to catch such kind of people at our own discretion but in vain as they obviously have a strong link. I am convinced that the department also knew such incidents as a member from Tuivawl constituency too pointed out that such strayed supply of rice is greatly benefitted by some people of his constituency.

Pu H. ROHLUNA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, it is not an easy task for the department to catch those persons as they all seem to be aware of the presence of inspectors in the vicinity. Thus, it is not right to lay the blame only on inspectors. Anyway, intensive effort is made by the department to eradicate such practices.

Regarding long delay of food supply's carrying bill, I must say that we have no choice as financial constraint existed in the department. Thanks to the effort made by the hon'ble Chief Minister and the department of Finance, we, somehow manage to relief the situation as larger portion of carrying bill has now been cleared and the rest depends on financial condition of the government. Suggestion to stock supply of rice particularly in remote areas where approach road are not available, the department already placed some stocks in certain areas to prevent the people from starving in rainy season.

Regarding State Consumers' Protection Council Meeting, Pu Laduhoma asked whether he still is a member of the meeting. Pu Speaker, I am not sure of his membership as a meeting convened last year at I & PR Auditorium appointed fresh members. It is regretted as a meeting could not be convened on regular basis yet, it may be done so as early as possible.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : How about the question regarding Petrol & Diesel? Whether concerned department pursued the matter?

Pu H. ROHLUNA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I apologize for missing out this important question. Pu Speaker, concerned inspectors maintain a regular check on petrol and diesel stocks whereas stocks which are disqualified are publicized through medias. Presently, Legal Metrology has 708 petroleum tankers and 892 diesel tankers the quality which are checked already and out of which some are found not fit for vehicle. Regarding imposition of penalty, it is often a problem for the concerned authority to keep a particular loaded tanker for a while as it contains explosive material. Usually oils which are certified as unfit were sent back. Yet, there are some against whom penalty is imposed. As mentioned already, the concerned staff are busy enough in checking such commodities and effort made by them is commendable as they never fail to give a timely report to supply department.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, concerned minister may kindly consider imposition of penalty to owner/driver of contaminated oil tanker and if necessary, such rules may be amended so that person involved in such cases should not get away without deserved penalty.

Pu H. ROHLUNA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, we have rules concerning this case yet, its application seems to be the hardest part. Anyway, we will look into the matter and if necessary, action may be taken.

Coming now to Forest department, obviously there is someone in Mamit Division who collects broomsticks for marketing without the knowledge of the existence of mahalder. Concerned department may deal with the case and action will be taken as necessary. Apart from LSC, land lease pass and periodic patta, there is a suggestion to entertain pass issued by Village Council for this business. Pu Speaker, VC pass is often issued within forest reserved areas and in some deep forests. It is, therefore, a problem for concerned authority to deal with the case as it concerns democracy. Thus, it may be considered by the authority if one ran his plantation within the area covered by his pass and is verified to be his, concerned mahalder should not have control over such plantations. Hence, it is to be noted that owner of that plantation is authorized to sell his product anywhere within or outside Mizoram.

Regarding VFDC report sanction, certain members criticized as it has been delayed too long. The department too, speculates reason for the delay and irregularity as financial sanction is received only by the end of this financial year. It is possible even for the members to acknowledge the delay to be true since sanction copy is not made available to them as it is coming from the central but not from the state plan.

Regarding severe burning of forests in Mizoram, Pu Speaker, it is very unfortunate for us to suffer the problem continuously as intensive effort has been made to abate the situation. I opine it is important for us all to cooperate with the government in giving awareness campaign as most of the incidents are apparently started purposely whereas some are due to carelessness. In this connection, I would like to inform the House that the committee, from the coming year, will fix a date for all concerned villages to burn their fields which will be determined from the day when forest clearing work is completed by a particular village and the date will soon be announced.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, the case is quite serious. We have been informed several times the need for concerned staff to maintain interaction with concerned villagers by making a regular visit to their villages. May the concerned minister make commitment in this regard?

Pu H. ROHLUNA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, instruction is given by the department on regular basis. While the department consider itself that an ideal attention is given at its own capacity, it may be difficult for concerned people to agree with it. In this connection, it is the members of this House who clearly understand that insufficiency of staff is the main drawback. Anyway, the department may give more effort to resolve the problem.

Regarding contract basis employees under 12th Finance Commission, most of the members seem to feel the problem as Pu Thangtea and Pu C. Ramhluna have even submitted application on their behalf. The government is bound to terminate their service as the 12th Finance Commission under which their pay is sanctioned will come to an end by 31st March, i.e. tomorrow. Their fate depends on financial provision to be received by the coming 13th Finance Commission. It is unknown whether enough sanction for their pay will be made available. The government understands their problem but it has no reason to let them continue with their service in such condition now.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, if we examine the case as underlined by the 13th Finance Commission, it is clear that priority is given to Forests Protection and hence it does not make the difference whereas their appointment is made through employment exchange, DP & AR and Finance & Planning. I, therefore, opine continuation of their service is prerequisite.

Pu H. ROHLUNA
MINISTER : It is against the rules to let them continue with their services as the term is ended. Their future may be determined by the committee as the government too, is concern with their welfare as each of them has a family who are totally depending on their services.

Regarding additional central assistant as pointed out by some members, Pu Speaker, let me inform the House that Planning Commission, through

the ministry already sanctioned ₹.38 crore for this year whereas actual amount to be received at the first phase is ₹.4.38 crore. This financial provision is supposed to be utilized for improvement of Safety Reserve as well as Supply Reserve. As of suggestion for shifting of forest reserved from riverine to hilly areas, Pu Speaker, the idea is undoubtedly good. But we are not in a condition to accept it instantly as this plan seems to take a long process as all the reserved areas are recorded under the Supreme Court by means of affidavit. Hence, it will be necessary to obtain permission of the Supreme Court to make the replacement.

Regarding Bio-Diversity Livelihood Project taken up under World Bank for Dampa Tiger Reserve project, Pu Speaker, it is a common concern of past and present leaders of our state. However, effective step could not be taken as authority concerned for awareness does not include yet, Tiger Reserve at Phase-I of the project. Hopefully, this may be included at Phase-II. In this regard, it may be noted that the problem happened to be one of the main concerns of the department and we continue to take necessary action.

Regarding construction of DFO quarters at Darlawn Pu Speaker, I have nothing to say as it is the purview of PWD.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, we have seen here existing list of mahalder under Division-10. But the hon'ble leader of the House reported that their license is under suspension for the time being. Whether their license still exists?

Pu H. ROHLUNA : Pu Speaker, what the hon'ble MINISTER member stated concerns mahalders of bamboos only and not of broomsticks.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, with the coming of 13th Finance Commission, obviously there is a dispute between MNF and Congress party over appointment of mahalders, who are said to be suspended for the time being. Since both the parties already had chance for making the appointment in their previous terms respectively, it may be left for the decision of my party this time.

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, it may be taken for granted if broomsticks seized at check gate was for sale. The exact case is that concerned authority apparently insisted on taking action even after hearing explanation from poor owner of the materials which were collected from his garden and from roadsides and were not meant to be sold. Besides, concerned authority, after 2 or 3 days informed the owner to deliver his materials at the rate of ₹.7/-. Pu Speaker, I opine attitude of concerned authority towards poor farmer is not fair and this is the reason we are insisting on the minister to verify the case.

Pu ROHLUNA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I supposed I have explained the matter already.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, I opine it is not appropriate for Forest department to determine the case on land base, periodic patta and LSC. I opine it is enough to determine the case on the basis of Village Council pass if it is validated.

Pu H. ROHLUNA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the member seems not to understand the process clearly. He may ask the Revenue department as to whether Village Council is authorized to issue garden pass.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, most of the garden passes we have seen today are issued by concerned Village Council and this seems to be the main reason for the problem we are now discussing as government order does not cover the village area.

Pu H. ROHLUNA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, coming back to the department of Food & Civil Supply, the department manages to issue ration quota to the beneficiary of BPL and IAY on a regular basis. However, we are compelled to make alternative arrangement for APL which is less sufficient as central government could not provide the sanction as

normal allocation. It is important for the House to witness that the government, as a government of the people, gives all possible efforts to bring regular supply of food grains for the people whereas expenditure incurred by the government for supply of rice on subsidized rate during this financial year is amounting to ₹.92 crore. Pu Speaker, it may be noted that the government, despite the existing financial constraint, spent more than ₹.92 crore so that the people acquired supply of rice at a subsidized rate.

In this connection, Pu Speaker, go-down with a capacity of 3,000 metric tons is under construction at Champhai and Serchhip. Apart from this, financial provision for construction of the same at Lunglei with a capacity of 1,000 metric tons and 500 metric tons each for Mamit and Aibawk has also been obtained and the sanction will be deposited under PWD.

As pointed out earlier, Weigh Bridge installed at Muanna Go-down of Zuangtui and Serchhip which are now functioning smoothly are privatized. Hence, we are expecting to reduce the practice of misappropriation of food stocks which is frequently heard in the previous years. As of go-down at Vairengte, the building remains unrepaired due to shortage of fund yet, it is intended to be taken up as soon as possible.

Regarding ration quota of sugar, allotment is determined on the basis of 2001 census whereas quota of Mizoram is only 6,600 kgs per month. It is regretted that sugar could not be issued to the public as demanded.

Regarding supply of LPG, it is, in a way, difficult to meet the requirement since it is the essential need of every household. Even so, the supply to Mizoram is said to be the most regular among the North-eastern states thanks to the effort of concerned department, company and distributors. To improve the supply, Borkhola bottling plant which is done manually is now being upgraded by installation of electronic filling machine. Installation of this new machine is expected to complete by the month of June. As for bottling plant at Mualkhang, the General Manager assured us that installation of electronic filling machine will be started from January. The latter is delayed due to plan for replacement of second-hand machine with new one for which quotation is being collected. Hopefully, installation of the new machine with double capacity of the existing one will be completed within this year. Pu Speaker, I would also like to inform the House that a couple of new gas agencies are inaugurated recently such as Zothan Indane Gas Agency of Luangmual, M&B Indane Gas Agency of Khatla and another one at Seling which will soon be inaugurated. Besides, advertisement has already been made for Kulikawn but the company has not yet finalized the selection. Under the Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitruk scheme, proposal for 18 dealers is sent to the company out of which proposal for only 8 major towns such as Saitual, Darlawn, Ngopa, W. Phaileng, Kawnpui, Thenzawl, Chawngte and Sangau are being processed. Regarding POL, we have no problem with the supply, thanks to the effort of the dealers and owners of oil pump.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, in view of convenience to the people concerned, proposal which has been submitted for my constituency is planned to be shifted to Bungtlang.

Pu H.ROHLUNA MINISTER : We have already informed our decision to concerned authority but it may not be included at first phase as it is determined on population basis.

Regarding Consumer Affairs, Consumers' Help Line is now installed at Consumers' Union Office. Anyone is now able to submit query to the Consumers' Union Office at toll free. The office, like other offices, has its own staff who work very hard for the department and the people concerned.

Regarding Legal Metrology, I could only say that despite the problem of insufficiency of staff and shortage of fund for construction of departmental office in each district, service rendered by officers and staff remains constant.

With your permission Pu Speaker, let me inform the House, the Report of Forests Survey of India regarding area of Mizoram covered by forest that Pu Speaker, 88.23% in 2005 has climbed up at 91.27% in 2009. On the contrary, it is sad to learn from the report that the area covered by dense forests is only 64%. Existence of only 69.71% of open forest in our state indicates that enormous effort is required to rebuild our forests. I presume improvement of this growth rate is due to trees and bamboos which were destroyed by the practice of jhum cultivation in the previous years which are now flourishing again.

Regarding working plan and scheme of Forest department, we have only one approved working plan and scheme at present which is for Kawrthah division. Approach has been made to central ministry to approve the same for Kolasib and Thenzawl but positive response has not yet been received. Pu Speaker, I would like to inform the House that the 12th & 13th Finance Commission considered this matter as priority and so does department. During 2009-2010, the department exported 1983 cubic of timber outside the state by means of 124 rail wagons. There is an instruction from central ministry to form in every state, Compensatory of Afforestation Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) to take charge of Net Present Value (NPV) and revenue which may be collected from compensatory afforestation. Such collected funds may be utilized with the approval of central ministry which may be given following the desire of steering committee, governing body or executive committee of the concerned state.

Regarding preservation of wildlife, the people are now beginning to have awareness, thanks to the effort of concerned department. Presently, we have 1240.75 sq.km of wildlife sanctuary or the National Park in 10 places which

are all under the maintenance of Forest department from centrally sponsored scheme. Apart from this, the department undertakes the work of forest protection and wildlife prevention. In this connection, I would like to express my gratitude in the House that the House Leader and the cabinet meeting, keeping in mind of shortage of staff, grants permission for recruitment of 10 foresters and 30 forest guards on which necessary action is taken so that it is started with immediate effect.

Regarding Additional Central Assistance Pu Speaker, it is to be noted that Mizoram have received this assistance most regularly comparing with other states. The central targeted ₹.38.17 crore in favor of Mizoram out of which sanction of ₹.4.30 crore only is received due to limit of time. Even so, I do hope that it will be greatly benefitted for the purpose of safety reserve, supply reserve and forest reserve if it is utilized appropriately.

Regarding State Development Agency (SDA), central government slightly changed the system and this resulted formation of Reserved Operational Guidelines, 2009 of Forest National programme come into being. Thus, the State Forests Development Agency like other society should have its registration according to the guidelines. Bye-law which has been prepared for this agency is now forwarded to law department for vetting.

Pu Speaker, it is pleasing to learn that under the 13th Finance Commission, we are going to receive ₹.171.20 crore at the expense of Forests department for the year 2010-2015 whereas under the 12th Finance Commission, only ₹.25 crore is received. It indicates that concerned leaders and officials have rendered their valuable thoughts and relentless efforts to bring out this result. At the first phase, ₹.21.40 crore will be sanctioned for the year 2010-2011 and the same amount for the following year. From 2012-2013 up to the next 3 years, the amount will be increased at ₹.42.80 crore. It is to be noted that the question of achievement of the working schemes as well as our working plans depends on whether our performance impress central authority to release the said provision on a regular basis.

Pu Speaker, I may conclude my speech with this portion as my time is very limited. So, I now beg leave of the House to pass Demands of the departments under my concern such as: - Demand No. 17 - Foods, Civil Supply & Consumer Affairs Department ₹.2,30,68,41,000/- and, Demand No. 36 - Environment & Forests Department ₹.40,60,21,000/- Total - ₹.2,71,28,62,000/-. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Pu H. Rohluna, after winding up the discussion, begged leave of the House to pass Demands of the departments under his concern such as: - Demand No. 17, Foods, Civil Supply & Consumer Affairs Department - ₹.2,30,68,41,000/-, Demand No. 36, Environment & Forests Department - ₹.40,60,21,000/-. Total -

₹.2,71,28,62,000/-. Members who agree to pass may say 'Yes' and those who don't, may say, 'No'. [MEMBERS: 'Yes'].

Alright. This House unanimously passed Demands of the hon'ble minister Pu H. Rohluna such as Demand No. 17 - Foods, Civil Supply & Consumer Affairs Department- ₹.2,30,68,41,000/- and, Demand No. 36 - Environment & Forests Department - ₹. 40,60,21,000/-. Total - ₹.2,71,28,62,000/-.

Pu H. ROHLUNA : Thank you, Pu Speaker.
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S P E A K E R : Next, let us call upon Pu Zodintluanga, the hon'ble minister to wind up the discussion on his demands and then beg leave of the House to pass it.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Before I begin
MINISTER my speech, here is a typing mistake with figure given for Housing at Kolasib-II which may be corrected as 250 nos.

At the outset, I thank each of the member who appreciate my service to the people as a minister which I have performed short handedly. Let me start my speech with Demand No. 26 - Information & Public Relation department. Pu B. Lalthlengliana has pointed out his concern for Music & Film Industries and Cable T.V. In this regard, it may be noted that guidelines for Central Cable T.V. Regulation, 2005 is enforced by D.C and Police department in which Information & Public Relation department is just one of its members. I believe suggestion he had made will be benefitted.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : One minute, Pu Speaker. I have made
that suggestion as I think it is inappropriate for D.C. or others to take the said charge. May the minister determine to change the system as suggested?

Pu ZODINTLUANGA : I do not think it is possible to settle the case as suggested here in the House as it concerns Act. Yet, the case may be examined later if necessary.

Dr. Lalthangliana has pointed out about multi-level building. It is to be noted that DPR submitted at that time was of 10% lumpsum grant. However, concerned authority, just before the sanction is received notified its objection of 10% lumpsum grant in respect of the project of Mission City under JNNURM which concerns notified city and district capital. Hence, we are approaching concerned authority to re-examine the case for which a separate DPR is being prepared for submission to DoNER or JNNURM.

As known to us all, the main objective of Information & Public Relation department is to build a good relationship between the government and public thereby giving awareness to the public, plans and performance of the government through media and to inform the government the opinion and needs of the public concern. As pointed out by certain members, amendment for maintenance of journalist welfare fund is under consideration. A common practice of utilization of unspent fund allotted to journalist welfare fund for organizing a free trip travel for concerned members, after re-examined, is determined to be granted to any member who is critically ill for maintenance of his health whereas in this system, the said fund is benefitted only by bereaved family of concerned member but not by the member himself. Besides, Pu Speaker, approach has been made to concerned authority to convert this fund into non-lapsable so that unspent balance, if available, may be utilized in the succeeding year.

Pu Speaker, I would also like to inform the House that the department arranged every year tour programme for old-age persons of remote areas to offer them a life time opportunity to see various places in Aizawl.

It has been mentioned a couple of times, problem of insufficiency of Information Service members. In pursuance of permission of the government, 6 persons were recruited for the said posts through MPSC.

Coming now to Demand No. 48 - ICT department, it is pleasing to hear from certain members the importance of ICT and suggestion for improvement of the department. Pu Speaker, I want to inform the House that the department is concerning with providing job opportunity to numerous unemployed youths today. In this regard, good connectivity is highly necessary as we already have number of youths who run business through internet such as online ticketing etc. The only connectivity available now is BSNL which is maintained through V-SAT and internet speed provided which is quite slow to serve the purpose. Hence, Pu Speaker, we have determined Power GRID Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL) which covers networking of most of the major states in India to bring into Mizoram. In pursuance of this plan, the hon'ble Chief Minister approached Power minister of central ministry for extension of networking Power Grid Corporation of India (PGCIL) to Mizoram and a positive response from the said has already been received.

As a consequence of the effort made by the hon'ble Chief Minister, survey work of networking through Optic fibre cable for Aizawl and other essential process has already been completed. We are informed that networking may be started within this year.

S P E A K E R : One minute please. Which department is now in-charge of ZENICS? Is it Industry?

Pu ZODINTLUANGA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I will explain it. ICT, even though a small department has made rigorous efforts. One of them is to set up plan for introduction of office procedure which is determined to be done through the national e-governance. The main objective is to reduce excessive usage of papers for purchase of which large scale corruption always prevail. Under this plan, the most notable step to be taken is project for Statewide Area Network which covers internet network for Aizawl connecting the entire district headquarters as well as block headquarters and vice versa. The work is put under the charge of ZENICS which once functioned under Industries department but now taken up by ICT. Work tender is now under processed and as soon as it is completed the work will be started. Secondly, there is another plan of what we called Data Center which is planned to be set up at ITC building. Step has been taken for immediate process of the work tender. The main objective of this plan is to store all the data which may be collected from every department under the government of Mizoram. Such data will be made accessible to anyone through internet. Under ICT, Common Service Centre is being set up in 136 villages. After completion of this project, any cultivator in remote places, without visiting Aizawl necessarily, will be able to obtain data or any information through internet. Jhoom Developer Limited has already been selected through tender to undertake maintenance of Common Service Centre. The system of telemedicine which the hon'ble minister has repeatedly stated will then be able to function when it is completed. Again, we have another project called E-District for which Aizawl district is selected as its pilot project. To take up the project, we have recently selected Teledata Company through tender. The main objective of this plan is computerized issue of various kinds of application form to the public which is presently obtained from D.C. office.

Apart from this Pu Speaker, I am proud to mention that there are financial sanctions for some departments which has already been obtained as a result of DPR prepared and sent to their respective lines through ICT such as: -

- 1) Computerization of Taxation Department – ₹.9.30 crore;
- 2) Computerization of Land Revenue Department – ₹.10.56 crore;
- 3) Computerization of Food, Civil Supply & Consumer Affairs Department - ₹.27.43 (Under completion);

- 4) Computerization of Planning Department - ₹.7.9 crore;
- 5) Computerization of Finance & Treasury Department - ₹.10.75;
- 6) Computerization of District Computer Training Programme for Employability of Rural Youths in Mizoram – ₹.2.96 crore (Applied through NEC);
- 7) Computerization of State Service Delivery Gateway & State Porter - ₹.8.61 crore; (Applied through ICT Department).

Besides Pu Speaker, we have DPR of 8 departments which are under completion, such as: -

- 1) Computerization of Rural Development Department;
- 2) Computerization of Health & Family Welfare Department;
- 3) Tourism Department;
- 4) Transport Department;
- 5) Agriculture Department;
- 6) Education Department;
- 7) Social Welfare Department;
- 8) Labour & Employment Department.

Moreover Pu Speaker, we are expected to complete plan for setting up of at least 33 nos. of Mobile Communication Tower within this year whereas total number of tower to be planted is 71 nos. Approach has been made to contractor to complete construction of at least 33 towers within this year. The government gives priority to this project as it concerns Mobile Facilities Communication projected from the central government for rural people. It is intended to appoint Mobile Operator for each of the 71 mobile towers.

Pu Speaker, my department also initiated plan for setting up of Geographical Information Center (GIC) to determine geographical feature of a place and its resources on the basis of Land Resources Information System. This plan is meant for the benefit of each department as a source of information relating to water, pipe, road, power transmission line etc. For example, Power department could easily locate the portion which may stop power supply just by clicking the button of the department.

Pu Speaker, ZENICS is now under the maintenance of ICT with an efficient staff who works very hard for improvement of I.T. department.

In regard to I.T. related section, Pu Speaker, there was not a specific distribution of charge under government of the previous ministry in which Software Technology Park is placed under the maintenance of Industry department whereas some other are under the department of Planning. Hence, the government has numerous problems to sort out. When it is completed, it will be benefitted not only for alleviation of unemployment problem among the youths, but also for upholding transparency in the system of departments under the government of Mizoram. Hopefully, this will also play an effective role in dealing the business of our government with the central or government of other states.

Demand No. 46 - Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation. Pu Speaker, UD & PA is a new department yet, the fastest growing department. It concerns sanitation of urban townships and supporting underprivileged families in such towns which had been declared by 2001 census as urban area. In addition, it also covers maintenance of 22 villages. Fortunately, Lawngtlai town is also included in the scheme even though it was not declared as an urban area. Thus, there are 23 numbers of village/townships under the maintenance of UD & PA department.

As previously mentioned, UD & PA department concerns development of infrastructure of urban areas and the people relating to supply of clean water, sanitation, municipality and matter which deals with solution for congested township. Out of the total participation of 11 members, the majority expressed their appreciation to the steps taken by the department which truly are encouraging to the department. We have listened from Pu Lalrobiaka and Pu P.P. Thawla the need for enhancement of the department thereby criticizing the prolonged working hours of sweepers who usually begin their daily work at dawn. In this regard, it is to be noted that as a government servant, a sweeper is supposed to render 8 hours service for the government. After doing the assigned work in the morning, he should attend on time roll call at the office. He will then continue to stay at the office for emergency duty up to 2:00 PM. Under the department of Sanitation, there are 47 vacant posts. Despite insufficiency of staff the existing staffs give intensive effort with a determination to upgrade Aizawl to be the cleanest city in the country.

Regarding Community Participation Law as pointed out by Pu Liantlinga, drafting of the bill is already completed last year. It may be noted that the need for amendment of Municipal Act in the House relatively compelled amendment of the Community Participation Law Bill too. Drafting of the bill is completed and as soon as it is vetted by Law department, it will be laid on the table of the House for passing.

Pu Lalrinmawia Ralte pointed out his concern for stockpiled garbage in New Secretariat Complex. It is to be noted that the government allotted a convenient place for stockpiling garbage and one who failed to obey the order obstruct the rules. It is not fair to lay the blame fully on the government or public concerned. To maintain cleanliness, what we need is mutual understandings and a good cooperation between the government and the people. In this connection, the government introduced Public Private Partnership (PPP) by obtaining cooperation from Village Council and NGOs to take initiative for the programme of Clean Aizawl City. Besides, the government benefitted participation of the students without whom the programme might not have been achieved. Much as well, Pu Speaker, media too, plays a very important role for the achievement of the programme. I, therefore, on behalf of the department express my appreciation to various agencies who participated in the programme.

Pu Speaker, I opine it is necessary to make brief explanation of the system of my department, Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation. Directorate is the main body and is the department under which number of centrally sponsored scheme such as JNNURM, UYDSSMT, SJSRY, etc. are implemented. Under

JNNURM, there are 2 sub-missions such as Urban Infrastructure & Governance and Basic Service to the urban poor which concerned for Integrated Housing & Slum Development Programme. The department also is concerned with the aforesaid 10% lump-sum grant. Apart from this, we have State Investment Programme Management & Implementation Unit (SIPMIU) under the Ministry of Urban Development which concern the programme for upgradation of each capital city of the north-eastern states. SIPMIU is established to take charge of maintenance of Aizawl Water Supply project (Trance-I, Trance-II and Trance-III) which is intended to complete within the period of 2009-2015. Trance-II covers Solid Waste Management of 2010-2015 and Trance-III covers 2011-2015. The project is now started from Aizawl East. In this connection, it is to be noted that the main objective of Solid Waste Management is to protect landslide due to lack of sewerage system. The government, therefore, introduced the project for drainage of waste materials and transforms it to a clean drinking water. Not only this, Pu Speaker, the department is now processing DPR for the project of storm water drainage for Aizawl city which is expected to be done soon.

Pu Speaker, I have pointed out earlier that under the same department, Aizawl Development Authority, Aizawl Municipal Council and State Election Commission also function. As a department under the government of Mizoram, I am proud to inform the House that intensive effort is given by the department to sanitize Aizawl city by checking septic tanks of every households. The department disposed 20/30 truck trips of human excrete at Tuirial dumping ground every night which, after treated at oxidation pond becomes 80% clean.

Regarding the aforesaid DPR, the amount is ₹.995 lakh which appraisal is being processed. The sanction is expected to be released soon. In this connection, Pu Speaker, step is being taken for amendment of Mizoram Town Sanitation Rules, 1980 which is felt as less applicable for Mizoram today. Hopefully, newly amended rules will soon be implemented.

Apart from Aizawl city, step is taken for sanitation of other towns also. For Lunglei, the project known as 'Model on Municipal Solid Waste Management' with DPR which has been prepared through Mizoram Pollution Control Board amounting to ₹.673 lakh. I am confident that this will soon be achieved. As for Serchhip and Champhai, it is planned to be completed within 2010-2011.

As pointed out earlier, there is a plan of housing for urban poor in every district capital for which 1st Installment of the provision has already been received from the central. Hopefully, the fund may be utilized from next month.

Regarding Lump sum Grant for the North east, the guidelines defined it as 10% Lump sum Grant for the North east including Sikkim and will be provided on the basis of project which may be prepared by the state government. According to guidelines, the state government will contribute 10% or may not contribute in case the work is taken up by central Public Sector Unit (PSU). Out of the projects submitted by our government, sanction for construction of Auditorium at Serchhip with a capacity of 2000 seats has already been received. Besides, with the sanction received for Champhai Development Scheme amounting to ₹.23.85 crore,

work has already been started whereas financial sanction for Saitual Development Scheme also is received. Apart from financial sanction for construction of Auditorium, ₹.24.70 crore for Social Infrastructure in respect of Serchhip and ₹.19.55 crore for construction of Convention Hall at Lunglei had already been received three months back. Moreover Pu Speaker, DPR for the projects such as Lunglei Development Scheme - ₹.13.91 crore, Saiha Development Scheme – ₹.10.6 crore and Lawngtlai Development Scheme – 7.88 has already been approved by Central Sanctioning Committee and financial sanction to that effect is expected shortly. Besides, thanks to ₹.11.1 crore received under Plan fund, we are able to take up improvement of various localities within Aizawl.

In connection with improvement of Aizawl, DPR amounting to ₹.1757.7 crore for construction of Multi-level Car parking at Hunthar Veng is submitted whereas the same for Khatla is under processed.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, obviously preparation to set up Urban Local Bodies in Aizawl is in full swing. On the other hand, there are certain towns in the vicinity of Aizawl city that remains under the charge of UD & PA whereas Village Council still exists in such towns and as there is no sign of the government to include such towns under ULB. Whether there is an intention to include such towns? If so, whether there is a problem of funding in regards to such towns under the charge of Village Council? Plus, it is known to us the need to use Central PSU in order to benefit the grant in full. It means that some big companies from the central have to involve in major contract works allotted in Mizoram. Hence, we have to examine whether it is more advantageous than allotting the work to local firms. Besides, it is necessary for the government to determine what power it has in control over such companies from the central. Do we have power to supervise the works? Supposing performance of such contractors are not satisfactory, do we have power to take action against concerned companies?

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, there are 21 notified towns in Mizoram. If there is possibility to include Lawngtlai as a notified town subsequently, will it be possible to do the same for Kamalanagar as fund is to be provided under modernization scheme?

Pu ZODINTLUANGA : Pu Speaker, let me react from the last portion. UD & PA counts census 2001 very important to determine any scheme. Towns which are declared as notified area are: - Mamit district - Zawlnuam and Mamit, Kolasib district - Vairengte, Kolasib and Bairabi, Aizawl district - Sairang, Lengpui, Saitual, Darlawn and Aizawl, Champhai district - Khawzawl, Biate, Khawhai and Champhai, Serchhip district - Thenzawl, N. Vanlaiphai and Serchhip. Lunglei district - Tlabung, Hnahthial and Lunglei. Saiha district – Saiha only. Lawngtlai district is a newly included area and hence, it may be necessary to put into effect soon after Census 2011 is declared.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Population of Kamalanagar is, by far, larger than that of Zawlnuam.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, it is done only on the basis of Census 2001.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : I strongly believe that Kamalanagar too may be included if the department made a recommendation.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA MINISTER : The question of whether there is a plan to set up Urban Local Bodies (ULB) in other towns, it begins from Aizawl city and the case of other towns could not be revealed unless the government specified expenditure involved in setting up ULB.

Regarding 10% Lumpsum Grant and PSU, poor performance of PSU in Mizoram is commonly heard. In order to win control over such companies, we are intended to sign MoU with them whereas in the previous years, MoU covered maintenance of the work only. Hence, the department now determines to win control over such companies as the work is allotted under the government of Mizoram.

Last, but not least, Pu Speaker, Demand No. 22 - Sports & Youths Services department. 24 members participated in the discussion and it is pleasing to learn that most of the speeches are of appreciation to the steps taken under the department. Point raised by Pu B. Lalthlengliana relating to construction of approach road to Rajiv Gandhi Stadium. It is to be noted that land owned by Pu Dengthuama near the stadium is donated by his sons for public use. Concerned authority is now planning to construct parking place which will be named after the

owner. On the left, there will be an entrance for VIP only and on the right, entrance for public whereas parking place will be accommodated at the area in between. On behalf of the government of Mizoram, I express my thanks to the family who donated their valuable land for public use.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, is it possible to make the approach road via land owned by Salvation Army so as to avert traffic problem through MAP road?

Pu ZODINTLUANGA MINISTER : Pu Speaker as pointed out earlier, it is not necessary trespassing settlement of MAP since we have a convenient land donated by Pu Dengthuama's family.

Regarding the progress of work, we accepted that it is quite slow. The hon'ble Chief Minister had even threatened concerned contractor to cancel his work order unless the work is expedited. We have pressurized the work a couple of time which compelled them to acquire more machinery to speed up the work.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, despite information of more machinery as being acquired, only two are on its way which is less sufficient to expedite the work. I opine the work still needs more attention from concerned authority.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, we will look into the matter as the project is expected to complete within this working season.

Regarding the case of Mini-Sports Complex at Pitarte-tlang, the department too is concerns about setting up of office of Pigfed Society within Sports Complex. We had even discussed the matter with the hon'ble Minister for Veterinary department in our meeting. We have made the decision for construction of site office there as PWD suggested that expenditure for the said construction may be covered from fund provided for the project of this stadium.

Regarding 'Catch them Young' policy, it has already been started since 2005. Thanks to the support of parents of concerned youths, we are beginning to see a positive outcome. Pu Nirupam Chakma asked whether it is possible to introduce the policy in rural areas too. It is possible and so is introduced in various

places by the name PYKKA and it even includes a constituency of the member himself. One of the main objectives of the policy is to expose the talents of rural youths at the national and international level games. Pu Speaker, this programme is very good as it opened opportunity for rural youths to compete at the state and national level games not only in remote areas, but also to see big cities in the country.

In the meantime, Pu Speaker, the department has its own problem as programme scheduled by central authority is hardly convenient for our state in terms of venue, level of games or its time of events as most of the best youths are not free to participate in any event set on such periods. Thus, such youths often missed a valuable prize. [Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : There was a determination to change School Calendar during the previous ministry and as I remember, your party was among those who declined to accept it.] Suppose, if government under the previous ministry was confident enough to take such steps, problem we are facing now will not be existed. It was the said ministry who revoked what had already been suggested as to be good. Under PYKKA Pu Speaker, intensive efforts have been made to uncover hidden talents of youths particularly of rural areas.[PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Point of Clarification, Pu Speaker. Undoubtedly, the programme is good. In my constituency, I was invited as Chief Guest of the programme, but it was concluded in just a day. May the concerned Minister clarify the situation?] Pu Speaker, what has happened in Chawngte is deeply regretted as concerned BDO obviously did not understand the detailed programme and so it was concluded in just a day. BDO of other places followed the programme seriously as its importance is well-understood.

Pu Speaker, many people as well as some members has misconception of Sports & Youths Services as it does not concerned only with sports. It is to be noted that it also concerns physical and mental development of youths and the hon'ble Chief Minister too, keeping in mind of the importance, favored this department with sufficient amount of budget fund.

Apart from Sports programme, we have number of youth's activities such as Scouts & Guides, National Cadet Corp (NCC) etc. Under such programmes, the students visit various States to keep their outlooks up-to-date by exchanging cultures with their students. Moreover, adventure and recreational programme like Jamburee is organized on a regular basis for such students. Apart from Scouts & Guides, the department also has other programmes such as National Cadet Corp (NCC) and National Service Scheme (NSS) whose main objective is to show and build for concerned students their respective line of careers. Particularly, in NCC, the department makes a remarkable achievement. Effort is made to achieve Air-wing in Mizoram for which demands made by central authority has already been fulfilled. What has to be done by central authority is only to provide one Wing Commander and one Pilot with two-seater Aircraft to give our youths, an opportunity to learn and practice the technique of air-flight. Approach has been made to central authority for immediate accomplishment of the plan.

Moreover, Pu Speaker, steps taken by Sports department is widely benefitted by Tourism also as it paved the way for various courses of adventure such as rafting, caving and even rock climbing. With the help of such

activities, we will then be able to attract tourists from outside. In this connection, I am proud to inform the House that number of interest persons are beginning to participate in the competition of National Caving & Trekking hosted by Mizoram every year.

Regarding infrastructure development, we have achieved Women Hockey Training Centre at Thenzawl and Sports Training Centre at Saidan, Kolasib, and the name which is recently changed as Regional Sports Centre following a sanction of 5 lac rupees for its maintenance from NEC.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, whether the department already achieved plan for Artificial Rock Climbing and if not, is there any plan? Secondly, I am planning to visit my constituency after this session and it will be highly appreciated if the Minister provides the members, sports materials to give away in our respective constituencies.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA : Alright. Pu Speaker, it is fortunate that MINISTER Sports Authority of India (SAI) selected Lunglei Ground-II and Ramhlun Sports Complex for its extension under which Hostel for not less than selected 30 youths will be established at Aizawl and Lunglei respectively and training will be given in various categories of sports such as judo, football etc.

Again Pu Speaker, there is a plan for improvement of AR ground with artificial turf for which financial sanction is already been obtained. In the same way, Ramhlun Sporting Complex too is planned to improve with the same material within this year. The said material is of US manufactured with 10 years guarantee.

Regarding infrastructure of sports, the department in its own capacity takes step in various places such as construction of Mini-Sports Complex at Pitarte-tlang, Champhai Indoor Stadium etc. As central PWD sanctioned clearance for construction of Sports Academy at Zobawk, financial sanction of ₹.34 core is expected within this week.

As a result of approach made by the hon'ble Chief Minister to Planning Commission, central assistance of ₹.11.91 crore which cannot be sanctioned during the previous ministry is obtained today. The sanction is meant for completion of State Level Sports Complex, District Sports Complex of Lunglei, Indoor Stadium of Champhai, Kolasib, Lawngtlai, Saiha, Mamit. It may also be utilized for completion of Durtlang and Ramhlun Indoor Stadium depending on the amount left. Payment for liabilities amounting to ₹.400 to ₹.500 lakh may also be arranged for works started before the sanction is actually obtained.

Apart from afore mentioned centrally sponsored schemes, there are number of projects under NEC and Sports Authority of India which will be generated for promotion of sports enthusiast youths. Thus, the department put intensive effort to make the best use of such funds.

In reply to the question of Pu B. Lalthlengliana, artificial rock climbing equipment located at Government Complex is no longer in use. Even though a tender was issued for supply of the replacement, it is again decided to repair the same due to some problems.

Pu Speaker, it is quite pleasing to hear from the members, words of praise on my department. As I am convinced that demands of my departments will be passed by unanimous decision of the members, any application from the members for supply of sports materials will be fulfilled by tomorrow.

So, Pu Speaker, I moved to the House to pass the demands of my departments such as:- Demand No.22 - Sports & Youth Service Department ₹.20,49,80,000/-, Demand No.26 - Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation Department ₹.1,24,96,39,000/- and Demand No.48 - Information & Communication Technology Department ₹.5,72,00,000/- Totally - ₹.1,58,48,31,000/-. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Pu Zodintluanga moved the House to pass demands of the following departments such as: - Demand No.22 - Sports & Youth Service Department ₹.20,49,80,000/-, Demand No.26 - Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation Department ₹.1,24,96,39,000/- and Demand No.48 - Information & Communication Technology Department ₹.5,72,00,000/- Totally - ₹.1,58,48,31,000/-. Members who agree to pass it may say, 'Yes' and those who don't may say, 'No'. [Members : 'Yes'.]

Alright. The House unanimously passed the demands of Pu Zodintluanga hon'ble minister such as:- Demand No.22 - Sports & Youth Service Department – ₹.20,49,80,000/-, Demand No.26 - Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation Department ₹.1,24,96,39,000/- and Demand No.48 - Information & Communication Technology Department ₹.5,72,00,000/- Totally - ₹.1,58,48,31,000/.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker.
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S P E A K E R : Our business for today is done.
Discussion will be resumed tomorrow,
the 31.3.2010 (Wednesday) at 10:30
AM.

Sitting is adjourned 8:15 PM