

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

**FIRST SITTING ON TUESDAY, THE 7TH JULY, 2011
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)**

OBITUARY

1. **Pu LAL THANHAWLA**, hon'ble Chief Minister to make references on the demise of the following dignitaries :
 - 1) Pu H.Lalsangzuala, former member of Mizoram Legislative Assembly.
 - 2) Pu H.Hrangdawla, former member of Mizoram Legislative Assembly.
 - 3) Shree Dorjee Khandu, former Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly.

QUESTIONS

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

LAYING OF PAPERS

3. **Pu H.LIANSILOVA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy each of the following rules :
 - 1) The Mizoram Finance Commission (Salaries and Allowances) Rules, 2010.
 - 2) The Mizoram Money Lenders and Accredited Loan Providers (Regulation) Rules, 2010.
 - 3) The Mizoram Public Servants Personal Liability Rules, 2011.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

4. **Pu R.ROMAWIA**, Hon'ble Speaker to report to the House the time table as chalked out by the Business Advisory Committee for the current session.

MOTION FOR ELECTIONS TO FINANCIAL COMMITTEES

5. **Pu LALSAWTA**, Minister to move for Election to Financial Committees in the following form :

“That the members of this House do proceed to elect in the manner required by sub-rule 1 of Rule 202 read with Rules 250, 252 and 254 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly to serve as members of Public Accounts

Committee, Committee on Estimates and Committee on Public Undertakings, Mizoram Legislative Assembly for a period of 30 months”.

OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

6. **Pu LALSAWTA**, Minister to move an Official Resolution in the following form :
 “We are grateful that Mizoram has peace and tranquility for 25 years. The House requests everyone to dedicate themselves for the protection and preservation of peace from internal and external threats.”

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Bills for introduction, consideration and passing.

7. **Pu H.LIANSILOVA**, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Protection of Interests of Depositors (in Financial Establishment) (Amendment) Bill, 2011”.

Also

To introduce the Bill

To move that the Bill be taken into consideration

And

To move that the Bill be passed.

8. **Pu LALSAWTA**, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram (Pension for Members of the Defunct Mizo District Council and of the defunct Pawi-Lakher Regional Council) (Amendment) Bill, 2011”.

Also

To introduce the Bill

To move that the Bill be taken into consideration

And

To move that the Bill be passed.

NGURTHANZUALA
 Secretary

S P E A K E R : Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and anything praiseworthy - meditate on these things. – Philippi 4:8

Today, we will observe obituary in respect to former MLAs, Pu H. Hrangdawla and Pu H. Lalsangzuala. Obituary will also be observed on Shri Dorjee Khandu, former Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh.

Let us now call upon Pu Lal Thanhawla, hon'ble Chief Minister to have his time.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, thank you. Within the last and present session, we have lost two distinguished leaders such as the hon'ble Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh under tragic circumstance and Pu H.Lalsangzuala, who has died of Kidney problem on 20/4/2011 at 10:30 PM. He was 58.

Pu H. Lalsangzuala was the third son of Pu H. Hranghlira (L) and Pi Siallawmthangi (L). He was born on 22nd March, 1953 at Suangpuilawn. He moved to Aizawl in the year 1955 and settled at Ramhlun Veng. Pu H.Lalsangzuala married to Pi Pangkungi in the year 1980. They have three sons and one daughter.

Pu H. Lalsangzuala studied up to HSLC. After his father's died, he worked under Health Department. In 1987, he left his work to serve the people and supported his family by opening a chemist.

In the year 2003, he was elected as MLA as an independent candidate from Suangpuilawn Constituency. He held his term till the end.

Pu Speaker, Pu H. Lalsangzuala was an active social worker. He held important posts in various organizations such as YMA, VDP and also Village Council. In fact, he was elected as a member of Village Council for four successive terms in which he held three years as Vice President. It was during these terms, Ramhlun South Middle School, Ramhlun South Y.M.A Hall and V/C House came into existence. He played a key role in the establishment of Aizawl North College.

Pu H. Lalsangzuala was also an active Church member. In fact, he held the post of Sunday school teacher and was also an active K.T.P. member.

Pu H. Lalsangzuala started having kidney problem from 2007. He was admitted in Apollo Hospital and AMRI Hospital several times. His condition began to deteriorate and from 2010, he was bed ridden. After he left Civil Hospital on the 28th February, 2011, his

condition gets worse and passed away at 10:30 PM on 20/4/2011. We are deeply shaken by his demise. I pray to God to be with the departed family.

Next, Pu H. Hrangdawla was 79 years old as he died of cancer at Kothari Hospital Kolkata on 19/6/2011.

Pu H. Hrangdawla was the third son of Pu Thanglawka (L) and Pi Suakchhingpuii(L). He was born in Mualcheng on 23/10/1932 and moved to Aizawl in 1962. He married Pi Hmingliani at Tuikual Presbyterian Church. They have one son and three daughters.

Pu H. Hrangdawla was a determined scholar. He completed Lower Primary at Lungchhuan and Middle School at N. Vanlaiphai. To pursue his further studies, he walked all the way to Manipur and enrolled himself at Bengali High School, Imphal and passed H.S.L.C from this school. Later, he joined DM College Manipur for B.A Economics. But circumstances arising in his family compelled him to continue B.A. at Pachhunga Memorial College (PUC) and completed in the year 1967.

After the demise of his father, Pu H. Hrangdawla travelled through the length and breadth of the state to sell grocery to earn living for his family and even reached Chin Hills, Tripura and Burma. After he settled down in Aizawl, he purchased a truck to earn his livelihood. Later as Mizoram acquired Union Territory, he enrolled himself as a contractor under PWD. In the year 1983, he was elected as the President of the Class-1 contractor Association. During the year 1985-1987, Urban Co-operative Development Bank was constituted under his initiative. He was the first elected chairman of the board. He held the post for nine years.

Pu H. Hrangdawla joined Congress Party and contested in the election three times but failed. However, in the first Mizoram State election, he was elected as MLA from Aizawl West-1 constituency from MNF ticket. He was the first Protem Speaker of Mizoram State and also Chairman of the Committee on Subordinate Legislation. In his last days, he was member of Mizoram Pradesh Congress Committee but due to health problems, he retired from active politics.

Pu H. Hrangdawla played a key role in the construction of road from Dinthar to Tennis Court via Presbyterian Church, Tuikual road.

In the year 1986, he was diagnosed of diabetes. Later in 2007, due to the effect of diabetes, Angioplasty was done at BM Birla Hospital, Kolkata. On June 2010, he was again diagnosed of Bile Cancer. Thus, on the 17th June, ERCPP stetting was done at Kothari Medical Centre Kolkata. On 15th June, 2011, he was taken to Kothari Hospital, Kolkata after he was diagnosed of throat cancer at Aizawl Hospital & Research Centre, Mission Veng. From there on, he could not recover fully and thus passed away on the 19th June at Kothari Hospital, Kolkata.

Pu Speaker, during his tenure as MLA, he truly was an excellent Parliamentarian. He was a man of his word. My prayers are for the departed family.

Next Pu Speaker, Shri Dorjee Khandu and four other persons took off on a helicopter from Tawang to Itanagar. The helicopter disappeared after 20 minutes of its take off. Rescue operations took 100 hrs to locate the helicopter. Shri Dorjee Khandu was 56 years of age. He was the fifth Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh. Shri Dorjee Khandu has four wives, four sons and two daughters. He joined Army Intelligence Corp after passing out the 8th Standard. He was awarded gold medal during Bangladesh War. After seven years of service as Intelligence Service in the Army, Shri Dorjee Khandu began social work. In fact, due to his effort as a social worker, many villages were able to have water supply, electricity, communication and religious institutions.

Shri Dorjee Khandu was elected as an MLA in the first State Legislative Assembly Election of Arunachal Pradesh from Thingbumukto constituency. In the second general election of 1995, he was re-elected from the same constituency. He was then the Minister of State. In the year 1996, he was sworn in as the cabinet minister of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary and Dairy Development. In 1998, he took charge of Power Department. In the general election of 1999, he was re-elected and was sworn in as Cabinet Minister. Shri Dorjee Khandu was elected for six continuous terms from the same constituency.

Pu Speaker, Shri Dorjee Khandu is a personal friend. I pray that God be with his family.

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

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, thank you.

Pu Sangnova, as we have heard is a man of warm personality. Though he was not highly educated, he was a man who devoted his service to the society and achieved success for the service he rendered. I pray that God be with his family.

Next, Pu Hrangdawla was a senior politician and the first Protem Speaker of the House. As we have heard, he was a man of easy to get along with. He was very eager and was looking forward to having peace accord. Once there was peace accord, he helped the returnees personally by supplying them with beddings. Pu Speaker, he was a man of God. Today, I regret to state that we have lost a prominent politician and a good human being. I pray that God be with the departed family.

Lastly, Shri Dorjee Khandu, Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh. As we have heard, he died in a tragic accident. He was the Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh for two terms. The lower section of the people loved and adored him. He was the people's Chief Minister. Unlike Mizoram, people from rural areas moves into the State capital and build houses in vacant land and the Government accommodate without making any hassle.

Arunachal, as we are aware is set-back in development. Shri Dorjee Khandu was active in formulating schemes and projects. He was a keen campaigner for forest protection. God be with the departed family.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, I would like to say a few words of our departed leaders respectively.

Pu Sangnova was a personal friend of mine. We had been travelling through the length and breadth of Mizoram together and slept in one room. Pu Speaker, he was a dignified human being. He became an MLA through a circumstance which Mizoram observed for the first time. After being elected for a period of time, he was unable to stay in the same shelter with his family. Now that he is no more, I am truly grieved by his demise.

Next, Pu Hrangdawla was a man of rich humor and an orator in the true sense. In his earlier carrier, he did not just sell utensils but made the utensils himself. Pu Speaker from the record of the proceedings, I would like to point out that he coined the term, 'Vawrselapa' to pronounce the leaders who do not fulfill their promises. Till now, this phrase has had a deep impact. Pu Speaker, he played a key role in the process of peace accord. He was a Class-1 contractor at that time. He collected huge funds and handed it to Pu Laldenga. May God be with the departed family.

Pu Speaker, Shri Dorjee as we have heard was a man who could win elections un-contested several times. As a result of his death, the helicopter company made great improvement in their service. Thus, this proves that even after his death, he was a man who still served for the welfare of the people. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana, Minister.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, Pu Sangnova was an MLA who MINISTER made history under the circumstances in which he was elected. I respect him for standing firm in his principle. He often pointed out that the people of Mizoram will realize someday that he was not involved in the kidnapping drama as alleged. He did not step down from MLA despite the allegations against him from all corners. Standing firmly on his principle, he completed his term as an MLA and the people have now realized what the truth is. During his tenure as an MLA, I met him in Delhi and he informed me that he was meeting the President of India and several other ministers to discuss problems related to his constituency. I was surprised to know how he managed to get an appointment with the President of India. Pu Speaker, this clearly defines how much he cared for the people of his constituency.

Next, Pu Speaker, Pu Hrangdawla as I knew was a man who loved peace with great penchant for the peace accord. I pray to God to comfort the departed family.

Next, Shri Dorjee Khandu, Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh was truly the people's leader. He was able to win elections uncontested to prove that he was leader of the people. It is a great loss not just for the people of Arunachal Pradesh, but for the nation.

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

Pu P.P. THAWLA : At the outset Pu Speaker, I would like to speak about Pu H.Lalsangzuala. He was a personal friend of mine. He was a man of principle. As we have heard, he lived his life for the people. Pu Speaker, Pu H.Lalsangzuala and I had done many things together and I regret to state that he is no more. I truly miss him. I pray that God be with the departed family.

Shri Dorjee Khandu, Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh was from the lower tribe of the State. Pu Speaker, I remember he came to Saiha on election campaign as I received him at the helipad. He had a warm personality. May God be with all the people who grieve because of his demise.

S P E A K E R : There still many who wish to speak, however we may all stand up and observe one minute silence. (One minute silence is observed). Let us all sit down. Now, we will take up Starred Question No.1 and Pu T.T.Zothansanga to ask.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon'ble minister for Rural Deptt. be pleased to state - What is the reason for not receiving BADP fund in BADP covered area?

S P E A K E R : To answer the question, I call upon hon'ble minister, Pu R. Lalzirliana.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, BADP fund cannot be distributed as desired. It is distributed as per guidelines of Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.

S P E A K E R : We will take supplementary question from Pu T.T. Zothansanga, Pu K.Liantlinga and Pu Ramhluna.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, my question is – What is the total amount of fund received during the year 2009-2010 and 2010-2011? For how long the project will be implemented? How many constituencies does the covered by BADP? Whether the programme also covered the area of international border? It will be appreciated if answers could be given with reference to Myanmar and Bangladesh.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Have the fund for 2010-2011 been utilized fully? Whether there is any K-deposit? Is the work under BADP given by call of tender?

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, thank you. There was a proposal to sanction direct funding of BADP to the three Autonomous District Councils by ministry of Home Affairs. If this has been implemented?

S P E A K E R : Question hour is over. Should we call the hon'ble minister to answer these questions? Alright. Let us call the hon'ble minister.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, to answer the question of Pu C. Ramhluna, there was a proposal. However, due to rules and regulations of financial control, 2010-2012, fund has been sanctioned to Government of Mizoram.

The fund is deposited in K Deposit. Since it is not working period, the fund that finance department has sanctioned has not been utilized. As for the work distribution, allotment is given to required persons since the guidelines do not permit for call of tender.

The answers to hon'ble member Pu T.T.Zothansanga's questions are: - The total amount of fund received during 2010-2011 is 2,506 lakhs and additional amount of 424 lakhs. In the year 2011-2012, we received Rs 3,720 lakhs. As for the duration of the scheme, it depends on the decision of Central Government. BADP covers 16 constituencies of the border area. Pu Speaker, as for the international boundary, the specification may vary as per baseline survey where as Bangladesh, 488.63 kms. and Myanmar, 138.51kms.

S P E A K E R : Question hour is over. Moving on to the next list of business, the Panel of Chairmen for this session are: - Pu B.Lalthlengliana, Pu Nirupam Chakma, Pu Lalduhawma and Pu K.Lianzuala.

Now, Laying of papers. Let us now call Pu H. Liansailova, minister to lay the following papers on the table of the House:-

1. The Mizoram Finance Commission (Salaries and Allowances) Rules, 2010.
2. The Mizoram Money Lenders and Accredited Loan Providers (Regulations) Rules, 2010.
3. The Mizoram Public Servants Personal Liability Rules, 2011.

Pu H. LIANSAILOVA : Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the
MINISTER House, I lay the following papers on the table of the House:-

1. The Mizoram Finance Commission (Salaries and Allowances) Rules, 2010.
2. The Mizoram Money Lenders and Accredited Loan Providers (Regulations) Rules, 2010.
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S P E A K E R : Let the copy be distributed. Now, I lay the 17th Report of the Business Advisory Committee. The Report of the Business Advisory Committee was highlighted in the Bulletin Part-II, No.138 of the 24th June, 2011. Let the copy be distributed. Can the House adopt BAC report? Alright, thank you.

The time has arrived to move Motion for the election of the three financial committees. Let us call Pu Lalsawta, Minister.

Pu LALSAWTA : Pu Speaker, thank you. With your permission
MINISTER and of the House, I move that the members of this House may proceed to elect in the manner required by sub-rule 1 of Rule 202 and 254 of Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly to serve as members of Public Accounts Committee, Committee on Estimates and Committee on Public Undertakings of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly for a period of 30 months. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Now, we will proceed as that the Parliamentary Affairs minister has moved the motion. I would propose that if arrangement could be made as follows without holding election. Since there can be 12 members from the ruling party and 7 members from the opposition, I propose for PAC, 4 from ruling party, 2 from MNF and 1 from UDA for PAC; For Estimate Committee, 4 from from ruling party, 1 from MNF and 2 from UDA; For COPU, 4 from ruling party, 1 from MNF, 1 from UDA. The total will be 20 committee members as 12 from ruling party and 8 from opposition party. Can we all agree with the proposal? Alright. If so, each Legislature Party may submit nomination to my office till tomorrow, 4:30 PM.

Today, we have an Official Resolution. Let us call Pu Lalsawta, Parliamentary Affairs Minister to move the Official Resolution.

Pu LALSAWTA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, thank you. The government decided to move a resolution to mark the 25th year of peace in Mizoram. Pu Speaker, the resolution reads as follows - "We are grateful that Mizoram has peace and tranquility for 25 years. The House requests everyone to dedicate themselves for the protection and preservation of peace from internal and external threats..

S P E A K E R : The hon'ble minister has moved the official resolution. Each member will be given 5 or 10 minutes. I personally am very keen with this official resolution as I was convicted 4 years for being an MNF. Alright, we may start the discussion. Pu J.H. Rothuama, minister will start.

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, thank you. It is pleasing to know that the government and churches celebrated the 25th year of Peace Accord at Vanapa Hall yesterday. Like the hon'ble Speaker mentioned, I, too was in jail for 5 years for the same cause. In the year 1965, I was sent to Bangladesh and then proceed to Burma where I was taken by the Burmese Government and later I was handed over to India in exchange of one Burmese MP. We were volunteered for the MNF movement. For those of us who knew the movement, it is noteworthy to witness the Peace Accord and its 25th year. As I look around in this August House, only few members who went through that movement are here today. As I am amongst those who witnessed the movement from the beginning till date, I give my support to this resolution. Thank you.

Pu JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, a few words, please. We, the people
DEPUTY SPEAKER of younger generation are not aware of the MNF
Movement as we do not actually know the real
situation. We were aware only of MNF declared independence from the Indian Government.
We did not realize whom to be afraid of, whether the Special Force or the MNF. Our children
today will not understand the Peace Accord since they are not aware of the movement. Pu
Speaker, I must say that we were able to attain the Peace Accord due to the priority of various
political leaders. The hon'ble Chief Minister, Pu Lal Thanhawla who paved the way for the Peace
Accord by stepping down from his chair, should be given due appreciation. Today, under the
Peace Accord, development is in full swing. Thus, to mark the 25th year of Peace Accord, we
should pass the resolution and uphold the peace and tranquility of the State. Thank you.

Pu K. LALRINTHANGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. First of all, I would like to
thank for being able to participate to mark the 25th
year of Peace Accord.

MNF Movement started in 1966 and I was a student during that period.
The people faced hardship from different angles as some were harassed by the Indian soldiers.
Pu Speaker, I remember that we were not allowed to stay overnight at our farms also. Pu
Speaker, Congress Ministry led the road to Peace Accord as it was the priority of every political
party. The then Chief Minister, Pu Lal Thanhawla eventually paved the way by stepping down
from his chair for the sake of the Peace Accord. We are fortunate to have peace and harmony in
the state as it is a privilege to mark the 25th year of Peace Accord. Therefore, it is a must for the
House to give thanks and mark the 25th year of Peace in Mizoram. Thank you.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I would like to say a few
words of appreciation to this resolution.

When the MNF Movement started in 1966, I was 16 years old. I remember
we were having a hockey tournament and were playing the final match. Pu Speaker, we were in
the position to win championship but the game was stopped half-way due to disturbance. It was
quite difficult to tackle the situation since we were in our teens. Due to curfews, several activities
had to be cancelled. All those who witnessed the independence movement by MNF knew what it
was like, as we have heard from our fellow members. Pu Speaker, Jesus came to this world and
the purpose was to save the people. But trouble occurred after he was born as all children below
2 years of age were ordered to be killed. Likewise, the motive of the MNF movement was to
obtain independence but trouble occurred along the way. So Pu Speaker, after striving for 20
years under a disturbed state, we attained peace as everyone was eager to have it. Every one of us
made our part of contribution to the process of peace accord.

Above all, it was God's will that we were able to have peace after 20
years. It is now a privilege that we have reached 25th years of Peace Accord. We should not
lament over the past but work for maintenance of peace and harmony as the state is observing at

present. Therefore, each and everyone should re-assure ourselves in maintaining the Peace Accord. Thank you.

Pu K.S. THANGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Today, I want to support resolution of the hon'ble minister, Pu Lalsawta.

First of all, I would like to highlight the event as I attended MZP meet of Mamit district in which students were honored. Pu Speaker, one of the leaders spoke on the occasion stating that if we do not safeguard our state, then development is meaningless. From his speech, it made me realize that the youths today do not realize the beauty and value of Peace Accord and the development it carries.

Pu Speaker, I was around 5 years when the movement started. My father was arrested in 1967 as he was an MNF commander. Without father to look after us, life was turbulent during that period as no proper food to eat; life of children in those days was somewhat similar with that of Africa.

Pu Speaker, I personally suffered the movement immensely. I was a student leader and I was sent to jail. I was tortured and being charged with 13 cases including murder case and Arms act. Pu Speaker, I was not an MNF, but, a student leader and even then I was tortured in jail. So, I am among those who know the value and the beauty of being in a peaceful state.

As we have heard, there was a struggle for peace from different organizations. Yet, it was the willingness of the then Chief Minister Pu Lal Thanhawla to step down from his chair which paved the way to peace accord. God has work wonders in him, and thus he is blessed. Pu Speaker, the Bible says, 'Those who pave ways for peace shall be blessed'. Likewise, God has blessed him as under his chief ministership, we are able to mark the 25th year of peace accord today. I believe that he will be remembered as the longest serving Chief Minister of our state. Therefore, youths who do not know the road struggled for attaining peace should not be influenced by political games. Instead, they should safeguard this land that God has given us and work for the development and prosperity of the state. Thank you.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I would like to thank God and the people for being able to witness the 25th years of peace accord.

Mizoram had been attacked by Vailen twice i.e. 1875 and 1870. Pu Speaker, my knowledge of the movement is limited as it is appropriate to listen to speech made by senior members like you of the struggle you went through. The impact of the movement among the youths of that time is being self-centered as they were dependent to their parents. Pu Speaker, we, the P.C. party are among political parties who have suffered a lot. Anyway, I am not here to disagree with the resolution but to support the resolution. Thank you.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Today, I would like to discuss the resolution without hurting any one's sentiments. The leaders of Mizo Union demanded statehood, later MNF declared independence but in compromise to abide by the constitution of India as they were aware that Independence could not be attained through violence. I admire approach they have made and should be given due credit.

The first accord was signed at Shillong in July, 1976 which deals only for concession of arms by MNF. Pu Speaker, for the transition period of 6 months from U.T. to statehood, we had to fall under presidential rules. Pu Laldenga came up with a new proposal which was against the constitution i.e. the MNF will form the government within six months (The Interim period). Pu Speaker, due to this proposal, the talk was prolonged as there could not be acceptance on this proposal. There were no clashes on other issues but the demand of Interim period caused the end of the talk since there could not be acceptance from its counterpart.

Pu Speaker, I went to London to meet Pu Laldenga. He told me that he had met Colonel Gaddafi and his party will start their operation as terrorists. But I informed him that, the Prime Minister Indira Gandhi has accepted his demand of interim period. As I was Congress party president and MP at that time, the talk was culminated into the signing of a peace accord. Ultimately, there was a coalition government between Congress and MNF instead of presidential rules for 6 months. Thus, peace was attained. I consider it fortunate. Today, instead of repeating old stories and politicalising the peace, we must come together as one and support the resolution.

Lastly, it is to be noted that the accord was not of Mizoram and the government of India but it is of MNF and the government of India. Pu Laldenga cannot sign the accord on behalf of Mizoram, but, only on behalf of MNF. We, the people of Mizoram must come together and safeguard our internal peace and nationalism. We should dare to claim and stand by our rights as UNO has even made rules which concern 'Right to indigenous people'. Pu Speaker, we should remember that we are in the land of Satyagraha and not violence. With this, we should all support and pass the resolution. Thank you.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, thank you. We should all feel privileged as we have attained peace for the past 25 years. The MNF movement started in 1966, their theory and the theory of Mizo Union leaders differ quite vividly.

However, leaders of the Mizo Union took charge of the process of bringing peace. If we read Rev. Zairema's book, one could analyze if MNF leaders really wanted Independence as they contacted Pu Zairema for peace talks. We all went through the struggle of the movement. In the general election of 1984, the Congress party made a promise for peace if the party was in power. The party won ultimately. Pu Speaker, if the then Chief Minister just stepped down to pave the way for peace, presidential rule should have been imposed. We all do not want the presidential rule, so is the central government. Thus, one cannot accuse the Chief Minister of not willing to step

down from power. Finally, peace accord was signed on the 30th June, 1986 at 9:30 AM. What is more important now is to have internal peace and harmony as we have heard of some other states where no peace is prevailed even after signing of the agreements. So, Pu Speaker, I give my support to the resolution. Thank you.

2:00 PM

S P E A K E R : Before we start the discussion, hon'ble member Pu P.P. Thawla has something to say.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I would like to suggest changing of the wording of this resolution 'they all surrendered for peace' to 'they all joined in for peace'.

S P E A K E R : There is a request we would like to make from my office. All ministers should inform their departments to submit answers as we have received only 3 answers for tomorrow discussion.

Pu LALSAWTA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, as there is written instruction "Information being collected", we have to apply this. As the duration is short, we are unable to collect information from Directorate and District office.

S P E A K E R : Since we are now in a computer age, we expect any answer to reach in time. We will now start discussion.

Pu LALRINMAWIA RALTE : Pu Speaker, thank you. We have listen to some informative speeches. As stated before, MNF movement started in 1966 and peace accord was signed on the 30th June, 1986 which means all youths below 30 years of age do not know the struggle and the hardship we are taking about today, Pu Speaker. Thus, they will not know the value of peace. They may presume that life was as peaceful as it is now in 25 years back. Thus, they are left with no knowledge of the history. If generation of today relived the life of 1966-1986, they would understand the significant of peace and the value of our leaders as wish of the people for our Chief Minister to step down and pave way for peace accord.

Pu Speaker, I went through an old Indian News magazine during the year 1986-87 and found what the MNF leader Pu Laldenga have to say in regard to peace – ‘We always wanted a political settlement of the Mizo problem’, but we were forced into violence’. Thus, these words of the leader are clear indication that the road to settlement was not an easy task. It also implies that the path has to be paved for signing the agreement. Pu Speaker, Pu Laldenga himself had declared that ‘When one is in power, it is not easy to step down. What Pu Lal Thanhawla did was a very noble step for peace in Mizoram’. Pu Speaker, these are the exact words of Pu Laldenga when being inter-viewed by Indrani Bannerjee. Thus, we should acknowledge the noble deed which Pu Lal Thanhawla did for peace accord. Thus, we should safeguard and preserve the internal peace we are enjoying. Also, we should treasure the value of peace and acknowledge the sacrifice given by Pu Lal Thanhawla for peace. I, therefore, request and seek the co-operation of the people to safeguard peace and harmony of the state. So, Pu Speaker, I give my support to the resolution. Thank you.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Being from political family, I was intune with MNF movement. Thus, it is a privilege to speak on this occasion.

Pu Speaker, when the struggle started in 1966, the youths were beyond control. I, for instance, was captured several times. But I could clear myself as my brother was in the army. Pu Speaker, none of us cannot take credit alone for peace accord. Every one played their parts. During the year 1972 Pu Ch.Chhunga was worth giving appreciation for the measure he took like sending youths for training courses. Pu Thenphunga appeared and introduces Human Right & Development which proof beneficial during that time. But Human Right & Development could not boom as there was no peace at that time.

In 1984 election, Pu Laldhoma tape recorded the speech of Pu Laldenga in London as it was played through the length and breath of Mizoram. With the support of underground, election was won by Congress party. Pu Lal Thanhawla was Chief Minister; Pu Laldhoma MP was Congress party’s President and also chairman of the Peace Accord coordination committee. The contribution made by different leaders may vary under the circumstance. Pu Speaker, the people should remember that they all sacrifice for the signing of peace accord to safeguard the peace and harmony of the internal state, there has to be a correct political concept and a strong and uniform government. Besides, there should not be vested interest or personal but public interest. I, therefore, wholeheartly supports this resolution. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. We have heard speeches of hon’ble members who have vast experience with the struggle. The impact of the struggle has left the people jobless and growth in social evil as moral of Mizos towards attainment of self-sufficiency have been demoralized. We should not hesitate to praise those who are worth praising and dare to denounce those who deserved. Congress party stands by its words, due to this we able to mark the 25th year of peace accord today. Also, it is true that if there is no

stepping down from power there could not have been the signing of peace accord. Pu Speaker, there was a speech which stated that we have to fall under the presidential rule during the interim period but it is not so. It is clearly written in Article 356 – that when there is failure of constitutional machinery, Presidential Rule is declared by central government. And, in Article 352, there is emergency provision which may occur due to external aggression, internal security and arm rebellion etc. Then we have Article 360 which gives the provision of financial emergency. Pu Speaker, in regard to the state, it is clearly written in Article 1 and 2, (a) It is regarding the new declared state like Sikkim which was admitted to the Indian union as a state.

Pu Speaker, even before we achieved statehood in 1986, the central has already offered to grant us a state. However, it was a chaotic time since we had people fighting for independence. Therefore, it had to be delayed and when they gave up their arms, they decided to grant us statehood. It was the effort of very specific people and we should not falsely perceive it as the achievement of the general populace. Peace is a very precious thing and the former ministry really tested its foundations. But now that we have a new ministry, the fear of peace being compromised has started to fade, Pu Speaker.

Pu B. LALTHLEGLIANA : Pu Speaker, I am grateful that the hon'ble minister has introduced the resolution. In the meantime, listening to the speeches of the members, I could not help but feel sorry that we keep digging up things that could hurt sentiment of others and even the value of the resolution itself.

Most of us knew and experienced the hardships we faced during the political upheaval in Mizoram which is why we value and cherish peace even more intensely. Therefore, I request everyone to preserve peace that we have and I extend my full support for its passage. Thank you.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, I also agree that this is a great resolution and I commend the hon'ble minister for introducing it. As a party, we have celebrated the occasion every year but as it is the Silver Jubilee this year, we agreed to celebrate it statewide since it concerns all Mizos.

Peace is a gift from God and I especially agree with the words of the resolution urging everyone 'to protect it from internal and external threats.' I would like to thank everyone who has worked endlessly for the sake of peace as to work even harder to preserve this precious thing we have.

S P E A K E R : I request the other members to restrain themselves for now since none of the members have opposed it. Let us ask the hon'ble minister to wind it up and request its adoption.

Pu LALSAWTA
MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I am sincerely grateful that all the members have expressed their gratitude about the resolution.

We all have different experiences about the days of insurgency, most of which are very difficult for us and if given a chance, we could probably talk about it all day. There were several people who were exemplary during those times in their efforts to pacify the turmoil.

I cannot but bring up the hard works and efforts of our Chief Minister who also had the understanding and good heart to allow the MNF undergrounds to come back and even assume political leadership in his stead.

The objective of the resolution is to protect and preserve peace from internal and external threats. In order to achieve such ambition, it is essential to have a fair and just administration as Pu K. Liantlinga has remarked earlier.

We also need to have youths who has the courage to avoid conflicts and who are dedicated to the presence of perpetual peace. Most of our problems can be dealt with talks and diplomacy.

Finally, I request the members to adopt my resolution, ‘We are grateful that Mizoram has peace and tranquility for 25 years. The House requests everyone to dedicate themselves for the protection and preservation of peace from internal and external threats. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : The minister has wound up his resolution and has requested the House for adoption. Do we all support the resolution? Very well. The House has unanimously adopted the resolution.

Let us now invite the hon’ble minister, Pu H. Liansailova to introduce, ‘The Mizoram Protection of Interest of Depositors (in Financial Business) Amendment Bill, 2011.’

Pu H. LIANSAILOVA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your permission and that of the House, I introduce, ‘ The Mizoram Protection of Interest of Depositors (in Financial Business) Amendment Bill, 2011.’

S P E A K E R : The House gives permission to the minister. Now let us invite him to move the Bill.

Pu H. LIANSAILOVA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the reason for the need for amendment is clearly stated in the statement of objects and reasons. There are corporations and financial institutions in Mizoram that invites depositors with promises of high interests.

Although some of these corporations have RBI registration, they have no authority to set up such a corporation and hence their undertakings are fraudulent. Taking such things into consideration, it was decided that our current Acts and Laws are no longer sufficient to protect the interest of the people, which is exactly why this amendment is necessary.

It is believed that the definition of a financial establishment No.1 section 2 should be substituted and amended to cope with the current problems. Also, section 3 has been proposed for amendment because it is usually only after the depositors face problems that the authorities can take actions and this loophole has to be fixed.

S P E A K E R : The hon'ble minister has moved the Bill. We will start the discussion with Pu R. Lalrinawma. You will each have 5 minutes.

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, I would like to express my support of the Bill. The hon'ble minister has already clarified the need for amendment and there is not much to add in that matter. With the amendment in effect, the district magistrates and SP can have the authority to set up an investigation whenever there are complaints and suspicions.

It is apparent that we the Mizos are extremely greedy and careless. We are lured and baited by get-rich-quick schemes which ultimately creates a lot of problems in the end. I reiterate my support of the Bill, thank you.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, this is a sorely needed amendment and I support it wholeheartedly.

Seminars were held recently for awareness in this regard and with the fast growing development and technology, it is imperative that we have this kind of law which safeguards the interests of the people financially. This is a good bill which I assume we will all agree upon. Therefore, without discussing it too long, I suggest we pass it as we did with the previous resolution.

S P E A K E R : Very well. Let us invite the hon'ble minister to wind it up and request the House for its passage.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, as I said before, there is not much to say since we all recognize the necessity of the amendment. We shall check again for typing mistakes and other small mistakes. I thank the members for supporting the Bill and I request you all to pass it. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : The minister has asked for the approval of the House to pass the Bill. All those in favour please say 'yes'. If not, say 'no'. Well then, 'The Mizoram Protection of Interest of Depositors (in Financial Business) Amendment Bill, 2011' has been passed unanimously by the House.

Next, we will discuss 'The Mizoram (Pensions for Members of the Defunct Mizo District and of the Defunct Pawi-Lakher Regional Council) Amendment Bill, 2011.' Let us invite the minister to introduce the Bill.

Pu LALSAWTA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your approval and the consent of the House, I introduce, 'The Mizoram (Pensions for Members of the Defunct Mizo District and of the Defunct Pawi-Lakher Regional Council) Amendment Bill, 2011.'

S P E A K E R : The hon'ble minister has asked for permission to introduce the Bill. Therefore, we will let him introduce the Bill and allow him to move it for discussion as well.

Pu LALSAWTA
MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Speaker. The objective of 'The Mizoram (Pensions for Members of the Defunct Mizo District and of the Defunct Pawi-Lakher Regional Council) Amendment Bill, 2011' is to provide pensions to members as well as their families of the Mizo District Council who are still alive.

We believe there are only about 10 members still alive and we have decided that they should receive a pension of ₹4,500 with an increment of ₹300 every year and which should not exceed a maximum of ₹8,400 until a new amendment is made. In the meantime, the Bill also aims at providing family pension of ₹2,500 with an increment of ₹100 every year till it reaches a maximum of ₹3,500 to members who have expired.

- S P E A K E R : Does this include only the Mizo district?
- Pu LALSAWTA
MINISTER : You are correct, Pu Speaker.
- S P E A K E R : Very well. Let us begin the discussion with Pu C. Ramhluna.
- Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, I am sincerely pleased that the hon'ble minister has the thought to provide pensions to the members of the Mizo District Council through 'The Mizoram (Pensions for Members of the Defunct Mizo District and of the Defunct Pawi-Lakher Regional Council) Amendment Bill, 2011.' I would like to point out that the Bill has been amended 3 times in the past and I would like to know how much they received back then. Also, the amount received by the Mizo District Council and the Pawi-Lakher regional council seem to be different. I would like the hon'ble minister to clarify that if he pleases. I support the Bill, Pu Speaker.
- Pu S. HIATO
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I might be the only one who can receive both the council pensions. In any case, there are very few people who may receive the pension now and I hope the amount is increased in the next amendment. I would also like to know the amount provided in the previous 3 amendments. Thank you.
- S P E A K E R : Let us now invite the hon'ble minister to make the necessary clarifications and ask permission of the House to pass the Bill.
- Pu LALSAWTA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the main reason we could not offer a higher amount of pension is due to our financial difficulty. The family pension will be a new implementation to assist the families of the departed members.
- S P E A K E R : You may request approval of the House to pass the Bill then.

Pu LALSAWTA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I hereby request the House to pass,
“ The Mizoram (Pensions for Members of the
Defunct Mizo District and of the Defunct Pawi-
Lakher Regional Council) Amendment Bill, 2011”.

S P E A K E R : The minister has requested the House to pass the
Bill. All those in support please say ‘yes’, if not, say
‘no’. The House has unanimously passed, ‘The
Mizoram (Pensions for Members of the Defunct Mizo District and of the Defunct Pawi-
Lakher Regional Council) Amendment Bill, 2011.’

We have finished our business for the day; we will resume session
tomorrow, i.e. 8.7.2011 (Friday) at 10:30 AM.

Sitting is adjourned at 3:45 PM.

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

**SECOND SITTING ON FRIDAY, THE 8TH JULY, 2011
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)**

QUESTIONS

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

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

2. * Resolutions.

NGURTHANZUALA
Secretary.

S P E A K E R : This is what the LORD Almighty said:
“Administer true justice; show mercy and
compassion to one another.”

Zakaria 7:9

Let us call upon Dr. R. Lalthangliana to ask Starred Question No. 6.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Will the hon’ble minister for Labour and
Employment be pleased to state – Has the
government of Mizoram granted autonomy to the
Youth Commission?

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO : Pu Speaker, the commission has not been given
MINISTER full autonomy as yet.

S P E A K E R : Supplementary questions from Dr. R.
Lalthangliana and Pu K. Liantlinga.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, the nodal departments play an
extremely important factor for the successful
implementation of an endeavour such as this. The
Labour & Employment is a small department and I wonder if there is any intention to attach it
to a department having CSS backing.

I also would like to know what the commission is proposing to solve the
problem of educated unemployment among the youths.

I heard that a coaching academy called Lord Krishna Academy has been
set up in Mizoram. I would like to know how much funds have the government spent on this
academy. There are private and University conducted classes in Mizoram now. Can the
government rely on them without using state funds?

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, I was wondering if the commission has
not come up to our expectations at this time, even
after it has been implemented for over two
years. Is there any way to further its efficiency in development and promotion?

I would also like to know the amount of revenue generated by the youths
through the commission so far. In regard to Lord Krishna Academy, what progress has been
made so far? Does it seem promising?

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO : Pu Speaker, the commission has been established
MINISTER with around ₹30 lakhs and although we have not
produced central service officers, we already have
some successes. The commission requires a huge amount of money for skill developments
and we have requested the DP & AR minister for the funds which amounted to nothing due to
financial problems.

We have decided not to establish the Krishna Academy since the funds
involved would be too taxing. As a parent department, we have provided the Commission with
₹50 lakhs this year.

We are trying to initiate the modular employment scheme for which the
central has granted ₹27 crores and from which ₹6 crores has been already sanctioned for skill
development.

S P E A K E R : Pu T.T. Zothansanga to ask Starred Question No.7.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Will the hon'ble minister for Art and Culture
department be pleased to state – Is it possible to
conduct a heritage and cultural study
tour/excursions for high schools and higher
secondary schools?

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, conducting such a tour has not been
MINISTER heard of before until this ministry assumed power.

S P E A K E R : Supplementary questions from Pu T.T.
Zothansanga and Pu Lalthansanga.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, my supplementary questions are:

- 1) How many batches have been sent? How many schools?
- 2) Which schools and how many students?
- 3) How much funds has been spent by the government?
- 4) Is there any intention to continue the tour this year?

If it is intended to conduct it this year, I would like to know if selection
has already been made. May Champhai Govt. school be included?

- Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, will it be possible to set up a vocational employment? Can this tours and excursion be conducted more often?
- Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, We have sent four batches to the Indian Museum, Kolkata from 37 schools and 35 students have been selected from various schools this year. The state does not spend any funds on these tours. Heritage tours are encouraged by the department and they certainly will be conducted more often.
- S P E A K E R : Pu Lalrobiaka to ask Starred question No. 8.
- Pu LALROBIAKA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble minister for Art & Culture be pleased to state – Is there any intention to enlarge and refurbish the Mizoram Public Library to enable creation of posts for Library and Information Science graduates?
- Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA MINISTER : The department realizes the situation and actions will be taken as per the funds we receive for the purpose.
- S P E A K E R : Supplementary questions from Pu Lalrobiaka and Pu Lalduhoma.
- Pu LALROBIAKA : We have several libraries in Mizoram which are very helpful for local residents but the buildings are not located in strategic places for the people to utilize it more. Will it be possible to put them in key areas?
- Pu LALDUHOMA : It is very pleasing to hear that the hon'ble minister managed to convince the central to give us grants for construction of libraries in rural areas. Three villages under my constituency have also applied for the grant but they are worried that the library would be constructed by contractors. Will it be possible for the YMA themselves to construct the building? Also, will it be possible to refurbish our Assembly library?

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA : Since our city is extremely congested, it is impossible to locate it at an easy access area even though it is the desire of the department.
MINISTER

We are trying to construct a library building at every district but even as we have referred the task to PWD, they have not released a tender even today which is very sad. There is nothing we can do as it is no longer the purview of my department.

Although I understand the concerns of Pu Duhoma, the central almost always gives these grants with certain guidelines and we, as a department, cannot simply choose the YMA to construct the building.

I am sure we all agree on refurbishing the Assembly library and I believe we can all contribute something towards that objective. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Let us invite Pu T.T. Zothansanga to ask Starred Question No.9.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Will the hon'ble minister for Art & Culture be pleased to state –

- 1) What actions has been taken by the government to refurbish the state and NGOs maintained libraries?
- 2) Does the government have any intention to extend and provide better facilities to the State Public Library?
- 3) From where do we receive the funds for these undertakings?
- 4) How much funds did we receive for 2009-2010 and 2010-2011? How much have we spent so far?

S P E A K E R : Pu K. Liantlinga and Pu Lalthansanga to ask supplementary question before the minister gives his reply.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, the hon'ble minister has highlighted their progress for which I commend their hard work.

The central has suggested that we implement the CCE system of education in our state and if the two departments could work in coordination, they could provide information through proper library in the schools. This way we can offer information to children from the very basic foundation.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, I would like to know if schools are encouraged to visit the State Library. How many schools have visited the library? The transport office is being constructed as we speak; can we spare one floor at least for the State Library since the location is very easy to access? We have a good space for a library in Zarkawt locality and we have requested for funds for the construction. I would like to know what developments have been made in this regard. I also thank the hon'ble minister for granting us library fund in my constituency, N. Vanlaiphai.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, there are 4 villages requesting the library fund in my constituency. I would like to know if these villages are going to receive the fund this time. Also, when construction of the building is completed, is the government going to provide such libraries with bookshelves and other necessary materials?

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, the State government and NGO co-maintained libraries are given furniture and other necessary materials for their development. Extension and developmental maintenance is done as much as possible under the Mizoram Public Library Act, 1933.

We receive funds from the Raja Ram Mohan Roy Library Foundation, Kolkata. During 2009-2010, we received ₹180 lakhs with the state contributing another ₹20 lakhs. For 2010-2011, we are granted ₹260 lakhs and ₹99 lakhs has already been released.

There are currently 452 recognized libraries in the state and we have spent ₹25 lakhs to buy books for these libraries during 2010-2011.

I apologize for my lack of information regarding the number of school that has visited the state library. We have pondered on various occasions about the placement of the state library but so far we are unable to find an easily accessible location. We usually select the recipients of the fund from the criteria that the central has directed us to use. If the location is a free land, we normally grant them the fund. The amount will be raised from 6 to 10 lakhs rupees very shortly. Thank you.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, my question was that the Education department already has lands and buildings. Will it be easier for children to access the libraries instead of handing it over to the YMA?

- Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, our current system is working as well as we expect for now. In the meantime, I will put your suggestion under consideration.
- S P E A K E R : Pu T.T. Zothansanga may ask Starred Question No. 10.
- Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : The question is shared by Pu Robiaka and me. Apparently, he may ask the main question and I will wait for the supplementary question period.
- Pu LALROBIAKA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble minister for Art & Culture be pleased to state – What actions has been taken by the government with the outburst of cultural revival in the state?
- Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA
MINISTER : There is indeed a cultural revival happening in the state and the department has encouraged the youths to value our traditional practices and dresses. It has also been encouraged more cultural meets and cultural events.
- S P E A K E R : Moving on to Starred Question No. 11, let us invite Dr. R. Lalthangliana to ask the question.
- Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Will the hon'ble minister for Land Revenue & Settlement department be pleased to state – What progress has been made in the re-organization of Land Revenue & Settlement?
- Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the department has requested for creation of 104 posts out of which 29 posts has been granted. The proposals for filling up the posts are approved by the cabinet and we are awaiting approval from Finance department.
- S P E A K E R : Supplementary questions to be asked by Dr. R. Lalthangliana.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, the department is responsible for the whole state and I would like to know why only few posts were granted when more posts is needed. I opine it is time for concerned authority to provide the needs of the people efficiently? It will also be pleasing if the status of Head Surveyor is upgraded so that he may take charge of district offices when necessary?

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, we are fully aware of the need for more posts but our problems remain the same which is financing. We have taken steps for decentralization by empowering the district DC and Civil SDO to settle land disputes. In the meantime, we cannot provide them with surveyors and other technical staffs. Therefore, they cannot function as fully as desired. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

S P E A K E R : We will now take up private resolution from Pu Selthuama that 'Let the government take quick measures to improve Inland Water Transport for the benefit of the people of our state.' Let us invite the hon'ble member to move his resolution.

Pu R. SELTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, Inland water transport is one of the earliest transports in our state. Although we have immensely developed other modes of transport and communications like railways, roads and airport, we have seen very little development regarding Inland waterway even after 120 years despite its usefulness. I request the government to give priority since it is the cheapest means of transportation. After Transport department assumed responsibility from the PWD, DPR was prepared and submitted to the Inland Water Authority of India as Tlawng River is categorized at special list for immediate spot verification. The IWAI then approved the project with an estimate amount of ₹5,27,93,000. From this financial provision, 3 installments has already been received as we are now waiting for the fourth installment. Apart from Tlawng, DPR had also been submitted for Tut and Tuichawng for which the government of Mizoram permitted hiring of a consultancy firm as well.

However Pu Speaker, it is still not enough as we have huge potentialities. So, I urge the government to make use of our rivers for the sake of the people. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : We will now begin discussion of the resolution and 5 minutes each will be allotted to the members. Let us invite the concerned minister to have his time.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, when Congress party assumed power in 2008, we immediately recognized the prospect of inland water transport system as we have taken immediate actions. As the mover has pointed out, we approached the central authority for financial assistance. DPR to that effect has now been approved and we are very grateful.

Pu Speaker, larger portion of the work has already been completed with 3 installments which has been received. The only problem at present is widening of National Highway 54 between Buichali and Pualhrang which impedes the progress of work. When completed, it is expected to give access to a low craft vessel of 8X24 feet wide of 15 hps. The project covers 81,350 kms as it is a colossal project. Apart from this, DoNER is expected to take steps for development of our inland water system as Rites Limited aka Rail India which concern for Techno-economic Service came to survey the rivers. After surveying our major rivers, it is decided to work on Tuichawng and Tut River as the Government of India too has given its approval to prepare a DPR.

In the meantime, we cannot expedite the work as desired as we have to wait for the summer when water level becomes lower. Apart from this, installments we receive from the central have not been released immediately by the state authority which further causes problem.

The project of Sairang to Bairabi is expected for completion by the month of July as we determined issue of license for inland water transportation as in maxi-cabs and taxis. However, work could not be expedited due certain problems.

Finally, I thank the hon'ble member for moving the resolution. I am sure that this discussion will encourage the officers and staff of the department. Thank you.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I am pleased that 70% of the work has already been completed. I am sure it will be extremely beneficial especially for the villages along the river.

Pu Speaker, this is a trade which is worthy to be included in NLUP as it requires barely 1 lakhs rupees and could easily be started in the area. I am very familiar with Sairang river banks and I have even requested the hon'ble minister to utilize NLUP fund for construction of road for importing sand. It is pleasing to learn that four-lane road is now being constructed which will surely be helpful for our economic growth. So, we need to have a good inland waterway in the area. Besides, four other rivers may also be included such as Chhimtuipui river which is not included as it will be accessible for trading with Myanmar. So, I suggest that we build a harbor in the area in co-ordination with different departments. So, I will conclude by saying that I support the resolution and hope my fellow members will also do the same. Thank you.

Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I express my gratitude to Pu R. Selthuama for moving this private resolution concerning Inland waterway. Obviously villages situated on the river banks may benefit this project most as most of our rivers flows through forest which will enable concerned people to carry their cargoes by boats here and there. I will conclude by saying that I give my full support. Thank you.

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. If we agree to pursue the project of Inland Waterway, no doubt villages at the banks of different constituencies will have great benefits as for the whole state. Water transport, the cheapest means of transport will then give us opportunity to obtain our needs easily where as vegetation on the river banks will also become more profitable. So, I express my gratitude to the hon'ble member Pu Selthuama as I support his resolution. Thank you.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I want to support the resolution by R. Selthuama regarding Inland Water Transport as I make a request that Chhimtuipui may also be included in the resolution. Since Kolodyne Hydel Project is about to be started, I suggest the project should be extended up-to Darzokai to make the water transport accessible for the areas. Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I am grateful of the initiatives taken by the government regarding Inland Water Transport in rivers like Tlawng, Tut and Tuichawng. At the same time, there are developments which can also be obtained from Chhimtuipui, the biggest river in Mizoram. River banks could also be utilized for vegetation in a greater scale and if the government takes initiatives for development of the area, it can become the most resourceful river in Mizoram. At the same time, West Tuipui should also be made easily accessible as these areas will contribute a great deal to our economic development. I will conclude the speech by stating my support to the resolution as I request concerned authority to expedite the work so that the people enjoy the benefits as early as possible. Thank you.

Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I express my gratitude to the government as i support resolution of the hon'ble member.

Pu Deputy Speaker, Border Trade in Tlabung have a great prospect if we could extend the route up to Tuichawng and Diluite as it will enable us to import commodities from Bangladesh at a cheaper rate. So, we are anxiously waiting for the time for completion. I

express my support and thank the hon'ble member Pu R. Selthuama for his resolution. Thank you.

Pu LALRINMAWIA RALTE : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker for giving me time to express my gratitude and also support resolution of the hon'ble member, Pu R. Selthuama.

We all know the importance of Inland Water Transport. It may be difficult to obtain funds for construction and development of waterways yet, the North East Regions are fortunate that the central Government provides enough funds from CSS. As we are in a hilly region, we often face problems in connection with lack of route for transportation particularly in monsoon season which usually brought landslide etc. So, good Inland waterways will solve a great deal to our transportation problems. I will conclude my speech by stating my support to the resolution and hope that the government would take immediate step for the success. Thank you.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. I want to express my support to the resolution of the hon'ble member Pu R. Selthuama. As my fellow member stated earlier, we the North East have a better opportunity to obtain funds for development as we are expecting development funds of ₹500 to ₹600 lakhs which is 100% centrally sponsored scheme.

The development project taken up at Tlawnglui is truly appreciative and at the same time, priority may also be given to Chhimituipui as mentioned by the hon'ble member Pu P.P. Thawla as it will serve as an important factor for our economic growth.

Pu Dy. Speaker, I have made an appeal to P & E department to construct a mini-hydel project in Sekulh River as it will prove great benefits for trading systems in our state. In view of our transport system which is less adequate for the state, development of waterway transportation is essential for economic growth of our state. Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Morning session is over. After a short break, we will resume our discussion at 2:00 PM.

2:00 P.M

S P E A K E R : Ten members have participated in the discussion of this resolution and we all seem to agree with passing it. Anyway, Pu Nirupam Chakma may take his time to speak.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. In support of the resolution, I want to add that Inland Water Transport will be a lifeline in the Western belt as I have experienced the importance as even a small speed boat is very useful for the area.

Another prospect of the project is manufacturing mineral water from our rivers which will then be possible after completion of this project. Thus, Pu Speaker, I strongly believe that this resolution could be a great leap for the economic development of our state and I hope all my fellow members too will see the significance. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Like the hon'ble member mentioned, Tuichawng plays an important role for those residing in the nearby areas. Next, Pu Lalthansanga may have his time.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. It is obvious that this Inland Water Transport will be of an important factor for our economic development. During the ministry of P.C. party in 1979, we have tried our best to accomplish Hydel Project. Inter-continental Maritime Consultancy was hired to draft DPR for Mizoram. After completion in 1981 – 1983, it was submitted to the Ministry of Shipping & Transport. A remark was given that if Inland Water Transport is achieved, profit made within 8 years would be enough for construction of Hydel Project. Hence, I am very grateful that the hon'ble member came up with this resolution. So, I will conclude by stating my support to the resolution and I hope initiatives to that effect may be made immediately. Thank you.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My fellow members pointed out rivers which undoubtedly have great potential. Since all the departments are under jurisdiction of the state government, I think it will not be difficult to include the rivers which are not included in the project as it will enhance tourism. Though it may not be connected to transport, I want to say that we have to give importance to construction of roads in different areas as the news today flashes across the state showing the detrimental condition of our highways. So, I think this should be taken care of as fast as possible. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : We will now call upon the hon'ble minister Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, eleven members have stated their
MINISTER valuable opinions and strategies for the resolution
as we have instructed concerned department to hire
employees who are familiar with the areas. We have even widened different parts of the river. It
now takes only 3 hours from Sairang to Bairabi. Regarding security issues, we have assigned
officers and staffs of concerned department to keep on watching the area.

Regarding the question of handing over the project of Chhimtuipui to
Transport department, it could not be done as yet due to the ongoing work which is in progress.
The sites had also been surveyed by the ministry of DoNER and Co-ordination committee with
other departments will soon be established. We are trying our best for the success since the
project will be sponsored fully by the central Government. Like the hon'ble member Pu
Lalthansanga mentioned, Priority is given for Tlawng river since 1981 till date. Hopefully, the
project will be achieved with contribution made by various concerned people. I request my
fellow members to notify once again at the consultative committee so that we may be able
expedite the works for the success of Inland Water Transport. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : If the hon'ble House Leader wants to raise his
opinion in this regard?

Pu LAL THANHAWLA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. As stated by my fellow
CHIEF MINISTER members, water transport is the cheapest means of
transportation and we all seem to have a common
interest for the success since the ministry of P.C Party. As a result, we are now planning to
establish border-trade with Bangladesh as we have discussed the matter with the Prime Minister
in Delhi. If achieved, it will serve as a prominent gateway of Trade & Commerce for the entire
North East States. As most of the members expressed their interest and even suggested different
strategies for the success of the resolution, I believe the project will certainly be achieved. Thus,
I express my support to the resolution. thank you.

S P E A K E R : We will now call upon mover of the resolution to
wind up the discussion and then move the House to
pass the resolution.

Pu R. SELTHUAMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I express my gratitude to
the hon'ble members for their support and I am
positive that the hon'ble minister and concerned
department will give the best effort for the success
of the project.

So, with your permission, Pu Speaker, I move the House to pass my resolution that ‘The state government may expedite construction of the project of Inland Water Transport for immediate accomplishment for the progress of our State’. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : The mover, Pu R. Selthuama has moved the House to pass his Resolution, “The state government may expedite construction of the project of Inland Water Transport for immediate accomplishment and for the progress of our State”. All in favour maysay, ‘Yes’ and those who oppose may say, ‘No.’ The ‘Ayes’ have it. The House now adopted the Resolution of Pu R. Selthuama, “The state government may expedite construction of the project of Inland Water Transport for immediate accomplishment and for the progress of our State”.

The next business is private resolution from Pu K. Lianzuala, “The House expressed its gratitude to the Mizoram Police who rescued two employees of ACBI, kidnapped by rebels of Assam.” I will now call upon Pu K. Lianzuala to move his resolution.

Pu K. LIANZUALA : Pu Speaker, thank you for the chance to move my private resolution, “The House expressed its gratitude to the Mizoram Police who rescued two employees of ACBI, kidnapped by rebels of Assam.”

Pu Speaker, two ACBI employees were held hostage by Assam rebels, named United Democratic Liberation Army. The hon’ble Chief Minister and our Home Minister clearly states that they will not accede to the demands of the rebels. The Mizoram police are praiseworthy for their determination and tenacity in rescuing the hostages. So, with your permission, Pu Speaker, I move my resolution for favor of passing by this august House. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : We will now discuss the resolution. Pu T.T. Zothansanga will start and he will be followed by Pu R.L. Pianmawia.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. During the period 1999-2001, 69 persons were abducted for want of ransom. Government of the former ministry was even alleged to co-operate with the rebels and as even agreed to give the ransom. I am not against giving ransom to save lives but the fact that they denied their act as their connection with the rebels was unreasonable. When the same problem persisted under this ministry Pu Speaker, the government always did what needs to be done with the help of experts and police officers which consequently brought a successful operation. So, I will conclude by saying that I support the resolution and I am very proud of courageous effort made by the Mizoram police. Thank you.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I am grateful to have the opportunity to discuss the resolution of Pu K. Lianzuala, "The House expressed its gratitude to the Mizoram police who rescued two employees of ACBI kidnapped by the Assam rebels". I think it will be clearer if the context 'without paying any ransom demands' is added. Pu Speaker, the operation carried out by the police is praiseworthy and they truly deserved to be honor. We have often faced abduction in the previous years but saving hostage without acceding ransom is rare. So, the police truly deserve to be honored and reward for their act of bravery. I will conclude by saying that I fully support the resolution and also thank the hon'ble House Leader as well as hon'ble Home Minister for their leadership. Thank you.

Pu JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA DEPUTY SPEAKER : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I am grateful for this thoughtful resolution. The two hostages, the employees of ACBI, though were non-mizos, rescued by the Mizoram police since they were working in Mizoram. I wonder if government of a particular state paid attention to my welfare if I was kidnapped in their state. This indicates that the police showed no discrimination to any one they serve. Our policemen truly deserves to be honored as well as award to reflect in their service record respectively. I also give thanks to the leadership of our hon'ble Chief Minister and the Home Minister as I support passing of the resolution. Thank you.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, we have encountered much abduction in the past and there were occasions when the people did not trust initiatives of the government when hostages were rescued. But in this incident, the Mizoram police rescued the abducted without complying with the demands of the rebels and like the hon'ble members said, they deserve honor. I hope those rebels would know who to fear and not repeat the same act. I express my support to the resolution as I thank the hon'ble Home Minister and the Chief Minister for their leadership. Thank you.

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Yesterday we have discussed the importance of Peace in our official Resolution. Peace in our State was threatened in the former ministry as we encountered many kidnapping cases during the year 1999–2003. Allegedly, ransom was acceded by the government so as to free the hostages. But now, under the strong leadership of the hon'ble Chief Minister and our Home Minister, the Mizoram Policemen are able to carry out their rescue operation successfully and we honor them as I also express my support to the resolution. Thank you.

Pu R.LALZIRLIANA MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I am grateful that we are discussing the thoughtful resolution of the hon'ble Member Pu K. Lianzuala. Regarding the abduction, our hon'ble Chief Minister was of the opinion that the hostages should be rescued and not a cent should be spent to these rebels. As the operation began, our men were protected by the almighty God and they were successful in their mission. As suggested by the hon'ble Dy.Speaker as well as my fellow members, they will be rewarded and also mark in their service record. In addition, each may also be awarded with an amount of ₹1000/- from the discretionary fund of Home Minister. Thank you.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, it is necessary to reiterate the case as it is a fact as stated before. The mover submitted his resolution with an intention to improve and maintain our strength and the authority considered the matter already. Now, there is a proposal to purchase weapons for Indian armies where as the sample has already been received and is now ready for test. The state police too, will accordingly be provided with sophisticated weapons as the Indian National armies.

The resolution stated that the United Democratic Liberation army kidnapped two persons of ABCI. As stated before, we have already experienced kidnapping more than 10 times during 1996 – 2000, 21 times during 2001-2008 and one time during 2009-2011. Such cases were resolved by means of compromise. As of this time, it is resolved immediately as kidnappers were injured in the attack. As the hon'ble Chief Minister was consulted by DG and concerned authorities of how to deal with the case, he told them that he wanted to get them back without any compromise. Action was then taken immediately and hostages were released at the 11th day of kidnapping. Firing occurred at 8: 00 AM and was started by the kidnappers. The state police then made their counter-attack courageously and with God on our side, kidnappers were captured.

Pu Dy. Speaker, efforts made by the police for the attack is praiseworthy and truly deserves rewards as the government is determining to give it as deserved. Thus, the Home Minister offered from his discretionary fund, ₹1000 to each of the police in the operation as a reward. Thank you.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, we are now discussing a resolution that concern courageous police force to rescue the hostages kidnapped by the UDLA as well as proposal for rewarding them. Even so, it is regretted to learn that some members emphasizes only on the weakness of former ministry and take political advantage out of this resolution. It is good to pass this resolution if it is submitted with a positive attitude as the state police are efficient enough in carrying out their duty. Their courageous action is no less inferior to other state's police and therefore deserved praiseworthy. On the other hand, it is the duty of the House to determine some sorts of reward. So, we, the opposition members too wholeheartedly support this resolution. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : The time now is 4:00 PM. We obviously have a couple of members to make their speech. Now, I call upon Pu K.S. Thanga.

Pu K.S. THANGA : Pu Speaker, we all are aware of the fact that this is a House where truth should be prevailed as Oath is taken by all the members for that purpose. So, we must speak the truth.

SPEAKER : Now, I call upon mover of the resolution to wind up the discussion.

Pu K. LIANZUALA : Thank you, hon'ble Speaker. It is appreciated as we still have members who are willing to participate in the discussion of this resolution as I would like to extend my thanks to all the members for supporting this resolution.

It is truly appreciated as persons kidnapped were rescued without giving any ransom as the effort of the state police truly deserves credits.

So, Pu Speaker, I beg the House to adopt the resolution that "The House is in the opinion that achievement of the Mizoram Police force in rescuing two ABCI staff kidnapped by Assam Militants is praiseworthy and therefore, express its appreciation." Thank you.

(The Resolution is voted and adopted).

I have to inform the House that I have a tour programme to Delhi in connection with Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Conference to be held at London. So, I will not be able to attend our session on the 11th, 12th and 13th of this month and the hon'ble Deputy Speaker will chair the Session.

Sitting of the House will be resumed at 10:30 AM. on 11.7.2011.

Sitting is adjourned at 4 : 07 PM

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

**THIRD SITTING ON MONDAY, THE 11TH JULY, 2011
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)**

QUESTIONS

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

LAYING OF PAPERS

2. **Pu ZODINTLUANGA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy of “The Mizoram Urban Sanitation and Solid Waste Management Policy, 2011.”
3. **Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy each of the following :
 - i) Ninth Annual Report of Mizoram Agricultural Marketing Corporation Limited (1.4.2001-31.3.2002).
 - ii) Tenth Annual Report of Mizoram Agricultural Marketing Corporation Limited (1.4.2002-31.3.2003).
 - iii) Eleventh Annual Report of Mizoram Agricultural Marketing Corporation Limited (1.4.2003-31.3.2004).
 - iv) Twelfth Annual Report of Mizoram Agriculture Marketing Corporation Limited (1.4.2004-31.3.2005).
4. **Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy of “The Mizoram Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Amendment Rules, 2010.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Bills for introduction, consideration and passing.

5. **Pu P.C.ZORAM SANGLIANA**, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Motor Vehicles Taxation Amendment Bill, 2011.

ALSO

**To introduce the Bill;
To move that the Bill be taken into consideration;
To move that the Bill be passed.**

6. **Pu ZODINTLUANGA**, Minister to beg Leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Municipal Authorities (Prohibition of Defection) Bill, 2011.

ALSO

**To introduce the Bill;
To move that the Bill be taken into consideration;
To move that the Bill be passed.**

NGURTHANZUALA
Secretary.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Last of all, see that you are all in agreement, feeling for one another, loving for one another like brother, full of pity, without pride.
1 Peter 3:8.

Now, we will take up questions. Lt. Col. Z.S. Zuala may ask Starred Question No. 13.

Lt. Col. Z.S. ZUALA : Will the hon'ble minister, Home Affairs be pleased to state: -

- 1) Can you tell me the progress of construction of Assam Rifle Quarters?
- 2) When will construction of Assam Rifles Quarters be completed?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu R.Lalzirliana, Minister to give the answer.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA
MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker, my answer to Question: -

- 1) Construction of Assam Rifles quarter at Zokhawsang is not the purview of Home Affairs. Anyhow, the concerned department PWD is instructed to do so. Accordingly, eighty percent of the work has been completed.
- 2) As an agreement made with the contractors, date for handing over the quarters to the Assam Rifles is 31st March, 2012.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Lt. Col. Z.S. Zuala, Pu Lalrinawma and Pu Lalduhoma to ask supplementary question.

Lt. COL. Z.S. ZUALA : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir, will concerned department move home ministry for immediate completion of construction of Assam Rifles Quarters at Zokhawsang?

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, there is an agreement between Government of Mizoram and Zemabawk village council to construct truckable road to Zokhawsang. But it is not implemented till date. Will it be constructed at an early date?

Secondly, the earth-work of Zokhawsang always disrupted National Highway 54 between Zemabawk and Tuirial and also water supply point of Beraw Lui. Will the problem be solved after the said earth-work is completed?

Pu LALDUHOMA : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, whether proposal of acquisition of Bawngawn land for settlement of the Brigade is withdrawn? What is the present position?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalzirliana, the hon'ble minister to reply.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, government of Mizoram is to move to the home ministry, central government for shifting of Assam Rifles to Zokhawsang. What step has been taken so far?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu R. Lalzirliana, minister to give the answer.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA MINISTER : Thank you hon'ble Speaker. We will approach the home ministry for immediate completion of the construction so that the Assam Rifles are shifted to Zokhawsang as early as possible.

Regarding ring road around Zokhawsang hill, it is possible that farmers in the area refuse the road to pass through their farms. Anyhow, we will examine the said agreement carefully.

Apart from this, there is a proposal to construct approach road from Zemabawk to Tlungvel via Chite ferry. If Zemabawk Village Council is willing, it may not be necessary to construct the said ring road.

It is learned that earth-work for the Assam Rifles settlement at Zokhawsang road often causes road blockage of the road between Zemabawk to Tuirial of 54 National Highway. I had even lodged a complaint to concerned Brigadier and so contractor was immediately instructed to be careful in future. Hopefully, there will not be any disruption there.

Regarding Vawngngawn land acquisition, obviously concerned authority is looking for another site for the said purpose.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu R.L. Pianmawia to ask Starred Question No. 14.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Will the hon'ble minister, Home Affairs be pleased to state -

- a) Did the SDPO post been created at Sakawrdai?
- b) Is there any proposal to provide a vehicle in running condition for the said Police Out-Post?
- c) In which place the Headquarters of 5th IR Battalion will be constructed?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu R. Lalzirliana, minister to give the answer.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA
MINISTER : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir, answer to Starred Questions is: –
a) No
b) Yes
c) PTC Training Centre at Sakawrtuichhun.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu R. L. Pianmawia to ask Supplementary Question.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir, if the 5th I.R. Battalion Headquarters is settled, how about the proposed site for Company Headquarters at Khumlozawl, Darlawn?

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, will the new vehicles be provided for Police Out-Post at Bungtlang South and Vaseikai?

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, will a new vehicle be provided to Police Out-Post of Tuipang?

Secondly, may the hon'ble minister inform the House, plan to reshuffle Headquarters of the other five I.R. Battalions?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu R. Lalzirliana, hon'ble Home Minister to give the answer.

Pu R.LALZIRLIANA MINISTER : Hon'ble Dy. Speaker, Khumlozawl, Darlawn is under investigation for the Company Headquarters.

Regarding the demand for allotment of vehicle for police out-posts at Bungtlang 'S' and Vaseikai, we will verify the matter and may be allotted if necessary.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, I have been given the same answer again and again as enough importance is not given to this matter. So, I do earnestly request the Minister to provide vehicles for the said Police Out-Posts.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA MINISTER : As the member requested earnestly, we will examine the matter and it may be allotted if it is deemed necessary.

Regarding Headquarters of IR Battalions, 1st IR Battalion Headquarters is placed at Mualvum, 2nd IR Battalion Headquarters is at Khawzawl and the 5th IR Battalion Headquarters is at Lungverh. No Headquarters is set for the rest.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu T.T.Zothansanga, to ask Starred Question No. 15.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Will the hon'ble minister, Food, Civil Supply & Consumer Affairs department be pleased to state -

How many additional agencies are being opened by the Government of Mizoram to resolve the problem of supply of LPG in the state?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu H. Rohluna, hon'ble Minister to give the answer.

Pu H. ROHLUNA MINISTER : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, the Government of Mizoram opened three additional agencies, such as: -

1. M & B Indane Gas, Khatla,
2. Zothana Indane Gas, Luangmual and,

3. Seling Indane Gas, Seling. Apart from these, 12 Agencies under Block and Sub-Divisional Headquarter were selected under RGGVL (Rajiv Gramin LPG Vetrak Scheme) and one LPG distributor is appointed for Kulikawn, Aizawl. It will be opened after completion of go-down and attainment of explosive license.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu T.T. Zothansanga to ask supplementary question.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir, my supplementary questions are: -
 1) What are the criteria for selection of LPG Gas Agency?
 2) How many LPG connections are issued by Government of Mizoram?

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir, my supplementary questions are: -

- 1) What is the amount of sale tax charged for each LPG cylinder?
- 2) What is the amount collected by the agencies for each cylinder?
- 3) How many gas cylinders are imported by the government during 2010-2011?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu H.Rohluna, hon'ble Minister to give the answer.

Pu H. ROHLUNA MINISTER : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, selection of LPG agency is not under the authority of the state government as it is the purview of LPG company. As the company issued advertisement on Newspapers, the petitioners submitted their applications which are later sorted out by the company and then the selection is made from qualified applicants through personal interview. But under RGGVL, the distributors are selected on the basis of draw of lots, openly to the public. This is the criteria of selection of gas agencies.

Regarding LPG connection, it was very difficult to obtain new connection during 2008. Thanks to the effort of the new ministry, more than 50,000 connections were allotted to relief our problem. Regarding sale tax, the agencies collected 4% of sale tax per cylinder.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, tax collected from the dealers is obviously 11%. Can you tell me whether 4% or 10% sale tax is collected per cylinder?

- Pu K.LALRINTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, gas cylinder theft is a common case in every locality. Is it possible to make a replacement as connection is still validated?
- Pu H.ROHLUNA MINISTER : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, if it is lost, it is necessary to submit FIR to the nearest police Station so that application of replacement of cylinder is submitted to the company along with Police verification report.
- DEPUTY SPEAKER : Dr. R. Lalthangliana to ask Starred Question No.16.
- Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Will the hon'ble minister, LAD be pleased to state:— Is there any proposal to set up new village council at New Khawlek and Old Khawlek of Lunglei district?
- DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu P.C. Lalthanliana, Minister to the give answer.
- Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA MINISTER : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, the answer is 'No'.
- DEPUTY SPEAKER : Dr. R. Lalthangliana, to ask supplementary question.
- Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, the distance between New Khawlek and Old Khawlek village is about 8 kms. It is difficult for village council members to attend the meeting regularly. So, I would like to request the hon'ble minister to consider formation of a separate village council to New Khawlek.

Secondly, village council election is now at hand. Is there any plan to form new Village Council before the election?

Pu LALDUHOMA : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, there are boundary disputes with some villages in my constituency such as Sairang and Chaltlang, Sairang and Sairang Dintar, Phunchawng and Chaltlang. It may be settled by concerned authority by discussing the matter with NGOs and concerned villages. May the hon'ble minister determine to resolve such boundary disputes?

Pu K. LALRINTHANGA : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, how many village councils have been dissolved during this ministry and which party formed such village councils?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call upon the concerned minister to give the answer.

Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, the situation of village council of Old Khawlek and New Khawlek stated by Pu R. Thangliana is true. Anyhow, V/C election is at hand, and the state government will consider formation of new village councils. The matter will be brought to the committee and will be settled by the government.

Eight village councils have been dissolved. Five village councils out of eight were formed by Congress (I) Party and the rest were formed by MNF Party. Thank You.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalrobiaka to ask Starred Question No.17.

Pu LALROBIAKA : Will the hon'ble minister, Printing and Stationery department be pleased to state: -

What steps have been taken by the government for improvement of government press?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana, minister to give the answer.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, DPR submitted by the state government submitted DP is already accepted by DoNER ministry. Now, the state government is preparing DPR and concept papers for construction of press building.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalrobiaka, to ask supplementary question.

Pu LALROBIAKA : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, Printing & Stationery department is a full-fledged department. But it is not utilized by the state government as it ought to be particularly in stationery materials. Will the state government utilise this department as it is supposed?

Secondly, it is often mentioned that Printing Institute will be set up in Mizoram. If so, what step has been taken so far?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu P.P. Thawla.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Does the government press earn any revenue?

Pu LALDUHOMA : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, the consultative Committee once recommended disposing unnecessary stocks. Did the government have implemented the recommendation? Secondly, in which site the press building will be constructed? Thirdly, does the present condition of government press been implemented as recommended by the consultative committee?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana, minister to give the answer.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA MINISTER : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, as already stated in the answer of the original question, DPR was made for printing institute. The DoNER ministry is very interesting with it and changes the name as the first printing institute in the North East. The DPR is framed accordingly. But after studying the name carefully by Planning department, the name is again changed for the scheme as a measure to strengthen the government press. DPR and concept paper of the scheme amounting to ₹875 lakhs has been submitted to the DoNER ministry out of which ₹842.47 lakhs was accepted. ₹330.38 lakhs including the state share was already sanctioned. Now, quotation in nationwide is called for and the State Purchase Board will finalize the quotation. After finalizing the quotation, the most standard machines made of Japan or Germany will be installed. The second installment will be drawn as soon as the State Purchase Board handed over utilization certificate to the DoNER ministry. It is therefore, expected after

three or four months. Color printing machine will also be installed at the same site of directorate office. Improvement work as asked by Pu Lalduhoma also is fully implemented.

Building division of PWD is now framing a new DPR amounting to ₹10 crores which will be submitted to the DoNER ministry. If this fund is received, the building of the Government Press will be constructed at Luangmual/Chawnpui.

Regarding earning of revenue, target of revenue is ₹75 lakhs where as revenue earning is ₹89 lakhs. It is further to be noted that unwanted stocks has already been disposed. Regarding supply of materials, it is given only to the existing demand in case of stationery.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalrinawma, to ask Starred Question No.18.

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Will the hon'ble minister, LAD be pleased to state –
Is there any proposal to rectify wrong boundary notification of village council,
No.LAD/VC-40/87/80 Dated the 6th Oct. 1987?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu P.C. Lalthanliana, minister to give the answer.

Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA MINISTER : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, answer to the Starred Question of Pu R. Lalrinawma is 'Yes'.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalrinawma to ask supplementary question.

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, obviously there was a mob rule between Sihphir and Lungdai village due to issue of wrong notification. Will the hon'ble assured to rectify the said boundary notification?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Hon'ble minister to give the answer.

Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA MINISTER : To answer the supplementary question raised by Pu R. Lalrinawma, complaint against the said notification is received also from Lungdai village council as the government is verifying the case for immediate rectification.

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, notification of the said boundary was issued in 1987 and the case is raised to prevent mob rule which may erupt as a result of the dispute over demarcation of boundary between the aforementioned villages. In this regard, I must say that boundary claimed by Lungdai which crosses over Sakawrhmutuaitlang is absolutely untrue. Hence, I find no reason for concerned authority to consider the opinion of Lungdai village council.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Concerned minister to reply.

Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir, it is difficult to
MINISTER make assurance to resolve the case as demanded.
Yet, it is to be noted that the government is aware of the problem as notification paper will be re-examined and rectification will be made as necessary. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, Pu R.L. Pianmawia, to ask Starred Question No. 19.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Will the hon'ble minister, Law and Judicial department be pleased to state –

- a) Whether step has been taken for setting up of village court at the selected villages?
- b) Whether selection has been done for setting up of village courts?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Concerned minister to give the answer.

Pu LALSAWTA : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, answer to Starred
MINISTER Questions No.19 are: -
a) Yes.
b) No village is selected other than twelve villages.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu R.L.Pianmawia to raise supplementary question.

Pu R. L. PIANMAWIA : If so, Pu Dy. Speaker, will villages from Tuivawl constituency too be proposed?

- DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalsawta, minister to give the answer.
- Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, the committee selected 12 villages for setting up of village court. Although we are allowed to set up the village courts, we have some problems from Finance department and all the proposals cannot be implemented as desire where as Lai, Mara and Chakma Autonomous District Councils are excluded from the scheme. Since selection for the first stage is not yet implemented, selection for the following stages may be renewed as necessary.
- DEPUTY SPEAKER : We have only one minute left for question hour. So, let us call upon Pu T.T. Zothansanga to ask Starred Question No. 20 and supplementary question will not be entertained.
- Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Will the hon'ble minister, Food, Civil Supply & Consumer Affairs department be pleased to state -
- Whether the government has enough stock of rice for rural for the coming monsoon season?
- DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu H. Rohluna, hon'ble minister to give the answer.
- Pu H. ROHLUNA MINISTER : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, answer to Starred Question No.15 is 'Yes'.
- DEPUTY SPEAKER : The next business is Laying of Papers. Let us call upon Pu Zodintluanga to lay the Paper on the Table of the House.
- Pu ZODINTLUANGA MINISTER : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, with your kind permission and of the House, I lay on the table of the House, "The Mizoram Urban Sanitation and Solid Waste Management Policy, 2011". Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. Now, Pu Lalrinliana Sailo, minister to lay on the table of the House, the Ninth to Twelfth Annual Report of Mizoram Agricultural Marketing Corporation, Ltd.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO MINISTER : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, with your kind permission and of the House, I lay on the table of the House, the following Reports: -

- 1) The Ninth Annual Report of Mizoram Agricultural Marketing Corporation, Ltd. (1.4.2001-31.3.2002).
- 2) The Tenth Annual Report of the Mizoram Agricultural Marketing corporation, Ltd. (1.4.2002-31.3.2003)
- 3) The Eleventh Annual Report of the Mizoram Agricultural Marketing Corporation, Ltd. (1.4.2003-2004).
- 4) The Twelfth Annual Report of the Mizoram Agricultural Marketing Corporation, Ltd. (1.4.12004-2005). Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. Now, Pu P.C. Lalthanliana, minister to lay on the table of the House, "The Mizoram Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Amendment Rules, 2010."

Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA MINISTER : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, with your kind permission and of the House, I lay on the table of the House, "The Mizoram Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Amendment Rules, 2010." Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. Now, we have to Discuss the Bill. We will call upon Pu Zoram Sangliana, minister to beg and introduce the Bill to the House, "The Mizoram Motor Vehicle Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 2011."

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, with your kind permission and of the House, I beg to introduce, "The Mizoram Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 2011."

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon'ble minister begged the House to introduce, "The Mizoram Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 2011." If permitted, let him introduce and move the Bill for consideration.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA MINISTER : Thank you Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, I lay on the table of the House, "The Mizoram Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 2011." This Amendment Bill is formulated as a result of pressure of the owners of private motor vehicles and of the central government. It is an obligation for the state government to collect taxes from motor vehicles especially from owners of private motor vehicles. I supposed all members examined the paper in detail. It concern way and means of earning revenue from owners of private motor vehicles. There is one mistake in the title of the Bill as '2010' is to be corrected as '2011' and I request the members to make correction accordingly. I, now, move to the House the Bill for consideration.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana, minister moved the Bill for consideration in the House. We will have discussion. Each member will have five minutes.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, I would like to request the hon'ble minister to make a comment on the provisions of the Bill in general.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : If so, let him comment on the main theme of the provisions in general.

Pu P. C. ZORAM SANGLIANA MINISTER : Thank you, hon'ble Deputy Speaker. The state has no Vehicles Taxation Act or Rules before 1997. Road Tax is imposed by means of Assam Motor Vehicles Taxation Act, 1936 and of Assam Motor Taxation Rules, 1936. The state collected taxes by means of the Mizoram Motor vehicles Taxation Act, 1996 and The Mizoram Motor vehicles Taxation Rules, 1997 till date. Generally, the rate of taxes is usually revised every ten years. Other states collected vehicles tax by means of Vehicles Classification and Road Tax Revise Rate recommended by the Government of India since five years back. State government applied the same rate for thirteen years without any revision. It is, now, formulated the Mizoram Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 2011 in compliance with the rate recommended by the Government of India.

Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir, I want to add that the consultative committee too gave us signal and after that, it has been raised for agenda to the cabinet meeting. It is then introduced in the House for consideration today.

Regarding the rate of taxation, Transport Vehicles (Public Carrier) is increased by 20% as non-transport vehicles by 50% only. The scheduled of taxation is not heavy comparing to other states.

As so practiced in other states, life time tax is scheduled for non-transport vehicle, that is, two wheelers and private cars. If life time taxation is practiced in our state, the owner of vehicle has to pay road tax for fifteen years at the time of registration of his vehicle and taxation problems will then be solved. The department usually received oral pressure to practice this life time taxation system. Anyhow, this life time tax system has to be applied in all the states. As soon as this ministry is in power, the concerned prioritized the case as it is raised the agenda of the Cabinet Meeting. Thus, "The Mizoram Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 2011," has been laid on the Table of the House for consideration. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, we will have discussion. Each member will have five minutes and Pu Chawngtinthanga will start.

Pu CHAWNGTINTHANGA : Thank you hon'ble Deputy Speaker. This Bill contains scheduled-I and scheduled-II. Scheduled-I concerns transport vehicles while Scheduled-II concerns non-transport vehicles. Non-transport vehicles have to clear tax for fifteen years when registration is done where as transport vehicles have to pay tax annually. As the mover said, it has to be applied to all the states. Since no tax revision is made for a long period of time, life time tax is meant to solve default of taxation. It is truly appreciative as it has to be applied also in our state as government revenues is expected to increase by 1.14 crore if the Bill is passed.

Regarding taxation, I would like to point out my opinion that the people in our state are ignorant of the necessity of payment of tax. Even the legislators did not know how to formulate rules for collection of various taxes. Even the rules for collection of taxes were formulated as a result of a number of reactions both from public and legislators. Hence, I opine it is necessary to have awareness campaign in the state.

In the amendment portion, there is no provision for imposition of tax in Section 3 of the principal Act. I opine it is appropriate to add, "There shall be levied on". Thank you.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, this is a matter of much important. Due to escalation of price, I opine it is necessary to make amendment as good citizen has

to pay tax regularly. Yet, I have a question regarding the system of payment of tax. Since life time of a vehicle is generally fifteen years, one has to pay tax for fifteen years despite problem of concerned owner of vehicle. I opine we have to determine as to whether owners of vehicle has financial problem to pay the tax as demanded.

Regarding increment rate of taxes, tax of non-transport vehicle is increased by 50% where as transport vehicle is increased by 20%. So, I would like to know the practice of other states in this regard. Then, Pu Dy. Speaker, I support the Bill for passing. Thank you.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir, it is regretted as sudden revision of tax is a common practice of the government which indicates irregularity of the government as well as concerned department. On the other hand, alteration or increase of taxes, bills, fees, etc are often opposed by the public even by observing total bandh.

Regarding scheduled 11, life time tax is encouraged both for non-transport vehicles or private vehicles as it is not heavy for owner of new vehicle as it will be more profitable for government. But in case of Scheduled-I, it is not appropriate to impose the same amount of tax from to old vehicle and the new ones. So, it is wise to consider old vehicles as shown in the scheduled-II.

Various committees of the Assembly are aware of the fact that Transport department has large sum of tax which has not been received from the public. It is further learned that certified officer has even reduced actual amount of tax one have to pay instead of losing the whole amount as no alternative solution is found. It is, therefore, important for the government to consider an easy mean for the public so that payment is made without causing much problem. Thank you.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Thank you hon'ble Deputy Speaker. There are number of vehicles for which tax has not been paid. This happened not only in the remote area but also in the city. Period for payment of tax is generally opened during the month of March only but not throughout the year. Generally one delays to submit the tax due to ignorance and left it for the next year which causes one to pay for a couple of years at a time. It is regretted as number of vehicle evaded traffic police due to non-payment of tax.

What is important for the government is to give awareness to the public of the necessity of tax. Since computerization of payment of tax, concerned authority is expected to easily root out any miscreant. Yet, the department is still confusing who do not pay tax till date. It is appreciated as life-time payment of tax will to be adopted. But I opine it is important for the government to determine the system of payment for old vehicles separately as it is inappropriate for concerned person to pay the same amount to be paid by owner of new vehicle. We also have

to consider as to whether reimbursement could be made if a vehicle met accident after clearance of life-time tax. Lastly, I do support passing of this Bill. Thank you.

Pu K.S. THANGA : Thank you, the hon'ble Deputy Speaker. This bill concerns only of taxation of motor vehicles. I opine it is also necessary to consider the problem of garage. With increasing problem of traffic in Aizawl and other major towns, it is time forus to formulate rules to that effect. Being legislators, we are able to formulate rules so that immediate action to taken.

Regarding matching share, it is regretted as the state failed to contribute Rs.100 crore of its matching shares to the central government. It will be pleasing if the hon'ble minister taken immediate action to meet the requirement.

Regarding payment of lifetime tax, it is important for the members to consider that a particular vehicle could be running in good condition for 15 years. If so, how will we determine the tax beyond 15 years? Anyhow, it is good to pass this Bill without delay. Thank you.

Pu B. LALTHLEGLIANA : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir, I have no criticism in particular, yet, I would like to express my opinion on the system of tax collection in our state. Usually opposition members criticize increased of taxes despite its importance. However, the members today support this Bill as it is good for the state government. Being Mizoram as a special category state, the central government contributes matching share of 90% of development fund where as only 10% has to be contributed by the state government. We should be a shame as we could not even achieve 10% of state share. Despite strong criticism from the opposition party on increase of land revenue from 2/- to 10/-, it is to be noted that this will become an important source for contribution of our matching share.

Regarding increase of tax on private vehicle from 25% to 50%, I opine it is important for the minister to consider as to whether it is a burden for concerned owner of vehicle. In this relation, I would like to question the hon'ble minister of how to determine the case of payment for a vehicle of 14 years old whereas only a year is left. I do not oppose the bill for payment of tax as it is our responsibility as a citizen of Mizoram and tax is paid regularly in other states. In this connection Pu Dy. Speaker, I wonder how one vehicle in Mizoram is servicing without registration or payment of tax. It is important for concerned authority to check such vehicles to improve source of revenue. I, therefore, support the Bill. Thank you.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Thank you, the hon'ble Deputy Speaker. If we examine scheduled 1 & 2 of the Bill, The Mizoram Motor Vehicle Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 2011 is a must. I am very happy for we are now discussing the Bill yet, it may be burdensome for owners

of vehicles. Payment of lifetime tax system, over all, is good whether it is in sale or accident. Fitness is very important and it must be observed carefully. Any motor vehicle without fitness is strictly prohibited in other cities as even vehicle with unfinished paint is not allowed to service. Improvement of the appearance of our city requires appropriate rules of vehicle which concern maintenance of fitness of vehicle, uniform quality of name/number plate and control excessively decorated vehicle. Besides, it is necessary to make rules that concern purchasing permit and garage of vehicle. It is an eyesore to see vehicles parking along the roadsides of our city. So, I request STA to see rules of parking and designation plates. I do not think owners of shop are hesitant to pay any amount of parking fee which may be demanded by the authority. It may also be suggestive to make the rule that no vehicle should be purchase without having appropriate garage first. Besides, it is wise for the government to consider rules to control vehicle related air pollution. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Regarding garage, one should clarify availability of garage when registration for newly purchased vehicle is applied and concerned authority should also verify whether it is true, prior to registration of any vehicle.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, I do support this Bill while making a suggestion that motor vehicles (including tri-cycles plying inter-state for hire and accommodating four passengers (excluding driver and conductors) may be regarded as taxi as there is no difference with passengers car of 800 cc.

The hon'ble minister, while moving the bill stated that the rate imposed on private car is increased by Rs.50. In my opinion, it is not appropriate as cars we are using today are generally of 1000-2000cc. and we are supposed to pay Rs.750 for it whereas actual payment of tax for the same is Rs.1000/- which is higher than 50% as shown in column No.4.

Besides, it is important to consider as to whether payment should be necessitated for a second-hand motor vehicle purchased from outside as most of such vehicles seems to have cleared a life-time tax previously. Should tax paid be once again for a second-hand vehicle which may be purchased from outside?

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Thank you, hon'ble Deputy Speaker. It is much appreciative to pass The Mizoram Motor Vehicle Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 2011. As the hon'ble members said, I would like to point out the need to determine increase of tax base revenue resources. If the tax base is enhanced, more people will pay tax to the government with a sense of belonging which is the practice of developing countries also.

Regarding increasing rate of tax, I opine proposed rate is reasonable both for transport vehicles and non-transport vehicles which are increased by 20% and 50% respectively where as wages of labor and salary of government servants on the contrary, is increases many times.

Some members opined the rate of tax of vehicles should not to be based on quality of the vehicle since it is a matter which concerns usage of road and more tax should be imposed on old vehicle.

Regarding section 3, I opine it may be more appropriate to add “There shall be levy on tax,” after section 3 of the principal act. Besides, instead of writing it as ‘Gazetted, therein after, and, after and referred’, I opine it should be written as ‘gazette therein after, and, after and referred.’ Thank you.

Pu H. ZOTHANGLIANA : Thank you, hon’ble Deputy Speaker. It is appreciated as we are having the opportunity to discuss “The Mizoram Motor Vehicle Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 2011” here in the House.

I opine it is time for concerned authority to determine increase of tax based revenue resources from the public. If the people pay more tax to the government, they will have sense of belonging of the state. Regarding amendment of the provision, it may be more appropriate to add “there shall be levied on” in section 3 of the Bill. Again, the word ‘gazetted’ may be corrected and also “therein after” may be corrected as “herein after” of short title and amendment. In the same manner, the words “reffered to” may be corrected as “referred to”. I do support passing of this Bill. Thank you.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Thank you, the hon’ble Dy. Speaker. The bill is quite good and I have nothing to criticize as the rate of increment under scheduled 1 and scheduled 2 also is reasonable. But considering increase rate of per capita income of the state and of the central government, Is not it better to reduce lifetime of a vehicle from 15 years to 12 years? It may also be considered that this will further result in increase of rate of commercial transport automatically.

I would also like to know whether there is provision for rental car to pay the tax as it is treated as non-transport vehicles but in practical, it is a transport vehicle. Thank you.

Pu LALSAWTA : Thank you, the hon’ble Dy. Speaker. The bill is already vetted by Law department but there might be a mistake in the process of vetting. The whole context of Section 3 of the Principal Act needs to be changed, but with your permission

Sir, let me read it out, “The Government may, by notification, from time to time, direct that a tax shall be levied on any motor vehicles used and kept for use in a public place in the state.” This may be modified as “The Mizoram Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 2011.” There are three sub-sections such as 1, 2 and 3 which may also be amended. I, therefore, make an appeal to the House to agree with my proposal.

As a member of the House, I do agree with the suggestions made by the hon’ble members. At present, the people are not aware of the necessity of direct tax as much regard has not been given due to ignorance. However, necessity compels us to implement it with increase population of the rich. On the other hand, it is important for concerned authority to formulate the rules so that poor section of the people is less suffering. Pu Speaker, I am truly appreciated for the chance to discuss the Bill. Thank you.

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

2 : 00 PM

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Discussion of the bill, “The Mizoram Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill, 2011” will now be resumed. I call upon Pu Lal Thanhawla, Leader of the House.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Hon’ble Deputy Speaker Sir, it is quite pleasing to know that the members are actively participated in the discussion of this Bill despite the needs to modify some portions. It may be noted by the members that this Bill is highly essential. Yet, the House often neglected the importance of five-yearly reviewing of any tax even though it is not a difficult task.

Regarding garage, it is unfortunate that most of the houses and shops along the roads usually ignored the reserved roads and parked the vehicles on road sides. It is, therefore, important for concerned authority to observe strict regulations to solve traffic problems particularly of the capital. Besides, it is also important to maintain discipline by restriction of shirtless driving or smoking cigarette while driving to evade accident. The regulation may immediately review by concerned authority.

Pu Deputy Speaker, even though the House found the bill body not to be good enough, I opine it is good to pass at least for further amendment. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, I call upon concerned minister to wind up the discussion.

Pu P.C.ZORAM SANGLIANA MINISTER : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir, it is deeply regretted for some errors which are found in the main theme of the amendment for which I beg consideration of the House. I am glad that some members supported the amendment despite criticism from certain members. I would also like to thank to the hon'ble Chief Minister and thirteen members for their constructive participation.

Pu Dy. Speaker, points raised by the members, as a whole, are important and concerned officers sitting at the official gallery are expected to note down each points for further consideration.

Secondly, I want to point out that lifetime tax from other states required fresh registration as the Government necessitated imposition the said tax to all motor vehicles. Besides, the government, in view of the importance of designation plate, any officer are expected to put their designation plate even on a privatized car.

Regarding registration of old motor vehicle, it is to be noted that even if road tax is cleared for ten years, he has to pay for another five years and so on. Again, if a vehicle is in service after fifteen years, the registration may be renewed for another five year. Validity of registration is 15 years because life of any vehicle is estimated as fifteen years. Regarding unregistered motor vehicles, it is already shown in the audit report and is no longer need to explain in detail. Thank you.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, even if a life-time tax is paid for a commercial vehicle, it still require national/zonal permit for inter-state where as in the case of private car, it is pliable to all India if life-time tax is validated. If a vehicle is not registered in other states, it should be automatically registered in Mizoram. It is appropriate if it is implemented as suggested.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA MINISTER : Pu Dy. Speaker, it has already been implemented through out the country. So, it is not necessary to register a vehicle in other states if registration is done in Mizoram. But, if it is imported vehicle, fresh registration is necessary.

- Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Dy. Speaker, if one purchased a vehicle with life-time registration from other states, does it mean that it is not necessary to change name of the owner except the registration?
- Pu P. C. ZORAM SANGLIANA MINISTER : Hon'ble Dy. Speaker, if it is purchased from outside it has to be registered afresh in Mizoram.
- DEPUTY SPEAKER : We have certain cases such as a vehicle registered In Mizoram is in Silchar without payment of lifetime tax. Can such vehicles be remaining in service in Assam?
- Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA MINISTER : That is the reason for the needs of amendment, Pu Dy. Speaker. Vehicle from Silchar etc. came to Aizawl, Kolasib or Mamit to obtain registration as Mizoram is considered as safe-haven. Hence, the government often incurs heavy loss and so amendment has to be made.
- Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, there is vehicle registration for Mizoram at Kolkata, Delhi and other states. If a lifetime tax is paid by bearer of such registration, it is pliable to all India. In the same manner, any vehicle whether of Mizoram or else is pliable in Mizoram if lifetime tax is paid at any of the given places.
- Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, this is the reason for the central government to introduce one-time tax payment in every states and anyone who evaded violates the law. Therefore, this Bill has been introduced to facilitate owner of vehicles to avoid violation of law and so amendment is needed in order to follow the norms.
- DEPUTY SPEAKER : There is one thing which is not clear. If Lifetime registration for Mizoram is done at Delhi, does this mean that the registration is valid also in Delhi?

PU P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA : No, it is not pliable as registration of New Delhi
MINISTER should be obtained if the vehicle is meant for New Delhi.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I purchased a vehicle in Delhi
10 years back on which road tax for 20 years was paid under Delhi Registration. After expiry, I can resume payment for another year but in Mizoram without necessarily changing the original registration. So, amendment should also be made to cover such kind of cases.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA : There is no reason for invalidating such kind
MINISTER of registration. If it is purchased from other state, it should be registered within 12 months. In order to sort out the problem, onetime payment is preferred by the state government and so amendment is being introduced. In case of accident of vehicle, it is to be noted that lifetime tax is not reimbursable. Hence, we have to give priority to Insurance Policy in order to get back loss from the accident.

Apart from this, there is a plan to introduce uniform dress code for drivers of all public service vehicles where as to set an exmaple, the department of transport supplied uniform to all drivers and conductors of the department which may be followed by the rest. By keeping up with the discipline, I opined any visiting tourists from outside could easily be impressed.

Regarding car rental, it cannot be clubbed with the current amendment as it is exercised under the 1989 Rental Cab Scheme. Regarding the problem caused by parking, the government gives priority to having garage by each owner of vehicle but many of us neglected. Parking of vehicle at public places is frequently seen and we are trying to solve this problem by recruiting MR based employees under MVI to verify during registration as to whether owner of the vehicle actually have a garage for his vehicle.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Can this be verified in prior of purchasing a vehicle?

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, there is no rule to do
MINISTER verification before purchasing a vehicle. If the government has to take necessary action, there should be rules to support the action. Thus, your suggestion is not applicable as yet. So, Pu Dy. Speaker, what I want to appeal to the House is to approve verbal amendment as being sought for. Thank you.

- Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I want the hon'ble minister to clarify as to whether lifetime road tax paid in other states is still pliable in Mizoram as the Bill does not indicate matter concerning that point.
- DEPUTY SPEAKER : If verbal amendment is sought for, there may be some points to add.
- Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, we have to know that this MINISTER is a road tax which concern Mizoram but not Nagaland or Delhi. Therefore, it will only be validated in Mizoram. Yet, suggestion made by the members will be noted down by the officials for further study.
- Pu K.LIANTLINGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, road tax in Mizoram is collected under the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988 which was amended in 1989. As such, we have to be careful in amending the process so that the central act is not contradicted.
- Pu P.P. THAWLA : One question, Pu Deputy Speaker. Supposing an officer purchased a vehicle and paid life-time road tax in Mizoram and he was then transferred to other state for a period of 3 years. If the existing rule has to be applied, the concerned officer has to make double payment of road tax. May the minister clarify the case?
- Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I cannot furnish the answer at MINISTER present as our rules do not concern such cases as it is meant to be applied only in our state. I opine what is not pliable in Mizoram will not be pliable to other states too. We will examine the case Pu Dy. Speaker. It appears that Amendment Section 3 is the portion which needs amendment and the spelling mistakes and inappropriate languages which needed correction are noted down by our officials and will be corrected accordingly. We have nothing to say but to request the House for verbal amendment of the case and beg to pass the Bill.
- DEPUTY SPEAKER : The minister has begged the House to pass the Bill. If we agree to pass, let us say, 'yes'. It seems that we all agree to pass the Bill. "The Mizoram Motor Vehicle Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 2011" is now passed by the House.

- Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA
MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.
- Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the amended form should be circulated in the House as it will be slightly different from the previous copy.
- Pu K.S. THANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I request the subject of garage should also be reviewed as House leader and the members gives their earnest participation.
- DEPUTY SPEAKER : Next, Pu Zodintluanga, hon'ble minister to introduce "The Mizoram Municipality Authorities (Prohibition of Defection) Bill, 2011".
- Pu ZODINTLUANGA
MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I beg to introduce "The Mizoram Municipal Authorities (Prohibition of Defection) Bill, 2011".
- DEPUTY SPEAKER : Do we agree? If so, let him introduce the Bill.
- Pu ZODINTLUANGA
MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, I introduce "The Mizoram Municipal Authorities (Prohibition of Defection) Bill, 2011". Thank you.

In a democracy, the people, after examining each proganda of a party elected their representative who they believe to be the right one to fulfill their demands. As such, a government for the people is set up. If the government governs well, the benefit goes to the people. However, many representatives moved from one party to another for their own benefit but not as interest of the welfare of those they represented. In order to stop this, the Parliament formulated Anti-defection Law in 1985 under the 52nd Amendment Act of the Indian Constitution to be implemented in the Parliament and the State Legislative Assembly. It does not include elected members of local bodies such as Municipal Corporation, Municipal Council, Panchayat etc. Therefore, many States passes a bill to be exercised only in their own state. I hope that in the same manner, we may pass this bill in order to have a strong and efficient municipal council. Pu Dy. Speaker, there are minor mistakes in the bill as in the statement of objects and

reasons which may be amended later. Now, I introduce the bill for consideration of the House. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : After three days of Sitting, it is regretted to have number of mistakes in our bills. I urge all concerned ministers to take measure to minimize mistake. Now, we will have a discussion on “The Mizoram Municipality Authorities (Prohibition of Defection) Bill, 2011”. To start with, I call upon Pu B. Lalthlengliana.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : In my opinion, Pu Deputy Speaker, we are in a hurry to implement Defection Law in the House as it's been barely a year since Aizawl Municipal Council was put into function. Other states as referred by the minister are practicing the same for 30 to 50 years in which they faced many problems. Hence, I cannot give my support to this bill as I opine that we have to wait for another 2 or 3 years. As the minister pointed out reference to the constitution regarding this subject, the constitution allowed making rules in the Autonomous District Council except the right to make defection law. The neighboring state Meghalaya also tries to make defection law in regard to Khasis Autonomous District Council and was appealed to Guwahati High Court and was rejected. I, therefore, think it is too early for us to implement this kind of rules. So, I cannot give my support to this bill. Thank you.

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I give my support to this bill presented by the hon'ble minister. This bill was prepared to go in parallel with the tenth schedule of the constitution and is made in the interest of the people to evade undesirable incident. I, therefore, give my full support with the hope to ensure safety from any defection which may come in future. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : It is to be noted by the members that any political party may not take advantage of any bill which may be discussed in the House. If it concern for the welfare of our state, we must support it. Now, let us invite Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, it is known to us all how the Autonomous District Council faces defection time and time again particularly when the ministry is changing. This can be avoided if this law is implemented. Man needs law to bind us from straying. Most of the defectors are of opposition or ousted members who are eager to enjoy the same platform as ruling members. Anti-defection

acts are mostly for the benefit of the opposition to maintain stability within their party. As we see today, the existing AMC councilors are loyal to their own party but their fate cannot be foretold. Hence, it is important to make law to prevail a secure future.

Pu Speaker, I want to point out the weakness of this bill. First, in Section 3(b) sub-section, the definition of political merger is vague. It stated that if 2/3 of political party members agree, there can be a merger where as no members hardly know his strength in a party. Therefore, it is not realistic as every party has its own constitution. Some of us may think this will be finalized by the party's high command or the executive. As such, this violates the party constitution. May the minister make clarification in this regard and if necessary, this may be re-examined.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Are we going to re-examine first or proceed on amendment of this bill? Let us invite Pu C. Ramhluna.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the Municipal Council was elected only last year and today, we introduced defection bill which I think is quite embarrassing. I opine that chance should be given to the council to accommodate with the system as it is not necessary to rush for implementation of the said laws.

Pu Deputy Speaker, Anti Defection Law concerned with the 10th schedule of the constitution which underlines that "In this schedule unless the context otherwise requires". We, therefore, have to determine whether it is our right to proceed as our own desire. In response to Defection Law demanded by the Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council, the Guwahati High Court ruled out that "The Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council Prevention of Defection Rule, 2005 are declared invalid and null and void and are, accordingly struck down". It is to be noted that unless and until the Parliament made amendment of rules concerning the District Council or Autonomous Body, there is no provision to make another rules on our own. Thus, I opine we are a bit rush to implement this rule. The Mizoram Municipality Act, 2007 was made from Part 9 of the Constitution and in the 74th Amendment Act Article 243(R) which gives us the power to make rule but this does not include the right to make Anti-Defection Law. As such, Pu Deputy Speaker, we have to examine the case more carefully. Since the said council is not a Legislative Body but Executive, it is set up to work, not to make law. Why should we try to fence them with this law as if they are a Political Institution? I, therefore, I cannot give my support to this bill for now.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, it is unfortunate to sit here to discuss the "The Mizoram Municipality Authorities (Prohibition of Defection) Bill, 2011". As soon as I have learned about the bill, I asked myself what

could be the reason which I assume later that the ruling party is afraid of losing its members as the margin of their victory is considerably slim.

There is a plan to make amendment twice in a short period of time. As the ruling party strengthens its stand with voting right, it is not a necessity to have a Defection Law. We better wait for another time and let the office start the work properly. It is not appropriate to misuse the council as a political platform.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I think this bill is a must for political stability. Besides, we all know that the district council was jeopardized many times because of political instability. If we had such law, we could have stability in the past. So, it is very important to pass this bill if not for today but for tomorrow. Therefore, I give my full support to pass this bill.

Pu K.S.THANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, Anti Defection Law introduced by the hon'ble minister is a common interest of all political parties. Its sole purpose is to safeguard the government in which the people elect their representative as to protect the elected members against any act of defection. Since the status of councilor is next to the legislator, responsibility of the members is quite important. Therefore, it is very important to arm them with this defection law. Law department vetted the said in 7.9.2010 after carefully studied as to whether it contradicts the Indian constitution. If we pass this bill, we will have a good system of government. I do not know if the opposition against this bill is just for the benefit of their own party. Lastly, I request the minister to carefully examine the case prior to introduction in the House particularly the wording and typing mistakes. Thank you.

Pu LALSAWTA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, I think we have to study rules more carefully when a bill is prepared for introduction in the House. We heard about the High Court ruling on the Khasi District Defection Law as the power vested to us by the Constitution under the 7th Schedule of List 2 at Entry 5. Besides, Article 243 clearly defined how the State is empowered to make rules and the limitation. Despite the importance of Municipal Council, Legislative Power is not vested as making rules is in the hand of the State government. Thus, disqualification of the member is defined in the Article 243, clause 'B' that "if he is so disqualified by or under any law made by the Legislature of the State". This proves that the State Legislature can make rules for disqualification if deemed necessary. With this knowledge, the Law Department vetted this bill. Thank you.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, it is not that we are against the bill

in general but too early to pass the bill as the municipality is in function for only half a year.

We have the Act only in 2007 and is now followed by introduction of defection Bill which opine as untimely. Even for any political party, there is hardly a time for preparation as to scrutinize the bill.

Pu Deputy Speaker, if we study carefully, we may find printing mistakes and incorrect wording which is regretted. I want the minister to make clarification on page 4 Section 3-A, Disqualification on ground of defection not to apply in case of split. Here, it is stated, "He shall not be disqualified under sub-section (1) of section 3 on the ground". And in (b), we have seen a long sentence which I think may be the longest sentences having 94 words with no full stop. Is there a way to make the sentence short and simple? Besides, as Pu Lalduhoma raised the subject on page 5, it is not proper to make all political party to act in this way. Again, in page 7, 'Power of state government to make rules', I hardly understand the meaning. It will be appreciated if the wording is arranged to our understanding.

Apart from this, I think it is appropriate to set up a select committee to study and analyze the bill before introducing it to the House as of today, it is not clear what we are going to pass. So, let us not rush even if it is good but wait for the right moment to pass this bill.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : In my opinion, Pu Dy. Speaker, it is good to implement it but not in such a hurry. Even if it is incomplete, it can be amended as necessary later on. The Municipal Act, 2007 too was found to be incomplete and need some sorts of amendment. But after doing amendment twice, it can be applied only in 2010. One of the propagandas during election campaign is that the council can execute the fund without permission of the state government. But the hon'ble Law minister pointed out how the council lies under the jurisdiction of the state. Therefore, we have to remember that the Municipal council is being set up to work for improvement of Aizawl city and to look after accordingly. It is not meant to make law or pass the bill but to execute the work under the state authority. In the meantime, I think it is also important to enhance the power of this council and to amend allocation of business rules, 2007. Above all, I want to say that it is a must that we have the rules and the rest will follow accordingly. Thank you.

Pu CHAWNGTINTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, obviously we can make this Act according to the constitution. This Anti-Defection Law was made by our leaders which protect us from illegal practices and to perform according to the law. Pu Dy. Speaker, I doubt the statement of the hon'ble member Pu Thangtea that he does not understand regarding Section 3(b) since he is educated and obviously knows very well, the "power to make rules" as shown in the sentence. In 10th Schedule, we see that "If he votes or abstain from voting in such House contrary to any direction issued by the political party to which he belongs or by any person or authority,

authorized by it in this behalf, without obtaining, in either case, the prior permission of such political party, person or authority and such voting or abstention has not been condoned by such political party, person or authority within 15 days from the date of such voting of abstention". Therefore, as a Legislator, we have to be thoughtful in making law as it is intended to prevent political defection in our State. Therefore, I give my support to pass this bill. Thank you.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I may not be able to dwell for long on this subject and the rules & regulation as it will be my first time, yet, I do not think it is necessary to rush for introduction of this bill, in the first place. We have just concluded election of the representatives of first Municipal Council and it is quite early to consider the case of Defection Law as The Municipal Act of 2007 was implemented only in 2009. If it is insisted, I cannot give my support. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Next, Pu Zodintluanga, hon'ble minister to wind up the discussion.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. First of all, I would like to convey my thanks to members who participated in the discussion of the Bill. Many of us support the bill while the others opined it as too early to do.

The opinion of Pu C. Ramhluna that there is no law making power in the Mizoram Municipal Act, 2007 is true to some extents but the power vetted under the Act is law making power of subordinate legislation which includes its own power to make any law. Since the constitution pointed out that local bodies are the state subject, the state has the power to make rules and regulation for its own protection and so this bill is introduced. It is not early to introduce the bill as opined by some members since it concern the welfare of the electors as well as the elected. It will further safeguard the interest of each member from defection.

Regarding the meaning of 'Whip' as questioned by the hon'ble member Pu Lalthansanga, any member who acts against his party is punishable under the power of whip. Relating to the point raised by Pu Lalduhoma, it is our fault and so verbal amendment of the House is needed. With your permission and of the House, I will read the correct term, 'The merger of the political party of a counselor shall be deem to have taken place if and only not less than two-third of the counselor concerned have agreed to such merger'. This is done so following the constitution.

Many of us are questioning the reason for introduction of this bill in such a short period of time. The reason, as already stated, is the need to prevent defection from unforeseen circumstances which may come any time.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, verbal amendment we just made was also reflected in 3(a) as ‘...political party in such group consists of not less than one third of members of such political party’. Here the term ‘members’ may also be amended as ‘counselors’ as we make verbal amendment. Besides, in 1(b) we see ‘....contrary to any direction issued by the political party to which he belongs or by any person or authorized’. Here, instead of using only ‘authorized’, it should be amended as ‘authority authorized’ as the 10th schedule of the constitution.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA MINISTER : As already stated, Pu Deputy Speaker, I beg permission of the House to make correction on minor mistakes we see in this bill. I request all the members to support passing of “The Mizoram Municipality Authorities (Prohibition of Defection) Bill, 2011”.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will now take a vote as the hon’ble minister begs the House to pass the bill with necessary verbal amendment. Those who are in favour may say ‘Ayes’. The ‘Ayes’ have it. “The Mizoram Municipality Authorities (Prohibition of Defection) Bill, 2011 is now passed by the House.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Our business for today is ended. Meeting will be resumed on Tuesday, the 12th July, 2011 at 10:30 AM.

Sitting is adjourned.

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOURTH SITTING ON TUESDAY, THE 12TH JULY, 2011
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)

QUESTIONS

1. *Questions* entered in separate list to be asked and oral answers given.
2. **ELECTION TO FINANCIAL COMMITTEES** to elect members of the three Financial Committees.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Bills for introduction, consideration and passing

3. **Pu H.LIANSILOVA**, to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Money Lenders and Accredited Loan Providers (Regulation) (First Amendment) Bill, 2011”.

ALSO

to introduce the Bill
to move that the Bill be taken into consideration
to move that the Bill be passed.

4. **Pu J.H.ROTHUAMA**, to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Land Acquisition (Mizoram Amendment) Bill, 2011”

ALSO

to introduce the Bill
to move that the Bill be taken into consideration
to move that the Bill be passed.

5. **Pu P.C.ZORAM SANGLIANA**, to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Public Records Bill, 2011”.

ALSO

to introduce the Bill
to move that the Bill be taken into consideration
to move that the Bill be passed.

VANLALNGHENGA
Additional Secretary

DEPUTY SPEAKER : For the **LORD** loves the just and will not forsake his faithful ones. They will be protected forever, but the offspring of the wicked will be cut off;
Psalms 37:28

We will take questions and Pu B. Lalthlengliana to ask Starred Question No.23.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, will the hon'ble minister for Tourism department be pleased to state – Whether construction of Tourist Lodge at Farkawn is completed?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon'ble minister, Pu S. Hiato to reply.

Pu S. HIATO
MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, answer to Starred Question No. 23 is – It is completed and will soon be inaugurated.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu B. Lalthlengliana.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, my supplementary question is – Can it be inaugurated within this year?

Pu K. LALRINTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, another supplementary question – May I know when was the building constructed? May the government verify whether the work is fully completed?

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, construction of Tourist Lodge at E. Lungdar and N. Vanlaiphai were completed long time back. When will it be officially inaugurated? May the concerned authority determines appropriate maintenance of the establishment?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon'ble minister to reply.

Pu S. HIATO
MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, to answer the question of Pu B. Lalthlengliana, we are trying our best but it cannot be inaugurated as yet due to shortage of staff and fund. Furnitures have already been placed and will be inaugurated any time.

Regarding the question of Pu Rina, the construction is done under MNF ministry with poor finishing as we examine how to improve the construction. To answer Pu Lalthansanga's question, Tourist Lodge at E. Lungdar was completed long time back but the construction which is so poor as even before it is occupied, the ceiling collapses and need repairing.

Lastly, many of you may want to know the condition of construction in your constituency respectively. So, to curtail the discussion, Tourists Lodge at the following places are ready for inauguration : –

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| (1) Khawbung | (2) Zokhawthar |
| (3) Hnahlan | (4) Sakawrdai |
| (5) Darlawn | (6) Khanpui |
| (7) Chalfilh | (8) Saitual |
| (9) Thingsul | (10) E.Lungdar |
| (11) North Vanlaiphai | (12) Saichhoh |
| (13) Darzo | (14) South Vanlaiphai |
| (15) Bualpui (Ng) | (16) Tuipang |
| (17) Zawlnuam | (18) Kanhmun |
| (19) Mamit | (20) Thingdawl |
| (21) Kolasib | (22) Lengpui |
| (23) Bairabi | (24) Paithar. |

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, Pu John Siamkunga to ask Starred Question No. 24.

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

- (a) What is the progress made by the govt. of Mizoram in regard to trade relation with Bangladesh government?
- (b) Whether there is a plan to open weekly market at Kulhhmuntlang of near Thingsai in which trade relation with Myanmar is set up with the initiative of the previous Congress party ministry?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon'ble minister, Pu Lalrinliana Sailo to reply.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, answers to Starred Question No. 24 are as follows –

- (a) Construction of Facilitation Centre at Tlabung is completed as of Kawrpuichhuah, there is a plan to set up Integrated Check Post. For this purpose, 65 Bighas of land was handed over to ministry of Home Affairs.
- (b) There is no intention to open weekly market at Thingsai.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Supplementary Question and Pu John Siamkunga to ask.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, my supplementary questions are as follows: –

- (1) What is the response of the Bangladesh government regarding trade relation with India?
- (2) What progress has been made by the government in Sitwe? What is the reaction of the government of Myanmar?
- (3) May the government allot fund provision for setting up of Weekly Market at Kulhhmuntlang as approach road is already constructed under RD as it is an easy access from Kalymeo and Yangon?

Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUA : Pu Deputy Speaker, may the hon'ble minister determine extension of the road of Lunglei Regional office to pave better way for border trade at Sitwe, Tlabung and Thingsai as it is now funded by Directorate?

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, what steps has been taken so far by the government for improvement of Industrial Conclave we had in 2009? In dealing with the conclave, priority is given to concerned associations and federations. In what ways it is useful for the government? What is the progress made by the government?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon'ble minister Pu Lalrinliana Sailo to reply.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO : First, regarding reaction of Bangladesh government, MINISTER we are happy to receive amiable response as Home Minister and Home Secretary to the gov't. of Bangladesh came to verify the proposed site for Integrated Check Post and Custom Station near Tlabung as they even sent their custom team to see the spot. We further learned that this trade relation business was even flashed in their Newspapers. Regarding Weekly Market, it will be set up as per request of the hon'ble member and with the help of fund received from central government.

To answer the question of Pu Liantlinga, we had a talk with their officials for Trade & Commerce as we are informed about the inconveniency to build trade relationship with them as our products is said to be of less sufficient to meet the demands. Yet, they are trying to open trade centre at Silchar in order to have a trade relation with Nagaland, Assam, Manipur and Mizoram. As this is the case, we need to put more efforts to meet their demands.

Lastly, regarding posting of officer of Trade & Commerce at Lunglei, there is a proposal to create the said post. Pu Deputy Speaker, it is to be noted that matter which deals with Sitwe/Akyab is purview of the central government and therefore, should be referred to the central for which the hon'ble Chief Minister took initiative to achieve the trade route through Sitwe. The problem is that Chief Minister of Manipur and Assam objected this plan as we are instructed to divert the proposed route. However, we are trying our best to achieve the plan. Thank you.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, I would like to add a few words in this CHIEF MINISTER regard. The Land Custom Station is ready for Commission as soon as concerned minister is ready to do so. After that, it will be formalized and will be opened for traders. From Zokhawthar, there is a plan to construct road up to Tidim and Falam for which negotiation is going on between the central and the gov't. of Burma. Besides, we are planning to re-open Weekly Bazar Hut at Thingsai and Chapui as agreement signed in 1997. For this purpose, we will need link road for the nearby villages. Presently, sitwe road is under construction which is planned to link up to their main port. The central gov't further intended to open Air force nodal system in the North-east for which Mizoram is selected as the required land already been allotted.

Regarding setting up trade relation with Bangladesh, the government of Bangladesh is quite interest in it as their High Commissioner even came to Mizoram to have a talk and the government of India too sent officials from the central to attend this meeting. Thekamuk is the proposed site as it is considered as an easy access for the neighboring country.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Next, Pu C. Ramhluna to ask Starred Question No. 25.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Deputy Speaker, will the hon'ble minister for

Agriculture department be pleased to state –

- (a) Whether fund is received for Chamdur Project as assured by the Union Agriculture minister?
- (b) Whether estimate of the Project should be submitted to the Central government?
- (c) What is expected time for starting the work?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon'ble minister to reply.

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

- (a) It is not known whether the Union Minister made assurance regarding Chamdur Project.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) It is not known.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Supplementary questions from Pu C. Ramhluna.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Deputy Speaker, according to official of LADC, the Union Minister promised to give Rs.20 crore out of Rs.53 crore allocated for the project of Land Development and Agriculture as project report for Chamdur covering 5,272 hectares of land has also been prepared. My question is –

- (1) May the government gives priority to this project and take initiative?
- (2) Whether the government intends to rely on the project which has already been prepared by LADC or replace it with a new one?
- (3) May the Agriculture officer, not lower than SDAO be posted there?

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the Union Minister pointed out the need for cultivation of Phura and Sala zawl. In pursuance of the statement, I have even instructed MADC to submit Map and the reports. Did they submit the report? Whether it is included in the project for development of Agriculture?

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, vast area of our cultivation was destroyed during monsoon season of 2009. As a relief, the government assured financial aids. Whether the government intimated the situation to

the Union Agriculture minister when he visited Mizoram? Secondly, did the minister take initiative to provide financial aid to cultivators from Zula Zau and Tuipui Zau where the cultivations were damaged by flood?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon'ble minister, Pu H. Liansailova to reply.

Pu H. LIANSAILOVA
MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, regarding monsoon damages, we have no reason to receive relief fund from the central as damages which affected the said areas were not of calamity as prescribed by the central. It has to be declared first as natural calamity so as to receive the fund yet, it is not possible to declare instantly. In the case of irrigation, spot verification was made by DAO as we do not have fund from Irrigation. Yet, we are giving our best effort by providing polythene pipes to protect their irrigations.

Regarding Chamdur and Phura Project, the Union Minister, as far as my knowledge is concern, does not make any promises in funding the project. But he produced a copy of the project which was previously submitted to DoNER ministry by them during 2009-2010. From the project, the Union Minister made a remark of development of this area by sending scientists to make scheme/project. The state government also makes plan to develop this area and even determines financial provision. Regarding posting of SDAO ranked officer, it will be done if necessity arises.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the district council alone may not be able to finish the project due to lack of technical knowhow and manpower. Is there a way to follow norms of the state government?

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, there is no way to follow central norms since Mizoram is a hilly area. Is there a way to follow norms for a hilly area?

Pu H. LIANSAILOVA
MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, if we have to ask for central aid, we should follow the guidelines and norms prescribed by the rules. Regarding Pu C. Ramhluna's question, I opine it would be more effective if we make integrated development plan by hiring experts in this field. We are determining to follow Integrated Development Plan for Agriculture to take care of this area alone. Let us hope that provision is made in the budget. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Starred Question No.26 and Pu T.T. Zothansanga to ask.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, will the hon'ble minister for Agriculture department be pleased to state –

- (a) In which districts oil palm programme were undertaken?
- (b) Whether there is an intention to continue the project for the year 2011-2012?

Pu H. LIANSILOVA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, answers to Starred Question No. 26 are as follows –

- (a) Oil Palm Programme is undertaken in the following Districts, such as: -
 - 1. Kolasib
 - 2. Mamit
 - 3. Lawngtlai
 - 4. Lunglei
 - 5. Serchhip
- (b) We will continue the project for the year 2011-2012 as shown below –

Sl. Nos	Name of District	Area Target (in hectare)
1	Kolasib	600
2	Mamit	600
3	Aizawl	50
4	Serchhip	250
5	Lunglei	900
6	LADC	450
7	CADC	150
Total		3,000 hectares

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Supplementary questions and Pu T.T. Zothansanga to ask.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. My supplementary questions are as follows –

- (1) What will be the benefit?
- (2) For what purpose?
- (3) What changes will it bring if plantation covered 3000 hectares of land?

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, my supplementary Questions are -

- (1) What amount of fund is spent for plantation of oil palm?
- (2) What amount of seeds is distributed?
- (3) What is the total number of beneficiaries?
- (4) According to newspaper, about 50 metric tons of seeds were sold. Is this true?
- (5) If so, at what rate and how it was sold?

Pu LALDUHOMA : Since oil palm is the sole plantation which has been taken up through legislation of the House but we are not able to proceed without fund provisions from the central. Plus, we are very weak in maintenance of the project which has already been started and the same goes with PMGSY as RGGVY. So, my question is:- May the government gives priority for the success of the said project while we are discussing the budget?

We have to consider as to whether the project of plantation of oil palm is insured or not. It is learned that large amount of plantation of oil palm is destroyed by Mautam disaster. Besides, it is feasible for the concerned farmers to suffer draught or landslide but the government fails to provide any financial assistance. May the government take up a new approach to maintain such kind of problems?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, I call upon the hon'ble minister.

Pu H. LIANSAILOVA : Pu Speaker, as far as my knowledge is concern, project of plantation of oil palm was implemented during 2004-2005 under ISOPAM of central project. The approach may also be considered as contract farming system, PPP mode. The project involves joint venture of the government of Mizoram, central, company and selected farmers where as Godrej Oil Palm Ltd., one of the assigned companies concentrated in the district of Kolasib and Mamit, Soya Industry Ltd. in the district of Lunglei and Lawngtlai and FoodFed Oil Palm Pvt. Ltd in Aizawl, Serchhip and Saiha district.

Regarding the project as mentioned by Pu Lalduhoma, it is of centrally sponsored scheme. As of red oil palm project, it is a contract farming in which market arrangement is tied up between the selected farmers and the assigned company. Accordingly, any first product of the project is purchased on gate-rate which is approved by zonal-state committee.

Selection board for a particular cluster area gives priority to farmers who are confident to achieve the project where as zonal committee of a district advised any selected farmer to have predetermination of their respective approach road and input.

Regarding insurance of the project as pointed out by Pu Lalduhoma, the problem is that any concerned farmers seem to hesitate to make contribution for insurance not only because of financial problem but also for the detail of application form which is too complicated to be filled up by ordinary people as it is usually tied-up with central authority. Hence, insurance is hardly impressive to concerned farmers.

Apart from oil palm as the best choice among edible oils, it is widely used as industrial oil. Even after filtering the oil, the residual is further used as animal feeds, fish feeds, bio-mass and powder. Considering the prospect of plantation of oil palm for the economy of Mizoram, number of farmers engaged in this plantation is rather less. So far, we have covered only 127 villages in Mizoram with 5595 Nos. of beneficiaries where as 7158 of seeds has already been distributed. Godrej company has already been approached to set up oil palm processing factory at Bukvannei of Kolasib district.

Regarding expenditure for setting up of the said factory as asked by Pu K. Liantlinga, I cannot give the exact figure and what I can say right now is the area of the project which covers 3000 hectares is taken up under ISO palm of centrally sponsored scheme. Presently, we have ₹481.26 lakhs and ₹14.80 crores under RKVY to cover the said 3000 hectares of the project. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Here is an announcement for all concerned members of Business Advisory Committee that after this sitting, there is a meeting at my office chamber to discuss an important matter.

On the 7th (Wednesday), the hon'ble minister of Parliamentary Affairs moved a motion regarding election to financial committee. It is appreciated as arrangement is made without conducting the election as the following are appointed as the official members of Financial Committee: -

1. Members of Public Accounts Committee: -

1. Pu B. Lalthlengliana, MNF
2. Pu C. Ramhluna, MNF
3. Pu Lalduhoma, ZNP
4. Pu Lalrinawma, INC
5. Lt. Col. Z.S. Zuala, INC
6. Pu K. Lalrintluanga, INC
7. Pu Lalrobiaka, INC

2. Members of Estimates Committee: -

1. Pu John Siamkunga, INC
2. Pu K. Lianzuala, INC
3. Pu T.T. Zothansanga, INC
4. Pu R.L. Pianmawia, INC

5. Pu Lalthansanga, MPC
6. Brig. T. Sailo, MPC
7. Pu P.P. Thawla, MDF

3. Members of Committee of Undertakings: -

1. Pu K. Liantlinga, ZNP
2. Dr. Lalthangliana, MNF
3. Nirupam Chakma, INC
4. Pu Hmingdailova, INC
5. Pu Joseph Lalhimpuaia, INC
6. Pu R. Selthuama, INC

Chairman in respect of the committees will be appointed under the guidance of the Speaker.

Coming to the next business, Pu H. Liansailova, the hon'ble minister to introduce to the House, "The Mizoram Money Lenders and Accredited Loan Providers (Regulation) (First Amendment) Bill, 2011.

Pu H. LIANSAILOVA
MINISTER : With your permission and of the House, Pu Speaker, I introduce to the House, "The Mizoram Money Lenders and Accredited Loan Providers (Regulation) (First Amendment) Bill, 2011.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The minister introduced to the House, "The Mizoram Money Lenders and Accredited Loan Providers (Regulation) (First Amendment) Bill, 2011. As per agreement of the House, he may now move the House to introduce and for further discussion.

Pu H. LIANSAILOVA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the principle Act of this Bill has already been passed by the House in 2010 which indicates that any rule once passed is hardly complete and often need some sorts of amendment.

As such, Section 1 and 2 of the said rules needs amendment as it does not concern regulation of Accredited Loan Providers like Reserve Bank or any other Bank. Thus, this Bill proposed amendment as Act shall apply to the Reserve Bank or any Bank. This Bill further concerns amendment of definition of Loan Provider as 'A personal firm which has contractual arrangement with an accredited institutional for the purpose of lending to the borrowers in his or its name. It includes non-Banking Financial Companies, Micro-finance Companies, registered under the Reserve Bank of India'.

I, therefore, appeal to all the members to consider the proposed amendment and that the Bill is passed unanimously. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Alright. The minister has introduced in the House, “The Mizoram Money Lenders and Accredited Loan Providers (Regulation) (First Amendment) Bill, 2011. Let the copy be distributed to the members before discussing. 5 minutes each will be allotted to the members. To start with, I call upon Dr. R. Lalthangliana.

Dr R. LALTHANGLIANA : Amendment Bill introduced by our fellow member concern an important matter as it has also been discussed before. With development of the world in technology and introduction of advanced system, we are prone to make mistake unless the matter is examined carefully. The statement of objects and reasons indicates that Reserve Bank of India too is aware of the need to take cautious measure. As this Bill concern financial matter, it is highly important for the members to consider the matter meticulously. Pu Speaker, the House may pass this Bill without much ado, yet what is important for the government is to give awareness to the public concern by organizing a seminar or symposium. Otherwise, moral of the people may not be changed. It will be much appreciated if the House passed this amendment Bill. Thank you.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Chairman, I, at the outset would like to give a credit to concerned minister as the members are provided with all the related rules and a complete set of concerned act as it is hardly practiced before. Much as well, it is truly appreciated as the members received well-defined statement of objects and reasons with comparative statements to help us easily understand our main subject. I opine the minister sets a good example to other ministers.

Due to lack of proper awareness Pu Speaker, large number people particularly of rural areas have already lost their valuable assets recently. In concern of the problem, I have even brought this matter in zero hour of the session. It is highly appreciated as the minister moved this amendment bill to the House with an intention to resolve existing problem of the people in distress. The minister should have made his explanation in more detail so that it is clearly understood even by the ordinary people. Pu Speaker, I support this amendment Bill as it concern redemption of the people in distress. Thank you.

Pu LALROBIAKA : As pointed out by various members, this Bill is of much important as it concern security to the people. Much as well, it is extremely important for the people to protect themselves from involving in

some sorts of financial scam. As the Bible verse says, “A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, loving favor rather than silver and gold”, it is important for every Christian to keep away ourselves from some sorts of wishful thinking.

Pu Speaker, I must say that the Bill itself is quite appreciative with well-defined statement of objects and reasons, attachment of related rules as well as comparative statement. It is, therefore, wise for the members to vote in favor of passing of this amendment Bill. Thank you.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I have studied papers of this amendment Bill last night and I hardly found any point to mention against the context. Yet, I would like to emphasize on the attitude of the mizos who are chasing the dreams of prosperity and riches in one night stand. When I was working at a college, I have even once involved in that kind of stake by the name of my children and found out after two years that all my money at stake is lost as identity of spearheaded person of that business could not be traced out. So, Pu Speaker, I understand from my experience that regulation of concerned rules is highly necessary for our security. I, therefore, support passing this amendment Bill with the hope of providing safety for the mizos. Thank you.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, this amendment Bill is truly appreciative especially for first timers as necessary rules and acts as well as comparative statements are attached herewith. Certainly collecting these documents is not that easy as it would surely take much time. I, first of all, have to express my appreciation to concerned minister.

Considering the outcome of last General Election, I am as delightful as attitude of the people seems to change for better due to the fact that certain candidates who are known for their faithfulness are elected too. On the contrary, it is sad to learn that our attitude of craving for money seems to increase. It is, therefore, wise for concerned authority to give awareness to the public by organizing seminar or by inviting cooperation of various NGOs. Thank you.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : As impression made by other members, Pu Deputy Speaker, I do appreciate “The Mizoram Money Lenders and Accredited Loan Providers (Regulation)(First Amendment) Bill, 2011” moved by the hon’ble minister. It is desirable if this example is followed by other ministers or members when introducing any Bill in future. I, therefore, express my appreciation to officials who are involves in preparing this amendment Bill. This rule is expected to strengthen security for the public concern as it will prevent any Bank or money lender to lend money at an exorbitant rate of interest. I support this Bill as it truly is interest of Mizoram.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to ask concerned minister regarding extension of this rule. It is mentioned here that “to regulate money lending in the state of Mizoram”. The original Bill further underlines that “whereas it is an expedient to make provisions for protecting the interests of borrowers, for regulating transactions of money lending and to secure money transparency in such transactions in the State of Mizoram”. Again, we see here short title of ‘extent and commencement’. Thus, this rule is likely not to be applied in the three Autonomous District Councils such as Lai, Mara and Chakma. If so, is it possible to extent it in the three Autonomous District Councils?

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, this amendment Bill, as pointed out by other members, is very clear with all related rules and comparative statement which is easy to understand particularly for first time members. Effort made by the minister as well as concerned officials is truly praiseworthy. Some of us may question as to why amendment is again necessary. It is to be noted that this amendment is moved not because the previous amendment is wrong but only to include portion which is not covered by the previous amendment. I fully support this amendment Bill as I opine it is necessary.

In the same manner, I support suggestion of giving awareness. Apart from this, I opine it is also important to give priority to enforcement of Laws which may be passed by the House. Thank you.

Pu LALSAWTA MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. As positive opinion we have listened from various members, I hope this amendment Bill is passed by the House. Yet, it may be important for us to consider whether this Bill fully covered existing financial scam which pervades Mizoram as it is difficult to draw the line between borrower and lender. Considering the existing problem, it may be important to regulate appropriate rule to protect money lenders. Thank you.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : As we discuss “ The Mizoram Money Lenders and Accredited Loan Providers (Regulation) (First Amendment) Bill, 2011” Pu Speaker, I would like to make suggestion to the Business Advisory Committee that time for discussion of any bill may be informed while a copy of that Bill for discussion is delivered to each member.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I have to praise this amendment Bill as other members do as I hope this Bill will set a good example to other Bills which may be introduced in the House in future. Yet, I would like to mention that the need for amendment of this Bill is due to negligence of the officials as draft of the previous Bill forwarded to Law department for vetting is again handed over to concerned minister for final examination. I must say that

amendment of this Bill will not be necessary if it was examined carefully. It will be appreciated if concerned officials took careful measures so that the same mistake is not repeated in future. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Alright. It is grateful as reasonable number of members are participated in the discussion of this amendment Bill. Concerned minister may now wind up the discussion and move the House to pass the Bill.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, it is a great pleasure to receive appreciation from most of the members participated in the discussion of this Bill. I must say that this is mostly because of the effort rendered by my officers on which they deserve more credits.

Firstly, let me react to the suggestion made by Pu C. Ramhluna as to whether to cover the three Autonomous District Councils by this amendment Bill. There was a determination while discussion of the proposal was made. However, there is a provision to make the same rule under the sixth schedule. If it is not existed, it may be adopted from time to time by the legislative power of the district council. It may be noted that the decision of exclusion was made in respect of their status as special category and also because this is not a central act and deemed unnecessary for the three Autonomous District Councils.

Regarding awareness to the public, as suggested by certain members, it may be noted that Finance department, in cooperation with Reserve Bank recently organized a seminar due to the existing problem and related documents collected by RBI was translated in mizo and distributed. Apart from this, effort has been put by the School Education department to supplement syllabus of the students by adding another chapter which concerns this problem.

As this amendment Bill concern for protection of depositors against attractive loan providers and also protections of its Interest, I move the House to pass it unanimously.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Alright. Concerned minister has now moved the House to pass “The Mizoram Money Lenders and Accredited Loan Providers (Regulation) (First Amendment) Bill, 2011”. Members who agree to pass it may say, ‘AYE’. [The ‘AYE’ has it.] This House unanimously passed “The Mizoram Money Lenders and Accredited Loan Providers (Regulation) (First Amendment) Bill, 2011”.

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

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, I call upon Pu J.H.Rothuama, concerned minister to beg leave of the House to introduce the “The Land Acquisition Mizoram (Amendment) Bill, 2011”.

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA MINISTER : With your permission and of the House, Pu Deputy Speaker, I beg leave of the House to introduce “The Land Acquisition Mizoram (Amendment) Bill, 2011”.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The minister may now introduce and then move “The Land Acquisition Mizoram (Amendment) Bill, 2011”.

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA MINISTER : As known to us all, Pu Deputy Speaker, reputation of the government is seriously affected by the absence of appropriate rules for Land Acquisition. With increasing number of compensation case, necessity of this amendment is felt to protect and prepare ourselves for the problem. The government is often compelled to acquire land owned by private or association by means of Land Acquisition Act, 1894. Thus, this Bill is intended to provide legal right for official collectors, Deputy Commissioner or concerned staff of Revenue department in dealing the case of compulsory acquisition. Apart from this, this will prevent exorbitant cost of land which may be acquired by the government. It may be noted that passing of this Bill will not incur the government extra expenditure and so it is not harmful.

Pu Deputy Speaker, portion of Act, 1894 which is felt as needing amendment is Section 5(a) in which this proviso may be added after sub-section as large amount of expenditure is often incurred by the government following Compulsory Land Acquisition by means of section 23(2). Printing mistake is found in this sentence, ‘by filing FIR and **punnish** accordingly’ in which double printed of ‘n’ in the word ‘punish’ may be corrected. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Alright. “ The Land Acquisition Mizoram (Amendment) Bill, 2011” is introduced in the House. As usual, 5 minutes each will be allotted to the members and discussion will be started after recess at 2:00 PM.

2:00 PM

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will now take up discussion of “The Land

Acquisition Mizoram (Amendment) Bill, 2011” introduced by Pu J.H. Rothuama. To start with, I call upon Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. It is truly appreciated that the minister introduced in the House, “The Land Acquisition Mizoram (Amendment) Bill, 2011” in order to resolve the problem of the people. In dealing with this problem, we have a good example from Tuirial Hydel Project in which number of land settlement occupied the area increases from 48 to 2016. Thus, this Bill is introduced with a determination to prevent the practice of purchasing excessive area of land with a purpose to benefit compensation from it. I strongly believe this rule will be of great importance for collectors of Revenue department in resolving the existing problem of land acquisition.

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I opine there is nothing much to say regarding this Bill as it concern only modification of Land Acquisition Act, 1894 so that it is in-tune with demand of the state government.

This amendment further concerns prevention of the rich from demanding to the government, an exorbitant rate of land for acquisition.

Like the previously discussed Bill, this Bill is quite complete and printing mistake too is hardly found except the one which is corrected earlier and a grammatical error at the bottom line of the first page i.e. ‘shall be proceeded against by filing a **FIR**’ which may be corrected as ‘an FIR’. I support passing of this amendment Bill. Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

Pu B. LALTHLEGLIANA : Pu Speaker, like the member who stood up before me, I have found no mistake except a couple words which is corrected. However, I would like to criticize proposed amendment of 5(a), Section 1 as in my opinion it is too lengthy in compare to the amendment of the state of Andra Pradesh for the same which is brief and compact. It may be more appropriate if it is followed. The hon’ble minister may also explain regarding fixing of 30 days after issue of notification to owner of a notified land.

I have learned from my experience as a minister of Land Revenue department during MNF ministry that there is a notification of the District Council, 1972 that no District Council is authorized to issue LSC within Aizawl area. This notification resulted in increase of bogus LSCs dated as before issue of the said notification. In the same manner, number of LSC within the notified area of Multi-modal Transport too is increasing for want of compensation. It is, therefore, important for concerned authority to examine the case

meticulously so that only genuine holders of LSC within the notified area are compensated. Thank you.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I am not trying to criticize this Bill even though I could not consider this Amendment Bill as good. I opine proposed amendment No.2 is not necessary as the officials should reject any LSC which may be confirmed as fake or illegal issue. As long as concerned officials considered such LSC, the practice will not be stopped despite amendment of this Bill. Secondly, I cannot support the idea of compulsory acquisition of land even after notification is issued as it is possible that concerned person may not received information in due time.

In short, my conception is that this Amendment Bill is 'anti-people' as it contradicts the context of India today. Thus, I cannot support passing of this Bill. Thank you.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the people practically experienced the problem of Land Acquisition from construction of Indo-Bangladesh border fencing and it is not the members or ministers to suffer the ill effect but our very own people. Land Acquisition of Bangladesh Border Fencing is gazetted by the Gov't of India, Dated the 6th November, 2006 where as objection may be submitted within 30 days following issue of notification, to the Deputy Commissioner/Collector of Lunglei, Mamit and Lawngtlai districts. It is learned that number of holder of LSC failed to submit objection in the given time due to lack of proper communication. Here, the most defective part is the name of the project which is 'Acquisition of Land for Construction of Indo-Bangladesh Border Fencing' where as the length is 318 kms. It does not indicate the distance and starting point of the route as to whether from Zero Point or within 1 or 2 kms. Thus, the notification is technically wrong.

Besides, Pu Speaker, the notification indicated that all persons interested in the said land are warned not to obstruct or interfere with any surveyor or other person employed upon the said land for the purpose of acquisition. And, any contract for the disposal of the land by sale, lease, mortgage, assignment exchange of the status of pass otherwise or any outlet offence or improvement made therein without the sanction of the collector will, under clause 7 of section 24 of the said, be regarded while assessing compensation. It means that person concerned could not interfere in his own land immediately after notification is issued. Even so, acquisition work is not completed till today as the said border fencing work is allotted to 4 contractors only despite long process of alignment.

Lastly, Pu Deputy Speaker, I opine amendment of Section 2 of this Bill is inappropriate and an alternative may, therefore, be determined. Thank you.

Lt. Col. Z.S. ZUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, it is to be noted that this Rule is

implemented in-tune with the context of our country. Since every state has its own problem, the system of rules too is different from state to state. Hence, it is wrong to imply rules implemented in other states to the problem of Mizoram. Regarding 30 days Notification for Land Acquisition, I opine there is no reason to worry as it may be proved from signature or receipt even if notification is not received in due time. So, Pu Deputy Speaker, I support passing of this Bill. Thank you.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Deputy Speaker, this proposed amendment Bill, in my opinion, is generally good as we have experienced large amount of problem due to lack of appropriate rule.

The Act itself is of the central and it is learned from TV and newspapers that there is a plan to amend this rule in-tune with interest of poor farmers as to protect them from compulsory acquisition of their lands. To some extents, this rule may also concern the interest of the general people in our state.

Regarding 30 days allotted for submission of objection, I opine it is not a problem as concerned person could get information of land acquisition very quickly and total unawareness may occur only on rare occasion. So, Pu Deputy Speaker, I have to suggest amendment of this portion as “provided that if no objection from any person interested in any part of the notified land is not received by the collector” as the sentences ‘no objection’ and ‘is received’ are a bit confusing and so may be changed. Thank you.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I would like to concentrate on Section 5(a) (ii) No.1 as we have an example from compensation assessment of land acquisition for construction of Silchar road as some portions of compensation solatium of ignorant beneficiaries were benefitted by concerned Magistrates, DC or other staff who were involved in processing compensation. Apparently, this proposed amendment is again creating a loophole for such officials to practice corruption out of the property of those who are ignorance of claiming compensation solatium. It is, therefore, necessary for concerned authority to see that any person holding land within the notified area is well-informed of the matter in order to prevent corruption in the process. Thank you.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I do support “The Land Acquisition Mizoram (Amendment) Bill, 2011” as other members do as it concern maintenance of our lands. However, at Sub-section 2, Section 5(a) (ii),

the word ‘provided’ in the sentence ‘provided that the government’ and ‘shall’ is seen after using ‘will’ in the sentence ‘will considering the draft a word for approval’ and may be re-examined. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Alright. I call upon Pu J.H.Rothuama, concerned minister to wind up the discussion and beg leave of the House to pass the Bill.

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA MINISTER : Thank you, Deputy Speaker. At the outset, I would like to rectify the sentence pointed out by two members of Section 5(a) No.2 that the word ‘shall’ may be considered as typing mistake.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I may not be able to react to each and every point raised by 8 members participated in the discussion of this Bill. The main idea of this Amendment Bill is to protect the right of the collector so that the full amount of compensation solatium is claimed. Regarding genuineness of LSC, it may be proved after checking the documents. Regarding 30 days Notification, let us hope there will be no problem in this connection. What is important for the government is to determine more prospects of resources.

So, Pu Deputy Speaker, I move this august House to pass “The Land Acquisition Mizoram (Amendment) Bill, 2011”.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon’ble minister has now moved the House to pass “The Land Acquisition Mizoram (Amendment) Bill, 2011”. Members who agree to pass it may say, ‘aye’. [The ‘aye’ has it.] This House unanimously passed “The Land Acquisition Mizoram (Amendment) Bill, 2011”.

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We still have another Bill. I call upon Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana, hon’ble minister to beg leave of the House to introduce the Bill to the House.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA MINISTER : With your permission and of the House, Pu Deputy Speaker, I beg leave of the House I introduce the “The Mizoram Public Records Bill, 2011”. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon'ble minister, Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana has begged leave of the House to Introduce the Bill. Do we agree? If so, he may now introduce the Bill and move the House for discussion.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. "The Mizoram Public Record Bill, 2011" is introduced to the House with the idea to maintain Public Records of India more appropriately. Following "The Public Record Act, 1993, No. 69 of 1993" passed by Parliament of India, Ministry of Law, Justice and Company Affairs, Legislative Department of the Gov't of India, by means of Part-II Section-I, notified in the Gazette of India on 22nd December, 1993. Since it is necessary for the Gov't of India to give notification by means of the official gazette, this Public Records Act was implemented with effect from 1st March, 1995 and at the same time, the central government notified Rules for implementation of Public Records Act, 1993 in the gazette on 18th January, 1993. Shortly after at May, 1997, Indian Historical Records Commission, in pursuance of its 56th Meeting held at Jabhalpur and on the basis of Resolution No. 4, submitted a Resolution appealing to all the State governments to implement the same in their respective State governments. Since it is not appropriate to fully implement it in the State government, it is felt to be necessary to amend it in-tune with the context of Mizoram. Hence, the department of Art & Culture put forward this Bill to the House.

Pu Deputy Speaker, the following points are the importance of having Public Records Bill: -

1. Implementation of Mizoram Public Record Bill, 2011 will enable us to maintain appropriate record.
2. It will play an important role as a source of information of historical fact.
3. Keeping of the record is necessary with implementation of RTI.
4. Record keeping is important for innovation of new venture.
5. It will be helpful for the government, churches and NGOs for setting up meaningful governing body.
6. Establishment of a good government having appropriate record will be much helpful for research scholars in collecting information.

Public Records Act had already been implemented in most of the states in India including Assam and Manipur from the North-East. Thus, it is important for us also to implement the same.

In the meantime, Pu Deputy Speaker, there is one printing mistake at page 2, No. 3(2) which should be given as clause 'h' is printed as clause 'f'. This 'f' may kindly be corrected as 'h'.

As shown in the Financial Memorandum, the only financial involvement for implementation of Public Records Act is expenditure for TA/DA in respect to Board members. I request the members to examine this matter very carefully and give their support to passing of this Bill. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : “The Mizoram Public Records Bill, 2011” is introduced. Let the copy be distributed. As usual, 5 minutes each will be allotted to the members. To start with, let me call upon Pu R. Larinawma to have his speech.

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. The minister has clearly explained object and reasons of this Bill. Regarding typing mistake, here is another at page No.2 sub-number (i) which may be corrected as (iii) and at page N0.6, clause 15, the wording “No suite prosecution or other legal proceeding are against any person in respect of anything which is in good faith done or intended to be done” which may also be corrected as “which is done in good faith”.

Pu Deputy Speaker, there are number of points to be raised regarding problems due to lack of appropriate rules yet, I opine it is not necessary as the hon’ble minister has clearly explained. So, I give my support to passing of this Bill. Thank you.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : At the outset, Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to express my support of this Bill as we have been facing number of problem due to lack of appropriate maintenance of the records. This Bill, therefore, is truly appreciative.

As pointed out by my fellow member, this Bill is appreciative as it is expected to serve the needs of upcoming scholars in collecting information. In this connection, I have to emphasize on rules at Page No. 7, sub-number (iii) which underlines that “every Rule made under this act shall be laid as soon as may be after it is made, before the Assembly when it is in session for the total period of thirty days”. Here, it may be necessary to reconsider allotment of ‘30 days’ as the Assembly session hardly runs for 30 days. Likewise, in regard to Rules, it is stated that ‘which may be comprised in one session or in two or more successive sessions’. This may be applicable only for discussion of Parliament Bills but not for us as the Session of Mizoram Legislative Assembly usually takes a couple of week.

Again in Financial Memorandum, Pu Deputy Speaker, it is stated that “this issue with the concurrence of Finance Department” which I opined as unnecessary as para 2 is understood. In this relation, I would like to suggest to any minister to maintain a uniform

procedure particularly with statement of object and reason. As a whole, I opine this Bill is good as I give my support for passing.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, as my fellow members stated before, this Bill is good. Yet, I would like to request the hon'ble minister to clarify section 8 (ii) which gives priority to maintenance the records of the years before 1892. What is the reason?

With reference to section 4, Pu Deputy Speaker, I opine it is highly important to implement rules for restriction of extradition of any material of historical importance, from Mizoram. It is regretted as 2 cannons displayed at the Assam Rifle Quarter Guard near AR Playground, Aizawl were shifted from Mizoram by the Assam Rifle while the battalion migrated to Nagaland in 2003.

Pu Deputy Speaker, the said cannons were of Sepoy Mutiny, 1857, a period of Independence movement. It was imported to Mizoram by J. Shakespeare, the first Superintendent posted at Mizoram by the British. They were originally of the British which had been thrown to the sea during insurgency of Chitagong and were founded and brought to Mizoram.

Due to the absence of appropriate Public Records, it is regretted as we have already lost such materials having much historical value. It will not be lost if the said materials were kept under the official records. Thus, it is highly necessary for the House to implement Rules that concern Public Records. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Any one to stand? If so, I now call upon the minister to wind up the discussion and then beg leave of the House to pass the Bill.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. It is pleasing as 3 members have participated in the discussion of this important Bill. My fellow member criticizes this Bill as copied from Parliamentary Bill. It may be true to a certain extents, but being arranged in-tune with the context of Mizoram. Anyway, suggestions made by the members are appreciated and may be examined as necessary.

As for the question of Pu Lalduhoma, it is to be noted that the government wish to maintain any record which are of 100 years old as section 2 determined the year from 1993. The same priority is given by Parliament too. Year determined by section 2 is important particularly for Mizoram as history of the Mizos could only be traced to the extent of 100 years back.

Point mentioned by Pu C. Ramhluna is indicated in Rule No.16(3) and is shown as indicated in Rule No. 18 of 1993 of Public Record Act, 1993. It is appreciated as most of the members agree with the necessity of this Bill. I strongly hope this will be of a great help for the government as well as upcoming scholars for collecting information. So, Pu Deputy Speaker, I appeal to the House and all the members to unanimously pass “The Mizoram Public Records Bill, 2011”. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The minister has begged leave of the House to pass this Bill. Members who agree to pass it may say, ‘aye’ and those who don’t may say, ‘nay’. The ‘aye’ has it. This House unanimously passed “The Mizoram Public Records Bill, 2011”.

Our business for today is done. The House will now adjourn and sitting will be resumed tomorrow at 10:30 AM.

Sitting is adjourned at 3:10 PM.

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

REVISED LIST OF BUSINESS

**FIFTH SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 13TH JULY, 2011
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)**

QUESTIONS

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

PRESENTATION OF REPORT

2. **Pu JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA**, Deputy Speaker to report to the House the revised time table as chalked out by the Business Advisory Committee for the current session.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Bills for introduction, consideration and passing

3. **Pu H. LIANSILOVA**, to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Ceiling on Government Guarantees Bill, 2011”.

ALSO

To introduce the Bill

To move that the Bill be taken into consideration

To move that the Bill be passed.

4. **Pu ZODINTLUANGA**, to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Bill, 2011”

ALSO

To introduce the Bill

To move that the Bill be taken into consideration

To move that the Bill be passed.

5. **Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA**, to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram (Establishment of Independent Local Body) Ombudsman Bill, 2011”.

ALSO

To introduce the Bill

To move that the Bill be taken into consideration

To move that the Bill be passed.

VANLALNGHENGA
Additional Secretary

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The fool had said in his heart, there is no God.

They have done corrupt, they had done abominable works; there is none that doth good.

Psalm 14:1.

Now, it is question hour. We will take up the Business. Pu B. Lalthlengliana, to ask Starred Question No.38.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Will the hon'ble minister, Transport department be pleased to state –

What step has been taken so far by the government to resolve traffic problem in Aizawl city?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu Zoram Sangliana, hon'ble minister to give answer.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, answer to Starred Question No. 38: MINISTER The government, since the previous ministry set up coordination committee on traffic management under the chairmanship of concerned minister.

Steps taken by the committee are as follows:-

- 1) Telephone and Electricity posts encroaching roads were cleared off.
- 2) Hawkers encroaching roads were shifted.
- 3) The system of local taxi service is changed to solve traffic problem in the city.
- 4) Display of commodities outside the shop is restricted.
- 5) It is proposed to replace existing Aizawl city buses with mini buses.
- 6) Garage system is applied for new registration of motor vehicles.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, the answer given by the hon'ble minister is good, to some extents. I also want to know proposal made by this ministry in addition to the steps taken by the previous ministry.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, may the hon'ble minister determine solution for traffic problems of MZU road via Chawlhmun and Ropaia Bawk?

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : May the concerned minister formulate area-wise taxi service system for the city to alleviate traffic problem? Secondly, will the hon'ble minister

formulate rules for City Bus Services by making appropriate route to resolve traffic problem?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Zoram Sangliana, minister to give answer to the supplementary questions.

Pu ZORAM SANGLIANA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, all heads of department were included in the Co-ordination Committee. Apart from this, there is a Sub-Committee under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner to carry out the decisions of Traffic Management Committee. It is regretted as some suggestions made by the members could not be followed by the committee effectively as it concerns various departments.

Regarding the practice of taxi permits on sale in local news papers, the department issued notification during the former ministry. Some of them were cancelled after prevailing inquiry. The department now, issued taxi permits only after having oath or affirmation of the applicants with their signatures. Regarding permit of Aizawl City Bus, none is issued under this ministry.

Pu Dy. Speaker, I would like to add that the system of Taxi service set up by the government is brought to the court but legal notice is issued in favor of the government. Regarding issue of the said permit of bus permits, it was done so to resolve the problem of inadequacy of Bazaar bus services where as the applicants obtained recommendation and signature of concerned Local Council as well as all NGOs within their area.

Again, with the increasing number of newly vehicle registration, garage system is now necessitated by concerned authority. Regarding construction of new market building, traffic problem of Bawngkawn and Ropaia Bawk will be examined by the said Sub-Committee.

Regarding time taken by city buses at the stand, we had openly discussed the matter with the leaders of city bus owners association and they promised to take minimum time. As of area-wise taxi service system, it is first necessary to give awareness campaign which may be set up by concerned department.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Dy. Speaker, Global Investment Corporation of Singapore and Dubai Based recently visited Mizoram and they suggested resolving traffic problems by setting up mono-rail system for which observation of the site had already been made.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Dy. Speaker, traffic problem of Vaivakawn is

mainly caused by buildings which infringe road junction of Vaivakawn-Channmari-Hunthar Veng. It is pleasing if the problem is resolved at the earliest.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER : Regarding plan for construction of underground road from Vaivakawn to Bethlehem, the experts rejected the idea but instead suggested construction of mono-rail. It is believed that the work could be started by their next visit. They further offered construction of Flats/buildings for government services if sites for the said are allotted.

Anyhow, there is a plan to resolve traffic problem by means of mono-rail where as the success of the programme depends on experts. Minister of UD & PA had even approached concerned company for construction of Cable Car for which DPR has already been processed. The company will then move the same to Urban Development ministry.

Regarding congested traffic of Vaivakawn, we have already made negotiation with owners of two buildings in the area with the total sum of ₹70 lakhs. This is expected to be finalized as early as possible.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, Dr. R. Lalthangliana to ask Starred Question No. 39.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Will the hon'ble minister, Health and family Welfare department be pleased to state -

Is there any proposal for improvement of Buarpui PHC?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalrinliana Sailo, minister to give answer.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO
MINISTER : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir, step for improvement of Buarpui PHC is now under processed.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Dr. R. Lalthangliana to ask supplementary question.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : My questions are –

1. Will the hon'ble minister be pleased to examine the electrical wiring which is done poorly?

2. Will the hon'ble minister consider posting of Health Supervisor at the said centre as there are none presently?
3. Since only three nurses are serving at the centre, will the hon'ble minister consider posting of more nurses there?
4. May the hon'ble minister consider posting of LDC as there is none presently?
5. Dental Doctor and Ophthalmic Assistant were once posted there but revoked them later. Will the hon'ble minister consider their re-posting?
6. Since there is no quarter for staff or doctor at the said place, will the hon'ble minister take immediate step to that effect?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu John Siamkunga, to ask supplementary question.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Thank you hon'ble Deputy Speaker. My supplementary questions are –

- 1) How many doctors and staffs were appointed since 2009?
- 2) Is there any proposal to construct Nursing school and Health Worker Training school?

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Thank you, hon'ble Deputy Speaker. At Borapansuri, a good PHC building is constructed under NRHM and 5 Nos. staff quarters under BRGF last year. Will the hon'ble minister consider immediate inauguration of the said buildings?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Concerned minister to give the answer.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO
MINISTER : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, the said PHC could not be inaugurated as yet due to electrification which is now in progress and construction of the said staff quarters too is not yet completed. Not only this, we still need to install water tank at each building before inauguration. Regarding posting of staff, inadequacy of staff is very high as persons appointed at some places including 9 Dental Surgeons under NRHM were withdrawn from their posts since we could not increase their salary. Even so, Pu Speaker, we are doing our best to resolve the problems as concerned authority even decided to divide such posts into hard post and soft post in which salary for doctor is fixed at ₹35,000/- regardless of the status of concerned person. Even for the post within Aizawl, no applicant is available with proposed salary of ₹18,000/-. Thus, it is now increased at ₹25,000/-. Anyhow, we are doing our best to improve the situation.

Regarding Health Workers, their promotion is being processed. In this regard, it may be noted that all government servants in our state have their respective demands and problems.

Regarding supplementary questions asked by Pu John Siamkunga, 20 doctors were appointed since 2009 but most of them resigned from the post. Even though we were funded for the appointment of 28 Nos. of new doctors under the same scheme, none desire to work at a minimal salary.

Presently, we have more than ₹40 crores for construction of Nursing School at Saiha, Serchhip, Kolasib and Champhai with a proposal for construction Health Worker Training at Lawngtlai.

Pu Speaker, I am aware of inadequacy of staff at Borapansuri. So, proposal is made to coordinate with Baptist Church of Mizoram and CADC to resolve the problem. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu T.T. Zothansanga to ask Starred Question No. 40.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Will the hon'ble minister for Environments & Forests department be pleased to state –

Whether the state government is able to give financial aid for maintenance of community reserved area?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu H. Rohluna, minister to give answer.

Pu H. ROHLUNA MINISTER : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, the 13th Finance Commission is able to give financial aid to the community with appropriate reserved area under the project of Ensuring People's Participation and Conservation of Forests Incentive Scheme.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu T.T. Zothansanga to ask supplementary question.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Dy. Speaker, whether the government has any financial sanction in hand like grant-in-aid for such community reserved area? If so, how much?

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Dy. Speaker, it is already been discussed when the House resolved transfer of the riverine reserve to highland area. Did the government follows and take any action for implementation of the resolution?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu H. Rohluna, hon'ble minister to give answer.

Pu H. ROHLUNA MINISTER : Pu Dy. Speaker, grant-in-aid for community reserved area is a new scheme as Forests department takes up only of preservation of forests in the previous years. It is meant to be granted from the award which may be received under the 13th Finance Commission. The State government moved additional central assistance to the Union Minister as soon as the new ministry was formed. As a result of priority given to that effect, ₹4 crore which has been sanctioned as first time grant which was utilized for Village Safety Reserve/Village Supply Reserve Forests.

During 2010-2011, ₹100 lakhs is again received which may be utilized for clearing of forests, survey of lands, demarcation, prevention of fire and for construction of signboards, boundary pillars as well as for organizing awareness programme for six divisions. During this financial year, there is a plan to cover more divisions.

Regarding supplementary question raised by Pu K. Liantlinga, the department is doing its best to implement the resolution as notification has already been received from the Assembly Secretariat. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu T.T. Zothansanga, to ask starred question No. 41.

Pu T T ZOTHANSANGA : Will the hon'ble minister, AH & Vety deparment be pleased to state –

- a) Whether there is a plan for reconstruction of the building of Veterinary Hospital and Dispensaries?
- b) If so, what is the amount sanctioned to that effect?
- c) When will the work be started?
- d) How many hospitals and dispensaries will be covered by the project?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu N.K.Chakma, hon'ble minister to give answer.

Pu N.K. CHAKMA MINISTER : Pu Dy. Speaker, answer to the above starred questions are –

- a) Yes.
- b) RS.466.64 lakhs.
- c) Now.
- d) Five hospitals and 30 dispensaries such as Thenzawl, Haulawng, Hnahthial and Chawngte etc. Plus, there is a plan to construct 30 Nos. of Dispensary buildings at the following places: -

1. Thenzawl	2. Haulawng
3. Hnahthial	4. Chawngte
5. Tlabung	6. Khawzawl
7. Hnahlan	8. Saitual
9. Khuangleng	10. Khawbung 'S'
11. Bairabi	12. Vaphai
13. Ruantlang	14. Sihphir
15. Ratu	16. Aibawk
17. Zawlnuam	18. W. Phaileng
19. Kawrthah	20. Biate
21. Thingsai	22. N. Vanlaiphai
23. E. Lungdar	24. Sangau
25. Tuipang	26. Phura
27. Bualpui	28. S. Vanlaiphai
29. Bilkhawthlir	30. Darlawn

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalduhoma to ask supplementary question.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Dy. Speaker, may the government allot the demanded land owned by department of A.H & Veterinary at Ramrikawn for public purposes?

Pu N. K. CHAKMA MINISTER : Pu Dy. Speaker, the matter is under consideration.

Pu N. P. CHAKMA : Pu Dy. Speaker, only Chawngte is included from my constituency where as LADC is planning to construct Dispensary at Chawngte 'P'. May the government also construct the same at Chawngte 'L'?

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Milk Processing Unit at Lunglei has now become old and unfit as consultative committee too discussed the problem many times. Whether the government implements recommendations of the consultative committee?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma, minister to give answer.

Pu N.K. CHAKMA : Hon'ble Dy. Speaker, regarding point raised by Pu Nirupam Chakma, there is nothing I can do unless CADC allotted first a plot of land for the said plant at Chawngte and the case may, then be considered.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, Pu R.L. Pianmawia to ask starred question No. 42.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Will the hon'ble minister for E & F department be pleased to state –

- (a) What are the criteria for selection of a village as forest village?
- (b) What are the benefits that forest villages could claim to the government?

Pu H. ROHLUNA : Pu Dy. Speaker, answer to starred question No. 42 is –

- a) Forests villages are generally located within forests areas and Forests department usually employed labourers from such villages. In fact, no village is qualified to become forests village in Mizoram. The main concern of Central government is tribal and Adivasi people within forests areas. Anyhow, the same is applied in Mizoram with villages situated within forests areas and were declared as Forests villages by the Environment & Forests department in consultation with the leaders of concerned community.
- b) The beneficiary of a forests village concern with agriculture, poverty alleviation, handicrafts, animal husbandry, improvement in energy, supply of drinking water, education and health condition. It also includes various progresses which may be needed by such villages.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, Pu T. T. Zothansanga to ask starred question No. 43.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Will the hon'ble minister for A. H. & Vety. department be pleased to state –

- a) Did anyone selected trade under NLUP which concern rearing of the best quality of cow with best quantity of milk?
- b) If so, how many persons selected the trade?
- c) What kind of land is accepted by concerned authority to set up the said trade?
- d) Will the said breed of cow be purchased from other states? If so, from which state?
- e) What it the actual cost of such breed?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu N.K. Chakma to answer the question.

Pu N.K. CHAKMA
MINISTER : Pu Dy. Speaker, the answers are –

- a) Yes.
- b) 958 families.
- c) DPR has been submitted to the central Government and we had □7598 administrative approval out of which □100 has been released.
- d) From Haryana and Punjab states.
- e) The cost price is not known.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Supplementary question.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : My Supplementary Question is:- Did the Veterinary Department regularly inspect fodders imported from other states? If not, will it be inspected?

Pu N. K. CHAKMA
MINISTER : The department used to inspect such fodders but not these days. If needed, it may be done.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu S. Laldingliana, Pu Lalthansanga and Pu K.S. Thanga have submitted their leave of absence for today's sitting.

For information to you all, BAC decided to extend this session up to 28 due to coming of new Bills as copy of the sitting minute is laid on the Table of the House. Do we agree?

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Dy. Speaker, there is hardly enough time for the legislators to discuss a bill which often compel the House to make amendment at an early date. Decision of BAC is, therefore, quite agreeable. I would like to suggest that members may be given enough time so as to set good rules for the state.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Good. Do we agree? Alright. Now, we will take up the Legislative Business. Pu H. Liansailova, Minister to move the House to introduce “The Mizoram Ceiling on Government Guarantees Bill, 2011,”

Pu H. LIANSALOVA MINISTER : Pu Dy. Speaker, with your kind permission and of the House, I move the House to introduce “The Mizoram Ceiling on Government Guarantees Bill, 2011.”

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon’ble minister begged leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Ceiling on Government Guarantees Bill, 2011,” Let him introduce and also to move the House for passing the Bill.

Pu H. LIANSALOVA MINISTER : Pu Dy. Speaker, the state Government has no appropriate rules for Corporations, Societies, Boards and Public sectors. As that concern with loans and Grant-in-Aids, the Government of Mizoram usually acts as guarantor. Thus, Finance Department is in the opinion to formulate Rules for that purpose. So, this bill “The Mizoram Ceiling on Government Guarantees Bill, 2011,” is laid on the table of the House for favor of consideration.

The Bill seeks to formulate maximum ceiling on all guarantees given by the Government of Mizoram. On all guarantees, the government share should not be more than 25% of the state domestic product which may be effective from 1st April. It is also proposed not to deduct more than 3% of the state’s GSDP which may be given by the state government. The societies under guaranteed may expect share capital of not less than 10% of the equity share. The Bill also lays down that the state shall not give any guarantees to companies, firms and societies other than statutory company, firms and societies. The government also proposed collection of

0.75% commission against the firms guaranteed by the government which may be entered into account of Commission Guarantee Redemption fund.

The present position of maximum guarantee given by the government up to March 10, 2010 is ₹189.02 crore with the principal outstanding of ₹102.99 crore.

The government earned ₹100 lakh commission from Redemption Account during the year 2009-2011 where as ₹100 lakh is expected to be commissioned during the year 2011-2012. The bill also proposed that the rate of guarantees may be given by the government. Pu Speaker, I would like to request your kind consideration for “Assembly” is not printed by the name of the Mizoram State Legislative Assembly.

The Bill provides that short title and commencement under section 1, definition under section 2, the main clause “ceiling” under section 3, imposition of commission to those guaranteed company and firm under section 4 & 5, provision of Guaranteed Redemption fund Account and the executive agency of the Bill under section 8. I, therefore, beg the House to consider and the bill be passed. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon’ble minister has moved the Bill and begs the House to consider for passing. We will now have discussion. Five minutes each will do for each member. Pu Lalduhoma will start.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Dy. Speaker, the state government acts as a guarantor for the amount more than Rs.189 crore where as outstanding exceeds Rs.102 crore. Will the government continue to act as guarantor to those firms after this bill is passed and applied? How far this bill will affect such guarantor deeds? How this Bill will effect guarantor commission? Whether the government acts as guarantor to any other firm? If so, what is the outstanding liability?

As stated by the minister, no firm should be given guarantee unless 10% of equity share is given. Hence, nothing is left for staff’s salary and so concerned firm is meant to be collapsed. It is, therefore, important for us to determine the case very carefully as to whether such firms should be privatized.

Lastly, it will be pleasing if concerned minister clarified present position of the actual GSDP as to whether the outstanding liability exceeds 25% of the present GSDP. Pu Speaker, the demand itself is good for passing. Thank you.

Pu CHAWNGTINTHANGA : Pu Dy. Speaker, as mentioned earlier, the state

Public Undertaken units are generally of sick unit. The mounting liability is known to us all and what we have to do now is to determine a better fiscal management. Some may opine that privatization as the best solution as the capital is being used for salary as never being done in a private company. The central government too wants to reduce a high risk responsibility by closing such disinvestment policies as share capitals are eventually sold to private firms. But in the case of our units, share capital of concerned firm may not be purchased due to its bad reputation. In my opinion, it is best for concerned authority to emphasize on privatization.

Pu Dy. Speaker, it seems that the main problem of our Public Undertakings is lack of qualified man power. In order to make remarkable achievement, I opine it is necessary to employ only qualified Charter Accountants/ Company Secretary/MBA. In this regard, it is important for the youths today to take this failure as a challenge and give more effort to their studies so as to rebuild our public undertakings.

So Pu Dy. Speaker, as “The Mizoram Ceiling on government Guarantees Bill, 2011,” is indispensable for our state; I give my support to pass it. Thank you.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Dy. Speaker, this Bill is indispensable for the government as our outstanding liability exceeds ₹102.99. It is important for concerned staff to remind themselves that they are bound by Laws of the company but not by their own opinion. Staff of certain firms seems to regard themselves as being employed under the government and formulate their recruitment rules on their own accords and enjoy any holiday of the government servants. Hence, the said problem is inevitable unless the government controlled the public undertakings with due care.

Under section 5(2) regarding enhanced rate of the default risk of the project, there is no ceiling of imposition. Even if the success of the project is uncertain, the government is bound to become a guarantor. So, high rate of enhanced rate is necessitated. I believed it may be better to frame the ceiling of the imposition otherwise the project will become failure. It is also important to review the terms and conditions of guarantor for such projects. There is also provision for redemption of fund which may be availed by successful or unsuccessful companies.

Lastly, I support the opinion of the member who stood before me. It is true that the existing system of our financial management of Public Sector/Undertakings is not appropriate which even result in bankruptcy of some companies. So, it is wise to recruit more qualified MBAs to maintain the system efficiently. Thank you.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Dy. Speaker, I am glad that we are able to

discuss “The Mizoram Ceiling on Government Guarantees Bill, 2011.” The Government of India adopted a policy of privatization in 1991, when Man Mohan Singh became Finance Minister in the central. As a result, India economy improved immensely. Yet, I find this bill confusing as it emphasize that no government shall be given any guarantee in respect of individual institution or private industries. I do not understand why the bill excluded the individual institutions and private companies in which shareholders actively participate in the affairs of the company. It is to be noted that our main drawback in setting up a successful company is our lack of qualified MBA among the staff. Thus, recruitment of only the qualified youths is suggestive. It is in fact, the Public Sectors/Undertakings of the state are all bankrupted and It may not be wrong to say that they will be success even if guarantee is given. It is regretted to learn that the state government could no longer afford to give quarantee to private companies particularly Hnahlan Winery, a firm set up by seven Bank officers of the state. I opine it is important for the government to determine financial assistance to all concerned families of such firms as it is essential to follow policy of the central government where as the main purpose of any technology mission of centrally sponsored scheme is to promote private sectors.

To conclude my speech, I must say that this bill is good but not completely as guarantee for the individual sectors, private institutions and private companies is not concerned. So, I suggest inclusion of the said as this will bringforth employment opportunity for thousands of educated youths as it will also be benefited by number of shareholders. So I do support this Bill. Thank you.

Pu LALRINMAWIA RALTE : Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you very much for the opportunity to discuss “The Mizoram Ceiling on Government Guarantee Bill, 2011.” The purpose of the bill is to fix ceiling on government guarantees which was not fixed before. It is known to us all that the government has given guarantee to the Public Sector/Undertakings without any redemption. In 2011-2012, the estimated amount of GDP is Rs.7216.75 crore where as guarantee given by the Government is Rs.189.02 which is only 2.19%. Since this process caused burden to the government, the amount is reduced to Rs.86.03. As a result, the outstanding liability is now only Rs.102.19. The objective of this bill is to impose Rs.0.75 of redemption fund to Public Sectors to which the government has given guarantee.

Section 5(2) of the bill indicates that the government may impose more than Rs.0.75% in case of default risk of the project. This is good as it will safeguard the Legislation. If redemption fund was imposed before, government will profit Rs.1,41, 75,500/-. It does not mean that it is harmful for the government to give guarantee, but giving excessive guarantee may cause burden to the government. This bill further concern financial Institution to which the government has given guarantee. So, this Bill may be passed by the House. Thank you.

Pu H. ZOTHANGLIANA : Thank you, Pu Chairman. The members pointed out

the weakness of the Public Sectors in our state as so this Bill is laid to improve the situation. If the government ignores the problem, no public undertaking firm will stand. As the government concerns the problem of MIFCO, plan is laid to improve co-operative movement by setting up various cooperative firms such as ZIDCO etc. and now initiated a plan for coal block. If the coal block project is set up, it will be of a great source of revenue for the government.

Regarding exclusion of individuals, private institutions and private companies, this decision may be criticized by some members but we have to consider the burden it may cause to the government if inclusion. We must also consider the positive approach of this Bill as job opportunity will be opened. It is also to be noted that the government is able to determine alternative so as to assist firm which are not included. So, this Bill may be passed by the House. Thank you.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : At the outset, Pu Chairman, I do support passing of "The Mizoram Ceiling on Government Guarantees Bill, 2011". If Public Sectors are bankrupted as stated, we have to find the reason. It may be due to lack of poor recovery of loans in public sectors such as MKVI and ZIDCO. It is wrong to blame concerned officers and staff as the reason for failure of certain Public Undertakings but due to irregular recovery of loans. It is known to us all that Public Demand Recovery Bill which had been passed during MNF ministry was not implemented till date. It required implementation by the government. In my opinion, another reason for the failure is due to lack of awareness with the public concern as no training of entrepreneurship is received. If training was given, I believe the situation might have been different.

I would also like to add that each member of the House, as a legislator is responsible for this failure. So, I request the hon'ble Minister to take prompt action for the achievement of this plan. Thank you.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Pu Chairman, I would like to make few points regarding measure for redemption of our public undertakings from bankruptcy.

In 1988, America issued Super 301 Trade Sanction against India for three years which immensely affected the economy of India. Eventually, it compelled the government to devalue its monetary due to lack of investors from foreign countries. As a measure to redeem the economy of India, the then Finance Minister, Manmohan Singh made an appeal to the public to mortgage their valuable assets which proved very successful.

Pu Chairman, I opine our PSU's are safe enough even by maintaining the existing system as the amount of outstanding of some PSU's, as furnished here are quite normal

as this Bill indicate that it will be necessary to have an outstanding amount of 1000 crore rupees so as to exceed 25% of State Gross Domestic Product.

Pu Chairman, no suggestion is seen for redemption of our PSU's except fixation of loan which may be availed by PSU's and ceiling of outstanding which may be made. I believe Guarantee Commission will be much helpful for redemption of our PSU's.

Lastly, I opine this Bill is good as it is safe to have appropriate rules which concern PSU's. What is important now is to encourage private investors in such a way to improve our economy as well as fiscal management of the government. Thank you.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Today, we have two bills for discussion apart from this Amendment Bill. To some extents, this Bill may be considered as good. Yet, I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to clarify how the redemption fund will be used. It is pleasing if the redemption fund is made to cover Cooperative Institutions, Cooperative societies, private Institutions and individuals as the government inclined privatization policy. In India, we observe regular repayment of loan and therefore important for our government too to carefully determine guarantee which may be given to any institution. So, I would like to conclude my speech by saying this bill be passed and regulated. Thank you.

Col. Z.S. ZUALA : Pu Dy. Speaker, the Private and Public Undertakings are frequently discussed in the committee of COPU. Being chairman of the committee, I have to say few points. The Public Undertakings needs financial support so as to solve the problems. Considering our PSU's as profit earning sources, the government always spend large amount of money every year. Even so, no improvement is seen due to lack of appropriate fiscal management. Hence, the Committee on Public Undertakings is in the opinion that lack of expert among the staff as the main reason. In particular, MAMCO and ZIDCO need improvement in financial management. In this regard, it is necessary for Industries Department to play the role of a watch-dog. The committee is expected to present its reports to the House during this session. In my opinion Pu Dy. Speaker, adoption of privatization policy is suggestive as no progress has been made from Passion fruit Processing Unit at Chhingchhip and Ginger Dehydration Plant at Sairang even though large amount of fund is spent. The failure due to lack of raw materials indicates that no research has been made prior to setting up such projects.

Lastly, I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to clarify local authority provided in the bill when winding up discussion on the bill. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will take a break now and discussion will be resumed at 2:00 PM.

2:00 PM

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Ten members participated in the discussion of this bill. I now call upon the hon'ble minister Pu H. Liansailova to wind up the discussion and to move the House for passing.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA : Thank you Pu Dy. Speaker. I am pleased to witness
MINISTER that 10 members enthusiastically participated in the discussion of this Bill.

First of all, it is to be noted that the bill is formulated for better fiscal management as prescribed by the Twelfth and Thirteenth Finance Commission of India. The state government followed the prescriptions as far as possible and as a result, we are able to have "The Mizoram Finance Responsibility and Budget Management Rules."

We have seen the progress of our fiscal management as GSDP is increased to a certain extent where as our fiscal deficit and outstanding liabilities, too decreases. The actual GSDP is not officially known yet, it shall be known when budget is presented. It is learned that our GSDP last year amounting to Rs.6,000 crore where as this year, it may exceed Rs.7,000 crore. As shown in the Bill, 25% of the maximum guarantee of Rs.7,000 crore which may be obtained will bring guarantee accommodation of Rs.1,800 crore. Thus, we can presume that the government is presently able to maintain itself with the amount of Rs.1,800 crore. It is, therefore, to be noted that this bill intended to improve our fiscal managements in the future but not to make restriction. In this regard, it may also be necessary to determine the prospect of this bill as to how far it will affect the previous outstanding liabilities.

Regarding the default risk which is regarded as an exceptional case, I support the opinion of importance for the government to exercise it very carefully. Yet, it may be noted that the detail of redemption scheme is provided so that the government may give guarantee as deem necessary.

Regarding the idea of exclusion of private firms, it may be noted that this bill concern only of public sectors and co-operative societies as any private investment will be covered by industrial policy.

Pu LALDUHOMA : I would like to make clarification to that point Pu Dy. Speaker. It is obvious that privatization could not be carried out instantly as we may prefer to hand over our factories to some private firms and this will take a long process. For instance, if some experts are planning to set up a company, the government may prefer to give guarantee to them instead of public undertakings which may

violate the industrial policy. It is, therefore, necessary to determine provision that can take care of the differences. If not, I am afraid there will be infringement in the process.

Pu H. LIANSAILOVA
MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, even if the some experts set up a private company, government needs not to give guarantee but PPP mode will provide guarantee such as source of the capital and their assistance.

Regarding deployment of experts such as qualified MBA in public undertakings, like MBA, we might not have expert among the officers but they have enough experiences in fiscal management of the co-corporations, public Undertakings etc. For this reason, the door is widely opened for the private sectors in which enterprising minded youths are all welcomed. It is to be noted that this bill will not retard the progress of private sectors as they will be guided by a separate form of policy. This bill only intended to improve financial management of corporations, public undertakings and co-operative societies. In the same manner, the future of MIFCO too will soon be determined as it is intended to be taken up following PPP mode.

It is learned that the department of Veterinary had given guarantee to a private firm in the previous year but Finance department did not maintain the record. Yet, we have not received any problem as a consequence. It is to be noted by the members that even if the said rules has to be implemented, it will be necessary for finance to examine the case with concerned department before implementing it.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : For example, Pu Dy. Speaker, one corporation repaid the whole amount of loan availed. If so, sinking fund may also be released in favor of the said corporation as this will be regarded as incentive where as its working capital will also be improved. So, I opine it will be wrong for concerned authority to keep the said fund unreleased.

Pu H. LIANSAILOVA
MINISTER : Accordng to the Bill we have been discussed now, Guarantee Redemption fund is supposed to be entered into public account. It is not meant to be released for any investment as it is a redemption fund which may be utilized for the purpose of unforeseen case which may be encountered by a corporation guaranteed by the government. Regarding share of Co-operative Society, I hope that members will understand that no co-operative society shall be given guarantee unless 10% of equity share is contributed by the members.

So, Pu Dy. Speaker, I beg the House to pass the “The Mizoram ceiling on Government Guarantee Bill, 2011” and also give permission to make correction of a typing mistake, ‘Assembly’. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Concerned minister as well as mover of the Bill begs the House to pass “The Mizoram Ceiling on Government Guarantee Bill, 2011,” including permission to make correction. Do we agree?

(The bill is voted and passed).

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

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, Pu Zodintluanga, Minister to introduce to the House, “The Mizoram Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Bill, 2011.”

Pu ZODINTLUANGA
MINISTER : Pu Dy. Speaker, The Mizoram street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Bill, 2011 is carefully examined and mistake is found almost in every page. I, therefore, beg the House to withdraw this Bill for further examination.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon’ble minister requested the House to withdraw the bill for further examination. We may allow him to withdraw it.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Dy. Speaker, I truly appreciate his decision to withdraw the Bill. I further request him not to hesitate using his nerve in the future. So, this may be referred to the Council of Ministers for approval (.....Interruption.....).

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Please stop the interruption. It is not necessary to point out his weakness as it is clear that withdrawl is requested for that reason.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Dy. Speaker, I am only saying that the minister should have been more careful in dealing with this Bill so as to evade humiliation in the House.

- DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, Pu P.C. Lalthanliana, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce “ The Mizoram (Establishment of Independent Local Body) Ombudsman Bill, 2011.”
- Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA MINISTER : Pu Dy. Speaker, with your kind permission and of the House, I beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram (Establishment of Independent Local Body) Ombudsman Bill, 2011.”
- DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon’ble minister has begged leave of the House to introduce “ The Mizoram (Establishment of Independent Local Body) Ombudsman Bill, 2011.” Do we all agree? If so, let him introduce and move it for consideration.
- Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA MINISTER : Pu Dy. Speaker, with your kind permission and of the House, I introduce “ The Mizoram (Establishment of Independent of Local Body) Ombudsman Bill, 2011,”

In the meantime, Pu Dy. Speaker, I request the House to make correction as there is no time for withdrawal as it is mandated by the 13th Finance Commission. It is supposed to be passed not later than July 15. When a bill is laid on the Table of the House, mistake is often found and should not be regarded as bringing a shame to concerned minister or a degrade to the House. It is somewhat difficult to complete one without making any mistake.

So, I request the House to allow verbal amendment of the Bill. (The Minister read out verbal amendment which may be made in the House as requested.)

Pu Dy. Speaker, the state has Legislative Assembly and village council in each village. The village Council concerned for the progress of villages. Thus, the central government give priority to village councils and so large amount of provision is spent for development of villages. For this year alone, development fund allocated by the central is increases and the progress of the village councils may be seen during the last two years. In the same manner, the state government has a lot of work to be done for development of the villages with large amount of fund provided. One of the projects is Ombudsman Bill.

The 13th Finance Commission demanded nine new things to be introduced in the local bodies such as Imposition of property tax; Amendment proposal for the Lushai Hill District Village Council Act; New Accounting system prepared on the basis of Panchayati Raj System etc. which will be laid on the table of the House.

Under Ombudsman Bill, one who is trustworthy and free from corruption should be appointed as a dictator. This will look after the Village Council in all cases of fiscal management, corruption, administrative system, complaint, amendment procedure, punishment and dissolution. Section 4 of the Bill provides term of office and condition of service, Section 5 provides the procedure of its termination, Section 6 and 7 provides the Ombudsman and its colleagues and their duties. Section 9 provides the power of the Ombudsman where as the investigation and inquiry system is also provided in Section 14. Section 17 provides complaint and its disposal. Section 20 provides rules that can be made from the Act. The Bill is mandated from the 13th Finance Commission who used to give us fund for the local bodies. The bill is therefore, brought and moves in the House as desired by the 13th Finance Commission and to be implemented in the State. I, therefore, request this August House to support the Bill. Thank You

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon'ble minister moved the Bill and begs the House for discussion and pass. We will have discussion and 5 minutes will be allotted to each Member. Now, I call upon Pu R.L. Pianmawia to make his speech.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. It is truly appreciated that "The Mizoram Establishment of Independent Local Body) Ombudsman Bill, 2011," is laid as I have witnessed various problems faced by village council as I was serving as member of village Council since 1984. I strongly believed that the Bill will be of much helpful in resolving the problems. I opine that the guidelines made by local Administration department are no longer befitted. It is quite a problem for concerned authority to fulfill demands made by various village councils. I am happy as we are now going to utilize any fund received from the government or financial agencies appropriately which will surely bring positive effect for village councils. So, I extend my appreciation to concerned minister and department. Thank you.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Dy. Speaker, the drafting of this Bill, as a whole seems to be good except few corrections which need to be made. Yet, I would like to raise questions for further clarification by concerned minister when winding up the discussion. Section 2(1) (e) provides that "investigating officer means an officer authorized by the Ombudsman to conduct investigation in respect of allegation and complaint." If so, whether the officer authorized by the Ombudsman has full support and confidence to carry out the investigation?

Secondly, section 4(2) provides that "the person appointed as the Ombudsman shall be entitled for salary....." Is the amount fixed is good enough and whether the amended form contradict the original provision?

Thirdly, section 4(3) stated that “after expiry of his term of office as an Ombudsman, he shall not be eligible for reappointment at the same post or for further appointment to any office of profit under the state government or in any corporation or company, society or University by or under the control of the state government.” Is it appropriate to include University which is outside the authority of the state government?

Under section 18, there is a provision that ‘in case of complaint and grievances regarding corruption and mal-administration against village council in general and its elected functionaries, the ombudsman shall send its report to the governor’. Is it the existing procedure to report to the governor? May the salaries of ombudsman be amended? I also want to know who will pay salaries of ombudsman and the staff.

Lastly, L.A.D. was once a major Department. But for now, UD & PA has taken up most of its works. If so, will it be possible to deploy the staff from LAD to prevent over-staff employment? Thank You.

Pu H. ZOTHANGLIANA : Thank You Pu Dy. Speaker. I opine the system of numbering of the definitions is confusing and therefore needs re-arrangements. For instance, Section No. 7, 9 and 11 may be grouped under Section 2. In the same manner, provisions of rules in some sections, sub-sections and clauses also require rearrangement. At page No. 8, I opine the context ‘authority and dispose of just before the constitution of Ombudsman shall’ is required to be followed by the word ‘be’. Again, “or” which is seen just before ‘filing case’ at page No. 9 too is supposed to be substituted by ‘of’.

Pu Dy. Speaker, I would like to mention that this bill will be of very useful for the state when it become an act. It will become more useful for members of the opposition in dealing with the case of dissolution or suspension of village council. All powers of the government will then be vested in the hands of the ombudsman and the administrative system in the village level will become fair and peaceful. I therefore, invited all members to pass the bill. Thank you.

Pu LALRINMAWIA RALTE : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I do support the opinion of Pu H. Zothangliana regarding the needs to re-arrange the numbering of section, sub-section and clauses in the definitions.

Regarding establishment and appointment of the ombudsman, I opine mistake is there as it is typed as sub-section (i), (ii) and (iii) on page 3. It is necessary to take an example of the state of Kerela as the system of ombudsman is introduced in their urban and rural local bodies. The purpose of this bill is appeared under section 3(i) as it is stated that ombudsman is meant for rural village councils and all workers under their authority. In Section 15(2), it is

mentioned that ‘if the state government feels that there is need to take immediate action against the village councils or their elected representatives’ which I opine is difficult to understand. I doubt the wording is correct. Again, Section 18 and 19 stated regarding mal-administration against the village council in general and its elected functionaries. I opine it has to be re-arranged as the same provision had been provided three times. As the hon’ble member stated, this bill is a warning for all village councils as it will wipe-off the practice of lodging complain relating to village council and if there is any, penalty will be given. It is fortunate that we will have ombudsman to control over the village councils on behalf of the people. So, it is wise for the House to pass the bill and necessary corrections may be made as requested by the hon’ble minister. Thank you.

Pu LALSAWTA
MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. As stated earlier, this bill is mandated by the 13th Finance Commission and it is supposed to be passed before the expiry of July 15. What is important is to be careful in drafting the bill as it is meant to be discussed in the House.

Pu Dy. Speaker, the word ‘Ombudsman’ is originated from the Scandinavian. Ombudsman, Lok Pal and Lok Ayukta are the institutions headed by one. The Ombudsman shall have Secretary and office and he shall look after the local bodies especially in fiscal management and works allotted. The main purpose is to examine any complaint and judge the cases referred to him.

Pu Dy. Speaker, it seems that it is a time for us to improve the system of financial sanction as complaint is frequently received even after it has been certified as ‘completed satisfactorily’ where as fund is also drawn after receiving signature and thumb impression. Yet, the bill is not to be regarded as to get rid off mistake in fiscal management only but also to improve the accounting system too.

Municipal bodies are supposed to be covered by Ombudsman bill as they are local bodies too. Typing mistake is often found in the bill body which may be passed in the House. Thus, it is necessary to be careful when a bill is drafted. On the other hand, the House may understand the problem that typing in computer is a soft-touching system and it is easy to make typing mistake. We, the department of Law & Judicial used to vet drafts within a limited period of times and it is really difficult to complete without any mistake. So, to some extents, the House too may take the problem for granted.

Pu Speaker, as per Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business, Rules are usually laid on the table of the House with number of days fixed for examination. I opine it is not necessary to make restriction once again as any member have the right to criticize what is deemed as not good enough as it is his duty as a legislator and the Chair, on the other hand should provide enough time to make criticism. Thank you.

Pu CHAWNGTINTHANGA : Thank you Pu Dy. Speaker. As stated by the

hon'ble minister for Law, the reason of laying Rules on the table of the House is to examine merits and demerits of the Rules. So, the legislators should have enough chance to speak about it.

Regarding the Ombudsman Institution, Swedish Justice Ombudsman is the first one and is followed by Finland, Norway, New Zealand and England. The purpose of Ombudsman is to control Government Servants (Executive). The principles of Lok Pal and Lok Ayukta are originated from the ombudsman. In India ombudsman control the local bodies as Ombudsman bill concern for administering the local bodies like the village councils. Due to increase of financial provision for development under the village councils, it is necessary for concerned authority to determine how to administer the village councils. This bill is good yet, I would like to emphasize regarding section 13(1) which provides that "all cases pending during the commencement of the Ombudsman shall be handed over to the ombudsman court". This is good. But sub-section (2) provides that "the land of village council in the hands of government or any other authority disposed just before the commencement of the Ombudsman Bill shall be disposed by the Ombudsman". I think there is omission in this sub-section and should be reviewed to strengthen the bill. So, I support the bill for passing. Thank you.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. Short title and commencement provides that it shall extent to the whole of the state of Mizoram. I think it will be more appropriate to add that "except autonomous district Council areas" as provided in the objects and reasons. So, I would request the hon'ble Minister to reflect when winding up the bill.

Pu Dy. Speaker, this is an important matter and may be referred for further scrutiny. But, it should be passed as mandated.

Ombudsman is provided with an extensive power as shown in section 17. The office consists of 1 Ombudsman, 1 Secretary, 1 Under Secretary, 1 Steno grade-I, 1 Steno grade-II, 1 Assistant, 2 LDC's, 2 Drivers, 1 Cameraman and 4 Peons. Complaints will be entertained in every office working day from 700 village councils excluding Autonomous District Councils areas. It is, therefore, important for us to determine as to whether Ombudsman Office could afford the works allotted otherwise the office may cause humiliation to the government. As the bill has points of merit, it may also have some demerits on the other hand. It is, therefore, important for concerned authority to determine both side of the bill.

Pu Dy. Speaker, qualification for ombudsman is that he should be a panel of eminent person of infeasible integrity and should not be a government servant where as removal is quite difficult as the bill provides that 3/5 of the members shall vote for his removal i.e. 24 members of the House, and will be voted by impeachment in the House.

Lastly, Parliament is going to pass Lok Pal Bill and it will then be implemented in our state too sooner or later. The main purpose is eradication of the practice of corruption which is clearly indicated in the bill. Thank you.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Thank you Pu Dy. Speaker. It is truly appreciated as this Bill concern for eradication of the practice of corruption in our state but only at the level of village councils. So, it is good to determine a pivot bill for rooting out of corruption in the state. France started ombudsman since 1873 and is still revived as its main purpose is anti-corruption. Thus, the bill itself seems to be satisfactory.

As terms and conditions of services of the ombudsman provided in section 4, the term of office is three years where as removal of the ombudsman required not less than 3/5 of the total members. I opine that the term of office of the ombudsman is too short and may be fixed at six years. It is the duty of ombudsman to submit the report to the Governor and will be appointed by the Chief Minister, Speaker and Leader of opposition group in the House. If so, it may be appropriate for him to present the report also to the said officials who appointed him as ombudsman in France also present the report to the House.

Besides, Pu Dy. Speaker, it seems that this bill concern anti-corruption of the grass root level only. I opine anti-corruption measure against high level officials may also be covered. Pu Dy. Speaker, I opine Ethic Committee of the House may be used as a measure of anti-corruption against both grass root level and high level officials for which legislation is required. Otherwise it cannot be used for the purpose of anti-corruption. I do support and appreciated the bill for passing yet, laying of the report to the House is insisted. Thank you.

(Chairman at the Chair)

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Chairman, this is a new bill for the state. I do support and appreciate the bill from concerned minister, yet I opine it is incomplete. The title of the bill is "Establishment of Independent Local Body". Does it mean that the purpose is to provide independent power to local bodies or village councils? This should be clearly indicated. Besides, village council consists of Municipal areas too but the bill does not concern Municipal council areas. This should also be clarified.

There are a number of points which may be corrected such as double entry of section No. 3(2); 'should' in section No. 14 and No. 15 should be substituted by 'shall' where as the definition of "local body" is not shown. Furthermore, it is the duty of ombudsman to supervise the works of the village council and its lower level. Superior officials such as BDO, Project Directors, Director and D.C. too may practice corruption under the jurisdiction of village council level. But ombudsman is of lower level to supervise corruption which may be committed by the said higher level officials. How to deal with such cases?

Regarding hiring of legal practitioner under the administration of Ombudsman, I opine it is not appropriate for legal practitioner to interfere in the administration of the government.

Section 19 provides that 'If there is disagreement and difference'. What is the difference? I opine it is good to become more liberal in this regard as it is to be decided by the Governor for public domain. That is not the remedial measure as there is no provision to appeal against the decision of the Governor.

Again, section 19 provides the terms of Ombudsman, which is only 3 years and he is not allowed for reappointment nor reemployed under the State Government, Corporations, Company or Society which indicate that the post of ombudsman is not an attractive one. So, I opine it is not appropriate to pass this bill as it is. It should be referred to the Select Committee for further scrutiny and necessary correction. Thank You.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, Chapter 1 and Sub No. 2 states that "It shall extend to the State of Mizoram". Just below, it is provided that "It shall come into force on such dates or days and in such area or areas". I opine context "in such are or areas" should be omitted. Then, (b) will become "It shall come into force on such dates or days as the State government" and add the words 'may' before 'by notification'. In sub No. 2(c), the word 'Government' is provided but there is no definition of 'government' in the bill. It should be corrected as 'state government'.

Section 9(1) stated that Ombudsman shall have Civil Court power and he may impose penalty also. I opine this may be reviewed as it seems to have a magistrate power. In No. 12 under 'Enquiry', the sentence 'for reasons to be recorded' may be added.

Pu Speaker, the bill is discussed in detail which is amust as it concerns us all. It is expected to be bringforth progress for the village council in fiscal management and administrative system. I do not think it is necessary to refer this Bill to the Select Committee as the spirit is clear. Thank You.

Pu R. SELTHUAMA : Thank you Pu Dy. Speaker. Ombudsman is published in 1960 and it is fortunate to have one after 50 years of its publication.

Pu Dy. Speaker, I opine mistake found in this Bill which is laid on the table of the House indicates the usual custom of the mizos whom as I have known so far, as lack of efficiency and hard work. It will be very pleasing if proved reading is carefully done when the bill is typed.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The time now is 4:00 PM. We may continue with the discussion.

Pu R. SELTHUAMA : Pu Dy. Speaker, this bill is meant for rural Local Bodies such as Village Councils and I found it as quite good as no point to criticize. It is to be noted that Aizawl and some major towns in the State will have Local Body.

Regarding the salary of Ombudsman, it may be appropriate to fix it as High Court Judge where as the Secretary or other Staff may be deployed from some departments on deputation. As the hon'ble minister have stated earlier, there may be some corrections which needs to be made yet, as for now, it is good to pass it as it is as amendment proposal could be made anytime in future. So, I opine it is good to support this Bill. Thank you.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Deputy Speaker, as provided in the objects and reasons, this is supposed to be covered the whole state of Mizoram where as the Autonomous District Councils too has a separate Village Council Act. Yet, it may be necessary to make arrangement if it has to be extended to the whole state of Mizoram.

Section 8 provides time limit for investigation of complaints. I opine it is not necessary for the State Government to fix time limit for completion of investigation against such independent bodies.

Regarding the status of Ombudsman, 13th Finance Commission already set the rank as of a High Court Judge which may be followed by the State Government automatically.

Lastly, this bill is good as the system should be made applicable to all elected functionaries and officials in Village Council Panchayats as Ombudsman shall have authority to those elected functionaries. I, therefore, support this bill for passing.

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I am happy to learn that the hon'ble minister is kind enough to make necessary corrections as there is one more point which may be corrected. I opine the words 'to be' should be added in front of 'paid' in sub-clause 4 of section 9(9) otherwise I found the sentence meaningless.

Pu Deputy Speaker, it is pleasing to learn that most of the members supported passing of this Bill. In this regard, it may be noted that no act is completed itself when

it is drafted. Making correction is a common practice of the House which laterally provided an ideal bill to the House.

Regarding the title of the Bill, 'independent local body' should not be interpreted as 'independence of village council from the government' but 'independence of the Ombudsman'. Regarding submission of Report to the Governor, all the Autonomous District Councils, as usual procedure, submit the Reports to the Governor.

We have learned from various members about Ombudsman. It has been introduced in number of developed countries. In India too, Lok Pal Bill which is akin to ombudsman is ready to be passed in the Parliament where as the redress of the institution, Law courts, Parliamentary control and judicial review which can provide feed back for immediate remedial measure, departmental files and having civil court power is an urgent need of our country. So, Ombudsman is the actual needs for our country where as the institution and its application is quite simple and economical. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, let us call upon the hon'ble minister to wind up the discussion and also to move the House to pass the Bill.

Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, it is very pleasing to learn that
MINISTER : members participated in the discussion wholeheartedly. As stated, Ombudsman is a new thing and drafting of the Bill is done on the basis of the draft formulated by 13th Finance Commission. In addition to mistake made by the State Finance Commission, the wordings which are criticized by the members are taken from the original draft.

Pu Dy. Speaker, this Ombudsman Bill is one of the nine important Bills that the Finance commission wanted to adopt by the House. So, Finance Ministry intends to held ₹7.44 crores which has already been earmarked for 2011-2012 for our state unless the House adopted Ombudsman Bill. Hence, it is necessary for the House to pass this Bill to maintain development. So, objection of passing of this Bill means losing of large amount of financial provision which has been earmarked for development of our state.

Regarding Urban Local Body, there is no intention from the department to include as rural local body. If the government adopted the Ombudsman Bill, it is expected that the practice of corruption in the state could be rooted out.

Regarding suggestion of extension of this bill in the three Autonomous District Councils, Law Department too is confused about it as it concern financial matter which may be required by such Autonomous District Councils too. Anyhow, extension may be made in future.

Pu Dy. Speaker, the 13th Finance Commission did not mention whether funds should be utilized for Administrative cost. Regarding the salary and training of the Ombudsman, Finance Department expected that the 13th finance Commission will meet the expenditure yet, it is not sure. Anyhow, it may be necessary to make it on our own decision i.e. ₹80,000/- which will indicate that the salary is not fixed as High Court Judge.

As stated before, allocation of staff is proposed to be filled up from gov't servants on deputation and as necessary. As pointed out by hon'ble Minister Pu Lalsawta, members of Village Councils will need proper training as the 13th Finance Commission too has given priority to it. The accounts are to be kept according to a proforma made by Comptroller & Auditor General of India. Regarding training, it may be difficult for members from rural areas to attend it. We have now selected 25 accounts from 25 Village councils for audit of C&AG.

Pu Deputy Speaker, it is to be noted by the members that the House considered a bill that which can change the administrative system of the State Government where as the main purpose is to root out the practice of corruption in our state. The Bill may not have an ideal drafting yet, it is good to pass it as necessary amendment may be made in the future. So, I beg the House to pass it and permission of verbal amendments may also be considered. Thank you

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon'ble minister begs the House to pass the Bill with verbal amendments. The bill will be voted now.

(The Bill is voted and passed)

Now, 'The Mizoram (Establishment of Independent Local Body) Ombudsman Bill, 2011 is passed by the House.

Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA : Thank You, Pu Deputy Speaker.
MINISTER

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Our business for today is finished. Sitting of the House will be resumed tomorrow at 10:30 AM.

Sitting adjourned at 4:25 PM.

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

**SIXTH SITTING ON THURSDAY, 14TH JULY, 2011
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM).**

PRESENTATION OF BUDGET

1. Pu H. Liansailova, Minister, to present to the House.

Annual Budget for the year 2011-2012 with allied papers

NGURTHANZUALA
Secretary.

S P E A K E R : Give to all what is their right, taxes to him whose they are, payment to him whose right it is, fear to whom fear, honour to whom honour is to be given.
Romans 13:7

Today, all members present the House except Pu Laldingliana, who is on sickness. The House wished him immediate recovery.

Today is the day of presentation of Budget. Let us call upon Pu H. Liansailova, Finance Minister to present to the House the Budget and allied papers for the year 2011-2012

Pu H.LIANSILOVA : Mr. Speaker Sir, With your permission, I rise to
MINISTER present the Regular Budget Estimates for the year 2011- 2012 before this august House.

1. Sir, I deem it a great privilege for me to present the first Budget as a Finance Minister and the third Regular Budget of the current Ministry especially at a time when the country's economy is showing signs of recovery from the period of global economic slow down which happened three years ago. It is well known that the State's economy has been following the trajectory of the country's development. Therefore, it remains the sincere efforts of this Government to catch up with the rest of the country in the overall economic development.

2. It has been highlighted in the Budget Speech (Vote on Account) which was presented in the early part of this year, that fiscal reform in keeping with the Mizoram Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act, 2006 in line with the recommendation of Thirteenth Finance Commission, has become a beacon while framing the policy and program of the Government. Again, in keeping with the new roadmap for fiscal consolidation introduced by the Thirteenth Finance Commission, we continue to maintain Revenue Surplus in the Budget and the

efforts have also been made to reduce the fiscal deficit as a percentage of Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) to achieve a target of 8.5 *per cent* in 2010-11, 6.4 *per cent* in 2011-12, 5.2 *per cent* in 2012-13, 4.1 *per cent* in 2013-14 and 3 *per cent* in 2014-15. Outstanding debt of the State will also be managed to contain within the recommendation of the Thirteenth Finance Commission.

3. Sir, I also feel very fortunate that I can prepare Budget in the wake of the early period of Thirteenth Finance Commission which recommends more devolution of share in taxes which, in turn, gives me an opportunity to provide room for enhancing Capital Outlay and bring about a remarkable infrastructure and socio-economic development in spite of the prevailing financial constraints due to the virtual absence of private investments other than grants coming from Central Government.

I. OVERVIEW OF THE STATE ECONOMY

4. Respected Sir, I am happy to present highlights of Economic Survey Report for 2010-11 before this august House which was laid on 28th March, 2011. This Survey Report highlights a detailed analysis of the economic activities of the State for the current year at the time when the Country's economy is showing recovery and back to its pre-crisis growth momentum.

5. The Economic Survey Report 2010-11 shows that the finalized GSDP for 2004-05 stood at **₹2681.97 crore** at current prices. It further reveals that the State Economy is projected to grow at about 9.57 *per cent* during 2010-11 while the National Economy is projected to grow at 8.6 *per cent* during the same period.

6. GSDP at current prices for provisional estimates of 2008-09 stood at **₹4581.35 crore**. Quick estimates for 2009-10 stood at **₹5497.93 crore** and Advance Estimates for 2010-11 at **₹6297.10 crore**. With this, the projection of GSDP for 2011-12 at current prices stood at **₹7216.75 crore**. Even compared with the rest of the country, the growth of the State economy is quite encouraging.

7. The Economic Survey further shows, for the current financial year 2011-12, that the Services sector continues to be the dominating sector with its share of 59.47 *per cent*, followed by Industries Sector at 21.97 *per cent* and Agriculture Sector at 18.56 *per cent*. It is noteworthy to mention here that there is a slight improvement in the Industry Sector in comparison with the growth rate of the previous year. But, Agriculture sector shows a declining growth rate over the previous year. It is therefore, imperative that the Government invests more on Industries and Agriculture sectors for balanced growth.

II. A REVIEW OF YEAR 2010-11

8. Respected Sir, the financial year under review witnessed a lot of fiscal reforms and consolidation which have been undertaken in line with the course of action determined by the Central Government and the prescription laid down by the Thirteenth Finance Commission. As it had been highlighted in the Budget Speech last year, the Thirteenth Finance Commission Report became effective from last fiscal which results in more devolution of Central Grants and Taxes

to State government thereby giving us larger fiscal space to enhance infrastructure development and to invigorate Plan development. On the contrary, it recommends various fiscal measures which should be complied with by the State Governments in their fiscal management.

9. As hon'ble members are aware, The Mizoram (Revision of Pay) Rules, 2010 was implemented for the State Government Employees during the financial year under review. Inevitably, this has had its impact on the State finances. However, I would like to assure this august house that this Government is making an all-out-effort to tide over our fiscal constraint and to increasingly tap all the resources available for financing Capital investments and for triggering growth and development.

10. Sir, besides implementation of Pay Revision, provision of subsidy for the purchase of food grains and electricity also causes a huge payout to the detriment of the State fiscal management. State Government finds it difficult to set aside an optimum amount of budgetary allocation for infrastructure and socio-economic development during this financial year. However, utmost efforts are undertaken to build up the Revenue Surplus of **₹16.63 crore** which is well within the corrective measure roadmap recommended by the Thirteenth Finance Commission.

RECEIPTS

Revenue Receipts

11. Revised Estimates of total revenue receipt during 2010-11 was **₹3716.32 crore** against the Budget estimates of **₹3253.87 crore**.

12. The State's Own Tax Revenue (SOTR) was estimated at **₹118.26 crore** in the Budget Estimates and it improved to **₹124.15 crore** in the Revised Estimates. Better performance than expected is mainly due to higher collection of revenues in respect of Land Revenue and VAT. In spite of achieving the Budget Estimates in the Revenue Accounts and Revenue surplus is shown in the Revised Estimates, the actual figures are still lower than achievable targets. Meanwhile, the devolution of Central Taxes and Duties exceeded the Budget Estimates by **₹27.72 crore** thereby making it possible to get **₹590.78 crore** in the Revised Estimates. The total revenue receipt from Tax Revenue was, therefore, estimated at **₹714.93 crore** in the Revised Estimates against the Budget Estimates of **₹681.32 crore**.

13. In respect of State's Own Non-Tax Revenue (SONTR), Budget Estimates was pegged at **₹166.37 crore** which went up to **₹177.59 crore** in the Revised Estimates. Interest receipts also displayed an increase from the Budget Estimates of **₹26.21 crore** to **₹32.00 crore** in the Revised Estimates which is considered a healthy sign even though there is a room for improvement.

14. Grants-in-Aid from Central Government was estimated at **₹2406.18 crore** in the Budget Estimates whereas it went up to **₹2823.80 crore** in the Revised Estimates. Out of this, **₹894.20 crore** was coming from Non-Plan Grants and then, Plan Grants contributed **₹1929.60 crore**.

Capital Receipts

15. Revised Estimates of the total Capital Receipts during 2010-11 was **₹571.38 crore** against the Budget Estimates of **₹259.60 crore**. In this Revised Estimates, Loans & Advances and Public Debt contributed **₹33.01 crore** and **₹538.37 crore** respectively.

EXPENDITURE

Revenue Expenditure

16. The Gross expenditure of **₹2913.98 crore** in the Budget Estimates of 2010-11 was raised to **₹3701.45 crore** in the Revised Estimates. Higher Expenditure in the Revised Estimate than the Budget Estimates is mainly attributable to the payment of salaries of State Government Employees in the wake of revision of pay.

Capital Expenditure

17. Budget Estimates of Capital Expenditure during 2010-11 was placed at **₹805.68 crore** whereas the figures touched **₹1351.89 crore** in the Revised Estimates. Repayment of Loans & Advances was **₹32.15 crore** in the Revised Estimates against the Budget Estimates of **₹25.00 crore**.

18. The total expenditure under Consolidated Fund in the Budget Estimates stood at **₹3719.66 crore** whereas the same was pegged at **₹5053.34 crore** in the Revised Estimates.

Fiscal Indicators

19. The key indicators which reflect the fiscal performance of the State are Revenue Deficit/Surplus and Fiscal Deficit. The Revised Estimates put the Revenue Surplus at **₹16.63 crore** against the Budget Estimates of **₹341.63 crore**. Fiscal Deficit was also placed at **₹732.85 crore** in the Revised Estimates against the Budget Estimates of **₹41.84 crore**. Unexpected performance of Revenue Surplus and Fiscal Deficit in the last fiscal may be attributed to implementation of Pay Revision, provision of large amount of fund for purchase of food grains and electricity. However, the State Government is paying full attention to improve the overall State fiscal position by tapping all available resources.

III. BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011-12

20. Sir, I am happy to present the Regular Budget for the year 2011-12.

21. As hon'ble members are aware, we entered the current financial year with the passage of Budget on Vote on Account for the first four months due to late finalization of State Annual Plan. This delay of Regular Budget will apparently cause late utilization of Plan Fund even though Public Expenditure Review Committee suggested uniform spreading of expenditure throughout the year. However, utmost efforts have been undertaken to ensure timely and quality utilization of Public Fund by way of simplifying the procedure of obtaining administrative approval and expenditure sanction.

22. The current Regular Budget has been prepared keeping in mind the importance and necessity of complying with various provisions and conditions prescribed for the State financial management by the Thirteenth Finance Commission. I would like to assure all hon'ble members that this government is committed to remain within the bounds of the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act, 2006 as amended from time to time.

RECEIPTS

Revenue Receipts

23. Revenue Receipts mainly consist of Tax Revenue and Non-Tax Revenue. The estimated Tax Revenue for 2011-12 is **₹882.90 crore** comprising State's Own Tax Revenue of **₹173.17 crore** and State's share of Central Taxes of **₹709.73 crore**.

24. The estimated amount for Non-Tax Revenues for 2011-12 stands at **₹2865.39 crore** in which State's Own Non-Tax Revenue is estimated at **₹237.57 crore** and Grants-in-aid from the Central Government is pegged at **₹2627.82 crore**. The components of grants under Non-Plan and Plan are **₹925.92 crore** and **₹1701.90 crore** respectively.

Capital Receipts

25. The total capital receipt is estimated at **₹493.39 crore** for the current financial year 2011-12. Non-debt receipt (Recoveries from Loans and Advances) is estimated at **₹36.76 crore**. It is estimated that an amount of **₹433.60 crore** shall be obtained from Internal debt whereas **₹23.03 crore** on account of Loans & Advances from Central Government. The estimated total Public Debt now comes to **₹456.63 crore**.

EXPENDITURE

26. Mr. Speaker Sir, I may now go to the estimates of expenditure.

27. Sir, the total expenditure from the Consolidated Fund of the State for 2011-12 is estimated at **₹4367.34 crore**. Gross Revenue Expenditure is estimated at **₹3427.51 crore** whereas the Gross Capital Expenditure is estimated at **₹939.83 crore**. Excluding the recoveries on account of stock suspense, the estimated net expenditure on the Consolidated Fund of the State is **₹4216.09 crore**, of which net revenue expenditure is estimated at **₹3426.26 crore** and net capital expenditure is **₹789.83 crore**.

28. In other words, the expenditure can be classified as Plan Expenditure and Non-Plan Expenditure in which Annual Plan Expenditure has been fixed at **₹1700.00 crore** whereas the Non-Plan Expenditure is estimated at **₹2410.27 crore**. Besides, the other plan expenditure on Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS), North Eastern Council (NEC) and Non Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) is estimated at **₹105.82 crore**. Curtailment of Non-Plan Expenditure has been accorded prime importance by the Government since uncontrolled Non-Plan expenditure could narrow down the State Annual Plan size.

Revenue Expenditure

29. Revenue Expenditure is also widely classified as Development Expenditure and Non-Development Expenditure. In this account, Development Expenditure is estimated at **₹2189.50 crore** which is 63.88 *per cent* of the total revenue expenditure of **₹3427.50 crore**. At the same time, Non-Development Expenditure in the Budget Estimates 2011-12 stood at **₹1238.00 crore** which is 36.12 *per cent* of the total revenue expenditure.

Interest Payments

30. The budget estimates of Interest payments for last year 2010-11 was pegged at ₹258.77 crore whereas the estimated expenditure for Interest payments in 2011-12 is ₹271.24 crore which is an increase of 4.82 percent over the previous year. Prepayment of high cost loans under the Asian Development Bank (ADB) assisted Mizoram Public Resource Management Program (MPRMP) accounts for the increase of interest payments. However, containing the expenditure on the interest payments has become the top priority of this Ministry in order to set aside large amount of fund for developmental work.

Salaries

31. Requirement for Salaries under Non-Plan, Plan and CSS for the current financial year are estimated at ₹1212.99 crore, ₹225.26 crore and ₹9.47 crore respectively. Therefore, the total expenditure on salaries is estimated at ₹1447.72 crore. As I have mentioned, a larger portion of the Annual Budget is required to be set aside for Revenue expenditure in order to meet the requirement of Salaries, Pension Payments, Interest Payments. Besides implementation of Pay Revision of regular employee of the State Government, minimum wages of various categories of Muster Roll employees currently enrolled under the State Government have also been raised at 30 per cent.

Pensions

32. Even though New Defined Contributory Pension scheme has already been launched last year, all the existing Government employees are still left out of the scheme as the Scheme has been implemented to cover only those employees recruited on or after 1st September, 2010. As such, I propose to set aside ₹272.89 crore for the expenditure on Pension payments against the Budget estimates of ₹205.40 crore during 2010-11.

Capital Expenditure

33. Out of the estimated Capital Expenditure of ₹939.83 crore, the Capital Outlay is estimated at ₹646.95 crore, Disbursement of Loans and Advances at ₹34.71 crore and disbursement of Public Debt at ₹258.17 crore. In view of the amount of estimated Revenue Expenditure, the allocation of Capital Outlay remains low till date. However, it has been the constant effort of this Government to create more space for creation of durable assets and setting aside more funds for development expenditure.

NON-PLAN EXPENDITURE

34. Mr. Speaker Sir, it is well known that Non-Plan Expenditure always occupies the central part of our budgetary exercise since long, which in turn, correspondingly reduces the scope for expansion of Plan expenditure. It is the conscious effort of this ministry to effectively address this issue by rationalizing non-productive expenditure. I do hope that this initiative taken by this Government would bring about an improvement in our fiscal position.

35. The net expenditure in the Non-Plan Account for the Budget Estimates of 2011-12 is estimated at ₹2410.27 crore. The main contributors in the Non-Plan Account are expenditure on account of administrative costs of the Government which are always recurring in nature and other certain capital expenditure.

36. Out of the estimated Non-Plan expenditure of ₹2410.27 crore, expenditure on Salaries, Pensionary charges, Interest payments are estimated at ₹1212.99 crore, ₹219.01 crore, ₹270.93 crore respectively. These expenditures always take the lion's share of Non-Plan expenditures in the State finances.

Fiscal Indicators

37. The continuous absence of Revenue Deficit since 2003-04 has been maintained even in this Budget Estimates with the Revenue Surplus at ₹322.04 crore against the Budget Estimates 2010-11 of ₹341.63 crore. Fiscal Deficit was estimated at ₹172.87 crore against the Budget Estimates of ₹41.84 crore for 2010-11. The estimated Fiscal Deficit for 2011-12 is 2.4 per cent of the projected GSDP of ₹7216.75 crore. Besides, the Outstanding Debt is estimated at ₹3690.32 crore which is also 51.14 per cent of the projected GSDP mentioned above.

38. As per fiscal consolidation roadmap recommended by Thirteenth Finance Commission for the current financial year, the State Government is required to eliminate Revenue Deficit and achieve fiscal deficit of 6.4 per cent of our GSDP. Besides, it has also recommended that the outstanding debt should not exceed 85.7 per cent of the total GSDP. This Budget Estimates have been prepared in compliance of the provisions and conditions laid down by the Thirteenth Finance Commission as stated above.

Fiscal Sustainability

39. Sir, as per recommendation of Thirteenth Finance Commission, the Outstanding Debt of the State has to be controlled at the level of 85.7 per cent of GSDP for the current financial year. Keeping in mind the target set above, net public debt to be attained at the end of this financial year 2011-12 is estimated to be ₹198.46 crore including the Internal debt of the State and Loans & Advances from the Central Government. Debt Stock of Government of Mizoram as on 31.3.2010 as per the Finance Accounts was ₹3163.95 crore. Hence, it is estimated that outstanding liabilities of the State Government as on 31.3.2011 is ₹3411.86 crore which is 54.18 per cent of the projected GSDP ₹6297.11 crore.

40. As respected members are aware, the State Government is committed to slowly move to efficient management of debt in line with the recommendation and prescription set by the Thirteenth Finance Commission. On account of this condition, debt restructuring has been included as a part of the Structural Adjustment Loan for taking up fiscal reforms. The initiative is being carried out through implementation of the 'Mizoram Public Resource Management Program' as a part of Loan availed from Asian Development Bank.

PLAN EXPENDITURE

41. Mr. Speaker Sir, I may now go to the proposed expenditure under Plan Expenditure for 2011-12.

Annual Plan 2011-12

42. As hon'ble members are aware, the State Annual Plan was finalized at **₹1700.00 crore** in the meeting between hon'ble Chief Minister of Mizoram and Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission of India on 18th March, 2011 due to which the Regular Budget could not be laid in time before the State Legislative Assembly. It is apparent that delay finalization of Annual Plan could cause late utilization of Plan Fund which leads to the poor performance of the quality of expenditure of Public money. Hence, it has become the endeavour of this ministry to ensure timely approval of sanction and utilization of fund in order to improve the quality and performance of public expenditure output.

43. Within the approved outlay of **₹1700.00 crore**, I propose to allocate the following amount to different sectors as follows: (i) Agriculture & Allied Activities - **₹351.30 crore** (ii) Rural Development - **₹39.10 crore** (iii) Special Area Programme - **₹84.35 crore** (iv) Irrigation & Flood Control - **₹78.56 crore** (v) Energy - **₹91.25 crore** (vi) Industry - **₹27.65 crore** (vii) Transport - **₹129.56 crore** (viii) Communications - **₹3.80 crore** (ix) Science, Tech. & Environment - **₹2.01 crore** (x) General Economic Services- **₹123.19 crore** (xi) Social Services - **₹534.65 crore** (xii) General Services - **₹234.58 crore**.

Priority Sectors:

44. Mr. Speaker Sir, in line with what has been highlighted in the Chief Minister's Budget Speech in the month of March this year, the flagship programme of this Ministry, i.e New Land Use Policy (NLUP) will continue to be given top priority. This gigantic and noble Policy of the State Government will not only create sustainable and profitable livelihood but it will also positively affect issues like environmental sustainability, poverty reduction and gender balance. The scheme is implemented through an integrated programme concerning various Departments. I will discuss this programme in detail.

MLA Local Area Development Scheme

45. I propose to allocate **₹1000.00 lakh** to be utilized at the rate of **₹25 lakh** per constituency as the scheme is to be continued in this financial year.

Central Assistance for State Plan Scheme

46. Within the State Annual Plan of **₹1700.00 crore**, an amount **₹239.72 crore** is included as Additional Central Assistance (ACA). Scheme wise details of ACA for 2011-12 are: (i) Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) - **₹75.00 crore** (ii) Control of Shifting Cultivation - **₹4.58 crore** (iii) Border Area Development Programme (BADP) - **₹37.02 crore** (iv) Roads & Bridges - **₹10.36 crore** (v) National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) - **₹7.15 crore** (vi) Grants in Aid under Art. 275(1) - **₹10.09 crore** (vii) Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) - **₹52.34 crore** (viii) Backward Regions Grant Fund - **₹24.98 crore** (ix) National e-Governance Plan (NEGAP) - **₹1.59 crore** (x) Rashtriya Krishi Vikash Yojana (RKVY) - **₹16.61 crore**

Plan Loans from Central Financial Institutions

47. Sir, with the consent of the Government of India under Article 293 (3), the State Government can avail Loans from various Central Financial Institutions to provide room for enhancing Capital expenditure in the State fiscal space. I propose to avail Loans from Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) amounting to **₹10.00 crore** and from National Bank for

Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) amounting to **₹60.00 crore**. Besides, I also propose to avail Loan from National Cooperative Development Corporation Ltd etc... (NCDC) amounting to **₹1.71 crore**. The total amount of Negotiated Plan Loan to be availed comes to **₹71.71 crore**.

Lunglei High Powered Committee

48. In order to take up critical development needs within the District in addition to normal development schemes for the whole State, I propose to allocate **₹7.00 crore** to Lunglei High Powered Committee against **₹6.00 crore** during last financial year 2010-11 which is an increase of over and above 16 *per cent*.

Plan Grants from Finance Commission

49. The Thirteenth Finance Commission recommended Grants for taking up projects on plan account, which will be duly utilized within Annual Plan. As per the Annual Plan approved outlay, an amount of **₹89.14 crore** is earmarked to be spent under this account for the current financial year 2011-12.

Externally Aided Projects

50. Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to inform this august House that the State Government is very fortunate to avail the opportunity of entering development partnership with multilateral institutions for financing our developmental investments. As a part of this initiative, agreement has been signed with Asian Development Bank to avail Program Loan and Project Loan, also called Structural Adjustment Loan. The total Loan to be availed is **\$ 100 million**. Loan is to be released based on the performance of the Implementing Agencies on the targeted areas.

51. It may not be possible to overemphasize the necessity of fiscal reforms within the State finance. By recognizing the prime importance of the fiscal reforms, Mizoram Public Resource Management Program is being implemented as apart of Structural Adjustment Loan from Asian Development Bank (ADB). The first tranche of the Loan amounting to **\$ 47 million (₹221.46 crore)** has been released by Asian Development Bank. Using this allotted fund, the State Government implemented – (i) *Prepayment of high cost debt* with an allocated amount of **\$19 million (₹89.52 crore)** (ii) *Health Insurance Corpus* with an allocated amount of **\$ 25 million (₹117.78 crore)** (iii) *Voluntary Retirement Scheme* with an allocated amount of **\$ 3 million (₹14.16 crore)**. Second tranche amounting to **\$40 million** is expected to be availed during the current financial year.

52. Respected Sir, I am very proud to say that a World Bank assisted-Mizoram State Roads Project is implemented successfully within our State. As all members of this august House are aware, Aizawl – Lunglei via Thenzawl Road which reduces the distance between Aizawl and Lunglei by over 71 kms was inaugurated recently by hon'ble Chief Minister of Mizoram. The opening of the main Corridor of the State brought the people of South and North of the State very much closer which brings about the overall development of the State both in economy and quality of life since the people of Project Corridor enjoy the opportunity of faster and easier access to State Capital for marketing their agriculture and horticulture products. As the Communication and Road Network are still very poor in our State in comparison with the

neighbouring States, more emphasis will be laid on the new construction and improvement of Road network within the State.

Improvement of Sports Infrastructure

53. Government of Mizoram is recognizing the fact that there are lots of hidden talents among the youths. In order to unearth these talents and to provide opportunity to young generation, this ministry has intended to construct a full fledged stadium at Mualpui, Aizawl called ***Rajiv Gandhi Sports Stadium***. The construction has already been started a year ago and then, in order to continue this project, I propose to allocate **₹15.00 crore** for the current financial year. Moreover, this Ministry has also laid Astro-Turf (also called Artificial grass) at AR Lammual; Aizawl and also has proposed to do the same at Thuamluaia Mual; Lunglei. Allocation has also been made in the Annual Plan at the level of **₹4.00 crore** to be utilized for the said purpose within this financial year.

New Land Use Policy

54. Respected Sir, with the approval of Planning Commission, Government of Mizoram has launched a Comprehensive project for inclusive growth and development called New Land Use Policy (NLUP) on 14th January, 2011 which is the flagship programme of this Ministry. This NLUP focuses mainly, *inter alia*, on a major overhaul of the State economy through structural changes by weaning away farmers from the system of destructive jhum cultivation to sustainable livelihood opportunities based on local resources, genius of the people and keeping in view regeneration of resources. During 2010-11, **₹234.82 crore** was sanctioned for the financial assistance of 45139 selected beneficiaries under this Scheme. The allocated fund was sub-allocated into three components – Development (Beneficiary) Component, Management Component and Infrastructure Component. However, I would like to highlight some interesting points on NLUP before this august house as below:

- (a) In order to verify genuineness of selection of beneficiaries, random survey of 10 clusters in and around Aizawl area was conducted through the Department of Economics, Mizoram University. Some of the important findings are:
- (i) 54.08 *per cent* of the selected beneficiaries earn their livelihood on daily labour.
 - (ii) Average per capita income of the beneficiaries is **₹1396.25**.
 - (iii) More than 52 *per cent* of the selected beneficiaries live in rented house and 63 *per cent* do not have their own land.
 - (iv) 27.23 *per cent* of the bread earners in the selected families are women.
 - (v) Head of **28 families** are 20 years and below while 12.46 *per cent* families are headed by persons above 60 years.
 - (vi) 33.73 *per cent* of the selected beneficiaries are Below Poverty Line (BPL) families.
- (b) For preparation of village-wise Land Use Planning, a comprehensive guideline was issued. Since the Village leaders do not have technical skill to prepare land use plan as envisaged under NLUP, experts from the Department of Economics, Mizoram University are engaged for the purpose. It is proposed to complete the same by September, 2011.
- (c) Village and District Level Monitoring Committees have been formed for intensive monitoring of the project implementation. In addition, Multi Disciplinary Official Committee has been formed in all Districts to verify genuineness of beneficiaries, progress in the implementation etc... They are important agencies for in-house monitoring purposes. For the year 2011-12, **₹234.00 crore** is allocated for the continuous implementation of NLUP.

Moreover, ₹15.83 crore is expected to come from Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) through convergence. Disbursement of second installment is going on in most of the districts. Target number of beneficiaries for second and third phase is under consideration. It is proposed to finalize the same at the earliest so that the advanced training and preparatory works may be started without any delay.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE INITIATIVES

Strengthening of Taxation Department

55. Sir, by recognizing the prime importance of Tax Administration in order to fulfill the mandate of various provisions prescribed by Thirteenth Finance Commission, Taxation Department has been included in the Mizoram Public Resource Management Program under Asian Development Bank with the aim of organizational restructuring and internal capacity building of the Department. Further, initiative has been taken to upgrade and replace the current Management Information System (MIS) for collection of taxes. As such, Detailed Project Report under National e-Governance Project (NeGP) was prepared and it was approved by the Project Empowered Committee at the Centre. Fund amounting to ₹6.91 crore has been approved for the project and it will be utilized as development of exclusive web-based VAT MIS software to replace the present MIS. Since State Government is required to improve Own Tax Revenue, Own Non-Tax Revenue and Own Tax-GSDP ratio, the Government is committed to intensify and improve Tax Administration by way of introducing e-payment, e-registration, e-return and electronic issue of forms in the near future.

Kaladan Multi Modal Transit Transport Project in Phase 'A'

56. Kaladan Multi Modal Transit Transport Project is the new project for construction of multi modal route which has been launched to connect Kolkata Port with North Eastern States through Myanmar. The Project was initiated by Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Govt. of India and was entrusted to Ministry of Road Transport & Highway (MORT&H). Further, the portion of road (100kms) within Mizoram is entrusted to PWD, Mizoram. After completion of this Kaladan Multi Modal Transit Transport Project, North Eastern State bordering Mizoram will import and export their products and other materials as transportation cost via this project route will be cheaper. Therefore, this gigantic project is expected to bring about economic sustainability and fiscal improvement in the State fiscal management.

Improvement of Labour Welfare

57. Sir, this Ministry always accords priority on the welfare of Below Poverty Line (BPL) families and Casual Labour. As such, The Mizoram Building & Other Construction Worker's Welfare Board was created in 2009. It became effective from 2010 to provide various facilities such as financial assistance, old age pension, education, medical and maternity benefit etc... to Labour and casual employees ₹38.00 lakhs has been collected so far for the Welfare fund since the Welfare fund has to be met from accumulated collection of fund from various sources.

Transfer of Police Training Centre

58. It may not be possible to overemphasize the contribution of Police forces for the public well-being. By recognizing the importance of Police services, the State Government finds it necessary to re-arrange the existing location and headquarters of various wings of Police Department for the betterment of the Police Administration. Therefore, Police Training Centre at

Lungverh has been shifted recently to Thenzawl and is subsequently declared Thenzawl Police Training Centre as a full fledged Police Training Centre. In consequent to this action, former PTC at Lungverh is also declared as Headquarters of Fifth Indian Reserve Battalion.

Construction of Mizoram Public Service Commission (MPSC) Examination Hall

59. For the improvement of the existing infrastructure of the Mizoram Public Service Commission, it is proposed to construct an Examination Hall with a capacity of accommodating 1200 candidates at a time. The estimated cost is ₹288.32 lakh out of which ₹113.68 lakh has been sanctioned for the commencement of the work. It is believed that this new Examination Hall will bring convenience and better environment for the employees of MPSC and will provide an equal opportunity to all candidates and job seekers who utilize this Hall.

V. FISCAL REFORMS AND CONSOLIDATION

60. Mr Speaker Sir, it is the duty and responsibility of every government today to keep vigil and take stock of its fiscal situation in the form of Fiscal Reforms and Consolidation. As such, I would like to inform hon'ble members that this Government is also taking utmost effort in the management and looking after of state fiscal position in line with the Fiscal Reforms Provision as envisaged in the Thirteenth Finance Commission Report.

61. The Thirteenth Finance Commission recommended debt relief in respect of National Small Savings Fund (NSSF) Loan and Loans from Government of India administered by Ministries other than Ministry of Finance in line with the prescribed fiscal roadmap. It is estimated that Government of Mizoram will be benefited to the extent of ₹79.51 crore by this debt relief introduced by the Commission. The Commission also recommended that the target for the annual borrowings of the State be set by Central Government on the basis of pre-determined formula.

62. In order to avail the abovementioned debt relief, the State Government has to fulfill certain conditions prescribed by the Commission. One of the conditions is amendment of FRBM Act by incorporating the roadmap for reduction of fiscal deficit to 3 per cent of GSDP progressively by 2014-15. The tentative Calendar for reduction of fiscal deficit as per Commission's recommendation is – starting from 8.5 per cent in 2010-11, 6.4 per cent in 2011-12, 5.2 per cent in 2012-13, 4.1 per cent in 2013-14 and 3 per cent in 2014-15. In pursuance of this, an amendment to the existing Act is also proposed in the current session of this Legislative Assembly.

Public Expenditure Review Committee

63. As provided in Section 8 of Mizoram FRBM Act, 2006, a five member Committee of Public Expenditure Review Committee was constituted. It has held its sixth meeting on 14th March, 2011 to review half yearly position of receipts and expenditure for the second half of 2009-10 covering October, 2009 to March, 2010. It has suggested many recommendations to the State Government for the improvement of Public expenditure and to bring forward tax administration to earn more revenue.

Review of Fiscal Position for the Second Half of 2009-10

64. As provided in Section 9 of sub-section (2) of Mizoram FRBM Act, 2006, a half yearly review of receipts and expenditure is to be carried out by the Minister-in-charge of Finance Department. As such, I have taken up review of the State finance for the second half of 2009-10 covering the period of October, 2009 to March, 2010. Report of my review is also laid in the current sitting of this august house.

Medium Term Fiscal Policy Statement

65. As provided under the Rules, a Medium Term Fiscal Policy Statement which set forth the fiscal objectives and strategic priorities of the State Government in relation to certain selected indicators over the medium term is laid along with the budget documents in this sitting of Legislative Assembly. This statement presents an assessment of sustainability relating to the balance between revenue receipts and revenue expenditure, use of capital receipts including borrowings for generating productive assets and the estimated yearly pension liabilities for the next ten years.

Fiscal Policy Strategy Statement

66. As provided by Mizoram FRBM Act, 2006, a Fiscal Policy Strategy Statement is also drawn up and laid along with the budget documents in the current sittings. This statement presents an overview of the fiscal policy of current year and the policy of the ensuing year in regard to taxation, expenditure, borrowings and investments of the state government in the instruments like Sinking Fund and Guarantee Redemption Fund. A Fiscal Correction Path laying the targets for fiscal indicators over the medium term up to 2013-14 has been charted out in the Statement.

Macro Economic Framework Statement

67. A Macro Economic Framework is drawn up and laid along with the budget documents. This statement presents an overview of the economy for the current year and of the state's economy for the ensuing year. It also touches upon the estimates of GSDP of the state and prospects of the economic growth over the medium term.

Consolidated Sinking Fund

68. Sir, Consolidated Sinking Fund is being used as redemption of outstanding liabilities of State Government. The Fund is managed by Reserve Bank of India and the corpus is invested in Government of India securities. As per the Revised Scheme of Consolidated Sinking Fund, an amount of **₹16.50 crore** was invested in 2010-11, which is the prescribed 0.5 *per cent* of the total outstanding liabilities of the State Government as on 31st March, 2010. The continued investment of the Government results in accumulation of Sinking Fund and the principal amount already invested up to 31.3.2011 comes to **₹90.75 crore**. In 2011-12, I propose to invest **₹21.75 crore** towards augmenting the corpus of the Fund.

Guarantee Redemption Fund

69. Guarantee Redemption Fund had been set up in May, 2009 with initial corpus fund of **₹50.00 lakh**. It was established with an objective of utilizing the accumulated Fund towards the payment of contingent liabilities. For the current financial year 2011-12, I propose to augment the corpus with additional investment of **₹100.00 lakh**. Assessment of risk-weights in the

guaranteed loans has been completed by CRISIL Ltd. and we will consider levying of guarantee fees on future government guarantees on the basis of the rating of the entities.

VI. TAX AND NON-TAX PROPOSALS

70. Respected Sir, it is well known that our state is resource Deficit State. At the same time, the Thirteenth Finance Commission introduced the new roadmaps for State fiscal consolidation by projecting the growth rate of State's GSDP during 2010-11 at 9.7 *per cent*, 10 *per cent* in 2011-12, and 10.3 *per cent* of GSDP during the next successive three years. In order to achieve and attain these roadmaps, we need to have more public investments as well as investments from private players. The slow pace of growth of GSDP in the past may be mainly attributable to the lack of investment other than public investments, which were regrettably insufficient to ensure the desired level of growth. The present trend of our economy solely depends on various grants and assistances coming from Central Government which are not sufficient to meet even the basic requirement of the State. By recognizing this fact, this Ministry has introduced various new tax policies in order to catch up the overall economic development. Sir, let me highlight few follow up action that has been taken in pursuit of these new tax policies in spite of announcement already made in the Budget Speech (Vote on Account) this year.

Tax Measures

Upward revision of Sales Tax and VAT

71. Mr. Speaker Sir, as hon'ble members are aware, announcement for the implementation of new Tax and Non-Tax Policies has been made in this august House during the Budget (Vote on Account) session held in March, 2011. In pursuance of that announcement, the State Government has revised upward the existing sales tax imposed on various Petroleum products. In respect of LPG (Liquefied Petroleum Gas), it was raised from 2 *per cent* to 4 *per cent*, from 18 *per cent* to 20 *per cent* in respect of Motor Spirit (Petrol), from 10 *per cent* to 12 *per cent* in respect of High Speed Diesel. This course of action is expected to generate substantial amount of revenue to the State Exchequer and will help the Fiscal Position of State Government in achieving various target set under Mizoram FRBM Act, 2006 as amended from time to time.

Stamps and Registration

72. To generate own resources and to improve own non-tax revenue, the State Government has issued Notification dated 22nd Feb, 2011 to impose levying of Stamp-duty on monthly payment of Salaries to all regular Government officials including the Council of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries and on all bills in respect of payment made by various departments and offices to private parties. Stamp duty was fixed at ₹10.00 per Bill for Gazetted officer including Ministers, Speakers etc., ₹5.00 for Non-Gazetted Officials per bill. It has also been fixed for Payment made by various Departments and offices to private parties on the basis of the amount of the Bill. It is hoped that this utmost efforts of the Government will bring substantial amount of revenue to the State Consolidated Fund.

Non-Tax Measures

Upward revision of User charges on Water Supply and in Transport Department

73. Mr Speaker Sir, in order to augment the state own resources and to generate more revenue, the State Government decided to increase the existing user charge of drinking water supplied to the public through any types of Water Supply Scheme to certain comfortable level

and Notification to this effect has also been issued. User charges are fixed on the basis of the amount of water and the condition under which water is supplied. Further, it is also learnt that various taxes/user charge collected under Transport Department have not been reviewed since 1997 and it became long over due for revision. Initiative has been taken and final Notification is expected to be issued soon.

Compulsory Registration of Revenue related documents

74. It is also proposed to enforce compulsory registration of all Revenue connected documents like Land Settlements Certificate (LSCs), Periodic Patta etc....within the State to generate more revenue in this regard. It is expected that this measure will be put in place in near future.

Compulsory Registration of Laborers and Casual employees

75. Proposal for compulsory registration of Laborers and Casual employees was announced in the last Budget (Vote on Account) session held in the early part of this year with a view to increase State Own Non-Tax Revenue. The matter has been pursued by the concerned department in full swing and it is hoped that this kind of efforts will help the collection of revenue to certain level of extent.

Collection from regular employees of State Government

76. In order to augment State own resources, the State Government is intending to collect certain percentage of the salary from its regular employees. It is hoped that this measure will also be implemented in the near future.

VII. RECEIPT BUDGET FOR 2011-12

77. Respected Sir, we have drawn up Receipt Budget 2011-12 and is laid before this august house along with other budget documents. This initiative, laying down targets of revenue collection of the different department under various heads of revenues is expected to bring about a positive turnaround in the increased efforts of the various departments and organization under the State Government for improving collection of various Taxes and Non-Taxes Revenue.

VIII. CONCLUSION

78. Mr Speaker Sir, as hon'ble members are aware, the country's economy is back to its pre-crisis trajectory. Fiscal consolidation is impressive and the United Progressive Alliance Government scaled up its flow of resources to State Government, in particular, to rural areas to give more inclusive thrust to developmental process. At the same time, even as the Government is engaged in addressing specific concerns emanating from some of these events in the larger public interest and in upholding the rule of law, such an impression is misplaced. We have to seize in these developments, the opportunity to improve our regulatory standards and administrative practices. As such, this ministry is giving priority to curtailing of leakage of Public Money and to improve the outcomes of the implementation of People's program. While the State Government is committed to attain and achieve faster and inclusive growth through the implementation of our flagship programme New Land Use Policy (NLUP) which is targeted at developing rural population who earn their livelihood by the very destructive shifting cultivation system, the success of this programme depends on lots of factors but mainly depends on the active support and dedicative ambition of the beneficiaries who are the major stakeholders. In a

complex and rapidly evolving economy, the government can not profess to be the sole repository of all knowledge. Indeed, in a democratic polity, it stands to benefit from various sources of inputs. In some areas, good results depend on coordinated efforts of all Public Servants and People's Representative. Therefore, I would like to appeal to all hon'ble members to kindly extend support to the Government policies and programme in achieving the objectives of growth and development so that we can have a better and prosperous State to live in.

79. Sir, since we are living in the State of fiscal federalism, we cannot solely depend on the devolution of resources coming from the Central Government even though it is the main determinant of our fiscal position. I would, therefore, like to emphasize the importance and necessity of generating own resources once again as it is the only option available to us to achieve the objective of not only balancing the revenue account but also generating surplus for capital investment. As the latter option seems the obvious choice, I would, therefore, call upon all the citizens within Mizoram particularly employees under State Government to take utmost efforts in generating own resources, to cooperate the government in this regard, to match the resource inflows and to make proper and the best uses of the resources available so as to bring about long term economic development.

80. Having said all these, I hope the Government's policies and programme will be able to bring about long term and stable economic growth and development, of which the results can be harvested in a few years to come.

81. I would like to thank all the hon'ble members of this august House for giving me a patient hearing.

82. With these words, I commend the **Budget Estimates for 2011-12** for approval of this august House. *Thank You, Sir*

S P E A K E R : The concerned minister has laid on the table of the House, the Budget 2011-2012 and its allied papers. Let the copy be distributed.

According to our Rules, the Budget which has been laid on the table of the House is not meant for discussion as the rules provided that it should be studied by the members at least for 2 days. So, our business for today is done. The next discussion is scheduled for Private Members' Resolution which will be on the 15.7.2011, 10:30 AM.

Sitting adjourned at 11:45 AM

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

**SEVENTH SITTING ON FRIDAY, THE 15TH JULY, 2011
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)**

QUESTION

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

SPECIAL MOTION

2. **Pu LALDUHOMA** to move a special motion under rule 138 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative assembly.

PRIVATE MEMBERS BUSINESS

3. * Resolutions.

NGURTHANZUALA
Secretary.

S P E A K E R : Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.
Peter 1:9

Now, Question hour, Let us call upon Dr. R. Lalthangliana to ask starred question No. 51.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Will the hon'ble minister, H & Tech. Education department be pleased to state –

- a) Does the National Institute of Technology, Mizoram proposed Workshop for the 1st and 2nd Year Mechanical Engineering student?
- b) Does the 15th laboratory have been prepared equal to the standard of All India National Institute of Technology?
- c) Does teaching and non-teaching staff have been recruited for National Institute of Technology?

Pu LALSAWTA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answer to starred question No. 51 is –

- a) Engineering Mechanical workshops is needed for B.Tech. in Mechanical Engineering subject. But workshop for 1styr B.Tech. in electricals, electronics and computer science provided by National Institute of Technology (NIT) Mizoram has already been organized, but not for the 2ndyr students. 1styr students in Nagpur finishing 1st and 2nd semester will proceed to 3rd semester of second Year at Nagpur. But the 2nd year ending semester, that is 4th semester will be finished at Aizawl in January, 2012. Then, Workshop for the Second Year Students will be prepared.
- b) There are no standard specification/parameters of National Level in NIT as NIT is not established under AICTE/NITE. As stated earlier, NIT is newly established in the state and so it is a problem to set up laboratories at the same time. Materials for the laboratories will be purchased as per required by the Institution.
- c) 8 teaching staff and 9 non-teaching staff are newly recruited and their appointment orders have already been issued.

S P E A K E R : Dr. R. Lalthangliana to ask supplementary question.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, ₹50 crore has been sanctioned for six states of the North-east in 2009. Course given to beginner at NIT is quite simple and I am afraid that low quality of the student who passed from here may affect future career of concerned students. May the time scheduled for setting the said institution be postponed?

Secondly, it is learned that 8 teaching staff of Assistant Professors are newly recruited instead of Professor or Associate Professor. Is this an ideal procedure?

S P E A K E R : Pu Lalduhoma, and Pu C. Ramhluna to ask Supplementary Question.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, my questions are –

- 1) May a copy of NIIT Act, 2007 be furnished in the House?
- 2) What is the reason for issue of appointment order to the newly recruited teaching staff and non-teaching staff before the expiry of the period of advertisement?
- 3) Why the government established NIT in our state in such a hurry?
- 4) Which NGO gave pressure to the state government to set up NIT?
- 5) What is the reason for NIT Nagpur in urging the state government to set up NIT?
- 6) Is there any hidden reason behind setting up of NIT?
- 7) Whether the state government has given any thought that students may hesitate to admit in this institution in such situation?
- 8) Why students of NIT did faced problem of re-imburement of their fees?
- 9) Will the state government seek remedial measures of that problem?

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, my questions are as follows-

- 1) In which place the government plans to allot a site for NIT Building?
- 2) Will government purchase a plot of land for NIT at Thenzawl?

S P E A K E R : Pu Lalsawta, hon'ble minister to give answer.

Pu LALSAWTA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the state government prepared good enough for setting up of NIT. Among the North-east states where NIT is established, Mizoram is the

most advance state. Since the institution is of the central, the state government has a limited power. The state government has given much effort for improvement of the NIT. In 2009, the central government set up appropriate programme for this purpose where as our state too had been given proper instruction for we have a Regional Engineering College. Since the state government has only a Politechnic Institute, NIT is much needed and there is no harm in setting up as long as it is central programme. The hon'ble Chief Minister had even sent his appreciation to the central for setting up the institution in Mizoram. Regarding the question of involvement of NIT Nagpur, it may be noted that even the central government urges the state government for setting up NIT.

Regarding the question of admission of concerned students for their further study, I should say that we, the Mizos are not backward in education and I believe there will not be a problem to that effect.

Regarding recruitment, it has a Board of Directors which consists of 6 persons, but even the Secretary, Higher and Technical Education is not included. There should be proper guidelines for recruitment.

Regarding the appointment of Assistant Professor, the Board deemed the selected is befitted to teach I yr and II yr students. It may be noted that even the Board is observant so that only genuine Professor is appointed for the said.

Regarding NIT Act, 2007 as demanded by Pu Lalduhoma, it will be supplied to all members within this session. Regarding the building, it may be noted that it is the idea of central authority to start the institution at rented building. The Board opined 8 Teaching staff will do for 67 students. Presently, the Institution has 6 laboratories to meet the existing demand of the Institution.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Whether persons who are involved in urging the state government for immediate establishment of NIT violate the laws where as mentoring period to that effect is 5 years? It is humiliating for the state government to receive such pressure from outside even before we are ready.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, I opine we may wait at least one year more for setting up this institution.

Pu LALSAWTA MINISTER : We have already been prepared for one year and we are now ready to open the institution on the 21st of this month. To define the meaning of mentoring period, it does not mean to do for one-self but to guide or help.

Regarding the problem of re-imbursement of the scholarship, we do our best to solve it and no more problems will come. Regarding selection of the site for NIT, the institution required 300 acres of land for which 420 acres of land being offered at Thenzawl has already been verified.

Lastly Pu Speaker, it will not be appropriate for the members to compare our newly established NIT with that of other states having the same institution not less than 50 years. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Now, let us invite Leader of the House to make his speech.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, even though I had informed in a letter to Shri Kapil Sibhal of Central Ministry that we are not ready yet to set up the institution, our demand was being rejected. So, we are compelled to do our best for setting up the Institution.

Pu Speaker, I would like to inform the House that we are compelled to start with humble beginning at Chatlang due to strong pressure from NIT Nagpur. Members of Board of Directors also visited the selected site at Thenzawl and made their approval eventually. According to proposal, the location should not be further than 2 hours travel by road from Airfield and the land should also be obtained at free of cost. As per the 11th Five Years Plan, pressure should be given for immediate establishment of the institution.

S P E A K E R : Now, let us call upon Pu T.T. Zothansanga to ask Starred Question No. 52.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Will the hon'ble minister Power & Electricity deptt. be pleased to state –

- a) What mega watt will be produced by Tuirial Hydel Project?
- b) Is the project is a resumption of the one abandoned by the former ministry?
- c) Why the former ministry did abandoned Tuirial Hydel Project?

S P E A K E R : Pu Lal Thanhawla, hon'ble Chief Minister to give answer.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answers are as follows –

- a) 60 mega watts.
- b) Yes.
- c) According to NEEPCO, failure of the project in question is due to problem caused by Tuirial Farmers Association and failure of Law & Order to that effect.

S P E A K E R : Pu T.T. Zothansanga and Pu K. Liantlinga to ask supplementary question.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, my questions are as follows: -

- (1) Did the Japanese Engineers spot-visited the project at the beginning?
- (2) Whether the Revenue Officers who supported false claim of compensation were suspended?
- (3) Is it true that number of persons who claimed compensation suddenly increases from 48 to 2026?
- (4) Will second installment of compensation be paid immediately?

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, my question is: -

- 1) May the hon'ble Minister furnish list of persons who claimed compensation in addition to the first 42 persons?
- 2) Whether concerned persons produced their LSC?
- 3) May the hon'ble Minister furnish assessment of the total amount?

S P E A K E R : Pu Laduhoma and Pu B. Lalthlengliana will now ask their supplementary questions. First, Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, my questions are as follows: -

- 1) Is the commitment made by the hon'ble Chief Minister to the Power Minister of the Central Government stands still?
- 2) If so, what is the rate of consumption?
- 3) What is the existing rate of consumption of power from outside the state?

S P E A K E R : Next, Pu B. Lalthlengliana.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, Revised Estimate of Tuirial Hydel Project is about ₹808 crore out of which 2.87% is

used for compensation and 5.34% for Forest Clearance. If so, the remainder is quite enough for starting the project. Why the project is not yet started?

Secondly, what is the amount of revised estimate for the project?

S P E A K E R : Hon'ble Chief Minister to give answer.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, fund provision from Japan is acquired for construction of Tuirial Hydel Project and so we are able to lay the foundation stone of the project. In the same way, we are instructed to lay the same for Tuivai Project next year.

Pu Speaker, there are 48 original farmers since the British rule as no other farmers is allowed to claim compensation.

12 Mega watts will be received at free of cost for the project and without payment of any royalty where as power consumption will be charged as per concessional rate made by the Electric Regulatory Authority.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, will the copy of sanction of compensation and assessment of the amount be furnished to the members?

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : If it is found, it will be supplied to the members. The amount of assessment is ₹903 crores.

S P E A K E R : Now, Pu John Siamkunga to ask Starred Question No. 53.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Will the hon'ble minister, Power and Electricity department be pleased to state: -

- (1) What is estimated date of completion as well as commission of 33 KV line of South Vanlaiphai?
- (2) Is there any proposal to construct 33 KV Sub-Station at Cherhlun as well?

S P E A K E R : Pu Lal Thanhawla, hon'ble Chief Minister to give answer.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answers are as follows: –

- a) South Vanlaiphai 33 KV Line which is under construction is expected to be commissioned in December, 2011.
- b) Construction of 33 KV Line Sub-Station at Cherhlun is running under the Comprehensive Scheme.

S P E A K E R : Pu John Siamkunga to ask supplementary question.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Pu Speaker, my question is: - What are the rules provided for repairing transformer? Should the public bear expenditure for the repair of transformer?

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, my questions are as follows: -

- 1) What is the progress for construction of 33 KV Sub-station at Khawlailung?
- 2) Some transformers need upgradation. What plan has been made by the government for upgradation of such transformers?
- 3) 132 KV Line at Keitumkawn is not safe for the people. May the department shift the line to a safe place?
- 4) Whether Maicham phase-I is in function? If not, what is the progress?

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, transformer at Thingkah could not meet power requirement of the village. Will the government immediately upgrade this transformer to meet the requirement?

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Generally, most of our transformers need repairing where as some could be repaired locally. Presently, there is no fund for purchase of new transformers. If there is a plan to do so, the best quality may be purchased.

The problem with Maicham and Vanlaiphai are very important and transformer may be purchased immediately.

Regarding the repair of transformers, the public should not hire departmental laborers to repair transformer from their own expense as it is purely of a department work.

S P E A K E R : Now, let us call upon Pu Lalduhoma to move his Special Motion which has already been admitted.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, the North and South Lushai Hills were amalgamated into Lushai Hills District in 1898. The then Superintendent of South Lushai Hills District, Lt. Col. J. Shakespeare was the first Superintendent. When the North and South Lushai Hills was amalgamated, their Military Police too were amalgamated into Lushai Hills District Military Police. The Lushai Hills District Military Police was then renamed as the First Assam Rifle in 1917.

Lt. Col. J. Shakespeare wrote a book known as “The Making of Aijal.” In his book, he wrote the details of the cannon placed at the compound of the First Assam Rifle. The Cannon had been shifted from Lunglei to Aizawl and was placed by the site of the image of Queen Victoria in front of the Assam Rifle’s Quarter Guard.

As the First Assam Rifles were moved to Nagaland in 2003, they brought the Cannon with them as they believed this as a War Trophy awarded to them and intended to put it in the museum of the Assam Rifles.

This Cannon is a precious heritage for the state as it was received from Lt. Col. J. Shakespeare. It stayed at Aizawl not less than 105 Years which proved that the First Assam Rifles are not the owner of the Cannon. So, it should be brought back to Aizawl immediately. I, therefore, moved to the House so that it is retained at Aizawl with immediate effect. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : We will now discuss the Motion. All members are expected to spend not more than 5 minutes. Pu Lalrinawma will have first.

Pu LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I want to mention that the Motion is admitted under rule 138 of the Rules of Procedure & Conduct of Business in the House. The said rules provide that the Motion shall have an “urgency” and “recent occurrence.” In my opinion, the Motion does not concern of an urgent

case or of a recent occurrence. It is always published in the Local Newspapers as the matter is of some years back. I opine it should not be admitted. Thank you.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, the motion concerns an important matter. I also have submitted the same case as a private resolution as the Cannon make Aizawl difference from any other towns/cities in the country as it is highly regarded by the people. Since it is lost since 2003, I found this motion as of urgency. So, I want to inform the House that I give my whole-hearted support to this motion. Thank you.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the motion raised by Pu Lalduhoma is quite important. The cannon being displayed in front of Assam Rifle's Quarter Guard was highly regarded by the people. Even so, it is regretted as the government under MNF ministry missed the historical as the First Assam Rifle brought it to Nagaland without any objection. As Congress party assumed the ministry, initiation was made by Intach to retain the said cannon. The Hon'ble Chief Minister too wrote to cetral Home Minister and Director General of Assam Rifle expressing the cannon as one of the most precious heritages of Mizoram. I have been supplied by Intach various documents relating to steps taken for retainment of the cannon. I have even written D.O. letter in support of the motion so that it is regarded as of an important matter. With your permission Pu Speaker, copy of step taken so far by Intach may be supplied to the members within this session. It is, therefore, necessary to take immediate step to retain the lost cannon which is having much historical value for Mizoram. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Speaker, I found this motion concerns an urgent matter as it has already been taken quite a long time to get it back. It should be retained immediately. As a son of Aizawl city, this Motion should have been moved by me yet, I am glad that Pu Duhoma has moved it instead. As expressed by Pu Lalthansanga of his childhood, we were so happy to see the cannon as we used to point at it from vehicle everytime we passed through the area. It is deeply regretted as we, the Mizo has not given enough regard despite the importance and it historical value. If retained, I opine it should be preserved inside the compound of Raj Bhavan. Thank you.

Pu K.S. THANGA : Pu Speaker, thank. I would like to thank INTACH for taking the initiative to bring back the cannon. Infact, the cannon holds great significant as it was among those cannon used in waterloo. I would also like to thank the hon'ble Chief Minister for taking steps in this regard. I give my support to the resolution.

Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUIA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I would also like to express my regret for missing of the cannon. Pu Speaker, the cannon was first placed at Lunglei. Infact, blood was shed in order to protect the cannon. It is a significant symbolic for the people of Mizoram. I therefore give my full support to the motion.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, I would like to give my support for the motion. It is a great treasure for the state. The government cannot safeguard every material that Assam Rifles possesses. The government cannot be blamed. It was first placed in Lunglei, but, brought back to Aizawl as it is the capital. Pu Speaker, we all seems to agree with the resolution. Thus, we should adopt the motion. Thank you.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, first of all I was not aware that Intach took the initiative to bring back the cannon and, so is the Chief Minister. Pu Speaker, we have walked passed the cannon since our childhood. Therefore, it is unfortunate to know that it is missing. As for it was first placed in Lunglei, Pu Speaker, Lunglei was its route to Aizawl. I give my support to the resolution. Thank you.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I am among those who value and treasure the cannon. We have walked pass the canon since our childhood. With the initiative of Intach, steps have been taken to regain its custody. I personally spoke to DG of the Assam Rifles. However, the Regiment has shifted from one place to another; they might have been given instructions to keep it in Kolkata Museum by the Home Ministry. Therefore, I would suggest an official resolution be passed by the house so that it will have a bigger impact on approaching the Home Ministry. But Pu Speaker, it is the decision of the House.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I know it is appropriate to submit as resolution. But if it is submitted as a resolution, there is uncertainty in balloting. I do not mind if it is submitted as an official resolution. Pu Speaker, the main purpose is to bring back the cannon. Therefore, I would request the House to adopt the motion. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : There is no question of the House not being able to

adopt the motion. Alright, do we all agree to adopt the motion? The motion is adopted by the House.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker.

Member absents - Pu Laldinglana. I have just received a note from Pu Robert Lalchhuana, stating that Pu H. Vanlalauva, ex-minister has passed away. The funeral will take place tomorrow.

We shall now move on to private member resolution. Let us call Pu R. Lalrinawma to move his resolution - "We are grateful for steps taken by Pu Lal Thanhawla's Government to attain self sufficiency in power".

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. First of all I would like to thank you for the privilege to move this Motion. Friday is the only day when members are given the privilege to express the views and opinions on matters which they feel important. Special Motion has the privilege to be taken up on any day. Thus, it seems appropriate if it is taken on Friday as it consumes the time for discussion of the resolution. Anyway, Pu Speaker, I would request you to grant me the privilege in future if required.

Pu Speaker, it is the fourth term that Pu Lal Thanhawla led the State Government. During these four terms, various steps have been taken to attain self-sufficiency in power. The total number of small hydel projects that the government owns is 18, out of which 14 hydel projects have been constructed under the government led by Pu Lal Thanhawla where as MNF and PC Government completed 2 projects each. Pu Speaker, I will read out the names of these 18 projects and the year of their commission.

S/Nos	Names of project	Year of starting	Year of commission
1	Serlui 'A'	1982	1984
2	Khawvai	1983	1988
3	Tuilak	1985	1987
4	Tuirivung	1985	1989
5	Tuisumpui	1988	1992
6	Tuipui	1988	1991
7	Kau	1989	1992
8	Maicham	1989	1995
9	Laili Lui	1990	1992
10	Tuidum	1991	1992
11	Tuipang	1992	2004
12	Ramri Lui	1993	1997
13	Vawra Lui	1993	1997
14	Leiva	1994	2000

15	Teirei	1994	1999
16	Kau Tlabung	1994	2005
17	Lamsial	1999	2008
18	Maicham-II	2000	2009

However, there are several hydel projects which are not functional due to lack of maintenance. Pu Speaker, there are ongoing projects as well. Tuirial Hydel Project began in 1998, but was abandoned in 2004. The Project has now been given approval by the Central Government as per the manifesto of Congress Party.

Tuivai Project of 210 Mega Watts is PPP mode for International short listing bidders. In fact, it was issued on 10/6/2011. As for Kolodyne, MOU has been signed with NTPC. It is Build, Own, Operate and Maintain mode (BOOM). Leiva is constructed by taking loan from NABARD and is subsidized from NRE. Lungreng Project is expected to produce 815 Mega Watts. MOU has been signed with NEEPCO, so is Chhimtuipui and Mat. Letter of intent has been issued to M/s Subhash Project and Marketing Ltd., Kolkota for Tuivawl 42 Mega Watts and Tuirini 38 Mega Watts. For Tuichang 110 Mega Watts, Central Water Commission is preparing DPR. Pu Speaker, if these projects are completed, Mizoram will produce 2226 Mega Watts out of which 300 Mega Watts will be free. At present, the maximum requirement at peak hour is 60 Mega Watts. The power demand as forecast by Central Electricity Authority in 2021/2022 is 180 Mega Watts. Therefore, it seems that we shall get the required power supply free. It is praiseworthy for the steps taken by Pu Lal Thanhawla's Government.

In regard to Bairabi, the project began during Government led by PC ministry in 1982. Investigation and DPR was completed in two years. But there was no approval. Thus in 1996, under Pu Lal Thanhawla's leadership, survey and DPR were done. In 15/11/2010, letter of intent was issued to M/S AASU Project Private Limited, Kolkata.

Pu Speaker, Pu Lal Thanhawla's Government has taken steps in various projects for self sufficiency in power. We the people should learn to appreciate the positive steps taken by our leaders instead of criticizing it. Therefore, it is the duty of the House to voice its appreciation through this resolution. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Mover of the Resolution has now moved the motion. We will start the discussion. Each member will be given 5 minutes. Pu Zodintluanga will start.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, thank you. I would like to say a few words. Pu Speaker, we are aware that almost all the states of the nation is lacking in self-sufficiency of power. In our state we have the habit of blaming the government whenever there is shortage of power supply. If we understand the steps taken by Pu Lal Thanhawla's Government, we would gladly appreciate the resolution. Ten to Fifteen years from now, we shall be self-sufficient due to the steps taken by Pu Lal Thanhawla.

Pu Speaker, the project of Serlui 'A', Tuirivung, Tuisumpui, Tuipui, Maicham Phase-I & II, Vawra Lui, Ramri Lui, Laili Lui, Tuipang Lui, Kau-Tlabung and Lamsial had begun and Commissioned during Congress Ministry. Further, Rokhaia gas thermal projects of 8 Mega Watts, Zuangtui Diesel power 1.5 Mega Watts and Champhai Project began and were commissioned during Congress Ministry. Likewise, Bairabi Thermal Project of 20 mega Watts began in 1988 under Shukla Commission. IT was token provision during 1998-99 financial year. Pu Speaker, Whereas Serlui 'B' Project of 9 Mega Watts was abandoned due to the fact that the cost of the project was too expensive. However, it was taken up by MNF ministry with an initial estimate of 70 crores, which was later on revised to 200 crores. Pu Speaker, I feel the need to highlight the work done and the ongoing projects under Pu Lal Thanhawla's Government as they are worth-mentioning. As we have heard earlier that after ten to fifteen years, Mizoram will receive free power supply and surplus once the projects are completed. Pu Speaker, we heard in the question hour this morning that the Tuirial Hydel Project of 60 Mega Watts was abandoned by MNF ministry due to compensation. The Manager of NEEPCO reported that the works of the project were stopped w.e.f. 9/6/2004 following demand for compensation by the Tuirial Crops Compensation Association deteriorated law and order around the project. However, the work of the project has been resumed by the present government. All these are noteworthy as it signifies the true sense of this resolution. I would also like to thank the government for the steps taken to make Aizawl a solar city. I, therefore, give my full support to this resolution. Thank you.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I would like to thank for the resolution submitted by Pu R. Lalrinmawia.

Pu Speaker, the hon'ble Chief Minister deserves credit for taking steps regarding power supply. Pu Speaker, the way the hon'ble House Leader took steps from Tuivai is amazing and deserves to be appreciated. Tender for the project was extended not just to the nationwide, but internationally. In fact, the House Leader approached the Central Government and made Mizoram Zero State Share. The State Government is free of contribution for the project. Pu Speaker, these are all the changes that we have been talking about. For those who have made statements as there is no change, they should analyze themselves and understand the meaning of 'change'. Pu Speaker, please give me extra time.

In regard to Tuirial Hydel Project, it was abandoned during the previous ministry and has been revived by the present government. Pu Speaker, NEEPCO must be relieved as their name could be tarnished because of this project. Therefore, I give my support to Pu R. Lalrinawma's resolution. Thank you.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, hon'ble member from Ratu Constituency mentioned about change. What I would like to point out is that your leader is more equipped with vocabulary than our leader. He has formulated a new vocabulary in Mizo language. Also, the change the hon'ble member mentioned is not what the change we expected.

Pu Speaker, Pu Lalrinawma's resolution would be more appropriate if the resolution read as follows: – “We are grateful that we have now attained self-sufficiency in power”. Pu Speaker, it has been 10 years since we have attained State-hood and we are discussing a resolution which read, "For the step taken to attain self-sufficiency”. It is time we attained self-sufficiency during these 20 years. Thus, in my view, there is no point in giving appreciation or to be grateful. Further, these minor projects should be abandoned and instead concentrate on major projects which are liable to produce more Mega Watts. The hon'ble member mentioned about Farkawn project. Pu Speaker, if you actually see the site, there is only the structure and it will not be long when the project will stop functioning due to its poor condition.

As for Bairabi Hydel Project, Brig T. Sailo started the project in 1977. Had the next Congress ministry completed the project, it would have been a big boost for Mizoram. Also, the present problem of load shedding could be avoided. Likewise, there is no real intention to complete Serlui 'B' Project from ₹5 crore estimated for the project as it is obvious from purchase of 12 Nos. Gypsy vehicles, 1 truck chassis, 1 JCB and 1 Bulldozer. Apart from this, ₹49 lakhs was utilized for construction of approach road to the project and ₹42 lakhs for construction of Bailey bridge even before the start of the project. Now, the present government stated that there is no forest clearance but techno-economic clearance was obtained during the previous Congress Ministry on 26/7/1990.

In regard to Tuirial Hydel Project, Secretary to Ministry of Power issued a notice to NEEPCO chairman stating that there cannot be an issue for not completing the project due to compensation as ₹2.87 crore rupees have been sanctioned for compensation and 796.25 crore rupees for the project.

I, therefore, find no reason to appreciate or be grateful to Congress Ministry when we are suffering every night from load shedding. During the 10 years of MNF Ministry, we never heard of load shedding. So, I cannot agree with the resolution. Thank you.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, from the resolution it seems there is revival. If there is constructive gesture from leaders to preserve the good work done by the ones who preceded them, it could prove beneficial for the State. UDA group leaders had stated in the House that we should respect and safeguard the ongoing projects of the outgoing ministry.

The hydro-electric power potential of Mizoram is 4500 Mega Watts, out of which we have 60% at present. The demand of the State is 107 Mega Watts and the power received is 65.31 Mega Watts. We have not attained self-sufficiency in power. State like Bhutan is growing and the per capita income is 60 thousand. Pu Speaker, this is because of adequate power supply in agriculture, industry etc. Unless there is an economic revolution in our state, we cannot grow. So, sufficient supply of hydro-electric power is required. We have to be self-sufficient in power.

The present Government has taken various new projects like Tuivai 210 Mega Watts, Lungrengte 850 Mega Watts and Chhimtuipui 635 Mega Watts to name a few. If these projects are carefully executed, development will eventually follow. I support the resolution if it comes from the heart with sincerity. Pu Speaker, thank you for giving me extra time.

S P E A K E R : We will now have lunch break. Meeting will be resumed at 2:00 PM.

2:00 PM

S P E A K E R : We will start discussion of the resolution. Pu K. Liantlinga will start.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Today we are discussing a resolution which states that we should give thanks to the government led by Pu Lal Thanhawla for taking steps in attaining self-sufficiency in power.

The mover was clever in moving the motion. He mentioned the two hydel projects in 1982 and how we have 14 projects now. However out of these 14 projects, I wonder how many are functioning at present and how many have been abandoned. These mini-hydel projects are not very significant for the development of the state. Congress Ministry started these mini-projects but MNF ministry concentrated on major projects which they expected to produce more. Infact, they took up only two major projects. Pu Speaker, our required consumption is 60 Mega Watts and the total product since 1982 till date is only 5 Mega Watts. Therefore, what is there to be thankful for? The people will be annoyed if we pass the resolution.

Pu Speaker, yesterday I received a phone call from Hnahlan. The informer requested me to mention in the House that they have not received power supply for quite some time. But I informed him that it would be more appropriate if a complaint was lodged in the Power Department. This is our present scenario. People are suffering due to lack of power supply. Pu Speaker, overall the bygone ministry had not taken adequate steps to improve power supply. I wonder if the mover of the resolution is really grateful with the present situation and if he can withdraw the resolution. Pu Speaker, if we pass the resolution, the people of Mizoram will not be convinced with our present situation. Thank you.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Today we are discussing Pu R. Lalrinmawia's resolution which states that 'We are grateful for the steps taken by Government led by Pu Lal Thanhawla in attaining self-sufficiency in

power. In general, no government has deserved to be given praise or appreciation in regard to generation of power supply. In my view, there is no improvement in power.

In regards to power, PC Party had done a major work as during their tenure four rivers were surveyed and investigated. During Congress tenure, five rivers were surveyed. MNF surveyed one river and DPR was done for Tuivai and Kolodyne stage I and II. Pu Speaker, during the tenure of PC party, two mini-Hydel Projects were commissioned and six mini-Hydel Projects during Congress ministry. Eight Micro-Hydel Projects with 925 Kilo Watts were also commissioned during Congress Ministry. But all these eight projects have been abandoned. It is just a waste of government fund. if so, what is there to appreciate and be grateful for?

Serlui 'B' Hydel Project which was abandoned by Congress Ministry was renewed by MNF Ministry. The project was upgraded from 9 to 12 Mega Watts. With revised estimate, the project is now capable of producing 12 Mega Watts. We are grateful for the achievement.

As for failure of Hydel Project, we mentioned that compensation was the main reason for abandoning the project. However, Press Release from Chief Engineer has clearly stated that it was not the main reason. One factor was that the CMD of NEEPCO Pu Sharma, was reluctant to visit Shillong and the other factor is - the Secretary of Ministry of Power clearly indicated as we met him with our Chief Secretary that if we are given compensation, the unit cost of the production would be high. He then questioned us if we could purchase the total power generated. Pu Speaker, on that day, we were unable to give 'Yes' or 'No' since we had to inform the government on the issue. The hon'ble House Leader today stated that we have made a commitment to purchase total power which may be generated. Pu Speaker, I just wanted to highlight that it was what the Secretary of central authority wanted.

Pu Speaker, few more words please. Kolodyne project was signed on 22nd December, 2008 as per terms and conditions. Pre-construction work is to begin within 6 months, and construction work is to begin within 18 months. However, the project has not begun as per terms and conditions. The Government should speed up the project. Pu Speaker, the steps taken in power as for now is still unsatisfactory, therefore it will be better if we do not pass the resolution now. Thank you.

Pu K. LALRINTHANGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. First of all I would like to highlight the duration of ministry held by various political parties. PC Party held six years, both Congress and MNF thirteen years. Pu Speaker, I would further like to highlight the steps taken by these ministries.

PC Party ministry started and commissioned Serlui 'A' Hydel Project. Survey and investigation for Bairabi Hydel Project was done in 1982. But unfortunately, the ministry ended in 1984. Pu Speaker, it is clear that within these two years nothing could be done in construction. In the year 1996, Brahmaputra Board took re-investigation and detailed Project Report was the received during MNF ministry. Pu Speaker, the project was continued during

Congress ministry and the detailed project report was received by MNF ministry. This is how the work had been executed.

As for Serlui 'B' Hydel Project, it began during the PC Ministry in the year 1983.

It is a wrong information that the P.C party constructed a lengthy bridge. However the Congress Party did not have a hand in the project. But the MNF Party when in power went ahead with the project as an easy source for compensation money. Even though it has been claimed to be safe by the assurance committee and the departments, the people living in and around the area have been having problems ever since and nothing has been done till date.

In conclusion, I would like to take this time to convey my gratitude to the Congress party for their sincere work. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : As it is difficult for me to be overly strict from here, I would request all members to speak within the allotted time. Now I would like to call upon Mr. Lalrinliana.

Pu LALRINLIANA : I would like to take this time to support Mr. Lalrinawma's resolution about Mr. Lal Thanhawla's commendable power schemes. We can see the proof if we study the various records we have. Take for example, places like Maicham – I, Teirei, Tlabung and Tuipang which have produced favourable financial gain. I have visited each of these sites and have seen the progress made there. I would also like to bring to your attention, Mr. Speaker, that the media, at times, twist words and present certain things inappropriately. With regard to the Tuirial Hydel Project, a term like 'accusation' was used, which I feel, is completely uncalled for. We engaged ourselves trying to fix the problems during 2003-2004, especially because there was no sufficient power supply for the students. We even made investigations in the area, questioning people, 39 to be exact, about the situation. It is quite strange that had no owners as such before, are now properties of certain individuals. Compensations were claimed by people from places like Biate, Champhai, Electric Veng and other areas. This is a fact, Mr. Speaker, and not an accusation.

With regard to the Serlui 'B' project, which started in 1990, the estimated expenditure kept on increasing due to the increasing rate of commodities. A huge sum was spent on jungle-clearing for just one acre of land, and the tasks were carried out without any objection. So why do we have such reactions now?

I applaud our leader, Mr. Lal Thanhawla, who has taken up huge projects, especially in Chhimtuipui, Lungreng and Tuivai, and I do hope that the new generation acknowledges this fact. The PC party and the MNF party did leave behind traces of their achievements, but not as much as our leader's present schemes. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Now I call Mr. Nirupam Chakma

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, too, support Mr. Lalrinawma's Resolution. It does not focus only on the present self sufficiency but also for the future. I appreciate his initiative. I think it is a waste of time to have arguments. Bringing out facts is more important, which will also be beneficial for the public. Mr. Lal Thanhawla had begun the Tuirial Hydel Project during his previous tenure, and it was abandoned for 10 years during the MNF rule. The coalition government separated after a year, and I truly believe that was betraying the public. They have failed to take responsibility for it as well. The public want facts. They want leaders who put in hard work. I would also like to speak on the unstarred Question No. 10. We spent 58 crore 68 lakhs to purchase power in 2008-2009, with a revenue of 100.90 crore. The revenue came down to 67.86 crore the next year while crore 57 lakhs was used to purchase power. In 2010-2011, power purchased was for 76.47 crore with a revenue of 72 crore 57 lakhs. Where did the power disappear? This is a very serious case and certainly needs to be investigated. I request our Power Minister, the honourable Chief Minister to give clarification. Thank you.

Pu K.S. THANGA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, too, support today's resolution – the fact that Mr. Lal Thanhawla's upcoming schemes are truly commendable. The PC Party might brag about their project in Serlui 'A' and Bairabi Hydel Project, but I would like to point out that the Brahmaputra Board held a survey Investigation, after which those projects fell through. I had seen the dams, and I saw nothing praiseworthy.

The MNF worked on a small Hydel Project in Lamsial which produced 15 MW. The financial estimates continued to increase with regard to the Serlui 'B' project, but it has not been opened to this day. I have friends in Hnam Run who have themselves told me that they do not stand a chance against the Congress government. They also have grievances against their party in wasting 10 good years. On the other hand, we have ongoing projects in Tuivai and Chhimtuipui Phase II as well as in Tlawva, and we have completed the ones in Tuirini and Tuivawl. I hope that the present government holds on for 10 years, after which no one will mention power insufficiency again. We are indeed moving towards a better future.

S P E A K E R : Now I call upon Mr. Lalthanliana, and Mr. P.C. Zoram Sangliana will follow.

Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER : It is a great privilege to be present at a time where we can discuss a resolution such as this. It surely is

a great change to see that instead of having accusation made at one another, we are talking about honoring brave deeds done by courageous individuals.

We often accuse each other with regard to power, but after all is said and done, I honestly feel that those who claim to be deeply concern about Power, are the ones that governed for the longest term. According to my calculations, the P.C. Party has been in governance for 15 years, and I feel it is wrong to keep making excuses for one's inadequacies.

Mr. Speaker, we cannot easily blame somebody for not doing something that takes time. With regard to hydro-power, it needs more than 2 years to be completed. I would also like to point out that in the past 20 years, nothing much was achieved. On the other hand, the present government which has held term for 2 ½ years has made remarkable progress with Power. It is certainly gratifying to know that the Tuirial Hydel Project which had been abandoned in the previous government has been revived.

I am not contented with the resolution alone, Mr. Speaker; I feel it deserves a much bigger honour. Besides the two laudable projects, I must mention the Multi Model Transport Project i.e. the railway scheme. Whatever we have achieved within the 2 ½ years is truly praise-worthy.

S P E A K E R : I call Mr. P.C. Zoram Sangliana to take his time. After him, Mr. PP Thawla and Mr. TT Zothansanga will speak.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA : I, too, support the Resolution. It is a shame that some of us here are incorrectly interpreting the Resolution. I honestly feel that they need to be educated about straightforward governance, and not seen schemes for improvement of power. During Brig. T. Sailo's term, the RTB order was released, and work on the Bairabi Hydel Project was initiated. Then, when our House Leader, Mr. Lal Thanhawla took the office, work on the Tuirial Hydel Project, which he had started, was resumed. He has been diligent about making the state self-sufficient. We now have a scheme for 735 MW – about 60 MW in Tuirial, 210 MW in Tuivai, 460 MW in Kolodyne, 5 MW in Tlawva. Plans are being made to relieve us from irregular power supply and load-shedding. There is also a scheme for 1691 MW. We started receiving 13% of free power since MoU was signed by NEEPCO on 23rd March, 2010.

I would also like to add that our leaders are doing their best for the state's development. However, there are areas where we cannot proceed with work. I am truly grateful for the hon'ble Chief Minsiter Pu Lal Thanhawla's initiative with self-sufficiency in Power supply, and I commend him for that.

S P E A K E R : There is correction to be made regarding the

answer to Unstarred Question no.7 made by Dr. R. Lalthangliana. The monthly expenditure should be ₹33 crores instead of ₹1256 crores. Now I call upon Mr. P.P. Thawla to take his time.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Mr. Speaker, I would like to say that the Resolution today is quite trivial for this respectable house. As you can see, we have 30 supporters to your right, and 8 opposers to your left. But I am sure the listeners, too, will oppose the Resolution.

After being a U.T., the Government of Mizoram was formed and it was only in 1977 that the PC Party took initiative with regard to power as it was one of the basic needs listed then. If work had been resumed on the Kolodyne Hydel Project, we would have already been sufficient, and we would have even sold some of it. But nothing has been completed to this day. When the congress Party came into power, it was regarded as the birth of the 'Candle-government'. One reason for me to oppose the resolution is because I remember the time when a programme was organized at Saiha Bazar, and candles were distributed abundantly. The onset of any new project creates hope for the government and gain for the contractor. It is an easy source of wealth. But how can anyone show gratitude when it is not maintained and completed?

If we are to talk about long tenures, in addition to the 13 years before, we have quite a lengthy period. I am familiar with several projects that started years ago, but those projects hardly saw the light of day. There has been no word about any of them ever being utilized.

It is a shame that projects like the ones in Bairabi and Kolodyne could not be completed, Mr. Speaker. The present government even signed an agreement and memorandum regarding the Kolodyne project. But the two Autonomous District Councils in the area have realized that revenue of only 1% would be gained, which was unsatisfying.

It is important that projects be maintained, and a regular power supply be provided to the public who need it most. I would also like to point out that during the lesson on March 25, nine people lost their lives because of Power in my constituency. I'm not sure as to the extent of the enquiry made, but this is another reason that makes me reluctant to support this Resolution.

S P E A K E R : Now I call Mr. T.T. Zothansanga

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : I would first like to refer to the word of God where in Genesis 1:3 we read about the creation of light. We had our honourable Minister, Mr. K. Liantlinga, mention Hnahlan, and I have just received word that

Hnahlan receives the most regular power supply in the Champhai Constituency. The Tuirial Hydel Project was started at the same time as the Hydel Projects in Assam, Nagaland, Arunachal, Manipur and Tripura. Though the other states completed their projects, the Tuirial project could not be continued. I would like to refer to an article in Vanglaini where the party P.R had requested the Chief Minister to acknowledge the achievements of other parties. There was also another article where there were many references to problems of Serlui 'B' and suggestion was made to destroy it. If our present scheme is completed, then I'm afraid it would be a disgrace for the opposition party.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to clarify the challenge of our respected members here today about us losing out on the 71 crores which was distributed in the north-eastern states. We did not receive any amount because we already have enough. It is estimated that 2260 MW be produced, of which 12% will be free. Our leader's scheme is truly commendable.

Deductions should not be made before anything has been completed. Our situation today reminds me of Mr. Thenphunga's scheme which enlightened us Mizo's, but that had certain limitations. It is gladdening to know that we are the ones able to resumes with that plan.

I also take this time to bring forward my grievance about Brig. T. Sailo being referred to by the MNF General Headquarters as a quiet old man who is unsuited to be the Chief Minister or MLA of Mizoram. I implore that personal attacks be avoided henceforth.

Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUIA : I would like to present a few points that have been mentioned by our leaders today. Just as our needs keep changing with time, what might have seemed huge years ago no longer seems so big today. We had expectations from the schemes which we had undertaken. I commend our esteemed House Leader for having taken steps towards development. When the Serlui 'B' Project was a lot of misgivings from the Department Officers and engineers due to its cost; and eventually was abandoned.

However, when a new party came into office, the same project was resumed with a huge budget. The previous government had refused spending the big amount of 41 crores to produce 9 MW, but those succeeding them plan an expenditure of about 190 crores with an addition of only 3 MW. I believe that would make a record for the most expensive power.

The way the project was undertaken was quite unfair because no professional engineer was consulted, except a retired one. One party mentioned it as resuming what had already been started before, but I truly feel it is a new initiative due to its estimated budget.

In conclusion, I would like to say that Mr. Lal Thanhawla has accomplished the dreams of his predecessors, and I completely support the Resolution.

S P E A K E R : Let us try to keep our speeches within 5 minutes as

we have to end this session at 4 o'clock. Now I call Mr. John Siamkunga.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : With regards to our Resolution, I would like to bring a few things to our attention. In the past, the Central government permitted only 3 MW for state governments and our honourable Chief Minister had undertaken projects in 14 different places. He did it for the development of the state. Looking at his past achievements, I truly believe he can carry out any project put before him. Do we keep trying to bring him down because we fear his popularity? We should remember that we are not the only state that faces load-shedding. What I cannot understand is why the party that produced a mere 3 MW calls us a 'Candle government'. I truly appreciate our Chief Minister's plans and initiatives, and I believe we are close to being self-sufficient in power. So, I support the resolution.

S P E A K E R : Let us try to control ourselves even if we want to speak. Now I call Dr. R. Lalthangliana.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : It is quite an interesting session we have today, though I would appreciate to hear Mr. Duhawma speak a few words. Though I want to support today's resolution, I have certain misgivings due to the failure of the Saitluk Airport project in Lunglei. I would like to suggest a few amendments, Mr. Speaker, with regards to the signing of the MoU for the Kolodyne DPR, and the Tuivai project. With regard to the Serlui 'B' project, the previous government spent about ₹543.42 lakhs on it.

I truly regret that there is always corruption connected with the power projects. The different accusations need a closer investigation so that we would stop assumptions and jumping to conclusions in the future.

We must fulfill our promises if we want others to have faith in us. The Congress has much to do to gain the people's trust, otherwise they could end up making themselves an object of ridicule like the NLUP situation. Unless there are amendments made to the resolution, then I'm afraid I cannot support it, Mr. Speaker.

S P E A K E R : I think we can vote now. (Interruption)

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA MINISTER : Even though it is a private member's resolution, Mr. Speaker, I suggest that each of us be given a chance

to say a few words.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : As 4 O'clock is the time fixed for resolutions of private members, I think we should call upon our House Leader to explain, Mr. Speaker, and start with the votes.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Mr. Speaker, there have been times when sessions have been extended, so I request that the leaders be allowed to speak.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA
MINISTER : I agree that the opposition group leader and the House Leader each be given a chance to speak, Mr. Speaker.

S P E A K E R : Let us restrain ourselves. As requested, I now call upon Mr. Lalduhoma to take his time.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Mr. Speaker I feel it unwise to bring in such a resolution which has get to show results. Our state has the potential to produce 4500 MW of power. However, within the 40 years since Mizoram became a government became a government from a U.T., we have not seen great achievements much. We are yet to see a government that can bring about change.

The minor projects that were undertaken became abandoned, which provided profits only to the contractors and authorities. So instead of giving thanks, an apology is wanting. As long as we have load-shedding and no decline in the sale of candles, this resolution should not be passed.

If we look upon the years that have been wasted and used up, do we sincerely believe the public can have hope in us? Do we really believe in ourselves?

The Bairabi Thermal project was the only one which could be completed, but that too cannot be utilized. We have not been able to complete the Tuirial project in spite of all the work put into it. There was always hesitancy due to the cost too. Our honourable Chief Minister made a commitment in writing, saying that the cost would be in subsidies-rate. But I still fear that this would lead to more expenses in the future.

The MoU signed in 2005 could be started only in 2008. We have 137 villages that need power, and only 25 have been provided. The plans are yet to be implemented,

and their claims about progress have proven to be false. Our suggestions to form a Village Level Committee and to release an order have also not been met. A sum of ₹100 crores has been invested in this project, and I fear for its outcome.

Having been declared a Solar City, the ZEDA scheme is eagerly awaited. I would like to know our quota for coal and how it is utilized. With regards to windmills, the word 'ongoing' is the only thing we hear of it. I believe we should invest ourselves in what God has blessed us with. If the figures given in an unstarred question from Pu N.K. Chakma are correct, I believe the rates should be decreased. As I have said it before, unless we see results, I cannot support our resolution today.

S P E A K E R : Now, I call the Power Minister and House Leader, Mr. Lal Thanhawla.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA : I was quite pleased to hear our honourable member, CHIEF MINISTER Dr. R. Lalthangliana, compare the present scheme to the NLUP. At the initial stage, there were a lot of apprehensions about the NLUP, but the results have proven it a success. I sincerely hope we achieve results just like the NLUP has reaped.

I would like to mention the time when the MNF leader had called me on their release from the underground, telling me that they were counting on me. They had 2 emissaries at the time, and it is indeed sad that they are no longer in our midst today. I am glad to have been there when they needed me.

Mr. Speaker, in the past, the state government could not work for more than 3 MW, and at least 4 years were needed for investigation. 75% of the project cost was borne by the non-conventional sources of energy ministry. We are able to start the Tuirial Hydel Project of 60 MW with the help of the Japanese government through the Overseas Development Fund, and were supported by NEEPCO. The Tuivai Project was also undertaken for 210 MW upon their suggestion, but unfortunately it could not be resumed. We had to abandon the Serlui 'B' project also because of the expert's advice as they felt the cost would be too high. I am really grateful that we can resume the project today. Our Power Secretary consulted the Principal Adviser in Delhi, and could acquire help from the Chief Engineer, Mr. P.K. Kokoti, who along with other experts came to Mizoram to inspect and investigate. They also gave us notes and ideas, which will be utilized on this project. However, as the experts from Delhi are yet to come and examine to make estimates, we are still unable to commission the Serlui 'B' Hydel Project. There were many schemes made by the government before us, but we could not continue with them because of the estimated expenditure.

If we read our resolution carefully, Mr. Speaker, we will realize that the word 'scheme' and not 'achievement' has been used. The National thermal Power Corporation is presently working on the Kaladan Hydel Project, which is estimated to produce about 60 MW.

Regarding the Bairabi Hydel Project, Mr. Chhunga was an active participant. The NTPC made a survey investigation, and the DPR was completed within 8 months.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, two central ministers had visited the site in 1979-80.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA : The Power Minister, Abdul Choudhury was invited to participate in the celebrations of the 'DPR completion'. When we came back to office, the CHIEF MINISTER Central Electricity Authority (CEA) could not approve the scheme because of several reasons. The NEEPCO representatives came to Mizoram, and we had to abandon it because of the estimated duration. In our third term, we sent a proposal to the Prime Minister for survey and investigation.

The Survey was conducted by the Brahmaputra Board. Some members even mocked and ridiculed us with their assumptions. Clearance and approvals have been made, and the Empowered committee is examining the Memorandum of Understanding Draft.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Mr. Speaker, I would like the Brahmaputra investigation to be clarified.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA : We hope to complete what the PC Party had started. CHIEF MINISTER We have projects in Lungreng, Kolodyne and Chhimtuipui, and NEEPCO is carrying out the survey investigation. There are ongoing talks between officials from India and Myanmar, so that both countries can have a share. We expect to sign MoU regarding the Tuivawl project of 42 MW. The Empower committee is studying the MoU closely. So, in conclusion, I give my support to this very encouraging resolution.

S P E A K E R : I now call upon Mr. Lalrinawma to take his time.

Pu LALRINAWMA : I truly appreciate the fact that some of the members, including the House Leader, have stood up to speak about the resolution brought in. It is commendable that out of the 18 Small Hydel Project, 14 are presently being undertaken. From whatever we have heard today, we can conclude that the public are quick to grumble and complain as they have high expectations. The Serlui and CE, P&E could not be implemented because they could not get any Environment Clearance. Even though some of our members here think small projects are trivial, I feel that if we start from the

smaller levels, we can reach greater heights. We should be grateful for our esteemed Chief Minister's schemes towards the state's development. I believe the public would support us wholeheartedly too. So, Mr. Speaker, I request that this Resolution be passed and adopted.

S P E A K E R : Those who agree, say 'agree', and those who do not, say 'disagree'. So now, the Resolution by Mr. Lalrinawma is adopted by the House.

Pu LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

S P E A K E R : We have now come to the end of today's business. Meeting will resume on Monday, the 18th 7, 2011, at 10:30 A.M. Sitting is adjourned.

Sitting adjourned Sine Die at 4:48 P.M.

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

**EIGHT SITTING ON MONDAY, THE 18TH JULY, 2011
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)**

OBITUARY

1. **Pu LAL THANHAWLA**, Chief Minister to make reference on the demise of Pu H. Vanlalauva, former Minister, Government of Mizoram.

QUESTIONS

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

LAYING OF PAPERS

3. **Pu H. LIANSILOVA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy each of the following :

- (a) Report of the Examiner of Local Fund Accounts on the Accounts of the Local Bodies for the year ended 31st March, 2011.
- (b) Statement of six monthly review of the Finance Minister on the Fiscal position of the Government of Mizoram for the second half of 2009-2010 (October 2009 – March, 2010).

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2011-2012.

- 4. General Discussion on the Budget for the year 2011-2012 (to commence).

NGURTHANZUALA
Secretary

S P E A K E R : For judgement is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgement.
Jacob 2:13)

We will now take up obituary references. Unfortunately, 3 ex-MLAs left us within the last and this session. We will start from Pu H. Vanlalauva, former minister. I call upon the hon'ble Chief Minister to have his time

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : It is indeed sad that this moment calls for the obituary of our esteemed former minister, Mr.H. Vanlalauva. I would just like to speak a few words about him first. Pu H. Vanlalauva, ex-minister, passed away on the 15th July, 2011 at 11:50 AM due to lung cancer. He was 72. His parents were Elder Sangkhuma (L) and Mrs. Lalthangi (L) and he was the second of eight children. He was born on 1st July, 1939, in Phulpui and moved to Aizawl in 1960 and residing in Chhinga veng up to his death. He married C. Lalhmingmawii in 1976, and they have 6 sons and 4 daughters. He studied till middle school and made his livelihood as a businessman. He joined the MNF upon its formation and became one of its accomplished leaders. He was arrested in 1966 during the insurgency and imprisoned in several prisons. He was released from Varanasi jail, U.P., in 1970. He had served as Public Relation Officer for MNF, emissary for peace, minister of state, cabinet minister and held different posts in different departments as well as in the society.

Pu Auva was also active in the church ministry, having served as Sunday school teacher, church secretary, music committee chairman and KTP leader.

He had received treatment for his diabetes since 2006, and in May 2009 his left flank swelled up. Upon examination at the AMRI Hospital in Kolkatta, it was diagnosed as lung cancer. After receiving several treatments, it coupled into more ailments due to his diabetes and asthma and ultimately led to his passing on 15th July, 2011.

Mr. Speaker, I am truly sad to say that Mizoram has lost a great man. I knew him personally as well and I have seen his many great acts and services for the state. I have also had the privilege of working with him. I do pray that the Lord bless and comfort the bereaved family. Thank you.

Pu LALDUHOMA : As we have just heard Mr. Speaker Sir, Pu H. Vanlalaiva was a religious man and was one of the first synod preachers.

He was sincere and trustworthy and gave his all in whatever he did. He was also a good diplomat and an honest emissary. He started from the grass-root level in politics and served as minister for 10 years. In spite of his lack of education, he performed better than anyone could have ever expected. He always delivered his duties well. And I sincerely condole his family at this time of bereave. Thank you.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is truly sad that we have lost three of our esteemed members this year, including Pu Auva recently. He had held two terms as minister and had important posts in different departments. He gave his all for the state and community and served the church as much as he could. He truly was an inspiration.

We held the funeral day before yesterday and it is not very often that we lose a member during our sessions. We had a good attendance at the funeral both from the ruling party and the opposition which proves what a remarkable man Pu Auva was.

We just heard details about his life and how much he had suffered from his ailments. But whenever we paid him a visit during those times, he always showed strength and endurance.

During the insurgency in 1966, he was caught by the Assam Rifles who tortured him miserably in every way possible; but even then he never showed weakness.

As LAD minister, he initiated the checkered tiles on footpath in the cities of Mizoram. He served the state like he was serving God. He made sure not to indulge in dishonesty and corruption. He was a religious and godly man. Though he may not have been the most highly educated man, he was a man of quality, surpassing many others. He has left behind many good examples for us to follow in serving the state, the community and God. I sincerely condole the bereaved family. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : We shall take this time to stand one minute in silence to mourn the loss of our former minister, Mr.H.Vanlalauva.

To proceed to our session, i call upon Pu K. Lalrinthanga to ask Question No.71.

Pu K. LALRINTHANGA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I request the honourable UD & PA minister to answer this: – Is there a master plan for Vairengte?

S P E A K E R : I now call upon Mr. Zodintluanga, minister for Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation department to give the answer.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA MINISTER : The answer, Mr.Speaker, is – making a master plan is an ongoing plan, depending on the Mizoram Urban Development and Regional Development Act, 1990 for the development of Vairengte.

S P E A K E R : Any further questions?

Pu K. LALRINTHANGA : Mr. Speaker, I would first like to mention the fact that the population of Vairengte is growing rapidly. It is also the gateway of the state and thus, a very important place. The question is: - Even though the VCs are doing their level best in uplifting the people and giving them lands, most of them do not have skills and cannot take the desired steps towards development. So, how can the department help in bringing out a better solution for upliftment?

S P E A K E R : Let the minister give the answer.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA MINISTER : Mr.Speaker, we have to undertake a lot of steps within the Zoram Urban and Regional Development Act, 1990 and its rules first. We have to make a detailed project report form and schedule of the boundary map as well as physical survey. All these are being implemented.

S P E A K E R : I now call Mr. Lalduhoma to ask question No.72.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Mr. Speaker, these questions are for the minister for Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs: -

- a) The rate per kg of BPL and APL rice as procured by the Mizoram government from the FCI.
- b) The rate per kg of the BPL and APL rice given to the retailers.
- c) The retailers' rate per kg to the public.
- d) The amount purchased and rate per kg of rice from other sources between the years 2010-2011.

S P E A K E R : I call the hon'ble minister Mr. H. Rohluna to answer.

Pu H. ROHLUNA : Mr.Speaker, the answers are –
MINISTER

- a) BPL @ ₹5.65 per kg, APL @ ₹8.30 per kg, APL Economic cost @ ₹22.13 per kg.
- b) APL including economic cost ₹9.30 and BPL ₹6.00 per kg.
- c) APL including economic cost ₹9.50 per kg BPL ₹6.15 per kg.
- d) We do not purchase rice from any other source.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Mr. Speaker, I'd like to add more questions. Could you please clarify what the APL including economic rate actually is, as there is a vast difference between the rates? The retailer's profits seem quite low, so I would like to suggest a better means for them to honestly gain more profit. Is the government planning to initiate local procurement system to reduce travel expenses? Lastly, the number of ration cards in our state is said to be 248804 where as in the statistic of Mizoram, the number of families is 217405. So, the number of ration cards exceeds the number of families. My question is, is the government going to investigate the reason for this situation?

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Mr. Speaker, I would also like the hon'ble minister to answer my question. As we know, the manual labourers have been putting in tremendous hard work, but the ration given to them is only 2 kgs per head in a week which is quite insufficient. So, is the minister planning on increase it for the labourers?

Pu H. ROHLUNA
MINISTER : Mr. Speaker, I would first like to answer Mr. Duhoma's question. We purchase normal APL rice from FCI for ₹8.30 and economic cost for ₹22.13. This is because the central government has given us the normal allocation on the basis of 2011 census. Due to the insufficiency, we had to purchase it at a higher price and subsidized it to ₹12.83 per kg. This was initiated so as to help out the poorer section of the society. About 80,000 quintals is purchased every month from the economic cost. So, the government spends about 10 crore without any expectation of returns.

It is true that the retailers' profit is less. But if we were to increase the rate of rice, the public would grumble and be burdened as well. We are doing our best to adjust the costs with cargo prices.

With regard to local procurement, the rate is not much lesser and the quality differs, which calls for treatment. As the rice received from the FCI requires no further treatment and because it is easily accessible so we still have to rely on them.

With regard to ration cards, it is rather difficult to make corrections, but we have deducted about 10 thousand since 2009. When compared to the NREGS workers and job-cards, the number is not reliable either. We think the best solution would be to get the family data of 2011 census figure and make ration cards in accordance. We have been working with the census directorate to solve this issue.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : The number of ration cards of APL, BPL and AAY being issued is 6,94,884. The hon'ble minister had declared that about 10 thousands have been deducted. So, does the figure still stands? Plus, as the ration cards were issued by the previous government, one would have to apologise to the public to take responsibility.

Pu H. ROHLUNA
MINISTER : Mr. Speaker, there seems to have been a mistake here as the figure for number of BPL ration card should be 42,000 instead of 4,20,000. So, there are about 3,16,884 Nos. of APL, AAY and BPL ration cards and the APL is 2,48,884. As the economic cost is high, it would be difficult to increase the ration quota. If we have to increase the ration quota to 1kg, the stocks will be finished immediately. We should also acknowledge that the civil supply from the central government is insufficient, but we give out more than we receive.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask if at least 1kg could

be added for lunch as government of congress ministry has declared this year to be a year of good harvest. If one eats only breakfast and dinner, they might not be able to harvest more. Could increase be made in July as has been done in previous years?

Pu H. ROHLUNA
MINISTER : Mr.Speaker, I understand the concern made by our esteemed member. However, if the stock gets depleted, the public would face more problems. So, it is better that they take the ration quota at the appointed time. And if there is any family whose quota has exhausted, they get scoops with the ration card, and they pay the amount.

Mr.Speaker, I would also like to apologise for the mistake pointed out by our hon'ble member, Mr. Nirupam. If permitted, we shall try to present the correction during the session.

S P E A K E R : Printing mistake may occur anytime. We had announced it a few days ago, but the minister has to seek permission. (Mr.Nirupam Chakma : Mr. Speaker, I disagree. If the mistake had not been pointed out, they wouldn't have made the correction. They have produced wrong information at the House.) The hon'ble minister may seek permission in writing and addressed to the Speaker, and the correction may be laid tomorrow.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Mr. Speaker, I would like to add more to that. In the unstarred question No. 14, the estimated expenditure for the Aizawl road north division for 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 is ₹3278.38 lakhs. If we add it, the total comes to ₹3268.38 lakhs. Shouldn't the esteemed House Leader correct this? This, too, is wrong information.

S P E A K E R : Let us not be concerned. Corrections will be made and given. Now I call Mr. C. Ramhluna to proceed with another question.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Mr. Speaker, this starred question No.73 is for the minister of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation department. When are the Aizawl city local council elections taking place?

S P E A K E R : I call upon Mr. Zodintluanga to answer.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA
MINISTER : Mr. Speaker, the answer is – As has been mentioned in section 350 of the Mizoram Municipalities Act, 2007, the state Election Commission with the council of the state government will appoint the time and date. The time for the local council election has not been scheduled.

S P E A K E R : Any further question?

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Mr. Speaker, the Secretary of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation as per Rule 30 of the Mizoram Municipalities Rules 2010 on 24.11.2010 (released on 4.11.2010) released an order that the V.C. of the Aizawl municipal area would function during the transition period before the local council election. Another order was released on 8.12.2010 in which the VCP would act as local council chairman. Then as permitted by Rule 15 of the Mizoram municipalities Rules 2010, the board of councils of the AMC on 24th January, 2011, declared that elections be held as soon as possible. On that basis, the Chief Executive Officers on 10.2.2011 submitted a request to the Election Commission. Is the state government aware of this? If so, the transition period having been quite long, I would like to ask if the government is planning to hold the election soon.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA
MINISTER : Mr. Speaker, the village councils held elections in February 2009 and their term will get over in February, 2012. As we have released the order as per Rule 30, the village councils are functioning as local councils. So, it is accepted that this is not an opportune time to hold elections. We held the Aizawl municipal council election on 11th November, 2010 and the government is giving them their posts and duties. The sanitation duties were undertaken by the village council and the government with PPP mode, but such duties are being set aside for the Aizawl municipal council. We want the local councils to remain so that a good co-relation is there between the old and the new.

S P E A K E R : Now, I call upon Lt. Col. Z.S. Zuala for another question.

Lt.Col. ZS ZUALA : Mr. Speaker, if the home minister could answer these questions please: –

- 1) Has the Indo-Bangladesh border fencing within Mizoram been completed?
- 2) How deep is the fencing within the state?
- 3) Has a path for animals been paved?

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : I now call upon minister Pu R. Lalzirliana to answer.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA,
MINISTER : Mr.Speaker, the answers are: -

- 1) It has not been completed.
- 2) As prepared by the ministry of Home Affairs, fencing of 150 yards from the international boundary zero line has been planned. Fencing line of 500 yards may also occur in uneven areas. I would also like to add that 3 kms have been crossed in Pukzing and a meeting has been called to this concern. The NBCC has been notified to move the fencing farther.
- 3) A path for animals of 1-2 kms has already been paved.

S P E A K E R : Any further question?

Lt.Col. Z.S. ZUALA : Is the path paved accessible for animals from both sides of the boundary?

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

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : It is common practice of most of the states to have 3 kms from the zero line. What I want to mention is Silongsora, within the constituency of our CEM Mr. Kalikuma has been claimed as Bangladesh territory as it has also been reported to the central home ministry. I just want to declare that it cannot be a part of Bangladesh. It is in Mizoram.

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

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA
MINISTER : Mr.Speaker, it is quite difficult to give a definite answer as we cannot speak to the animals. But the

fact remains that a path has been paved for them.

S P E A K E R : The question hour is now over.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Mr. Speaker, the question we asked of Mr. K. Liantlinga was an unstarred question. I asked about the final budget in the PWD Division but it covers only of Aizawl South and Road North Division and the rest is excluded. Even if they do not have it ready, is there a way for the department to present the completed one?

S P E A K E R : We will look into that later. The minister has requested and is granted to give a statement as per Rule 60. I now call Mr. R. Lalzirliana, minister-in-charge for Home to make the statement.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yesterday, on the 17th at 9:30 AM, Bilburam 35 of Thinglian village was called out of his house by 4 UDLA members, who shot him dead. They killed him on suspicion of being a police informant. Bilburam had moved from Haticherra, Assam and had resided in Thinglian for about a year. The Kolasib OC and police went there for investigation and the body was taken to Kolasib. PME will be done today.

Yesterday morning at 7, the owner of Bairabi maxi-cab counter Mr. Remsiana received two shocking SMS. It was in English, where as Mr. M.R. Chhorki, who claimed himself as a member of UDLA threatened to bomb the entire town of Bairabi. He also claimed that 35 UDLA members have settled around Bairabi with arms and ammunition. This threatening SMS had perplexed the people, but the government immediately took action to calm down the situation with police patrolling and protection. The SMS was investigated by the CID as the sender was arrested last night at 9:30 at Falkland, Zemabawk. The arrested is not of UDLA member. In fact, his name is Ramluaia, 28 years, who once resided in Bairabi for 5/6 years. He has also confessed to the crime.

S P E A K E R : The members absent today are: - Pu J.H. Rothuama, Minister who has gone to attend the meeting of empower committee of state finance and taxation ministers in New Delhi, Pu S. Laldingliana, Parliamentary Secretary due to illness. Now we shall have the laying of paper. I call upon Mr. H. Liansailova, hon'ble minister to lay the following papers on the table of the House: -

- 1) Report of the examiner of local fund accounts on the account of the local bodies for the year ended 31st March, 2011.
- 2) Statement of six monthly review of the finance minister on the fiscal/position of the government of Mizoram for the second half of 2009-2010, October to March, 2010.

Pu H. LIANSAILOVA
MINISTER : With your permission, Mr. Speaker Sir, I lay these papers on the table of the House: -

- 1) Report of the examiner of the local funds account on the accounts of the local bodies for the year ended 31st March, 2011.
- 2) Statement of six monthly review of the finance minister on the fiscal position of the government of Mizoram for the second half of 2009-2010, October 2009 to March 2010.

S P E A K E R : We shall now start the general discussion for the budget, 2011-2012. Do we all agree on 10 minutes for each person to speak?

Pu B. LALTHLEGLIANA : I suggest we may allot 15 minutes as sessions do not take place too often.

S P E A K E R : I believe we will not be able to fit in each member if we give 15 minutes as we will have to wind up at 4 PM and the ministers and House leader would want to add few points tomorrow. Do we agree to give each member 10 minutes and group leaders 15?

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Mr. Speaker, this discussion is our only chance and so we may extend the time beyond 4 PM too. We have also practiced 15 minutes in previous years too.

S P E A K E R : Alright. We are all educated individuals here, so 15 minutes shall be given in which warning will ring at the 13th minute. I call Pu K. Liantlinga to start.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We moved with Vote on

Account and plan fund from the central was ready in March. However, we waited for the end of Vote on Accounts and it appears that the standard allocation could not be prepared by the finance department/planning department. Now that we have our budget, we have a lot of pending expenditure before us.

I just want to say that performance budget is meant for one year only. This present performance budget is quite unsatisfactory as for instance, MAMCO has given annual reports of 2002-2003, 2003-2004 and 2004-2005. But what will we do with that report? I feel it is embarrassing for the minister as the departments are able to submit work programmes and schedules but not performance report. The responsibility lies with the senior ministers and also of the negligence of the assembly. The junior ministers and some departments, on the other hand, have submitted on time. Making budget estimates by simply classifying major works and minor works is not enough. It will be good that the minister bear witness to the expenditures so that neither side can have easy access. I suggest that departments who have not submitted the performance should do immediately. As the House leader has stated, 'corruption should be pulled out from its roots and exposed', I believe the performance budget is the best tool to do so.

We have frequently mentioned regarding delegation of financial power in the previous years. Expenditure sanctions get clumped at the year end and we try to convince the finance department to pass it as 70 crores lapsed last year. The House leader mentioned that the system has to be improved as on proceeding page 892 and to give financial power to the secretary of different departments as on page 890. If we follow the process, our state will surely be developed. It is also noticed that most of the minor departments have given importance to submit their performance budget in which Chakma Autonomous District Council has done it best. However, the major departments having larger plan funds neglected to do so. It is, therefore, necessary to instruct each department that they should submit the same immediately.

For instance, portfolio of leader of the House comprises General Administration Department, Power & Electricity, Minor Irrigation, Fisheries and Soil Conservation etc. out of which only minor departments submitted the said in details. In order to study the departments, nothing can be done without the detailed performance budget. So, each department should submit the requirement as soon as it is ready. Thank you.

Pu CHAWNGTINTHANGA : Pu Speaker, our views on this General Discussion of the budget may differ from member to member. As for me, my view starts from the fiscal management of the government of Mizoram.

Fiscal responsibility on budget management of the government of Mizoram is indicated in budget management, 2006 as this is important for debt relief as well as debt write-off. The Mizoram government faced a lot of pressures from the 13th Finance Commission as the resource we received from the central government is not sufficient and our revenue on excise duties increased by a margin of only 15% each year. The BE for the financial year 2011-2012 is estimated at ₹709.73 crores where as Grant-in-aid as well as non-tax revenue

recollections have also improved. The figures given here show our improvement with our fiscal deficit.

The state government has given much thought towards fiscal control and has taken up finance management at its level best which might have been the reason that we are able to stand at the present situation. Yet, the finance department has to face a lot of challenges including closing-off public sector undertakings. There are many other things to re-examine such as pay revision, master roll employee, supply of commodities, electric supply expenses, water supply, road constructions, health etc. Our budget, is, thus prepared by taking all these into account so as to improve our financial financial situation.

The government reflected the fiscal policy in order to improve the state finance such as 21.75 crores for consolidated sinking fund, 100 lakhs for guarantee redemption fund and collection of revenue stamp, increase water supply, transport department, compulsory registration of revenue, registration of casual labours, increase of bamboo tariff and cess in the PWD project.

According to our performances, we receive fund revolution from the central government. A central finance expert once said, 'the central should not be expected to compensate lack of efforts.' So, we should toil hard. I also support the opinion of Mr. K. Liantlinga on negligence of government officials.

The PHE has completed the water supply project in my constituency Vanbawng but it has not been included in the performance budget. The fund transfer for the Sinlung Hills Development is inadequate as frequently complained by concerned people that the area as being neglected and so adequate financial help has not been provided. Thus, the government should determine a special package development fund. I give my support on general discussion of the budget and its budget plans.

S P E A K E R : Anyone else to speak? Lt. Col. ZS. Zuala.

Lt. Col. ZS ZUALA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do not think we should lose anything due to late submission of performance budget as we present the budget with regard to the grant received from the Planning Commission. I believe simplifying the financial sanctions is good as it curtail the process.

Pu Speaker, 30% has been kept for wages of MR. In this connection; I wonder if there is a rule to change MR in every 90 days as once an MR stays on for too long, it is somewhat difficult to terminate the post. So, each department should strongly control over any MR employees so as not to form associations to threaten the government.

I believe that pension payment problem can be solved by introduction of the defined contributory pension scheme. Here, share of urban area is not shown in the allocation. Opportunity should also be given to rural community as for rural development schemes is spent mostly within the city of Aizawl. Pu Speaker, fund provision of 25 lakhs

allotted for local area development is spent accordingly. However, I opine this should be increased. In the mean time, i opine proper maintenance should be given to World Bank road as it is highly benefitted as it also brings us a change for good.

As we see, huge amount of 34% of the budget is allotment for NLUP and BPL. Yet, it is important for the government to execute the programmes accordingly so as to obtain the best achievement out of it. I support proposal for tax collection which each of us should make our contribution willingly. I also strongly support the labour welfare scheme as it is good idea to shift the police training centre at Thenzawl for it has spacious area for extension as necessary. Even if there is a complaint from the affected local people, we must know that it is the decision of the government and not of certain NGOs.

I would like to appland the MPSC on acquiring a good exam hall. We have an efficient MPSC Chairman. Selection of officers must be done carefully and honestly. The fiscal reform central finance commission has recommended 79 crores to be contributed, which we should be able to cover. If we are mobilized we can certainly attain it. The price of petrol and diesel should be increased, which could sort out heavy traffic jams. I also support the stamp reform registration prices taken and the registration of casual labour. This could control the ILP. I also support the labour welfare scheme.

Thus, this budget is for the needy and poorer public and it truly is quite comforting.

S P E A K E R : Now Mr. John Siamkunga.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Our budget today is highly commendable, as it is for Rs.4367.3429 crore. On the other hand, our fiscal deficit with regard to gross state domestic product is only 2.4% and our outstanding debt is 49.6%. According to the 13th Finance Commission which declared below 85% as safe we still are safe.

Our GSDP project for 2011-2012 is ₹7260.75 crores. 59.47% will be provided by the service sector, 21.97% by the Industrial sector and 18.56% by the Agriculture sector. If we utilize and give more attention to the private players, they can increase contributions from the Industrial sector.

We have Rs.173 crores for the states own tax revenue, which is quite inadequate. So we need to take necessary measures for improvement. We then have Rs.237 crores for the states own non-tax revenue, on which we can still improve. We'll have Rs.709 crores from central taxes and duties, Rs.2627.29 crores from central government grants-in-aid and Rs.493 crores from loans and advances.

With regard to the expenditure, salary for government workers comes to ₹1447.72 crores, which is 33%, pension ₹219 crores, loan interest ₹270 crores, ₹707 crores for executive cost. Let us hope we can meet our estimated expenditure.

There is ₹186 crores for “supplement to budget” which is commendable. It shows that AMCs and VCs will be taken care of. It shows that this government gives importance to decentralization of power.

Another important point is ₹234 crores for NLUP. I hope this brings about great economic upliftment, especially of the poor. I also commend the “Administrative Initiatives” which will furnish the Taxation department. We received 79.88% as taxes during 2009-2010, but that quickly sank. Our Finance minister has indeed done a commendable job.

It is also estimated that about ₹135 crores would come in from VAT, which will be a huge improvement. But we also need to make changes in taking VAT, as the money goes into the pockets of individuals and not the government. The way-bill is also used inappropriately, which needs to be changed.

The changes made with regard to water supply, compulsory registration of revenue related documents and compulsory registration of labours, seem to show promise of progress. The labourers need training as many do not understand the labourer’s way of life.

Just as we contribute to the church, we should also contribute to the state which will prove that we are true citizens of the state. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Next, Mr. B.Lalthlengliana.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am sorry to be that the budget estimate has decreased with a difference of ₹50 crore in comparison to the previous year. We have many projects at hand, which might not be met with such a difference. As the NLUP is the government’s Flagship policy, I suggest ₹234 crore sanctioned for it.

I would also like to suggest ₹30 to ₹35 lakhs for the MLA instead of ₹25 lakhs. We have to take into account the situation of the different constituencies, especially rural areas.

I support the estimate for Lunglei High Power Committee of ₹7 crores where as ₹15 crores estimate for Rajiv Gandhi stadium could also be increased to ₹25 crores. The estimate of ₹4 crores for Thuamluaia Mual is again too much. And I also do not comprehend the LSC and Periodic patta from the compulsory registration. It would be extra expenditure and a burden for the poor. I suggest that land lease compulsory registration be done from the different central departments.

Mr. Speaker, we seem to have estimated ₹13 crores for the completion of the Aizawl indoor stadium. So, is this sufficient and when can it be utilized? And when will the Champhai indoor stadium which has almost been completed be inaugurated? ₹34 crores were received from the estimated budget of ₹37 crores for the construction of the Mizoram sports academy in Zobawk in 2008. However, no work has been done. So, what will become of the money invested in it?

It does not mean that Agriculture or Horticulture is not productive, but it is to be noted that Fisheries too is beneficial for concerned farmers as it can produce 10 to 20 quintals a year just from one bigha of fish pond. More efforts may be given to fish production in order to meet our needs as there is potentiality if enough provision is made available.

On Sericulture, It is regretted to learn that the budget is decreases comparing to last year. I cannot imagine how the department will manage itself with this minimum budget provision allotted this time. It is to be noted that among all the departments under the state government, only Sericulture and Fisheries could bring immediate self-sufficiency through their products as it is not necessary to sign MoU in order to sell the products since it is always in demand.

On PWD, demand for repairing works amounting to crore. During the Financial year 2010-11, there is a friction between the PWD and Finance Department as PWD claims the fund being diverted while Finance stands that no fund is received from the 13th Finance Commission. It would be appreciated if the concerned Minister clarified the situation. According to the guideline of the Finance Commission, if the government failed produce utilization certificate of Non-Plan Revenue Expenditure (NPRES) which is ₹32.56 crore, the ₹19 crore fund reserve for Mizoram cannot be released. The question is whether we received ₹32.56 crore last year. If not, it is important to determine means to obtain the ₹19 crore reserved for Mizoram. If the department spends 4.05 from non-plan and 1.27 from plan only, how are we going to prepare the utilization certificate? Here in Annexure I & II, we see our fund amount is ₹34,373,842. Are we going to lose all this? It will be of a great loss for our state if we cannot procure the sanction. Thank you.

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

2:00 PM

S P E A K E R : I now call upon Pu Nirupam Chakma to resume the discussion.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, first of all I would like to thank the hon'ble Finance Minister Pu H. Liansailova for giving us a well-equipped finance document which consists of eleven documents. During all my years

as a member of this House, I never receive this kind of financial document which is so well-equipped. It truly is an achievement. From this document, we can see details of the Mizoram State Budget. I, therefore, would like to convey my thanks to the Finance Minister, Parliamentary Secretary and Department officials.

If we look into the Budget, the Revenue Receipt for 2010-11 is ₹3716.32 and in 2011-12, it will be increased at ₹3748.30 and the capital receipt for 2011-12 will become ₹573.39 crore with the total expenditure of ₹4216.09 crore. My concern lies in salaries of government employees for which larger portion of our budget will be spent. Pu Speaker, my point is that only budget allotted for purchase of food grain is directly benefitted by the people of Mizoram. In the previous Ministry, only 20 to 30 crore was put aside for the people while ₹234 crore is allotted for the same in this Ministry. That is the difference between the previous Ministry and the current Ministry.

Regarding the budget contribution, most of the contributions are coming from Non-Revenue Tax, Central Government and Land Tax contributed by every family but the largest beneficiaries are government servants. So, we have to determine the fact that the amount of professional tax contributed by government servants remains the same even though they receive all kinds of benefits as the poor. We also have to determine subsidy on supply of food grain. If we do not want to surrender our ration card and still need the supply of electricity, we have to determine solution for the problems of our economic growth. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Next, Pu H. Zothangliana.

Pu H.ZOTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, thank you. First I would like to thank the Finance Minister, Parliamentary Secretary and Officials for preparing a good Budget as we are on the verge of financial crisis. As my fellow member pointed out, larger portion of our budget goes to the government servants for their salary, medical expenses, office expenses and pension. In this regard, we have to give more thoughts and find an alternative measure. If not, we will soon face financial crisis as the situation is not good. If we look into the current budget, we will see that 34.33% goes to government servants while 272.89 crore is for pension. It means that about 40.81% of our budget goes to government services. While this is the case, about 8958 posts including in the District Councils are lying vacant. This indicates that the government is strong enough without filling up the said vacant posts. Many departments prepare their budget by inclusion of such vacant posts which result in excess expenditure by the year end. We have to stop this practice and determine means to cancel unwanted post. If not, our financial situation will doom into crisis in the end. Besides, we have to increase our revenue taxes whether on Guest Houses, supply of electricity or on food grains. As stated by Pu Nirupama, subsidy in food grain is collectively benefitted by the rich and poor and we have to stop the system immediately. With all this in mind, I congratulate our Finance Minister for preparing a good budget as i give my support to pass it. Thank you.

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

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, I must say that we have a good budget presentation with the new Finance Minister and I am very thankful for that. In examining our budget, there are few points which i cannot understand and so may be clarified by concerned minister when winding up his speech.

At the out set, i have to mention regarding the detail of fund transfer to local bodies as shown in Supplementary Budget. While allotting fund to Aizawl Municipal Council, the detail distribution is not highlighted. Obviously partiality is existed in the allotment of fund towards the ruling and opposition members. If this is true, we have to think once again so that equal share is given in all municipal areas.

Secondly, if we look into Demand for Grants, NLUP is shown as ACA in our Annual Plan Budget not in the sense we expected. Since it is a flagship scheme of the ruling party, the government will concentrate on the programme for the success by any means which consequently effected budget allotment of all departments as the budget of 18/19 departments decreases this year for that reason. While the salary component is higher, the work component is very low. So, it is difficult to expect this ministry to make a good performance. Besides, PWD Department claimed that Finance Department pulls their fund from Finance Commission while the later denied. With your permission Pu Speaker, I would like to read this paragraph – ‘We had decided to provide grant-in-aid for roads maintenance to the extent of 50% of the requirement assess for non PMGSY roads and 90% of the requirement assess for PMGSY roads for 4 years starting from 2011-2012’ and it also said that ‘the total amount of grant work out to ₹19.30 crores and the State year wise break-up of this is given at annexure 12.16’. This shows that there is a fund of 32.56 from which 19.04 come as grant-in-aid. Hence, it would be appreciated if this matter be clarified by the concerned minister.

Thirdly, our leaders mentioned that even though Lengpui is a choice of the expert team for the site of NIT, it has to be cancelled due to compensation. But if we look into today’s newspapers, the Joint Action Committee of Lengpui claimed they are ready to hand over their land freely to NIT and without compensation. This contradicted what the government claimed as their reason for abandoning Lengpui. If that is the case, why not open NIT at Lengpui as it is convenient in every aspect as it is accessible by road and air? In this regard, may concerned minister clarify the situation?

Fourthly, I am very happy that this year, we have a performance budget and work programme as well. But the work programme is incomplete as many departments failed to submit their performances. It would be appreciated if all the departments submitted their respective complete work programme in the future. Pu Speaker, it is learned that out of investment of ₹90.75 crores of Sinking Fund for Reserved Fund, ₹21.75 crores is proposed this year. What is the purpose and how it will to be executed? Not long ago, rules for Guarantee Redemption Fund were drafted and this year, ₹100 crore is proposed. If we look into the Annual Financial Statement, it was clubbed with others under the General and Other Reserved Funds indicating it purposes. Comparing to last year, the difference in the Budget Estimates is ₹27.75

crores and for Disbursement, ₹800. I want to know why large amount of investment is made in plan allocation of every department.

Regarding revenue receipt, the proposed target for Forest & Wildlife is ₹660 lakh as it was only ₹380 lakh last year. We have to determine whether the target could be achieved? Likewise, revenue receipt from Non-Ferrous Mining & Quarrying Industries last year was ₹485 lakh but the proposed target for this year amounting to ₹886 lakh which doubled last year's receipt. It would be appreciated if the case is re-examined. Besides, Pu Speaker, I opine it is time to revise fund allotted to MLA as it is of the previous ministry of MNF as all the members are bound to utilize their fund accordingly. If not possible, fund may be allotted to us in a department-wise as practiced also in Meghalaya. Thank you.

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

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, it is our tradition from the past that the Group leader and Opposition Leader were given a chance to speak in the last part of the discussion but it has not been practiced on many occasions. So, I think we have to continue the practice from the next discussion.

S P E A K E R : What the hon'ble member has said was true and I must call upon the minister or the House leader to conclude our discussion if there are none to speak. Yes, Pu P.P. Thawla.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. It is truly appreciative as our Finance Minister presents the budget for this year with the detail documents and plans allocated to each department. We have a handsome amount of plan budget for the year 2011-2012 i.e. ₹1,700 crores. So, I want to remind the government of the importance of southern region and its people for their remoteness in every way. I visited Kawlchaw recently and found out that the link road to Phura, one of the most potential areas of the district is blocked. Unless the blockade is cleared immediately, many people will starve for foods. So, special attention may please be given by the government.

Regarding MLA Fund, it was increased from ₹5 to ₹10 lakhs in 2005 and again to ₹15.20 lakh. The present ministry in 2009 again increased the amount to ₹25 lakh and no revision had yet been made since then. What is the reason whereas every member knows its usefulness as no misuse of fund is never heard of?

NLUP, as known to us all is the flagship programme of this ministry as ₹1,700 is put aside for this financial year. I wonder if this is the main reason for the existing

financial problem of our state. Some people might have benefited from the huge fund allotted, but some suffers as it has not been equally distributed. This further causes a problem to departmental development works.

Regarding Kaladan multi-project, i want to say that construction of road is proposed from Lawngtlai to Zochachhuah the soil in this region which is found as weak and so the alignment may be diverted to Phura where approach road is constructed with befitted soils available for the project. Besides Pu Speaker, construction of double lane road from Tuipang to Lungpuk via Laki taken up by the BRTF has not been continued. Attention may be give in this regard as this will affect the progress of Kaladan multi-project. This project is expected to produce 450 Mega Watts and if there are two or more dams constructed between Kawlchaw-Kai to Lawngmasu, it will be much beneficial for the people of Saiha District.

Regarding supply of Power, I am happy to see newly constructed Tower Line between Lawngtlai and Saiha which is very essential for this part as landslide and felling trees destroyed number of posts. Besides, ZEDA introduced power supply from solar which was very useful for rural people but the new Ministry stopped the supply in 2009. Can this be renewed?

Regarding supply department, it will be much appreciated if the government expedited stocking of foodgrains in rural areas before monsoon season. In the meantime, i have to say that the practice of corruption is commonly known in supply department particularly among the Storekeepers by doing carrying contract work without the knowledge of the government while many assigned Carrying Contractors are deprives of their contract works. In the meantime, Pu Speaker, rice purchased on special permit are often resold at the market at the rate of 1000/- and above which i opined as of the filthiest trade. It will be much grateful if concerned authority looked into the matter so that the system is stopped immediately.

On Medical, I am a regular visitor of Civil Hospital and i have come to learn that a just single nurse is assigned to attend quite a large ward with many patients. Is it possible to assign more nurses in such a larger ward? In this connection Pu Speaker, we have number of nurses recruited on contract basis. If there is no chance for their regularization yet, I opine their salary should be raised as some has already been working for a couple of years. That is all I have to say. Thank you Pu Speaker.

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

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Obviously many of us hardly had chance to study our budget since we were given only 2 days. So, it will be much appreciated if at least 3 days is allotted to study the budget. I supposed for this reason, many of us are unable to make an active participation in the discussion of our budget. Nevertheless, I am happy to see that our Finance Minister introduces a good budget in the House.

It is to be noted that we are in the middle of world re-session as the world economy deteriorated and so we all are suffering the effect. Besides, with the vision of India to become one of the third world powers in the year 2020, the 13th Finance Commission made a guideline as the State budget too was prepared according to this guideline. Hopefully, debt of the country amounting to more than ₹3400 crore may be cleared off gradually. Since we are heading for recovery, it is first necessary to make correction of the formula. As we are in a period of transition, I beg the people to understand our financial position and give us time to improve our economy.

It is known to us all that our state remains at the mercy of the central government due to lack of resources. While this is the case, it is kind of difficult to take for granted incorrect bills or other related documents introduced in the House as it is the result of negligence of the officials. So, concerned officials may be instructed to give more dedication and determination in dealing with their works. We have witnessed this kind of error especially in the Law passed by the house which were vetted by the Law Department despite number of printing mistake or else as it degrade the status of the House. Besides, it is obvious that cases referred to certain departments by the Committees of Assembly were not given enough importance. Hence, I think it is necessary to organize training of concerned officers and staff at ATI with matters relating to the Assembly.

As we see here in the budget, contribution made by the government servants in our state is quite small in compare to employees under the central government. So, I opine it is important for the government to determine means to increase contribution of tax by the government servants so as to improve our economy. For the same reason, the previous ministry also determined increase of tax collection on Land Revenue. Now, wine manufacturing at Hnahlan has become an important source of income for the state. But the future as to whether to continue with the project is blurred as various churches objected the project which discourages many growers of grapes.

Pu Speaker, regarding increase of LPG rate, I opine only luxury items such as Petrol and Diesel should be increased. In order to narrow down the gap between rich and poor in our state, collection of tax on wealth and building may also be determined so that the poor may benefit wealth from the rich.

Above all, Pu Speaker, it is truly appreciative as the government, with a view of solution of employment problem of the youths today, concentrates in construction of sports stadium as some has already been completed and some under construction.

Priority of this ministry is to alleviate condition of the poor knowing that we cannot always depend on the central. So, we have to determine resources on our own for which the youths should be encouraged accordingly. So, I give my support to this budget. Thank you.

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

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, I am happy that we are having another

budget session with a good budget presented by hon'ble Finance Minister. It is truly appreciative as the government determines to combine various courses of trainings on one occasion to minimize expenditure of the government. Pu Speaker, we have a department which needs upgradation intensively i.e. the department of Weight & Measures. Despite its extensive coverage to pursue the departmental works such as checking of the quality of various oil products and foodstuffs, insufficiency of staff impedes the progress of works. Therefore, it is highly necessary for the government to give priority to upgradation of this department.

Regarding AH & Vety department Pu Speaker, I would also like to point out that no step has yet been taken in regard to my request to construct check gate at New Vervek to verify imported domestic animals and illegal traders from Manipur. Besides, I made a request to the House for setting up of Rural Health-care Centre at Zohmun, situated in the boundary yet, it is sad to learn that the project cannot be accomadated in this budget. Again, we obviously have to wait for another time for construction of SDO (Civil) quarter at Sakawrdai and creation of the post of SDPO both proposed at Sakawrdai. The need for strengthening of Police forces at Darlawn, New Vervek, Sakawrdai, Vaitin and Zohmun is mentioned in the House repeatedly but to no avail. Presently, BOP building at Zohmun is in need of renovation as it may not endure another monsoon season due to leakage of the roof. Is there a way to supply roofing materials from RD department?

For upliftment of rural areas, we received fund for Social Education from R.D. department. From this budget, only ₹300 lakhs is allotted which, as I opine as insufficient. Since MLA fund could not be made cover the whole area of our respective constituency, fund for development of rural areas is very useful for development of many villages. Hence, the amount may be increased. Besides, it is important for concerned authority to determine appointments of only of teachers who are willing to work in rural areas. If possible, it may wise to favor applicant from the concerned local area as most of the appointed teachers from outside applied transfer of their post barely after a year which often causes problem for concerned students. Within Sinlung Development Council, there are number of school which need upgradation especially Sakawrdai, the headquarters as the educational standard of such schools are quite low due to shortage of teachers. Is it possible to construct the school buildings and upgrade them at the same time? If possible, it will be much appreciated if grant fund for construction of such schools is increased considering escalation of cost of housing materials. With the hope for the future of my constituency, I give my support to this budget. Thank you.

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

Pu LALRINMAWIA RALTE : Pu Speaker, I would like to thank for giving me the opportunity to participate in the discussion of our budget 2011-2012. Many viewers from TV particularly from rural areas complain about

excessive use of English language in the house. However, it may, as well be understood that there are certain matters which needs to be explained in English. As the hon'ble member Pu T.T. Zothansanga has pointed out, time to study the budget is very limited whereas there are members who are having problems to deal within our constituency at the same time.

First, it is well-understood that bearing of debt is indispensable practice of any government, yet, we have to determine means to reduce it. Accordingly, we have seen from this budget presentation that our debt is decreasing every year. In compare to the previous Ministry also, the decreasing rate determined from our GDP is 49%. We have to erase the idea that the government keeps the key and we may ask for it when needed without holding our hands to work. We have to abolish this kind of thought and try to give our best support to the policy of the government. If not, we will soon face financial crisis. We have to participate in reducing our debt by contributing taxes and by determining source of production increase our GDP. By the next financial year, we are expected to produce ₹7216.75 crore whereas our debt will become ₹3580.72 crore and it may as well be reduced further if our production is improved. If we can meet his, our debt percentage will come to 49.62% from the 90% debt leave behind by the previous ministry. The state economy this year is expected to be increased by 9.57% whereas the country economy by 8.6%.

Regarding NLUP, the flagship programme of this ministry is quite successful at present. Many of us may tire of hearing this word but, for rural people, it is a word of blessings. This year alone, ₹234 crore is allotted for NLUP which concerned mostly of farmers covering 60% of the population of Mizoram. It is to be noted that in some other states, number of farmers committed suicide every year due to financial problem as the state government could not cover the whole population of farmers. Hence, we should count ourselves lucky to have a government which prioritizes interest of the farmers. While this is the case, It is truly appreciated as the government implemented NLUP project to alleviate poor section of our society. I, therefore, whole-heartedly support this budget. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Our business for today is finished. We will resume the discussion tomorrow, the 19th July, 2011 at 10:30 AM.

Sitting adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

**NINTH SITTING ON TUESDAY, THE 19th JULY, 2011
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)**

QUESTIONS

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

LAYING OF PAPERS

2. **Pu H.ROHLUNA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a statement correcting the reply given on the 15th July, 2011 to unstarred question No.10 ballot No.13 asked by Pu Nirupam Chakma regarding Ration Card leh Buhfai chungchang.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2011-2012.

3. General Discussion on the Budget for the year 2011-2012 to resume (to be concluded).

NGURTHANZUALA
Secretary

S P E A K E R : Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.
Galatians 6:9

We will take up questions and answers. I invite Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte to ask starred question No.91.

Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble minister for Education be pleased to state - Whether the Education Department have an intention to suffice the inadequacy of Primary and Middle School teachers in rural villages?

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

Pu LALSAWTA : Pu Speaker, answer to the hon'ble member's question is: – Yes, we have.

S P E A K E R : Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte, Pu Lalthansanga and Pu P.P.Thawla to ask supplementary questions.

Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE : Pu Speaker, thank you. In rural areas, many schools are in need of sufficient teachers. In my constituency, only Lungdai, Kawnpui and Serkhan have sufficient teachers while some schools only possess one teacher as some are without Head Teacher. Where enrollment of 100-150 students, only one or two teacher are there. It effect the education system in rural as the students are who suffered most. Therefore, I want to ask the hon'ble minister when the government can relieve us of our problem by giving Headmaster and Teachers for Middle and Primary School in rural areas.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. It seems that there is a complaint from every corner regarding lack of teacher. In my constituency Lungkawlh, we have no regular teacher for the school of about 130 students. May a regular teacher or headmaster be provided before 1st August?

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, my supplementary questions are as follows:

- (1) Is transfer of teacher from rural area to urban area the reason why we face inadequacy in teacher?
- (2) Can this be solved by appointing teacher from the local or the nearby villages?
- (4) Can this be practiced in recruitment of teacher under any scheme?

- (3) Is Transfer & Posting Rules made by the previous Ministry still effective? If not, what is the reason?
- (5) What is the ratio of teacher : student in Primary, Middle and High School?
- (6) May the government follow National Norms in this regard? If, not, why?

S P E A K E R : We all have problems in this regard especially from rural areas. So, we may not take another question. Now, I invite the hon'ble minister to reply.

Pu LALSAWTA : Pu Speaker, I would like to make MINISTER clarification in this regard. In some places, we have a school where there is no teacher and in some places there is only one. We are trying to solve this problem by giving them two teachers where there is none. We also appoint another teacher where there is only one teacher. Right now, we cannot cover them all but we are trying our best. After the amalgamation of Class VIII in Middle School, we faced many problems as most of the teachers are under-graduate. Therefore, I want the hon'ble members to know that the government is aware of the problems but nothing much can be done right now. It is a well-known fact that Aizawl city has the largest number of teachers yet, we have to know that many of them are posted in Aizawl due to ill-health and some are of the local people. However, we are trying our best to rationalize and equip them to their best interest.

Besides, I think we got the wrong impression on pupil, teacher ratio. If I am not wrong, the Central norm is that the student of a school should not be more than 30 in each class in order to have effective teaching. We should know that this cannot be followed in practical. In reply to the question of Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte, we are doing our best for rationalization and make requisition for more teachers. Regarding Headmaster, we have been facing many problems in this regard as many of them declined the offer. We have to know that the post of Headmaster is usually occupied by the senior-most without any other benefits. As such, many of them are reluctant to leave their home and reside in rural villages.

Regarding Lungkawlh, we know their problem but our manpower and fund is not enough to cover all our problems. So, I request the Sub-Headquarters of MSU to be patient in their demand. As already stated, we are trying to do rationalization during the month of August. In the meantime, some people from the south rejected teacher appointed for the school of their villages with a demand to post others from the local or the nearby village instead and the case will soon be determined.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, may the name of such villages be informed to the House?

Pu LALSAWTA : Pu Speaker, we will do, if necessary.
MINISTER

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, we should not entirely blame the concerned villages as we also faced that problem in my constituency as instead of the newly posted pregnant woman, concerned village preferred to hire another to be paid from donation as I have even made recommendation to that effect. I opine the government bears responsibility for that.

Pu LALSAWTA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, as most of the constituencies faces this kind of problem, we are trying to resolve it through rationalization along with transfer and posting and we will also try to be careful in its selection. We have to remove separatism from our mind and try to accept what come to us. If not, this will cause many problems in the future.

S P E A K E R : Now, Pu B. Lalthlengliana to ask his starred question No.92.

Pu B.LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for Education department be pleased to state – What is the reason behind shortage of class room and teacher after the amalgamation of class VII to Middle School.

S P E A K E R : The hon'ble minister to reply.

Pu LALSAWTA : Pu Speaker, answer to hon'ble member MINISTER Pu B.Lalthlengliana's question is – Out of 270 posts approved by the Cabinet, 140 posts of Class VII teacher was ready for recruitment. Besides, 287 teachers were moved from SSA; 287 Classrooms was build and 349 were under construction.

S P E A K E R : We will take supplementary question from Pu B.Lalthlengliana and will be followed by Pu K. Liantlinga and then Dr. R. Lalthangliana.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, my questions are –

- (1) What is the reason for recruitment of only 140 teachers while the Cabinet approved recruitment of 270 teachers?
- (2) Does the government think that this will suffice our needs or the DP&AR against it?
- (3) Why not recruit as approved by the cabinet when we are facing an immense inadequacy of teacher in rural areas.
- (4) With 287 posts converted from SSA, how many schools are yet to be covered and how many school building are going to be constructed?
- (5) Is Khawbung Middle School being under construction or not?

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. My first question is – If the government use PPP mode, how many teachers it will be affected? What will be their condition? My second question is – The hon’ble minister gave his assurance in the last Budget Session that ME School under my constituency will be renovated but it has not been fulfilled till date. According to the Parliamentary Practice, assurance once given in the House by the Minister should be accomplished within 3 months and if not finished, application for extension should be made. But in this case, neither of them is followed and so I request the concerned officials to give important to what was said in the House. May the concerned officials explain the exact condition and progress?

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I want to ask why we proceed to amalgamation of Class VIII to Middle School without making constructive plan before hand. What is the teaching performance in the current year? How can we achieve quality education without giving a proper teaching method if the government still not provides sufficient trained teacher? What about Mid-day meal? Is the system introduced in every school or not? If not, what kind of action will be taken? Lastly, what is the result of written test examination and interview of Primary School teachers conducted last year?

S P E A K E R : The hon’ble minister Pu Lalsawta to reply.

Pu LALSAWTA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answers to hon’ble members questions are as follows: - Firstly, out of 270 posts approved by the cabinet, 140 Nos. were for Middle Schools and the rest for High School and Higher Secondary School. Secondly, the amalgamation of Class VIII to Middle School was done as demanded by “The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Act, 2009”. Thirdly, regarding construction of Khawbung Middle School, I think it is included but I opine the question of its contractor is not relevant. Thirdly, regarding PPP mode (Public Private Partnership), we have to know that the ‘Public’ here refer to the government and ‘private’ refer to the company, individual or local body and its equivalent. The government cannot support PPP mode due to shortage of fund as already stated by me two or three days ago.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, what I want to know is whether the government can Put Mission School under different category as it has a deficit status.

Pu LALSAWTA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, we have to know that it cannot be Put as a special category because of its present status. But, some deficit schools are taken over by the government as some Adhoc are Put under Deficit and many schools are aided with lump sum fund. This practice cost us ₹2,000 lakh every year and become a burden for the department.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, I think the answer is not clear enough. What we want to know is whether there is an intention to follow Draft Rules prepared by the Consultative Committee in which the three categories such as Deficit School, Adhoc and Lump sum should be Put under one rule. Many schools and teachers want to know reaction of the government to this case.

Pu LALSAWTA : Pu Speaker, right now we are operating MINISTER outside the law so as to meet the demand of Mission School. Therefore, we are trying to make rules in order to meet this demand. However, before we complete drafting the rules, we have been facing many protests and even the elders of certain churches shared to us their opinion in this regard. But we have to make some sort of amendment in the rules in order to administer Mission schools and other categories with appropriate system. Regarding the question of Pu Liantlinga, I do not know we have any reminder relating to giving of assurances.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, as Chairman of Assurance Committee, I think it is my duty to inform the House that there are 35 follow up assurances in this regard. I also want to state that the concerned departments did not respond to some assurances which impede the progress of work. So, it may be wise for all the ministers to give instruction to their respective departments so that any assurance is pursued accordingly.

Pu LALSAWTA : Pu Speaker, as far as my knowledge is MINISTER concern, we have not yet received any letter from Assurance Committee. However, it is my duty to give assurance in respect of continuation of construction of Republic School which is under construction from fund collected from various sources. To get back to teachers, we are trying our best to allot school teacher to those who have not one. Regarding mid-day meal, we can provide only to government school right now. Regarding recruitment of Primary Teachers, it has now been on hold as per request of Finance and DP & AR to wait for the report of the Study Team.

S P E A K E R : Next, Pu T.T. Zothansanga to ask Starred Question No.93.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon'ble minister for School Education Department be pleased to state – No. of teachers and others recruited under SSA/RMSA during 2009 - 2011.

S P E A K E R : Pu Lalsawta, hon'ble Minister to reply.

Pu LALSAWTA : Pu Speaker, the answer is – Under SSA, MINISTER 1974 Nos. of teachers and others were recruited during this period. Under RMSA, 429 Nos. of teachers and others were recruited for the same purposes totally 2403 Nos.

S P E A K E R : Now, supplementary question from Pu T.T. Zothansanga and Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu T.T.ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, my first question is: - What is the expected time for completion of construction of High School Building at Champhai? Secondly, whether advertisement was issued for conducting the examination and personal interview for recruitments of teacher under this department?

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, before asking my question, I want to inform the House that Chawlhmun High School can spare one Hindi teacher if the need arises. My question is: – Is there a way to implement RMSA where needed while there are many Lump sum aided Schools in which their teachers cannot even draw their salary for a long time?

S P E A K E R : Now, concerned minister to reply the ongoing questions.

Pu LALSAWTA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I want the hon'ble members to know that there are two types of work relating to School Building such as construction of new building and the other renovating old building. We cannot Push the contractor to expedite the construction as the main factor is the delay of provision of 2nd installment which concerned central authority. It may be taken for granted even if it is completed sooner or later. Whatsoever, problem does not involve in construction of the other 32 schools during 2011-2012. Even if the progress of work is slow or fast, it does not create any problem in Education Department. Another problem, on the other hand, is using of some school buildings by the local people for a Public meeting while it is in half-complete as window glasses were broken as some useful materials were lost. Hence, I opine it should be completed for the sole purpose as soon as possible.

Pu Speaker, it is to be noted that RMSA and SSA have different framework and with this, we have an Executive Committee with the Chief Secretary as its chairman. We urge the government to uphold the motto, 'Let justice flow like a river' in carrying out our duties and functions. However, it is not easy to revive the system as it is our habitual practice since fifty or sixty years back. We resolved to Put up advertisement for interview and exam as far as possible but loophole still existed in the course of our sincerity. We are deeply sorry for the state of being verified and revised.

Moreover, we did not follow the procedure laid down by the previous government and we did our level best to satisfy and benefit the people. Pu Speaker, we are grateful to the hon'ble member Pu Lalduhoma for the question he raised about the Hindi teacher and I think it is the time to discuss about the issues on Hindi teachers in questions & answers hour. The previous government recruited 500 Nos. Hindi teachers and 687 Nos. at waiting list to

be recruited before the general election. Unfortunately, Sanction was not issued for 500 Nos. Hindi teachers and hence could not be continued. Following the sanction for 687 Nos., it was clearly stated in the scheme that one sanction order was Put up for Upper Primary, Middle School, High School and Higher Secondary, but only Primary Teachers were recruited in our state and as a result, they could not entertain us. We have now recruited the said teachers for Middle and High School. Questions arise why the 500 are not recruited and our answers are that we did not reject them, we recruited some of those qualified who have applied for the post of Middle School. We must also discuss regarding Adhoc teacher and RMSA teacher in this august House. Adhoc teacher are recruited through proper channel where increments and pay scale are based on rules. Meanwhile, RMSA has also been introduced but due to insufficient financial provision, there is an opinion to set up such schools only in the areas where urgently needed. If we could negotiate with them, they may offer their recruitment channel to ease the problems. But, an association was formed amongst and rejected the negotiation.

Pu Speaker, it is a difficult task to achieve negotiation with them as we cannot create even the posts of peon or teacher from fund which may be sanctioned by the government. We are not only inviting trouble as we have experienced in this House. It seems that we do not have such skills.

S P E A K E R : Let the questions and answers be enough. You can wind up now.

Pu LALSAWTA : Pu Speaker, I answered as it was asked. MINISTER They have not understood how we are trying to solve the case. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Question and answer hour is over. Today, two of the members Pu J.H. Rothuama, Minister has gone to Delhi to attend a Committee, and Pu Joseph Lalhimpua is being invited to inaugurate a second HDFC Bank. Being the High Power Chairman of Lunglei District, he shall inaugurate the bank today. We are also grateful to see that the hon'ble member Pu S. Laldingiana is among us. We shall now invite hon'ble minister, Pu H. Rohluna to lay the paper for the Unstarred Question No.10, ballot No.13 questioned by Pu Nirupam Chakma on July 15th, 2011 on the issue of Ration Card and Rice.

Pu H. ROHLUNA : Pu Speaker, I lay on the table of the MINISTER House, the correction of Unstarred Question No.10 of July 15th 2011 questioned by respected member Pu Nirupam Chakma.

S P E A K E R : Let the copy be distributed. We will continue with General Discussions on the Budget. Twelve members have finished yesterday with a long span of time. I rang the first bell after 13 minutes and the second bell in the 15th minutes. We ought to remember that we are having General Discussions yet shall discuss on important matters or reports of our constituencies in Demand hour. We must consider the bird eye view of the

budget and as to whether does it stress on development and progress of poverty, developments on education, did sports activities widen and develop the scope of our youths, did we gradually progress since last year, do we need to progress in this field or area, do we need to revise and increase the budget in this area on any matter shall be discussed in this general discussion. We shall now invite Pu Lal Thanzara, being the first to raise his hand.

Pu LAL THANZARA : Pu Speaker, I would like to support the budget presented by the hon'ble Finance Minister and I hope that the House agrees too. Our budget was spoken of by various members yesterday and I think today there is nothing much to discuss on the budget. I shall not stress on the fact and figures, but only a few.

According to the Economic Survey Report 2010-2011, the economic growth rate of Mizoram is expected to be 9.57 % which is higher than Indian economic growth rate i.e. 8.56%, a great achievement, more than we expected. But, we need to put more labour on Industries and Agriculture Sector which is very clear. Therefore, our flagships programme NLUP clearly proved to be useful. The budget also technically indicates that the government is trying its level best to improve the economic status of Mizoram, whether in expenditure or profit at all levels from the budget.

Moreover, we are expecting ₹79.15 crores from the 13th Finance Commission for department relief. We are grateful with this offer and yet to receive the offer, our state is expected to decrease the fiscal deficit to 3% of GSDP within 2014 and 2015. However, referring the budget speech para 37, we are already at the rate of 2.4% in 2011-12 which is a great progress. Beyond this Pu Speaker, as you have said, this budget would cover all rural communities where the entire primary sectors and would raise the living standard of people in rural areas. We shall stress on NLUP and top priority would be given for this. Rs.234.84 crore is spent to that effect and it is praiseworthy that the same amount could be invested with 45,139 families supported by NLUP where primary sectors are progressing which indicates the benefit of NLUP.

In addition, we have a budget for the primary sectors as well as those employed in the Public sector an amount of Rs.1447.42 Crore. From this sanction, it is clear that the government is taking up steps to raise the condition of those living in rural areas with NLUP without any effect on the Public sector's plan. Therefore, the budget invested for NLUP is 6.18 times the pays of government servants. There are rumors that fund from various departments is diverted for NLUP. However, what I have to say is that no one can be jealous of the rural people as they were provided with 60%. Whatever the source of the fund be, if we really care and love the people, we have to accept it.

Then, Congress Party during election campaign promised that youths will be encouraged in every field of sports with a clear-cut budget for Rajiv Gandhi Stadium. It is my pleasure to convey that we have sum of ₹1 Crore for furnishing Pu Thuamluaia's Playground with artificial grass. We are also grateful as we have artificial grass-turf fields at Assam Rifle Campus which is not common in India thanks to the efforts of the hon'ble Chief Minister and Sports Minister. Thus, our sportspersons could now develop their respective talents as we have a

bright future in sports. Today, a couple of our youths are engaged in one of the best football clubs in India by earning Rs.4 crore a year which indicates the future of the enthusiast youths in Mizoram.

Today, there is a great challenge amongst the players especially for those who are still financed by parents from all corners of Mizoram for there is a proposal to develop any enthusiast player. MFA is also inviting the current champion football club of Meghalaya Lajong to participate in the Independence Day's Football match in Mizoram. But from Manipur, Assam Regimental Centre and well known Shillong Football clubs like Arhim etc. informed their grievances for they were left out for the invitation. This shows that footballers from other states are attracted to play in our home ground. We could not invite many teams due to lack of funds as Lajong football club is the only among the 14 league clubs in India from North East where most of the players are Mizos. The manager proudly told the Telegraph that they were going to Mizoram to play Independence Day's Football invitation match. Hence, we are turning a new leaf in football in nationwide which will bring forth good tiding to those who are interests in sports. Apart from this, Indian Junior Team who are now in China which includes Malsawmfela and his brother Lalnunmawia of Ramhlun South in the team. There is also a chance for the youths in southern region to upgrade their talents with the help of a playground in Lunglei like an well-known football player from Saiha, Beikhokhai. Therefore, it is noteworthy of our development in sports as a result of effort made by the hon'ble Chief Minister as well as Sports Minister.

Long back when Rajiv Gandhi and Sonia Gandhi came to Mizoram, our youths demanded to provide us a world-class stadium in Mizoram with a promise that they will give them world-class players in return. And today, our government is constructing a world-class stadium as major works are now completed. In addition, as AR Ground is furnished with artificial grass-turf as many youths are inclined to pursue their interests in sports. Pu Speaker, furnishing of spectators gallery was done during the previous ministry just before the general election obviously to attract voters among the youths. If that was possible, they should have developed other areas where foundation stones were laid officially. Thus, it is truly appreciated that the hon'ble Chief Minister and Sports Minister for having laid the artificial grass-turf at AR Ground. At the same time, I express my appreciation to the hon'ble Finance minister for preparing a clear budget for sports. I hope that the members on your left would also agree as they would surely find this as a good budget. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

S P E A K E R : I call upon Pu R. Lalrinawma, and will be followed by Pu S. Laldingliana and Pu Lalthansanga.

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I praise the Regular Budget 2011-2012 being proposed by our Finance Minister as no members criticizes but only positively comments. Those members on the left also commented basing on the needs. I also want to share some points of gratitude. It is noteworthy that the 6th Pay commission has been implemented by our hon'ble Finance Minister in the previous year following desire of the government servants.

Since there is hardly any prospect for large scale industries or factories in Mizoram due to lack of adequate raw materials, machineries and scarcity of labour comparing with other places, government servants are considered as large scale industries of our state. If we set up big industries by importing all the factors from other states, the market price would be very high to compete with other states. It is a matter of gratefulness that the 6th Pay Commission is passed by the government which was eagerly awaited by the government employees extending up to the pension salaries where as pay of the government servants is received on regular basis which is highly appreciated. It is noteworthy that the rise in revenue surplus amounting to 16.63. It will be good if we publicize that Rs.3716.32 crore was received as surplus while the actual was Rs.3253.87 crore. This shows that the government is functioning at it level best.

I also found in the Finance Minister's Speech (para 21) that the channel for administrative approval and expenditure sanction is relaxes which is truly appreciable. Pu Speaker, from this approval, we can see that there is change in the government so as to evade many problems concerning this subject. I hope that the speech bears a fruitful result in the coming administration especially for the primary sectors like agriculture and those engaged in the industrial sectors. Departments dealing with seeds etc. would serve the people within a short duration if they receive sanction in time.

And, today it is appreciated that we are able to make great improvement as black topping of roads needs negotiation with seasonal changes if financial approval is simplified and utilized wisely.

Pu Speaker, I also agree with the introduction of raising tax as the government needs tax for development of the welfare of the people. Great news is the amendment of Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act, 2006 and its aftermath. NLUP, being the continuing flagship programme, it is appreciated as top priority is given and as a result, budget has been invested for the benefit of the people under poverty line as also stressed by the Leader of Opposition. Today, our Budget is invested for the poor and therefore important for us also to work hand in hand to alleviate the underprivileged in our society.

Pu Speaker, yesterday's newspapers indicates that Mizoram is going to host the North-East Games. If so, budget allotment to Sports department seems to be less sufficient and therefore should be added so that various fields such as Mitlamual at Zemabawk are improved for that event. It is appreciated as widening of the said field is done to some extents by the Village Council from NREGS funds. In the same manner, Tuirial Airfield is another favorable place for the event of North-East games and so the approach road should be improved immediately. This convenient ground is now being discarded but used only for bike racing. If improved, it could be utilized for some sorts of activities. Moreover, field of Sihphir Vengthar constructed by the Sports Council is another favorable place for the said event as it is not far from the city. If improved, I strongly believe that the problem of traffic may be relieved to some extents as any event of some levels could be hosted there but not in congested playground in the heart of the city.

Above all, Pu Speaker, what is important is appropriate utilization of the budget. Pu Speaker, it seems that departments emphasize more on the administrative cost rather than the departmental works while taking up development project. As I've said before, government servants are employed at a high rate of salary, so they must be able to do administrative work in the absence of extra financial funds. Work programme and performance budget was not shown before but now it is a must in any budget proposal. Let me focus on one of the Public Works Department statement on Construction of Pillar at Zuangtui, which is very important. An issue is raised due to negligence of department boundaries at the campus of Zuangtui Public Works Department. The local people reside there with the permission of LAD but, later PWD realizes it is their compound. Thus, boundary of any compound of the government should be known. As for the government is for the people, I opine the government should not create any difficulty for the people.

Lastly, there is no critical assessment on the budget, everything is smooth, and I am very pleased to state and appreciate with my support on the budget. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : I will now invite Pu S. Laldingliana.

Pu S. LALDINGLIANA : Pu Speaker, thank you. As far as my knowledge concern, I appreciate the budget and positive comments made by the members. In spite of all the provisions and welfare schemes, there are duties for the Public, government servants as well as the primary sectors. Firstly, I am very pleased to state that in spite of our financial shortcomings, our government is raising the salary of its workers with confidence somehow.

Not only this, the economy growth rate is affected by the increasing wages as the Employees on contract basis and Muster Roll workers are receiving the minimum wages rate. Moreover, I am very pleased to state that that it is a blessing for those involved in primary, secondary and tertiary occupations.

Pu Speaker, secondly, this budget signifies the governments concern for those engaged in the primary sectors. I am pleased to state that the hon'ble Chief Minister for approving increase of the Annual Plan to 1700 crore and raising up to ₹234 crore for our flagship programme NLUP to uplift those in poverty.

Pu Speaker, being a member elected from rural area, I want to make a few points of the advantages NLUP programme. While campaigning, we used to determine ways and means of the source of NLUP funds. We came across many desperate families who could not afford to deliver their weekly ration of rice, bread earners of some families used to covers 5-6 kilometers deep in the wood in search of cane shoots (hruizik) and spent two/three nights there to earn their livelihood. Reflecting on the Indian farmers, suicidal issues often prevail due to financial problems and we are fortunate to evade such problems due to the provisions of NLUP where about 60% of our population is benefitted.

Pu Speaker, concerning the budget for Lunglei High Power Committee, Rs.1 crore is allotted this year as the people of Lunglei district are quite happy with the provision. Pu Joseph Lalhimpuia, Chairman of the committee who is absent today for a reason will surely have many things to say in this regard.

In Pursuance of our party's propaganda for the election campaign, the government laid down new policies on sports & youths services. As a result, Pu Speaker, we now have Rajiv Gandhi stadium under construction with 5 crore rupees, thanks to the effort of our leaders. Pu Speaker, I attended the All India Sports Conference last year on behalf of the hon'ble minister of Sports and it was a quite a pleasure to tell to other members about development of Mizoram in sports. Pu Speaker, not only Rajiv Gandhi Sports Stadium at Mualpui, we also have Zobawk Sports Academy in Lunglei District which is under construction and the Regional Training Centre in Kolasib. At Pitarte-tlang of Champhai, construction of Multipurpose Indoor Stadium is completed and is now ready for inauguration.

In regard to Revenue department, step taken by concerned authority in setting up outlets for payment of taxes is much appreciative as it resolves the problem for concerned people.

In regard to Food Supply, it is to be noted that the government incurred a great loss every year for supplying rice to the people on subsidized rate since our own production of rice is barely sufficient even for two months. We are also very poor in resource mobilization as increase rate of our plan fund is low. If we do not have means to counter the problem, increase of our plan fund will be meaningless. So, I opine it is time to review the MLTP Act in order to make more revenue for our State. Since are now in a modern state, the welfare of the people is in the hand of the government. Yet, what we have to do in return is to strengthen the government by giving our share of tax to the government on a regular basis.

We can see from this budget how the government takes it step in order to improve our financial management. As instructed by the 13th Finance Commission, steps has been taken to improve the State income from stamp duty, taxes and other sources which result in increase of our revenue by 49 crore rupees during 2011 - 2012. Last year alone, the revenue surplus estimated to Rs.341.63 is achieved and 16.62 crore rupees remains even after utilizing it as necessary. This year, we are expecting to achieve 322.3 crore rupees despite economic condition of our state which is considerably poor.

Lastly, I want to point out that this budget covers all the people in Mizoram. It is truly appreciative for the government servants as well as for the farmers as it will give rise an opportunity to alleviate the poor. In addition, it will also bring improvement of the condition of the people as a whole. Apart from this, it is to be noted that the government servants and the people have our own share of duty to perform in this budget. So, I give my support to this budget so that it will be executed wisely and only for development of our State. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Now, we will call upon Pu K.S.Thanga and then Pu Lalthansanga.

Pu K.S.THANGA : Pu Speaker, We know that this is a Budget Session where the matters concerning the government are discussed. Here, we are not only discussing the revenue and expenditure of the State finance, but also how to improve and execute the funds. I, therefore, I opine that the members as well as the officials should give priority of attending the session regularly.

Pu Speaker, first I would like to express my heartfelt thank to the former Finance Minister who is our Chief Minister now, for his hard work in financial management. It is truly appreciated as we witnesses Treasury functioning normally and without delay of any bill. All works are done within the office hour which is a new development we have experienced in the closing of financial year.

Now, we are going to have an opening balance of Rs.8,099 lakh in this budget while the surplus is Rs.15,024 lakh which indicates our closing balance decreases yet, we still have a deficit of Rs.30.75 crore but this is minimal compare to the previous years. These improvements are all the result of rules of fiscal responsibility and budget management being followed by the government. Again, as a result, we are able to receive favor from the 13th Finance Commission which is expected to give rise to our revenue surplus of ₹322 crore. The State debt also decreases every year and if we could maintain the same capacity, increase rate of GSDP will soon exceeded the increase rate of Fiscal Deficit. For all these reasons, our Finance Minister and the officials truly deserve credit.

As my fellow members have stated, this Annual Budget is the budget for the people. In the past about Rs.20 crore was Put aside for the people but this Ministry on its first budget preparation, is able to Put Rs.100 crore. It is truly appreciated as 45,000 families benefitted this budget provision. Today, we are able to see the reality which we have been dreaming in the past. It is regretted as our political counterpart condemns NLUP despite its positive outcome in the alleviation of the economic condition of number of families. I would also like to emphasize that this programme is drafted under the guidance of a renowned Economist, our Prime Minister and Planning Vice Chairman Shri Montek Singh Ahluwalia as 70% of the people benefitted NLUP. So, it is wrong to speak against NLUP.

Pu Speaker, last but not the least, regarding promotion of sports, in recent years was taken up without appropriate programme or development. But now, we are able to improve skills of many talented youths by following more meaningful development programmes. It indicates that our budget is being utilized under the efficient financial management of this ministry. I, therefore, give my support to this budget to express my appreciation. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Now, I call upon Pu Lalthansanga to take his chance to speak.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. First, I thank God for giving me an opportunity to participate in the General discussion of this Budget. I want to start with the news that MLA fund which is still □ 25 lakhs. Besides, we are

going to receive an additional Central Assistant and AIDP. So, I want the minister to explain the exact meaning of our budget later in his wound up speech. While fund allotted as non-plan is ₹9,25, 00,000, plan fund is ₹1,70,00,000 only. What is the reason and whether the grant-in-aid from the Central government and devolutions of Central Tax and Duties are included? It would be appreciated if budget training be held for the members so that we may understand each of the detail.

On the other hand, Pu Speaker, I found this budget quite depressing as the amount allocated to Agriculture is decreased. It is known to us all that about 60 - 70 % of the people in Mizoram depend on agriculture while only few depend on Industry. Is there an intention to improve allocation of fund for agriculture? As the hon'ble minister for Finance is also serving as a minister of agriculture, he will surely know that the department failed to meet its earmark. It is regretted that no fund is made available to improve cultivation and agriculture link road in 2010-2011 as for his year also only ₹ 432.38 lakh is allotted where as the earmark is ₹ 4700 lakh. This indicates that the government neglected agriculture.

If we look into the flagship programme, 20 crore rupees has been allotted, 9 crore rupees to NREGS and 1 crore to RKVY for matching share. If that is the case, is there a way to divert some fund for the benefit of poor families as I requested the minister to determine the problem face by the people in my constituency? Here, we see that ₹2,34,00,00,000 is set aside for NLUP. So, I want to know the details programme as to how it will be execute as I have asked in the unstarred question. Our current execution of NLUP in my opinion is not appropriate as no improvement is seen despite having a new Finance Minister. There is still heavy expenditure in food grains and electricity while NLUP take the upper hand. In addition, we have a resource mobilization as we revise tax repeatedly. If we are going to implement resource mobilization we need to set up Income Tax Office in Mizoram. If we can have this, our tax return will increase as many contractors from outside will have to submit 2% from their bill.

On Sports, the previous ministry constructed Rajiv Gandhi Stadium with 25 crore from central fund but today, plan fund is used for the construction. What is the reason? Whether the central government could no longer provided funds for the construction? If so, is there a way to negotiate with the central to continue allocation of fund for the construction?

It is truly appreciated as we have a surplus in Revenue. Besides, due to the effort given by concerned officials, our debt decreases as there are many other things to be thankful where as we could not meet our expectation in certain areas. Over all, I opine this budget is not much different with that of the previous one. Pu Speaker, I thank you for giving me an extra time. Thank you.

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

2:00 PM

S P E A K E R : Five members have participated in the discussion this morning. Now, we will invite Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte and Pu Lalrobiaka and Pu R. Selthuama will follow.

Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE : Firstly, Pu Speaker, I thank God for the opportunity to discuss this budget. I am pleased to say that our budget this year is satisfactory. It indicates that the Finance Minister determines ways and means despite our limited resources. I, therefore, called this budget 'bold and a progressive budget' or 'a budget for the poor'.

Besides, Pu Speaker, priority being given to Industry department indicates determination to set up profit earning sources from the Public sector unit. Since the Annual Plan increases to ₹1700 crore, we are expected to achieve self-sufficiency. Here, Sales Tax, VAT and Professional Tax is increases as charges on water, petroleum, license fee and vehicle tax are yet to be reviewed which has not been revised since 1997. In addition, Forest royalty and casual labour registration will also be added and revenue stamp will be collect soon. Even though Income Tax is exempted in Mizoram, it is a must outside. So, it is important for us to know that increase of the said income taxes give rise to increase of our budget.

In the meantime, we the members are expecting to receive a sufficient amount of MLA as it is the only source from which we could lend an urgent help to some people in our respective constituency. Regarding Lunglei High Power Committee, I must say that they were favored with blessing because of an efficient leadership of Pu Lal Thanhawla, the hon'ble Chief Minister as fund allotment for the said council this year increases from ₹6 crore to ₹7 crore. So, I express my heartfelt congratulation to the Chairman and the people of Lunglei. Besides, we have fund provisions for LIC, NABARD and NCDC from which housing loan will be distribute to the people. For this alone, ₹71.71 crore is being allotted. Thus, I want to thank the Finance Minister for fund provisions for setting up Home for the homeless.

On Law & Order, Pu Speaker, it is appreciated as we are able to live under a peaceful situation thanks to the effort of the hon'ble minister for Home, Pu R. Lalzirliana. In this connection, it is to be noted that some incidents such as kidnapping officials of ABCI is not caused by us yet prompt action was taken by the Police which freed the captives in time without any ransom. Another threatening incident at Bairabi too was taken care of by the Police smoothly which further indicates efficiency of the hon'ble Home Minister.

On Sports, we are fortunate to have a strong and well-visioned Minister and Chief Minister who knows the aspiration of our youths. Now, we have Astro-turf at Lammual and step has also been taken to do the same for Thuamluaia field in Lunglei. Presently, we have ongoing construction work of National Training Centre at Kolasib with well-established Football Academy. Apart from this, Boys Hockey Academy at Kanpur has been planned to improve with astro-turf and the same for Hockey Academy at Thenzawl within this year. So, Pu Speaker, I express my thanks as I support this budget for pass. Thank you.

Pu LALROBIAKA : Pu Speaker, I am very thankful that today we are able to discuss on budget which I think surpasses all the previous budgets we had so far. After going through this budget, I am happy to see increase of our GSDP by 9.57 crore which is expected to stabilize our economy to a certain extents. However, it is sad to witness decrease in Agriculture sector. Therefore, we have to work much harder in order to stabilize the sector that holds the livelihood of poor people. This Ministry, keeping in mind interest of the poor reflected the budget with increase of minimum wages of various categories of employees such as Muster Roll etc. Besides, we also see improvement of Labour Welfare Rules laid down for the daily laborers and The Mizoram Building & Other Construction Workers Welfare Board which was constituted in 2009 to safeguard the interest of the under-privileged.

Above all, I am happy to learn that NLUP is benefitted by people. It is truly appreciated as ₹234 crore is set aside for NLUP. With the help of this fund provision, it is expected that the people will be able meet their needs through the trade they have selected. Many of them are incapable of stabilizing their economic condition as they have been suffers long enough the curse of poverty. Hopefully, they may be able to improve their economic status with this opportunity. Apart from this, we have another thing to celebrate which is the policy of setting up youths' career. With the coming of various sports infrastructures in the ministry of our hon'ble Chief Minister, we now have numbers of playground upgraded with artificial turf and yet, more fields to be upgraded. If we look into the budget, there are plans for development of various departments as of Taxation Department in which budget plan for collection of tax and non-tax is seen. Overall, I opine this budget is good enough for each of us and so I give my support to pass it.

S P E A K E R : Now, let us invite Pu R. Selthuama.

Pu R. SELTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. First, I would like to congratulate our Finance Minister for being able to present a good budget. This budget is prepared following the criteria laid down in the Mizoram Fiscal Responsibility & Budget management Act, 2006 and as per suggestion of the 13th Finance Commission. I am also thankful as our revenue surplus is increasing. In this regard, it will be appreciated if concerned officials put more efforts so that the Budget Session is called on time. Fortunately, our Finance Minister wisely instructed concerned officials and as a result, utmost effort has been made to ensure quality utilization of Public fund by way of simplifying the procedure of obtaining administrative approval and expenditure sanction. Therefore, I request all Head of the departments to maintain meaningful utilization of funds and take measures to complete any plan within their respective departments.

I also want to convey my thanks to concerned minister for allocating MLA fund of ₹25 lakh to each member. It would be more appreciated if the same is increased as the members are deeply concerns for development works within our respective constituency. It is

much appreciated as Astro-turf ground is laid at A.R. Ground and Thuamluaia Field at Lunglei thanks to the efficiency of the hon'ble Chief Minister to fulfill the need of youths.

On NLUP, the flagship of this Ministry covers throughout Mizoram without discrimination which political party ones supported. The 1st phase covers 45,139 families and the 2nd phase will cover 45,000 families and the 3rd phase will cover 120,000 families. This clearly indicates that the fund will be benefitted not only by supporters of Congress Party but also by others. This year, ₹234 crore is allotted to NLUP and with this amount, we are expected to be able to manage payment of the remaining installment particularly to trades under the Industry Sector. Many of the selected beneficiaries may complain late receive of fund provision. In this regard, it should be noted that concerned authority have problems to be sorted out first before giving out the money since number of beneficiary selected under industrial sector increases from 3200 families to 10819 families which result in shortage of fund. Yet, we are hoping to cover all the beneficiaries under industrial sector with provisions for the next phase. In this connection, I opine it is time to increase professional tax as well as the rate of water supply. Cost of commodities and goods changes with the changing of time and therefore important for concerned authorities to determine the case. Pu Speaker, I support passing of the budget presented by the hon'ble Finance Minister with the hope to build a better state. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : We will now invite Dr. R.Lalthangliana. Let us all try to keep our time which is scheduled to be closed at 4:00 PM.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, according to the handbook of the Economic & Statistics, the provisional figure of the population of Mizoram as on the 31st March, 2009 is 10,98,827 with 4,14,705 families. Out of the total population, 621,417 have mobile phone subscription which means that there are at least two mobile phones in every household. This is very sad from our economic situation.

First, I would like to appreciate the hon'ble Finance Minister for his bold initiative as he has made a comment on our financial condition as immensely deteriorating. It is truly appreciative as he himself would make all efforts to improve the situation.

This year in March, we have a Budget Session on Vote on Account. The last MNF ministry in 2008-2009 had a plan fund amounting to 1,000 crore rupees where as the present ministry in its first year has 1250 crore rupees with an increasing rate of 25%. In 2010-2011, we have achieved 1500 crore rupees with rate of increase is 20%. Now, we have 1,700 crore rupees with increase rate 13.33% only which is quite small in compare to the previous years. I am afraid that funds which may be received by the next financial year is not utilized purposely as time scheduled for the coming general election falls on the usual time of our budget session and the progress of works will obviously suffer the effect.

As shown in the Demand for Grants, fund provisions of more than 20 departments have decreases in compare to last year. It is regretted as such departments immensely suffer implementation of NLUP which further results in delaying payment of the

salary of government servants. In the meantime, we have to find a way to reduce the price of essential commodities such as cooking gas, petrol and other goods for the common people are suffering the same problem. We should try to figure out how to deal with NLUP so that each beneficiary obtained permanent income source in the future.

Regarding Youth Commission, we need to re-examine the system as many criticized it. In respect to work schedule and work performance, it appears that we cannot expect much from the 20 departments as stated as it is difficult for such departments to produce work schedule and work performance without having enough fund to utilize. If we look in to the budget statement, allotment to PHE department is less than the previous year and so is Public Works Department. Besides, budget allotment to the three District Councils fund also decreases at ₹735.22 than last year. Likewise, Forest Department, Computer Technology, Industry and Sericulture etc. too are decreases immensely. If this is the case, how can we expect good performance of works?

Coming now to Grant-in-aids coming from the central government for maintenance of road under the 13th Finance Commission, 28 States are listed for the period of 2011-2015 in which Mizoram ranked the second lowest with the amount ₹89.19 while Assam ranked the highest. It is learned that some sorts of misunderstanding existed between the Public Works Department and State Finance Department but we have to set aside this and try our best to utilize what we have received. Many of our roads need improvement and there is a guideline from the Finance Commission to execute such works. So, let us try to follow the guideline and hand over the fund to the concerned department immediately.

Pu Speaker, Pu Nirupam Chakma and I have a similar question in unstarred question regarding the strength and expenditure of government servants. As I compare my copy of the answers with that of Pu Nirupam, it is totally different as the total expenditure for 58035 employees under plan and non-plan, according to Pu Nirupam's copy amounting to Rs.1,22,001.16 lakh where as my copy is for 62377 employees including regular and non-regular. Here, the difference is 13388.24 lakh as number of employees too is not same. It will be appreciated if correct copy is furnished in the House. Besides, only Aizawl North and South Division of PWD have furnished my Unstarred Question regarding fund sanction under PWD to all Road Divisions for the past 3 years. It is sad that we have not much to expect from this budget despite the efforts of our hon'ble Finance Minister. We, the people only have to take measure to contribute tax loyally to the government.

Lastly, regarding land acquisition for NIT, I think it is necessary to let the people know the truth as JAC Lengpui made a statement which is differ from answer received in the House. Above all, I do not criticize our budget wholly but hope that it will be executed according to the guidelines. Thank you.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Under your guidance Pu Speaker, we have a regular Budget Session thrice and next year will be the fourth as the last one will fall on time scheduled for the general election.

In the past, our budget was usually prepared on free reign and so we were bound to suffer a lot. Now, we have passed the Mizoram Fiscal Responsibility & Budget Management Act, 2006 and Fiscal Consolidation with appropriate guidelines that the 13th Finance Commission prepares for us. Accordingly, we now have a meaningful budget. The glimpse of our GSDP for the year 2008-2009 is clear enough from the economic Survey, 2011 where as our budget for the following years is only of a quick and advance estimate. Since the quality of our budget is determined from our GSDP, it is necessary to maintain our GSDP accurately. While this is the case, our per capita income of each individual is ₹5021 per year that indicates we are way behind in the national level where as the estimate growth of our GSDP this year happened to be 9.57% which is higher than our performance in the national level. Hence, it is doubtful that the entire figures of our calculation is maintained accurately and so is difficult to determine our exact condition. Besides, the rate of our Fiscal Deficit this year is supposed to be 6.4% but here it comes down to 2.4%. It means that the decrease estimate which is 3% has already been achieved.

Apart from this, I would like to say a few words on inflation. I find it surprising as no one seem to give a thought regarding this matter. Last December, the rate went up to 25.80% against 7.83% of the last financial year obviously due to increase of salary of government servants as the consequence is immensely suffered by the people. Hopefully, this budget may bring opportunity for their survival. If we look into our sectoral contribution, 60% of the total population is engaged in agricultural sector while our product is only 18% but nothing is reflected to uphold the condition. Instead, we see that our Revenue expenditure is quite low. It seems that we are going to pass another revised estimate by the coming session when nothing much could be done for us. Last but not the least, I request the hon'ble minister to make clarification on simplification of Administrative Approval and Expenditure Sanction.

Today, I am happy to learn that the government is fulfilling its policy by allocation of fund provisions for the farmers. In this regard, it is also important for the government to ensure that a good prospect of marketing for the product which may be made by concerned farmers is arranged. If not, their products will be wasted as in the previous years.

On Public Works Department, it is learned that the Engineer-in-Chief, in a Press Conference stated that fund provision allotted to PWD amounting to Rs.32 crore is being diverted as only 4 crore is received and hence appropriate work could not be maintained with that small remaining budget. So, it will not be good if the budget we have to pass now is again diverted for other purpose. It is not a matter of the amount of budget which may be allotted but more important is its implementation. It is learned that PHE deposited certain amount of fund for road cutting and repairing whenever water pipe is laid for new connection but it has not been utilized for that purpose which often result in poor quality of road. As we visited Singapore and Bangkok during the ministry of MNF party to implement the India Look East Policy, it is obvious that no production could be improved without good communication. It is regretted as the project of Hruitezawl could not be started as yet due to compensation and other related problems. It is, therefore, necessary for us to hurry with such schemes in order to achieve the policy.

There are numbers of problems which has not been solved during the previous and of this ministry. The main reason, as the statement made by the hon'ble minister in

the local newspaper stating that some officers have openly practices corruption by grasping money under their jurisdiction to meet their ends while travelling on official duty. It is a shame that the whereabouts of ₹150 lakh for construction of Nursing College during the MNF Ministry remain unknown as of a cheque of ₹25 lakh for Tele-medicine under NRHM. Besides, how is the alleged misappropriation of ₹73 lakh for NLUP beneficiaries which the present government claims as of the remains of MIP and as being drawn and distributed among the party workers for their personal benefit?

If we look into the latest CAG report, ZIDCO invested ₹2.6 crore in some financial institutions without prior approval from its BOD and the Government of Mizoram which violates the RBI rules as well as the Article of Association under ZIDCO rules. Besides, out of the total number of ration card i.e. 3,16,884 Nos. being issued by the government, the total number of families happened to be 2,14,705. It indicates that there are about 1,02,179 Nos. of false ration cards in Mizoram. Pu Speaker, where is the change that we have been talks about? We have even learned that SOSA have filed PIL at High Court to investigate works done under PMGSY during the MNF Ministry in which the present ministry filed Special Leave Petition at the Supreme Court which brought stay order for the investigation. If this is the way we are trying to stop the practice of corruption, justice will never flow like river but will accumulate like rainwater. It is also propagated that fund for construction of one floor of Civil Hospital disappeared as many other cases such as supply of old Mobile Unit, Suangpuilawn kidnapping, alleged murder case of Rev. Chanchinmawia which has not been solved till today. How can we assure the people to prevail peace where as number of criminal cases remain unsolved? Not only the aforementioned cases, Pu Speaker, there is a reason of concerned authority for immediately calling back the officials who were detailed to submit 53 Nos. of DPR. If we have to pass this budget, we have to be careful in its execution. That is all I have to say. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Now, we will invite the minister to wind-up and also to react to any question as deemed necessary.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA : Pu Speaker, thank you. As I present the MINISTER budget which contains 13 documents relating to the budget, it can be called it a 'change' that we often talks about. I want to point out that all have been prepared under the guidance of the hon'ble Chief Minister and the officials concerned who all are working hard to produce this budget and all credits should go to them.

As known to us all, our poor financial position remains the main topic in every session. However, if we examine this budget, there is a positive approach. We are, somehow able to maintain the Revenue surplus which in turn enables us to achieve more Capital Expenditure yet; we have to work harder and harder to keep this status. I am very thankful that our budget is drawn in parallel with the guidelines as per expectation of the Finance Commission. Besides, if we measure our debt from the percentage of our GSDP, we can see that the improvement is quite slow yet we are somehow able follow our Fiscal Correction Path (FCP).

Pu Speaker, there are many things to be discussed here in our budget but I may not dwell on that due to limit of time. Yet, I should try to react to each and every points made by the members as time permitted. Even if there are points which has not been reacted, we will try to give make it during the discussion of demands. What I have presented today is the Performance Report but not the main Budget. It does not include all the departments but only of the departments having work programme as about 42 departments submitted their reports. As this is the first time we introduce this system, it may not satisfy our desire but we hope to improve our works in future. Some members have expressed their concern on the progression of funds in the Annual Plan. Knowing the needs, the hon'ble Chief Minister proposed means by which work scheduled/work programme of any departments are finalized in consensus with the Planning Department so that each administrative department can move the file directly to the Finance department as we are also revising the Delegation of Financial Power Rules.

In response to the point raised by Pu B. Lalthlengliana, the ₹1500 lakh of fund for construction of Rajiv Gandhi Stadium is sanctioned by the 12th Finance Commission but not by the 13th Finance Commission as yet. Seeing the needs of our youths, fund provision has been made from the Plan Fund keeping in mind of importance of building assets for the government. With respect to the Revenue related document registration, we are using the Indian Registration Act which will be benefitted by those who implemented. It is a valid document, which will stand up in any court as it is a source of revenue for the State. As Pu Ramhluna mentioned regarding the Consolidated Sinking Fund (CSF), this is used as a pooled fund so that the government could pay its debts. Others funds like Reserve Fund and the Mizoram Ceiling Guarantee Bill are in the hands of the Reserve Bank and is accumulating interests which in the long run can be used by the government for paying debts and for in time of financial crisis.

In response to the point raised by Pu H. Zothangliana, the funds in the Salary head cannot be re-appropriated except on Office Expenditure (OE) and if residual fund is there, it may be utilized as deemed necessity. However, it is not possible for our state to appeal alteration only because of the need for amendment of the constitution. We need to find ways to generate our income by any means. So, we feel the need for amendment of the constitution to this concern as government employees too has given their support.

Another issue is construction of the National Highways for which the Ministry of Transport has sanctioned the funds as contractors for the work has already been selected. So, the progress and completion of the work lies in their hands. On the other hand, Public Works Department held responsibility for slow progress of the work. We have to know that the problems we are facing now has started since ten years back and it is difficult to resolve it in a short period of time. Regarding our finances, each and every department prepares demands which are submitted and are included in the Budget of the State. This time, our budget amounting to ₹1,440 crores and in case there is any doubt, I suggest it may be proved from the Budget book. Pu Speaker, with that, I may conclude my speech. I request all the hon'ble members to reflect on what we have discussed as I appeal to pass this budget in the House.

SPEAKER : Next, I am calling Pu Lal Thanhawla, the hon'ble Chief Minister to have his speech.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I thank the CHIEF MINISTER hon'ble minister and others who are responsible for compilation of the budget with detailed description. From the statement, we could clearly see our fiscal position and I am also very grateful that our Finance Department could present the Mizoram Fiscal Responsibility & Budget Management Act, 2006 and the 13th Finance Commission in Fiscal consolidation just as it is supposed to be and that revenue surplus could be uphold as our deficit decreases on the contrary.

Pu Speaker, regarding construction of National Highways, the former ministry took over the project from BRTF. During the transition period, funds were not released for maintenance for a long period. I opine it will be much better if the project were remains in the hands of the BRTF as there are pervading rumors of involvement corruption in the process. Though we want to root out the practice of corruption thoroughly, investigation process took longer than expected and we cannot execute the procedure ideally as our Home Minister also is looking into this matter for a more effective method.

Regarding NIT, the Board of Directors has inspected different areas and after considering options available, Thenzawl was chosen. I also want to thank my fellow members for understanding and supporting increase of the Professional Tax.

Regarding NLUP, there may be drawbacks and other negative consequences but the success of the project lies in the tenacity of the beneficiaries and it is the duty of each member to encourage them for the success of their trade. With that, I will conclude my speech and all the members seem to consent with our Budget Speech by our Finance Minister, thank you, Pu Speaker.

S P E A K E R : We have come to the end of our discussion. We must try to remember the important points highlighted in the wind up speech of the House Leader. We will continue our session tomorrow, i.e. 20.7.2011(Wednesday) at 10:30 AM.

Sitting is adjourned at 4:38 P.M

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

**TENTH SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 20th JULY, 2011
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)**

QUESTIONS

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

LAYING OF PAPERS

2. **Pu LALSAWTA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a statement correcting the reply given on the 15th July, 2011 to Starred question No. 141, Ballot No. 60 asked by Pu B.Lalthlengliana regarding “Technical zirtur lak chungchang”.
3. **Pu H. LIANSILOVA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a statement correcting the reply given on the 15th July, 2011 to Unstarred question No.6, Ballot No. asked by Dr.R.Lalthangliana regarding “Plan Fund hnuai Sorkar hnathawk chungchang”.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS.

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

NGURTHANZUALA

Secretary

S P E A K E R : “Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations.’

Isaiah 58:12.

We will now take up Question Hour. The hon’ble member Dr. R. Lalthangliana may ask his question No.111.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, the question is for concerned minister of PHE department:

Is there any scheme/project for construction of water reservoir for Buarpui and its surrounding villages?

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

Pu S. HIATO : Pu Speaker, the answer is: – Ground Water Base had been constructed at Buarpui in 2010-2011 with 9 Nos. submersible Pumps. This will cover the nearby villages like Saisen, Kawlhawk, Phainuam, Dengsur and South Lungdai.

S P E A K E R : Supplementary Question by Dr. R. Lalthangliana, followed by Pu P.P. Thawla and Pu K.Lianzuala.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, construction of ground water base and the submersible Pump is known but the main point is scarcity of water in the area. There is a good source of water at Lungphun River which is 2 kms from Buarpui. Our

experts from PHE Department observed its potentiality of Pumping 60 litres of water per hour. We will be very grateful if the project is expedited. I also request to consider another source from Mat River.

Thirdly, during the MNF ministry, 1st installment for Lunglei Water Supply Scheme had been received but the 2nd installment is still pending. What step has been taken in this regard?

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, Tuipang headquarter of my constituency is facing problem of water supply despite foundation stone laid by the hon'ble Minister. When will the project be completed?

Pu K. LIANZUALA : Pu Speaker, I ask the hon'ble minister if a new water generating Pump could be provided for Tlungvel and Darlawng village of my constituency.

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

Pu S. HIATO : Pu Speaker, where there is scarcity of MINISTER water, we take initiative to make sure that the needs are fulfilled. In this regard, rainwater harvesting scheme is introduced in rural areas by covering 125 villages. From the reports given by the V/C Buarpui, water supply in the area is sufficient but if the need arises, survey will be conducted and step will be taken as necessary.

Regarding Lunglei Water Supply Scheme, the work is in progress as 70% of the work has already been completed and we are now waiting for the second installment.

Regarding Tuipang, central government has sanctioned an amount of more than 9 crore rupees. Work Tender is floated and contractor has already been selected and work will be started soon. The crack in the water pipeline is recognized by the department and has been repaired many times. This is mainly due to the regular use of the pipe and renewal of this plan is still in consideration. Thank you.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Is there any water supply scheme for the river Mat?

Pu S. HIATO : Pu Speaker, we are considering to make MINISTER a new Scheme for the river Mat.

S P E A K E R : Pu B. Lalthlengliana to ask question No.112.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANGA : Pu Speaker, my question is for concerned minister of Health & Family Welfare Department: –

- a) Is it a fact that an amount of 150 lakhs rupees which has been sanctioned for College of Nursing is missing?

S P E A K E R : Pu Lalrinliana Sailo, Minister of Health & Family Welfare department to give the answer.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO : Pu Speaker, the answer is ‘Yes’ and MINISTER
ACB is investigating the case. It is reported that charge-sheet has already been submitted.

S P E A K E R : Supplementary question to be asked by Pu Lalthlengliana and Pu John Siamkunga.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Question relating to missing of fund for construction of OPD building is asked in the House 2 years back and it was answered that S.E is examining the case. If so, may the detail of his finding be provided to the House?

Pu Speaker, we the members are in dire needs of ambulance/morgue van for our constituency respectively. Certain amount of fund has already been sanctioned for that purpose during former ministry but unfortunately the sanction was lapsed. May the hon’ble Minister determine the same once again? If it is not included in this year’s budget, it can still be placed under R.E?

Plus, it will be appreciated if honorarium is provided to drivers who pursue their duty whenever and wherever they are detailed regardless of the timing or place.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Pu Speaker, I want to ask the progress made on Referral Hospital, Falkawn. Secondly, I believe an amount of ₹10 crores had been sanctioned for renovation of Aizawl Civil Hospital. How is this amount utilized? Has the utilization certificate being submitted?

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO : Pu Speaker, regarding the question by Pu
MINISTER B. Lalthlengliana about missing of

fund for construction of one storey of OPD building, it was of the former ministry. Since the case of investigation is now taken up by other official, no order is given to submit detail reports.

On the matter of Nursing College, it has been running for 30 long years and an affidavit has been submitted at the central government stating that the building is completed. So, the sanction amount we are about to receive is the second installment and we are trying our best to make the best use of this fund.

The case of procurement of ambulances, the hon'ble Chief Minister is of the opinion that every district hospital should be renovated so that patients received best attention. So, steps are taken to improve hospital services and equipments in very district. Depending upon our financial status, we will Purchase new ambulances but if not, we will check the ones we have and necessary servicing will be done. Our drivers are indeed very praiseworthy on their efficiency and sincerity in carrying out their duty. Those who drive at night take rest during the day and those who are on duty during daytime may envy if extra honorarium is provided.

Pu B. LALTHLEGLIANA : My question is for concerned minister. In a constituency like ours, the drivers drives whole night and day which means that they hardly have the time to rest even during daytimes.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO : To avoid jealousy, It may be wise to let MINISTER that those who are on duty throughout the day and night are permitted to rest depending on their working hours. Anyway, I will personally look into this matter.

Pu LALROBIAKA : With your permission Pu Speaker, I would like to add a few points regarding this matter. Due to shortage of vehicles, we were often compelled to hire ambulance of ZDU or Hmeithai Association. As my fellow member mentioned earlier, I kindly request the hon'ble Minister to give special attention to this issue and take immediate steps in this regard.

S P E A K E R : The concerned minister may reply.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO : Pu Speaker, we all seem to agree with MINISTER the idea of acquiring more vehicles. I cannot give my assurance but will give this matter a special attention.

Regarding the question raised by Pu John Siamkunga on Falkawn Hospital, an amount of ₹4 crores and more than ₹62 lakhs had been utilized for clearing debts and for developmental works under PWD and P & E. We are also making more demands as per suggested by the central government.

Regarding upgradation of Civil Hospital, from utilization certificate for ₹10 crores, an amount of ₹4.62 crore were approved and the central government notified that the remaining amount should be returned. Another utilization certificate was produced for the remaining ₹5.74 crores stating that it was used in rural areas. But the central government questions the reason for the remaining being utilized for rural areas since funds sanctioned is meant for upgradation of Civil Hospital, Aizawl. We are now trying to clarify the issue as soon as possible.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Pu Speaker, if such is the situation, what steps are taken in this regard?

S P E A K E R : Supplementary questions may also be asked by Pu Lalduhoma, Pu Joseph Lalhimpua and other members, if any.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, is there a way to urge the responsible officials to expedite investigation of OPD building so that we may know the result within this year?

S P E A K E R : Pu Joseph Lalhimpua and he will be followed Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. The Subject Committee examined the refurbishing work of the Hospitals under NRHM and laid the reports in the House by the month of March. The Department reported that detail utilization of an amount of ₹5.7 crores is unknown yet utilization certificate for ₹4.25 could be produced. As the hon'ble minister has said earlier, utilization certificate for ₹10 crores has been submitted to the central government. Does this mean that the concerned department has given false report to the state government? This is a very serious matter and needs to be cleared immediately.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, is there a way to expedite improvement of the Referral Hospital?
Secondly, it is learned that there is a plan to establish a medical college. What is the problem to initiate the plan and what steps has been taken so far?

We are very grateful as the hon'ble minister visited Sairang Hospital yesterday. It is learned that there is a plan to reconstruct the building. If so, when can this be started?

S P E A K E R : The hon'ble minister Pu Lalrinliana Sailo may answer the question.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO : Pu Speaker, there is a plan for MINISTER construction of 15 Nos. hospitals under

the 13th Finance Commission, but unfortunately, Sairang hospital is not included. So, we will seek another approach under NRHM to that effect.

Regarding Medical College, after considering the norms of central government, we concluded that we may consider doing so following EPP mode. There is a determination to decrease outstanding medical reimbursement bill amounting to ₹50 crores each year as ₹120 lakhs has been sanctioned for developmental work of Referral Hospital.

On the questions of Pu Joseph Lalhimpua, it is indeed a very serious matter but our main objective is not to sink ourselves in the past deed but to look forward and work for the progress.

S P E A K E R : The hon'ble House leader may now have his time.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I am not aware of the CHIEF discrepancy and irregularities mentioned by Pu Joseph Lalhimpua but we will take measures to avoid such circumstances in future. If necessary, CBI will investigate the case.

The Central government does not provide provision for establishment of Medical College but we are seeking to follow PPP mode. A team of experts have visited Falkawn and are pleased with the site. Under their instructions, we have hired a firm and they prepared DPR for us and our CS will assist them in the initial expenditure. After we complete this project, Civil Hospital will also be shifted and the building will be for Trauma Centre, maternity ward, emergency and for Ayush.

Pu Speaker, it is sad as we are now among the unhealthiest community. So, to improve our health status, we plan to utilize the PPP mode, and take offers we receive from reputed hospitals from Delhi like St. Stephen Hospital etc. This will then prevent large amount of money spent outside Mizoram for medical purposes. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

S P E A K E R : Pu P.P. Thawla may ask question No. 113.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, my question for concerned Minister of Transport department are as follows: –

- 1) How much is the revenue received from parking fees collected from April, 2010 - March, 2011?
- 2) For what purpose it is utilized?

S P E A K E R : The concerned minister Pu P.C Zoram Sangliana may answer the question.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, the answer to the hon'ble MINISTER member questions are:-

- 1) The total amount we received from parking fees is ₹13,45,000/-.
- 2) Fees collected from parking, like all other fees, goes to the Government Revenue.

S P E A K E R : Supplementary question, Pu P.P. Thawla.
Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, my supplementary question is –

In how many areas parking fees is collected? How much is the amount of debt from Transport department?

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

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, there are 40 areas where MINISTER parking fees is collected. Pu Speaker, I am sorry to say that I am unable to tell you the amount of debt incurred by Transport department but i will provide you on Monday.

S P E A K E R : Pu Lalduhoma to ask Question No.114?

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, my question is for concerned minister of Health & Family Welfare department –

- a) How many seats does the North East States have at NEIGHRIM Shillong?
- b) How many open seats are there?
- c) The central government asked us to implement Family Planning but these results in minimum quota of seats. So, is there a way to increase our quota?

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

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO : The answers to the questions of Pu MINISTER Lalduhoma are–

- a) The number of seats for the North Eastern States are as follows : -
 1. Mizoram - 3 seats
 2. Meghalaya - 9 seats
 3. Nagaland - 8 seats
 4. Arunachal Pradesh - 4 seats.
- b) The department does not know number of open seats.

- c) 41 numbers of students were admitted in different institutions last year. Regarding increase of quota, we have pursued this matter since 2009 and we have not yet received positive results. We will continue to pursue it.

S P E A K E R : The hon'ble House Leader may have his time.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, we have discussed CHIEF regarding setting up of Stay-in Hostel with the former Chief Minister of Imphal as we have also submitted a special request to the Union Minister to increase our medical seat and we will continue to pursue this matter.

Regarding scholarship, the same practice of corruption prevailed to a large extend, but we have placed this in the hands of Higher & Technical Education department and hopefully, it will increase.

S P E A K E R : We will now move on to the next business, i.e. Laying of papers. Pu Lalsawta, hon'ble Minister may lay correction of Pu B. Lalthlengliana's starred Question No.141 of Ballot No.60.

Pu LALSAWTA MINISTER : With your permission, Pu Speaker, I lay on the table of the House, the correction of Pu B. Lalthlengliana's question which was asked on 15.7.2011.

S P E A K E R : The copy may be distributed. The hon'ble minister Pu H. Liansailova may lay on the table of the House, the correction paper of plan funds for government employees which was asked on 15.7.2011.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA MINISTER : With your permission, Pu Speaker, I lay on the table of the House, the correction of Dr. R. Lalthangliana's unstarred Question, No.7 of Ballot No.6.

S P E A K E R : Let the copy be distributed.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, unlike other sessions, there are many corrections in this session. It is very confusing for the members who raised the question and also for the concerned minister. So, Pu Speaker, with the power vested in you, may you please give notification in this regard so that it not repeated in future?

S P E A K E R : The hon'ble ministers should instruct their respective concerned departments to be more careful in their preparation. However, we must also know that questions were submitted at a very late hour and this also adds to the reason for existence of corrections.

We will now move on to our Demands. Pu Lalsawta, the hon'ble minister may submit his Demand No. 4, 12, 20 and 21 on the table of the House.

Pu LALSAWTA : Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of MINISTER the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission Sir, I move the Demand No. 4, 12, 20 and 21 for ₹534,94,22,000/- only for meeting expenses during 2011 – 2012 in respect of the following departments: -

Sl. No.	Demand No.	Department	Amount
1	Demand No.4	Law & Judicial	Rs.13,31,94,000
2	Demand No.12	Parliamentary Affairs	Rs. 46,23,000
3	Demand No.20	School Education	Rs. 456,54,73,000
	Demand No.21	Higher & Technical Education	Rs.64,61,32,000
TOTAL			Rs. 193,81,88,000

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : The hon'ble minister Pu Lalrinliana Sailo may submit his Demands on the table of the House.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO : Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of MINISTER the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission Sir, I move the Demand No. 24, 28 and 44 for ₹193,81,88,000 for meeting expenses during 2011-2012 in respect of the following departments:-

Sl. No.	Demand No.	Department	Amount
1	Demand No.24	Medical & Public Health Services	Rs. 182,80,86,000
2	Demand No.28	Labour & Employment	Rs. 6,70,02,000
3	Demand No.44	Trade & Commerce	Rs. 4,31,00,000
TOTAL			Rs. 193,81,88,000

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : The hon'ble minister Pu Nihar Kanti may submit his Demands on the table of the House.

Pu NIHAR KANTI : Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of MINISTER the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission Sir, I move the Demand No. 30, 34 and 41 for ₹1,43,95,08,000/- only for meeting expenses during 2011- 2012, in respect of the following Departments:-

Sl. No.	Demand No.	Department	Amount
1	Demand No.30	Disaster Management & Rehabilitation	Rs.15,67,85,000
2	Demand No.34	Animal Husbandry & Veterinary	Rs.117,14,33,000
3	Demand No.41	Sericulture	Rs.11,12,90,000
TOTAL			Rs. 143,95,08,000

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : The hon'ble ministers have submitted their Demands. So, we will move on to discussion of our demands. Pu Lalrinawma may have his time.

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, I will start with Demand No. 4, Law & Judicial department.

In this ministry, separation of judiciary had been established and employees have also been recruited. Pu Speaker, our High Court has also been shifted to the New Secretariat Complex but the construction of the building has been on hold for quite a long time. So, in order to make our judicial service more convenient for the people, the construction work of our High Court should be expedited so that the office is occupied immediately.

For the convenience of the people, the State has adopted Gram Nayalayas Act in 2010 – 2011 which was expected to be operating in Reiek and E. Lungdar. But till today, it is not in function even though and an amount of ₹107.52 lakhs had been sanctioned for this purpose. For 2011-2012, no sanction is received for the same. So how is the sanction of 2010 - 2011 utilized?

Pu Speaker, fees of the government advocates, Public prosecutors, defense lawyer and legal aid are quite small considering the nature of their work. Their pay has not been revised since 2000. Is there a way to upgrade their pay?

On Demand No.20, School Education, there has been an immense progress in our educational system such as establishing an Education Reforms Commission which concerns the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act. Apart from this, mid-day meal has been provided to schools under SSA and RMSA.

Infrastructure in Medical & Public Health Services has also brings huge progress in rural health, hospital medical education, health clinic and renovation of PHC. We are also grateful for the establishment of Health Clinic Centre in Zemabawk North which is under my constituency. Lastly, i would also like to request the hon'ble minister to determine the need of maternity centre in my constituency. Thank you.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. On Demand No. 20 and 21, I believe plans were made that Mizoram Scholarship Board be established autonomously by covering technical scholarship, post-metric scholarship and research scholarship under its wing. But I do not see this scheme in our budget. What is the reason and what initiatives are taken in this regard?

Secondly, recruitment of SSA and RMSA teachers should be conducted more carefully and selection of teachers should be made according to their merits. Yesterday the hon'ble Minister said that some school buildings of SSA have been constructed and some as under construction. Under Lunglei District, there are 10 Nos. of buildings which has been reported as completed but still under construction. There are DEO and SDO in every district and they should monitor and maintain statistics of the work in their respective districts. This indicates the deficiency of the department, inspecting staffs and the concerned minister. Pu Speaker, number of teachers of a school should also be in proportion to the number of students. Under RMSA, it is regretted that out of 23 Nos. of mathematic teachers being recruited, 12 were unqualified. In the same manner, out of 23 Nos. of English teachers recruited, 2 were unqualified. Under Kolasib District also, certain numbers of unqualified teachers were included in the recruitment of 222 Nos. of Laboratory Attendant. There may be circumstances which are unavoidable, but I think we should be careful in dealing with this kind of matter in future.

Yesterday, the hon'ble minister mentioned that lump sum grants had not yet been received and I request him to pursue the matter immediately. Besides, Pu Speaker, i suggest High school and Secondary schools should also be taken under RMSA just like elementary school under SSA. I also appeal that the problems of Middle school, Mission School, deficit schools, Adhoc aided Middle, High School and Higher Schools should be attended as fast as possible.

Pu Speaker, I am greatly concern about the emergency Purchase of medicines for our hospital which has not been tendered. It is wrong to refer medicines to the store of one's favor. If there is any negative consequence in the case, the concerned minister will be held responsible. So, I request that the Minister to be more cautious and take precautions in this regard.

Pu Speaker, regarding construction of buildings, work order was given to Lalmangaihzuala of Upper Republic. As asked through RTI, it was reported as a departmental work. As the minister himself said that he wanted a quality control, he visited the site frequently. Pu Speaker, I have a doubt that this might not be a departmental work. If it really is a

departmental work, the concerned department heads should be entrusted with all the verifications and quality control of the work.

Another important matter is Youth Commission which is under Labour & Employment. If our Youth Commission had been under Sports department, we may have more progress in the initiatives it takes.

Regarding Poly-tarpaulin, I thank the hon'ble minister for providing us our request but the need for silpaulin is very high and there has always been a problem in this issue. So, I kindly request that this should be taken care of as fast as possible.

Lastly, it is regretted as our budget for sericulture department decreases immensely. So, I request that it should at least be increased in R.E. Thank you.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Sericulture was established in the year 1972. I honestly believe that producing silk is one of the best productions of our state and could also be a great asset for us. I request our government to give more attention and that the department heads and experts must give awareness to the people in order to increase our production.

Under NLUP, many have chosen Vety. So, it is obvious that demand for field workers of AH & Vety will be very high. In the meantime, 30 Nos. of VFA/Field worker posts is still lying vacant despite demand of their service which is quite high particularly in my constituency Champhai and the neighboring areas. It is learned that the main problem for filling up the said posts lies with DP & AR. So, I request the government to kindly consider our needs and fill the vacant post of VFA.

Besides, Pu Speaker, I suggest that our doctors should make verifications before animals are butchered to make sure that our meat intake is healthy. It is truly appreciated as the people of Rabung donated a wide space of land to the government for animal sanctuary and i hope that the government will consider its promotion and safeguards.

Under Champhai District, we have only one Higher Secondary School and there are more than 600 students. In order to meet the demand, I kindly ask to establish another school for us. Besides, Pu Speaker, in Champhai area, our needs for doctors are high and most of the patients who came to the hospital for consultation are referred to Aizawl. I think there are about 60 Nos. of private doctors who will be pleased to render their service to the government. So, I suggest the government should take initiatives in this regard and engage these doctors. About 80 babies are born in one month in Champhai, so, I also appeal that at least one gynecologist may be posted in Champhai to avoid any kind of complications as it concerns the life of both the mother and the baby. I also request that doctors should be posted in each and every village for health issues and also for the convenience of the people. Thank you.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, on Demand No.4, Law & Judicial, one Deputy Secretary has

submitted his resignation. What is the concerned department? In every Purchase of commodity, permission has to be granted by the High Court. What is the reason? Our Law Department has created number of posts and has also established Ram Nalayanayan. What is the achievement made so far?

Regarding Demand No.12, we received a letter on 18.11.2010 addressing the Assurance Committee Chairman. Pu Speaker, what is the motive of this letter since it opposes our internal working system?

On Demand No.20, the process of recruitment of teachers and staff created controversy as in other states like West Bengal, only trained teachers are selected but in our state, recruitments are made under urgent situations. So, I think it will be better to apply a new policy in this issue to avoid any future disagreement.

Under Medical and Public Health Services, there has been Purchase of medicines without being tendered and many expired medicines are thus supplied in different villages. What is the reason? We have often discussed about improving our health conditions but the budget has decreased. So, I opine it is necessary to increase the budget in the next revised estimate.

The Budget of Labour & Employment as well as Trade & Commerce decreases by a margin ₹30 lakhs. While these two departments need up gradation, what is the reason for decrease of the budget? In AH & Vety department of NLUP line, there is a Grant-in-aid of non-salary. What is the purpose?

On Demand No.30, the Purchase of silpaulin becomes very controversial as supply of silpaulin without ISI or ISO mark is permitted. I question myself if ISI or ISO marking are not reliable anymore.

Pu Speaker, decrease of budget of Sericulture department budget by ₹1054 came as a surprise as the department has been running for 25 long years and development schemes has been made for the year 2010 – 2011. May the hon'ble minister take initiatives for the success of the schemes they have made? I also request the hon'ble minister to explain to us, reason for the decrease of the department budget. Thank you.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. On Demand No.4, Law & Judicial, we have appealed to the Secretary to permit us setting up sub-divisional court in Chawngte whereas family record and registration of marriage has also become compulsory. So, may the hon'ble minister take initiatives to establish sub-Divisional court in my constituency?

On Parliamentary Affairs of Demand No.40, we should know that parliamentary procedure needs proper training and the concerned MLA's and Ministers should be kept informed as they deserves special attention. Pu Speaker, I also want to make a proposal that in each and every department, Legislative Cell should be established and this Cell will take

care of any business like, questions and answers, bills and other papers concerning Legislative matters.

Among our many departments, Pu Speaker, School Education department and Medical Department are the most prominent ones. In reviewing the budget, an amount of ₹200 or ₹300 lakhs only is left apart from the salary for the employees. In order to meet our needs, we have BADP under RD department and with proper co-ordination, arrangements could be made for maintaining the buildings through RD department. I also suggest that our school website should also be upgraded as this will help cleared any doubt with the people relating to the department. Posting and transfer rules should also be made as fast as possible in order to avoid further crisis we have been facing. Regarding recruitment of SSA teacher, it may be more appropriate to follow the same process of the previous ministry in which recruitment was made as per recommendation of village education committee and without conducting an interview. As for a District Mission, it is not compulsory to conduct an interview.

Under Higher and Education, we do not have institutions for science and Commerce stream. So, I request the hon'ble minister to determine the case. Under Medical and Health issues, a stable building has been constructed in Borapansuri. So, will doctors and nurses be posted there? From the website of Health department, the number of Primary Health Centre is displayed along with the names of its location and in which Lawngpuighat is included even though there is no building there yet. So, Pu Speaker, such kind of wrong information should be avoided at all cost.

S P E A K E R : I think we also have a police out-post at Lawngpuinghat?

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Yes, we have, Pu Speaker. In regard to NRHM issues, many blame the department which is not appropriate. It is beyond our authorization and is now in the hands of the State Mission Department. Under Labour & Employment, we have office building at Chawngte which needs reconstruction. My constituency is a backward area as known to us all and therefore special attention should be given for development. We desperately need ITI and Vety Dispensary in Chawngte. So, can this be set up? I will conclude my speech by thanking our hon'ble minister for providing us with silpaulin as our need is very high. Thank you.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, on Demand No.20, School Education, Education department has given its best efforts to develop the system during the UT, but ever since our Statehood, progress in our educational system is backsliding. Particularly in rural areas, filling up of vacant post had become quite a problem. Even when the department takes initiatives, the state government cannot pursue the matter and thus, we end up in facing a blockade. In my constituency, we have 2 high schools qualified to receive grant-in-aid from the government but they have not received till today. What is the reason? Under RMSA, some teachers are posted in private high schools. I suggest that instead of recruiting new teachers, the same ones should be appointed for the convenience of the school. Besides, since

Class-VIII is included in Middle School, recruitment of 427 Nos. of teacher is needed. I, therefore, suggest that any qualified applicant from concerned village may be favored in order to avoid further crisis in transfer and posting.

Pu Speaker, on Demand No.21, Higher & Technical Education, we have faced a problem in 2010 – 2011 in connection with the result of MBBS entrance examination due to negligence of staffs. I hope the same mistake is not happened again in future. In 2009, 2 candidates from Aizawl District, 2 from Saiha District and 1 from Champhai District could not pursue their study due to the said problem where as only 2 two applicants from Aizawl were given students loan for their further study. I request the Health Department to determine student's loan also for rest of the qualified students so that they proceed to their further study.

Secondly, hospital in Saiha is deteriorating and badly needs renovation. I kindly request to improve it since Saiha is the district district and proper attention may also be given. We also need Specialist at least for Saiha and Tuipang as the people are often compel to go to Aizawl to consult specialist which is consuming of time and money for rural people from the remote areas.

Pu Speaker, I also request the hon'ble minister of Disaster Management to provide the members with more silpaulines as the demand is quite high specially in my constituency.

Regarding AH & Veterinary, i have to state that Surveillance Doctors had been posted in Phura since the time of UT as most imported animals from Myanmar came through this route. But now, we have no Veterinary doctor to check imported animals. So, I request the government to post doctor there as it concerns health issues. Filling up of the post of 37 Nos. of VFA will be a good initiative for the progress of concerned department.

S P E A K E R : Morning session has now come to an end and our meeting will be resumed at 2:00 PM.

2 : 00 PM.

S P E A K E R : Now, Pu K. Lalrinthanga and he will be followed by Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte.

Pu K. LALRINTHANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. In Demand No.20, School Education, under the Budget Head of No.31 and 32 of Grant-In-Aid, we

have ₹5124.95 lakhs under Salary and ₹1917.40 under non-salary. Since we have such amounts, I want to request the government to establish a Higher Secondary School at Vairengte as there is only one in the area. Besides, market building of Vairengte, an important trade point with Cachar has become very poor as the building needs renovation. Since we have around ₹75 lakhs under Trade & Commerce for minor works, I request concerned Minister to determine my suggestion.

Regarding Disaster Management, Demand No.30, under Budget head No.50, we have ₹1462.70 lakhs. May I know for what purpose this amount is allotted? In a constituency like ours, people are less fortunate and use silpauline for roofs to shelter themselves. So, I kindly request the government to provide us with more silpaulines as the need is very high in my constituency.

Under AH & Vety Deptt. of Demand No.34, we have students who completed their course under AH & Vety every year from state's quota. In areas like Serlui, Vairengte and Bilkhawthlir, the people domesticated animals and our need for doctors is very high. So, I request the government to provide us with veterinary doctors in the mentioned areas.

Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE : Pu Speaker, on Demand No. 24, Health Department, we are grateful to the hon'ble minister for posting two dental surgeons at Kawnpui and Lungdai and also for constructing 3 staff quarters in Lungdai. We are also provided with one vehicle and a staff quarter in Bukpui. But the Health Sub-Centre of Hortoki needs renovation as hospitals at Bukpui, Lungdai and Kawnpui need fencing. So, I request the hon'ble minister to give special attention in these regards.

In Demand No.20, School Education, renovation/extension of school buildings of Bukpui, Lungdai, Hortoki and Thingdawl is the ongoing projects and I thank the hon'ble minister for all these steps taken by the government. Pu Speaker, after going through the matric result this year, the pass percentage decreases immensely which is disgraceful for the image of our educational system. So, I request concerned authority to take actions by transferring the teachers and also organise a special coaching.

In Demand No.34, Vety Department, I express my gratitude to the hon'ble minister for the plans to renovate Veterinary hospital of Kawnpui and Lungdai. During the MNF ministry, 2 VFA's were posted at NisaPui but were transferred later but the post remains vacant for a long period which caused an immense problem for concerned people. Thanks to the efficiency of concerned Minister, it has now been filled up. Pu Speaker, I am positive that there are many areas where demand for the same occurred and I, therefore, kindly request that the post of VFA in different areas should also be filled up. Thank you.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. On Demand No.20, School Education, I would like to suggest that inspection should be conducted more often in order to know the status of our educational system and also to identify problems for immediate solution. I also request concerned Minister to expedite the policy of rationalization

of teachers since CCE will now be practiced. I also request our hon'ble minister to open Geography Department at Hnahthial College as there are many feeders in the area.

On Medical and Public Health, Demand No.24, plans for construction of Health Worker Training School, Sub-Centres and PHC buildings are initiated which indicates the government concern for health problem. At the sametime, we have only one doctor at Hnahthial whose service is barely sufficient despite his best effort in the service. So, I request the government to provide us with another doctor for the area. At the same time, I request the government to provide the same for South Vanlaiphai too.

Under Labor & Employment, Demand No.28, it is essential for the government to improve various training under ITI so as to bring out a better service. So, I suggest this should be taken seriously and training should be conducted for more effective consequence.

Regarding Trade & Commerce, the government has taken initiatives in the areas such as Champhai, Tlabung, Thingsai and the nearby areas up to Sitwe to promote our trading systems which is truly appreciated.

AH & Vety, Demand No.34, numbers of beneficiary under NLUP from New Ngharchhip opted cattles rearing trade. Hence, dispensary is necessary for the areas and may be constructed at least at Hnahthial. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

S P E A K E R : Next, Pu H. Zothangliana

Pu H. ZOTHANGLIANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I am grateful to the Minister of School Education for the progress of RMSA and SSA as many schools are renovaded as new buildings has been constructed.

At the same time, we have a problem relating to posting of school headmaster under my constituency. According to the rules and regulations, vacant post of school headmaster is filled up by promotion of senior-most teacher. But most of such teachers declines their promotion as only a year or so is left for their retirement. In that case, it often takes much time to reappoint another teacher in their place. So, in order to maintain quality education, I request the hon'ble minister to determine relaxation of rules in such cases.

In Demand No.24, Medical & Public Health Services, I thank the hon'ble minister for the plan to set up Health Worker Training Centre at Lawngtlai. Pu Speaker, I would like to mention that irregularity of doctors posted in remote areas is a common problem as such doctors prefer to get more consequential income by practicing in a private clinic. During the previous ministry, 66 Nos. of doctor including 3 females has successfully completed their studies whom, in my opinion, should be favoured if there is any opportunity as their sevice is desperately needed in rural areas.

Regarding Trade & Commerce, Demand No.44, Kolodyne Multi-Modal Transport Transit Project is in progress and I am proud to say that the southerners does not make a fuss of claiming compensation since the project concerns our welfare as a whole. I am pleased with the attention given by our learders towards the project yet, i still wish that if more pressure is given to expedite the work. I thank the hon'ble minister Pu Nihar Kanti for giving out silpauline to the members irrespective of which parties ones belonged. Still, I insists the ruling party members should be prioritized.

Pu Speaker, the strength of Labour & Employment office at Lawngtlai is impaired as it is manned by only two staffs. Apart from this, sponsorship cannot be issued from the office despite the growing demand of its service. So, I insist the office should be upgraded.

Last, but not the least, Higher & Technical Education, Demand No.21, I beg any lecturer in Lawngtlai College should not be transferred as the students faces problem for a long period of time since immediate replacement is not provided by concerned authority. I request the hon'ble leaders to consider the case. Thank you.

Pu K. LIANZUALA : Thank you Pu Speaker. On Demand No. 4, Law Commission was established under the leadership of the hon'ble House Leader with a view to prevail more efficiency in the service. I suggest that Law Commission should be manned by Law Research Officer and staffs also be regularised as this will help in the execution of our customary laws effectively.

On Demand No. 20, School Education, I thank the people of Chhingchhip for willingly donated a vast area of land for setting up Sainik School which surely will be an asset for Mizoram. It is learned that an amount of ₹82 crores has been sanctioned from DoNER Ministry and ₹50 crores from 12th Finance Commission two years back. So far, the progress of work is unknown. So, I appeal to the government and to the hon'ble Minister to take initiatives in this matter. Construction of building under RMSA in my constituency is now in progress as a group of MLA visited the spots and verified the exact position. But due to the lack of fund, the work could not be continued which impedes the progress of work. So, I request the hon'ble minister to give special attention to expedite the work.

Pu Speaker, Demand No.24, Health Department, even though my constituency is known to be of a Malaria proned area, we do not have any well-established PHC despite intensive demand. I request the hon'ble minister to provide one with well-equipped staffs for effective service.

Under NLUP project, most of the beneficiaries in my constituency opted rearing of cattle as we even have quite a success story to mention. Even so, Pu Speaker, we have only one dispensary which is in Chhingchhip. So, I request the hon'ble minister to determine setting up of Veterinary Hospital in every constituency since majority opted veterinary related trade under NLUP. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Pu Lalrobiaka, next.

Pu LALROBIAKA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. It is clear from the light of our discussion that each member is willing to improve his constituency as well as our very own state. In the same manner, Pu Speaker, I have to mention regarding my constituency in which there are 32 villages under Dampa constituency including sub-villages yet, we do not have any Higher Secondary school. Considering the number of households within my constituency, our aim for quality education and the demand for Higher Secondary school is quite high as concerned minister has already been informed of our needs. Apart from this, there are large number of Bru and Chakma residents in the area who need special attention in the field of education. To cover the entire residents, the elementary schools are not well equipped with staff. So, I request our government to take necessary steps in this regard.

On Demand No.24, I thank the hon'ble minister for fulfilling our request for medical needs especially for West Phaileng. At the sametime, we need proper medical equipments like X-Ray machine as we are also in short of medical staffs. Since it is a malaria proned area, we need proper medical attention. Plans to construct Reiek Medical quarter is in progress and we are grateful to the hon'ble minister for his initiatives but Health Sub-Centre building at Reiek is quite weak and immediate action for the renovation may be taken.

Under Animal Husbandry & Veterinary of Demand No.34, I request the hon'ble minister to equip my constituency with more VFA. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Pu C. Ramhluna, next.
Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Under Demand No.4, It is learned that 21 posts of MJS

Officer are now lying vacant. Is there any plan to fill up such posts? If so, I suggest that recruitment should be conducted in an orderly manner as it concern the wellbeing of the upcoming generations.

Regarding School Education, Demand No.20, I opine allocation of funds to the department is sufficient enough to provide salaries and other benefits. In my constituency, the literacy rate is quite low and it will be appreciated if People's Education Centre is established through Education Reforms Commission Recommendation. I also suggest that private schools should be given more attention and panel of inspection should be carried out once in every three years to keep the system in check and to maintain the required norms and standard. I also suggest that provident fund should also be provided to private school teachers.

I came across the morning newspaper which underlines 44 Nos. of unqualified teachers as being recruited under RMSA and SSA. May i know who were the recruiting board members and what action will be taken in this regard? In a high literacy state like Mizoram, it is disgraceful to have this kind of recruitment. So, it is a must for the government to take immediate action in this regard.

Regarding CCE, teachers should be given proper training as many parents encounter problems due to our teaching pattern. In the meantime, it is learned that there is

shortage of supply of folio bags and so attention may be given. I suggest this should also be provided in private schools.

Regarding Demand No.21, Higher & Technical Education, there is a plan to set up Polytechnic School in Champhai, Lawngtlai, Kolasib and Mamit and for that purposes, ₹200 lakhs is allocated. In a constituency like ours, we do not have such funds unless we coordinated with other departments. So, I request PWD to inspect the area and take necessary actions.

Last year, the government diverted fund for Post-matric Scholarship for our students studying in overseas. As the Govt. of India came to know this, a notice reimburse the entire amount of ₹77,46,568/- is given. What step has been taken so far in this regard? Besides, there are students who received a stipend where as some were excluded. I insist on to the government that this should be provided to all the deserving students. Thank you.

Pu CHAWNGTINTHANGA : Thank you, Pu Chairman. In Demand No. 22, Medical & Health Services, I have informed concerned minister of the needs to renovate Health Sub-centre in my constituency and i am glad for assuring to do so through TFC. In addition, I request that the same may also be established in Sesawng, Khawruhlian, Buhhan, Phullen and Suangpuilawn where the needs is quite intensive.

On Demand No.28, Labour & Employment, it is predictable from the initiatives taken by the government that we will, in the near future have site for petroleum exploration and natural gas drilling station. In this regard, I opine it is necessary for us to have propriate rules and regulations for our references.

Pu Chairman, Workmen Compensation Act was once being placed under Law & Judicial Department but it is now under Labour & Employment Department. Under the Compensation Act, Workmen Compensation Act should have a separate Commissioner. So, I request the hon'ble minister to determinen the case.

On Demand No.34, Animal Husbandry, number of NLUP beneficiaries opted trade which concern animal husbandry. But we do not have proper health services. If Veterinary Hospital is there in my constituency, at least VFA may be posted which is an urgent need. Besides, Rural Animal Health Centre may be set up in Phuaibuang and Khawruhlian. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN : Pu S. Laldingliana.

Pu S. LALDINGLIANA : Pu Chairman, under Demand No.20, School Education, our medium of teaching in Mizo has effected our students immensely as they havebecome very weak in English. Unless the problem is resolved immediately, it will be a problem from generation to generation. Pu Chairman, is there means to reshuffle the teachers as some schools remain without adequate teacher for a very long time?

Particularly in Thingfal, we do not have teacher for Science and Mathematics which further affected results of the students concern. I request the post be filled up as soon as possible.

Pu Charman, all Colleges in Mizoram except Chawngte College and Law College, have already been provincialised and Principal of such colleges are temporarily appointed. The same goes for the post of Director, Joint Director and Deputy Director in Higher & Technical Department. So, may initiatives be taken to resolve the problem? In many cases, UGC norms is in practice but in some, we do not. So, may UGC norms be observed in all our Colleges?

Under Demand No.24, Medical & Public Health Services, I thank the hon'ble minister for achieving construction of 12 Nos. Community Health Sub-Centre, 57 Nos. Primary Health Centre, 370 Nos. Health Sub-Centre and 83 Nos. of Health Clinic Centre in Mizoram. In the meantime, there are number of health workers who neglected their duties and explanation has been called many times but no positive result has yet been found. So, I request severe actions be taken in this case.

Regarding Indo-Bangladesh Border trade, progress has been made to a large extent yet, there are may things which need to be resolved immediately. So, may concerned authority determine to expedite the process? It is learned that the central authority has given interest on this project too and so we may urge concerned authority or responsible workers to expedite the process.

Regarding Demand No.34, I suggest that allocation of budget to Animal Husbandry & Veterinary department should be increased as majority of NLUP beneficiaries opted Veterinary related trades. As for my constituency, we need to be equipped with more Rural Animal Health Centre in order to provide after-care of the animals and also for the success of our flagship programme. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN : Pu R.L. Pianmawia

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Thank you, Pu Chairman. On Demand No. 20, School Education, I express my gratitude to the government for upgrading the two Higher Secondary Schools such as Darlawn and Zohmun Gov't Aided schools. In the meantime, it may as well be good if Sakawrdai Higher Secondary School of Sakawrdai is upgraded at the same status. Besides, Pu Chairman, i have to point out that lack of teacher in some schools within my constituency is our main problem. So, it will be much appreciated if arrangement is made by concerned authority by allotting teachers who are appointed under SSA.

Regarding Demand No.28, Labour & Employment, I express my thank to the government for setting up employment registration centre at Darlawn and Sakawrdai. I also want to appeal to the government to set up marketting place under Trade & Commerce, at least at one or two places within my constituency.

Demand No.24, we are grateful as we received many grants under Health Department and also for inauguration of Clinic Centre at Sunhluchhip by the hon'ble Chief Minister. It may, as well be grateful if the same is placed in Khawpuar within this year. Again, Pu Chairman, in order to resolve the problem of irregularity of the service of medical doctor in my constituency, it will be pleasing if PHC at Darlawn is upgraded to CHC which is expected to bring about a regular service of doctor and other medical staffs. During the previous ministry, Pu Chairman, doctor posted in rural areas are provided with a vehicle from NRHM which was greatly benefitted for the purpose of carrying patients to and fro. It will be quite pleasing if the system is resumed as soon as possible. It may as well important for concerned officials to consider increase of honorarium of ambulance driver of RHM at least to ₹5000 per month.

Regarding Demand No.34, I express my gratitude to the hon'ble minister for giving attention to the demands of my constituency such as setting up of check gate at New Vervek, setting up of RHC at Zohmun and Animal dispensary at Sakawrdai. In this connection, a stable farm established at Sailutar, Thangtelawn and Darlawn may be given more attention by the government.

On Demand No.30, Disaster Management, I express my gratitude to the hon'ble minister for acknowledging our needs for silpauline. But as for requirement in my constituency is quite high, it may be granted more. Thank you.

Lt. Col. Z.S. ZUALA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Let me start with Demand No.20 and 21. There are about 18 Sainik Schools in India and the hon'ble Chief Minister, soon after the ministry formed, took initiatives to expedite the plan. In the meantime, we also need hostel for Matric Students here in Aizawl with a view to alleviate problem of students coming from rural areas. Under Scholarship sub-head, we see points concerning overseas students scholarship and civil aviation for which concerned minister may please clarify in his wound up speech. I would also like to know as to whether incentive cash award still endowed to students who got through the UPSC and Defence Service examination. The concerned minister may give attention towards repairing of a collapsed retaining wall behind Government Model School which is unsafe for students of the Primary section.

Regarding AH & Veterinary Department, certain beneficiaries under NLUP opted the trade of breeding mithun which may be given a second thought as to whether a suitable land for farming of the said animals is available otherwise paddy fields in the surroundings will be destroyed. In the same manner, it is wise for those who opted piggery to keep in mind of disease which often causes mass-dying of pigs. Pu Speaker, plan for setting up of slaughter house at Salem Veng is truly appreciated as it is an urgent need of Aizawl city. In this regard, i would like to suggest concerned authority to maintain clean slaughter house. Under Sericulture, Demand No.41, I think market study should be encouraged.

On Medical & Public Health Services, I express my gratitude to the government for considering shifting of Civil Hospital at Falkawn. I am positive that this will ease traffic problem of Aizawl. I also thank the hon'ble Health Minister for establishing Health Sub-Centre at Mission Vengthlang.

We have a well established hospital at ITI which has been visited by specialists during the former ministry on regular basis. I request this routine should be continued as it once served very helpful for the residents of College Veng, Mualpui and Bethlehem Veng. Lastly, I suggest that Law & Judicial department building should be renovated in order to maintain efficiency. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : We have come to the end of our discussion. We will resume the meeting at 4:35 PM.

Recess at 4: 05 P.M

4:35 PM

Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUIA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I will make a few points on Demand No.20 and 21. Due to effort made by the hon'ble minister, we are now equipped with Art Educator/Instructor as well as Health Instructors which is truly appreciated.

I am glad that there is a positive impact on our educational system. In order to upgrade our educational standard, we need to have more trained teachers. So, I appeal to concerned authority that CTE (College of Teacher Education) should be established at Lunglei. I am also grateful that plan is made for establishment of NIT at Thenzawl.

Regarding Higher & Technical Education, CCE has been introduced in our educational system which necessitates parents signature on every assignemnt given to their respective children. This is indeed a positive change as it is quite a remarkable improvement to our educational system.

Under Sericulture Department, the hon'ble Chief Minister innaugurtaed plant for sufficient power supply for grainage machineries at Lunglei, Zobawk and the nearby areas on which we are very grateful. On Demand No.34, it is truly appreciative that plan for construction of slaughter house at Lunglei is in the process as the people of Lunglei will then be provided with healthy meats.

Regarding Demand No.24, Medical & Health, we are grateful to the ministry for construction of buidling of PHC, CHC as well as renovation of Hospitals in different areas. At the same time, it is grateful as our Health workers are now aware of the need to emphasize on promotion of health and hygiene. Apart form this, plans to establish Clinic Centre at Lungpuizawl and PHC at Zobawk are under process as concerned people are overwhelmed with the progress.

Under Trade & Commerce, various progresses has been made in different areas. Yet, I would like to request concerned authority to continue with renovation of Lunglei Super Market. Lastly, Pu Speaker, i must say that we are not manned enough with teachers in my constituency which brings us a negative impact in the educational system. So, I kindly request the ministry to give special attention in this regard. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Next, Pu Lalduhoma and he will be followed by Dr. R. Lalthangliana.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Regarding Disaster Management, I thank the hon'ble minister for acknowledging our needs as large amount of silpaulin is distributed to the people regardless of which political party ones supported. But I suggest the quality of the silpauline should be improved.

Just before the General Election Pu Speaker, many schools were upgraded by the then ministry obviously for wants of vote which now becomes a burden for the department due to lack of enough funds. So, Pu Speaker, I suggest this kind of practice should be avoided in the future. Presently, we are having more than 200 Nos. of government aided schools with their arrear which is expected to increase by the 6th Pay Commission. Yet, no such schools enjoy the benefit till today. Schools under category 'B' will receive ₹1.5 lakhs each which is less sufficient to run a school. Progress should not be expected if we continue to run our schools as usual. So, I suggest that the ministry should give special attention in this regard and that fund provision for management should be made equal in all the categories.

According to the agreement of the former ministry of MNF party with ACES Infotech, Kolkatta, the company should provide licensed computer hardware, software, textbook, course materials, computer consummable, internet facility, tables, stools and qualified instructors to 80 Nos. of schools where as 5 teachers from the selected 80 schools should also be given proper training. But Pu Speaker, it is regretted to learn that the company does not provide anything as listed but somehow continue to renew their contract for two successive terms during 2004-2008. Furthermore, Pu Speaker, more schools were included with each renewal of the contract as the total has now become 140 Nos. schools. Consequently, the government incurred an expenditure of ₹2112.70 lakhs solely for this purpose which in my opinion, is worthless considering performances and results of the students. We should have seen more positive impact on our educational system with an exorbitant expediture incurred by the government.

Pu Speaker, UGC Composite Scheme covers any College under Higher & Technical Department and it is necessary to follow their terms & conditions. In return, 80% of their salary will be provided by the Central government. Apart from these, such colleges also enjoy building grant, library and other benefits. Of the given norms which the state government could not accept is the retirement of 65 yrs. Unless this is accepted, all the benefits we received from the central may be withdrawn. So, I suggest that we should agree with their terms & conditions.

Regarding opening of morning/evening shift colleges, I suggest the government should provide remuneration/honorarium for any extra working hour if this has to be introduced. Pu Speaker, all these are due to our lack of funds as the central government funded 24% as we allot barely 20% from budget for education. Pu Speaker, I am highlighting these points out of a desire for improvement of our educational system and so it should not be taken in bad sense. I further request the government to find strategy to our problems. Thank you.

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

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. As we discuss regarding Health department, may the progress of the Health Insurance Scheme be reported in the House?

Regarding the problem of constituency, a request is made for renovation of hospital of Buarpui and also to fill up any vacant post of doctor and staff nurse. We also need to re-examine implementation of our Health Care.

Pu Speaker, a booklet published by Labour & Employment indicates plan for setting up of Youths Development Corporation with sufficient fund provision from the central and also for establishment of Professional Language Institute. But all such plans seems to vanish in thin air. Pu Speaker, we tend to promise and say things before the elections but remains unfulfilled later on.

On Education, 48 Nos. of schools were provincialised during the ministry of my party in which no extra funds is utilised to that effect. I request this ministry to continue initiatives we have made which concerns welfare of the people and also for the sake of our Educational system. Regarding transfer and posting of teachers during the aforesaid ministry, let me remind my fellow members that we have an Education Act which had been laid on the table of this August House in 2003.

Pu Speaker, most of the Deficit Schools in Mizoram have problems relating to pensionary benefits as contractual teachers have rendered service for 9/10 years. I appeal that such teachers should be given priority if regular post are lying vacant or if possible, we may create a regular post for them. I also ask this House if such teachers are granted DA arrear which has been increased to 26%.

Pu Speaker, it is regretted that ₹7.4 crore sanctioned from the central government for supply of free uniform to 1,85,789 Nos. students has lapsed last year. For this reason, we have further suffered decrease of budget allocation to the department. In the meantime, Pu Speaker, I opine it is important to re-examine the pay scale of Co-ordinator of NIS, Accountant and Data entry operators.

As this ministry was formed, supervisors for construction work under RMSA were appointed where as apart from the responsibility of school management and development committee, it is the policy of the central government to maintain the work. Under

the National Scheme for Incentive to Girls Child, an amount of ₹3,000 is awarded as soon as concerned student completed her matriculation. It is learned that the fund has not been entered in to the account of the concerned student even though 100% of the fund came from the central government. Can this be clarified? In 2009 - 2010, sanction was made for setting up of Girl's Hostel in Lungsen of Lunglei District. But so far, we have not heard the progress which may also be clarified.

Regarding Trade & Commerce, allocation fund last year amounting to ₹400 lakhs where as this year, it is only ₹250. What is the reason? Apart from this, a report of the progress of Border Trade Centre at Kawrpuichhuah and Tlabung may also be given in the House.

Lastly, I ask concerned authority to give importance of the problem faced by Dairy Plant at Zobawk as some parts of the machinery being repaired occassionally does not last long.

S P E A K E R : Now, the hon'ble Minister, Pu Lalsawta may wind up his demand and move the House to pass it.

Pu LALSAWTA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Four MINISTER Departments such as School Education, Higher & Technical Education, Law & Judicial and Parliamentary Affairs Deptts. are discussed by 20 members and I am grateful to them for their participation.

Regarding schools in the southern region, there are 287 Nos. of school building being constructed and 349 Nos. under construction. It is reported that 10 Nos. of school within Lunglei has not been constructed. Regarding the question of Pu B. Lalthlengliana, the said 10 schools may not be included. I believe they are constructed by the assigned contractors and superived by others.

As of the question of relaxation of recruitment rules, it is done so with appointment of contractual teacher since an ordinary teacher of trained B.Ed cannot teach the subject of science and mathematics.

Pu B.LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, may the minister clarify the procedure for amendment of recruitment rules?

Pu LALSAWTA : The Cabinet had approved to relax the MINISTER recruitment rules by considering our needs as there is also a provision in the rules regarding this issue. Pu Speaker, on the matter of Deficit Mission Schools, Adhoc Aided Schools and other Higher Secondary Schools, most of them were established after 1996 and aided rules does not include such institutions. So, we need to review the standing rules.

What we are trying to point out is that we should make a rule that should be our guideline when it is clearly apparent that we cannot abide by the existing rules since they no longer serve our needs.

In regard to the categorization, 'B' category includes private schools or else and financial assistance not more than ₹1.5 lakhs may be provided as deemed necessary. There is no fixation with the amount of financial aid in respect of schools under 'A' category. We are considering community empowerment to enable the villagers to keep a close watch over schools in their villages.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, most of the schools are afraid to be categorized under 'B'. If the Adhoc based schools can be upgraded to 'A' status, all their problems would be solved.

Pu LALSAWTA : Pu Speaker, there is a proposal to upgrade all the Adhoc schools under 'A'. Even the 'B' categorized school may also be upgraded as deserved. In the meantime, we may also consider the fact that performance of some lower paid private schools are better than that of government schools. Hence, it is important to consider the possibility that staff of any school which may be upgraded to 'A' category, knowing their status, may lose their dedication, discipline and sacrifices for the school. So, we need to take a careful step in this regard.

S P E A K E R : There were some schools that produced zero pass percentage results. I supposed concerned authority has made an enquiry against such schools. What action has been taken so far?

Pu LALSAWTA : Pu Speaker, I have summoned all Heads of such schools to my office as they all have expressed their regrets to the result of their schools. However, we have to understand their position as well since some of such schools do not even have mathematic teachers where as some have only 2 candidates and both were unfortunately failed but pass percentage, like others has to be regarded as Nil.

One of the most peculiar changes we have right now is the implementation of Continuous Comprehensive Education (CCE) which happened to be a part and parcel of the RTE. The system includes participation of parents in their children's studies which we believe would have a beneficial influence on their studies.

Pu Speaker, one of the major problems for students is mathematics. There are thousands of students whose career took a nose dive because they are weak in mathematics. Therefore, we have devised a plan to resolve the problem of any student by dividing the subject in to 'A' and 'B' for HSLC. 'A' will be taken up by students who are well adapted with the

subject as 'B' will cover those who are weak and they will take up the fundamentals and basic mathematics.

Same is the case for Hindi subject. There are hardly any students who could read, write or speak the language even after they have passed HSLC. What we propose is that we do not learn the literature and poetic aspect of the language in the lower classes but only spoken Hindi. Unless they are able to comprehend and converse in the language, we believe that they will never take a genuine interest.

Some members have mentioned regarding schools established beyond the border which runs up to more than 30 schools (.....interruption.....)

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, I do not think the hon'ble minister consider the point of fencing to be the actual border.

Pu LALSAWTA MINISTER : I apologize for my mistake. It is simply a fence, not the real border.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : If the hon'ble minister has such a determination, it would be appropriated for us to support it in the House considering the future.

Pu LALSAWTA MINISTER : Again, I apologize, Pu Speaker. In any case, there are over 30 schools beyond the fence.

S P E A K E R : Gates are being constructed at an interval of 1 to 4 kms. and the people living near the borders could be cheated of their own produces simply because of this. Please continue.

Pu LALSAWTA MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Speaker. 20 members have discussed the problems of their respective constituencies. Pu Speaker, I have noted down all their grievances and the department will take necessary action.

To start with Law and Judicial, we are expected to create 32 new posts with separation of Judiciary and the matter is taken into account despite financial clearance from MPSC and proceeded without even informing us beforehand.

We have also decided to implement the Gram Naya Yalayas in 12 villages as a pilot project. This is a Central Act, 2008 yet, the High Court who is supposed to make the rules is not quite fully prepared which causes delay.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, I fail to understand why the department is not involved with the advertisement of the posts since the government controls the budget and should be responsible for creation of the said posts.

Pu LALSAWTA : I share the same opinion, Pu Speaker. MINISTER
However, being an autonomous department, we are wary of trespassing beyond the understandings of separation of judiciary. In the meantime, they have gone ahead on their own too much which further creates problems between the two departments and even caused misunderstanding.

Regarding the delay of relocation of the High Court within the New Secretariat Complex, we want to expedite the matter and expected the court to move in immediately but the Chief Justice of Guwahati High Court, being a careful and meticulous person, he himself has personally examined the architectural designs and the general construction. Thus, the plan has to be delayed until we have their approval.

Pu Speaker, I do not deny that there are several loose ends which need to be tied up in Education Department. At this point, we are experimenting new systems of education as we are now in a stage of trial. As we understand with the term of a Deficit School, it is a government aided school in reality with reference to Recurring and Non-Recurring Grant in aid Rules, 1990 and a Deficit Grants is given only once. I, therefore, feel that we need to examine the case carefully and amendment may be made if necessary.

Pu LALDUHOMA : You should have clarified it from the very beginning.

Pu LALSAWTA : In any case, Pu Speaker, we are MINISTER
examining how it is implanted in other states and hence, we are only in a tentative learning stage. I would also like the House to inform that we have schools in every corner of Mizoram and our department is shared by sub-departments as well. It may be easy for the members to make criticize the department but I would like to assure the members that the officials are working around the clock to ease the problems. In regard to appointment of teachers under SSA and RMSA, I read in the newspaper that 44 unqualified teachers as being appointed. The files have not yet reached my desk but it is to be noted that the time left for processing of the said appointment was quite short since we received the approval very late. So, some sorts of mistakes are expected despite all efforts made by the officials to evade it yet, we have done all we can to rectify the mistakes we have made.

This is somewhat similar to the case of appointment issued under DIET, DRC and SCERT. The appointment was made following the original plan for such posts. However, the central reduced the number of posts later and the sanction we received could not

cover all the appointments we have made and therein lies the problem. On the other hand, we are optimistic that if we upgrade 6 Nos. DIET, our problems will be resolved.

Regarding the Parliamentary Affairs Department, we have occasionally conducted Youth Parliaments or Mock Parliament where the students learn elocution and parliamentary decorum. This is very healthy for their mental and psychological development. Other states are also conducting it on regular basis and I believe this will prove very helpful for the students.

Regarding increase of pension salary of the ex-members of District Council and Pawi-Lakher Regional Council, we are conducting a survey of the conditions of the living members or their bereaved families and hopefully we may be able to provide information by tomorrow or the day after.

As the Cabinet approved the Mizoram Scholarship Board for Higher and Technical Education Department, the department is expected to submit list of applicants which they failed to do so. We have submitted a proposal to the central an amount of ₹983 lakh but were rejected obviously because of financial discrepancy. In the meantime, it may also be important to mention that NIT has already been set up in several states but the institution is usually located outside the state capital. I may be wise if we follow that example.

Pu Speaker, grievance of the students under MBSE relating to negative mark system, it is a newly introduced system and there is absolutely nothing wrong with the grading. Yet, their complaint is understandable to a certain extents as some students, without considering the effect of a negative mark might have given a blind answer to some questions. Negative marking system encourages only an accurate answer to obtain more marks. The system has also been practiced in the central and we have to make all the students understood the system in detail.

Mizoram has a weakness in the implementation of UGC norms as appointment of Principal and Director has even takes more than 2 and half years. In regard to semester system, it is regretted as we have a problem to admit the student as much as we like yet, any failed student have an option to get admitted in any district colleges.

Regarding Sainik School at Chhingchhip, initiative is made but it cannot be expedited as yet. The Hindustan Pre-Fab has taken up the work and will be started shortly.

We have done everything we can in regard to the polytechnics but there are some issues which involve other departments and so the work cannot be expedited. We also have made initiative to Girl-child scheme but as we approached the SBI, we have been declined as the scheme has no commission to back it up. Pu Speaker, I apologize to the members that I cannot react to all the points made this time. Thank you.

SPEAKER : You may now move the House to pass your Demands.

Pu LALSAWTA : Pu Speaker, excepting the 'Charged on MINISTER
the consolidated fund of Mizoram,
under Law and Judicial Department, I request the
House to pass my Demands such as: -

Sl. No.	Demand No.	Department	Amount
1	Demand No.4	Law & Judicial Department	Rs.13,31,94,000
2	Demand No.12	Parliamentary Affairs	Rs.46,23,000
3	Demand No.20	School Education	Rs.4,56,54,73,000
4	Demand No.21	Higher & Technical Education	Rs. 64,61,32,000
TOTAL			Rs.5,3494,22,000

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : The Minister has wound up his
Demands and moved the House to pass
the following Demands: -

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Pu LALSAWTA : Thank you, Pu Speaker.
MINISTER

S P E A K E R : Now, I call upon Pu Lalrinliana Sailo,
Minister to wind up the discussion of his
Demands and to beg leave of the House
to pass it.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I apologize MINISTER beforehand as I will not be able to answer all your queries at this time. Starting with Labour and Employment, the members were quite right in their observation about the budget but I would also like to remind them that the budget for the department has never been very big. In any case, we have forgotten to include budget for the Youth Commission for which I apologize profusely.

Chawngte and Lawngtlai already have a makeshift IDI which, as we opine could be relied on for some time. (.....Interruption.....)

Dr R. LALTHANGLIANA : Did you say that Youth Commission was excluded in the budget?

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO : Yes, but it will be included as soon as possible.
MINISTER

We have very weak labor force in the state and so, it will be one of our main objectives to increase it. The central has initiated skill development programme under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister and taking their hint, we are now focusing on developing skill in which the Youth Commission will play a vital role to achieve that objective.

I do not believe I need to explain all the details of development we have made in the department but apart from our objective to increase labour force, although we have not yet made the final decision, we are trying to request the central to set up a Employee State Corporation (ESC) for those who earns less than ₹15,000 per month. This will include workers from all kinds of trade. The workings of this scheme are very simple as the employers will contribute ₹4.75 out of ₹100 every month while the employees themselves will contribute ₹1.75. In case of health related issues, the employees can avail funds from the collection and we are hoping that it would prove to be very beneficial for the underprivileged workers.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, the minister said that he would explain why the Youth Commission budget was excluded but we are still unclear. Are we still going to pass it in the House?

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO : We have forgotten to set aside ₹50 lakhs for the Commission but arrangements are being made to allocate that fund.
MINISTER

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, it was not passed in the budget. Can the minister tell us the reason?

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO : That is true. Maybe it was the MINISTER Directorate who commits the error.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, is it true that the budget estimate was not submitted to the Planning Department? May the hon'ble minister clarify about the vote on account whereas validity of any matter for vote on account should be four months? How will they manage themselves till next year?

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : It could even be interpreted as an attempt to discontinue the Commission.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO : Pu Speaker, it has already been proved MINISTER that it was a mistake originated from the Directorate. We try to include it in the Demands in a hectic manner.

Pu Speaker, the website of Public Health Sector indicated that construction of hospital of Borapansuri and Lawnguiughat as being completed but we have found out the information to be incorrect only after a spot verification was made. Thereafter, construction is initiated in Borapansuri but could not be done the same as yet for Lawngpuinghat.

The bad medicine that Pu B. Lalthlengliana has spoken about and being displayed in the House was initially found out by the Drug Control Force as large amounts were seized. I also have kept the sample in my office. The department is highly commendable for their efforts but there are drugs which we cannot control since they are supplied from the central.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, if the state government refuses to buy the medicine, would not the influx of defective medicine be controlled? One of the main reasons for the existence of bad medicines in our state is illegal practice of tenders being issued to ones close relatives without floating official tenders.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO : Pu Speaker, there are drugs being MINISTER supplied directly and indirectly as supply tender is officially issued yet, there are a some being supplied on emergency cases.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : As stated, supply tenders were definitely floated but many were cancelled or delayed. Our concern is that we are letting some people supply drugs on emergency cases which seems to be the reason of the existence of bad drugs in our state.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO : Pu Speaker that is not the truth. I have MINISTER the correct information here and you may have it. The supply is done only by govt. approved suppliers. We have been holding this ministry for 2 years now and we are aware of the insidious corruption existed in the department and in the administrative machineries. This facet of corruption has created a lot of problems for us even in connection with our current subject, and we are trying to eradicate it as much as possible.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, supplier from Vaivakawn does not even have a license. How can he receive the supply order?

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO : Pu Speaker, we have investigated the MINISTER matter as I give this august House only true information. We now have a new Director and I do hope this kind of problem will not happen again.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, in the information he has provided, there are only 5/6 suppliers. Is it possible to select suppliers other than in the list?

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO : Pu Speaker, it is indeed unfortunate. But MINISTER I would like to say that 2 Directors has already been suspended as one of them is having the ongoing case.

Pu Speaker, we have received ₹30 crores from the 13th Finance Commission which will be utilized first for construction of sub-centers and staff quarters within the Mara and Lai District.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, I would like to express my gratitude to the hon'ble minister for he has personally visited my district and I sincerely hope that he will fulfill his promise.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO : Pu Speaker, we are doing our best and MINISTER we have completed the plans and estimates. I regret to say that I am unable to answer all your questions but I have noted down your problems and we will do everything we can to solve them. I also extend my sympathy to the B.Sc Nursing students whom Pu P.P. Thawla has spoken of.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, may the hon'ble minister brief us progress made so far on the

proposed construction of PHC at N. Vanlaiphai?

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO : Pu Speaker, the 13th Finance MINISTER Commission has granted us ₹15 lakhs for construction of PHC and another ₹150 lakhs for Health Sub-Centres and we will construct these centres one by one and not by sanctioning the whole amount at once. In the meantime, I would like to point out that there were no incidents of purchasing materials at higher price than the MRP.

Pu Speaker, we are attempting to mitigate the infant mortality rate and for this purpose, we need more doctors and the First Referral Hospital in our state. We have some doctors who have gone through training on emergency maternal obstetric care at Guwahati and they will be very helpful in the rural areas.

Regarding PHC, we are way below the standard of Indian Public Health System. We cannot even spare one specialist for each PHC and health centre when 5 doctors are meant to be allotted. In the meantime, we are trying to improve our condition gradually and one of the key points for such improvement is having an efficient monitoring cell. The NEC is prepared to grant us the necessary funds for setting it up and if we have an effective monitoring cell, our health care and index will improve dramatically. Nowadays, the workers are striving hard for improvement of health-care as we are now ranked the second most successful state in the implementation of NRHM. The Health Department is a large department with large budget with 16 separate establishments. We also have a new Secretary and Mission Director to consult with the central.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO : As Pu Lalduhoma is so anxious to know MINISTER about the college, let me inform the House that an estimate is being prepared with the already sanctioned fund and construction of the required buildings will be started soon. But obviously we may not be able to complete even with the 2nd installment. Hence, we again turned to Finance & Planning Departments for financial assistance. A meeting to this concern concluded that we should take this construction work departmentally.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, information I have received an information which seem to be true is that work order as being received by Lalmangaihzuala, an MR driver of Health department but the work order and his appointment as being cancelled later due to some reasons. For that reason, it is stated as not to be essential for the hon'ble minister to react in the first place.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO : Pu Speaker, information given by the MINISTER member is completely unfounded. It is true that we visited the place often but that is because the constructions under the previous ministry were generally not of good quality and we insisted that this construction should be of good quality and we are extremely cautious.

In regard to Healthcare scheme, the previous Ministry took ₹50 crores from the plan fund to make an agreement with Reliance Company and invested ₹274,917,802 for the purpose. As we assumed power, we found out that only ₹81,600,000 has been utilized by the people. We felt that the company should not get away with rest of the fund provision and hence a meeting had been called 14/15 time. Eventually we convinced them to return ₹17 crores to the state government. Pu Speaker, I would like to point out that we will implement health care scheme with various system to ensure that the state does not lose any of the fund and that the people receives the benefits to the fullest.

I would like to remind the members that with the help of RSBY scheme under Labour and Employment, a family of BPL can avail ₹30,000 for healthcare and ₹70,000 for critically ill patient by registering themselves at the cost of ₹35. Any family above Poverty Line (APL) may also register themselves to receive the fund for health care depending on the amount of his/her registration.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, there are several complaints during the Previous ministry that the billing section as intentionally complicated sanctioning of the bills thereby deducting the amount to be received by concerned families. May the hon'ble minister resolve such complications in the new system of healthcare scheme?

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO : Pu Speaker, I also have read articles MINISTER about the problem and I think we have to appoint CEO to supervise dealing of this case.

S P E A K E R : It would be more appropriate if the matter is directly informed to concerned minister instead of flashing it in some newspapers.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO : Pu Speaker, I believe the member inform the House out of his concern for the department and I assure that we will do everything we can to rectify it.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, concerned patients generally expected to recover all their expenses from this scheme. So, it is important for concerned authority to notify the limit which should be covered by the bill.

Pu Speaker, there are some patients from BPL family being referred to hospital outside the state but without any sum for advance payment of their bill. May the government make arrangement with authorized hospitals in regard to such bills?

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO : Pu Speaker, we have decided not to MINISTER involve a third party in the new scheme to ensure smooth sanction of fund in respect of any medical bill.

Moving on to Trade & Commerce, I would like to inform the House that despite allotment of a less sufficient fund in the budget which is only ₹431 laths, the department is working hard for improvement. Last year, we have targeted revenue of ₹100 lakhs and we exceeded the target. This year, out of the total amount of our revenue target which is ₹135 lakhs, ₹40 lakhs has already been achieved.

Likewise, we are doing our best with MAMCO. As a result of increase of gates entry charge, local production of cash crops such as ginger can now be sold at the rate of ₹28 to 30 per Kg. We have encountered a petty problem with the Local Council for they insisted to take up disposal of garbage of the super market area but i assure the House that appropriate system of disposal of garbage will be set up.

So, Pu Speaker, I request the House to kindly pass Demands of the following departments under my concern such as: -

Sl. No.	Demand No.	Department	Amount
1	Demand No.24	Medical & Public Health Services	Rs.182,80,86,000
2	Demand No.28	Labour & Employment	Rs.6,70,02,000
3	Demand No.44	Trade & Commerce	Rs.4,31,00,000
TOTAL			Rs.193,81,88,000

S P E A K E R : The minister asked permission of the House to pass his Demands. All those in favor may say, 'yes'.

The House has unanimously passed Demands of the hon'ble Minister, Pu Lalrinliana Sailo, such as:

Sl. No.	Demand No.	Department	Amount
1	Demand No.24	Medical & Public Health Services	Rs.182,80,86,000
2	Demand No.28	Labour & Employment	Rs.6,70,02,000
3	Demand No.44	Trade & Commerce	Rs.4,31,00,000
TOTAL			Rs.193,81,88,000

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO : Thank you, Pu Speaker.
MINISTER

S P E A K E R : Now, the hon'ble Minister, Pu Nihar Kanti to wind up his Demands and move the House to pass it.

Pu NIHAR KANTI : I am grateful to the members who have participated in the discussion of Demands of my departments. Pu Speaker, I have noted down points raised by various members that concern my departments and I will do anything in my power to resolve your problems.

So, to start with Disaster Management, I assure Pu Lalduhoma that problem regarding defective tarpaulin will soon be resolved.

Pu Speaker, it may be noted by the members that there is no foul play or misuse of power in issue of the quotations. Since our state is a hilly region and located in 5th level seismic zone, the Government of India and UNDP included us in the Central Disaster Programme. Based on the Disaster Management Act, 2005 under the Chairmanship of the hon'ble Chief Minister, we have established a Disaster Management Authority and conducted a meeting thereby passing several acts for the safety of the people and quick response ability of the armed forces.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, I would like to know what progress has been made so far for retrofitting of the Civil Hospital and also, what kind of disaster response trainings being given by the 2 police officers from Coimbatore?

Pu NIHAR KANTI : Pu Speaker, we have sent proposal to the National Disaster Authority of India for retrofitting of the hospital as no response has yet been received. The officers being sent to Coimbatore are participating in the trainings conducted in several places.

We have set up a State Executive Committee under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, Disaster Management Committee under the chairmanship of DC of each district and Block Level Committee. The central has sanctioned ₹6 crores to assist the victims of cyclones on 10 March this year as we have made a request to include us under the National Cyclonic Mitigation Project for which a positive outcome is expected.

The Mizoram Landslide Management Action Plan has been submitted to the National Disaster Management Authority with estimates of the plan being attached and we expect their response shortly.

One of the major causes of accidental death in Mizoram is drowning. To assist the rescue operations, the department has provided several rescue equipments which has been handed over to the police for immediate actions.

Fortunately, the 13th Finance Commission raised the Disaster Relief Fund to ₹12 crore from 2015 in which state matching share is reduced from 25% to 10%. For the first time, Capacity Building Grant of ₹5 crore is provided by the central to be utilized within 5 years as prospective work plan has already been submitted to Finance Department.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, may the hon'ble minister kindly provide a speedboat for rescue operations?

Pu NIHAR KANTI : Pu Speaker, I have to speak with our MINISTER leaders first but I will try my best to provide the boat.

When Shri Sharad Pawar visited Mizoram, we have received fund provisions for several projects such as construction of 36 quarters and dispensary centre for which we are extremely grateful. We are aware of the understaffed nature of the VFA and the vacant posts and we will determine to resolve the issue.

One of the main objectives of the department is to ensure self sufficiency in supply of meat, eggs and milk as we have provided stable occupations to some people with a view of achieving our goal through NLUP, the flagship programme.

Another important agenda of the department is prevention against animal diseases such as the swine flu, etc. We have set up check gates of imported animals at borders and vaccination programme is being conducted on regular basis. Due to the efforts of the department, we have set up a National Animal Disease Reporting System with which we are now able to communicate with Delhi through internet.

From the statistics of the NLUP, it seems that animal husbandry is being opted by more and more beneficiaries.... (...interruption...)

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Many beneficiaries have opted animal husbandry as their trade but pig pens and chicken coops being constructed remain empty till today. When will the selected animals be received?

Pu NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA : 1st installment has already been MINISTER given, Pu Deputy Speaker.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, the hon'ble minister has promised to construct new staff quarters at Biate. I would like to know when construction will be started since the existing quarters are extremely poor. I would also like to know if it is possible for the department to breed the Punjab buffalo at Thenzawl.

Pu NIHAR KANTI : I will look into it, Pu Speaker. The first MINISTER thing we need is a well facilitated dispensary and we have built several in various places. We have also submitted a project to set up a polyclinic hospital.

Moving on to Sericulture Department, it was established in 1985 and now it becomes an important department for rural economic development. As a young department, we have been encountered several problems yet, we somehow manage to assist many families under NLUP programme.

For the year 2011-2012, we have selected 1500 families under the NLUP to cultivate blackberries. A district office is to be constructed at Champhai, 2 grain houses and rearing houses each will be constructed under the NLUP which will be able to store the eggs of the silk worms. 1500 farmers will be given training. We expect to be able to produce 70 metric ton of cocoon and 8 metric ton of raw silk. Staff quarters will also be constructed in accordance with the availability of funds.

Pu Speaker, we are trying to create 4 posts of District Sericulture Officer which is expected to be accomplished shortly. Due to insufficient Plan Outlay, we are faced huge problems from the very outset. However, we hope to overcome this obstacle in the form of NLUP. In the meantime, there are around 56 posts lying vacant as the government is being requested to fill up such posts.

Finally, Pu Speaker, I move the House to pass the Demands of the following departments under my concern: -

Sl. No.	Demand No.	Department	Amount
1	Demand No.34	Animal Husbandry & Veterinary	Rs.117,14,33,000
2	Demand No.30	Disaster Management & Rehabilitation	Rs. 15,67,85,000
3	Demand No.41	Sericulture	Rs. 11,12,90,000
TOTAL			Rs.1,43,95,08,000

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : The minister has moved the House to pass the Demands of his concerned departments such as: -

Sl. No.	Demand No.	Department	Amount
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TOTAL			Rs.1,43,95,08,000

Members who are in favor to pass it may say, 'yes', and those who do not may say, 'no'. The Demand is voted and passed.

Pu NIHAR KANTI : Thank you, Pu Speaker.

MINISTER

SPEAKER : We have finished our business for today. The session will be resumed at 10:30 AM tomorrow i.e. 21st July, 2011.

Sitting is adjourned at 8:15 PM

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

**ELEVENTH SITTING ON THURSDAY, THE 21st JULY, 2011
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)**

QUESTIONS

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

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS.

2. **Pu R. LALZIRLIANA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
3. **Pu S. HIATO**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.

NGURTHANZUALA
Secretary.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The days of the blameless are known to the Lord, and their inheritance will endure forever. In times of disaster, they will not wither.

Psalm 37:18 & 19

Pu Joseph Lalhimpua to ask starred question No.131.

Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUA : Pu Deputy Speaker, will the hon'ble Chief Minister be pleased to state – Is there any intention to repair the road to Tlabung?

- Pu LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER : My answer is 'yes', Pu Deputy Speaker.
- DEPUTY SPEAKER : Supplementary question, if any?
- Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUIA : If so, when will the work be started? How will it be repaired? Will the construction of the whole road up to Tlabung be covered?
- Pu LAL THANHAWLA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the said road is in dire need CHIEF of repairs. The distance from Lunglei to Tlabung is 97 kms As DPR has already been prepared and will be funded by a special accredited road development programme for the North East.' The work will be started shortly.
- DEPUTY SPEAKER : Since Pu K. Liantlinga could not attend the session, I call upon Pu Lalduhoma to ask starred question No.132 in his stead.
- Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for Planning & Program Implementation Department be pleased to state –

- 1) If the government actually has a plan to implement the Performance Budget?
- 2) If so, will the performance report, work programme and annual report be submitted at the Budget Session?

- DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call upon the hon'ble Minister, Pu H. Liansailova to answer it.
- Pu H. LIANSILOVA
MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, the answer is: –
1) Yes.
2) Yes.
- Pu LALDUHOMA : It is good to hear that we have made some progress in that area. May the reports be more updated and accurate?
- Pu H. LIANSILOVA : Pu Deputy Speaker, we still have a MINISTER weakness in many aspects yet, we are doing our best to provide the information as updated as possible.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Starred Question No.133 which is shared by Pu B. Lalthlengliana and Pu Lalthansanga. Let us invite Pu B. Lalthlengliana to ask the question.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, Will the hon'ble Chief Minister be pleased to state: –

- 1) What happened to the proposal for creation of a Vigilance Commission?
- 2) When will it be done?

Pu LAL THANHAWLA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, the main reason for CHIEF the delay of setting up a Vigilance Commission is lack of funds Since Lok Pal Bill will soon be introduced in the Lok Sabha and if it is passed by the parliament, it may not be necessary for us to set up a separate Vigilance Commission. In the meantime, we already have ACB and the CBI to do investigation as necessary.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Supplementary questions from Pu B. Lalthlengliana and Pu Lalthansanga.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I asked this question out of concern for the Vigilance Department which I opine as less efficient in the prevention of corruption and the practice of promoting an officer with liabilities in the previous posts. If the commission is set up, I believe such practices could be checked.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the government has included the setting up of a Vigilance Commission in the election manifesto and I think that they are very committed to its creation. However, they have changed their tune a little with the upcoming introduction of Lok Pal Bill in the Parliament and used it as an excuse to downplay the need for a Commission.

I am sure the establishment of such a Commission will be deeply beneficial for the people since they can participate more in the government administrative machinery. Therefore, I request the government to set up the Commission as they had promised.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, we believe that a CHIEF Vigilance Commission will prove efficiency in curbing corruption and that is exactly why we included it in the election manifesto. But from the government's perspective, as we assumed power, we found that the Chief Vigilance Officer/Chief Secretary is able to function as the Commission if it is being set up.

- DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu T.T. Zothansanga to ask starred Question No.134.
- Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for Rural Development be pleased to state:-
What is the amount of fund allocated for Rural Housing Scheme during 2010-2011?
- Pu R. LALZIRLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the answer is ₹400 MINISTER
lakhs
- DEPUTY SPEAKER : Supplementary questions from Pu T.T. Zothansanga and Pu Lalduhoma.
- Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : My supplementary questions are: –
1) No. of family who has already received GCI roofs and the cost of 1 bundle?
2) Is the material for 1st installment being distributed?
3) How much is set aside for 2011-2012 and for how many beneficiaries?
- Pu LALDUHOMA : There were several complaints regarding selection of the beneficiaries during the first implementation. Therefore, I would like to request the hon'ble Minister if MLAs of each constituency is sought after for advice in the future.
- DEPUTY SPEAKER : Next, Pu P.P. Thawla.
- Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, how much will each beneficiary receive? Is it distributed in cash or in kind? Also, may I be invited at the time of distribution?
- Pu R. LALZIRLIANA : Pu Speaker, one bundle of roofing MINISTER
costs around ₹3,250. There are 3,145 beneficiaries from 36 R.D. Blocks and we have bought 12,581 bundles. Pu Deputy Speaker, I am aware of the complaints and I have sent my representatives to make a spot check but it was not that serious as being complaints. (...interruption....)

Pu LALDUHOMA : This is exactly what is wrong with the government schemes. No penalty is given to miscreants since they are supporters of a particular party. The complaints are quite real but if the leaders keep turning a blind eye to their activities, it is just an encouragement to practice more corruptions.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA : As I have said, Pu Deputy Speaker, my MINISTER representatives went there to rectify the problem. They did everything they could and I trust their actions. As to Pu P.P. Thawla's question, we provide them in kind, not cash and each family receives 4 bundles.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : On behalf of Pu K. Liantlinga, Pu Lalduhoma to ask starred Question No. 135.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Will the hon'ble Minister for Soil and Water Conservation Department be pleased to state: –
 1) In which places go-down for broom cultivators being constructed?
 2) How many?

Pu LAL THANHAWLA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, we have not yet constructed the godown. We intend to construct as per number of beneficiary in each village. There are 3900 families under broom cultivations for which 441 Nos. of go-down is estimated.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, whether the government has a plan to take up broom cultivation in other areas too? If so, what steps has been taken so far?

Pu LAL THANHAWLA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, experts says that CHIEF even the stalks and leaves of bamboo are processed for other purposes. Therefore, the government determines how to take the step to this concern.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, Col. Z.S. Zuala to ask starred Question No. 135.

Lt.Col. Z.S. ZUALA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for Sports and Youth Services Department be pleased to state: –

For what purpose the Sports & Youth Services Department planning to do with the vacated office of Land, Revenue & Settlement Department at Kawltheihuan, Mission Veng? What is its present condition?

Pu ZODINTLUANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, it is intended to be MINISTER used as a Youth Centre - cum - Indoor Sports Complex. We are expecting a land lease shortly and the construction of the building is proposed under the 12th Five Year Plan.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us now call upon Pu Joseph Lalhimpuia to ask starred question no. 137.

Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUIA : Will the hon'ble Minister for Sports & Youth Services be pleased to state: – What steps has been taken so far for development of sports in Lunglei?

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, so far, the following steps has been taken: –

- 1) We are preparing to lay astro-turf at Thuamluaia field.
- 2) Under SAI, there is a plan to cover the following set up within LDFC Ground No. 2 of Lunglei:
 - a) Sports Hostel.
 - b) Multipurpose indoor hall.
 - c) Basketball court.
 - d) Volleyball court.
 - e) Tennis court.
- 3) The following projects have also been started: -
 - a) Construction of Electric Veng football ground.
 - b) Construction of Theiriat football ground.
 - c) Construction of indoor hall at Luangmual, Lunglei.
 - d) Construction of tennis court at Sethlun.
 - e) Construction of tennis court at AP Tlang, Lunglei.
 - f) Construction of football ground at Serkawn.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Dr.R.Lalthangliana to ask starred question No. 138.

- Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for Industry be pleased to state:—
May the government continue to issue furniture tools and sewing machine on subsidized rate?
- Pu S. HIATO : It has already been stopped due to MINISTER financial problem during 2008-2009 and 2009-2010. Yet, it will be resumed from 2010-2011.
- DEPUTY SPEAKER : On behalf of Pu. K. Liantlinga, Pu Lalduhoma to ask starred Question No. 139.
- Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Deputy. Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for Industries be pleased to state:—
1) Has the Cabinet approved the proposal to set up the department of Food Processing?
2) May the copy of draft of the proposal be furnished in the House?
- Pu S. HIATO : Pu Deputy Speaker, the answer is: -
MINISTER 1 No such proposal has yet been made for Cabinet approval.
2 There is no such copy to produce since no draft is made.
- Pu LALDUHOMA : It is certain that Food Processing Department will be much helpful in the development of our state. So, if it is established, will it be based on PPP or Privatized method? What efforts have been made so far by the government for setting up the said department?
- Pu S. HIATO : The government is aware of the need of MINISTER R having Food Processing Department. But we have just started the NLUP programme and hence priority could not be given to this concern as yet. The central has already sanctioned fund for the said purpose but we have no expert to prepare the DPR to that effect. As we were determined to acquire assistance from some experts from Kolkata, the sanction was cancelled by the central. We are doing our best to have the fund back.
- Pu LAL THANHAWLA : We have been prepared to sign MoU CHIEF MINISTER with Sikkim which will take over the

management of food processing under MIFCO whereas meat processing is of a different case and will be considered separately.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Question Hour is over. We will now take up Demands from Ministers, Pu R. Lalzirliana and Pu S. Hiato. The hon'ble members Pu K. Liantlinga and Brig. T. Sailo as well as the hon'ble Speaker, Pu R. Romawia are absent from today's sitting due to personal reasons. Let us first invite the hon'ble Minister, Pu R. Lalzirliana to submit his demands.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, with your MINISTER permission and on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram, I Move the demands No. 16, 27 and 38 for ₹654,76,59,000 only for meeting expenses during 2011-2012 in respect of the following departments: -

Sl. No.	Demand No.	Department	Amount
1	Demand No.16	Home (Including Prison)	Rs.361,75,32,000
2	Demand No.27	District Council Affairs	Rs.180.53,27,000
3	Demand No.38	Rural Development	Rs.202,28,59,000
TOTAL			Rs.654,76,59,000

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, Pu S. Hiato to submit the demands No. 25, 40 and 43.

Pu S. HIATO : Pu Deputy Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your MINISTER permission sir, I move the demands No.25, 40 and 43 for ₹161,99,56,000 only for meeting expenditures during 2011-2012 in respect of the following departments:-

Sl. No.	Demand No.	Department	Amount
1	Demand No.25	Water Supply & Sanitation	Rs.115,92,58,000
2	Demand No.40	Industries	Rs.40,74,87,000
3	Demand No.43	Tourism	Rs.5,32,11,000
TOTAL			Rs.161,99,56,000

Thank you, sir.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Both the Ministers have submitted their demands. As you all have the copies.

We will begin the discussion. Pu P.P. Thawla will start.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Starting with demand No. 16, Pu Speaker, it is my knowledge that MAP, MRP and PSOs are not provided with sufficient TA/DA while high ranking officers receive their TA/DA regularly. What is the reason? We now have 5 Nos. I.R. Battalions yet, we do not have enough Headquarters. May the hon'ble Minister explain the reason? Also, we requested posting of I.R. Battalion at Saiha and the location has already been approved. However, no action has yet been taken since then. What is the reason? May the government determine pension for Home Guards? Besides, Pu Speaker, construction of Saiha jail has been pending for quite sometimes allegedly due to concerned contractors who are the official head of the department themselves. Is this true? May I know when this jail will be able to function? Relating to this department, even though most of Heads of District Department are being transferred after a short duration whereas the Superintendent of Jail at Saiha is remains at the same post for a long time. What is the reason?

In Demand No. 27, when peace accord was signed, the leaders of our state government promised to look after development of the 3 Autonomous Districts. Even after 25 years, we feel neglected and abandoned as 15% of the total population of Mizoram lives in the 3 Autonomous Districts and we receive only 3% of the total plan fund. In this connection, I request the hon'ble Minister to explain how and where the BADP fund is utilized. Pu Speaker, fund for construction of road to Lungdar, a village in my constituency which is not connected by roads till today remains in K-deposit. May the minister determine release of the said fund to expedite the project?

I would like to extend my gratitude to the hon'ble Minister for setting up a PHE Division at Saiha. Not only this, the hon'ble Minister has also inaugurated the Pump Project of Tuisih River which will feed its surrounding 7 villages. It will be much appreciated if the hon'ble Minister determines immediate completion of the project.

In Industry, the department allotted a quota of 5 Nos. sewing machine and carpentry tools to each MLA to be delivered on subsidized rate. However, the system has not been continued. May the hon'ble minister consider resumption of the system?

Pu Speaker, the Department of Tourism has almost finished construction of staff quarters at Tuipang, the headquarters of my constituency. I request concerned minister to expedite the construction and inaugurate as soon as it is completed otherwise it may collapse as so happened with the previous construction. Thank you.

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I would like to thank the Home Minister for the progress which has been made in maintenance of law and order. So much so that we have passed a motion here in the House itself, efficiency of the police force is commendable. There are times when it would seem that the perpetrators of crimes are

not punished as they deserved. This is exactly why it is imperative that we set up a Directorate of Prosecution as soon as possible.

In regard to Fire & Emergency Services, we have an ideal location for the establishment of Fire Sub-Stations at North-I and East-I constituencies and I have taken a look at these places with the AMC leaders. We would be able to arrive quickly at the places of fire accidents if Sub offices are set up at these locations avoiding the congested traffic.

Under Demand No. 38, we have come to discern clear cut lines between urban and rural aspects of development thanks to efficiency of the officials as we are now able to use development funds correctly.

Under Demand No. 25, we have seen quite a leap in development under this Ministry. The Aizawl Greater Water Supply Scheme Phase-II has seen immense improvements and even Durtlang areas are now proposed to receive water supplies under the Phase-II. I would like to take this moment to request the Minister to provide water supply to Sihphir village as well and to change the pipelines at Zemabawk with bigger pipes.

Finally, I would like to extend my gratitude to the hon'ble Minister for Tourism for taking action upon my request to prepare Sakawrhmutuai Tlang as a tourist spot. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu R.L. Pianmawia, next.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Deputy Speaker, starting with Home under Demand No. 16, I believe that this Demand we are going to pass will be able to cover within its budget, the repairs of damaged housings and the construction of Company Headquarters at Darlawn Khumlhazawl as well as providing more petrol for the police outposts. Therefore, I convey my thankfulness first of all.

In the meantime, I wonder if we should allocate more funds for the Secret Services since our appearance of strength depend largely on them. It would also be welcome if the government can promote the remaining 17 havildars to S.I. rank as the former Ministry had done.

Although it is far from ideal, I am pleased by the increase of allocated fund under the RD department. This department holds a vital part of rural livelihood and I hope it will stress more and more upon rural education in the future. In regard to IAY, since we are not included in the BPL census, we cannot expect to receive the assistances under UD & PA. I hope the new Secretary will make note of this and find a way to save us from our predicament. I also wish that the state government would pay the state matching share as soon as possible since it affects the whole populace.

I commend the efforts and efficiency of the PHE department although there are still so many hurdles to overcome. I am quite surprised that the funds for construction

of water tanks are not set aside in the budget. I would also like to know what happened to my request to the department to take up a major project to pump water from Tuivawl River.

We now have several tourist lodges around the state but the approach roads are in decrepit conditions. It would also be a huge achievement if carpentry tools could be provided to people of the rural areas.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Under the Industry sector, we have trained several Mizo in our handloom training centre but the modified Burmese version has better quality products. However, due to various regrettable incidents, the handloom operators are chased out of the state every now and then. I think it would be advisable to have some special considerations for the Kawl people who help a lot in generating employment in the handloom industry.

The Geology and Mining is a young department whose budget is quite pathetic despite the revenue they submit each year. I request the government to provide them with more funds and facilities since they will apparently play a vital role in the exploration and survey of natural resources in Mizoram. I would also like to know our coal quota and how much we are selling.

The government is working with 3 tour organizations and I would like to know the nature of their contract, how useful are they? Are they worth it? We are going to have a State Institute of Hotel Management at Bung bungalow and at this point, I would like to know when the project will be completed. There was only one project submitted among the priority list to the NEC which was a great disappointment. Unless we develop tourism, the hotel industry has no real hope of survival. Although we have immense potential, we keep neglecting the tourism sector. It is time we undertake these projects seriously if we are to generate sufficient amount of revenue.

I am keen to know how many registered units we have in the handicraft sector. Are the 9 bamboo chipping units really operational? Are they really used as a livelihood as claimed?

The people pay for the damage of road cutting when water connections are being fitted. However, the PHE Department normally does not repair the roads. What are the fines used for then? We have asked for a hand pump at the central jail for a long time now, and I request the Minister to take actions quickly. The Sairang Water Supply Scheme has been submitted to the central a long time ago. We would like to know what progress has been made in its realization.

The PTC at Thenzawl was proposed to be completed with an estimated fund of ₹31 crore but before its completion, we have already moved in. I would like to know if the ₹32 crores will be sufficient to complete it and when will it be finished? The trainees are

rumored as paying the electric fees from their ₹70 stipend. Is this true? The Assam rifles are supposed to submit a quarterly report at Zokhawsang. Will they be able to move there at the specified time?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalthansanga.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, it is very sad that the natural citizens follow the rules with complete obedience while the immigrants are almost always the perpetrators of crimes in the state. We now have a boundary Commission and I hope that they will be able to settle the boundary disputes with Assam.

I hope we will soon allocate a separate fund for the reinforcement and provision of facility for the police force in the plan fund while also using the fund from the modernization scheme. The 13th Finance recommended the construction and setting up of a police outpost at ITI Veng, I would like to know what progress has been made on the matter. I am thankful to the Home Minister for taking a first-hand look at the outpost construction site in my constituency and I hope they will be able to finally complete the police quarter at Vanlaiphai which was started in 1982.

I hope the NREGS will be implemented without gaps because there are thousands of people dependent on it for a lot of reasons. We have received the sanction from the central and the state has already paid its matching share so I do not see any reason for it to be held up.

We have received IDAP and IWMP funds from the central but we have no clue on how it is being used. I request the hon'ble Minister to throw light on how the funds are being managed.

The District Council budget has fallen drastically this year and it would be extremely helpful if the Minister can explain the reason.

There were some concerns about the funds received from the central under Industry. I think the government should allow more freedom to the beneficiaries so that they will become more responsible in the future.

Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I think it is our duty to express our gratitude to the Home Minister for his achievement in developing our security as much as possible. Under his care, the police were able to work unhampered and they have caught criminals almost as soon as their acts are uncovered. The congested traffic within the city is one of the biggest problems and the Home Minister tackled it with systematic and strategic planning. In the meantime, I request him to finally act on the proposal to set up an outpost at Bukpui.

The government has implemented the NREGS for the upliftment of the poor and thus it is a huge concern when the people themselves are the ones who displayed

laziness and lack of commitment. I hope the government will organize more awareness programmes.

The PHE has constructed a water tank at Thingdawl but it is not sufficient to feed the whole village. So, I request the Minister to construct another one to ease the burden of the villagers. Also, I thank the hon'ble minister for repairing the water tanks at Raj Dali and Serkhan.

The Finance Minister mentioned that some revenues were generated under the Industry and I hope the PSUs will work even harder to generate higher earning profit revenues. There is also no tourist lodge at Kawnpui which creates problems whenever government officials have to visit the place. They are willing to donate the land and I hope the hon'ble Minister will take action as necessary.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu B. Lalthlengliana.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the hon'ble Home Minister should be appreciated for his achievements in the Home Department and I hope he will be able to set up a permanent outpost at my constituency. There seems to be a lot of corruption regarding the reception of the repatriation benefit and I urge the Minister to take actions immediately.

The Pukpui YMA captured 500 bottles of whiskey but the police were unable to unearth the real owner. I hope there are no high officials obstructing the police investigations.

I would like to request the Minister to take more care in letting the VCs handle the material components of the NREGS because there are several cases of corruption complaints from the people.

The government should seriously consider the establishment of ISPAT at Lengte because the environmentalists are fearful that it might have a detrimental effect.

Finally, I express my gratitude that the tourist lodge at Farkawn and Khawbung are going to be inaugurated soon.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu K. Lalrinthanga to start the afternoon discussion.

Pu K. LALRINTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, it is good to see that there is a considerable increase in the budget of the Rural Development. In the meantime, the laziness and lack of commitment shown by the workers are very disappointing.

We have seen considerable development in the Home Department and I personally applaud the conviction and commitment of the Home Minister for the maintenance of peace in the state.

Under Water Supply and Sanitation, I know for a fact that the Minister is doing his best to provide clean water supply to all parts of the state. The Minister is also deeply committed to the development of Tourism and I am certain that we will see the result of his efforts shortly.

I am a little concerned that so much fund have been allocated for government employees salaries but we have ₹389.72 lakhs under non salary Grant in Aid which raises my hope that more projects will be initiated in the rural regions. Tools and machines are being distributed at subsidized rates but there were many members who were not informed of the subsidy. I hope we will have better information in the future. Finally, I recommend the passing of the demand to the House, thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu K.S. Thanga, next.

Pu K.S. THANGA : Starting with Rural Development, it is indeed encouraging and motivating that development funds are now being handled by the villagers themselves. When it is converged with the NLUP, I am sure it will prove even more beneficial for the poor. In the meantime, as we are not included in the BADP or the BREGF, I request the Minister to find a way to construct a community hall in my constituency.

I commend the Home Minister for his quick and efficient action in the maintenance of law and order in the state. The Fire Department has also been provided with better facilities and I am sure the people will feel a lot safer with the new stations being established.

The PHE Minister has personally visited my constituency and saw for himself, the demand for water supply in the area. As a result, we now have a public water point and I hope the department will provide us with home water supply. I also request the Minister to construct bigger water tanks at places which the Phase-II cannot reach.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Deputy Speaker, promotion chance for the staff of Industry Department is quite rare. Even so, 8 Nos. posts of Functional Manager could not be filled up due to difference in preference to the appointment. So, the government is expected to sort out the problem as soon as possible.

Pu Deputy Speaker, despite a remarkable achievement in Tourism department, it is regretted as the Wayside Restaurant at Tawipui remain unattended by the department. So, I request concerned minister to resolve the problem otherwise it may be closed. It will be grateful if a permanent worker is appointed to attend this establishment. It will be pleasing if tourist lodge is constructed at Vaseikai also.

I have to express my thanks to the department of PHE for proposing a major water supply scheme for my constituency. It is learned that ₹905 lakhs has been set aside for Lawngtlai Water Supply Scheme and I have even witnessed the progress of work in this project. In the meantime, it is regretted to learn that some contract works are being allotted without inviting a tender.

Much to our comfort, Pu Deputy Speaker, the crime rate in Mizoram is decreasing drastically ever since the current Home Minister assumed his office. The department has also constructed an outpost at Vaseikai as jail is being set up in my constituency. In the meantime, I request the hon'ble minister to take immediate action regarding a van carrying large amount of liquor seized by the Police force.

Again, we are thankful as financial assistance under BADP and BRGF is distributed. And last, but not least, I request the government to reconsider the case of reduction of District Council Budget which causes large problem to concerned autonomous council areas.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalrobiaka.

Pu LALROBIAKA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I am pleased to see that a sizeable amount of funds has been allocated to the Home Department. I am quite impressed by the achievement of the hon'ble Home Minister and it is appropriate that the Home department should be strengthened to maintain peace in the state.

The residents of remote areas depend largely on the Rural Development and hence I hope that the implementing departments will send verifying officers to ensure the successful implementation of the rural development schemes in the future. I sincerely hope that the waiting list for the IAY will be prepared in such a way that it will not be affected by political influences.

I would like to thank the PHE Department for the construction of Phaileng water pump which will feed Phaileng village and the surrounding areas thereby making their lives considerably easier.

The hon'ble Minister highlighted the progress made under the Industry Department and I would like to advise the department to propose projects which will immediately affect the development of the rural regions.

Pu CHAWNGTINTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, reflecting on the chaotic condition of the state not long ago, I am grateful that we have such an efficient Home Minister who is not afraid to maintain law and order at all times. It is imperative that we defend the peace from internal and external threats. The department has sanctioned ₹18 lakhs for construction of barracks and an outpost at Vanbawng for which the people there are deeply

grateful. I am thankful that the hon'ble minister is with a vision for the importance of having a strong border defense.

There are several programmes being implemented under the Rural Development and as my fellow members have mentioned earlier, they truly are the source of livelihood for those areas exempted from BADP/BBGF assistance. I hope the hon'ble minister will attend to our needs as soon as possible.

Coming now to Demand No.43, Tourism Department, the progress of Tourism in our state is remarkable as we already have nine tourist destinations at different places. In this connection, I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to set up tourist destination at Phuaibuang and Phullen also as these two villages are located near Tuivai Hydel Project. This will further accommodate any visiting tourist to see the beautiful sight of Mawmrang hill and Hriangmual cliff. Thank you.

Pu N.P. CHAKMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, Demand No. 16. In reviewing law & order situation for the last two and a half year, it is fortunate for the government to receive a good cooperation from the people particularly in dealing with disaster. It is truly appreciated as progressive effort is made in regard to border trade development. I would also like to thank the government for achieving construction of Police station at Chawngte whereas the same for Borapansuri too soon to be constructed. Not only these Pu Deputy Speaker, it is appreciated as large number of police quarters are constructed in the South. Yet, the police frequently faced the problem of transportation particularly in rainy season. So, it is important for the government to provide a speed boat for each of the Police station in the area.

Pu Deputy Speaker, i must say that administrative system of the Autonomous District Councils is improving with implementation of various schemes. In this connection, I would like to point out that reduction of revenue expenditure as well as increase of development fund is necessary. In the meantime, it is learned that central Government is planning to hand over BADP fund directly to the District Councils. I hope that in such case, the hon'ble minister would know how to deal with it.

In regard to Rural Development Department, it is grateful as the government is supplying roofing materials to all the eligible families regardless of which political party the beneficiary is supported. In Industries Department, I would like to request the hon'ble minister to increase the number of loaners of PMEGP as it is an alternative measure for solution of employment problem. Regarding Sub-Divisional Office which has been inaugurated during the former Congress ministry, it is regretted that the office is not functioning and is always closed. In this connection, it may be wise for the government to set up Industrial Estate within Lai, Mara and Chakma District Councils.

Lastly, I have to say that the prospect of Tourism in Chakma District is quite promising. However, no tourist wants to revisit the area due to scarcity of liquor. It is, therefore, necessary to legalize liquor in our state.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, do we have Recruitment Rules for Microbiologist, Environmental Scientist and Limnologist, the officials concerned for supply of pure drinking water? According to experts and doctors, most of diseases are water-borne diseases and therefore necessary to have a pure drinking water.

SDO post which has been created for Hnahlan in 2008 is not yet filled up till today. I request the hon'ble Minister to clarify the situation in his wind up speech. Regarding supply of water for Samthang and the neighboring villages, spot verification for the source has already been made yet no action is taken till today. What is the reason?

Pu Deputy Speaker, I have to state that Peace Accord signed by MNF Party and the Government of India brings so much controversy due to its impact on transfer of ownership of land and its resources as it is no longer in the hands of the state. Since Peace Accord cannot be altered, we have been facing various problems as the government makes an approach to exploration of Oil and Natural Gas. However, we now have 'Deed of Agreement' and I request concerned minister to furnish a copy to me. It will be necessary for the government to clearly resolve the state's share since petroleum and natural gas will then be one of the most important resources of revenue in our state. Reportedly, 58% of the exploration work is completed. It is suggestive if exploration is done in the eastern side also.

Besides, Pu Deputy Speaker, I request the hon'ble Minister to set up Police Station at Hnahlan and Dungtlang to check insurgency groups entering from Myanmar. It is important to construct guest house at Vaphai, Dungtlang and Khuangleng to accommodate tourists and historians.

Lastly, I want to point out various problems arises out of upgradation of 337 schools during the former ministry yet it is appreciated as this ministry implemented improvement of our educational system in the election manifesto. So, I support this demands for passing. Thank you.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Thank you Pu Deputy Speaker. It is very pleasing to see that all members from Ruling and Opposition party are satisfied with these demands.

To start with, Demand No.16, Home Department. It is much pleasing to know that this government manages to bring about peace and harmony in our state whereas administrative system of each state's department is remarkably improving. Posting of Director to administer Fire & Emergency Service, DIG to Anti-Corruption and a separate S.P. for Traffic Control indicates improvement of our administrative system.

In this connection Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to point out that Police Station is set up at Thingsai to prevent infiltration from outside yet, it still need improvement. In

the same way, Police outpost of S. Vanlaiphai also needs proper maintenance. It will also be highly appreciated if SDPO is posted at Hnahthial with immediate effect.

Under Rural Water Supply Scheme of PHE, more than 93,000 people benefitted supply of drinking water during 2008-2011. In this connection, I thank the hon'ble minister for the plan to install water pump at Hnahthial and Cherhlun.

Regarding Industry Department, it is learned that the General Secretary of MNF Party has LSC within the site of Girls' Hostel, Handloom & Handicraft at Luangmual. I request the hon'ble minister to verify the spot so that the case is resolved immediately. In Rural Development Department, the government spends BADP fund as it is supposed as 2 playgrounds and 5 community halls have been constructed in my constituency. Apart from this, Auditorium, School buildings and Health sub-centres are also constructed. The people of my constituency too witness such achievements of the government.

Under IAY Scheme, homeless are given priority by the government. In order to proof the work under this scheme, booklet attaching photographs of beneficiaries will be handed over to the government later on. Accordingly, fund under NREGS is utilized as supposed due to proper instruction given by the government.

In Tourism Department, it is learned that proposal is made for inauguration of Tourists Lodge at S. Vanlaiphai and Darzo. I request concerned minister to expedite the said inauguration. I would also like to request the hon'ble minister for Tourism to determine construction of Tourists Lodge to accommodate the visiting people to enjoy the sight of two rivers Tiau and Kolodyne meeting in rainy season. In short, the budget is good and satisfactory as I support for passing. Thank you.

Pu R. SELTHUAMA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Demand No.16, Home Department. We are fortunate to have an efficient minister like our Minister for Home Department. I would like to express my gratitude for the noisy sounds of crackers during Christmas and New Year was no longer heard due to effort made by the hon'ble Home Minister. This indicates that we, the mizos are starting to a new chapter under good leaders.

During the former ministry, various insurgent groups disturbed peace in our state by kidnapping our people. As of now, such kinds of incident were heard no more due to effort given by hon'ble Home Minister. He himself truly deserves credit for being able to rescues hostages unharmed. I must say that plan manipulated for such missions were no less inferior to the plan for capturing Osama Bin Laden and Entebbe Airport to save hostages. In the meantime, police personnel involved in such missions deserved much credit. So, it is necessary for the government to determine handsome rewards for such police personnel.

In Fire Department, It is truly appreciated as stand for fire ambulance is made at various localities so that any incident of fire is extinguished in time. Demand No. 38, Rural Housing Scheme, I would like to point out that in our city, there are number of

underprivileged as in rural areas. So, I request the hon'ble minister to provide roofing material to such families within the city also. In this connection, I request the hon'ble minister to note down that localities such as Maubawk and Nursery Veng have no community hall till today. It may wise for the government to determine the case so that the need is immediately fulfilled.

In Demand No. 25, the system of water supply in different parts is improving. I request concerned minister to take immediate attention to the problem faced by Bungkawn Vengthar.

Demand No. 40, Industry Department, Oil & Natural gas will surely be of a good source of revenue as stated earlier. So, concentration should be given by the government and approach may be made to the company to expedite the project. In short, the demand is good and I do support for passing. Thank you.

Lt.CoL. Z.S. ZUALA : Thank you Pu Deputy Speaker. Let me start from Home Department. The hon'ble Chief Minister and Minister for Home set up Sainik Office in two Districts such as Champhai and Kolasib which is truly appreciated. The function of Sainik, as known to us all, is to help any army who may be discharged from their service unconditionally, to claim their pension or allowances etc. to concerned authority.

I also want to point out that any family member of police who have lost their live in an encounter with insurgents must be given employment opportunity on compassionate ground as it is the policy of the Defense Ministry.

In this budget, we have seen expenditure for deployment of CRP. Pu Deputy Speaker, we have three battalions of MAP and five battalions of IR Police under the government of Mizoram. So, it may be wise to deploy MAP or IR battalion instead of CRP to reduce our expenditure.

Regarding location for Fire Service's sub-station being verified at I.T.I veng, it is appreciated as the eastern side of the city from Salem veng to Bethlehem veng will then be possible to serve from this sub-station effectively. In relation, I request concerned Minister to give more attention to maintenance of Police Training Centres such as CTI Sesawng and PTC Thenzawl.

Regarding shifting of Assam Rifle at Zokhawsang, it is learned that 82.8% of the work is completed. Is not it necessary to approach central authority to expedite their shifting?

Regarding distribution of GCI Sheets for housing purpose, it will be much appreciated if priority is given to poor families in the city as their conditions are not better than rural poor since schemes which concern such community have come to an end after AMC is in function. I, therefore, beg the hon'ble Minister to consider their problems. Thank You.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The time now, is 4 PM. We will now take a recess and discussion will be resumed at 4:30 PM.

4:30 PM

DEPUTY SPEAKER : To resume the discussion, may I call upon Pu H. Zothangliana.

Pu H. ZOTHANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, let me start with Demand No. 16 Home Department. Most of the members expressed their appreciation to the government in maintenance of Law & Order in our state. I also support them. I would like to point out that the state police who are involved in rescuing 2 staff of ABCI kidnapped by UDLA militants truly deserve praises. It is wise for the government to show its appreciation at least by offering promotion to encourage others. I would like to thank to concerned Minister as well as Parliamentary Secretary for Home in dealing with the case of Bank robbery in Lawngtlai. In connection to this, I request the hon'ble Minister to take initiative for setting up Police outpost at Vawmbuk village to prevent social evil in the area.

In Demand No.27, District Council Affairs, the opposition members criticizes the budget allotted to District Council Affairs as insufficient. If we compare the budget Estimate and the revised Estimate for the year 2010-2011 and 2011-2012, it increased by 4281.87 lakhs. Regarding IAY, it is successful as almost all the deserved families are already covered by the policy. Even in my constituency, number of beneficiary under this ministry increases 3 to 5 times than that of number of beneficiary under the ministry of MNF Party.

Lastly, considering potentiality of our state in Geology & Mining, I would like to request concerned authority to determine more opportunity for the students to pursue their career to technical knowledge of Geology & Mining. Thank you.

Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. It is truly appreciative as the minister for Home & Rural Development Department expresses during Question hour, his confidence to the officers. It indicates that the officers execute their respective duty at their level best.

Regarding Fire Department, I want to point out that Fire Sub-station was established at Lunglei in 9.9.1974 but no improvement is made since then. So, it is truly appreciated that this ministry carefully determined the situation and is now upgraded to a full-fledged Fire Station. Apart from this, there is a plan for construction of the building from fund provision coming under the 13th Finance Commission. It truly indicates a change in the government.

Now, Demand No.27 District Council Affairs, I appreciate increased of the budget this year including fund provision of BRGF in favour of Lawngtlai and Saiha District. Apart from this, Lawngtlai and Mamit District received ₹20 lakhs each for multi-sectoral development. Regarding NREGS, fund is utilized for Thenhlum village as it is supposed to be as the beneficiaries are now able to set out happily to their respective work. Pu Deputy Speaker, I also want to praise Congress party as priority is always given to poor section of our community. Yet, we still need improvement in other fields which may be determined by concerned authority. In this connection, it is also necessary to point out that BRGF has also been implemented effectively.

Regarding Water Supply and Sanitation, we have visited on the spot pump House of Greater Aizawl Water Supply scheme at Tlawng River and Durtlang Booster in which a remarkable progress is seen within a few months. In the same manner, progress has also been made on Greater Lunglei Water Supply Scheme with sanction of 11 crore rupees from DoNER Ministry. Initiative has also been taken for the project of Vanzema Li of Mat River for which spot visit has already been made by PHE Officials. I request the government to start the project as soon as possible.

Much to the appreciation of the people of Leite and Rotlang of my constituency, there is a provision for supply of pure drinking water and the same for project for Dawn, Leite and Maudarh will soon be started. I would like to thank the ministry that implementation of supply of pure drinking water to rural people is included in their party's election manifesto. In this connection, I would like to request concerned authority to strengthen the Underground Water pump Wing of PHE.

In Tourism Department, it is worth mentioning that 100% of Central fund is utilized for construction of Tourist Lodges at different places. Yet, insufficiency of staff hindered the progress of the department and as a result, Tourists' Lodge constructed at various places could not be functioned as planned. I, therefore, suggest concerned authority to adopt PPP Mode in the state.

In regard to LAD, number of park is constructed at various places. It may be wise to generate such parks as sources of revenue by coordinating LAD and Tourism department. Thank you.

Pu LALRINMAWAIA RALTE : Pu Deputy Speaker, Demand No.25
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Department, it is learned that contract agreement is cancelled on ground of failure of contractors to implement the agreement in 2009. So, the department of PHE carries out the work without any delay on which it is truly appreciated. Again, I would also like to express my appreciation to the step taken by the department that concern rural health.

I also want to thank to the Government for the proposal to increase Water Tariff. In my constituency, 21 villages situated at the plain and other 10 villages situated on the hills. Is there a way to set up a common water Supply scheme for the community inhabited on

hilly as well as plain region? I would like to request the concerned Minister to determine the case with immediate effect.

Pu Deputy Speaker, Industries Department earned 21.97% of state revenue for the year 2010-2011 which is almost equal to 1,600 crore rupees. The state has implemented new Industrial Policy yet, it does not afford to fulfill demand of the state. So, it is appreciated that the Minister is determining to take immediate step to that respect. In 1952 when Mizoram was governed under District Council, the main concern of the then leaders was Hydro Electric plant for pumping of water and foods grinding and so a memorandum was submitted to the visiting Home Minister of central government. Vision of our leaders was off course truly appreciative at that time but we are more fortunate as we now have leaders and experts who formulated this new Industrial policy which the former leaders had never dreamt of.

Relating to Tourism Department, I opine our state needs relaxation of MLTP Act so as to attract larger portion of tourists and simultaneously to increase our revenue. In short, it is necessary for the government to give more concentration on Tourism department. So, I support this Demand. Thank you.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, achievement of our police forces in a recent incident truly deserve honor. So, I do support a suggestion of compassionate appointment to the bereaved families. In this connection, I request the hon'ble Minister to set up Police Out-Post at Buarpui and DIG Range and also to consider posting of DIG at Lunglei. Apart from this, construction of Jail Staff Quarter at Sazaikawn, Lunglei may also be expedited. Again, considering sensitivity of Lawngtlai and Saiha region, no police battalion is deployed there. It will be appreciated if the case is determined by the government.

Pu Deputy Speaker, to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of Peace Accord, a function was held at Vanapa Hall in which central minister for Home Affairs was invited to witness our highly valued function. In recognizing emotions of the people of Mizoram, we were offered 180 crore rupees as Peace Bonus which clearly indicates peace prevails our state. The Indian Today has even declared Mizoram as the most peaceful state in the country. It may be taken for granted if some members criticized the reality.

To speak of the achievement of Police department, the Government set up 4 Police battalions during the previous Ministry through which 4,000 youths got employment. The achievement was truly worth-mentioning. So, I am questioning to this august House how many police battalions this government will also set up in this ministry.

Regarding filling up of vacant posts of MRP and IR, it is regretted to learn that this government overruled MoU in the process as the said posts have already been filled up during the previous ministry and the post of Director of Police. Police and Superintendent of Traffic Police were created at the same time. Besides, Pu Deputy Speaker, Police Manual was formulated in 2005 and Police Life Insurance Scheme in 2006 which both falls within MNF ministry. According to the record, 85.73% cases were cleared during the previous ministry and 1750 to 2000 Nos. of Police attained promotion.

Regarding Rural Development, we should remember that the former ministry too provided G.C.I. sheet to the poor if not as the flagship programme. Coming to District Council affairs, it is sad as allotment of budget to the department this year is reduced by a huge amount and so to PHE. I am afraid as we may encounter a critical problem with supply of water by the end of this year as Aizawl Zonal Tank remains uncompleted. In this relation, I request concerned Minister to take initiative to the project of water pump of Mat River.

Regarding Industries Department, it is highly important for the government to give attention towards what we called as 'Sick Units' of the state corporation.

Regarding Educated unemployment loan, I think it is necessary for the government to interfere in the case as most of the beneficiaries faced some sorts of problem in the process of withdrawing their loans.

Regarding PWD, PWD Bungalow at Buarpui has now become old and need reconstruction. Plus, I request concerned Minister to consider construction of approach road from Lunglei to Buarpui via Sertlang without compensation.

Lastly, I request the government to expedite construction of Tourist Lodge at Zotlang, Lunglei and the Institute of Hotel Management near Bung Bungalow. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, I call upon Pu R. Lalzirliana, Minister to wind up the discussion of his concerned departments.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Before I proceed, I request your understanding as I may take time longer than expected as I have many things to say.

Regarding TA/DA as pointed out by the members, more than ₹600 remains unreleased and we are trying our best to release soon. Regarding the quality of the building of District Jail Lawngtlai recently inaugurated by the concerned Parliamentary Secretary, it is very poor considering large amount of fund spent for the construction. Besides, the approach road and supply of water too is very bad which it is all because of concerned contractor. Regarding the question of budget allotment to the Autonomous District Councils, allotment of last year was made with an increment of 70%. I opine allotment for this year is quite reasonable comparing to last year.

Certain members pointed out regarding direct funding to Autonomous District Councils. It has already been approved by the cabinet but no sanction is yet received from the central government. It will be implemented as soon as the sanction is received.

Pu Pianmawia pointed out regarding setting up of IR Battalion but the location has not yet been settled though the suggested place Khumlozawl is opined as quite

convenient. However, the plan could not be carried out at present due to lack of fund. There is proposal to increase allotment of S.S. expenditure. Pu Deputy Speaker, I am confident that the Police can always be stronger with the present allotment of fund if it is utilized appropriately. Regarding promotion of Police Havildar, we should not imitate an unfair process which might have been applied by the previous ministry. Yet, we will try to patch up portions which are incomplete and weak.

Regarding Youth Commission as pointed out by Pu Lalduhoma, I want to clarify that in Demand No.28 Labor & Employment, 50 lakh rupees is allotted as token and expenditure may exceed the allotted amount but depending on the availability of fund.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to know if a separate retailer is appointed to PTC.

Pu R.LALZIRLIANA MINISTER : If a separate retailer is not yet appointed to PTC, I request concerned Minister for Food & Civil Supply to do so. Matter relating to shifting of Assam Rifles, it is not the purview of the state government but Home Ministry and concerned contractor. The contractor should submit progress report to the Home Ministry quarterly and we may request to give the same to the state government. Pu Deputy Speaker, Dungtlang may be smaller than Khawbung, Farkawn or Vaphai but the location is more convenient as it lies at the junction of north, south, east and west of Tuipui East constituency. Presently, we have posted only 2 or 3 polices there yet, it may need strengthening.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I have never known the existence of double beneficiary among Bru refugees. If the member himself got list of such refugees, he may hand it over to me and necessary action will then be taken. Speaking of Mr. Elvis, I opine it is safe for our side not to cooperate with any opponent of Mr. Elvis since he himself is on the government's side.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : This boy is quite clever and we believe he is the one who manipulated all the plans.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA : Regarding taking back of Bru refugees, MINISTER NGO once determined to verify the population on the basis of electoral roll of 1995 yet, no effective outcome is seen. As revision was conducted in 2003, the Election Commission of India instructed the government of Mizoram to have the revision on the spot and the government of Arunachal is expected to do the same. If concerned refugees refused to cooperate with instruction of the authority, the central may take necessary action. As the election of MP and MLA were conducted, the cabinet of that community refused to cooperate with the government. So, the revision of 2003 was determined on the basis of electoral roll of 1995 in which some newly qualified to vote were added and some were deleted. Thus, number of voter increases

every revision. So, as a sovereign state, our government too is bound to oblige with central authority even if it against our judgment. (.....Interruption.....)

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu speaker, addition made with the descendants of refugees from Mizoram may be taken for granted but I think it is necessary to make a revision regarding enrollment of the domicile of Tripura and Assam.

Pu R.LALZIRLIANA : Yes, it is necessary as some officials MINISTER were sent on the spot but the report is not yet received.

Regarding the allegation that liquors as being distributed by means of Police's vehicle, I kindly request each member to inform so that action is taken as necessary.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Deputy Speaker, may we give information to the minister secretly?

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, it is a good idea as MINISTER the name or number of vehicle will not be revealed.

On 23.12.2010, YMA Pukpui seized 496 bottles of liquor (Rum) from a Scorpio van of C. Lianmawia of Saron Veng, Lunglei and inquiry was taken by SDPO Lunglei. According to the report of the inquiry, it included names of 3 military personnel of 40th Battalion AR who were lifted on the way. As YMA on duty stopped the vehicle for checking, the driver, without knowing what is contained in the luggage of his passengers, he willingly offered for checking as 496 bottles of Rum were found.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, as information I received from Pukpui Branch YMA, YMA on duty humbly requested the driver, who is also owner of the vehicle for checking of the vehicle but were refused abruptly. As the vehicle was checked against the will of the driver, bottles of liquor were found. It was not of the alleged Assam Rifles personnel but Pu C. Lianmawia, the General Secretary of Lunglei District Congress Committee. The case is examined by DSP Lunglei and was proved.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA : It is of the Assam Rifles personnel and MINISTER the case is investigated as SDPO, Lunglei has even requested Commandant of the Assam Rifles to take necessary action.

Point raised by Pu C. Ramluna regarding case record of 86 murders, 499 rapes and 1856 thefts during this year. Pu Deputy Speaker, it is to be noted that precaution measures could not be taken against such violations yet, achievement of the police forces for registering such an amount of cases is truly appreciated as it indicates their efficiency.

Pu Deputy Speaker, maintenance of Police Out-post and posting of IR battalion as stated before, the site has already been surveyed but no decision has yet been made by the government. So, no further statement can be made at present. As of BRGF, it is wrong to accuse the minister since it is not his purview. Yet, he may give his recommendation to concerned authority if he is strongly insisted on to do so.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I have a copy here and it will be appreciated if I have a chance with the minister to examine the case.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA : Yes, we will see it later. Regarding MINISTER
NREGS, we have 2,22,456 lakhs fund allocated for this year, but the main problem is the state's matching share.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Can you inform the House, the amount of fund which is lapsed due to lack of matching share? I also want to ask the hon'ble Minister if the additional central assistance can be used for state's matching share.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA : During the current year, government has
MINISTER no problem in providing state's matching share for the authority concerned has given priority to it. Hopefully, there will not be a problem to make the same by the coming year.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Regarding NREGS, Pu Deputy Speaker, concerned workers in Lawngtlai are provided only with 94 work days out of 100 days. Will the remaining days be benefitted in the next year?

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA : Since it is the on-going programme, we
still have much more work days coming ahead. So, let the remaining days be gone.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : To some extents, Pu Deputy Speaker, it is the Responsibility of concerned officials as this deficiency is due increase of material components. So, I opine adjustment should be made by the next year.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA : Increase of work component indicates MINISTER
increase of infrastructure assets such as construction retaining wall, roads or bridges of a

particular constituency instead of 100 days work for the people which are still appreciative as long as it concern for development of the area. I do not think adjustment could be made as suggested by the member. In NREGS, work proposal is sent to central authority by Management Information System (MIS) through Internet. So, it is not necessary to go to the New Delhi to submit any work proposal. Mizoram is one of the highest states in the application of this Management Information System. Hopefully, fund provision will be received if state's share is submitted in due time.

Under IAY, allotment of fund for new construction is Rs.48,500 lakh and Rs.15,000 lakh for up-gradation. In this regard, it is to be noted that no minister could be involved in the dealing as IWDP is made on the basis of permanent wait list. But there may be an exceptional case such as natural calamities, etc. In such cases, some sorts of consideration may be important.

Under BADDP, amount of fund received during this year is ₹3,702 lakh. The fund can be utilized for all purposes like construction of community Hall, Playground etc.

In rural Development Department, keeping in mind of the need for replacement of poor condition vehicles attached to various development blocks, 8 new Gypsy were purchased from fund pulled from various centrally sponsored schemes as no fund is allotted in particular for that purpose. Besides, out of fund provisions of 6 crore rupees being received from Union Home Minister, 4 crore is spent for payment of some parts of workshop bills. In this connection, it may be noted that the department of Rural Development has not any workshop bill or medical reimbursement to be paid. In Social Education which concern generally of construction of Community Hall, ₹217 lakhs is spent for the ongoing programme where as only 82 lakhs rupees remain for the coming year.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, whether work under the said ongoing scheme is again to be allotted to the same work agency or supervisor or to others to be selected anew?

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA MINISTER : Under Social Education programme, fund is generally used for construction of Playground and community hall. The work is done by the concerned organization under the supervision of BDO.

Regarding Housing for Project Staff, we now have ₹273 lakhs. The fund is generally spent for maintenance of staff quarters and office of BDO. Likewise, office building of BDO Tlangnuam will be constructed from the said fund.

Relating to Rural Housing Scheme, I must say that the ministry of MNF had no policy for distribution of GCI sheets. Yet, the said materials stocked by the previous congress ministry were distributed as MNF party came into power. In this regard, leaders of my party of the previous ministry should be blamed as they were over-confident to continue with the following ministry but missed the chance to deal with large amount of GCI sheets being stocked

during their ministry. In this year, ₹400 lakh is provided for procurement of GCI sheets and ₹400 lakh for the coming year. It will be provided only to the deserved families.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Will it be provided for School too?

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA : No, only to the poor, Pu Deputy Speaker.
MINISTER

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I request the minister to kindly provide one lakh each for construction of MUP building and community hall in my constituency.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA : It depends on the attitude of the member,
MINISTER Pu Deputy Speaker.

In Home Department, I must inform the House that the government is very pleased with cooperation and valuable support from the people in maintaining Law and Order.

In this connection, I would like to point out most familiar cases during this ministry such as: -

- 1) The case of 5 years old girl who was killed after being raped found in the garage at Thakthing.
- 2) The case of death body of a woman found in Saiha.
- 3) The case of kidnapping of ABCI staff.

Pu Deputy Speaker, even though such cases were critical, our investigating teams manipulated the plan wisely and they manage to find out the criminals without much problem. It indicates that the police forces not only of Aizawl but also of the whole state are reliable in their respective services. Yet, there are some cases which remain unsolved such as mysterious case of the death of Rev. Chanchinmawia, which is valid till today and remains for further investigation.

In this regard, we now have Crime and Criminal Tracking Network System (CCTNS) which covers the whole country as Mizoram ranked No.1 in crime and criminal record thanks to the effort of our police forces.

Coming now to IR Battalion, it is known to us that the 5th IR Battalion is now being deployed in Assam. Besides, they were also deployed in various places such as security guard at Common-wealth Games at New Delhi, on election duty in Assam, Bihar and West Bengal etc. I am confident that they will improve their talent and efficiency from their experience outside Mizoram.

In Fire Department, I would like to point out that 43 vacant posts were filled up and the post of driver also will soon be done. The department purchased number of fire

fighting equipments and vehicles and fire extinguisher will be made available on subsidized rate to members and concern NGOs.

In Sainik Welfare, the post of 2 Deputy Directors were filled up and 2 District Offices have been open at Champhai and Kolosib.

In regard to Home Guard, 164 lakhs is allotted from the state's fund as 5% of MPF scheme came to end. As shown in the budget Pu Deputy Speaker, inadequacy of fund for salary is ₹4,493 lakhs and in DTE, too, ₹448 lakhs.

Regarding maintenance of Jail, ₹750 lakhs is expected from 13th Finance Commission which will be allotted as Non-Plan. We need to increase Non-Plan fund as we have 7 jails with 1010 prisoners at present. Serchhip District Jail is now ready for inauguration but we have no fund to employ staff as yet. It will be inaugurated as soon as fund is made available.

I extend my appreciation to all the members for patiently listening to the wind up speech I have made for my demands. So, I beg the House to pass my demands such as: -

Sl. No.	Demand No.	Department	Amount
1	Demand No.16	Home (Including Prison)	Rs.361,75,32,000
2	Demand No.27	District Council Affairs	Rs.180.53,27,000
3	Demand No.38	Rural Development	Rs.112,48,00,000
TOTAL			Rs.654,76,59,000

Thank you, sir.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu R. Lalziriana, Minister has wound up his demands and begged the House to pass it. Now it shall be voted.

(The demand is voted and passed).

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

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, let us call upon Pu S. Hiato, Minister to wind his demands and beg the House to pass it.

Pu S. HIATO : Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to MINISTER
thank the hon'ble Members for their
zealous discussion of the House.

First of all, I would like to thank Pu Pianmawia, Pu P.P. Thawla and Col. Z.S. Zuala for their appreciation to the work of PHE. Pu C. Ramhluna pointed out regarding works under Lawngtlai Water Supply and I would like to inform the House that most of the

roads constructed under the new project were of departmental work as quality of most of the roads constructed by the contractors were weak and unfit for heavy vehicles.

Regarding Water Supply and Sanitation, I have to state that coverage of Aizawl Greater Water Supply scheme Phase-I is not extensive where as the work of Phase-II is in progress. As the work is in the hands of the department, 67% is now completed with an expenditure of ₹696 lakhs. It is expected to be completed in 2011-2012.

Durtlang is under the coverage of Universal Supply Phase-II with the reservoir near the Television station is successfully trialed on 9.6.2011 by means of diesel pump. The work may be completed by the month of December this year. Sihphir is not covered by Phase-II and the work will be started by the coming year. Falkawn, where Referral hospital is located is planned to be covered by extension of Greater Aizawl Water Supply Scheme Phase-II. Falkawn, Samtlang and Muallungthu etc. will be covered by rural water Supply scheme. The work is expected to be completed in 2012. The work of Lunglei pumping Scheme is in progress for which ₹867 lakh of augmentation scheme is made out of which ₹476.85 is already released. After 70% of the work is completed, 2nd installment of the scheme will be released. Again, the approved amount of augmentation of Greater Serchip Water Supply Scheme is ₹687.50 lakhs out of which ₹377.92 lakh has already been released. Now, 68% of the work is completed. Pu Deputy Speaker, 6 out of 8 District headquarters received water pump and for the remaining 2 such as Lawngtlai and Saiha, ₹2564.50 lakh for Lawngtlai is received already out of which ₹1005.56 is has already been released and deed of agreement too is done.

Sanctioned has also been received for number of Sub-Divisional headquarters such as W. Phaileng - ₹9 crore, Sangau - ₹4.89 crore, Tlabung - ₹7 crore, etc. Apart from these, the programme covered 373 villages by extension of pipelines and Rain-water Harvesting Scheme during 2008-2012. Priority is given to Chawngte also as it is planned to be covered from the state government. As for Khawbung South, it is planned to be done by the next Financial Year. Step is taken for Phuaibuang, Bualpui (NG) and Lungzarhtum also and the sanction is coming from NEC. 25% of the work for Phuaibuang is completed.

Regarding plan for construction of sewerage system of Aizawl city, MOU has already been signed with the Hindustan Pratap Ltd and the assigned company will determine the detail project and fund raising to that effect.

The government also gives importance to total sanitation as all BPL and APL families, Schools and Anganwadi are equipped with latrine.

Last year, the government determined revision of water tariff due to lack of revenue, as proposal to that effect has already been approved by the cabinet.

Regarding water meter, it is learned that the public strongly criticized installation of water consumption meter. So, the department, after carefully scrutinizing the case, decided to do so as to enable accurate billing of water tariff on the basis of water consumption. Apart from this, it will increase our revenue from water supply as it will then possible to determine whether the supply is equivalent to consumption as it will prevent wastage of the

supply. Since installation of meter for water consumption in 2008, the government put maintenance of each meter in the hands of concerned consumer where as replacement and repairing of meter is done by SIPMIU from ADB funded project.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I would also like to explain regarding investment of money made by officers and staff of Industries department as pointed out by Pu Duhoma. In 2007, LIC investment of 47 lakh rupees was made. As soon as a report is received, investigation was prevailed immediately as we have found out that Rs. 63.63 lakh (including the interest) was invested at LIC market Plus Plan-I by the name of officer and staff. Secondly, in 2011, Rs.71lakh invested at LIC by the name of Officers and staff was again invested with the interest at LIC by the name of ZIDCO. Thirdly in 2007, Rs.33 lakh invested at Bajaj Alliance with the interest amounting to 45.41 lakh rupees was again invested by the name of ZIDCO at LIC market Plus Plan-I. In 2007, Rs.37 l lakh invested by the name of officers and staff of Bajaj Alliance was again invested with the interest by the name of ZIDCO.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the government should have known the incidents as the said investments by the name of some individuals were of a couple of years back. Can we proof that those investments including the interest were actually entered into ZIDCO?

Pu S. HIATO : It is difficult to know every details of MINISTER the department as soon as I took the charge. But sum invested is supposed to go to ZIDCO but not in the hands of some individuals. However, if the sums invested were of share holdings, each share holders are supposed to profit their own share.

As known to us all, Pu Deputy Speaker, Industry Department has no large Scale Industry as it concern only of rural areas. But, with implementation of NLUP, most of the beneficiaries opted trade under Industries department which include 30 trades. Under NLUP, 2 trades each is allotted to each concerned villages. As a beginning, plan is estimated for 4000 beneficiaries but it may be increased due to the need to include some beneficiaries within Aizawl who have no land-base in other areas. Thus, the department received ₹1100 lakhs from NLUP out of which the 1st installment is issued except to one cluster. As soon as this budget is passed, fund will be issued immediately. Hopefully, condition of the underprivileged will be upgraded by this NLUP.

Pu Deputy Speaker, Integrated Infrastructure Development Centre (IIDC) is set up at different places. Due to lack of entrepreneurship, the department takes initiative to organize seminar and workshop for the entrepreneurs and study tour is conducted.

The department makes a good progress in Handloom industry too. The products are exported to other states such as Manipur. In the meantime, our handloom industries occasionally meet some sorts of problem as most of the laborers are of foreigners. The department divided handloom industry into cluster and concentration is given only in Aizawl and Thenzawl whereas about 300 persons received training every year.

The department is also taking step for processing products from cash crops to be sold at a lower rate. Since Industrial policy is of an important policy of Mizoram, a new policy is in the process which is expected to be passed by the House shortly. Bamboo chipping industry is set up at 9 places with an intention to be sold at a profitable rate. The department is setting up large scale production of Agarbati its marketing which is considered as having a good prospect.

On the other hand, Pu Deputy Speaker, our weaknesses in public sector is known to us all yet, the department is giving the best effort to improve it. So, the government feels the need to reform public sector enterprises and initiative has already been made in this regard.

In reply to the question of Pu Lalduhoma, the Central government has given us share for coal production in which ZIDCO is the assigned agency. As an agency, 20 lakh has already been received. However, we are not able to continue as Coal Authority of India increases the rate by 60%, yet, approach has been made to the central to make concession.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, may I know for what purpose coal is used in our state? It is learned that the product is sold up even before entering into Mizoram. Is that true? Plus, in regard to the problem faced by Handloom industry, I would like to suggest concerned authority to make agreement with Home department so that work certificate is issued to the said laborers since strengthening of work force is necessary for such industries.

Pu S. HIATO : Pu Deputy Speaker, it is, indeed a MINISTER
good suggestion regarding consumption
of coal in our state, it is mostly supplied in the
areas where production of brick is concentrated like Thenzawl and Bairabi and I have no idea
how or where the rest is disposed. In this connection, coal is received from three sources out of
which we could not continue to lift from 2 sources from West Bengal due to the problem of
transportation. We could afford to lift only from the source from NEC amounting to one lakh ton
per month. So, only small amount of the product is imported in our state.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, what I want to
know is the whereabouts of the amount
which is not lifted.

S. HIATO : Pu Deputy Speaker, the fund is received
MINISTER by ZIDCO as an Agency and sale
agreement is also made with ZIDCO. Fund received
by ZIDCO is not less than ₹20 lakhs. Now, there is a proposal for establishment of brick
industry. For that purpose, Ministry of Coal, Government of India is planning to follow the
system of Captive Coal Block Allotment. Thermal Power Project will be set up by ZIDCO in co-
operation with the contractors.

Pu Deputy Speaker, as known to us, the purpose of the department of Geology and Mining is groundwater investigation and exploration of oil & natural gas. Now, survey work for gas exploration is in progress as 58.9% is completed. Survey of 5,340 sq. km in the area of Hortoki and Kolasib is completed by ONGC and verification is being processed. Apart from this, survey of the same is in progress in the area of Serchhip and Aizawl district. For Lunglei, Lawngtlai and Saiha district, work could not be started due to poor condition of road.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the work is not started till today even though initiative has already been made under my supervision as concerned minister of Industries department in 2008. What is the reason for the delay?

Pu S. HIATO : Pu Deputy Speaker, he himself will know better. It is to be noted that we are not involve in the process of drilling as concerned work agency are of companies from various countries. Availability of oil may be known after completion of underground drilling of 1000 to 1500 metres more. Presently, concentration is made in the area of Chhiahtlang and Thenzawl. It is regretted to mention that the work could not be expedited even though expected time of completion is 2008. Oil India Limited will start the work in a few days when land acquisition is done yet, the case is confidential and it is not convenient to give the report in detail. Pu Deputy Speaker, due to the prospect of oil, the state government too is determining to prepare the youths to undergo training. ₹52, 24, 000/- is collected by Revenue Department as license fee on 31.3. 2011. It is truly appreciated as certain members criticize budget allotment to Industries department as less sufficient even though large amount of revenue is collected. I strongly hope that concerned minister for planning department will determine to increase the budget as a result of demand made by the members.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, why the case is treated as confidential?

Pu S. HIATO : Pu Deputy Speaker, it is the case which concerns the company. I believe the assigned work agency is afraid of claiming of compensation.

Regarding setting up of DIC at Chawngte asked by Pu Nirupam Chakma, it is regretted to mention that in addition to DIC offices in the 3 districts, we are not able to set up another 5 for the remaining district headquarters. Yet, approach has been made to DP & AR as well as Finance for immediate permission.

Regarding the registration of Industry as asked by Pu Lalduhoma, National Unit Record during the year 2010 – 2011 is 8238. As of number of unregistered, I cannot give since no survey is done in this regard. Since registration of small scale industry is optional following MSAED central Act 2006, it is unknown whether registration to that effect is continued.

Regarding PMEGP, it is the flagship programme of the Prime Minister of India as the main objective is to provide employment to educated unemployed persons. However, concerned Banks often declined to provide loan to beneficiaries who are considered by the department as deserved. As such, it is necessary for the government to urge all concerned Banks to consider the case.

Pu LADUHOMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, why did concerned officials have no knowledge of the Banks which can provide loan under PMEGP?

Pu S. HIATO : In this regard, Central Guidelines is MINISTER followed. Meeting with Bank officials has also been conducted to resolve the problem but no positive outcome is seen.

As known to us all, Pu Deputy Speaker, Tourism is a small Department with the budget provision amounting to 5 crore rupees only. However, the department is strengthened by centrally sponsored development funds. Despite our lack of appropriate tourists' attraction, many are visiting our state every year and the department is giving it best effort to receive them. So, tourists' accommodation is set up by the department across the state but the main problem is insufficiency of staff.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, is not it better to hand over the work of supervision of construction of tourists' accommodation in the hands of trustee voluntary organization of concerned local village council?

Pu S.HIATO : There is a proposal to apply PPP mode MINISTER in major towns where as the same may not be applicable in rural areas and the central government too is satisfied with the suggestion. This year, we received funds for certain places and we have some which are ready for inauguration.

With a view to upgrade the department of Tourism, Board of Director is set up under the chairmanship or the hon'ble Chief Minister. The Board formulates policies as members are requested to provide their recommendations. If there is any point which is not reacted, we may discuss it later personally. Thank you.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister clarify regarding ISPAT Industry at Lengte?

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, may subsidized items allotted to the members be issued without partiality?

Pu S. HIATO : Pu Deputy Speaker, I will try my best. MINISTER The setting up of ISPAT Industry at

Lengte is brought before Mizoram Public Investment Board. If ISPAT Industry is achieved, iron rod will be made available at a lower rate in which more than 300 employers of son of the soil are expected to be absorbed by the industry and more than 3,000 people will directly benefit the product. Besides, source of raw material has already been determined as there will also be an opportunity for local people to dispose their waste iron materials to the industry. It is pleasing to learn that the assigned company is reliable enough as its staffs are of technically experienced persons since the same kind of industry has already been established in the neighboring states. Environment and Forests clearance for the said has already been obtained.

Like others, they are given permission to settle in the selected area and items expected to be manufactured by the industry includes billets, ingots, TMT bars etc. The names of the applicants are: - Rajendra K. Agarwal, Amit Agarwal, Manish Pawan Baid, Heman Baid and C. Lalduhawma. That is all, Pu Deputy Speaker.

Pu B. LALTHLEGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, if pollution clearance is issued, does it mean that no air pollution is caused by this industry?

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, what about the question Regarding Recruitment Rules of PHE and an agreement made with ONGC and IOC as I am about to return to my constituency headquarters as soon as session is over?

Pu S. HIATO : Pu Deputy Speaker, with your kind MINISTER permission, I beg this August House to pass the following Demands: -

Sl. No.	Demand No.	Department	Amount
1	Demand No.25	Water Supply & Sanitation	Rs.115,92,58,000
2	Demand No.40	Industries Department	Rs.40,74,87,000
3	Demand No.43	Tourism Department	Rs.5,32,11,000
TOTAL			Rs.1619956000

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon'ble Minister has wound up his Demands and begged the House to pass it. So, we will vote the demands.

(The Demands are voted and passed).

Pu S. HIATO : Thank you very much, Pu Deputy MINISTER Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, business scheduled for today is finished and next sitting will be resumed tomorrow at 10:30 AM.

The sitting is adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

**TWELFTH SITTING ON FRIDAY, THE 22nd JULY, 2011
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)**

QUESTIONS

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

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

2. * Resolutions.

*Please see Bulletin Part-11, No.168, Sl. No.1 - 4 Dated the 19th July, 2011 for relative precedence of Private Members' Resolution to be moved.

VANLALNGHENGGA

Additional Secretary

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Poverty and shame shall be to him that refused instruction, but he that regarded shall be honored. Proverbs 13:18.

We will now take up Starred Question. Pu B. Lalthlengliana to ask starred question No. 151.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Will the Hon'ble Minister, Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department be pleased to state: -
Is there any order for supply of poly-tarpaulin issued during May, 2011?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu N.K. Chakma, Minister to give answer.

Pu N.K. CHAKMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the answer is "Yes".
MINISTER

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

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, whether Poly-tarpaulin supplied is to be approved by DPAB or STAB? Secondly, why did the hon'ble Minister allowed supply of poly-tarpaulin without call of tender?

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, another supplementary question: -

- 1) What is the amount of fund proposed for supply of poly-tarpaulin?
- 2) Whether the Government already cleared the supply bill?

3) If so, whether the government takes action against supply of wrong quality of poly-tarpaulin?

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, whether the 3 Nos. Poly-tarpaulins issued to the members are meant to be given away in our respective constituency?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu N. K. Chakma, Minister to give answers.

Pu N.K. CHAKMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, poly-tarpaulins MINISTER issued to the members are meant for prevention of impending disaster which may occur at any time. In reply to the question of Pu B. Lalthlengliana, as per norms, it is done with restricted tender. There is no fault in this regard, Pu Deputy Speaker. (.....Interruption.....).

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, if tender is called for, can I have a copy so that I may admit it if I am wrong? Secondly, why did the rate of poly-tarpaulin is higher than the preceding year and why did wrong quality is supplied?

Pu N.K. CHAKMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the rate of poly-tarpaulin is approved by the State Executive Committee. Mizoram lies in the seismic Zone-V so we should take precaution measures as much as possible. Hence, the government should not Purchase such a bad quality of poly-tarpaulin or without ISO mark. (.....Interruption.....)

DEPUTY SPEKAER : Let the hon'ble Minister complete his answer.

Pu N.K. CHAKMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, selection of quality MINISTER of the product is done as per Preferential Purchase Rules, 1994.

Pu B. LATHLENGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, whether the state government misused the Industrial Promotion Policy and Preferential Store Purchase Policy of Mizoram?

Pu N.K. CHAKMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, we cannot prove MINISTER whether it is Industry or not. The fact is; it is of a genuine entrepreneurship with registration under the govt of Mizoram. Regarding the question of supply rate of poly-tarpaulin, it is ₹770/-

where as the total expenditure for procurement of the supply is ₹38.50 lakhs and no payment has yet been made. Nothing is wrong in the process and so, no enquiry is needed.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, if there is approval of ₹770/- as the approved rate, the hon'ble Minister may please furnish a copy in the House?

Pu N. K. CHAKMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I will look into the MINISTER matter.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : That is right. The minister issued the said material to the members in good faith.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA : I would like to add few points Pu Deputy CHIEF MINISTER Speaker. It is the desire of concerned authority to encourage the local entrepreneurs. The supplier himself also came to meet me and show me the sample of the item. He was then selected as he is of local entrepreneur. It is regretted if the supply included few underrated quality as it was received in bulk amount. The process is done as per Rules and guidelines. Our purpose is to break down monopoly which affected market price for a long time. Yet, it does not mean that supply of poor quality of the product is encouraged by the government.

PU B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the point of my question is not answered. I am not against purchase of local product, but it is obvious that quality of the supply is not the same with that of the sample as the practice is commonly known in the case of supply of other materials.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, P.P. Thawla, to ask Starred question No.152.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Will the hon'ble Minister, Higher & Technical Education Department be pleased to state: -

- 1) The amount of post-metric Scholarship per head?
- 2) The number of members of Board of Scholarship. Whether Board members are appointed annually?
- 3) Did the fund from centrally sponsored scheme are diverted for post-metric scholarship?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalsawta, Minister to reply.

Pu LALSAWTA : Pu Deputy Speaker, answer to starred MINISTER questions are: -

- a) The amount of Post Metric Scholarship is given according to the class which ranges from ₹1850 to ₹30,000/-.
- b) Ten members. The Board Members are appointed afresh every year.
- c) Yes, all scholarships are funded from centrally sponsored scheme. State Merit Scholarship, Research Fellowship and Incentive Cash Award are given from the State Plan Fund.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu P.P. Thawla and Pu Lalduhoma to ask supplementary question.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, whether the amount of scholarship given to hosteller is not the same with non-hosteller? Secondly, what is the term of office of members of Scholarship Board? Whether they are appointed only when necessity arises?

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, my questions are as follows: -

1. In addition to Scholarship, there are various financial aids provided to the students. Particularly in the course of technical and professional, expenditure incurred by the concerned students are forwarded to concerned authority for reimbursement. Is it true that expenditure of some students were not reimbursed?
2. May the government send reimbursement by means of cheque as it is practiced in other states?
3. If it is not completely reimbursed, what is the reason and what is the remedial measure?

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, Supplementary Question: - What is the amount of Pre-metric scholarship per head?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalsawta, Minister to give answer.

Pu LALSAWTA : Pu Deputy Speaker, there is much difference between the amount of scholarship received by hostellers and non-hostellers. There are many schemes which are different from one another. So, it may be more convenient to supply the copy to the member. In the listed Institutions like NIT, there is a

guideline for medical reimbursement and sufficient amount of reimbursement can be made. There are students who did not submit applications. In such case, no reimbursement is made.

Regarding the suggestion of cheque system, we are now following the system in which reimbursement is made in accordance with expenditure receipt they attached. If expenditures which may be incurred by the students are of the same amount, only such case, cheque system may be applicable. But it is necessary to examine all the applications as some students applied the said without attending the class. We now has website which could be used by concerned students as well as parents to get information of our educational system. Pu Deputy Speaker, pre-metric scholarship and post-metric scholarship has already been centralized. As such, allotment of scholarship is in the hands of Higher and Technical Education Department.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu T.T. Zothansanga to ask starred question No.153.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Will the hon'ble minister, Excise and Narcotic Department be pleased to state -
How many persons have liquor permission in Mizoram?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu J.H. Rothuama, Minister to give answer.

Pu J.H.ROTHUAMA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, the answer is: -
2007 persons comprising 1838 Nos. ex-Servicemen and 169 Nos. civilian.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Supplementary question, Pu Deputy Speaker: -
1) Which Doctor can issue license for liquor?
2) From which shop license holders purchased liquor?
3) Is there any new idea in regards to MLTP Act?

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, District Council Area is exempted from MLTP Act. If one purchased liquor from Silchar and brought to the District Council Area, will the liquor be seized in Aizawl District?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu J.H. Rothuama, Minister to give answer.

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I do not know MINISTER
whether a Doctor is appointed to prescribe Liquor license. Ex-servicemen

purchased mostly from Assam Rifles canteen and others from Mizoram Excise and Narcotic Department.

If foreign dignitaries and tourists needs license during their stay in Mizoram, Excise and Narcotic Department may issue license to them. If a person from the District Council Area keeps liquor in Aizawl, it should be seized as Aizawl is prohibition area.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu K. Liantlinga, to ask Starred Question No. 154.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Will the hon'ble Minister, Horticulture Department be pleased to state: -
How many Officers are there in Horticulture Department who remains at the same post and at the same place not less than ten years?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu H. Liansailova, Minister to give answer.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, the answer is, 7 officers.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu K. Liantlinga to ask Supplementary questions.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the practice of corruption would likely be involved in such cases. May the government reshuffle those officers?

Secondly, according to answer to un-starred Question No.17, there are 15 approved firms under Technology Mission. I would like to know the seedlings each of the firm supplied during the year 2006-2011?

Thirdly, under the Technology Mission, Grant-in-Aid received shall be used for public and private sectors where as private sectors fund should be used for development of farmers. To which firm the grants were given and what is the actual amount of assistance?

Pu H. LIANSILOVA : In the interests of the department Pu MINISTER Deputy Speaker, 5 officers remains at the same post not less than for five years. Posting and transfer of officers are usually determined by the department.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : What special quality is found in such officers to remain at the same post for

such a long time? I opine it is necessary to reshuffle to maintain transparency.

Pu H. LIANSAILOVA : Pu Deputy Speaker, there is no hidden MINISTER things but the department is in the opinion of posting such officers on ground of their experiences and special quality. Transfer, on the other hand is considered every year but as per convenience of the department.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : In regard to 'special quality' as mentioned by the minister, I would like to know whether partiality is involved in the process. Regarding supply of seedlings, it is appreciated if the minister examined the case of LB Nursery, Maria Nursery and Green finger Nursery.

Pu H. LIANSAILOVA : Pu Deputy Speaker, Officers MINISTER transfer and posting is done as per convenience of the Department. Regarding Nursery, we, as well as the Central government have a good Nursery Act. The Nursery is carried out by means of those Acts. The Department does not welcome any supply of crops from outside the state. Selection of supply of seeds is made from the firms supervised by the officials as supply is now made as per requirement only.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, supply of seeds is done usually in July every year. It seems that this is not an ideal season. So, it may be done during April to May.

Pu H. LIANSAILOVA : According to experts Pu MINISTER Deputy Speaker, seeds kept in poly-pot can survive even up to August - September.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, as my experience as a farmer, only poly-pot seeds are sown in my firm and plantation done during June is generally survived. So, I suggest doing the supply during this month.

Pu H. LIANSAILOVA : But, the experts in ICAR MINISTER recommended the period.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, Pu B. Lalthlengliana to ask Starred Question No.155.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Will the hon'ble Minister, Land Revenue and Settlement be pleased to state: -

- 1) Is there any private land settlement within the New Secretariat complex?
- 2) When will land holders within Bawngkawn Brigade Area be issued permission to proceed further?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu J.H. Rothuama, Minister to give answer.

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, answer MINISTER Starred Questions are as follows-

- 1) Yes. One LSC is issued by the name of Pu Vanhlira.
- 2) The site is of the Community Project occupied by the Brigade. Some people hold LSC within the cited area by means of producing false documents to the government.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Any supplementary question?

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, if the said LSC falls within the demarcated area, why did allotment is made? Secondly, some people hold LSC within the area occupied by the Brigades even before the National Movement. They are the original landholders. When will stay order be withdrawn?

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, will the government stay order issued to construction of MUP building at Ramrikawn?

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the government MINISTER objected issue of LSC within New Secretariat Complex. But LSC was issued following court appeal made by concerned person and as per court order. Secondly, there are number of landholders within Bawngkawn Brigade area some of which are even before occupation of the Brigade. So, Pu Deputy Speaker, the case is discussed in the cabinet meeting a couple of time but no firm decision has yet been made due to increase of number of landholders and existence of number of duplicate LSC. Survey is made by the Commissioner and the report has also been received. So, there are many cases which may be resolved before making the decision. Obviously there is a proposal to allot the site for the government.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, we will take up Resolution. I call upon Pu C. Ramhluna to move his resolution.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Thank you Pu Deputy Speaker. My Resolution is, "Urban Local Body Grant allotted by 13 Finance Commission may equally be distributed to all Wards of Aizawl Municipal Council." I move this resolution so that the people of Aizawl may receive equal development fund. Aizawl is a vast city comprising of number of localities which need equal development fund.

Pu Deputy Speaker, the late Prime Minister Mr. Rajiv Gandhi too concern for rapid progress of Municipal Council in India. Hence, 74th Amendment of the Constitution was existed in 1992. Consequently, this House too passed Aizawl Municipal Act, 2007.

The Municipal Act does not include the Village Councils and Autonomous District Councils. As per section 8 of the Municipal Council Act, 2007 Aizawl Municipal Council is formed consisting of 19 Wards. Within, those wards members of various Political Parties so reside. That shows equal distribution of development fund in the city.

Pu Deputy Speaker, wards are formed for efficient and effective distribution of development fund. In view of the result of distribution of development funds by the said Municipal Council, there is no equality. If this resolution is passed, there will be equal distribution of development fund. Consequently, the village Councils will follow the system. I, therefore, beg the August House to pass this resolution which concern development of the people in our state. Thank you.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, during the election CHIEF of member of the Municipal Council, MNF party, which my fellow member supported claimed the Municipal Council as not being included under the jurisdiction of the state but a direct funding from the central government. But now, he submitted this resolution to the House which i found it as quite confusing. Does it mean that the statement of MNF party during the election was wrong?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will now discuss. Each member will be allotted 5 minutes and Pu Zodintluanga, hon'ble Minister will start.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA : Thank you, hon'ble Deputy Speaker. MINISTER Our fellow members pointed out the reason and objective of this resolution. He further stated the reason for existence of the 74th Amendment of the Constitution and that the 13th Finance Commission has appropriate guidelines. He also mentioned that state government should not hold any fund provision more than five days. It is very quite surprising to learn that this resolution is brought into this august House knowing the system of de-centralized fund.

Again, Pu Deputy Speaker, the member pointed out the practice of their District Council. I am afraid the worst system is adopted in the House. It is to be noted that Urban Local Body grant allotted by the 13th Finance Commission should be used on the need-

base which may be determined by the council. So, it is regretted to discuss the resolution which imply decentralization of Municipal Council power. I opine it is wise for the member to withdraw his resolution. Pu Deputy Speaker, 13th finance Commission provided appropriate guidelines for utilization of fund for ULB which may be divided into core service and non-core service. Core service concerns supply of water, waste management, sewerage, streetlight, civic amenities and services and construction of steps and road within the city. Non-core service concerns salary, wages, administrative cost, information, education, communication and data base system of the Municipal Council. Hence, the idea of equal distribution of ULB fund is absolutely wrong. But instead, the state government is planning to hand over administrative authority of Municipal Council of a particular area to the council itself. I, therefore, request the member to withdraw his resolution. Thank you.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Thank you, hon'ble Deputy Speaker, Sir. If we examine the provisions of the Constitution and principles of democracy very carefully, it appears that the mover is not clear with his resolution. In democracy, there are various local bodies. Decentralization of power is now one of the most important purposes of the 74th Amendment of the Constitution. So, passing this resolution violate the constitution. Under the administration of various local bodies, development fund could not be distributed equally. It must be distributed population or area-wise of the local body and it should be done on need-base. I, therefore, opine this resolution is not good enough for passing.

Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA : Pu Chairman, in 2010-2011, the MINISTER mover of the resolution wanted to give full power to the Aizawl Municipal Council. I wonder why he brought this resolution to over-rule the said Municipal Council.

As I come across grant received by each ward during 2010-2011 and 2011-2012, the differences of the amount received by each wards is reasonable. If a particular ward receives lesser grant in 2010-2011, it is bound to increase in 2011-2012. In the same manner, if a particular ward receives more amounts during 2010 – 2011, it will be lesser for the year 2011-2012. So, it is not a good idea to over-rule the Aizawl Municipal Council. If the mover insisted on to proceed with the resolution, it will be voted by the House and opinion of the majority will be shown. Thank you.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Chairman, it seems that mover of the resolution is not having enough confidence as he hesitantly Demanded improvement of the system of distribution of ULB fund. It is wise to respect the authority of the councilors as Aizawl Municipal Council is in fact, formed by this august House. Accordingly, the House may have suggestion for improvement of the same. As a result of implementation of the Aizawl Municipal Council, people elected ward members from various political parties. The election indicates equal distribution of development fund.

Pu Chairman, the hon'ble minister stated in the discussion that Zarkawt may need less fund compares to others. As a resident of Zarkawt, I would like to express in the

House that this locality also need improvement. We utilize a lot of water which flow through drains leading to lower areas. If any septic-tank leaks and flows in those areas, it ultimately leads to a bad reputation for the whole locality. We really need to chalk out a proper drainage system.

Whenever we talk of the city of Aizawl, we refer to the localities of Chanmari, Zarkawt and Dawrpui. We need to focus on cleanliness and hygiene, even more than the other localities.

I also wish that the AMC move forward with integrity, which will remove feelings of discrimination. I feel that the mover of this resolution has done so with this in mind. Our party has been a great blessing, especially since we have revived parties that were sinking. The Congress party holds two successive terms because of us. We also assisted the MNF when they were on the verge of losing. So, Mr. Deputy Speaker, I would like to stress on the fact that our party will support whatever benefits the state and its people.

DEPUTYSPEAKER : Your words imply that you support both sides. Now, I call upon Mr.Lalduhoma.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, although the term '13th Finance Commission' is used, the funds can be distributed only by the Municipal Council. I find this inappropriate to discuss something that is not in line with the constitution.

It would seem disrespectful if we try to decide everything for them. Besides it is not practical. If we were to demand the Indian Government to distribute budgets equally to all the states, it wouldn't suit some states. We have districts and blocks each with their own different needs, and it would be much wiser to distribute funds according to the needs. We must be more concerned with the needs of the people. The funds that were distributed during the MNF government were distributed based on the needs. We must think about what would benefit everyone. We could focus on a particular ward, although that does not have to mean that there is any kind of partiality. MLA constituency-wise budgets are not made by the government, so just because it is the Municipal Council it does not mean budgets have to be ward-wise or councilor constituency-wise. We have been discussing about demand on this ongoing Budget Session, and there has been no mention of equal budgets for the MLA constituencies. Therefore, I feel it best to withdraw this resolution.

The executives make the budget allocation and sectoral allocation, and the ruling MLAs do not interfere. The ministers have now laid the demand before us, and the ruling and non-ruling MLAs have not participated in any way.

I also notice a note of bitterness with the distribution of the funds. I feel it is quite uniform as the amount falls between 20-30 lakhs. Funds are distributed according to the needs, and those that received a higher amount this year might not receive such an amount next year. If we have given the responsibility to the officials, it is not our place to interfere in any way.

Whatever department funds that come, be it from LAD, UD and PA or RD, they have never been distributed by the MLAs. Just because the councilors are of the Municipal Council, we cannot assume that they can distribute the funds. Opposition MLAs have also never been informed about the work within their constituencies, although there have been requests made for copies to be provided.

We told ourselves before the Municipal elections that it was not like the MLA elections, and that it would in no way, affect the State governance. So we focused on electing councilors who would represent our constituencies well before the state government. For example, we have 8 to 9 local councils in our ward while another councilor has only 3. If we were to distribute the funds equally, it would suffice some of them. Therefore, instead of distributing funds equally, I propose that they be distributed according to the needs.

There was also a concern that we do have enough meetings for discussions, on which I would like to say that each party or group has different agendas which need to be discussed amongst themselves. I hope such weak concerns not be brought up again.

I propose that the council look at the needs of the constituencies and distribute the funds accordingly. Therefore, I cannot support the resolution.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I, now call upon Mr. B. Lalthlengliana.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I support the resolution of the hon'ble member as it is obviously the system which should be followed in a democratic government. I should say that the existing criteria for distribution of funds are quite difficult to understand.

As per the initial observation, the system is based on ruling and non-ruling authorities whereas communities of the outskirts generally need more funds but do not receive as deserved. In the seminar of Local Council held at YMA Hall Chanmari, the hon'ble minister of UP&PA stated that ULD grant is not supposed to be distributed equally. Thus, I assume the councilors follow the system of distribution as stated. It is regretted to learn that funds for the constituencies in which help is needed most have been reduced by 20 to 21 lakhs.

Pu Duhawma alleged the system as unconstitutional but in my opinion, Anti-Defection Law which has been passed a few days ago is more unconstitutional. The Councilors should maintain equal distribution of funds to develop our city. Even though instruction is given to allot Rs.20 lakhs each, the conclusion as we have learned is not much satisfactory. Firstly, it is wise for concerned members to take up their responsibilities as a Christian. It is regretted to learn that the system of distribution is not a need-based. So, Pu Deputy Speaker, it will be much more appropriate if it is distributed uniformly. I, therefore, strongly support the resolution of the hon'ble member, Pu C. Ramhluna. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Only 5 minutes is left. Now, P.P. Thawla to make his speech.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I find the resolution of the hon'ble member Pu C. Ramhluna to be quite satisfying.

God has led Mizoram to its present state as we have been protected by the Peace Accord for 25 years. Now God has spoken to our leaders to give importance to upliftment of the status of Aizawl city which consequently brought election of municipal last November. We had a good start as each political party has its own representative member being elected to the council. So, the elected leaders should perform their duty in God's will, and work hard during their tenure of 5 years and the effort which may be made for our state will certainly bring a favorable result

Pu Deputy Speaker, I request the councilors to perform their duty not as some political offices does but to serve the city of Aizawl well and be a great blessing. Their actions will then impress outsiders who may visit Mizoram anytime. With this hope, I support the resolution for upliftment of the status of our city Aizawl. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will have a recess and the meeting will be resumed at 2 O'clock.

Recess: 1:00 PM

2:00 PM

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will now continue with our discussion on the resolution of Pu C. Ramhluna, "The Urban Local Body grant sanctioned by the 13th Finance Commission for upgrading the city may equally be distributed to each ward of the Aizawl Municipal". Seven members have participated in the morning session. I, now call upon Dr. R. Lalthangliana.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. The hon'ble member, Pu C. Ramhluna's resolution concerns an important matter. Let us remember that the Councilors were elected with true sense of democracy and so we need to honour their position. I wish the elected members of AMC the very best as they have an important role to play. It is to be noted that the resolution does not concern merely of distribution of 20 lakhs to each to each ward but a resolution for a good beginning. So, Pu Deputy Speaker, we need to start in the right direction by passing this resolution.

It will not be right to compare our AMC with that of Andhra Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh having more than 80 MPs. I remember the sermon of a Pastor at Vanapa Hall that

Mizoram as needing a salamis society which means equality not suppression by the haves upon the have-nots. We can distribute the funds on need-based as well as in uniform. I received several messages during a break and as I am surprise to learn that the councilors of the ruling party shares their views and opinions on the resolution being discussed to some leaders through phone message which indicates this resolution a good one.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I opine the elected body can function smoothly if started with healthy atmosphere. An unhealthy begins often entail unfavorable precedence. We must set a solid example to the district headquarters and we must begin with justice as in a democratic country.

It is undeniable that funds allotted in each constituency of MLA are not uniform but we cannot make such comparisons. The main concern of this resolution is to have equal funds for a healthy beginning which the councilors would utilize to develop their respective wards.

I have been in this House for several years, Pu Deputy Speaker and a favorable resolution like this has never been rejected even if moved by the opposition parties. If each member today is asked his opinion on this resolution, I believe we would all go for it. However, when it comes to politics, there are certain principles and some members may therefore, hesitant to give their support. Thus, I move this resolution be passed by the House.

Just because we are discussing matters that concern AMC, it does not mean we are interfering in the duty of members of AMC. We have our responsibilities as a member of this House and we are only doing what we feel we should do. I hope the hon'ble members to your right think carefully and support this very important resolution. Thank You.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I now call Pu K.S. Thanga, who will be followed by Pu T.T. Zothansanga, Pu Selthuama and Pu Lalsawta.

Pu K.S. THANGA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. As reflected on our resolution, I cannot help but think why such a resolution has been moved.

There does not seem to be any possible way in which we could proceed with the present funds. I was not in Mizoram before the Local Council Elections, and when I returned, I noticed that the main topic of debate is 'The joint MNF and MPC parties declared that the sole authority lies with the local council, and the government cannot interfere in any way'. The Congress party and ZNP countered such declaration, saying that the government would need to aid in certain areas. The Public must have listened because we gained majority at the Municipal elections and could form the Executive Body. The hon'ble members here somehow seem to still have the same mentality as their predecessors, Pu Deputy Speaker, which is why they keep changing their minds. It is confusing for their Councilors too, as the actions of their leaders do not tally with their words.

We have had our crucial topic regarding the LADC. If the MDC utilizes the development funds equally, it could be harmful for the progress. We kept saying this and the public listened. We won in the Congress Lai District Council and we removed the equal shares. I wonder if the hon'ble member, who himself is from that district has proposed the resolution without realizing that it has the same outline as the one already revoked. I believe he is still living in the age of equal shares. Mr. Deputy Speaker, this resolution does not need any further discussion.

We heard a few words from Pu Lalthansanga (Chatea), and that his referring to Zarkawt several times could only mean his plan to return to Local Council. I thought we would hear more about the State's concern, but we heard more about Zarkawt, Pu Deputy Speaker. I implore that the hon'ble member remain with us.

Pu Deputy Speaker, the members who have made their speeches focused only on this year. I am certain that they are aware of the previous year's situation. It is rather immature to bring in such minor concerns.

In conclusion, I would like to say that in my constituency, we have three villages within our Municipal Council. They were once a part of the city but are lack of good facilities like the one in Zarkawt. Mr. Hiato, the minister came to survey and promised water connections as development is needed. It is not our place to assign duties to the Councilors because they know their duty, distributing funds according to the public's needs. Therefore, I request that the resolution be withdrawn. Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker, sir. This resolutions quite unfortunate as today, every Indian Assembly is moving towards decentralization of power but we are discussing a topic of the 1970s. With your permission, Pu Deputy Speaker, let me read out Article 234(W) - "to function as institution of self government and such law may contain provision for the development of powers and responsibilities upon the municipalities". It is unfortunate that we are trying to take municipal power away while the country is setting up certain principles for them to run.

The proposal of this resolution indicates a concern for one owns party even if it is right or wrong. Those responsible for the resolution are the ones who could not differentiate between the Union, State and Concurrent Lists. We have to be cautious so as not to disappoint the public.

I have read the bio-data of the leaders and I applaud their achievements. The resolution shows a hint of suspicion and mistrust upon the leaders. We have to carefully think if our actions would only be destroying the peace that exists. We should consult the Constitution before taking any step. While we cannot interfere in the Village Council funds, how can we even think about meddling with the municipal which is much higher? The opposition did not receive even one silpauline during the MNF party in power and I believe they have come into this House with that same mentality.

The hon'ble members said that we should accept a good resolution and undertake whatever we say we should. However, that would only create a bad precedent. The words may sound appropriate, but we cannot submit to things only by the way they seem. Let us instead listen to our inner voices and think cautiously. I am content with the way things are right now and I wish that the resolution be withdrawn. Thank you.

Pu R. SELTHUAMA : Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker, sir. The resolution seems fine at a glance on but examining closer, we can see that it has been sugar-coated. They have viewed only at this year's distributions of funds to the AMC. I would like to remind them that the 13th Finance Commission distributed the funds since last year. If we compare the funds in each ward, we will notice the differences between them. Their claim of "more funds in the Chairman's constituency" is rather shameful. It is just a way of embarrassing some individuals. They have proposed something they don't really want and I request that the resolution be withdrawn.

I have lived in Aizawl since 1954 and I have noticed that the wants of the people vary from one to another. For example, in the previous government, construction work of steps and repair of roads were done in the constituency No.14 which ended up to the limit of the boundary. Now, the constituency No.15 needs the same repairs as the previous construction excluded their area.

We also heard the hon'ble member speak about the needs of Zarkawt which could not be the same with the needs of other constituencies. Other constituency may wishes to have what has already been attained by Zarkawt constituency. There were talks of direct funding during the municipal elections, so how come we still talks of funds today? Honestly speaking, the municipal leaders are way more learned and wiser than some of MLAs here. I do not see any reason why we should have a say in their business. Let us be more attentive towards our own duties. The MLA funds are distributed to the constituencies and are used whichever way necessary. Each constituency has their own needs; therefore, the funds cannot be made equal. The councilors have been chosen by the public and I am sure they are very capable of understanding whatever task lies before them. It is not wise for us to make suggestions from here. So, I request the hon'ble member to withdraw his resolution. Thank you.

Pu LALSAWTA : Pu Deputy Speaker, our topic today is a MINISTER very important one. We chose 40 people to govern the state and they are legislators. It would be shameful to pass today's resolution because we would be degrading ourselves as well as the Municipal Council. It is a serious matter because we are trying to claim someone else's authority. We no longer have kings as such in Mizoram and nobody can make us do what we do not want. We are the representatives of the people and we can flourish only if we go according to the Constitution.

I would like to remind every member present here today that the hon'ble leader, Mr. Lal Thanhawla has never led us to believe in unity to support the wrong or to oppose whatever the opposition proposes. As long as something feels and sounds right, we will support,

no matter from which party it is moved. We have also supported private resolutions before, Pu Deputy Speaker.

India is a sovereign country and the levels of each governing body differ. There is the Central Government which is followed by the State Government. Each State, no matter how big or small is equal to all the other states. Therefore, to interfere in another's authority is something I absolutely do not want to be a part of. As we are legislators, our concerns should also be something bigger. Let us allow our 19 councilors to do their duties without us telling them how. The Constitution has assigned each of our duties. On the other hand, there are areas where we can contribute and advise in the proceedings of the Municipal Councils and Ward Committees; but that does not imply that we do not give them space.

Pu Deputy Speaker, these funds cannot be distributed equally. If we were to upgrade constituencies like mine, we have to keep in mind that when we have foreign visitors, what they see is their concept of what Mizoram is. So, comparatively the funds will have to differ.

We have to take a careful step in this regard or else it could lead to drastic consequences. So, for each and everyone's well-being, I request the hon'ble member to withdraw his resolution. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Mr. Nirupam Chakma, next.

Pu NIRUMPAM CHAKMA : Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker, sir. First, let me read out the resolution of the hon'ble member, Mr. C.Ramhluna – “The Urban Local Body Grant of the 13th Commission for upgrading the city may equally be distributed to each ward of the Aizawl Municipal”. If we examine this resolution closely, we will notice that there is no mention of it being submitted to any authority. If so, who will give this sum? The Mizoram Government cannot cross autonomy. So, no one can undertake this except the Municipal Council itself. We have to accept the Aizawl Municipal Council's Annual plan of 2011-2012 (which has been termed as the action plan). It has been submitted to the Finance Department FC & MC Mizoram through the Directorate and Secretariat of UD & PA. We cannot interfere in the proceedings as the Mizoram Government will submit it to Delhi. Thus, this resolution is technically defective. In order to avoid precedence, it is wise to avoid taking it as Autonomy engrossment. If the Resolution had instead been 50 lakh for the MLA funds, we could support it. There is no authority to undertake the resolution and the Council itself does not want to take it up. Therefore, I request them to withdraw it as it is technically defective.

If the development fund were to be given equally, we would not be able to enter the areas of Aizawl and Lawngtlai. This resolution has been made without having any idea about the Autonomous Areas. Therefore Mr. Deputy Speaker, I cannot support the resolution.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Next, Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA : Mr. Deputy Speaker sir, I am moved by MINISTER the hon'ble member Mr. C. Ramhluna's resolution. I am sure that he will not be able to undertake this himself nor would he be able to find any mean to do so. It is unfortunate that such a resolution has been brought into the State Legislature. Municipal Corporations have existed in the big cities of India for a long time and are well established. We, as a younger state are in the process of establishing such corporations and the way I see it, we are trying to take a big leap. I compare our status to a baby inside a womb standing next to a 50 year old adult. We had handled the campaigns as such. I had also mentioned before the Municipal elections that false teachings could harm the community. We are aiming for a farfetched goal.

From past incidents, we know that there clashes between the Mizos and Mizos. But God, in his infinite wisdom has led this land and its leaders to bring peace and development. As we are moving forward, it frightens me to think about the consequences such false teachings could bring just for the sake of gaining votes.

I have the privilege of befriending people working in the Municipal Corporations in the big cities. There are vast differences between the opposition and the ruling party. We received the trust and votes of the public and I truly find it wrong to mislead them at this time.

According to the Finance Minister's budget, we have 25 lakhs for each constituency as of the previous was a considerable amount. The government has taken great care to assure that they function well. One's views and opinions differ from another's because of his status. Therefore, I wish that we would stop day dreaming and for something more worthwhile.

Pu Deputy Speaker, our resolution sounds impressive but it is not practical. It is a violation of the constitution. Therefore, I request the resolution be withdrawn. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, I call Pu R. Lalrinawma, who will be followed by Pu H. Zothangliana.

Pu LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. The members before me have said enough and I have not much to add. I thought I would speak about my resolution - "The undertaking of Mr. Lal Thanhawla's led government in bringing about progress in the field of sports among the Mizo youths is truly commendable". However, time does not permit me, so I would like to say a few words about what we have been discussing. The objective of this resolution is quite unclear as the mover concentrates more on the Mizo History.

Before the Municipal Council acquired funds, they were compared to shopkeepers without shops. But the words of their leaders imply that they would be incapable of running such shops. We are still discussing about village councils and legislatures which has been going on for a long time.

Though it may be an autonomous body, it was formed by the state. The constitution has assigned us specific duties but we cannot interfere in each of its functions. Just as we would not appreciate the Parliament interfering in our State's governance, the council would feel the same way if we do. Each area received funds amounting to at least 20 lakhs each, which could be accepted as an equal distribution of funds.

The hon'ble member compared his resolution to the Anti-defection law, but I find no similarity between the two. This morning's newspapers said that the MNF is ashamed of passing their resolution, and Mr. Chairman, I would like to read a few lines from it. - "They find it shameful that a private member's resolution was passed without the opposition members. The resolution was alleged as a mean of buttering up the Chief Minister. The resolution about gratitude for power supply brought in by the Congress MLA Mr. R. Lalrinawma was also unbecoming". If they have anything to be grateful for, I request that they bring that in too. It is more unbecoming to bring in a resolution that interferes with another's jurisdiction.

When we look at the progress in different areas, we have a lot to be grateful for. The Congress government brought much improvement in power supply and sports. The public is happy and I would like to stress on that matter. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN : Now, I call upon Mr. H. Zothangliana.

Pu H. ZOTHANGLIANA : Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do not support our esteemed member's resolution as I opine the issue is quite ancient. I am reminded of the time when the MNF party demanded the omission of all Autonomous District Councils. I was also shocked to hear Mr. Nirupam's use of the term 'deputation' and I feel he has been led astray by his party.

We talked about equal shares before and I would like to add a few more words. In order for us to understand, I would like to talk about the funds for the physically challenged in the MDC constituencies. I still hear a lot of grief over that matter as the funds was wrongly utilized. Thus, we can understand that equal share system has many disadvantages as for that reason our leaders ended it. So why should we renew something that was discarded by all?

So, Pu Chairman, I find this resolution quite immature. They should have studied last year's distribution of funds before submitting this resolution. I request the hon'ble member to check his resolution once more and withdraw it. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN : Next, Mr. Chawngtinthanga.

Pu CHAWNGTINTHANGA : Mr. Chairman, I thought we would have time to discuss the next resolution, but I would like to say a few words on this resolution anyway. Before the recent district council elections, Mr. K.S. Thanga and I paid a visit there. Our main concern was to resolve the problems of Lairam politics. We talked ending the equal share system as it paves a way for corruption. They must have shared our views as they elected us. But

it is rather surprising that a man from that district, Mr. C. Ramhluna could bring in such a resolution.

I am concerned about the legal point as well. One Law Minister once clearly stated that we are all in this House to protect the Indian Constitution and it is uncalled for a resolution like this to be brought in without looking into the provisions of the Constitution. The Indian Constitution has set up a Social Republic Democratic Government and focuses on power decentralization. I find no similarity between this resolution and the Anti-defection bill that was passed. The Constitution has permitted us to set up our own principles and it was through this that the Aizawl Municipal Council was formed. As they had no particular principles and delegation of duties, we had to do it for them. We gave them the funds to distribute, but it would be a violation of the Constitutional provision if we told them how. If we pass this resolution, it would mean a break in our promise to protect the Indian Constitution as legislators. Therefore, I request that this resolution be withdrawn. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Do we have anyone else who would like to speak? May we call the movers again?
Pu John Siamkunga.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, I would like to say a few words. I believe those who received the SMS today know the reason why this resolution has been moved. It is because of that pressure that this resolution was brought in, and it is certainly shameful. It seems that not much thought was put into it before being brought in. It is contempt against the Municipal Council.

The Aizawl Municipal Council was set up without funds, and when funds were brought in, we found a problem with the distribution. Why are concerned only about funds? Should not we rather focus more on the work and method?

We should remember that the fund from the 13th Finance Commission is not development fund for the municipal area and it is not similar to the Area Development Fund. It should not be distributed equally. The Aizawl Municipal Council Executive Body will decide how to utilize it as we cannot interfere in the decision. The reason we made an Anti-defection law was to prevent the free will of the individual members and to help uplift the Aizawl Municipal Council. This resolution has defiled the honor of the House.

In conclusion, I would like to say that we should give the AMC space to undertake their duties and move towards the development of the city. Let us allow them to carry on with their responsibilities. Hence, I request that the Resolution be withdrawn as I cannot support it, Mr. Deputy Speaker. Thank you.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, although I have not received any such messages, I cannot support the resolution of the hon'ble member. I believe it is meant to disrupt the administration and we should block such an agenda.

It is rather late for the House to receive his theory of equal distribution of funds otherwise the Darlawn division could have received more plantations during his office in the Forest Department. I opine this resolution inclines towards a communist feeling.

I advise the mover not to proceed further and forget it. A lot of thought must be given to any resolution before being submitted or else, it could lead younger members astray. I request that this resolution be withdrawn, Mr. Deputy Speaker. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : 20 members have spoken on this resolution and our opinion seems varied. Now I call upon the mover of the resolution to explain his resolution and say a few words, if any.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I am grateful to the House members for actively participating in the discussion of my resolution.

We have the ruling party saying the matter as concerning the municipal Council and not ours. In this regard, we have to realize the government's position. The Municipal Council is an autonomous body but there are certain areas where the state government can make principles for it to follow. We have power to make rules in both Section 301 and Section 286. I am not comparing it to the Anti-defection law in, anyway.

What I want to remind everyone here is that the elected body had not been formed when the funds were first distributed. The funds were unequally distributed which resulted in a lot of complaints. When the elected body came into being, Mr. Deputy Speaker, it was really grieving to hear that the respected minister of UD & PA stated at the Chanmari YMA Hall about equal distribution as not being necessary.

Even though the ruling ministry claims they have no say in the distribution of funds, they have influenced the proceedings. The difference between the funds is also too wide.

Although they talked about need-based funding, they planned the sums amounting to not more than 20 lakhs for the MPC and MNF and 30 lakhs for the rest. This is what makes it so difficult.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, we have Pu Lalduhoma, the hon'ble member from ZNP here with us today. I have always admired his intelligence and work. However, I was taken aback to hear his views today; so I request him to please rethink this clearly.

In the past years, we looked up to our leaders; but today, that kind of decent behavior is hardly seen. I am not very familiar with the matters of LADC, CADC or MADC, but the distribution of funds has not been uniform as I have heard several complaints

from the MADC and LADC. They made many promises but we have seen how that has actually been undertaken. The members are not satisfied with it. Let us improve the city of Aizawl. If we have equal distribution of funds, it would change the face of Mizoram in a good way.

The MLA fund, being a ULB grant, is completely different. If the funds are for the city's upliftment, we should utilize it to that purpose. Napoleon once said, "Impossible is the word found in the dictionary of fools". So if it is a good thing, we can work on it. Therefore, I would like to stress on the fact that the funds be distributed equally.

I would also like to say a few words about the matter of 2010 and 2011, Mr. Deputy Speaker. (Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Mr. Deputy Speaker, we are only talking about what the constitution says and the fact that we cannot interfere in all the minor details of the distributions). Mr. Deputy Speaker, I do not find it written anywhere in the constitution that one cannot interfere in matters of distribution. (Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER: We need to know the Legislators Law. It is written in Article 243 that we can, for which we took up the Anti-Defection Law).

We received work order in 2010-2011 like construction of RCC culvert at Falkland and of RCC culvert of jeepable road in Salem and the Municipal Council were prepared as to how to undertake such a task.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, this is a place where one should speak the truth. Concerning the Salem locality, we looked into the matter with their Village Council.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, members of each party wish to be in a constituency of the hon'ble Chief Minister, a constituency of a minister or at least the ruling MLA. The mover of the resolution should sit awhile and feel what it is like to be a part of the opposition first.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Mr. Speaker, if the need arises, we shall go through it. We wanted to be an MLA so that we could serve Mizoram. We said we have authority, but the way I see it, it seems like we do. I have enquired about the elections of the Local Council and I was told that it would be looked into after discussions with the state Election Commission. In Rule 15, the elections are to be conducted by both the Local Council and State Election Commission. If we say we have authority in some areas and none in others, how can this Municipal Council function? I sincerely hope that my resolution be passed today. Thank you.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, I have listened closely to everything that has been said MINISTER to everything that has been said today. In the past, the State Government had no

authority. The people were quite confused when it was said that it was a direct funding from the Central. The hon'ble member then said that had been a mistake and that the State Government could interfere. Therefore, I don't think the resolution deserves to be passed.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Alright. It is now 4 o'clock, and the time is over now. However, we have not voted on the matter. The hon'ble member, Mr. C. Ramhluna has moved are solution to be adopted. Those who support it say, 'agree' and those who don't, say, 'disagree'.

So, the resolution moved by Mr. C. Ramhluna - 'to equally distribute the Urban Local Body Grant given by the 13th Finance Commission for the upliftment of the city to the Aizawl Municipal Wards' has been rejected by the House.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, I am grateful to the House for having given me the time to speak. I am sure that the Public will soon learn the truth.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Our business for today is done. We shall meet again on 25.7.2011 at 10:30 AM

Sitting is adjourned at 4:00 PM

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

**THIRTEENTH SITTING ON MONDAY, THE 25TH JULY, 2011
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)**

QUESTIONS

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

PRESENTATION OF REPORT

2. **Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA** to present to the House the Fourteenth Report of Public Accounts Committee on Action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Eleventh Report of Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the years 2004-2005, 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 relating to Taxation Department.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS.

3. **Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
4. **Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.

VANLALNGHENGA
Additional Secretary

DEPUTY SPEAKER : But let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as almighty stream. Amos 5:24

Now let us start with the business of question and answer. We will take up starred Question No.171. I call upon Mr. P.P. Thawla to ask starred Question No. 171.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, will the hon'ble Home Minister be pleased to state: -

- a) What is the exact number of IR Battalions in the Mizoram Government?
- b) Do such IR Battalions have it own headquarters?
- c) If so, where are they located?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I call upon the hon'ble Home Minister Mr. R.Lalzirliana to answer the question.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, the answers to the MINISTER hon'ble member's questions are as follows -

- a) There are 5 IR Battalions in the Mizoram Government.
- b) The 1st, the 2nd and the 5th Battalions have its own headquarters located at the following areas: -
 - 1st IR Battalion - Mualvum, Kawnpui
 - 2nd IR Battalion - Khawzawl
 - 5th IR Battalion - Sakawrtuichhun, PTC Lungverh
- c) The 3rd and 4th Battalions do not have its own headquarters as yet.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, I do not think it is appropriate for the government to have military battalion without headquarters as it could hamper the discipline immensely. I would like to know why the 3rd and 4th IR Battalions are without proper headquarters. Secondly, in the previous government, there were several applications for the said battalions headquarter for Saiha district as Maubawk has also been surveyed. What is the condition?

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, I do not deny that MINISTER discipline could be hampered. However, because of shortage of funds, the said headquarters could not be set up as yet. Even if we choose the location, it cannot be easily implemented. The previous government had ear-marked Maubawk for headquarters but it is difficult to undertake it as a District. Problems in law and order tend to arise and we have to be ready to face them. The government will also have

to determine means of communication when choosing locations. All these matters will have to be surveyed, and then only can we set up the Battalions in these locations.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, I would like to ask the Minister if there is any plan to set up the 4th IR in the west and if there have been any undertakings.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, the previous MINISTER government had chosen a location but with the condition to alter the decision, if deemed necessary. If the selected location is suitable then I see no problem why we cannot follow the steps of the previous government.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I now call Mr. Lalduhoma to ask the starred Question No. 172.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, will the hon'ble minister be pleased to state: -
If trainees at PTC Thenzawl have also been charged of electricity bills?

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA : The answer, Mr. Deputy Speaker is: -
MINISTER Yes, they are being charged electricity bills.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, there are no further questions. What I would like to know is -
About 30 families remain at PTC Lungverh while the rest moved their residence by constructing small houses of their own, and are permanently placed there. With the entry of the IR Battalion, they fear that they would be forced out, leaving all their belongings behind. Could we show some compassion and allow them to stay on? They have also set up village bodies like YMA and MHIP. As such, I opine they should remain even after the Battalion moved in.

Apart from this, Pu Deputy Speaker, the village has its own retailers for being in the constituency of the Cabinet Minister for 10 years as the Battalion also needs it too. It will also be necessary to change the name of their local council and the term PTC will have to be omitted as well. So, how will we refer to the local councils and NGOs now?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Are there any more questions? Now, I call upon Home Minister R. Lalzirliana to reply.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA : After listening to the hon'ble MLA, even
MINISTER I wonder about the state of the

civilians as this is the first time I am hearing about it. What I would like to know is how the civilians came to live there as it seems it was allocated to the police.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, as far as my knowledge is concern, only one member of the family is from the police, the rest are civilians.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA : If they had moved there, there is nothing much we can say. If their belongings have been transferred, they can stay on, but if their service is over, they will have to vacate their quarters. That is my answer.

With regard to the retailers, we have asked the minister and we believe the requirement can be provided. Regarding a change in the name of the local council, we can change it to Lungverh Local Council.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, I call upon Mr. B Lalthlengliana to ask the starred Question 173.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, will the hon'ble minister for Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation Department be pleased to state: -

Is the building that is being constructed near the Bazar Bungkawn Assam Rifles done by a department or an individual?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I now call upon the hon'ble minister, Mr. Zodintluanga to answer the question.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, the answer to the MINISTER question is:- It is the Dawrpui Local Council that is presently constructing a building near the Assam Rifles area.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Any further question, Mr. B. Lalthlengliana?

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, it is quite credible to see the plan of Dawrpui Local Council. On the other hand, we should remember that it is a dropping for vehicles coming from areas like Sarawn. Secondly, the construction of a toilet in such a busy area does not seem right. Can the Local Council make such undertakings

wherever they want? May the government take actions to stop such undertakings for the better welfare of the land?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I call upon concerned minister to answer it.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, the city of Aizawl MINISTER is getting crowded and is increasing in population. The public had been facing a lot of problems especially because of lack of public toilets in Dawrpui area. Funds were sanctioned for it since 2009-2010 when the LAD started work within the city. The ADA made the designs although work could not be done immediately.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, the charge for using the said toilet could bring cleanliness where as it may also generate employment. The same plan is being processed for Zarkawt area as well.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The next question is shared by Pu B. Lalthlengliana and Pu T.T. Zothansanga. I will call upon Mr. T.T. Zothansanga to ask the starred Question No. 174.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. Will the hon'ble Taxation Minister be pleased to state:-

- a) Is the professional tax based on income or grade?
- b) What criteria does the Taxation Department use to assign professional taxes to the Mizoram government employees?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Minister, Pu J.H. Rothuama to answer.

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, thank you. The MINISTER answer is :-

- a) Professional tax is based on income.
- b) The professional tax taken from the Mizoram Government employees by the Taxation Department are assigned according to the gross annual/monthly income.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Are there any further questions?

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, the answer of the hon'ble Minister is already existed. However, there has been mentioned in the newspapers that the Professional tax of Gov't employees from the Chief Secretary to UDCs are the same. If it is income based, could there have been a mistake?

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Supplementary questions: -

1. If the ceiling of professional tax should not exceed Rs.2,500/-, whether any revision is made in this regard?
2. Is there any plan to amend the professional tax?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Is there any further question? Now, I call upon hon'ble Minister, Pu J.H. Rothuama to give his answers.

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, professional tax is a complicated subject as it has been implemented since long time ago by the Indian Constitution Article 276 Section (b) and the limit of Rs. 2,500/- has not been changed either. The term VATS is on the verge of being changed. I attended a GST meeting recently where we elected a new chairman. As the North-Eastern people do not pay Income Taxes, the tax of government employees is quite less. There has been planned to change it many times but were unsuccessful since we are exempted from Income taxes. The ministers of the north-eastern region are usually united on this subject; so matters have not been taken further. Hence, all we can do is called professional tax. The upper limit is fixed at Rs.2,500/- and the government needs to increase it as we are pressured by the Central Government to increase our budget. The lowest income level is Rs.5,000/-, and so, when we assign the professional taxes, the range between UDC and that of the Chief Secretary cannot be too much.

We used to pay it once or twice a year in other years which was usually deducted from the year-end's salary. But now, there will be an option as to whether monthly deduction or half-yearly deduction.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, we will take up Starred Question No.175 and Mr. B.Lalthlengliana to ask the question.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, will the hon'ble for DP & AR Minister be pleased to state: -
What kind of work is assigned to the Ex-Resident Commissioner of Mizoram House, New Delhi after being posted in Aizawl?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon'ble minister, Mr. H. Liansailova to answer the question.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, answer to the MINISTER hon'ble member's question is :-
The Ex – Resident Commissioner, Mizoram

House, New Delhi is appointed as an Officer on Special Duty (OSD) in Aizawl and no particular duty has been assigned to him.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Any further question, Mr. B. Lalthlengliana?

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, we had discussed the case of S.P. Singh, IAS several times in the House last year and he was once transferred, being appointed as the Secretary at the Chief Minister's Secretariat but was removed after the session was over. My question is: - Are we going to do the same thing in this Budget session as to remove him after the session is over?

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I also wonder if this IAS officer is the only IAS officer around. According to the findings of Mr. C. Lalsawta, he brought out several weaknesses while he was the Inquiry Officer. He has not been a warm host to several of the hon'ble ministers and the members, which you have experienced yourself, Mr. Deputy Speaker. He even refused a call from the Raj Bhavan and when asked to clarify himself, he flatly claimed the case as of trivial to be clarified.

His expenses during the 413 days here was absolute burglary. Had it been any other state, he would have been suspended. It was discussed in the Cabinet Meeting and conclusion made there was to keep quiet about it as he was to remain only for the month of September. Apart from this, his total income during his stays in Mizoram amounting to more than 1.5 crore rupees. Whenever he was invited by the officials from Mizoram, he remained a hostile host.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Next, Pu P.P. Thawla.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, supplementary question. Is he the choice of the state government or appointment made by the central government? What action has been taken from the report?

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to ask if a new Residential Commissioner has been appointed. Is it a fact that a new Principal Adviser has been appointed? If so, what is the main work of the Adviser and what is the term?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon'ble minister to give the answer.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA : Pu Deputy Speaker, to answer to the MINISTER question of Pu B. lalthlengliana, there is no such proposal as now.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, if there is no such proposal, I would like to know if there is any plan to take action against the charge of corruption.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I have not yet MINISTER completed the answer. The proceedings in regard to Residential Commissioner is not among the agenda at the cabinet meeting. However, proceedings have been drawn by DP & R department and the enquiry is in progress which is now in its final stage.

As for the answer to Pu Thawla's question, he is from AGMUT cadre. Hence, it is obviously of central government to appoint him where necessary.

To answer the question of Dr. R. Lalthangliana, I do not have a Residential Commissioner at present. As for Principal Adviser, Mr. T.P. Khand has been appointed as he is expert in financial and administration of North-Eastern states. As for the numeration, I have not come prepared so I cannot give the exact amount.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call upon the hon'ble House Leader as he has a clarification to make.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to CHIEF MINISTER inform the House that the condition of Mizoram House at Vasant Vihar is unsatisfactory, thus various repairs has to be made with the clings such as approach road, the main entrance, hall and parking area. It was centrally air conditioned which is deemed unnecessary. Thus, huge amount of fund has been evolved to upgrade the condition. T.P. Khaund had been appointed as Principal Adviser who is extremely experience and he has proved to be of great help for the government.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will move on to Starred Question No.176. Let us call Pu Dr. R. Lalthangliana to ask the question.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for L.A.D. be pleased to state: -
What is the total amount of fund received under BPL during the financial year 2009-2010 and 2010 -2011?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : To answer the question, let us call hon'ble minister Pu P.C. Lalthanliana.

Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA : Pu Speaker, to answer the question of MINISTER the hon'ble members, no fund have been received for BPL during the year 2009-2010 and 2010-2011.

- DEPUTY SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Dr. R. Lalthangliana.
- Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, what is the reason for not receiving fund provision of BPL for the aforementioned periods and what is the term of selected beneficiary?
- Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, is ESW meant for economically weaker section?
- Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, the question from Pu Thangtea concern UD & PA. However, from my knowledge, ₹41 lakhs is being received during the year in question.
- DEPUTY SPEAKER : Supplementary Question, if any?
- Dr. R.LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I would request if the questions of hon'ble members are adjusted accordingly, as we members are not aware of it at times.
- Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I thought I MINISTER answered the question. In such case, senior members should be aware of the right department.
- DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us now call Pu K. Liantlinga to ask starred question No.177.
- Pu K.LIANTLINGA : Mr. Deputy Speaker sir, thank you. Will the hon'ble Minister for Law & Judicial Department be pleased to state: -
- a) Is the Mizoram Co-operation Societies Act, 2006 (Amendment) Bill vetted by law department?
 - b) How many points of the Mizoram Co-operation Societies Act were submitted to Law department for vet?
- DEPUTY SPEAKER : To answer the question, let us call the hon'ble Minister.
- Pu LALSAWTA : Mr. Speaker Sir, the answer to the MINISTER hon'ble member's question is: -
- a) Yes.
 - b) All 9 points which has been submitted were vetted.

- DEPUTY SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu K. Liantlinga.
- Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. Suppose, if the bill has not been finalized due to election, will it still be valid?
- DEPUTY SPEAKER : Next, Pu Lalduhoma.
- Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to ask if it is correct to overrule the existing rule by a committee without the approval of the House?
- Pu LALSAWTA submitted : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, It was MINISTER to Law department for vet and that is all I know. Pu Speaker, vet was our only concern.
- DEPUTY SPEAKER : We should understand the minister as it is not his concern beyond that. Moving on to starred Question No.178, let us call Col. Z.S.Zuala.
- Lt.Col. Z.S. ZUALA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, will the hon'ble Minister for Home be pleased to state: -
- a) If there is Police Commando Training?
b) If CIJW which is inside our state, is being utilized for training our police?
- DEPUTY SPEAKER : To answer the question, let us call the hon'ble minister, Pu R. Lalzirliana.
- Pu R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, the answer to MINISTER the hon'ble member's questions are as follows:-
- a) No specific training has been given for Police Commando.
b) Yes, CIJW School is being utilized for training our police.
- Lt.Col. Z.S. ZUALA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, supplementary question: -
- a) Has the boundary of CIJW School been finalized?

b) It seems that the occupied land of CIJW has not been settled till date. What step has been taken so far?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : No more questions please as question hour is over. Now, the hon'ble minister to answer the question.

Pu R.LALZIRLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, due to claim of MINISTER compensation, it is difficult to solve the problem. However, the matter has been taken up at the High Court. Around 400/500 Police personnel have undergone training from this the School. Step has been taken to resolve the problem of land dispute.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Question hour is over. It is our pleasure to see the senior-most member, Brig. T. Sailo among us.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : With your permission, Pu Deputy Speaker, I lay on the table of the House, The Fourteenth Report of Public Accounts Committee on Action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Eleventh Report of Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the years 2004-2005, 2005-2006 and 2006-2007, relating to taxation department. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. We will move on to financial business. Today, we will take up demands of two ministers.

Now let us call Pu P.C Zoram Sangliana to submit his demand.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission

Sir, I moved the Demand No. 18, 23 and 42 for Rs.58,05,82,000 only for meeting expenses during 2011-2012 in respect of the following departments: -

Sl. No.	Demand No.	Department	Amount
1	Demand No.18	Printing & Stationary	Rs.13,77,70,000
2	Demand No.23	Art & Culture	Rs.9,19,00,000
3	Demand No.42	Transport	Rs.35,09,12,000
TOTAL			Rs.58,05,82,000

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call Pu J.H.Rothuama, Minister to submit his Demand.

Pu J.H.ROTHUAMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, on the
MINISTER : recommendation of the Governor of
Mizoram and with your permission Sir, I moved the
Demand No.6, 7, 8 and 37 for Rs.55,78,88,000/- only for 2011-2012 in respect of the following
departments: -

Sl. No.	Demand No.	Department	Amount
1	Demand No.6	Land Revenue & Reforms	Rs.14,38,45,000
2	Demand No.7	Excise & Narcotic	Rs.17,21,67,000
3	Demand No.8	Taxation	10,04,41,000
4	Demand No.37	Co-operation	Rs.14,14,35,000
TOTAL			Rs.55,78,88,000

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, the two Ministers have submitted
their demands and we will start the
discussion. The members will be given 10 minutes
each. Pu P.P. Thawla will start.

Pu P.P.THAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker Sir, I will start with
Demand No. 42, Transport. Saiha
District, being the remotest is given 5 Nos. of MST
buses. But now we are having only 2 Nos. as one got accident and two were taken back to
Aizawl District. So, I request the hon'ble Minister to allot at least 5 buses for the area as the
demand is quite high.

Pu Deputy Speaker, considering the project of Inland Water
Transportation taken up by Transport Department, I opine budget provision allotted to the
department which is 5 lakhs only is less sufficient. In this connection, I want to inform the House
that there is a prospect of navigation from Lawngmasu to Sala-Chhuah. If concerned authority
considers the project, Speedboat transportation will then be possible which will certainly
alleviate the problems of transportation. So, I request the Minister to determine the project.

In Arts & Culture Department, it is very pleasing to learn that P.A. Set and
musical instruments such as hollow guitar and keyboard will be provided to the members on
subsidized rate. In this connection, I request concerned authority to make fund provision for
printing of books in Mara language too.

In Demand No.37, I would like to request the government to provide more
funds for cooperative societies so that it is widely benefitted by the rural cooperative societies.
Pu Deputy Speaker, even though the Cooperative Act, 2006 is passed by the House, it has not
been followed by the State Level Cooperative except the rules made by the Board itself. If the
rules made by the Board clashes the Cooperative Act, 2006, I opine it is necessary to dissolve it
and new election may be conducted.

Regarding Excise Department, construction of the office building has already been started a couple of years back but it is not completed till today. I opine it should be completed within this term.

Lastly, may the government determine allotment of house site for the members who have not any in Aizawl? Thank you.

Pu K. LALRINTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I want to make few points regarding Printing & Stationery Department. Due to poor quality of stationery materials, no department is willing to purchase stationery materials from this department. Obviously this is because of irregularity approved rates. If the government expected any state department to obtain stationery items from Printing & Stationery, the supply approved rate should be improved.

In Demand No.42, I congratulate transport Department for exceeding its target. Besides, it is quite pleasing to learn that no taxi permit is issued during this ministry so as to resolve traffic problem in the city.

Regarding the on-going project of Inland Water Transport, it is truly appreciated that the government now deploy a private firm to clear up any barrier which may come on the way.

Regarding Road Transport, I would like to point out that road clearance report of Transport department and PWD differs from time to time. So, it is important for concerned authority to make a spot verification so that problem caused to rural people as a result of poor condition of road is resolved instantly.

Regarding Revenue Department, I opine it is necessary for concerned officials to clearly identify the state boundary prior to allotment of land/house site. We have encountered a serious case while referring boundary description of 1875 for allotment of land in Vairengte. If we have to apply the said reference, numbers of non-tribal origins from the neighboring states will be absorbed in our state. So, consensus clearance of political leaders is necessary for demarcation of the state's boundary. If Boundary Commission is expected to deal with such cases, it should be based on the boundaries during U.T. and as per MOU countersigned by the government of India and MNF. Obviously our people will find it hard to agree with Boundary Commission to deal with such cases. So, there should be consensus decision of the political leaders and the leaders of voluntary organizations. Thank you.

Lt. Col. Z.S. ZUALA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. In Demand No. 7, Excise & Narcotic Department, I would like to point out that all Ex- Servicemen have no liquor license as many of them did not like to apply card on ground of MLTP Act. As MLTP Act has already been applied for a long time, I opine it is time to review and make a modification in parallel with our social life.

Coming now to Demand No.6, the Bible says, “For the kingdom is the Lord’s”. The Lord gave church elders to look after the kingdom. Likewise, The Chief Minister is very careful in looking after our land. I opine Mizoram should be taken care of as the Lushai Chiefs had done. In this connection, I want to know how a plot of land should be allotted to the beneficiaries of NLUP as there are many who have no landholding.

In Transport Department, I opine it is good to observe minimum requirement of maxi-cab services particularly for Aizawl - Guwahati as travelers encountered robbing from time to time. So, it is necessary to issue permit only to the trustees.

Pu Deputy Speaker, it is learned that the building of Printing & Stationary has now become old and is no longer safe to occupy. So, immediate attention should be given by concerned authority.

We have discussed a few days back in the House, means to retain the lost cannon as step taken by the hon’ble Chief Minister to this concern is quite appreciative.

I would also like to express my appreciation to the hon’ble minister of Art & Culture for placing the name the Mizos and our cultural pride ‘Cheraw Dance’ in Guinness Book of World Record.

Pu Deputy Speaker, even though the existence of co-operative movement in our state, no remarkable achievement has yet been made obviously due to weakness of the accounting system. So, it is necessary for concerned authority to impart appropriate accounting system to each society.

In taxation, I want to express my appreciation to Revenue department for exceeding the amount of the target. It will be much pleasing if the department maintained the same trait in the coming years too. Thank you.

Pu HMINGDALOVA KHIANGTE : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. To start with Printing & Stationary Department, the quality of stationery items supplied by the department is frequently complained. I was once a member of the Consultative committee during which materials stocked by the department were disposed on auction and the department earned large amount of revenue from it.

Printing & Stationary department is bifurcated from Directorate of Information & Public Relation (DIPR) in 1980 as the building remains unreconstructed till then. So, it is the pressing need of the department to construct the building including staff quarters. It will be much appreciated if attention is given to this concern.

Pu Deputy Speaker, in Arts & culture, I would like to point out that performance of the Mizo youths with our cultural dance ‘Cheraw’ placed the name of Mizos known to worldwide thanks to the Guinness Book of World Record.

Demand No.42, it is pleasing to learn that the government is determining to increase our revenue. Besides, there is a plan for construction of terminal for bus as well as maxi-cab at various places to resolve traffic problems of Aizawl city. In the meantime, it is regretted to learn that there are people who expected compensation out of this plan which I believe as selfishness.

In Excise & Narcotic Department, it is very pleasing to learn that the Government is giving attention towards improve winery from our fruits products in order to increase our revenue.

Demand No.37, I must say that we the Mizos remains ignorant with the technique of co-operation. Hence, it is good for concerned authority to impart the people with this knowledge and then Co-operation Department will become major revenue earning department.

Regarding Art & Culture Department, it seems that we are having Cultural Revolution where as the state library too is quite improving. Regarding proposal for bifurcation of Library from Art & Culture Department has already been passed in 1993 but no action is taken till today. What is the reason?

In transport Department, I would like to suggest concerned authority to clearly indicate type of taxes and fees collected so as to prevent the practice of corruption. The existing Rule is implemented since 1995 and it remains unchanged where as the rate of tax on vehicle is increased from ₹100 to ₹150 which is the main complaint from the people. In this connection, I opine it is important for the department to teach any driver etiquette while driving vehicles.

In Revenue Department, it is to be noted that experts committee is being set up to determine the process of land record. So, considering inadequacy of staff, I opine it is necessary to strengthen the staff so as to meet the requirement.

In excise Department, it is learned that the demand of liquor is quite high in our state as large amount of imported liquors are seized by the department from time to time. So, it is wise for the government to determine increase of our revenue by means of liquor.

Regarding election of Board of Chairmen of Co-operation, I would like to point out that it is quite easy to predict the result from the atmosphere of the election. So, it may be more appropriate to conduct free and fair election by means of law passed by the House. Thank you.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, let me start from Transport Department. We have passed a few days back a Bill concerning taxation of vehicles. Here, the proposed rate of tax on private vehicle is higher than that of commercial

vehicle where as on vehicle; the rate is fixed at 50% while commercial vehicle is only 20%. Is not the difference too much?

Regarding entitlement of VIP Light and National flag on vehicle, I opine it is necessary to check the vehicles more regularly as many are seen bearing VIP light from time to time. I also request the hon'ble minister to determine immediate solution of traffic problem within Aizawl city.

In my constituency, Pu Deputy Speaker, regular service of MST bus could not be maintained due to poor condition of road particularly from Farkawn to Bungzung. So, I request the hon'ble Minister to allot newly purchased buses to the said route too.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I would also like to state that license of maxi-cab counter for N. Vanlaiphai is allotted to Pu H.C. Larinsanga. But before the expiration of his license, the hon'ble minister issued another one by the name of F. Sanghmingmawii allegedly of pro-MNF party to replace Pu H.C. Larinsanga. So, the case was appealed to court. As the court made a decision in favor of H.C. Larinsanga, fresh quotation was called which I opine as impartial justification for a veteran minister.

Coming now to Art & Culture Department, Congress ministry is fortunate for having a minister who is keen to look after the Department. Not only has he laid a memorial stone of Fiara tui at Farkawn, he has also concern for various new projects such as preservation of our cultural heritages.

In Land Revenue & Settlement Department, the Congress party though strongly opposed increase of Zoram tax (Zoram Chhiah) back in 2005; it is now increased by 100%. Whether this has to be applied with effect from the date of issue of Notification? I also want to say that if LSC, provisional pass and periodical pass/patta is essential, I opine it is more appropriate if registration of land leases is necessitated.

Pu Deputy Speaker, It is learned that DC Complex of Champhai is being acquisitioned for Congress Bhawan and I opine it is important to review the case. In the same manner, a plot of land is purchased from MLA fund at the rate of ₹,00,000/- for construction of Community Hall and is resold at the rate of ₹2,00,000/- to R. Lalrammawia of Vaphai. I think it is important to examine the case.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I also want to request the hon'ble Minister to give attention for setting up of Surveyors training Institute at Hualngo the initiative which has already made under the MNF Ministry.

Pu Deputy Speaker, Cooperative Society Act which concern election rules for cooperative society is passed by the House in 2006. However, the rules have not been applied when election was held a few days back. I opine it is contempt of the House. So, I request the hon'ble minister to clarify when winding up his demands. Thank you.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. To start with Land Revenue & Settlement Department, there are number of family In Mizoram without house site. Even when there is a chance, Government favored some influential individuals instead of the needy ones. I want to suggest that any land allotted by government may be given only to the needy ones.

Pu Deputy Speaker, it is learned that Hnahlan and Champhai produces 9,000 quintals of grape out of which only 2000 quintals is processed for winery. It is noted that there is a very good prospect of marketing in the east and even in China. As such, the government may determine means to extend it marketing.

Pu Deputy Speaker, Champhai has no MST bus service and so at least one may be allotted from the three to be purchased shortly. I also want to point out that Khuangphah road is quite clear for bus service and so may be allotted one to this road to fulfill the need of the people. Regarding Champhai Maxi-Cab Counter and parking area which is said as being situated in a congested area of the city, i have no idea but one is still there at Electric Veng. The hon'ble Minister may later clarify it.

Pu Deputy Speaker, it is learned that ₹2,500/- each of professional tax being deducted from pay of the government servants. I opine it is inappropriate as peon and Chief Secretary contributes the same amount which should be re-assessed immediately. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, the time is 1:00 PM. We will take a break and discussion will be resumed at 2:00 PM.

2 : 00 PM.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : To resume the discussion, let us call upon Pu Lalrobiaka.

Pu LALROBIAKA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. In Demand No. 18 Printing & Stationary Department, it is very pleasing to see that ₹13,77,70,000/- is allotted to Printing & Stationary Department. Being a member of Consultative Committee, I truly appreciate a new printing machinery is soon be purchased by the government. In this regard, I suggest that only expert/technician may be detailed to operate the machineries so as to make the best use of it. It may, as well important to put government press in a separate building.

In Art & Culture Department, it is grateful as we achieved Guinness World Record thanks to the efforts of the hon'ble minister, concerned officials and much as well,

our youths who has given keen interest and relentless efforts to achieve it. Yet, the department needs more fund for further progress of the mizo culture.

I would like to thank the hon'ble minister of transport for his kind consideration to allot MST bus for Marpara to Aizawl after it was restricted for rainy season. Bus service is very important for the constituency as most of the people are low income groups. I would like to request the hon'ble minister to allot one more bus to serve the need.

Pu Deputy Speaker, it is quite pleasing to learn that the Transport Department exceeds its target and it will be much appreciated if the same performance is continued. Again, I want to thank the department for purchase of bus and also for construction of terminal building for buses and maxi-cabs at different places.

I highly appreciated establishment of Driving School in the Central Workshop at S. Hlimen as I wish it is improved as necessary. I also thank to the plan for setting up terminal for Maxi cab at Bawngkawn and Hlimen. Much as well, plans to restructure Motor Vehicle Wing and Transport Wing to take up construction of water-way are much appreciated.

Pu S. LALDINGLIANA : Demand No.6, Land Revenue & Settlement Department, it is known that the problem of insufficiency of staff is intensively high in the Revenue Department. The government may, therefore, determine immediate solution of the problem. I also want to suggest the minister that the District Officers may be enhanced with a power to change L.S.C. or demarcation of L.S.C. In the meantime, it is important for concerned authority to stop issuing bogus LSC which is still in existence.

In Co-operation, I would like to know whether the District Officer of the department have the same status of District Officers of other departments. Since some IAS officers posted in the department usually left after a couple of years and thus obvious that the official works could not be worked out within a short period of time. It is, therefore, necessary to create more posts of Joint Registrar to resolve problems in dealing of the office works. Regarding allotment of the budget provision, the amount increases in compare to last year even though only Rs.171 lakhs is provided under NCDC. So, more funds may be allotted to the department. It is also necessary to create ten more posts of Senior Inspector as well as Junior Inspector to enable the department to function affectively.

In Art & Culture Department, cultural dances were imparted to students and NGOs in this city. It is important to send instructors to villages to bring improvement in cultural dance. I also want to point out that PA set, guitar, Darbu etc. are given to MLAs on subsidy but the quality particularly of guitar is very bad. May the quality be improved? I also want to mention that the department is now hunting for places of historical importance within our state. In this regard, i suggest the hon'ble minister to consider preservation of Mantu Cave at Theiriat. It is also grateful that the steps have been taken for promotion of library in which YMA library as well as public library is being constructed in various places.

In Transport Department, I am very glad for the plan to construct MST Terminal Building and Maxi cab Terminal Building in different places. In this connection, I suggest that drivers of Taxi or Auto-Rickshaws needs awareness of driving manner and etiquettes wich may be taught. Thank You.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Deputy Speaker, it is regretted as Printing & Stationary department failed to achieve its target as no department willing to make order of stationery materials to Printing & stationary on regular basis. It is, therefore, necessary for concerned authority to necessitate all the departments to acquire stationary materials only from P & S department. It is ashamed that the only work order received is for official Mizoram Calendar and writing pad.

In Art & Culture Department, we have plans of 25 library buildings to be constructed within this year. So, concerned minister may reserve some for my constituency as leaders of Branch YMA from my constituency will pursue the matter after this session.

In Transport department, it is grateful that the department allots MST Bus service to Zonuum and Vaitin village and it may as well be good to do the same to the next village named after the late leader Mr. Rajiv Gandhi, Rajiv Nagar. I earnestly request the hon'ble Minister to determine the case.

In the meantime, Pu Deputy Speaker, it is important to give instruction to drivers as there are many who do not familiar with traffic rules so that manner and etiquette while driving may also be in practice. It may as well be necessary to review the traffic rules particularly for the city.

In Demand No.7, I opine the quality of wine productions needs examination as there is a complain that some products as having bitter/sour taste. It is essential for concerned manufacturers to satisfy the taste of majority of the consumers.

In Taxation, the government is hardly aware of the amount of burden it might have been caused to the people by imposition of various taxes. So, i opine it is necessary for the government to study the effect of taxes to concerned people.

In Cooperation, the government provides large sum of money to the poor through co-operation department as the minister also gives its best effort to improve the department. In the same manner, it is important for concerned officers and staff to maintain sense of belongings to the department.

Regarding Land Revenue & Settlement Department, I opine the government should immediately give attention to settlement of our boundary dispute with Assam as it is our main problem from time to time. Thank you.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. It is very pleasing to learn that progressive step is being taken by government for

Inland water transport. Construction of Inland Water Transport from Bairabi to Sairang is in progress and is expected to be completed very soon. In the same way, the same project for Tut and Tuichawng are in the process thanks to the effort of our leaders as DPR has already been submitted. So, Pu Deputy Speaker, other rivers may as well be included under the project since Inland water transport will become the lifeline of the people. It may be important for the government to consider that trades with speedboat may also be included under NLUP.

Pu Deputy Speaker, CADC set up Driving School at Chawngte as permitted by the hon'ble minister. So, I want to invite the minister himself to inaugurate the function. Since a good Driving School is essential for the state, another driving school may be set up at Hlimen also.

In Printing & Stationary Department, I would like to suggest that machine for recycling waste paper may be set up by government so that bulk amount of waste papers of each department may be recycled for good.

In Art and Culture Department, it is truly appreciated as Mizoram achieved the record in Guinness Book of World Record as it will be a landmark in the history of Mizoram.

In Land Revenue & Settlement, it may be noted that all other state of India too has the same problems with land acquisition and so, amendment of Land Acquisition Bill is moved. In this regard, I want to suggest land acquisition should be computerized by revenue department other than Law and Judicial Department.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I am one of the members who passed MLTP Act, 2000. But the bill is discriminatory as some people can easily acquired liquor while some others cannot. If MLTP Act remains existed, it will hardly possible to run a five stars hotel in our state and it is also obvious that international events will never be hosted in our state.

Pu Deputy Speaker, in Co-operation, I would like to suggest that all beneficiaries of NLUP in each village should be instructed to form a cooperative society so that they may benefit Co-operative Banks in future.

Moreover, Pu Deputy Speaker, even though the House has passed the Mizoram Society Registration Act, 2000, no religious organization can be registered. What is the reason? If this is the case, the state needs an act in which any religious organization could be registered. Thank you.

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Regarding Demand No.42, it is very pleasing to learn that Transport Department earned revenue in excess to its target for three successive years. As a result, the department is able to take up some major projects such as construction of MST Terminal Building and Maxi cab. In this connection, I suggest the department to determine renting a house near Mizoram House, Guwahati to accommodate the visiting drivers and conductors.

Pu Deputy Speaker, a member on your left criticized imposition of vehicle tax as the rate fixed for private vehicle is higher than that of commercial vehicle. I opine it is an appropriate decision as increase of tax on commercial vehicle will automatically affect the general people. Regarding insurance of vehicle, it should be noted that it does not concern only the benefit of insurance company but also for the third party as well as concerned person. In case of accident, the owner and the third party can claim compensation. On the other hand, if the vehicle is not insured, it is a total loss for the owner of vehicle as insurance claim of the third party will be incurred by the owner of vehicle.

Regarding legal offence, especially in the case of drugs and liquor, usually the court does not detain legal offence for a long time. The fact is that, this practice strengthened the prosecution. It is to be noted that court cannot detain a person for a long time without any witness as the latter should be cordially treated for their appearance to the court.

In co-operation, I opine concerned minister deserve credit for being able to maintain a good atmosphere despite the heated election of Co-operation Society. In the meantime, i would like to stress the need to upgrade co-operation department by creating more posts of Assistant Registrar, Deputy Registrar and of Inspector.

In Taxation Department, It is truly appreciated as the department collected sufficient amount of tax thanks to the efficiency of concerned officials. In this connection, it is learned that check gate at Vairengte is regularly evaded by traders through Saipum and Phaisen road and so attention may be given and the problem be resolved immediately.

Lastly, the flash light attached to our traffic posts are quite dim and should be improved. Thank you.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Firstly, since budget provision to Art & Culture Department has doubled the amount of last year's budget, more effort may be given to make more improvement.

Pu Speaker, we have already passed the Mizoram Public Record Bill, 2011. If it is implemented, it should have been much helpful for research persons. It should be remembered that criteria for a good government are based on legislation and its execution. In this session alone, the House passed 8 bills which indicate this session as of the most successful one. It is grateful as we are able to pass each of the bills laid on the table of the House.

Regarding Library, collection of books in the State and District library is nearly 2,00,000 books with 20,000 to 30,000 visitors every year. Besides, it is quite pleasing to learn that the department set up institution for cultural dance and music.

Demand No.42, Transport Department, the House passed the Mizoram Motor Vehicle Taxation Bill, 2011 a few days back. I believe this bill will earn sufficient amount of revenue from the public.

Regarding Inland Water Transport, it is appreciated as we are going to have the cheapest means of transport. Many commodities will then be easily transported to and fro within the state.

In Land Revenue & Settlement Department, there are 3,502 Nos. of plots of land demarcated and 76,260 Nos. of house site pass being allotted to the notified towns within this year thanks to the effort of concerned minister and the department. Besides, Land Ceiling Act for equal distribution of land is in process which I think is an improvement.

In Taxation, ₹80.71 crore is collected during 2009-2010 and ₹72 crore during 2010-2011 which I believe is excessive. This indicates that Taxation department is an important source of revenue for the state. I opine it is necessary to review the case. Obviously the government money always goes in the wrong way as Way Bill is often used by some traders who have no firm or shop as no revenue is collected from them. If there is an improvement with the process, it will become a profitable source of revenue for the state government.

In co-operation, it is learned that the progress of cooperation movement has slowed down during 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 in which more effort may be given by the government as well as concerned officials. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Next, Pu K. Liantlinga.

Pu K.LIANTLINGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. Today we are going to have a discussion on the Demand of 2 ministers comprising 7 departments. Time will not permit us to discuss all of them. Therefore, I will only mention those who submit their work programmes as I supposed it may serve the purposes.

Regarding Demand No.18, I opine work programme submitted by Printing & Stationery department is not much different with that of last year. The department has 170 lakh under Plan fund and 33.38 lakh under NLCPR with the total Rs.538 lakh. With this, much improvement could be made if a definite work programme is followed. The Minister stated that Modern Technology Printing Press will be installed for which 16.70 lakh rupees is put aside under the head of minor works yet, this is not specifically mentioned in the work programme. There is a plan to centralize the department through contribution of O.E. from various departments. However, this is not possible in practical as various departments are not willing to share their O.E's. Instead, it would be more appropriate to equip private sector to meet the demand of work of the government whether it is confidential or not.

In Demand No.23, Art & Culture, it seems that the work programme could not be met with less sufficient amount of budget fund allotted to the department. Whereas larger portion of the allotted fund meant for salary of staffs, nothing much is left for development of youths whose interest concern with the department of Art & Culture. It is time to give more attention to music and fine arts from which number of enthusiast youths mould their talents. So, it would be of a tremendous help if we can put aside ₹50 lakh for youth development from RE. Apart from this, we have to give more attention to preservation our cultural heritage through this department. So, the department needs to be equipped with more funds.

In Demand No. 42, Transport, it seems that the budget is a printed copy of last year as all the figures given here remain the same. Even though performance of the department was good, nothing is highlighted in the report. It is known to us all that the department is a revenue-earning department for which a special favor should be given by the government. So, i may not proceed without official report of the department.

In Demand No.8, Taxation, I want to point out that GST which has been drafted as a replacement of VAT, after vetted and ready for introduction, is still delayed. Is there a way to introduce the bill as soon as possible?

In Demand No.7, even though the department of Excise is hardly known to us as a revenue earning department, quite a large amount of budget is allotted i.e. ₹17,21,67,00 which i opine as wasteful where as the State revenue of 50 to 70 crore from liquors goes to the neighboring States. Is there a way to stop this wastage of our revenue? Why not make better law for punishment of those who are intoxicated and becomes public nuisance?

In Co-operation, Demand No.37, the present Ministry during the election campaign manifested that they would strengthen the co-operative movement if they came into power. So far, we have not seen any step taken in that direction. Besides, we should stop interfering in the election of Chairman and Board of Directors and give them a free hand to operate for their best interest. If I am not mistaken, ₹214 lakh was set aside in the budget to assist Multipurpose Rural Cooperative. May the concerned minister clarify how the department will execute the fund? Plus, when will the State Council of Co-operative Society which has been passed by the House come into effect? It is much awaited as many hawkers will be able to start their business.

Lastly, regarding Land Revenue, would it be more effective if we have a separate Autonomous Body for Land Dispute Cell with magisterial power instead of giving the directorate, full control? May the minister give his answer?

Pu Deputy Speaker, i thank you for giving me the chance and your kind understanding as I give my support to pass this demand. Thank you again.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. I will start with Demand No.24. This year the department expected to receive at least ₹240 lakh as ₹218 and ₹201 were received during the previous years successively. Can the allotment be increased so that the department is able to purchase 14 vehicles as demanded? Pu Deputy Speaker, even though i have no intention to proceed any further as no work programme of the department is shown in the budget, I still want to make few points as to whether permission of Local Taxi Service for Aizawl-Lengpui route may be issued. Plus, I request the hon'ble minister to determine bus service from Lawngtlai to Vaseikai. Regarding car rental, is it permissible to use a private car as hired car? It seems that many private cars are servicing within Mizoram as a commercial vehicle but without registration there-off. Besides, i think we need to demarcate parking lot within Aizawl city very clearly as some collectors of parking fees covers any place as

convenient by them. Regarding railway which concerns the interest of the Mizos, I think the minister should urge central authority to expedite the project as 2 years lapses already where as the progress of work is very slow.

Coming now to Art & Culture Department, Demand No.23, first I want to discuss about the existing seats we have in Vanapa Hall. The seats are all worn out and become uncomfortable. Is there a way to renovate it? The other matter I want to say is of the minority tribes in Mizoram as they are trying their best to preserve their culture and traditions but hardly effective without fund provision. Is there a way to set aside provision for that purpose?

Pu Deputy Speaker, the Secretary of Art & Culture department might have been efficient enough to take charge of the Director; I opine it is necessary to determine convenience for the people and that Director may be appointed immediately. Plus, I would like to request the hon'ble minister to allot District Library at Lawngtlai also.

In Demand No.18, I congratulate concerned minister of Printing & Stationery department for achieving upgradation of the Gov't Press with the help of funds received from central government. It is further learned that Printing Institute will be established in Mizoram which is expected to change the face of Mizoram as well as the north-eastern region. On the contrary, the department is stagnated due to the problem of disposal of store materials since a very long time. It is appreciated if the Finance Department assisted in disposal/auction of old stock materials. In the meantime, we have to consider source of income for the department. So, supply order may be placed by every department in addition to merely printing of the Mizoram calendar and supply of official diary.

In Demand No.6, it seems that cadastral survey conducted by the Land Revenue Department brings the people of Mizoram closer as we are able to know our very own land thoroughly. But we have to put more efforts in collection of revenue as it is considerably low. Pu Deputy Speaker, the hon'ble member Pu B. Lalthlangliana has pointed out regarding the wording, 'propose to rate' which was published in the Gazette. If it was published in the Gazette, why should we continue to use it while it known as inappropriate? So, it should be corrected immediately. Last but not the least, I think it is time for us to have a Land Ceiling in Mizoram as land requirement and value increases every year. I support to pass the demand. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Next, Dr. R. Lalthangliana.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to say at the out set regarding increase of tax collection published in the Gazette on 16th July, 2011. Here, the increase rate of ten items becomes 100% where as the overall increase rate is 98.77%. We all are aware of the need to increase taxes but it is rocketed considerably high which become unbearable to the common people. I think it is wise for us to determine the condition of our people in dealing with this problem. To add a few more points on Revenue Department, we must know that any case which concerns the Revenue department affected each individual, NGO etc. as revenue clearance is a must for construction of roads and survey or record of land is made to cover from corner to corner of our state. Presently, the department barely has 150 Nos. of technical staff and 5 gazetted officers to perform the work. So, it is an urgent need for the

department to strengthen the work force by recruiting more staff. Besides, there are 8 District Officers for 8 districts who are once authorized to issue LSC. As the said power is recently withdrawn from the District Officers, dealing of such cases are directed to the directorate. I opine we should rather centralize all official works of such officers to alleviate their problems.

In Co-operation Department, Demand No.37, the post of Registrar is often filled-up by IAS officers on temporary basis. So, we need a permanent Registrar in order to maintain the efficiency. We are presently in a come-and-go situation which widely affects in dealing with societies under our purview. We now have more than 1400 Societies to deal with which is quite a job considering strength of the Staffs Therefore, the post of Addl. Registrar and Deputy Registrar may be created.

On Excise & Narcotics, it seems that crime rate relating to drugs increases every year as well as the death rate. We need to give more attention in this regard before it is too late to resolve the problem. Effort made by NGOs is not enough but we have to strengthen concerned department to reduce the problem.

In the previous ministry, financial sanction for Inter-State Bus Terminal amounting to Rs.901 lakhs is received under NEC Plan fund and for setting up of District Transport Office at Champhai, Serchhip, Kolasib, Mamit and Lawngtlai which I think is not the favorite topic for the members on your right.

To continue with Demand No.42, I think it is time to use High Security Registration Plate in Mizoram to avoid vehicle having multiple name plates for illegal trading in our State. Regarding condition of our roads, we have made quite an improvement in compare to recent years. In the meantime, we have to warn the drivers to be more careful as high speeding causes most of the road accident in Mizoram. Concerned authority should also prevent driving test done in the main road of our city as it is not safe for passerby and other vehicles. So, test driving area should be made outside the city. Plus, concerned authority may immediately resolve the problem of roadside parking so as to alleviate the traffic problem.

Lastly, I think our budget is good enough but it indicates our lack of fund. I give the Minister my favor and hope that we all agree to pass the budget, Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Our time is limited as it is almost 4:00 PM. May we have a recess and resume our discussion later? I think it is better if we have a recess now and discussion will be resumed at 4:30 PM.

4:30 P.M.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : To resume the discussion, I invite Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I support the opinion of Pu K.Liantlinga regarding work programme and work performance of every department. I want to make a suggestion that the work performance should be based on wound up speeches made by the ministers as they are supposed to outline the motives and outlook of their respective department which should be the work programme.

Coming now to Revenue Department, I appreciate if the hon'ble Chief Minister or concerned minister clarified this point. Under the period of District Council in 1954, land passes were issued for the project of wet cultivation at Bairabi near Assam border. Now, holders of such permits encountered a problem due to construction of National Highway 54 and one of the victims is the wife of our former Chief Minister Pu CH. Chhunga who has even made an appeal to the government for immediate action but was given the same answer furnished by Our Chief Minister in the House that it was the purview of the Gov't of Assam and not of ours. It would be much appreciated if the government takes action in this regard. I am afraid that the Gov't of Assam may claim the area if the case is under its purview. I have already intimated the hon'ble Chief Minister to this concern as he assured to look into the matter as soon as possible but no action is taken till today.

On border fencing project, Pu Lalchhandama Ralte, our fellow member in the previous ministry submitted a resolution concerning border fencing not only of Bangladesh border but also of Myanmar. After a long discussion, the House passed the resolution. So, I want the copy of the letter made by the Chief Minister requesting to the Central government for boundary fencing. As the assigned contractors initiated the fencing work without prior consultation with the government or concerned people, 34 schools and large area of cultivation are delineated outside Mizoram. Apart from this, no space is left for the animals to roam freely. So, i urged this ministry to voice out the situation to the Central and stop the ongoing works.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, we have submitted a CHIEF complaint regarding fencing of Bangladesh border and we will not allow any fencing.

Pu LALDUHOMA : It is quite appreciative, Pu Deputy Speaker. May I have a copy of the request made by the Gov't of Mizoram?

The other day, Pu Deputy Speaker, I asked whether the government is aware of the number of pass issued under Periodic and LSC and as to whether the government approved the issue and its validity but the concerned minister answered that the government as not being aware of the number of pass issued and its validity which i think is quite unsatisfying.

Next, Transport Department, Pu Deputy Speaker, I want to know whether the present government fulfilled the promise made to the drivers before the election in regards to the salary of private drivers and whether LSC were given to those who does not own house site

as promised. Plus, how many drivers were sent to foreign countries as a written promised made by Congress party during the election campaign?

In Printing & Stationery, we have visited P & S depot as a Consultative Committee as large amount of old stock materials purchased by the previous ministry were found. Will such materials be disposed? Plus, when will the department have a new building?

In Taxation department, I supposed we all received the Fourteenth Report of PAC. If we look into this, it clearly indicates the existence of large amount of unreturned taxes in Mizoram for which no penalty is given. Besides, it is learned that the amount due could be reduced if compromised and certified by the officer in-charge. This clearly shows the existence of malpractices in collection of taxes.

From last year's budget, Pu Deputy Speaker, ₹10 lakhs was allotted to Art & Culture for meeting expenses of publication and printing of books. Obviously the allotted fund was unutilized due to inexistence of Publication Board meeting. If so, where is the fund? Did the fund lapses? If not, what measure is taken to execute the fund?

Lastly, in Co-operation, we have 62 Nos. of MRB Branches and 11 Nos. Apex Banks at present out of which 81% of our priority sector lending goes to service sector and only 13% to Agriculture. This indicates our Banks neglected the cultivators which are against the standard of RBI as a minimum of 18% should go to Agriculture. Besides, ATM facility may also be provided by Apex Bank and RBI for the convenience of rural people. Besides, what is the reason for the decrease of our Society and the member while more or less, progress is expected? Plus, ZOFISHFED undertakes 8 farms from department and acquire land for 10 years on land lease system. However, the firm still could not meet our demand. For this reason, it is necessary for the Co-operative Society to serve as a parent department to ensure all farms and Societies are well-provided to enable them function smoothly. So, may the minister explain the prospect we are having in regard to supply of fish in our State? Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, the hon'ble Minister Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana to wind-up the discussion and to clarify some points as necessary.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I am happy as 17 MINISTERS Members are participated in the discussion of my demand.

I will start my wind up speech from Printing & Stationery. It is known to us all that many efforts were made for improvement of this department and also for setting up of an Institution. For this purpose, DoNER Ministry has given us fund provision out of which the 1st installment has already been received. With this, we can improve the machinery with modern technology and purchase what is necessary. But in order to achieve our goal, we must have qualified technicians with master degree in technology. We submitted DPR and concept papers to DoNER Ministry through Planning Department for construction of staff quarters at

Luangmual and Chawnpui and DoNER Ministry sanctioned ₹842 lakh for this alone. Stationery department was once known as supplier of stationery materials to the departments. Now, it supplies only for order which has been received as most departments prefer other suppliers. Regarding the building, it has been repaired from fund receive from the State government. The Publication Board also faces problem yet, we still manage to publish selected books with financial assistance from the government.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, may the Minister furnish list of the selected books for which financial assistance were given?

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I am not prepared MINISTER for it but I will do it within this session.

Coming now to Art & Culture department, it is truly appreciated as our mizo youths achieved Guinness Book of World record with our beautiful Cheraw dance thanks to the valuable guidance of the hon'ble Chief Minister Next. The Canada Broadcasting Corporation has even announced the background music as 'Music of the Week'. Plus, during the 19th Commonwealth Games held at New Delhi, we should be very proud that the Indian contingents were lead by a woman wearing the mizo traditional dresses such as 'Vakiria' and 'Kawrchei'. This indicates that the beautiful mizo women traditional dresses are known worldwide.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I want to make a request to the hon'ble Minister for Art & Culture to replace a polyester poster of our traditional dress 'Puanchei' being displayed in the House with the original one.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, opinion of the MINISTER
Assembly Secretariat should be obtained
first and it will then be replaced if
approved.

Regarding State Library which various members voiced out in the past, we receive fund provision from RRLFF regularly and with this, we are able to process construction of 20 Nos. of library building as 25 under process. Construction of Saiha Library building will be tendered as soon as the detailed work project is completed by the PWD. Also, we are also preparing to build more buildings in rural areas also.

Regarding financial aid given to NGOs as pointed by Pu P.P. Thawla, we continue doing so as we have in mind to give them our traditional items that will be valued more. We give aid to whoever submits application regardless of whether they are Bru or Chakma or any other tribes.

Pu Deputy Speaker, priority is given to preservation of our historical heritages as we have even received fund from the 13th Finance Commission for this purpose and

the department will make the best use of it. In Mizoram, we have many historical heritages which attract number of visitors. However, we need to give awareness to the public so that any item is not destroyed or stolen.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, supplementary question. Whether there is an intention to build a new Governor's bungalow to replace the bungalow of the Superintendent of Lushai Hills? If so, is not it more appropriate to preserve the two bungalows as it has its own historical background?

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the new building MINISTER will be constructed without destroying the old one which will be preserved.

Next, I will move to Transport Department. The departments operated not less than 200 Nos. of transport bus in the past out of which some becomes unfit and were condemned. Presently, only 55 Nos. are in service out of which 10 buses need repairing constantly. So, a demand is made to central authority to issue fund for purchase of some buses from JNNURM and approval has already been made. We already received the 1st installment as 14 new buses were purchased and being deployed in Aizawl city as demanded by the guidelines. We are now waiting for the 2nd installment from which 16 or 18 buses may again be purchased. With this, we hope to alleviate our problems to some extents.

One of the major projects taken up by the department is Inland Water Transport. The Central Government sent a team from the RITES Company to inspect which portion befitted Inland Water Transport as 2 rivers Tuichawng and Tut were selected. For this, we have to make DPR to meet the requirement. So, we need to give full attention in that regard as it is the only project where the Central Government can give us a 100% aid and so it is reflected in our budget.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, in order to be able to resume the project of Tuichawng and Tut, I opine it is necessary to complete Tlawng-Nghalchawmkai Project first as it is the main source of supply to Aizawl city. May the project be completed first?

Pu P.C.ZORAM SANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, taking up a new MINISTER project does not mean the ongoing project will be abandoned as it will be done as fund is received. Our latest development programme concerns with Online Registration as minister for The Highway & Transport, on the 20th of this month launched it in Delhi. This will enable us to verify all the vehicles registered within Mizoram. Besides, Security Registration Plate will be introduced soon due to pressure from the Supreme Court. First, we have to study the system in the states where the same has already been implemented. Presently, we are collecting documents which may be required for the Cabinet meeting to approve it. As requested by Pu Lalduhoma, I will try to furnish a copy of work programme any time during this session. Still, there are some

development projects which may be taken up by the coming years. Regarding boundary dispute, strong effort has been made to preserve our original boundary with Silchar as we are also doing our best to open Inter State Bus Terminal at Lunglei for which necessary documents are being collected and will soon be ready for submission.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Point of clarification, Pu Deputy Speaker. In regard to Motor Registration, is not it more appropriate if registration is done in district-wise as concerned DTO is able to check any wrong proportion as it will be essential in the case of application of petrol pump? Presently, the total number of registration is quite low.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, what the hon'ble MINISTER member has pointed out concern only of government owned vehicles. If the registration is true, it may be done in any district capital. The system is followed to resolve the problems which may arise in the process of transfer of ownership of vehicle where there is DTO. There are also plans to set up Bus Terminal at Serchhip and Kolasib in order to avoid traffic congestion. We are also giving priority to the drivers knowing the importance of their duty. The government has a plan to set up Driving School at South Hlimen which is supposed to be funded by the Central. Unfortunately, the Central authority changed the programme just before fund was availed. Hopefully, it will be set up as soon as programme for the said is introduced afresh. Pu Deputy Speaker, it is to be noted that the main objective of our government is alleviation of the condition of poorer section of our society for which intensive effort has been made.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon'ble minister has wound up his demand and also moved the House to pass it. Members who are in favour of passing the demands may say 'yes'. The House has unanimously passed the demands of Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana, Minister for Printing & Stationery, Art & Culture and Transport department.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.
MINISTER

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I would like to inform the House that Pu Lalthansanga has to leave the session due health condition of his brother. Let us invite Pu J.H.Rothuama, Minister to wind up discussion of the demands of his departments and ask for the consent of the House to pass it.

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. 15 MINISTER members have participated in the discussion of my demands. I would like to react to all the points but our time may not allow as it is limited.

It is quite difficult to make an impressive progress in the Land Revenue & Settlement Department because of the system of allotment of land which varies from the period of District Council to UT and to State. With the help of a team of experts, we would like to establish a new land system which would bring the past system in line with the present yet, our main obstacle lies with surveying work. We have started land survey since 1991 with an objective to cover the whole state which ultimately reveals our lack of man-power. We are now expecting funds from National Land Records Modernization Programme which is being implemented in the Central. Under this scheme, ₹539 crores has been sanctioned but so far, we are unable to commence the work since we have not yet received the fund.

As demarcation of boundary brings us a huge problem and so it was decided that a boundary committee should be set up to look into the matter and to settle boundary disputes with our neighboring states. On matter of revenue collection, we have exceeded the target by a margin of ₹335 lakhs last year despite our lack of adequate staff. It is hopeful that the same result may be achieved this year.

In regard to the Co-operation department, the government decided not to involve unless it is absolutely necessary. It is also decided that following the Mizoram Cooperative Amendment Act, 2009, those who had held the post of executive member for 2 years should not be eligible for candidacy for another term. In the meantime, several village councils have already conducted the elections by themselves and have already made the appointments which included those members who had held the post for the previous term. We were then forced to interpret the amendment in an alternate version to accommodate the desire of the village councils. Therefore, the government is not involved directly with the cooperatives unless necessary. Although the cooperatives are often criticized for their lack of efficiency, there are some societies with considerable profits in their turnovers.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Would it be a problem if the government changes the effective date? May the government arrange for some sort of temporary fish stalls to motivate productivity and sales?

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA : The board has unanimously decided that it would be safe to change the date. Fish stalls are very difficult to install given the congested nature of city space but the department may have some proposals to resolve this issue.

We are doing our best to collect taxes and the central has agreed to increase our budget with increase of our tax revenue. As a result, we have set higher targets for taxation department and hopefully, we will fulfill the prerequisites set by the central government.

The Excise Department is seriously understaffed but we are doing our utmost to cope with the demands. We have already provided them with funds for clothings and ration money which was mentioned in the last session. So far, we have successfully worked with NGO groups such as the YMA.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, how many constable posts are lying vacant under the Excise Department?

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA : Around 40 posts could not be filled up due to financial difficulty at the moment. Pu Deputy Speaker. Efforts and contributions made by the churches, YMA and other NGOs are duly appreciated in the prohibition of intoxicating substances. Thank you.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA : I would like to clarify the point raised by the hon'ble member, Pu MINISTER Lalduhoma. The co-operation department is a vital factor in the economic development of the state. In the past years, we were unable to utilize the co-operation to their fullest potentials but the government is doing its best to exploit its benefits and to function more smoothly. We have informed the central about the importance of border fencing and at the same time, we will have to re-examine the compensation claims since there were too many anomalies. In regard to fencing of the Indo-Burma border, it is our collective sentiment that we are still connected by blood with many of those living in the Burma side. Therefore, we do not support border fencing at this time in that particular area. We consider it important to grant compensation to the landowners near the Assam border to show our claim even if the amount is not that much.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, can I have a copy of the letter sent by the former Chief Minister to the Prime Minister and the Home Minister on subjects pertaining to border fencing?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : That may be arranged later.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, can someone throw light on why we cannot register ourselves as religious or society under the Mizoram Society Registration Act, 2005?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us invite the hon'ble Minister to provide clarifications and to ask the permission of the House to pass the Demand.

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, we will make sure MINISTER we find that letter. We have no report of such problem about registration under the Act.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I request the House to pass my Demands such as: - Land Revenue & Reforms, Taxation, Excise & Narcotics and Co-operation which totals at ₹55,78,88,000.00.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon'ble Minister has requested the permission of the House to pass his Demands. All those in favour may say, 'yes'. Very well, the House has unanimously passed the demands of the hon'ble minister, Pu J.H. Rothuama.

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We have finished our business for the day. The sitting will be resumed tomorrow 26.7.2012 (Tuesday) at 10:30 AM.

Sitting is adjourned: 6:40 PM.

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

**FOURTEENTH SITTING ON TUESDAY, THE 26TH JULY, 2011
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)**

QUESTIONS

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

PRESENTATION OF REPORT

2. **Lt. Col. Z.S. ZUALA** to present to the House the First Report of the Committee on Public Undertakings on the Report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the year 1998-1999, 1999-2000 and 2004-2005 relating to MAMCO, ZENICS & ZOHANDCO Ltd.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

3. DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS

- (i) **Pu H. ROHLUNA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
- (ii) **Pu ZODINTLUANGA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
- (iii) **Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.

VANLALNGHENGA
Additional Secretary

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tender hearted, be courteous. 1Peter 3:8

Now, we shall begin with starred question No.191. I ask our fellow member Pu K. Liantlinga to proceed.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker, starred Question No. 191 to the hon'ble Finance Minister is: -

What is the amount of salary of the government servants which has not been paid by the government till 30th June, 2011?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Finance Minister to answer the question.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, the answer to Pu K. Liantlinga question is: -

1. In Education department under CSS, there are 1231 Nos. Hindi Teacher whose salary which has not been paid by the government till 30th June, 2011 amounting to 290,97,150/-
2. Under SCERT, DIET (CSS) and DRC (CSS), the amount of salary owed is 471,01,744/-
3. Under State Election Commissioner, Mizoram, there is outstanding arrear of 11,60,380/-

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Mr. K. Liantlinga.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker; the government has More than 60 lakhs of unpaid salary. If so, when will it be paid? Also, what about the 48th Pay Anomaly Associations and the progress made there so far? While many are now enjoying the Sixth Pay already, there are many people who cannot even draw their salary. When will the government be able to pay them?

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I want the minister to clarify the reason. It is learned that teachers under the SCERT has not been paid from February. Is it because of failure of the government to fulfill the State's Matching Share?

Pu H. LIANSILOVA : Pu Deputy Speaker, from the answer to MINISTER supplementary questions of Pu K. Liantlinga, it is learned that there is a plan to make advance payment to employees under DIET and SCERT from planned funds and their 3 months salary has already been paid.

Concerning the Pay Anomaly Associations, the Committee is supposed to submit its report on July but failed due to the Budget Session. Thus, another chance is given for preparation till the month of August. In reply to the question of Pu Thangtea, the minister stated that he did not know the reason but the funds as to be received from the Central and as for Hindi

Teachers, 100% as to be paid centrally and that the funds as being delayed for this reason. I do not understand.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state: -

1. Did the State Level Society Election of 2011 conducted by the Co-operation Department contradict the Mizoram Co-operative Act, 2006?
2. Is there any election under the State Level Co-operative Society being done in compliance with the Mizoram Co-operative Act?

Pu J. H. ROTHUAMA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, answer to MINISTER starred question No.192: -

1. The State Level Society Election, 2011 do not contradict the Mizoram Co-operative Act 2006.
2. Any State Level Co-operative Society election is conducted in compliance with the Mizoram Co-operative Act, 2006.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : If there is no supplementary question, we shall invite Pu B. Lalthlengliana to ask starred question No.193.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, starred questions No. 193 to the Finance Minister is: -

Is it a fact that 4,000 lakhs rupees for construction of the Highways in Mizoram has lapsed?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let Pu H. Liansailova, Finance Minister to give the answer.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, the answer to MINISTER starred question No.193 is: - No, it is not true.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, if that is the answer, let me clarify the question myself. During 2010-2011, the funds for maintenance of National Highway is 5493 lakhs and in the light of the answer through RTI, Rs.1,170.977 lakhs is spent and from the remaining of Rs. 4,322.023 lakhs, some were spent and the rest being surrendered to the Ministry of Road Transport & Highway of the Govt. of India. According to the Zozam Times on June 1, 2011, the government spent 601.5 lakhs on National Highway and utilization of the remaining is decided for re-tender. As, no one applied for the works being re-tendered, the funds remain unspent. Mr. Deputy Speaker, it is learned that the funds surrendered

amounting to Rs.1,699 lakhs even though the minister said that no fund as being surrendered. Does it mean that the department provides wrong answer to the House? Even if the question concerns PWD, should not the Finance Minister aware of case? How come the Finance Department did not know whether the funds are surrendered or not?

My Second question is: - From the written record given by the Darlawn Sub-Division, Rs.25 crores is issued in advance to the M/S Sunshine Overseas Limited but no evidence of work is seen. What is the reason? Why did such a large sum of fund is being issued in advance?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let the concerned Minister answer the questions.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I will answer the MINISTER question based on the Account Reconciliation and Account Final as there is usually a record there. The maintenance funds given by the Ministry of Highway for the National Highway in Mizoram during 2010-2011 is as under: -

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| 1. Ordinary Repair | - | 13.53 crores |
| 2. Flood Damage Repair | - | 18.39 crores |
| 3. Special Repair | - | 2.01 crores |
| 4. Periodical Repair | - | 23 crores |

The total amount are as given by the House member out of which ordinary repair, flood repair and special repair funds are fully spent and because of funds delay for periodical repair, 6.01 crores only is being utilized and 16.99 crores remains. The Ministry of Highway makes a revised allocation and some portions which could be utilized are included under it. So, there is no surrender of funds actually.

Pu B.LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the hon'ble minister informed the House that no fund as being surrendered but the department answer is otherwise.

How come a huge communication gap existed between the Finance Department and the PWD in dealing with such a large amount of funds? If controller of finance claimed that there are surrendered funds, then for what purposes are the funds used?

Pu H. LIANSILOVA : Pu Deputy Speaker, ₹16.99 crores could not be utilized during the Financial MINISTER year in question but the Ministry of Highway makes a revised allocation which means such funds are being included under the revised allocation.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA : The questions put through RTI are CHIEF MINISTER sometimes given wrong answer by concerned departments. In other States, any officers who are responsible for giving wrong answer are disciplined by the RTI Act and sometimes,

monetary fine is incurred as concerned department heads are further instructed to prevail appropriate action against such officers but this has not yet been happens in our State. I think it is important to report any defaulting officers to the RTI Commission so that appropriate actions are taken against them to reveal the truth.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Thank you. I think the departments should be careful not to encounter such problems.

We may skip the Starred Question No.194 which belongs to Pu Lalthansanga who is absent from the House today due to the demise of his younger brother. So, I call upon Dr. R. Lalthangliana to ask Starred Question No.195.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, Starred Question No.195 are to be answered by the concerned Minister, GAD: -

1. The number of Consultant being employed under the Government of Mizoram from 2009 to till now?
2. How many Principal Advisor/Principal Secretary being employed by the government?
3. What kind of facilities is being given?
4. What is the sum the government spends in a month for that purpose?
5. What is the tenure of their service?
6. What is the amount of their salary?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us invite the hon'ble Chief Minister to answer it.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, answer to the CHIEF questions are as follows: -

1. 3 Nos. of Consultant.
2. 2 Nos. of Principal Adviser/Principal Secretary.
3. Principal Consultant for Aviation is equipped with one Steno Grade-III and two IV-Grades. Besides, facility of medical re-imburement and TA/DA. The Principal Secretaries are given 2 Nos. Household Peon, computer facilities, printer where as the Consultants are put at the same status of Commissioner.
4. The monthly sums spent for this purpose is Rs.193303/-
5. The duration varied as some are appointed for 3 years and some others for 2 years where as some are appointed on co-terminus basis.
6. Their salary also varied. Mr. P. Chakroborty, the appointed Principal Secretary and Principal Adviser get Rs. 70,583/- monthly. Mr. P.L. Nithanga, who is appointed as Ex-Officio, member Secretary to the State Planning Board, is later elevated to Principal Secretary. Mr. Lalzawma, Wing Commander (Rtd.) gets Rs.20,000/- as Principal Consultant, Mr. Lalrokima Lianhna, as Consultant, State Planning Board, gets Rs.

25,000/- monthly. Mr. Anil Kumar, Consultant, State Planning Board gets Rs. 25,000/- monthly.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Dr. R. Lalthangliana.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, Supplementary question. By giving appointment to such officers, what would be the purposes and its benefits?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon'ble Chief Minister to answer it.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, those appointed CHIEF officers are deployed to monitor and evaluate some projects. Sometimes, there are social audit works which needs their recommendation before necessary action which may be taken by the government. They are appointed as we need Principal Advisers for the State Planning Board, Public Finance, Power as well as Civil Aviation.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, Starred Question No. 196 and Pu K. Liantlinga to ask.

Pu K.LIANTLINGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, Starred Question No. 196: - Is there an intention to amend the Mizoram Board of School Education Act?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let the concerned Minister answer the question.

Pu LALSAWTA : The answer to Pu K. Liantlinga's MINISTER question is: - No.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu K. Liantlinga

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. The concerned minister answers in the negative even though it is learned that the consultative committee is mull over amendment of the Education reforms. The CCE system was introduced at the Elementary level in 2011-2012. In this regard, SCERT is supposed to deal with setting up curriculum and Syllabus but still it is in the hands of the MBSE. As a result, the department cannot get fund provisions for stipends, book grant etc. as amendment remains undone. May concerned authority determine to provide at least tribal scholarship as the 4th Semester is almost completed?

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, as my supplementary question concern the Education Department, I think the minister can answer it. First, may the salary of Headmaster of Primary School be increased? Secondly, can the service of Cooks being deployed under SSA be extended for full day by upgrading their pay?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The concerned minister to answer it.

Pu LALSAWTA : Pu Deputy Speaker, as stated in the MINISTER answer to Pu K.Liantlinga, we are doing what we can with centralized Scholarship.

This is a new undertaking and there are still loopholes in the Scholarship Board.

As pointed out in my answer to Pu B. Lalthlengliana's question, we are now doing what can be done for upgradation of pay for headmaster of Primary School. Concerning the upgradation of Cooks under SSA, this is not compatible with the scheme but taking into consideration of any the urgent need, an appeal is made to the Finance Department and case is under consideration.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu C. Ramhluna to ask starred Question No.197.

Pu C.RAMHLUNA : Starred Question No.197 to be answered by the Agriculture Minister: -

1. Is there new appointment of Officers and Staff under NLUP?
2. If so, how many and what post?
3. Are such appointments a permanent or contract basis?
4. Are due procedure followed?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us now call concerned minister to answer.

Pu H. LIANSAILOVA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the answer is 'yes' MINISTER and 27 Nos. such as: -

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| 1. Project Engineer | - | 1 |
| 2. Assistant Project Engineer | - | 2 |
| 3. Computer Operator cum LDC | - | 8 |
| 4. Computer Operator cum Layout Artist | - | 1 |
| 5. Village Level NLUP Secretary | - | 6 |
| 6. Peon | - | 8 |
| 7. Driver | - | 1 |

They are temporarily appointed for 1 year with fixed pay but can be upgraded to Co-terminus status in view with their performances and they were all appointed in due procedure.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, where did the salary come from? Is it from the NLUP Management Component?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call the concerned Minister to answer.

Pu H. LIANSAILOVA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the answer is, MINISTER 'Yes'. (....interruption.....)

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : I want to know when and where they are appointed and how the decision was taken and what are the criteria for their posting? Is the appointment is done through Employment Exchange by advertisement?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu H. Liansailova, the minister to answer it.

Pu H. LIANSAILOVA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I cannot give an accurate answer as I do not have the information. I think it is of barely a year ago as some were posted in the Directorate and some in the office of Deputy Commissioner to strengthen the staff. Concerning the procedure, NLUP is registered under the Society Registration Act and has autonomy. Appointment was done in compliance with the DPC of NLUP with open advertisement along with an examination and interview.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu B. Lalthlengliana to ask Starred Question No.198.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I let my question pass as the same is already asked by Pu P.P. Thawla.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : If so, Pu C. Ramhluna to proceed with starred question No. 199.

Pu C.RAMHLUNA : Pu Deputy Speaker, Starred Question No.199: -

- a) Is there any quotation call for supply of potato seeds during 2010-2012?
- b) If so, how much and to whom it is allotted?
- c) How many and at what rate it is to be supplied?
- d) How many has already been supplied in district-wise?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The concerned Minister to answer.

Pu H. LIANSAILOVA : Pu Deputy Speaker, there was no MINISTER quotation call for supply of potato seeds during the 2010-2012 and therefore, I have no answer to question b, c or d.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Deputy Speaker, my supplementary question is: Obviously there is supply of potato seeds in Lawngtlai at the rate of Rs. 60/- per Kg. for which Rs.200 lakh is given from LADC. Whether the department is aware of the supply or suppliers?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : If the case is of the LADC, I do not think the minister is aware of it. Anyway, let us call Pu H. Liansailova if he has any answer for it.

Pu H. LIANSAILOVA : Pu Deputy Speaker, The LADC have on MINISTER its own, the department of Agriculture, Horticulture, Soil Conservation as well as Fisheries Department and it is not necessary to acquire approval of the State Government in dealing with such cases.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : It seems this question belongs to LADC. Now, let us call on Pu Lalduhoma and Pu P.P. Thawla.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, many are still engage in plantation of potato. If so, where did they get the seeds from? If no quotation is call, is it possible that the concerned authority allotted the supply to someone without quotation? Besides, we still cannot set up production of potato even though the demand is quite high. What step has been taken by the government for setting up of multiplication centre?

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, under NLUP, did any one chose plantation of potato for his trade? Secondly, is it possible to call quotation for supply of potato seeds for the year 2011-2012 to fulfill the growing demand?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call the concern Minister to answer it.

Pu H. LIANSAILOVA : Pu Deputy Speaker, to answer the MINISTER question of Pu Lalduhoma, there is no new initiative being taken up. Trials have already been made for multiplication centre but were unsuccessful. There is a small fund provisions for purchase of potato seeds under RKVY, a centrally sponsored scheme and Vegetable Initiative Scheme.

Concerning the question from Pu P.P. Thawla, our stand remain the same as to whether it is for 2010, 2011 or 2012 and plantation of potato is not included in the option of trade under NLUP.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, Pu B. Lalthlenglina to ask starred question No.200.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, will the hon'ble minister for Education Department be pleased to state: -
How did the Government intend to manage with various Mission Schools?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call concerned minister to give his answer.

Pu LALSAWTA : Pu Deputy Speaker, there is a MINISTER procedure for management of Mission schools which has been followed by concerned authority.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We may skip Starred Question No. 201 to be asked by Pu Lalthansanga as he is absent today. So now, Pu C. Ramhluna to ask Starred Question No. 202.

Pu C.RAMHLUNA : Pu Deputy Speaker, my questions are as follows: -
a) If a Meeting Hall for NLUP Implementing Board being constructed?
b) If so, where and what amount is sanctioned for the construction?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The concerned Minister to give the answer.

- Pu H. LIANSAILOVA
MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, the answer is: -
a) No, it is not yet constructed.
c) The amount sanction is Rs.50 lakh.
- DEPUTY SPEAKER : Supplementary question from
Pu C. Ramhluna.
- Pu C.RAMHLUNA : Pu Deputy Speaker is it really
necessary to construct the building and
if so, what is the reason? If fund has already been
received, why delay with the construction? Is there no site for the construction? What is the
actual problem?
- DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call the concerned Minister to
answer it.
- Pu H. LIANSAILOVA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the NLUP MINISTER
Implementing Board has its meeting
every month where as there are other meetings
as well as trainings which may be held in this meeting hall if constructed. So, the Board deems it
necessary and the Apex Board too has considered it and gives its consent.
As for the site, the roof top of the Planning Board building and Soil
Conservation Directorate is now being considered.
- DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will go on to the next business
as time for Question & Answer is
over. Pu Lalthanasanga is unable to present
today due to demise of his younger brother and Pu Lal Thanzara also was absent in the
morning Session. In the afternoon, Chief Minister, House Leader, Minister S. Hiato,
Parliamentary Secretary Pu H. Zothangliana and our fellow member Pu Robiaka will be absent
due to important schedule at Dapchhuah village.
- Now, I call upon Lt. Col. Z.S. Zuala, Chairman, Committee on Public
Undertaking to present to the House, 'First Report of the Committee on Public Undertakings on
the Report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the Year 1998-1999, 1999-2000
and 2004-2005 relating to MAMCO, ZENICS and ZOHANDCO Ltd.
- Lt. Col. Z.S. ZUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, with your
permission and of the House, I now
present to the House, 'First Report of the
Committee on Public Undertakings on the Report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India
for the Year 1998-1999, 1999-2000 and 2004-2005 relating to MAMCO, ZENICS and
ZOHANDCO Ltd.' Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. Next, Financial Business. We will now discussion on Demands. We have three Demands which may be presented by concerned ministers successively. The hon'ble Minister, Pu H. Rohluna may now submit his Demand No. 17 and No.36 to the House.

Pu H. ROHLUNA : Pu Deputy Speaker Sir, on the MINISTER recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, I move the Demand No.17 and No.36 for Rs.289, 66, 03,000/- only for meeting expenses during 2011-2012 in respect of the following Departments: -

Sl. No.	Demand No.	Department	Amount
1	Demand No.17	Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs	Rs. 2,29,37,03,000
2	Demand No.23	Environment & Forest	Rs. 60,29,00,000
TOTAL			Rs. 2,89,66,03,000

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, let Pu Zodintluanga, the hon'ble Minister, submit his Demands such as No. 22, 26, 46 and 48 to the House.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, on the MINISTER recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, Sir, I move the Demand No.22, 26, 46 and 48 for Rs.1, 40,23,63,000/- only for meeting expenses during 2011-2012 in respect of the following Departments: -

Sl. No.	Demand No.	Department	Amount
1	Demand No.17	Sports & Youth Services Department	Rs.35,29,47,000
2	Demand No.23	Information & Publicity	Rs.7,45,00,000
3	Demand No.46	Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation	Rs.93,69,16,000
4	Demand No.48	Information & Communication Technology	Rs.3,80,00,000
TOTAL			Rs.1,40,23,63,000

Thank you Sir.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call Pu P.C. Lalthanliana to submit his Demands such as No.19 and 29 to the House.

Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker Sir, on the MINISTER
 recommendation of the Governor of
 Mizoram and with your permission, I move the
 Demand No.19 and 29 for Rs. 85,22,44,000/- only for meeting expenses during 2011-
 2012 in respect of the following Departments: -

Sl. No.	Demand No.	Department	Amount
1	Demand No.19	Local Administration	Rs. 45,88,89,000
2	Demand No.29	Social Welfare	Rs. 39,33,55,000
TOTAL			Rs. 85,22, 44, 000

Thank you Sir.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Alright. Now, the 3 Ministers have submitted their Demands. We will start the discussion and 10 minutes each for the members and 15 minutes for Opposition Group Leaders is allotted. Now, let us call Pu P.P. Thawla.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I am happy to see a sufficient amount of budget funds being allotted to Food & Civil Supplies. As a member of rural constituency, I have been receiving many complaints from my constituency for shortage of supply of rice, cooking gas and oil. Concentrating on my constituent, the people of my constituency faces the bulk of the monsoon season. So, I request the concerned minister to alleviate the problems especially of those living beyond Kawlchaw River where the problem is intensified. I also request concerned minister to prevent store-keepers from doing carrying contract work which impede the regular supply of food-stuffs.

Pu Deputy Speaker, we have 6,209 crores rupees allotted to Environment & Forests Department. What I want to ask in this connection is that in October, 2007, the Tokalo Wildlife Sanctuary has been declared. Pu Deputy Speaker, how much fund is allocated to that effect and how much is spent so far? If it is spent for the exact purpose, I do appreciate it.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I also request the minister for Sports to initiate more visible undertaking for Saiha District. It is learned that Cricket field is being constructed at Sihhmui. If so, how much funds is spent and what percent of the construction is completed already? Is the selected plot a private land-holding? If so, is there any claim of compensation or the land is contributed free of cost?

Concerning Information & Publicity Department, the previous ministry distributed T.V. to all members at free of cost. May the system be resumed as it greatly benefitted by the people? Lastly, Pu Deputy Speaker, I appreciate the initiatives of the LAD Minister. Thank you.

Pu H. ZOTHANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I express my appreciation to the Sports & Youth Services Minister for all his initiatives. But Pu Deputy Speaker, while many people benefitted the Housing scheme for economically weaker section, Lawngtlai District is being omitted in the previous ministry. So, I request the minister to give special attention to Lawngtlai District with this scheme. I would also like to express my appreciation to the hon'ble minister LAD for his efficient and precise handling of V/C funds.

Concerning the Multi-Sectoral Development Plan Fund for Minority Concentration Districts (MSDP) under the Social Welfare Department, we have to scrap many projects initiated due to the precise direction given by it. In view of this, I want our leaders to give wider perspectives for the District under such scheme as BRGF and others.

I want to give my appreciation to the Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs minister for his positive undertakings.

Lastly, Pu Deputy Speaker, The DCF at Lawngtlai has asked for transfer of his post. I request the minister to speed up the process. Thank you.

Pu LALROBIAKA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I want to give my appreciation on the Demand No.17, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department. Concerning the Environment & Forests Department, I thank the minister for addressing our problems due to our proximity to Dampa Wildlife Sanctuary. I also thank to him for his initiatives on infrastructures and on addressing language problem and show my appreciation.

One last point on Information & Publicity Department, Pu Deputy Speaker, will it be possible to continue free distribution of Television and Radio to the members? Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, Pu R. Lalrinawma.

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, in regard to Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department, I think we need to strengthen the Consumer Affairs Department. All of us are consumers in one sense and we need to know our rightful claim. We have District Forum, State Commission and we need to utilize them as it is supposed. So, I urge the department to take more initiatives on awareness campaign and information on Consumers' Rights.

The Local Administration Department look after more than 800 Nos. of Village Council and its importance cannot be ignored; the department is the grass-root head on developmental programmes and I think it is imperatives that they would be given training by the

department on various concerns undertaken by them. I opine it is high time that their salary is amended and increased.

Social Welfare Department deserves credit in many respects especially for concerning the weaker section in our Society. Yet, the system of allotment of old age pension needs re-examination as some receives ₹250/- while others receive only ₹200/-.

The UD & PA department, despite being a newly department, has achieved many works including the Municipal Council which truly is appreciated.

We have heard of number of achievements made by Sports department. In this connection, I would like to know whether the road to Tuirial Airfield and the Airfield itself can be improved as it has much potential for various Sport Disciplines. Thank you.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Next, Pu B. Lalthlengliana.
CHAIRMAN

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Chairman, most of the members who speak before me make positive comments on Supply Department. Regarding distribution of rice by NGO and others as stated, a member from Lawngtlai constituency, judging from his looks, is old to remember the times. During that time, we have regularly heard of cooking gas distributors announcing to the public repeatedly from their vehicle if gas is needed.

Pu H. ZOTHANGLIANA : Point of Order, Mr. Chairman. I was not that young and ignorant not to remember as I was a Selection Grade Lecturer and the President of Central YLA (Young Lai Association).

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : If so, Mr. Chairman, may be he forgot but one thing that still rings in my ear from time to time is public announcement of the distributors, 'cooking gas is available'. Concerning rice, a harsh famine which visited Mizoram in every 50 years coincides with our terms and we have done our utmost to alleviate the people like issuing rice of 3 kgs. per head. So, to compare a time of famine with normal time is implausible. As for carrying contract work, it is a fact that favoritism is still in existence in the dealing. Concerning cooking gas, my family also could not deliver it unless our turn is coming up despite control by Consumers' union and VIP quota is the only source.

Pu Deputy Speaker, the term, "either side of the river" stated in The Mizo District Council Forest Act, 1955 is interpreted by Forests Department as "both side of the river". Pu Chairman, as land deteriorates, is there a way that exchange of land is made between forests lands and hilly area so that the farmers can have an easier life?

On Social Welfare, Pu Deputy Speaker, will it be possible to increase and improve the quality of PA set and guitar etc allotted to the members for public use? One more

thing I wanted to mention which concern not only Social Welfare Department but other as well, I think the stipulation that for Director of Social Welfare department, an officer has to serve 3 years as Joint Director. I opine this is impractical with concern to those who rose from the ranks and so should be amended.

On Sports Department, I must say that the seeds that my party planted during the previous term is now being enjoy by the present ministry. Yet, the minister still deserves to be applauded for continuing the previous projects. During our term, the sum of 25 crore rupees for Rajiv Gandhi Stadium was allocated but due to shifting of site to Mualpui, it cannot be completed with this amount and therefore, an additional 15 crore rupees was allocated from State Budget which fortunately coincides with implementation of the 13th Finance Commission. I really hope it is completed with this fund.

Pu Deputy Speaker, despite a sum of Rs. 10 crore and Rs.7 crore being received during the previous and this ministry respectively for construction of Mizoram State Sports Academy at Zobawk, the project has not yet been started. I wonder if the sanction is being diverted. Apart from this, Rs.11 crore out of 25 crore as DPR being submitted is received for construction of numbers of District Sport Complex. Are those utilized?

Concerning UD & PA, I think it is important for the department to be careful in dealing with work order as it could affect privilege of the members since it is of actual event.

One more thing I want to add is that houses constructed for the economically backward section of our society at Lawipu remain unfinished. So, I request the concern Minister to speed up the process. Thank you.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Let us call Pu S. Laldingliana.
CHAIRMAN

Pu S. LALDINGLIANA : Pu Chairman, I opine the hon'ble Chief Minister deserve credit for our progress in Sports. It is truly appreciated for allocation of funds to hire Coaches, Incentive Cash Award and 'Catch them Young' project which I believe will surely promote our athletes and also upgrade the status of Mizoram at world level.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I acknowledge the efforts of the hon'ble minister for FC & CAS; It is due to him that our supply condition improved despite several hurdles. Leaving that aside, nowadays, no one now harvests even one year supply of rice as we all depend on the government which distributes it on subsidized rate. I think it is high time for the political leaders and concerned officials to determine purchase of rice on economic cost.

On Demand No.46, UD & PA, it is appreciated as a project for construction of Lunglei Recreation Centre at Theiriat has already been initiated thanks to the effort of our leaders and the officials.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I have the same opinion with my colleagues on the role of Information & Publicity department as a trumpet of the government yet, the official works are often hampered by lack of vehicle. May the government provide more vehicles to the department?

I also wanted to express my gratitude to LAD for providing funds for construction of public steps and culvert and to Social Welfare Department as well for construction of water tanks, building shed at the park of Hmuifang and Pukpui. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Next, Pu K. Liantlinga.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Thank you for the time, Pu Deputy Speaker. On Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department, may the department put more effort on control of petroleum adulteration? On the matter of shortage of rice, the Statistical Handbook stated that the department of Agriculture produces 6,6132 Metric ton of rice from 51859 hectare. If this is the case, we are not supposed to have a shortage. Hence, I opine the report of harvest in Mizoram is doubtful.

On Environment & Forest Demand, if only 0.64% of Mizoram is dense forest, I think 2800 sq.km may be shifted to highland area.

Demand No.46, despite the UD & PA has a large amount of funds; performance work programme has not been submitted. So, I think it important to do so and make clear of transfer of the subject.

Pu Deputy Speaker, there is a huge budget increase in Sport Department which is much appreciated. As we make remarkable progresses and give incentives on sports, I wish it could be made to cover Art disciplines with some portion of the budget as both lies under Human Resource Development. On the policy of 'Catch them Young', I think it necessary to take up in co-ordination with Education department.

Demand No.19 on LAD, I am thankful that the 13th Finance Commission enhanced power and capital resource to the village councils. Much as well, it is truly appreciated if we passed 'The Mizoram (Establishment and Independent Local Body) Ombudsman Bill' as the practice of corruption will certainly decline with this kind of Act in practice at the State level.

Pu Deputy Speaker, on Information & Communication, there is only Rs.380 lakhs allotted for I.T. which I think is less sufficient.

On Demand No. 29, I think it is not possible to promote the Joint Director to the post of Director by revising his service and streamlining other pertinent details. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Our morning session is over. We shall take a break now and the meeting will be resumed at 2:00 PM.

2:00 PM.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will continue with our discussion of Demand. Seven members so far, have participated. Let us now invite Pu K.S. Thanga.

Pu K.S. THANGA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. On Demand No.17, the ability of the hon'ble minister to bring about a regular supply of cooking gas and rice without acquiring additional funds from Finance deserves much appreciation. In the case of carrying contractor, it is grateful as we now have followed a systematic procedure.

Demand No. 36, on Forest Department, I want to say that most of our fertile land are in the low lying area and within forest reserved area. If forest reserved area are shifted in the highland, the department will be able can restore the fertility and this will also stop the destruction of our water source.

On Sport & Youth Services, I want to express that with the help of many progresses we have seen under the guidance of the Minister for Sports, young people today are now being able to maintain their livelihoods through sports.

On Demand No. 26, I think we need to give more efforts to resolve the problems of the department as stated.

Demand No. 46, UD & PA, I want to inform the House that instead of searching some vacant plots of land within Aizawl, there are many in my constituency which may be utilized for Infrastructure such as field and playground. So, I want the hon'ble minister to consider the case. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Next, Pu Lalrinmawia Ralte.

Pu LALRINMAWIA RALTE : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. To start with Demand No. 36, Environment & Forest, I want to make comment on community reservation. If we are going to implement it, we should think of how to make the best use of it as to give concerned community real ownership and to co-ordinate with Forest department in every village. Then, we will be able to preserve the wildlife as tourism will also benefit the project.

Demand No. 22, Sport & Youth Services, I am thankful for the progress made under the guidance of minister of Sports department as young people are now developing their skills with various disciplines.

On Demand No.29, Social Welfare, 'The Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act' which has been passed and adopted by the House is now put into effect thanks to the valuable guidance of the minister. This is expected to settle differences arising between Forest department and the people with regard to forest reserved area which occurs in many places. So, I express my gratitude to the minister.

We also discuss about implementation of the Panchayati Raj in Mizoram which I think is to early as it will be important for members of the village council to study the detail system beforehand.

I think the issue of Human Trafficking can be included under the purview of this department as we need more endeavors to address the issue as the North East Region is one of the high risk areas in the world. There are agency like the Community Health Action Network (CHAN) and Centre for Peace and Development in our State and they worked hard. I request the minister to continue his efforts and the people also need awareness on this issue. Thank you.

Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE : Pu Deputy Speaker, Demand No. 17, Food, Civil Supply & Consumer Affairs Department. My party assumes the ministry with number of problem to be settled such as the consequent of landslides in the North-Cachar hills, activities of insurgency group to disturb food supply and other commodities, prescription of Supreme Court for loading of rice in the heavy vehicles. However, it is quite pleasing to learn that the hon'ble minister carried out his duty effectively. Apart from this, it is quite an achievement for the department for being able to open 13 Nos. gas agencies to resolve the problem of supply of cooking gas in our state.

In Demand No 36, it is a fact that the quantity of bamboo in the state is less sufficient in view of setting up some major projects. So, I opine it is time for us to control consumption of bamboo shoots.

In Sports & Youth Services department, I want to point out that the progress that the state has made so far as a result of "Catch Them Young Policy." Sports personalities from Mizoram have won a number of medals in the National Games. So, it is hopeful for Mizoram to win more medals in the coming National Games to be hosted by our State since a new coach from foreign country is deployed.

In Urban & Poverty Alleviation Department, I am proud to say that the efforts made by the committee on Aizawl Beautification greatly improved looks of the city. Apart from this, it is appreciated as proposal for disposal of waste materials below the ground is existed.

In Demand No.19, LAD, it is known to us all that the village councils are the government agencies as large amount of development fund is so allotted at its disposal. Thus, it is a good idea to set up appropriate administrative system of Village Councils. It is also important to increase the amount of remuneration allotted to the members of this council.

In Demand No. 29, Social Welfare Department, I opine it is necessary to enlarge the department since it also concerns the welfare of the handicapped and old aged.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I opine the Demands of the three ministers as we have seen, are good enough as so I do support for passing. Thank you.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I, at the out set would like to speak regarding Food & Civil Supply as leaders of the former Ministry too express their appreciation to resumption of the official works in the new ministry. It is a great pleasure to hear that no one is starves to death for the sake of the efforts made by Presbyterian Church, Salvation Army and Darlawn Welfare etc.

On the other hand, retailers' bill happened to be one of the main problems which affected rural people. As usual, LOC is forwarded to concerned minister before allotment is issued. But now, LOC is issued on seniority list. In the meantime, it is important for concerned authority to enhance the department of Weight & Measure so as to alleviate the condition of rural people who are known as VIP of this ministry.

Under Demand No.36, it is sad to learn that concerned minister for Forest department is unaware of involvement of fraudulent in transferment of certain Range Officers.

Pu Deputy Speaker, on behalf of Tuivawl Constituency, I convey my thanks to Environment & Forests Department and Social welfare Department for safeguarding Mauchar forests in for distribution of cooking gas and cooking materials to the people.

I also want to mention regarding development programme of Forests Division, Darlawn that remain under CCF Planning despite the concept that any development project should not be retarded by a single hand. I also request the hon'ble minister to grant financial assistance to YMA of Tuivawl constituency for construction of community.

Regarding the Demand No.22, Sports department is praiseworthy for its policy of 'Catch Them Young'. As from Tuivawl constituency, number of successful players has also been contributed to participate in the National Level. Now, it is learned that there is a plan to provide to sports' enthusiast personalities, sports materials, coach/trainer, honorarium and good playgrounds. It is favorable news to the people of Tuivawl constituency that the hon'ble minister has submitted DPR of about ₹ 498 lakhs for construction of a standard playground in Tuivawl constituency.

In Demand No.26, Information & Public Relation, I would like to mention in the House that the government rarely sanction fund to NGOs for visiting important places. It will be much appreciated if fund provision is made to that purpose.

Regarding the Demand of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation Department, I thank the hon'ble minister for priority being given for setting up of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation Department at Darlawn.

In LAD, I would like to suggest that work tender issued for work project below the estimated amount of ₹20,000/- may be stopped. Besides, I opine it is wise for the government to increase number of member of Village council for each village to get rid of the practice corruption.

In social Welfare department, it is a great pleasure to learn that approval for setting up new Anganwadi Centre is automatically ensued by financial sanction for construction of its building. Apart from this, it is much appreciated that the government increases financial assistance being given from ICDS to a family who are losing head of the family member. I further request the hon'ble minister to expedite construction of ICDS Office at Darlawn.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. As this ministry came into power, there was so much criticism relating to power supply, food supply and other essential commodities. Since the situation is improved, it is surprising to learn that not a word of appreciation is received by the government.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Regarding Power & Electricity CHARIMAN department may be mentioned when the Demand is discussed.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Chairman, consumption of imported rice is increasing each year but difficulty with the suply has not been resolved till date obviously because it is just propaganda. Hence, it is necessary to examine the system of public distribution.

Pu Chairman, if we examine the system of public distribution under the government of Tripura, no retailer is concern with the bill as the retailer received commission only after the money is deposited.

In Sports & Youth Services Department, I would like to thank the hon'ble minister for providing to the members with number of sports materials and also fund for construction of playground in chawngte, the headquarters of my constituency. Yet, I want to inform the House that Chawngte district has not been covered by 'Catch Them Young' Policy. So, I request the hon'ble minister to determine setting up of swimming school and a cricket ground in Chakma District.

Under social welfare department, Lawngtlai and Mamit district were selected for implementation of Multi-Sectoral Department Plan, a project for minority concentrated districts. One year has passed and it still stands at the stage of implementation. Fund provision from the central might have already been received if it was implemented earlier. Pu Chairman, I also want to point out my regret that provision under IAY which has been sanctioned to 700 beneficiaires in Lawngtlai district remains unspent for the purpose. So, the case may be examined. Thank you.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Chairman, regarding Environment & Forests Department, section 2 of “The Mizoram Forests (Establishment and Regulation of Saw Mill and other Wood Based Industry) Rules, 2010” which has been passed last year prescribed the area for saw mill which is smaller than the normal size for furniture works. Besides, it is learned that no company produces saw mills of the prescribed size. So, I opine the Rules needs revision.

Pu Deputy Speaker, section 4 also provides that saw mills and furniture workshop should be set up within the Industrial estate. But there is no proposed place for saw mill or furniture workshops within the Industrial Estate. Section 4 also stated that such saw mill or workshop should be set up within 8 kms from forests boundaries. In fact, all saw mills and furniture workshops are within the prescribed areas. I opine the rules may cause problems to the people. I, therefore, request the hon’ble Minister to clarify the matter when winding up his demands.

Regarding Plantation, the guidelines of felling trees in private plantation within forests area is strictly observed in our state. But Parliament passed an act for setting up free private plantation which is now being implemented. So, i opine it is wise for our government to implement the same immediately.

Pu Speaker, the government allotted plots of land on the basis of periodical and LSC but it is surprising to learn that even the hon’ble minister concerned is not aware of whether such settlements are valid.

In Sports & Youth Services Department, our state government as well as Sports Authority of India (SAI) sanctioned incentive cash but no provision is made for the player who meets accident. So, I would like to request the hon’ble minister to determine the case and take necessary action to compensate any player who meets an accident.

In Food, Civil Supply & Consumers Affairs Department, I want to point out regarding free distribution of rice being implemented last year as financial assistance is received from the Central Government through BAFFACOS. I was one of the members of the Committee to demand relief Fund from the central government for which ₹50 crores was received. Free supply of rice was then made by means of this fund for four consecutive months. In this connection, I would like to request the hon’ble minister to consider shifting of FCI

godown at Ramrikawn and also to see the stock position at the spot. It may as well be wise for concerned authority to select the area from which locally produced rice should be procured.

As a member of various committees of the Assembly, I want to point out that among the state departments, Supply department incurred highest expenditure of the state budget and is the poorest in fund recovery.

In UD & PA Department, EWS Scheme is widely benefitted by the people. So, I request the hon'ble minister to give priority on the basis of cases which may be reported by the members. In this connection, I opine performance of self-help group is commendable and so attention may be given by the government to this concern.

Regarding USHAP Loan, 234 Nos. of beneficiary were selected but most of them encountered problem in withdrawal from the Bank. So, I opine it is important for concerned authority to verify the condition before making the selection.

Regarding Tourism, attention may be given to Tuithum project which is expected to become one of the tourist attractions.

In Social welfare, I think it is necessary to review recruitment rules of Social Welfare department as it is now lying under the control from outside. Thank you.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Obviously the minister for UD & PA Department received a good cooperation from his department for achieving withdrawal of ₹43,922.80 lakhs within a few days. From Housing scheme under EWS, 1500 houses and 1096 houses are under construction outside and within Aizawl city respectively, 450 houses within Champhai Township which indicates that 3046 families in Mizoram are having new houses with the help of this scheme. Indeed, we are making a remarkable achievement. Yet, i would like to mention that financial sanction to that effect is less sufficient and usually, it is not issued in time. In the meantime, I think it is important to give attention to the progress of construction of houses at Champhai.

In Food, Civil Supply & Consumer Affairs Department, It is very grateful that regular supply of rice, kerosene, gas etc. is maintained by the government as payment of carrying bill too is done on seniority which indicates a change for good. In the former ministry, government constructed 61 godowns and 263 being repaired, 36 new staff quarters being constructed and 128 being repaired. Besides, ₹4092 crore is spent from buffacos fund sponsored by the central government to relieve famine on ground of bamboo flowering. As the member stated earlier, free distribution of rice in the former ministry is done from fund received under BAFFACOS which should be remebered.

In forests department, Pu Duhoma mentioned regarding felling of trees in private plantation. I am deeply regretted to think that we have lost vast areas of land including 34 schools as a result of the step taken by the former ministry to safeguard state boundary.

From Social Welfare department, hearing aids, wheel chairs etc. and other materials are allotted from time to time. It is appreciative that the supply is greatly benefitted by disabled and persons with hearing problems.

In Sports & Youth Services department, I appreciate as number of villages surrendered their playgrounds to the government for further development as a result of the efforts made by the hon'ble Chief Minister.

In LAD, I would like to request the hon'ble minister to provide financial sanction for construction of V/C house at Champhai. Being a district headquarters, Champhai also need V/C house.

In short, I do support all the demands of the hon'ble minister. Thank you.

Pu K. LALRINTHANGA : Thank you Pu Deputy Speaker. Let me start from UD & PA. It is very pleasing to know that Aizawl is becoming a solar city as for that purpose, ₹50 lakhs is estimated out of which 13.04 lakhs has already been released.

I want to add that Urban Sanitation department introduced a model of public/private partnership. In pursuance, the department made partnership with the village councils to hire vehicles to dispose garbage. Since then, there is no bad smell of waste materials around the city.

Thirdly, I am highly appreciated as housing scheme for economically weaker sections is implemented by the government. In this connection, I want to mention that Kolasib including Rengtekawn is regarded as an urban area but Rengtekawn has not been covered by the housing scheme. So, I request the hon'ble minister to consider that Rengtekawn may also be covered by housing scheme.

In this connection, I would like to mention that housing loan issued by LAD does not cover villages whereas fund given from IAY cover only economically weaker sections. Hence, I will be very grateful if LAD provides housing loan to villages also.

In Social Welfare department, I would like to thank the government for opening a new Block at Bilkhawthlir.

In Demand No.22, Sports & Youth Services, it is truly appreciated as the Regional Training Centre with a capacity of 80 students is constructed at Saidan, Kolasib with the estimate amount of ₹492 out of which ₹2.97 lakh has already been sanctioned.

Pu Deputy Speaker, with the initiatives of the hon'ble minister, it is fortunate as two students are being selected to pursue their career in Airforce. Not only this, we will soon have a cricket stadium at Sairang and for that purpose, an amount of Rs.1,013 lakhs has also been sanctioned. Apart from these, plans for construction of mini-sport stadium at Lengpui,

Hnahthial, SAI Hostel and Zobawk are under process, thanks to the initiative of the hon'ble minister.

Under Food & Civil Supply department, large amount of sanction is being received for BAFFACOS. The sanction is utilised for purchase of rice as various NGO's, churches and political parties take charge of the distribution to concerned families. In this regard, I believe the government is able to deal with the distribution work without bothering NGO's or else.

Under Forest Department, I would like to inform the House that an illegal trade of lumberjack was captured by the police a few days back. As I instantly informed the matter to the hon'ble minister whom I think is concerned with the case, his reply was that he should not interfere in such case of illegal trade. His reply was honorable though, I am happy to learn that we have such a truthful minister. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Next, Pu R. Selthuama.

Pu R. SELTHUAMA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. On Demand No.17, Food & Civil Supplies, the government of Mizoram received large amount of fund to combat famine caused by flowering of bamboos yet, we are still in short of supply of foods. As the new ministry came into power, the hon'ble minister for Supply department deals with the problem carefully and everyone is now able to receive a fair share of supply of foods. Regarding cooking gas, the supply in my constituency comes only once in a month. I request the hon'ble minister to give special attention and take necessary initiatives in this regard.

Regarding Environment & Forest, I have not seen much of bamboo in my area after the prevalence of famine. In the meantime, we must be aware of the prospect that bamboo plantation could be of an income generation for our state. So, Forest department should preserve our bamboos and also give awareness in rural areas, the significance of bamboo plantation. Considering the prospect, I opine it is suggestive that beneficiaries of NLUP may also opt bamboo plantation as a trade. Many beneficiaries of NLUP opts manufacturing Agarbati stick. So, I suggest that concerned authority should take extreme action against those who take bamboo shoots for sale in the market.

Pu Deputy Speaker, in Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation, I thank the concerned minister for his initiatives for a cleaner Aizawl. It is much convenience for the public as the dumpster truck is now being deployed to collect garbage from our doorsteps.

Under BSUP, it is learned that the government constructs numbers of house for less fortunate families yet, almost three years has past and the work remain undone. It will be much appreciated if concerned authority expedited the process so that it is completed immediately. Apart from this, the same is implemented in Mamit as minor works have even been done but could not be completed entirely due to lapse of fund under UD & PA. I request the minister that construction should be resumed as soon as possible.

In my constituency Lawipu, the progress of work for construction of playground has now been stopped due to lack of funds. I kindly request concerned minister that the work may be completed immediately. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : 16 members have participated in the discussion. Who will be next?

Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUIA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. The hon'ble House leader has mentioned in the previous session that concerned minister will provide an artificial grass turf for Thuamluaia Mual of Lunglei. So, I, on behalf of the people of Lunglei district express my thanks to the hon'ble Chief Minister and concerned Minister for Sports department. The hon'ble Sports Minister, in order to achieve more progress in sports, hire a foreign coach to shape up children under 'Catch them young' project and I am positive this will bring about good results in development of sport.

In Demand No. 48, Information & Communication Technology, I request concerned minister to give us an update report of progress of our state in the field of technology. I also suggest that Education & Information Department should cooperate for achieving more advance system of learning to bring about overall development of our educational system.

Regarding UD & PA, Demand No.46, it is learned that the central government has sanctioned funds amounting to 18 crore rupees for construction of Convention Center in Lunglei District. If so, when will the project be started? Besides, it is learned that APR for the proposed scheme for construction of Shopping Centre at Lunglei has already been forwarded to the central authority. I, on behalf of the people of Lunglei express my sincere thanks to the hon'ble minister of UD & PA.

I also express my gratitude to the hon'ble Chief Minister as well as to the hon'ble minister of UD & PA for their initiatives to construct houses for less fortunate families with a capacity of 500 families. Apart from this, it is much appreciated as introduction of PPP mode remarkably upgrade the status of our city as the public concern too support the policy which enable the authority to bring about a favorable outcome.

Pu Deputy Speaker, in Demand No.19, it is learned that fund provisions which the 13th Finance Commission allocated for maintenance of the Village Councils has already been sanctioned. It is quite appreciative as now we can easily chalk out plans for development of our respective areas where as funds utilization too maintains transparency which enable us to see the progress of any undertaking. With all these, I conclude by giving my support to our Demands. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu C.Ramhluna, next.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Deputy Speaker, we have the demand of three ministers to discuss today. Let me start from the Demand No.46, UD&PA. I have

been accused of giving wrong information to the House in relation to construction of culvert in Salem Veng. Pu Deputy Speaker, as I have seen in the newspapers about myself as not being sure of the information I have given in the House, I went to the spot to verify it. Pu Deputy Speaker, I saw a bridge being constructed but not a culvert. It should have been understood if the term reads, 'construction of RCC Bridge'. Pu Deputy Speaker, please accept this photo of the bridge which is termed as 'a culvert' for the property of the House and to prove that my statement is true.

Pu Deputy Speaker, according to the Municipal Rules, Rule No.15, the Municipal Council, in co-operating with the State Election Commissioner may arrange an election; but if the state government interferes and takes such power, it is a breach of power as it is clearly indicated in Rules No.15.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : You should concentrate only on the Demands.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Deputy Speaker, we have now become more sufficient in the supply of rice. Yet, I insist on to the hon'ble minister to allot at least 3 kgs per head as 2 kgs only is less sufficient particularly for manual workers in rural areas. At the same time, allotment of ration quota of sugar may also be increased and should be distributed at least twice a month.

In Demand No.36, Environment & Forest Department, under the 13th Finance Commission, it may be difficult to make or release any financial sanction unless appropriate working plan is submitted first. Regarding teak plantation of Forest department, it is learned that most of it has already been cleared-off. Here, how many has already been disposed? I suggest the same plantation should again be taken up in this area.

Pu Deputy Speaker, those families of economically weaker sections within Champhai expresses their grievance as they are compelled to purchase woods for construction of house from a well to do businessman at a higher rate. So, I kindly request the hon'ble minister to look into this matter.

Under Sports & Youth Services, I assume it is difficult to perform track and field events on artificial grass. Is it more appropriate to use natural grass for such events whereas the cost also is obviously much cheaper than the artificial one?

Pu Deputy Speaker, coming now to Social Welfare Department, Lawngtlai is now under the supervision of DSWO Saiha even though it is difficult for concerned officials to perform their duty efficiently as the coverage is quite extensive. So, I suggest that at least one officer is posted at Lawngtlai District to deal with official matters within Lawngtlai.

Under NLUP of LAD concern, I believe Village Council is authorized to allot land. The system, in my opinion is not much appreciative to concerned beneficiaries. Hence, I suggest that after sorting out which trade each beneficiary opted, survey of land may be

taken up by Apex Board of NLUP in cooperation with concerned village council and then be allotted to the beneficiary.

Lt.Col. Z.S. ZUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to make a few comments on the work of UD&PA as stated earlier by the hon'ble member Pu C.Ramhluna. The Local Council reacts to the statement as they have also seen the work order which indicates that a slap culvert be constructed. If the report of supervision is examined carefully, the problem may not evolve in it. By the way, Pu Deputy Speaker, I want to inform the House that no unfair intention is involved in the discussion of this matter.

In Food & Civil Supplies, Pu Deputy Speaker, it is truly appreciated that we could now deliver supply of cooking gas at our doorsteps; we no longer need to stand in queue and wait for our turn as we are now receiving the supply on regular basis. Nevertheless, we are now able to purchase supply of rice on subsidized rate which truly is a great relief especially for the poor.

Pu Deputy Speaker, we will see large amount of bamboo sold at the market. It is, therefore, important for concerned authority to give awareness to the public of the prospect of bamboo production.

Regarding conservation of Forest & Animals, I would like to inform the House that I have once met a non-tribal DC of Champhai at his office chamber and saw numbers of gun being kept inside. He told me that those guns were seized from some hunters of non-holders of license and should be returned only after the license is produced. I truly admire his courageous and how he deals with the case. I believe preservation of wild life and forest may be achieved if the same is practiced by all the officials.

In LAD and UD & PA, I am grateful that development works such as construction of steps and repair of roads are being taken up in various localities. Regarding Social Welfare, the main concern of the department starts from nourishing of pregnant women to taking care of old-aged. The officials and staff are truly praiseworthy for their services towards the underprivileged. Even so, Pu Deputy Speaker, Anganwadi centre being set up in certain places are less sufficient to maintain smooth services and so, more funds may be allotted for construction of more centres.

We have been discussed the development of Sports department as most of us appreciates the initiatives of the hon'ble minister. At the same time, I admire the hon'ble minister for his generosity to set aside a vacated land of the Revenue department for Sports stadium as the department occupied its own building now. Thank you.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, old-aged pension provided by Social Welfare department in the previous ministry amounting to Rs.100/- per month had been increased to Rs.250/- per month. Five years have passed in this ministry but no increment has yet been given to that effect. May the amount be increased?

During the former ministry, Tribal Art Centre at Tanhril and Tax-Lavia Residential School for BPL family at Lunglei were being set up thanks to the efforts of the previous leaders. I assume this institution is greatly benefitted. As for this ministry, setting up of Disabled Commission is reiterated in and outside of the House yet, it has not been inaugurated till today even though it is meant for the benefit of the physically and mentally challenged persons.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I received a fax message regarding plan for inclusion of one village within Thorang Wildlife Sanctuary. The concerned RO has already informed the villagers to evacuate the village and 10 lakh rupees each will be provided for their resettlement. But it is necessary for concerned authority to involve in their settlement as some of them are unwilling to leave their resident. Regarding Advance Research Center which situated in Bethlehem and Bio-Diversity Conservation of Rural Livelihood Improvement Project, it will be much appreciated if the detail report is given by concerned minister.

Regarding Food & Civil Supplies, we recently faced famine caused by bamboo flowering and in combat against that famine, it is much appreciated as any family with monthly income below 10 thousands are supplied with rice at free of cost. In the meantime, I opine the rate of LPG is too high particularly for the poor. It will be much appreciated if the government resolved the problem by decreasing the rate so that the common people too could avail this essential commodity.

Regarding the Demand of I & PR department, I would like to mention that most of the headlines of the local sources of news emphasizes only on our achievement in sports. In this regard, I would like to suggest that other events and achievement or plan made by the departments may also be highlighted. The Right to Information Act came into force on the 12th Oct, 2005 and as a consequence, our state too has implemented this Act which proves to be of great importance for the public concern. Since, the demand of the media is prioritized by the government, sufficient amount of budget provision of the department is allocated to the Journalist Welfare. It is learned that the government of Manipur has even implemented pension to journalists. Is it possible for the government of Mizoram to follow the same system?

I express my gratitude to the hon'ble Sports minister for continuing the projects which have been initiated by the previous ministry such as construction of Rajiv Gandhi Stadium though the location had been transferred from AR ground to Mualpui and, setting up of District Sports Complex in various districts except Serchhip. Besides, plan for setting up of Mizoram Women Hockey Training Centre at Thenzawl and Kawnpui has also been continued. In the same manner, 'Catch them Young' policy initiated by the previous ministry has also been continued with a remarkable result. At the same time, Pu Deputy Speaker, I suggest that he should further pursue the MoU existed in the previous government with the International Alliance for Youth Sports, USA. If we collaborates sports with education, our status in sports will certainly be upgraded in the coming generations. Again, Pu Speaker, considering the amount of installments given under NLUP, I propose that promotion of sports should also be included. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : 20 members have actively participated in the discussion. Now, the concern minister may wind up and move the House to pass his demands.

Pu H. ROHLUNA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I am MINISTER glad that my fellow members have actively participated in the discussion of the Demands of my departments. As a representative of the people, numbers of suggestions for the development of our people has been made. I truly appreciated the people for their patience and support regarding steps taken by the government.

Regarding points raised by Pu P.P. Thawla about LPG and supply of rice, let me inform the House that due to landslide in the area stated by him, there is a problem of transportation and thus impossible to maintain regular supply of LPG gas in Mizoram. If the weather is improved during this autumn, we may not face more problems this year. As of shipment of rice by storekeepers, I have instructed concerned officials to immediately give the report yet, none are caught red-handed. If this is still in practiced and anyone is caught red-handed, severe action will be taken. As of Carrying Bills or retailer bills, it is disbursed according to the seniority except cases which needs special consideration. There is no partiality in dealing with the case.

The question stated by the hon'ble member Pu Lalduhoma regarding selling of rice bags, I have inquired concerned inspector but he claimed that it was wrong information. Rules are strictly applied but BPL family members received 35 kgs per month and there are also exceptional cases which need to be considered. In any case, rice is not sold out in bags.

To answer the queries of Pu Ramhluna on ration supply of sugar, it should be noted that the quota fixed by the central government could not be altered here. It is issued only once a month. As of rice, the existing quota i.e. 2 kgs per head cannot be increased as yet. Our main objective is to maintain the supply evenly so that the people are not face extreme hardships.

Regarding Forest & Wild Life Sanctuary as mentioned by Pu P.P. Thawla, it is under the authority of MADC yet, we have to submit any proposal made by MADC to the Central Government as of Rs.34,22,000/-. Regarding Saw Mill Rules, it has to be considered and by an Empowered Committee on the order of Supreme Court. A draft report is forwarded to empowered committee for further scrutinization prior to sending it to the Cabinet for approval. One of the most important projects at hand is setting up of wood-based Industrial Estate as early as possible.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Deputy Speaker, if license for the said Saw-Mill being issued?

Pu H. ROHLUNA : Pu Deputy Speaker, first we have to be MINISTER clear on where the industry will be

established which should be located within 8 kms from reserved forest as it will be issued only after it is clarified.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I think the area could be shortened if length of the road is taken into consideration. If the opening of the vertical saw mill size is 9 inches, it means that the size equals to hacksaw blades. Even manufacturing company does not make such kind as it is impossible to cut logs with that size.

Pu H. ROHLUNA : Pu Deputy Speaker, we are abiding by the rules approved by the CEC and we cannot make amendments without their approval.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I suggest the rules should be re-examined carefully. I have a copy of Saw Mill Rules of Tripura and other states and if we have to abide by such rules, we will never be able to cut logs in Mizoram with the size of the specified saw mill.

Pu H. ROHLUNA : Pu Deputy Speaker, we have carefully examined the case but the rules approved by CEC cannot be relaxed.

Moving on to another topic, I want to inform the House that a corridor is set for animals within Dampa Tiger Reserve area to cross over Bangladesh border fencing to and fro and I have discussed the matter with the officials and Warden of Chief Wildlife.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, what about the problem faced by Dampui Village Council?

Pu H. ROHLUNA : We are aware of the situation and efforts made by concerned VCP to convince the villagers not to migrate to other village
MINISTER and that the authority will come to an end.

Dr.R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, may i submit this letter for simply re-examination since it is sent by the VCP of the concerned village?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Zodintluanga, concerned minister to clarify it.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, this project has already been started during the former ministry as Kawnpui and Dargawn too are included where as financial sanction for Dampui and Kawnpui already been issued. Yet, we are resolving a petty problem for Dargawn.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, we have discussed about the price of ration supply of oil which is now increasing. What initiative is taken by concerned department in this regard?

Pu H. ROHLUNA : Pu Deputy Speaker, examining our demands for rice, we are compelled to rely on foods & civil supply since our own production is barely 25 % which is less sufficient whereas distribution of rice at free of cost covers four months only. So, fund provisions under natural calamity are being utilized for purchase of rice for BPL even though it meant for financial assistance to those farmers whose cultivation being destroyed by rats.

As mentioned earlier, the central government allocated only 35 kgs of rice to BPL family and only 2 kgs per head to APL family as minor gets half the quota. Since the amount of rice allocated to BPL and AAY families is less sufficient, the state government purchases the same at the rate of Rs.22.13 per kg at economic cost and the retailers sold it at the rate of Rs.12.85 per kgs. It indicates that the government loss Rs.10 crore every month in order to meet our demand for foods. Despite such circumstances, the department is trying hard to maintain monsoon stock of rice at every centre. As of ration cards, we are aware of an inaccurate issue as enquiry is being prevailed. Obviously we may have an ideal ration card as soon as the directorate of Census completed Family Census, 2011.

Regarding Job Card being issued under NREGS, we have to prepare on the basis of the Census Record. As my party assumed the government, carrying charge of food supply is reduced to 1.5% from 2.5% with a view to minimize expenditure of the department.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, it will be much appreciated if Concerned minister explained more clearly of the decrease of carrying charge.

Pu H. ROHLUNA : Pu Deputy Speaker, in the former ministry, concerned contractors and others compelled to increase the rate of carrying contract for their own benefits but now it is adjusted without involving personal benefits. Our godowns in various districts needs renovation as some are under construction as of Lunglei, Mamit and Aibawk.

As of FCI godown at Ramrikawn asked by Pu Lalduhoma, the FCI authority too wish to shift it to Sairang. But with the coming of railhead in Mizoram, it is decided not to shift as any depot of food supply should not be far from the rail wagon. Yet, things sometimes not go as plan so we still have problems. We are also aware of the need to have an Oil Depot but this also has to be delayed due to the ongoing project of railhead.

Pu Deputy Speaker, we also need a weighbridge in order to prevent the practice of corruption as 2 Nos. of privatized Weigh Bridge are being installed at Zuangtui and Serchhip. Here, the caretaker pocketed 75% as the remaining 25% being submitted to the government. During 2010 - 2011, an amount of Rs.19 lakhs has been sanctioned by Planning Department for installation of Weigh Bridge at Lunglei. If this budget is passed by the House, we will be able to install another in other districts such as Champhai, Lawngtlai etc.

Pu Deputy Speaker, we are also trying our best to maintain sufficiency in supply of LPG as Mualkhang bottling plant with a capacity to refill upto 5 Nos. cylinder is being upgraded to a larger capacity machinery which can refill upto 12 Nos. cylinder at the same time. Yet, we need to extend the storage capacity in the nearby area as we plan to acquire more lands as soon as possible as the General Manager of IOC committed to get it done before the 15th of August. In the meantime, Borkhola bottling plant at Silchar is upgraded to 24 carousels with electric filling but could not perform as expected due to the problem of storage capacity and uneven supply of raw materials as transportation is disrupted during rainy season especially Mualkhang road. Apart from this, quality control is maintained by the Legal Metrology as license of 2 petrol pumps are suspended and revoked.

Regarding Consumers Affairs, we now have the president of State Commission with appointment of other officials in process. Since 2009, 1036 cases have been submitted to the District Forum, and 26 cases to State Commission out of which 1210 and 28 cases respectively are disposed. Pu Deputy Speaker, we have been receiving a response from consumers better than expected and so it is suggestive that Legal Metrology Department be better equipped to function more effectively.

In the demand of Forest Department, working scheme for private teak planters and for reserve area is currently being prepared and for Kolasib and Thenzawl, it has been approved by the ministry and 12 Nos. being returned. Once the schemes are approved, we can conclude the preparation as we plan to submit at least 80% which may be approved by next January.

Pu Deputy Speaker, It is difficult and almost impossible to prohibit the sale of bamboo shoots.... (....interruption.....)

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, point of clarification. Selling of bamboo shoots is prohibited within CADC.

Pu H. ROHLUNA : We need to encourage and create MINISTER awareness as bamboo is the best source of revenue for our economy. We need to give them

a resting period to reap the maximum benefits. Due to this, we came up with a Permit System to protect as much bamboo as possible without industries that use bamboo as raw materials suffering.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Deputy Speaker, there is a rumor going on that our bamboos are taken by workers outside Mizoram in Zonuam area. Are these workers holders of permit?

Pu H. ROHLUNA : We do give a few permits to BDA but MINISTER other than those exporting bamboos outside the state is prohibited except for Value Edition.

Assistance was given to 54 of the newly introduced Community Reserve from the 13th Finance Commission Grant. We encouraged and see a rise in people's participation in conservation of forest with the existence of a number of Village safety reserve, supply reserve and YMA reserve. These reserves are maintained by the community with assistance from Forest Department. Also, a new marking system has been introduced along the highway for the protection and preservation of trees and plants.

Construction of orchidarium at Sairang Hitech nursery is almost completed to preserve local variety of orchids as well as those imported from other states and countries. Several varieties of local medicinal plants are also maintained at Sairang Hitech nursery.

Admirable work had been done at Aizawl Zoological Park with several species reproducing which include a rare type of ape which we believe does not exist in other zoos.

So, Pu Deputy Speaker, I respectfully request that the Demand of the following departments under my concern be passed by the House, such as: -

Sl. No.	Demand No.	Department	Amount
1	Demand No.17	Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs	Rs.229,37,3000
2	Demand No.36	Environment & Forest	Rs.60,29,00000
TOTAL			Rs.289,66,3000

(Two hundred eighty nine crores, Sixty six lakhs and Three thousand) only.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The House has unanimously passed the demand of the hon'ble minister Pu H. Rohluna such as: -

Sl. No.	Demand No.	Department	Amount
1	Demand No.17	Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs	Rs.229,37,3000
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(Two hundred eighty nine crores, Sixty six lakhs and Three thousand) only.

Pu H. ROHLUNA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you.
MINISTER

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We may call upon the hon'ble minister Pu Zodintluanga to make a statement and present his demands.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. First of MINISTER all, as mentioned before, Information & Technology Department is an important department with the prospect to generate a large number of employments. SWAN "State Wide Area Network" has been started in Aizawl with wider network planned for District Capitals and Block Headquarters. Tenders have been called for State Data Centre to provide better communication between departments from different district headquarters. Preparation of MOU is at the final stages for the construction of Software Technology Park.

Planning of CSC is at the early stage so that income, residential and other certificates can be accessed even from remote villages. 'E' district has been successfully operated in Aizawl as a pilot project and is expected to be operating in full swing in other Districts by 2012. Connectivity for internet and other technology is still the main problem for Mizoram as we are serviced by only BSNL. Tenders have been called for PGIL (for constructing Overhead Cable) paving the way for big companies to enter Mizoram thereby, providing employment for the younger generation.

In regards to Information & Public Relations Department, I would like to point out that we will sanction radios for distribution among villages. Another important point is the role played by media in instilling a more positive outlook among our society. Also, we are planning to sanction vehicles to be used by I & PR department in every district. As for advertisement bills, the department does not have any pending bills.

We have revised the Journalist Welfare Fund where in the event of a member's death, monetary compensation is given to the deceased family. It now includes dependent family and accessibility of the fund is extended and can be used to pay for treatments due to illness.

Lastly, I would like to point out that I & PR played an important role in bridging communication gap between the Government and the people.

Moving on to Sports & Youth Services, we have erected a Boxing Ring in Saiha. 11.28 crores have been sanctioned by DoNOR for the construction of Cricket Stadium. We were also visited by Mr. Sushil Halagiri, BCCI Adviser to help us in our quest for affiliation with BCCI.

Several acres of Tuirial Airfield was given to Sports & Youth Services Department during Congress Ministry but was given away to private landholders during MNF Ministry with only a small part available for the Department. We are currently dealing with this problem and have submitted a complaint to the Revenue Department. The plan is to convert the airfield into a Bike Racing Course and consultation with professionals is ongoing as we speak.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, we have received 25 crores from the Twelfth Finance Commission for the construction of Rajiv Gandhi Stadium at Mualpui. Work has been started which will include athletic tract as well as parking for hundreds of vehicles. Also, a sum of rupees one thousand seven hundred fifty lakhs (1750 lakhs, point 24) was sanctioned to us by Donor Ministry on 2nd August 2010.

Plans have been made to work with Education Department to promote sports with budgets being set aside for Sports Scholarship and Mizoram Sports Games.

We are awaiting word from the NEC for the construction of stadiums in Muallungthu and Falkawn. Special budget is set aside for use in the case of accidents specific to our sportspersons.

Keeping in mind the few numbers of fields and stadium Mizoram possessed, artificial grass will be used instead of natural grass as it is more affordable with running tracks built around it.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, what is the reason behind using artificial grass instead of natural grass?

Pu ZODINTLUANGA : We are using artificial grass for MINISTER longevity so that we can maximize the usefulness of these fields as natural grass requires constant care. This will not be possible with the amount of traffic it receives. Boys Academy is being opened at Kawnpui with plans to use Astro Turf which is being sanctioned by the Central Government.

As for the 'Catch them Young' project launched with Education Department, we have discontinued with that project at the moment as we have a problem with

the company requesting us to honor our MoU, we are yet to reply as we are confused and unaware of any commitment made by the previous ministry.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, although I do not have any knowledge of the problems created by the company, we do have the document with the signature of the company as well as the previous ministry.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA MINISTER : I personally contacted them based on the MOU to continue with the 'Game on Youth Sport' and was requested by them to honor the MOU and to pay for their services.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Another question, are there any problems in starting the construction of the playground at Hnahthial Electric Veng since the budget for this project has already been released?

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, will the intended Cricket Ground near Airport Road be officially named Suaka Cricket Ground?

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, we have heard earlier that construction of the uncompleted Saiha Indoor Stadium have started again after many failed attempts. How much is the budget for this stadium?

Pu ZODINTLUANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, in answer to our MINISTER respected member Pu Lalduhoma, Suaka Cricket Ground is the accepted official name for the cricket stadium.

We are looking into an alternative place for the construction of a new stadium at Hnahthial due to insufficient space although the required budget has already been sanctioned by NEC. The plan is to construct a proper stadium including dressing rooms. For this, we require a space NEC will approve in order to continue receiving funds from them.

Saiha Indoor Stadium was among the District Sport Complex project in 2005 which was uncompleted. Construction was started again after 5 years and after clearing all the unpaid bills left by the previous ministry.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, what is the estimated cost of the intended Stadium?

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : I am unable to provide the exact amount but I can give it to you in writing later on.

Sports & Youth Services have taken a number of steps for the younger generation... (.....interruption

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, point of clarification. Will they launch the 'Catch them Young' project at Lawngtlai West and Tuichawng constituency? Also, will they be able to give us at least one football ground?

Pu ZODINTLUANGA : The 'Catch them Young' project is MINISTER currently going on with a number of Sports Goods and t-shirts amounting to Rs.19, 200 being sent at Lawngtlai. Also we have already constructed two grounds at Chawngte.

Also, for NCC the Central Government have several demands including staffing of the office which has already been done.

In answer to respected member P.P. Thawla, the estimated cost for the construction of Saiha Indoor Stadium is Rs. 30,61,000.

As for the question put up by Pu H. Zothangliana about the EWS Scheme under Demand No.46, UD & PA department, I would like to point out that, regretfully Lawngtlai is not eligible for this scheme as it not officially declared as a town. However, we are launching a new scheme called RAY (Rajiv Award Yojana) under JNURM....(....interruption....)

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Deputy Speaker, who has the power to declare Lawngtlai as a town?

Pu ZODINTLUANGA : We measure in terms of census when we MINISTER mentioned. We are hoping that RAY will cover Lawngtlai. Rengtekawn is also not eligible as it is a separate constituency even though it is under Kolasib town. I would like to take up on the misuse of EWS mentioned by our respected member Pu B.Lalthlengliana as this is a serious issue. If you could provide their name and address, I assure you there will be serious consequences.

Pu B.LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, according to reports, it was given by a former Congress Block President, Pu Lalchungnunga to his father in law.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, legal action will be MINISTER taken if these reports were true. We maintain a strict policy regarding EWS housing with strict guidelines and filter system. These again were verified by the department and were sent to the Central government.

Ongoing projects at Lawipu and Chite are at a halt due to problems between the contractors and sub-contractors. However, negotiations are currently going with a view to continue with the project in the near future.

Lastly, Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to stress that the department of UD & PA has taken numerous projects for the development of Mizoram. On that note Pu Deputy Speaker, I respectfully request that the Demand of the following departments under my concern be passed by the House, such as: -

Sl. No.	Demand No.	Department	Amount
1	Demand No.22	Sport & Youth Services	Rs.35,29,47,000
2	Demand No.26	Information & Publicity	Rs.7,45,00,000
3	Demand No.46	Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation	Rs.93,69,16,000
4	Demand No.48	Information & Communication Technology	Rs.3,80,00,000
TOTAL			Rs.140,23,63,000

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The House has unanimously passed the demand of the hon'ble minister, Pu Zodintluanga such as: -

Sl. No.	Demand No.	Department	Amount
1	Demand No.22	Sport & Youth Services	Rs.35,29,47,000
2	Demand No.26	Information & Publicity	Rs.7,45,00,000
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4	Demand No.48	Information & Communication Technology	Rs.3,80,00,000
TOTAL			Rs.140,23,63,000

We may now call upon our hon'ble minister Pu P.C. Lalthanliana to make a statement and present his demands.

Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA : Thank you Pu Deputy Speaker. First of MINISTER all, I would like to thank all the staff and officers at Local Administration Department and Social Welfare Department for their dedication and performance. In answer to respected member Pu R. Lalthangliana, construction of Tribal Art Centre is now completed by PWD and will be handed over to the concerned department as soon as possible. Also, Eklavya- Lunglei Pukpui School is functioning normally now.

(Chariman at the chair)

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Chairman, although the Tribal Art Centre is under Social Welfare

Department, I believe there is a plan to hand it over to other department. Will it be handed over to Art & Culture Department or Sports Department?

Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA : Currently, it is under Social Welfare MINISTER Department but we are open to any suggestions regarding the handover of this centre to other department. On another note, the Central Government has approved and sanctioned 5.52 Crores for construction of three more buildings of Eklavya School in District Headquarters with plans to open more in the future.

Also, Central Government has sanctioned 200 rupees per person towards pension fund for senior citizens where the State Government added 50 rupees to include more senior citizens. The Ministry is planning to increase the number of senior citizens who will receive 250 rupees.

At present we have 1980 Andanwadi Centres under Social Welfare Department will plans to open more. Till date, we have received about 15 crores from Central Government for implementing Multi Sectoral Development Programme which has been started in Lawngtlai and Mamit Districts. Under this programme, we have opened schools, health sub-centres and Anganwadi centres. Also, under this programme we have started a Housing Scheme called IAY at Lawngtlai District which will be followed by Mamit District (... interruption ...)

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Chairman, I believe some of those funds for IAY were deposited at K.Deposit. Is that still the case?

Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA : Pu Chairman, some amount is at MINISTER K.Deposit. Some drawn earlier are given to their respective D.C's. Religious minority are the beneficiary for this programme. Wait list under the scheme is being prepared and final selection will follow.

In spite of various problems faced with its implementation, we could now acquire Rs 68 lakhs for Schedules Tribe and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Right) Act, which we adopted earlier. We expect to start implementation after the sitting of the State Level Committee on 2nd August.

As often stated Social Welfare is associated with the young, old aged and disable. For disable persons, the department availed loan from NHFDC and through Rural Bank who are the channelizing agency, 122 persons were given loan. In order to make our offices more accessible for them, we have received 40 lakhs from the Ministry of Social Justice.

Moving on to Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS), (...interruption....)

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, point of clarification. Is there any way to provide fiscal assistance to disabled persons like we did for old aged persons?

Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA : We have Disabled Pension Scheme, MINISTER Educated Unemployment Scheme, Eco - rehabs and Economic Assistance, to name a few. We also give Student Stipend to some. (...interupption....)

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, what is the amount given to disabled pension?

Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, we gave Rs. 250 MINISTER each under the Educated Unemployment and Disabled Pension. The amount given under Eco-rehab varies according to the chosen trade i.e. Rs.1500, Rs.2500 etc.

ICPS (Integrated Child Protection Scheme) will be implemented shortly. It aims to protect and provide help and assistance to underage children. We have another new scheme called SAPLA with the same functions as ICPS but the age range for this scheme will be children between the age range 11 -18 years.

Another new scheme I would like to mention is the Conditional Maternity Benefit Scheme called IMGSY which will be implemented at Lawngtlai District. Under this scheme, there will be a financial reward if pregnant women have regular check-ups and proper vaccination is given to their newborn babies.

The Local Administration Department is also currently revising the amount of financial reward given to VC's with plans to increase the amount. We have just passed Bill Ombudsman with the hope to promote better administration and management.

The department is aware of lack of parks in Mizoram and is currently working on the construction of parks at Hmuifang, Thenzawl and Lunglei.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I respectfully request that Demand of the following departments under my concern be passed by the House, such as: -

Sl. No.	Demand No.	Department	Amount
1	Demand No.19	Local Administration Department	Rs. 45,88,89,000
2	Demand No.29	Social Welfare Department	Rs. 39,33,55,000
TOTAL			Rs. 85,22,44,000

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The House has unanimously passed the demand of hon'ble minister P.C. Lalthanliana, such as: -

Sl. No.	Demand No.	Department	Amount
1	Demand No.19	Local Administration Department	Rs. 45,88,89,000
2	Demand No.29	Social Welfare Department	Rs. 39,33,55,000
TOTAL			Rs. 85,22,44,000

Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Business is finished for the day. Session will start again tomorrow i.e. Wednesday, at 10:30 A.M. Sitting is adjourned.

Sitting is adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

**FIFTEENTH SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 27TH JULY, 2011
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)**

QUESTIONS

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

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

2. **DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS**

- (i) **Pu H. LIANSILOVA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
- (ii) **Pu LAL THANHAWLA**, Chief Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Bills for introduction, consideration and passing.

3. **Pu H. LIANSILOVA**, to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Appropriation (No.3) Bill, 2011”.

ALSO

To introduce the Bill

To move that the Bill be taken into consideration

To move that the Bill be passed.

VANLALNGHENGA
Additional Secretary

DEPUTY SPEAKER : He must turn away from evil and do good. He must seek peace and pursue it.
I Peter 3:11

The question hour starts now. Hon'ble member Pu K.Liantlinga is requested to ask question 211.

Pu K.LIANTLINGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. The hon'ble minister for Social Welfare Department may kindly reply my question, No.211

such as: -

- a) How many times the Central Government has given our government directive to put ICDS under a separate directorate?
- b) Has our state government taken steps to put ICDS under separate directorate?

Pu P.C.LALTHANLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, my answer is: -
MINISTER

- a) Our government had received letter five times from central government to create separate directorate not only for ICDS but also for women and child development.
- b) Our state government is taking steps to have women and child development under a separate directorate.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Any supplementary question?

Pu K.LIANTLINGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. There are ICDS, ICPS, Protection of Women from Domestic Violence etc. under the category of Women & Child welfare department. There was provision drafted for creation of the said directorate. Yet, nothing materialized till date. In Mizoram, 50% voters are women. Due to negligence on our part, 100% or 90% of fund under centrally sponsored scheme cannot be availed or enjoyed. Considering the welfare of the women and children, will the government take immediate steps?

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, Social Welfare Department always maintained good reputation. However, recently there seems to be an intention to select a bidder with the rate of Rs 800/- for supply of Medicinal Kit to be distributed to Anganwadi Centres whereas central instruction is to purchase at the rate of not more than Rs.600. Is this a fact? If so, can it be revoked?

Pu P.C.LALTHANLIANA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, in answer to hon'ble member Pu K.Liantlinga, it is done by advisement as we have to take several issues into consideration.

In regards to the question from Pu Lalduhoma, according to central norms, there should be 12 items in the Medicinal Kit, however, the medicinal kit for the low bidders contain only 5 or 6 items. We gave priority to the content of the kit and not the rate.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call upon hon'ble member Pu T.T. Zothansanga to ask starred question No.212.

Pu T.T.ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. Will the hon'ble minister in charge of Transport department be pleased to state –
Where is the Maxi Cab Counter for Champhai located?

Pu P.C.ZORAMSANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, it is located in MINISTER Champhai, Khawzawl, Zokhawthar and other places. Maxi cabs servicing plying Aizawl - Champhai are given two separate Agent Licenses which is located at Electric Veng.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Any supplementary questions?

Pu T.T.ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. There was an order recently to move Champhai Maxi Cab stand from Electric Veng to Bawngkawn. Some of them moved obediently to the allotted stand but there are some who does not want to move which gave them an advantage over the other cabs. Is there any way to solve this problem? If we are allowed at Electric Veng, we do want any harassment from the traffic department and if not, can you make sure that all of the cabs move to Bawngkawn?

Pu P.C.ZORAMSANGLIANA : The cab stand and counter is not the MINISTER purview of our department, it was decided by the Home Department SP (Traffic).

However, we will review this and will try our best to solve this problem at the traffic management committee.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Hon'ble member Lt.Col.Z.S. Zuala is requested to ask starred question No.213.

Lt.Col.Z.S. ZUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. Will the hon'ble minister for Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department be pleased to state: -

a) What is the condition of import of beef from Assam/Meghalaya?

b) What is the amount of our import?

Pu NIHAR KANTI : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. My MINISTER answer is: -

a) At the moment, the import is going as planned.

b) According to record from Vairengte checkgate, on average 33 cows are imported per month.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Any supplementary questions?

Lt.Col.Z.S. ZUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, there seems to be problems faced by butchers due to delays caused by BSF duties at Assam/Meghalaya. Is there any steps taken to solve this problem?

Pu NIHAR KANTI : Pu Deputy Speaker, although BSF is of MINISTER central force, we will look into the matter. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Hon'ble member Pu C.Ramhluna is requested to ask starred question No.214.

Pu C.RAMHLUNA : Will the hon'ble minister for Health and Family Welfare Department be pleased to state: -

a) Are there any plans to cease the Mizoram Health Care Scheme?

b) If not, is there any way to make it more accessible to the general public?

c) What is the amount spent during 2010-2011 and 2011-2012?

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. The MINISTER answer is: -

a) There are no plans to cease the Mizoram Health Care Scheme.

b) We are currently working on making the scheme more accessible to the public by using Self Financing System instead of accessing through Insurance Company.

c) We have given to Insurance Company a premium of 6 crores during 2010-2011 and 2011-2012.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Any supplementary questions?

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. Is there any way to make the Health Care Scheme more accessible to BPL and APL families?

The problem with them is that there is no awareness. Also, what is the interest amount for 10 crores deposited at Bajaj Allianz and some other banks?

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, what is the amount given out by Reliance Company under the Health Care Scheme during previous ministry and if the amount still in their hands?

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, we are working with the central Labour and Employment department to make the scheme more accessible to BPL and APL families. Smart cards are given to families with different amounts of credit given to families according to their needs. In regards to registration for the Health Scheme, the Health department is working with DC and Rural Development department to raise awareness as well as speed up the registration process.

The amount still with Reliance Company is 10 crores, 56 lakhs and 8880 thousand rupees. I have no information regarding the amount under Bajaj Allianz as it is not under our purview. Also, the interest amount differs according to the world's market rate. I believe the interest amount has reached 1 crore rupees.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Hon'ble member Pu Joseph Lalhimpua is requested to ask starred question No.215.

Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUA : Will the hon'ble minister for Environment and Forest Department be pleased to state: -

If there is any plan to open Wild Life Division at Lunglei District?

Pu H.ROHLUNA : Pu Deputy Speaker, we plan to open a MINISTER ` wild life division at Lunglei District.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Any supplementary questions?

Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUA : Pu Deputy Speaker, is the department willing to lend a hand in attracting tourists, especially foreign tourists as well as in preserving the biodiversity at Sairep and Ralvawng?

Pu H. ZOTHANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. Phawngpui Mountain and its surrounding area is a National Park and are protected by the law. Is there a way for Tourism and other departments to make it more attractive to tourists without breaking the law?

Pu H. ROHLUNA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the department has MINISTER taken steps to preserve the bio-diversity hotspot. It also has plans to setup state level co-ordination committee in order to tackle the problems faced by tourism department in attracting tourists.

Since Phawngpui Mountain and its surrounding is reserve area, access is restricted and traffic strictly monitored. Therefore, actions that disturb the natural habitat are not permitted.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Hon'ble member Pu K.Liantlinga is requested to ask starred question No.216.

Pu K.LIANTLINGA : Will the District Council Affairs minister be pleased to state: -

- a) What is the amount used per year for the development of Sinlung Hills Development Council during 2009, 2010, 2011?
- b) Are there any plans to increase the development activity?

Pu R.LALZIRLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you.
MINISTER

- a) Rs 200 lakhs was sanctioned in 2008-09, Rs. 250 lakhs in 2009-10, Rs.250 lakhs in 2010-11 and we plan to sanction Rs.250 lakhs again in 2011-12.
- b) Yes, we plan to increase the development activity for Sinlung Hills Development Council.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. The Sinlung Hills Development Council accord was signed in 27th July, 1994 and we are still under an interim period since then. It is imperative that the government take actions as necessary. What I would like to know are: -

- a) Has the government accepted the resignation of the Council members?
- b) Is it true that they resigned because of pressure by the HPCD?
- c) Is the accord an act passed in the Assembly or an executive order?

- DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu B. Lalthlengliana and then Pu Nirupam Chakma.
- Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : I would like to know if an election could be arranged for them, Pu Deputy Speaker.
- Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, can the government grant them more funds, say, under the BRGF and NLCPR scheme?
- DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu R. Lalzirliana, Minister to answer the questions.
- Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : The election could not be held since they have no specific boundaries and constituencies. It is probably true that they resigned because of HPCD. They came and asked us to reinstate them but we could not allow someone who bends under pressure to be leaders. I do not think that the accord was passed as an act. The development council is intended for procreation of development in the area. The honorarium for the Chairman will be raised to ₹15000, Vice Chairman to ₹ 12000 and members to ₹5000.
- Pu LALDUHOMA : Can the government pass the accord as an act?
- DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us invite the hon'ble Chief Minister to clarify the matter.
- Pu LAL THANHAWLA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, it is my opinion that CHIEF they continue to operate as they are now. Although the central is holding peace talks with them, there are several insurgents who would not follow the dictates of the peace talks. It is not our role to hold a separate talk with them. Still, they should not be deprived of the development funds. The council will remain under an interim period until an election could be organized.
- DEPUTY SPEAKER : Moving on to the next business, we will take up a private member business. Let us request Pu R. Lalrinawma to offer a personal explanation on the matter.
- Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I am grateful that my resolution was passed in the House. However, I am attacked vehemently in the media by the opposition. Therefore, I stand here to clarify my right in proposing that resolution which

merely says that we are grateful to Pu Lal Thanhawla in his endeavor to develop power in the state.

The previous Ministries have initiated several power projects but they were neglected and abandoned as time went on. It was only the Congress Ministry who earnestly took up the task of developing power in the state. It is my opinion that we should applaud and commend the efforts of the Ministry. In the meantime, I would like to advise against the practice of mud-slinging and personal attacks. Thank you.

(...Interruption...)

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We have a new constitution book and as time allows us, let us take this moment to distribute the book.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Thank you for giving it to us Pu Deputy Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will now move on to discussion of Demands. To save time, we will take the Demands together. Let us first invite the hon'ble minister, Pu H. Liansailova to submit his demands in the House.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA : On the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and your permission, Sir, I move my Demand No. 9, 13, 14, 31 and 32 for ₹660,83,81,000 only for meeting expenses during 2011-2012 in respect of the following departments – Finance, Personnel and Administrative Reforms, Planning and Programme Implementation, Agriculture and Horticulture. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us now invite the hon'ble Chief Minister to submit his Demands.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA : On the recommendation of the Governor CHIEF MINISTER of Mizoram and with your permission, Sir, I move my Demand No. 1, 2, 3, 5, 11, 15, 33, 35, 39, 45 and 47 for ₹824,14,30,000 only, for meeting expenses during 2011-2012sss in respect of the following departments – Legislative Assembly, Governor, Council of Ministers, Vigilance, Secretariat Administration, General Administration Department, Soil and Water Conservation, Fisheries, Power, Public Works Department and Minor Irrigation.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will begin the discussion now. Each member will have 15 minutes starting with Pu B. Lalthlengliana.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the PWD has black-topped the road connecting ITI with

World Bank Road but before the hand railings were constructed; the contractors received their bills and scurried off without doing any further works. I would therefore, like to request the Chief Minister to look into this problem.

I would also like to bring to the attention of the hon'ble Minister the need to repair the road from Champhai to Zawlsei which was black-topped way back in 1995. The hon'ble Minister mentioned yesterday that out of the ₹5000 lakhs received from the Ministry of Road Transport and Highway, the remaining ₹1699 lakhs has not been surrendered but set aside for revised allocation. I wonder if the fund could be channeled for the maintenance of roads within the state. ₹25 crores has also been given to Sunshine Overseas Company for the periodic renewal of Darlawn Sub-Division yet hardly any work has been done. I request the hon'ble Chief Minister to focus his attention to this problem as well.

The contract for the supply of materials to the Power Department amounting to over ₹7 crores has been given to M/S BR Engineers Pvt. Ltd. Kolkata instead of giving the contract to our fellow Mizos. How could the government choose private companies outside Mizoram instead of our own kin who could supply the same quality of materials?

I am pleased that the budget of the Fisheries Department has been increased. However, whenever government assistances are distributed there are several so called fish farmers who receive the funds without even having fish ponds. I urge the government to put a stop to such corruptions.

I believe the allocation of empty lands at the Secretariat Complex is being arranged by the SAD. I hope they will coordinate with the Revenue Department to prevent civilians from acquiring private lands over there.

In regard to Vigilance Department, when a govt. employee is to be promoted, he is required to have a liability clearance from the Vigilance Department. I would like to caution the department against issuing the clearance too freely.

Under the Planning Department, budget allocation of MLA fund has been raised by ₹1000 lakhs. Therefore, I expect the MLA fund of each member to be raised to at least ₹5lakhs, taking the high inflation into account.

The Agriculture Department is one of the oldest and biggest departments in the state yet it has shown very little development in the past. Our system of agriculture is a hindrance while the growing population is also one of the major problems. If the government could reclaim the small level lands that we have and convert it into agricultural lands systematically, I am confident it will make a huge difference in the supply of food in the state.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Lt. Col. ZS Zuala.

Lt. Col. Z.S. ZUALA : Under Finance department concerning
the Sainik School, the DONeR Ministry
has sanctioned ₹82.89 crores while the 13th Finance

Commission sanctioned ₹50 crores in 2010. However, we are still unable to utilize these funds. I would like to request the Finance Minister to take action to ensure that work is started as soon as possible.

I am pleased that we have a Minister who is not afraid to set a challenge for himself. I believe that we will have a higher yield in rice this year due to his efforts. I have seen how the undertakings of the department has motivated the farmers and I think it will go a long way in realizing the objectives of the government.

The road connecting Mission Vengthlang and SR Vala road has been black-topped at the beginning of this Ministry but the quality of the work was lower than expected. The road sorely needs repairs and if the department could take swift actions, it would be a great help to the people living in the area. There are several roads within the city area which needs maintenance and I request the government to look into the matter immediately.

The lower ITI Veng and Salem Veng are growing localities and to have uninterrupted power supply, we need several electric poles at strategic points. If the department could send experts to pick out these points and to make estimates, we would be deeply grateful.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu John Siamkunga.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Starting with Personnel & Administrative Reforms Department, I went to the minister to enquire about how they intend to conduct the Civil Service examinations and he told me that 10 posts would be advertised each year to motivate the students and to avoid creating gaps between the batches.

The road connecting Cherhlun and Thingsai is in extremely dilapidated condition. Although the road was constructed long ago, no proposals have been submitted to upgrade the road to black top. Rainfall was unusually high last year and even with the assistance of the PWD they barely managed to endure the monsoon season. I hope the government will do something to make it a better road as soon as possible.

The Congress Ministry has made huge strides in the development of power after it has assumed power. Most of the power projects were initiated by the Congress and although the opposition parties have tried ceaselessly to slander its reputation, there is no denying that the Congress is the only Ministry which has taken a keen and earnest interest in the development of power in the state.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the hon'ble Chief Minister for moving the Soil Division back to Hnahthial. Most of the projects under the department are based largely on the NLUP which is a programme intended to elevate the living conditions of the rural poor.

Minor Irrigation is one of the fastest developing departments in the state. They have undertaken several ventures meant to assist the farmers in their yields. I am grateful that they have proposed to start the Mat River and Ngawizawl River projects shortly.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Next, Pu P.P. Thawla.
 Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to know
 if the government will continue granting
 ACP to those employees who have served for 12
 years with no higher post available for promotion. If not, I would like to know why it would not
 be continued.

It is comforting that we have ₹180 crores under Agriculture. I do not know the details of its implementation but I am sure it will go a long way in developing agricultural harvests. We have Phurra plains in Saiha District and I feel that the Minister himself is very enthusiastic about developing the place for paddy fields. If the nearby Vathlo River is channeled properly, I am confident that it will be a great source of rice supply for the whole state.

Under the Home Department, if you take a look at the answer to Starred Question No. 39, the TA/DA bill pending for the police force is ₹679,92,000. Can the Finance Minister find a way to clear at least 50% of the pending bill?

I would also like to know if this Ministry has any intention to recognize the 3 new districts declared by the former Ministry. I also request the Hon'ble Minister for Soil and Water Conservation to enable the Division at Saiha to function as a proper office.

We would be deeply grateful if the PWD could construct a good quality road from Niawhtlang to Chakhang. They are currently constructing National Highway at Tuipang area and I request the officers of the department to oversee the work as often as possible. The bridge over Kawlchaw River is gone now, and this has created huge problems for the people living nearby. I would like to request the Chief Minister to construct a bridge as soon as possible to ease the burden of the villages. The road leading up to New Lato is also in dire need of repairs and maintenance.

Pu Deputy Speaker, the victims of rockslides at Seling were given ex-gratia of ₹1lakh each but the victims of electric shortage at Saiha were given only ₹10000 as ex-gratia. I would like to know why there is so much discrimination. Thank you.

Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE : Pu Deputy Speaker, it is indeed unsettling to learn that we produce only 3 months worth of sustenance in the state. In the meantime, I would like to commend the hon'ble Chief Minister for introducing the NLUP to combat this shortage. If we could give the farmers an incentive to work harder, the severe shortage of food could be mitigated to a certain extent.

The previous Ministry declared the state as an organic state. This could be the reason the fertilizer subsidy from the central has been stopped. Whatever the reasons, can the Minister find a way to solve the dilemma faced by the farmers at the earliest?

I would like to inform the members that the Minor Irrigation Department undertakes 5-10 projects in a district each year which is benefitted immensely by the surrounding villages. However, they are understaffed and are unable to work as efficiently as they would like

to. I request the hon'ble Minister to provide them with more man-power and to take up such projects in places where they were not conducted before.

I would like to thank the House Leader for taking actions to upgrade Serkhan to Bagha road. We spoke about diversions in an undertone which leads me to make the request to divert funds for the construction of Kawnpui-Hortoki. Mualkhang is situated at only 7Km from the NH-47 but the approach road is almost impossible to traverse. I have given them ₹80,000 from the MLA fund but this is not sufficient to black-top the whole length of the road. Can the Minister provide them with some kind of assistance?

I am personally thankful that the RGGVY is being implemented in the rural areas of our state. In the meantime, the work order was prepared a long time ago and when it was actually implemented, it could not meet the growing demands. Hence, there are several villages and BPL families who are devoid of their right to have an electric connection. I, therefore, request the Minister to find an avenue to resolve the difficulty facing the people. Finally, I would like to extend an invitation to all the members to pass the Demands of the two hon'ble ministers. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will now take a short break; the discussion will be resumed at 2:00 PM in the afternoon.

2:00 PM

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us continue with the discussion. To start with, Pu K.S. Thanga.

Pu K.S. THANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to inform the House that the 26 villages under Aizawl South III constituency have now received assistance under the Fisheries Department and they are extremely grateful to this ministry. The Opposition members accused me of buying land at my constituency for ₹30 lakhs which is completely unfounded.

We have made great and remarkable strides in the development of agriculture under the directions and leadership of our senior Minister. 75% of the mechanized farming systems and facilities are given as subsidies by the state government. As a result, there are several families who declare that they have a huge improvement in rice production. It is also comforting to know that the NLUP plays a vital role in this development.

I would also like to express my gratitude at the successful construction and opening of the World Bank Road along the Sateek range. It was the Congress Ministry who proposed the construction and ultimately completed it. Thank you.

Pu S. LALDINGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, there are a few points that I would like to mention to the

members that I am also thankful for. The hon'ble Chief Minister has initiated the Multi Modal Transport Project at the South during the previous Congress Ministry. The project is expected to be completed within 4 years. I am pleased that we are now able to use the Aizawl-Thenzawl-Lunglei World Bank Road which makes travel and transportation so much cheaper and easier. The government has also submitted other Multi Modal Projects which will surely develop the Western belt of the state further.

In regard to the NH-54, the maintenance of the road has been handed over to the PWD and since we are in a transitional period, the work could not be undertaken as fast as they would have liked. In the meantime, the government is trying to make the road from Silchar to Tuipang as a double lane and the task is pursued as quickly as possible at this time.

The development of power in the state is one of the highest priorities of the government and although the Opposition has often insinuated that the Congress is negligent of the need to develop power. I would like to reiterate that far from their baseless accusations, there are no other parties in Mizoram who realizes the importance and necessity of self sufficiency in power and who work the hardest in its development. Under the leadership of the hon'ble Chief Minister, most of the major rivers are proposed to be utilized for Hydel Projects capable of generating high amount of power and electricity.

There are many families who depend largely on Minor Irrigation for farming which is reflective of the efforts made by the department. We are aware of how unprofitable and frustrating, farming on the hillside really is. With that in mind, the Agriculture Department has now introduced scientific systems and modern technologies while increasing the subsidies given to the farmers. Thank you.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to thank Pu Lalduhoma, the former MLA of Tuivawl constituency for still taking an interest. While some of you may think that the advance for the construction of the road was not sanctioned, in reality we have one of the best roads in the state. The PWD worked tirelessly even when it is raining or at night and even on Sundays. We are also hoping to open a sub-station there shortly.

In regard to Agriculture Department, we have implemented the NLUP to assist in the growth of production. At the same time, the quarters are run down and are not suitable for occupation. Hence, I request that the SDO office be repaired for a more efficient and free departmental-public relation. If the government could establish at least a sub circle at Zohmun, it would be very helpful for the people.

I am deeply thankful that the government intends to establish a CHO office at Darlawn. The place is ideal for turmeric plantation and I hope it will be included in the permanent terrace under the expansion scheme along with Serkhan.

Under Soil & Water Conservation, the department has made fresh propositions to develop the coffee plantations. Here also, the main problem is the dilapidated condition of the living quarters.

The Fisheries Department has given thousands of fingerlings to fish farmers for which they are extremely thankful. If the selection of the beneficiaries could be conducted more carefully in the future, it would mean a solid livelihood for many families in the area.

Concerning power, we are hopeful that the government will set up a sub-station very soon. We have no meter reader at Darlawn which poses a huge problem in the matter of billing. I request the department to send an expert to clarify the billing system to the people. There are a few unfinished connections at Khawpuar and other villages under the RGGVY scheme. Although I have spoken to the contractors, not much headway has been made so far. The people are eagerly awaiting its inauguration and I hope the problem will be resolved soon.

The major obstacle faced by the PWD is forest clearance. I request the Minister to obtain the clearance as soon as possible because if the project is completed, it will mean a much shorter route (by 30Km) which will garner faster development in the region.

Finally, I would like to thank the Minor Irrigation Department for all the works they have done. I invite them to extend their projects at Kani Phai, Ruangbawphai, Darlawn and Tuivawl. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Nirupam Chakma.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, it is highly regrettable that the Ministers are often provided with wrong information and data. This is a serious matter and I hope the departments will be more careful in the future. I also expect to see an improvement in the preparation of Bills which usually have a lot of mistakes in its content.

On the matter of vigilance, although we may have included it in our party manifesto, the Lok Pal Bill will be introduced in the Lok Sabha for discussion shortly at the central. Therefore, I personally see no reason to set up a separate vigilance commission in the state since it will fall under the Lok Pal Bill anyway.

I am pleased that the Chief Minister himself put the Fisheries Department under his portfolio. I am sure it will have a huge impact on the development of fish production and I congratulate the department as well.

We have several power projects with completed survey and investigations and the DPR ready for submission. Most of the hydel projects have been abandoned by the MNF Ministry and it is a huge sigh of relief for the people that the Congress Ministry has made estimate revisions and will reactivate these projects again.

Same is the case for road construction. The MNF were able to continue the construction with the funds obtained by the Congress Ministry but they were unable to finish the project during their 10 years term. Once again it falls in the hands of the Congress to complete the projects. Due to the efforts of the hon'ble Chief Minister, we are going to have a railway station and a multi modal transport project which the Ministry of Road Transport has already cleared. I would like to know when the work will be started. I would also like to thank the Chief Minister for preparing the NH-54 for a double lane and for constructing roads up to Bawrapansuri and Chhotapansuri.

If the power connections can be provided up to Chawngte (L), why can't it be provided to Kalamanager? Is there a problem in the Power Department? As a conclusion, I thank the Agriculture Department for starting several projects in the area. I only wish that the Congress Ministry will retain its power in the next election since we are the only party who cares enough for the real development of the state.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Deputy Speaker, under the Fisheries Department, seedlings is often distributed instead of fingerlings. Can this be corrected? The mortality rate of the fingerlings is also extremely high unless the supplies are handled delicately.

The rural inhabitants depend largely on the implementation of the RGGVY while the work is undertaken at a slow pace. The electric posts are being put up very carelessly and most of them are slanted after a few weeks. I hope the department will look into this quickly.

Around 40 Kms of road has been constructed between Chawngte and Vaseikai under the PMGSY scheme but the work has been discontinued, possibly due to rains. I request the authorities to complete the project as soon as possible.

Under Demand No. 31, the cultivation of red oil-palm seems to have a high chance for failure since it has many specific requirements. If we are really going to promote its cultivation, I would advise the provision of a well integrated facility for the plantation owners.

The purchase of vehicles sanctioned under the NLUP and the number of vehicles actually Purchased are inconsistent as per the answer to my starred question no. 101. I hope the authorities will make a proper audit in order to avoid miscalculations. There are also several variables in the salaries and allocation of the fund such as, who are the 62 officials who are responsible for the medical expenses. If the proper authorities could clarify this, I would be extremely grateful. There appears to be some favoritism at play in the supply of potato seeds under the Planning Department. I request the department to straighten out this matter as well. Thank you.

Pu H. ZOTHANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the Congress Ministry has currently undertaken 215 projects in the state after it has assumed power and I am very impressed by its initiatives. The Lawngtlai Minor Irrigation was officially opened on

18th August, 2010 and the people are eagerly awaiting the filling up of the 12 vacant posts at the sub-division.

The government has opened 3 new District offices at Serchhip, Champhai and Lawngtlai and has conducted training for 2300 fish farmers. It is also assuring to know that it has made insurances for 5000 farmers.

Under the GAD, the CEM, EM, Chairman and MDC are given the ranks of Joint Secretary to the Government. They have submitted an appeal to change this group ranking but to no avail so far. They are elected representatives of the people and it would not be right to give them equal ranks in spite of the difference in their responsibilities.

The PWD has constructed a good quality road in my constituency which crosses the Chhimtuipui River. However, there is no fund provision for a Marboat to cross the river. I would be deeply grateful if the department could provide us with a Marboat as soon as possible.

I would also like to express my gratitude for the proposed installation of a 132 KV sub-station at Sangau. The people there are very excited and eager about the installation. In the meantime, the construction of the RGGVY building is extremely poor. I hope the department will make necessary repair to avoid accidents in the future.

Moving on to Demand No. 31, the government has provided farmers with Tractor power tillers and mini tractor tillers at subsidized rates. This is something which the previous governments were unable to do. Therefore, I commend the government for its consideration for the development of farmers. Due to the efforts of the authorities, we have received a sanction of ₹655 lakhs last year and possibly ₹2961 lakhs this year from RFKVY. The government has also declared a target of at least 10% increase in rice production. This itself is an indication of the desire for progress by the Congress Ministry.

There is a remarkable decrease in the practice of shifting cultivation lately. This is mainly due to the introduction of the plantation of oil palms which has a high demand all the time in terms of market.

Pu K. LALRINTHANGA : Pu Chairman, I am happy that ₹7215 lakhs has been set aside for Minor Irrigation projects across the state. I am sure it will generate a huge development in the field of agriculture.

The road from Vairengte to Phainuam has already been dug but I hear they are waiting for the fund from the central to black-top the road. I request the department to pursue the sanction as quickly as possible. I am also thankful that the Phainuam-Saiphai has been approved as a first priority for next year projects. The western part of Vairengte is connected by roads which have never been repaired since its construction during the UT years. I request the department to spare some funds for maintenance of the road this year. The bus service up to

Saipum has to be stopped due to the bad condition of the road during rainy seasons. I request the authorities to repair it as soon as possible.

The works undertaken under the RGGVY are extremely slow going. Even when the wiring is completed, they could not provide connections. I urge the government to talk with the contractors and find a way to solve this problem.

The government should take necessary action against the people responsible for the unfair distribution of compensation at the site of Tuirial Hydel Project. If not for the scandal and the following bandhs and demonstrations, the project would have been finished at this time.

It is indeed pleasing to hear that the government will now be able to distribute fingerlings again as it has received ₹1262 lakhs from the Grant in Aid General Non-Salary. In the meantime, there are several complaints about the measurement used by the government personnel. The department should take a look at this and make corrections wherever they are wanting.

Coming to Soil and Water Conservation, the Chief Minister visited Phaisen last year to take part in their Golden Jubilee celebration and saw for himself how the Dumkhalh River eroded the farming banks of the village. He, therefore, suggested that the Soil and Water Conservation Department propose a major project and he himself would pursue it at the central. Pu Chairman, the government has also prepared itself to distribute power tillers to farmers at a subsidized rate. This is a revelation of its vision for the development of Agriculture in Mizoram.

CHAIRMAN : Pu K. Liantlinga.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Chairman, I am pleased by the Budget Speech presented by the hon'ble Finance Minister. At the same time, we should find a way to simplify the office process of approval so that the funds may be mobilized as and when required. Concerning Horticulture, there are rumours flying about that the officials usually favour their close relatives as recipients of the beneficiaries.

There were several inconsistencies regarding the technological mission fund and its utilization in the answer to my unstarred question no. 31. The bank statement and the departmental records do not match and I hope the Minister will clarify this for me.

The PWD does not have specific work programme submitted. Hence, it is difficult to ascertain its work projects for the year. The capital city roads need maintenance at several places and I hope the department will set aside more funds to carry out repairs and maintenances.

Under Power and Electricity, the 3rd Battalion Police at ITI receives their electric directly from the transformer without having a meter-box which results in high fees for each family. Since this is the hon'ble Chief Minister's department, I request him to look in to their problem as soon as possible.

It pleases me greatly that trainings are being organized at the ATI on the subject of Assembly Procedures. I hope the training can be conducted at the director and District levels as well.

Lastly, we have all received the statistical handbook from the department. It is my opinion that the department should be strengthened in the future because there are many of us who does not even know the location of its directorate today.

Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUIA : It is evident from the budget and expenditure figures that the government has smoothly accomplished its projects. The central has allocated over ₹20000 crores for the North East, and I urge the Ministers to find a way to channel this fund for the development of Mizoram.

I would like to thank the hon'ble Chief Minister and the Finance Minister for their interest in the development of Lunglei and for fulfilling their promises during the election.

The former Ministry bought a land for the establishment of Kendrya Vidhalaya School at Lunglei for ₹21 lakhs when it was clearly stated in the Ministry guidelines that the land should be donated by the government. As a result, the Ministry of Human Resource Development has issued a notice not to release any fund for the school. This essentially means that we are going to lose a great opportunity to have an educational establishment at Lunglei. I request the hon'ble Minister to find a way to solve this dilemma, thank you.

Pu LALROBIAKA : Starting with GAD maintained State Houses; most of the Mizoram Houses are well kept and very comforting for travelers. Meanwhile, the Mumbai Mizoram House does not have such good location or maintenance although there are several families and students living in the city. I hear that a little bit of fund has already been sanctioned by the government. I request that necessary actions be taken quickly.

The government has distributed a number of power tillers to the farmers. I hope they will distribute more modern tools to motivate the farmers further.

I am grateful to the hon'ble Minister for the implementation of a multi modal transport project. The road connecting Dampa area has finally been constructed under NABARD financing due to the efforts of the hon'ble Minister. I also urge him to see to the problems that arise during the process of the construction.

On the matter of RGGVY, the contractor promised us that we would have electric connection by 2009 which he has failed to fulfill. I request the department authorities to ensure that the work is carried out as per projected.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the MNF claimed to have zero K-deposit by the end of their term and then accused us of using the K-deposit excessively which, they further claimed as an indication of a government who does not know how to manage its finance. The fact of the matter is that they indeed have made large amounts of K-deposits and the answer to my unstarred question no. 48 is proof of that.

My starred question no.52 concerning power was not answered to my satisfaction. If they could provide me with the amount of power generated locally during the double term of the previous government, I would be very grateful. In any case, there must be a reason why the cost of buying power keep rising while the revenue collected keeps declining.

I am deeply impressed by the progress made by the Agriculture Department who supplied power tillers at subsidized prices to the farmers. It is also comforting and encouraging that the government has decided to implement the NLUP for the development of the working class.

I have to thank the Fisheries Department for opening a District office at Champhai. We were neglected during the earlier governments but now they have begun to see the prospect of fish farming at the Champhai region and have begun to invest more and more. I also invite the Horticulture department to take more interest in winery which could be a huge source of revenue if handled properly.

Finally, I express my gratitude for the construction of road from Champhai to Khawbung. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Selthuama.

Pu R. SELTHUAMA : I am very pleased by the work schedule of the PWD. The proposed double lanes of Sairang-Mamit, Aizawl-Lunglei via Thenzawl and Darlawn to Manipur double lane roads will make travel a whole lot easier and faster. I believe they will start black topping the Mission Vengthlang road from next year and I offer my thanks in advance. There are some roads which are not black topped as yet in the city and I hope the government will consider these undertakings as a priority.

If all the power projects could be completed by the government, we will have power to spare for sale and it will serve as a great source of revenue for the state. The opposition criticized our declaration of the year to boost rice production but taking into account the subsidized distribution of tractors and tillers, this is something within our grasp and the authorities are doing their best to ensure that we will have a considerable increase in rice

production. There is also no doubt at this point in time that the NLUP will be implemented successfully. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalrinmawia Ralte.

Pu LALRINMAWIA RALTE : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. The ministers for the departments – Agriculture, Horticulture, Soil and Water Conservation, Fisheries and Minor Irrigation, realize fully that to garner and engender true development in the state, we have to prioritize the constituencies of Mamit, Kolasib and Hachhek as the first areas of development. For that exact purpose, they have started to channel development funds to these constituencies.

Right from the beginning of its term, this Ministry has taken up the construction and maintenance of road as one of its first priorities. The PWD have tried their level best to find a sanction for the construction of intermediary road between Medili and Tuilutkawn and they have already submitted a DPR.

Although each party claims to have the best interest for the state in terms of power, it is the Congress Ministry who took the real initiative and actually make the effort to construct a hydro electric power. In the meantime, there are numerous instances of illegal electric connection which results in huge losses of valuable energy. It is also imperative that we realize the importance of power conservation.

Pu LALDUHOMA : I am glad that the NLUP has been implemented in the state and judging from the interest shown by the central, I sincerely hope that it will be implemented successfully whether it is a Congress scheme or not.

However, the first disappointment came when we received ₹100 crores in 2009-2010 and none of it was used to implement the scheme but I said nothing. ₹234 crores was set aside for the scheme in last year's budget but it obviously had no effect on the plan size. The reason was that we have received no special package from the central as Congress has promised. Instead, the departments suffered the implementation directly since their budgets were cut and diverted drastically to meet the requirements of the NLUP.

If we take a look at the speed of the implementation itself, the nodal departments have considerable amount of funds which are yet untouched and which is also indicative of the sluggishness of the implementation. Ultimately, if we do not receive the CSS convergence continuously, the scheme will fail. If you take a look at the answer given by the Minister to the Unstarred Question, you will find that around ₹100 crores are still untouched. The farmers and manual laborers have eagerly awaited the implementation and yet the fund is held up in K-deposits instead of being used for its intended purpose.

Moving on to P&E Department, the original landowners were said to be 48 in number. I would like to know if they have received the compensation as of today. 52 people have filed a petition against the government in regard to the compensation and I would

really like to know what the government is going to do about it since the court ordered that they should receive compensation along with accumulated interests.

On June 1st, the Planning Department submitted a priority list of 55 applicants to the NEC and it was signed by someone other than the Principal Secretary. Does this mean that we have 2 Principal Secretaries?

The government keeps telling the farmers to plant turmeric, ginger, passion fruit, etc. but most of the produce usually go to waste as we do not have a strong market strategy. Can the government arrange for contract farming to ensure that the farmers will not cultivate their crops in vain?

The government also often speaks of downsizing its employees which I agree with, by the way. However, when posts are created as per requirement and have already gone through Finance & Planning, excuses are often made by the concerned department to counter and nullify the creation of the posts. I do not think they should create problems at such stage.

Lastly, the government should make clear whether the landowners have any hope of receiving the compensation.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : I express my hope and expectation to complete the installation of the Instrumental Landing System at Lengpui Airport, to accomplish our resolution to construct a landing strip at the southern region and to conduct a Cabinet Meeting at Lunglei once every year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Legislative Assembly Secretariat staff for their hard work and efficiency during each session and I hope the government will compensate them for their overtime. On the statistical handbook, the secretary of the Legislative Assembly is placed among the Directors which I think should not have been done.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I fail to comprehend why the members take at least 2/3 of their time to criticize the former government instead of highlighting the progress made by their Ministry.

Under the Higher and Technical Department, the lecturers have not received their salary for quite a long time now. Furthermore, their ACR are held up by the DP&AR for too long which affects their pay and promotions. They also need a proper RR at the earliest. If the government could conduct a Common Admission Test (CAT) in Mizoram, it will prove very helpful for our young applicants in the future.

It is also important to give the Accounts & Treasuries Department an office somewhere at the Secretariat Complex to avoid extreme congestion and unnecessary building rents. I also feel the sentiment of the government employees whose grade pay does not correspond with their previous grade pay in the new 6th pay revision.

It is regrettable that the Congress Ministry has failed to secure the Prime Minister's special package for the NLUP. Yet they are going ahead with the scheme using funds from the state budget. This will in turn squeeze the departmental budget to their limits. I personally know for a fact that convergence of the CSS grants is almost impossible since they already have specific guidelines.

I share the frustrations of the PWD as they are provided with so little funds under the 13th commission for maintenance and construction of roads. I dare not even speak of the rural areas because the conditions of the roads in the capital city are unacceptable.

I request the authorities to address the predicaments faced by the farmers who were supplied with too many power tillers. Although subsidized, the farmers would never be able to pay off their matching share and they are in a dilemma. I also strongly criticize the purchase of new vehicles under the NLUP scheme.

In regard to power, I do not think there is anyone who could afford to point fingers. Therefore, it would be advisable not to try to lay the blame on others and instead focus on developing the projects we do have.

Finally, I would be very grateful if you could enlighten me on the intention of the government regarding the mechanical circle. They have no appropriate system of administration and they are barely functioning.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Chawngtinthanga.

Pu CHAWNGTINTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to congratulate the departments of Agriculture, Minor Irrigation and Horticulture for their increased budget. Due to the foresight and wisdom of the Minister, these departments have shown a steady development in agricultural productions and with the introduction of high technologies, our system of farming has advanced rapidly. The works done by these 3 departments have proven extremely beneficial for the farmers. In the meantime, I request the posting of supervising officers at our constituency. I commend the advancements made by the Fisheries Department although I wish their mode of distribution would be more even and based on the size of lake of the beneficiaries.

Even as the opposition tries to find ways to criticize us, the achievements made by the Congress Ministry under the Power and Electricity Department are undeniable.

I express my gratitude to the PWD for their hard work in service of the public. They are currently challenged with major projects such as the multi-modal transport and the National Highway Park and I wish them my best in their undertakings. According to their officers, there are several road projects which are pending for the time being as the existing estimates are insufficient to undertake the constructions. I request the Minister to look in to the matter because good roads are sorely needed by the rural areas.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : As we have agreed earlier, we will take a short break and resume discussion by 6:30Pm.

6:30 PM:

DEPUTY SPEAKER : 21 members have participated in the discussion. Now, let us invite the hon'ble Minister, Pu H. Liansailova to wind up his demands.

Pu H. LIANSAILOVA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I thank all the MINISTER participating members for their keen interest and insightful discussions on the demands. I regret to say beforehand that I will not be able to react on some specific points and I will dwell on those that are clearly relevant.

We are all acutely aware of the poor state of our finance and I express my gratitude to the hon'ble Minister for taking up the colossal challenge of managing our finance at the very beginning of this Ministry. Our economy has shown a healthy increase in SGDP with a growth rate of 9.6 since this government has assumed power. Although we are barely able to meet the 10% the central has requested of us, we have a massive potential of 3000MW in power and when the current projects are finished in about 10 years, our economy will make rapid strides in development. We expect to collect royalties from the oil palm plantations within 10 years and when we are able to collect them, we will have additional funds for development. We also consider bamboo to be a huge source of revenue but for the time being, we do not have good roads for harvesting and transportation.

I am aware of the congested nature of Accounts and Treasuries office but I am sure the hon'ble Chief Minister will arrange a new, better facilitated office for them. The Lottery has been discontinued for quite some time, but with the support of the hon'ble Chief Minister, we will be able to operate very shortly.

Finally, I would like to remind all the Ministers that unless we are able to meet the matching share of 10%, our budget is meaningless.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, can he clarify the administrative approvals and sanctions mentioned in the budget speech?

Pu H. LIANSAILOVA : Our senior officials are looking into the MINISTER matter.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, can we have separate financial rules, treasury rules and account codes instead of those used by the central?

Pu H. LIANSILOVA : I do not think that is possible at the MINISTER moment. We have followed and adopted the central rules not only on the afore-mentioned rules but with the recruitment rules and other rules as well. We will see if this is enough as we go along. In any case, the central government has issued an office memorandum for each department to take economy measures and to create posts only when it is absolutely necessary.

I personally visited the place and have seen the potentials at Chhimtuipui but the central has advised us to consult with experts in order to utilize its full potential. Therefore, we have decided to take the advice of consultancy firms before undertaking the project.

I apologize for the irregular placement of designation in the statistical handbook of Mizoram. They have made so much improvement inside their department and I hope this will be another step for improvement in the future.

I agree with Pu Lalhimpui's observation that we need to take quick and strong actions to obtain the central funds that goes to waste due to inaction on our part.

Under Horticulture, I would like to give a short explanation to the House about the SFAC. It is a Consortium, a Society, set up under the direction of the Ministry which also provides the funds. As directed by the central Society, state counterparts are also set up which receives funding directly from the central Society. This is the reason why it is not mentioned in the Plan Fund. A select committee is then appointed as to the utilization of the funds and incidentally, our current Chief Minister was the first president of the state Society in Mizoram. In regard to Pu Tlinga's question, all the transactions are done via core banking and hence..... (....interruption....)

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the bank statement issued on 14th July was ₹14,20,753 only and not ₹20 crores.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA : Pu Deputy Speaker, another ₹20 crores was deposited in to the account on 6.7.2011 obviously this is the reason for the figure which is criticized as not being tallied.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : The statement was printed on 14th July MINISTER which shows that ₹20,14,19,503 has been deposited originally. It seems that there is mishandling of the funds or the bank statement might have has been changed.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA : Let us hope that we are provided with the correct information. I will look into the matter to allay any doubt.

The car loan mentioned by Pu Thangtea is the loan availed by officers who were denied their entitlement of vehicles under the Privatization of Government Vehicles. The scheme was discontinued since it was a time bound package. Regarding the question of hon'ble member Col. Z.S. Zuala, the Finance Commission Award is handled by the High Level Monitoring Committee with the Chief Secretary as its Chairman.

Pu Deputy Speaker, we have installed exploder of Jethropha oil at Khawzawl and New Vervek. The exploder at Khawzawl has been tested and proved to be in good condition but the one at New Vervek could not be tested due to lack of power supply. The department of Horticulture follows the guidelines of the central and state respectively and as a result, it is regretted as numbers of farmers who are not able to provide the requirements of the guidelines are excluded from the nursery scheme.

The hon'ble members express their concern about the NLUP of which I accept it as a sign of their keen interest on NLUP and a successful implementation. The scheme cannot be implemented as quickly as expected because the baseline survey alone needs to be conducted at least 3 times to make sure that the beneficiaries utilize the funds purposely. Since this is a scheme that could change the entire livelihood of the beneficiaries, it is imperative that we take serious precautions in each step of its implementation and avoid any mistakes which may bring negative impact on the farmers. There are several components under the scheme which requires separate allocation of funds. Hence, lack of funds at the time of needs could be the factor for failure of NLUP in the previous term. We have decided to withdraw the funds received during the last financial year to ensure continuity of fund distribution. However, we felt that it would not be safe if kept by the nodal departments and thus we have deposited it in the K-Deposit so that it is withdrawn only when needed. Presently, we have ₹57,81,00000 in the K-deposit while another ₹12 crores are kept by the 9 nodal departments..

Pu LALDUHOMA : Is it a fact that there are 8 nodal departments?

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : The error made on my part is inclusion NLUP office. We are aware of the sentiment of the people about the purchase of vehicles as we have decided tentatively at first to purchase vehicles only for the nodal officers of each district. However, we later found that lack of mobility was a big hindrance to the implementation and we therefore approved purchase of 53 vehicles. The government has already made the sanction but the vehicles are out of stock at the agent. The hon'ble Chief Minister has spoken to the authorities of the company and hopefully they will be delivered in a short period of time.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I believe the sanction amount and the total amount of

the price quoted do not match. Is it a mistake in typing or calculation?

Pu H. LIANSILOVA : The information could be verified at any
MINISTER time in the office.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, there are several CHIEF
MINISTER reasons for the excess such as expenditure for registration, insurance, etc. If there is still surplus of funds afterwards, it will be returned to the original allocation.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to know if the cash balance in the K-deposit mentioned by the minister is determined from the whole component or the beneficiary component only.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA : It would not be possible to arrive at the MINISTER
exact amount of expenditure and cash in hand. But the fund mentioned is composed of the beneficiary component only.

We all are aware of the poor system of farming in our state and that we produce about only 2/3 months sustenance of food demand. Thus, the government has decided to enlist the assistance of agricultural experts and declared the year as rise in production of rice. It is not that the production of rice will increase dramatically but awareness campaign on how to cultivate rice with more production may be given. Ultimately, it is intended to motivate the farmers to cultivate rice with the use of modern sciences and technology.

It would take a lot of time to become self-sufficient but we feel that it certainly is possible to produce more and more at this stage. For that purpose, we have followed the SRI which covers over 3000 hectares as so far, the results are extremely encouraging. We are hopeful that rice production will increase by at least 10%. We have instructed all the implementing officers to carry a digital camera whenever spot inspection is made to capture the extent of progress with each visit.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Will it be possible to use the SRI on hillside farming where there are no irrigations? Will it be successful?

Pu H. LIANSILOVA : It is a bit early to say anything with MINISTER
confidence at the moment. We are conducting experiments as we speak and so far, we are quite satisfied with it. As the members have pointed out in the previous session, we are trying to obtain supplies of fertilizers to increase production.

MAHFED is our stockiest. 4000 qtls is stocked at any time for those who need it. Regarding complaint of soured urea, it has to be tested first at the laboratory but no urea is placed for testing.

Urea is also largely used in rural areas. Production of WRC is 20,000 metric tons to 26,000 metric tons in the agricultural land. Oil Palm plantation is studied by Oil Palm Scientists. According to experts, the plantation is favorable in the region especially of climatic condition. We are expecting to attain self-sufficiency in production of oil palm if the potential area is fully cultivated. The Plantation is now became a contract farming in our state. Now, it covers 7,000 hectares. When Union Agriculture Minister visited Mizoram, Secretary and some experts visited our Oil Palm plantation as they are in the opinion that there is a prospect of the plantation. The central government has even issued financial sanction of ₹250 lakhs subsidy for setting up laboratory.

In Serchhip and Lunglei District, our partners in plantation on PPP Mode and M.S. Foods fed. urge the central government for Oil Palm factory. So, it is hopeful for us to achieve successful production as it is learned from the expert that one oil palm tree contain 12 bunches of flower and each of the bunch is expected to be able to produce 15-25 kgs provided with a reliable partners.

Regarding Agricultural Science College, our state has some problem as we already have ICAR of Meghalaya being set up for the North East. Yet, as a result of the approach made to the Union Agriculture Minister by our Leader of the House, we may be allowed to set up the Agriculture Science College or Horticulture College.

So, Pu Deputy Speaker, I beg the House to pass my Demands such as: -

Sl.Nos.	Demand Nos.	Department	Amount
1	Demand No.9	Finance	363,32,000
2	Demand No.13	DP&AR	2,07,90,000
3	Demand No.14	Planning	80,43,41,000
4	Demand No.31	Agriculture	180,44,54,000
5	Demand No.32	Horticulture	34,45,64,000
Total			660,83,81,000

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu H. Liansailova has moved the House to pass his Demands. It shall now be voted.

(The Demand is voted and passed).

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

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, let us call upon hon'ble Chief Minister to wind up discussion of his Demands and also to beg the House to pass it.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. First of all, I would like to express my appreciation to the members for actively participated in the discussion of the Demands of my concerned departments.

Pu Deputy Speaker, there should be performance Work Programme as desired by the hon'ble Members as it is regarded as indispensable.

The reason for the delay of setting up Sainik Welfare School is DPR which has not been submitted in due time despite financial provision being received from Finance Commission and DoNER. Besides, it is also necessary to make inspection to be certified by an Engineer not less than the rank of S.E.

Regarding the recall of plan priority as stated by Pu Duhoma, private entrepreneurs caused difficulties to the state Government. Officials from NEC frequently come to Mizoram to have commission from private firms. I opine it is necessary to give a report to the Prime Minister or DoNER Ministry about the NEC Secretary of NEC so that all means of corruption are rooted out.

Many complaints are received regarding road communications. The fact is that DG of BRTF wanted to leave the North East during the former Ministry and decision had been made on this matter. We have been affected by poor condition of road immensely as maintenance of BRTF Roads has not been handed over to the State Government as we are now in the transitional period. Now, such funds are lying in the hands of the state government and so immediate improvement is expected.

Pu Deputy Speaker, the functioning of Mechanical Division of PWD is determined by the Division and Mechanical Circle. So, improvement of Serkhan to Bagha road is expected shortly.

In the meantime, it is expected that RTI will bring an easy access of information to the people and it is usefully applied to prevail justice and transparency in the government.

Congress Party has a policy of providing New World for the Youths in our state. In Education, NIT and Institute of Management is being started. The Central Government also favours our state to have a Medical College. So, DPR is now formulating for this purpose.

Regarding Kolodyne Multi Modal Project, it is brought by Pu Lalfakzuala the former Chief Secretary of our state and Engineer, Pu C. Ramhluna. If the project is achieved, Mizoram is expected to be the gateway of trade and commerce for the whole North East states.

Now, eight Ambassador and High Commissioners of South East Asia Diplomats are invited to visit our state for this prospect of marketing.

Regarding mining of oil and natural gas, ONGC is invited. With the permission of the government of India, research team of ONGC camped near Bilkhawthlir and Thingdawl. Aizawl West and Bukpui are also regarded as potential area. As the ONGC acquired a plot of land at Aizawl West, BRTF were informed to extend the roads and bridge between Kawnpui and Sairang for transportation their tools. After Aizawl West, the next plan was exploration of Bukpui but the congress ministry came to an end and plan could not be proceed. We did our best for exploration of oil and natural gas. As global tender is floated, two foreign companies and three Indian companies have now taken up the exploration.

Pu Deputy Speaker, corruption causes much much problems to our state as it affected the general people as so religious persons. We are beginning to drown in an excessive love of money which according to the Bible is a source of all evils. So, it should be our main concern to build our state free from corruption.

In this connection, I want to point out that most of our buildings on the road side encroaches public places as we are not having garrage on our own. In fact, we need some sorts of reformation. The service rendered by PRISM and SOSA against corruption is truly appreciated. In the meantime, awareness should be given to the public that each one is responsible to root out corruption in Mizoram.

Besides, I would like to inform the House that it is the desire of the government is always ready to help those who are trustworthy. So, Ethics committee is being set up in the House and everyone is expected to support the committee as advice is entertained anytime.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, during the last meeting of the ethics committee, I have pointed out that inadequacy of terms of reference as Leader of the House too accepted my suggestion. Whether any alteration is made following my suggestion?

Pu LAL THANHAWLA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, any suggestion CHIEF for improvement of the Ethic Committee is entertained as our main objective is to free Mizoram from any means of corruption. So, any alteration will be done if necessary.

Complain against using of VIP light and flag on vehicle is not a serious case. If it is used by untitled person, concerned authority will take action.

In the meantime, it is much appreciated as CADS is actively operating in our city to drive away vendors of liquor and illegal drugs which immensely destroy our social life. It is unfortunate that some of arrested persons were released again within two or three days. Hence, it may be necessary to apply the traditional law. It is sad that poisoning of river fishes remain a common practice in rural areas. I think that action should be taken by means of

our traditional penalty otherwise active service rendered by CADs and YMA's will be found unsuccessful. As of punishment to smuggling, the Excise police and even NGOs are properly trained to deal with the case.

Regarding reconstruction of Raj Bhavan, the main building will not be dismantled since it is our cultural heritage and has a historical value. So, only Block 3 and 4 are planned for reconstruction. We all seem to know the problems of our drivers of the government or private vehicles. I want to inform the House that we are deeply concern for their welfare. Shifting of Assam Rifle from the heart of our city is proposed during the time of Rajiv Gandhi yet, it is not that easy to deal with the problem. As for now, we want to shift them immediately as I am planning to visit Zokhawsang on 29th of this month to expedite contractors for immediate completion of the work. After completion, shifting will be done batch by batch as family will move first and then others. They are expected to move from October this year.

In this connection, I want to inform the House that I have a discussion with D.G. of Assam Rifle for widening of road by 2 or three metres from Bazar Bungkawn to Main Post Office. We, the Congress Ministry proposed to safe the site of Assam Rifle for the benefit of the public such as shopping market or else and should no way be allotted to private.

Pu Speaker, we also give importance to RGGVY. The contractors such as M/S T & T Project Limited, Guwahati and M/S Satnam Global Infra-Project Limited, New Delhi were being selected without our knowledge. Despite our pressure to expedite the work, the progress of work is quites slow. Nearly half of selected villages were electrified with the amount of ₹18578.82 lakhs being given to the Contractors. As of inspection work, three agencies were selected to inspect the work under RGGVY. We are again demanding ₹ 254 crore to the Central Government. If it is successful, I opine those contractors are unfit and should not be again allotted to take up the contract work. In this connection I would like to inform the House that PPP Mode is introduced in 210 mega watts of Tuivai Project. It is the first PPP Mode Project in the North East. Two companies were selected for the promoters. Government of India also widely open door for this project.

Besides, Pu Deputy Speaker, MoU was signed with SPML energy Limited for the project of Tuivawl 42 mega watts and Tuirini 34 mega watts where as Bairabi Project is ready for construction. Unless the Congress ministry continued the project, it will not be constructed. In the same manner, investigation of Tlawnglui Hydel Project will not be achieved unless the Congress ministry pursued the case. In regard to Bairabi Dam Project, MOU is signed with M/S Shekharia Group for production of 80 mega watts.

In the meantime, I would also like to infrom the House that the project of Kolodyne with 11,420 mega watts is now under construction. Apart from this, MOU has also been signed with NEEPCO for the projects such as Tuipui 38 mega watts, Tuichang 102 mega watts where as surveying work being initiated. Investigation has been completed for Mat 76 mega watts, Ngengpui 25 mega watts, Sekulh 15 mega watts, Lungreng 815 mega watts, Tlawng project 54 mega watts and Tut project of 26 mega watts. Besides, DPR has already been submitted for the project of Kolodyne, 635 mega watts.

Apart from all these sources, Mizoram will have a share of 81.70 mega watts from the neighboring states for the period of 2011 and 2012. It may also be noted by the members that the cost of Tuirial Hydel Project 60 mega watts is ₹913.63 crore and Tuivai 210 mega watts is ₹1750 crore. ₹190 crore is spent for Serlui-B project. Besides, Non-Conventional energy is expected from Jawaharlal Nehru Solar Mission as an emergency relief. Win mapping to that effect has also been done as proposal for solar energy being initiated.

Pu LADUHOMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, regarding Compensation on Tuirial project, I would like to know the exactly position as it is learned that 48 Nos. of original landholders has now submitted an appeal to the Court.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA . : Pu Deputy Speaker, it is unfortunate to CHIEF MINISTER learn that 48 Nos. of original landholders received less amount of compensation as holders of bogus LSC benefitted more. Anyhow, compensation may be received by any claimant if he is deemed fit to receive it but LSC will be re-examined as to whether it is of the original or a bogus.

Regarding Mizoram House, Chief Secretary informed the House that it is quite congested for the guests. In other states' Guest House, allotment of room generally done by concerned designated officers. So, it is unbecoming for them to entertain any quest from Mizoram or others apart from their respective states. In the meantime, I would like to state that Mizoram House, Guwahati is facilitated with Ambulance, bus for patients and one Doctor. Since no doctor is available there, a senior nurse has presently takes the charge.

Regarding Mizoram House at Kolkota, the one at Ballygunge is meant for the students, unofficial travellers and patients from Mizoram. But it is learned that many well-to-do merchants and travelers frequented the House for a long period of time. I have once given an instruction to the officials there to detach all air-conditions facilities and refrerators which are afforded only by rich merchants and well-to-do travelers from Mizoram. Here, one bus and a nurse have also been deployed for the convenience of guests.

Construction of Mizoram House at Telgipuri, New Delhi is in progress. I have even warned its contractor that we are expected to have a State Guest House which is presentable for our State. Due to requirement to obtain MDMC clearance which takes couple of years, the work could not be expedited. We are expected to inaugurate it in two or three months. Mizoram House, Vashan Vihar has been planned to accommodate the office of Delhi Mizo Welfare and MZP as well as Conference Hall which may be utilized also for congregation.

As of Mizoram House, Mumbai, MOU is being existed with Builders Ltd. and construction has already been started. The existing Guest House which has been leased for 65 years is meant for accomdation of ill-patients and their attendants only but not for any designated Officer or VIPs and so no vehicle is provided. But a new Mizoram House is planned to contain VIP room, Symposium, Emporium with parking facilities. It is expected to be completed within one and half a year.

It is truly appreciated as we are having well-equipped State Quest Houses in various major cities to provide accommodation to numbers of mizos travelling for various reasons. I wrote to the Chief Minister of Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu requesting them to allot us a site for Mizoram House as both assured to fulfill.

In Bangalore, a suitable site is allotted for Mizoram House during the previous Congress Ministry. It is designed to accommodate congregation and assemble hall in addition to guest rooms. Fund for the construction has already been received as contractor also being selected. The foundation stone also was laid. But the project could not be carried out due to change of ministry in the government of Mizoram. As I visited Bangalore soon after Congress party assumed the government, the Mizos in Bangalore earnestly requested to provide Mizoram House there and even informed me their problems. Thus, a house is leased as Guest House at the rate of ₹80,000/- per month. The House is meant only for ill-patients and travelers from Mizoram but not for VIP and designated Officers and is provided with one Liaison Officer. But since it is less sufficient to accommodate all the needy, I made an approach to Shri Yeduruppa, the hon'ble Chief Minister and the Minister for Urban Development. As I told him our problems, he assured to allot a site for Mizoram House. Now, we are in a condition to choose the offered site, one 15 kms away from the Airport and the other 20 kms from the same point. Presently, file for the approval is kept by the Chief Secretary as no choice has yet been made. I am afraid that we may not be successful as there is a rumor that the Chief Minister Yeduruppa is on the verge of stepping down from power.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the system of administration of Mizoram House at Mumbai is quite poor and I opine it needs improvement.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA : It is very grateful as this proposal is CHIEF MINISTER discussed with the senior ministers as the Chief Secretary is authorized to sign MOU. The discussion is done in good faith at the Chief Minister's office chamber.

As for Mizoram House Kolkota, a site available on the road side of Kolkata Airport is being purchased immediately as construction will be started by next week and is planned to be completed within two years. It is located on the opposite of TATA Institute.

Regarding setting up of more districts, we now have five districts with a separate Deputy Commissioner to each district. But no department has yet been placed for it is not a problem to deal with easily.

Government servants are the backbone of development. So, we want to look after them for they can work out their duties effectively. But due to lack of money we cannot show them favours. It is very pleasing to learn that leaders of the Federation have a good understanding of financial problem of the government. I would like to inform the House that the name of New Capital Complex is changed to New Secretariat Complex for the secretariat building is not encroached by CHIEF MINISTER blic. At the same time, Judiciary is very important. So, we had discussion with the Chief Justice as he has expressed his opinion that

judiciary needs Judicial Academy. We also want to have a separate High Court but the proposed site could not be accepted.

Renovation of Raj Bhavan for High Court is accepted ultimately for which PWD is entrusted to design the construction. Fortunately, central minister for Law is aware of the fact that Mizoram have no separate Judiciary and High Court. Thus, he informed me to get DPR to that effect and also for Judges Bungalow. The new design made by PWD is also accepted by the Chief Justice of India.

Today, I would like to say that there are many loopholes in the process of the government and we the members are elected to mend such weaknesses of our state. Our state needs moral reformation as we need justice, good governance and good administrative machinery. Only 32 Congress MLAs could not perform the work as all the members of this august House are responsible for it. There must be some criticism in time but we have to have a good cooperation in order to achieve our needs for the state. If one found a fault, it must be informed to the authority in time. We should work out together as a selected nation by God.

Hence, it is not appropriate to complain about the amount of our demands but we should consider it with justice. I therefore, beg the House to pass the following demands of the departments under my concern, such as: -

Sl No.	Demand No.	Department	Budget Amount
1	Demand No.1	Legislative Assembly	11,61,35,000
2	Demand No.2	Governor	10,60,000
3	Demand No.3	Council of Ministers	2,02,50,000
4	Demand No.5	Vigilance	4,12,55,000
5	Demand No.11	SAD	49,87,42,000
6	Demand No.15	GAD	64,33,75,000
7	Demand No.33	Soil & Water Conservation	40,30,69,000
8	Demand No.35	Fisheries	20,01,66,000
9	Demand No.39	Power & Electricity	49,92,41,000
10	Demand No.45		2,99,79,64,000
11	Demand No.47	Minor Irrigation	82,01,73,000
TOTAL			8,24,14,30,000

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon'ble Chief Minister moved the House to pass his demands. We will vote for it.

(The demand is voted and passed).

Pu LAL THANHAWLA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.
CHIEF MINISTER

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, I call upon Pu H. Liansailova, Minister to beg leave of the House to

introduce “The Mizoram Appropriation (No.3) Bill, 2011”.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA : Pu Deputy Speaker, with your MINISTER
kind permission and of the
House, I beg leave of the House to introduce “The
Mizoram Appropriation (No.3) Bill, 2011”.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon’ble minister has begged leave of
the House to introduce “The Mizoram
Appropriation (No.3) Bill, 2011.” If permitted, the
copy may be laid on the Table of the House. Now, let us call him to move for consideration and
beg the House to pass it.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA : There is nothing to much to say. The
MINISTER whole demands ₹43,67,34,29,000/- is
necessary to pass as an appropriation for it may be
used. So, I beg this august House to pass it.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : It is not necessary to discuss as it is
passed. Now, we will vote “The
Mizoram Appropriation (No.3) Bill,
2011”.

(The Bill is voted and passed).

Now, we have finished the business for today. We will resume the next
business tomorrow at 10:30 AM. Good night.

The Sitting is adjourned. (9:15 PM)

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

**SIXTEENTH SITTING ON THURSDAY, THE 28TH JULY, 2011
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)**

QUESTIONS

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

LAYING OF PAPERS

2. **Pu H. LIANSILOVA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a statement correcting the reply given on the 26th July, 2011 to Starred Question No.248, Ballot No.191 asked by Pu K. Liantlinga regarding “Sorkar hnathawk hlawh chungchang”.
3. **Pu LAL THANHAWLA**, Chief Minister to lay on the Table of the House a statement correcting the reply given on the 15th July, 2011 to Unstarred Question No.8, Ballot No.10 asked by Pu Nirupam Chakma regarding “Power lei nan a sum hman chungchang”.
4. **Pu LAL THANHAWLA**, Chief Minister to lay on the Table of the House a statement correcting the reply given on the 18th July, 2011 to Unstarred Question No.5, Ballot No.14 asked by Dr.R.Lalthangliana regarding “PWD (Road Division) chungchang”.
5. **Pu ZODINTLUANGA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy of “Mizoram Information Commission Annual Report 2009-2010”.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Bills for introduction, consideration and passing.

6. **Pu J.H.ROTHUAMA**, to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Liquor Total Prohibition (Amendment) Bill, 2011”.

ALSO

To introduce the Bill

To move that the Bill be taken into consideration

To move that the Bill be passed.

7. **Pu H. LIANSILOVA**, to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (Amendment) Bill, 2011”.

ALSO

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To move that the Bill be taken into consideration

To move that the Bill be passed.

8. **Pu LALSAWTA**, to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Salaries, Allowances and Pension of Member of Legislative Assembly (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2011”.

ALSO

To introduce the Bill
 To move that the Bill be taken into consideration
 To move that the Bill be passed.

9. **Pu LALSAWTA**, to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2011”.

ALSO

To introduce the Bill
 To move that the Bill be taken into consideration
 To move that the Bill be passed.

10. **Pu LALSAWTA**, to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of the Minister (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2011”.

ALSO

To introduce the Bill
 To move that the Bill be taken into consideration
 To move that the Bill be passed.

11. **Pu LALSAWTA**, to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of the Government Chief Whip and the Deputy Government Chief Whip (Third Amendment) Bill, 2011”.

ALSO

To introduce the Bill
 To move that the Bill be taken into consideration
 To move that the Bill be passed.

VANLALNGHENGA
 Additional Secretary

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Do not fret because of evildoers, nor be envious of the workers of iniquity.

Psalms 37:1

We will now take up questions and Pu Lalduhoma to ask starred question No.229.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, starred question No.299 and answer to be given by concerned minister for Planning & Programme Implementation Department:
 What is the life expectancy of the people of Mizoram?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu H. Lainsailova, hon'ble minister to give his answer.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA : Pu Deputy Speaker, life expectancy of MINISTER
India as determined by Registrar General of India is 61.6 years in respect of male and 63.3 in respect of female whereas the same for the state is not determined in particular.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Supplementary question, Pu Deputy Speaker. I do not think it is possible to determine life expectancy of India accurately unless data of every state is collected first. We may be able to say life expectancy of India but not of Mizoram despite increasing number of premature death and of the youths. Is there a way to determine the same for Mizoram?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu H. Liansailova, concerned minister to reply.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I have no idea as to
MINISTER how to pursue this case as I have never thought about it. I do apologize for not being able to give the reply also.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : It may be taken for granted as it is a question for which the exact answer could hardly be given. Now, starred question
No.230 to be asked by Pu K. Liantlinga.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, starred Question No.230: -

What is the total amount of promotional fund spent in regard to sports personalities (discipline-wise) at the event of International and National Level during the year 2009-2011?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Concerned minister to reply.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, to answer starred MINISTER
Question No.230, the amount in question is Rs.165,81,055/-. I do not think it is necessary to give the answer in department-wise as it is supposed to be furnished by the evening session.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Supplementary question, Pu Deputy Speaker: -

Mini-Sports complex being constructed at Pitarte Tlang is almost completed. It is regretted as nothing is highlighted in the budget for its completion. When will this be completed and when will it be inaugurated?

Next, with the progress of our youths towards sports, numbers of Boxing Ring are provided to various places. My question is: - Whether hall for installation of such materials have already been constructed in the allotted places?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The minister concerned to reply the question.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, regarding MINISTER construction of min-sports complex at

Pitarte Tlang, the work is now in full swing as we are expected to complete within the month of August. Regarding the question of Boxing Ring, it has already been installed in the hall constructed at Kolasib, Mamit and Champhai as the works are in progress for Serchhip, Lawngtlai and Saiha thanks to the effort of the hon'ble Chief Minister. In this connection, I am proud to announce in the House that our mizo girls who represent our state in the National Women Boxing Championship are all entered semi-final in their respective weight category thanks to installation of the aforementioned materials. Nevertheless, I am proud to mention that Mr.Lalrinsanga too won championship in the Indian Snooker Championship held at Chennai. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : From this august Chair, I am also extending my appreciation to the aforesaid youths for their remarkable achievement.

Now, Starred question No.231 to be asked by Pu P.P. Thawla.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, Starred question No.231, the answer to be given by concerned minister for Industry department: -

- a) Up to which month, staffs of various corporations under Industry department have drawn their salary?
- b) Is there a plan to terminate any corporation under Industry department?

Pu S. HIATO : Pu Deputy Speaker, I first of all would like to say, 'Ei cha ly kaw' to Pu P.P. Thawla in appreciation to his questions. My answer is: -

- a) The following are salary drawn by the staffs of various corporations under Industry department: -

MIFCO Ltd. - Up to February, 2011

ZIDCO Ltd. - Up to June, 2011

ZOHANDCO Ltd. - Up to April, 2011

b) No, there is not.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu P.P. Thawla.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to ask whether loan recovery under ZIDCO Ltd. is reasonable. Is not it very bad?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu John Siamkunga.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, it is learned that in the approached road of Geology & Mining office, one powerful person in the previous ministry, allegedly a party's General Secretary of its headquarters successfully claimed a plot of land of Industry department in which Female hostel is now established. In what way step has been taken by the government? Whether there is an intention for having back or else?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Concerned minister to reply.

Pu S. HIATO : Pu Deputy Speaker, it is sad that loan MINISTER recovery under ZIDCO Ltd. is very poor whereas some people even lose their security deposit. With the effort made by the government and for fear of losing their security deposit, some continues with their loan recovery but not repaid yet in full. It is to be noted by the members that the department is giving strong effort regarding to this problem.

Regarding point raised by Pu John Siamkunga, yes, the department is aware of the matter and so Revenue department is entrusted to pursue the matter. It is learned that even the minister concerned has visited the spot but no report has yet been received.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Next, starred Question No.232 to be asked by Pu B. Lalthlengliana.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the question is:-

May the concerned minister inform the House, the amount of fund received from the central under BADP during the year 2006-2011(Year-wise)?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Concerned minister to give the answer.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the amount of fund MINISTER received from the central under BADP

during the year 2006-2011 (Year-wise)
are as follows: -

Sl. No.	Period	Amount
1	2006-2007	Rs.1200 lakhs
2	2007-2008	Rs.2086 lakhs
3	2008-2009	Rs.2535 lakhs
4	2009-2010	Rs.2494.42 lakhs
5	2010-2011	Rs.2506 lakhs
6	Additional	Rs.424.00 lakhs
TOTAL		Rs.11347.42 lakhs

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Starred question No.233 from Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, starred question No.233: -

- a) Under the programme of Social Education, whether there is fund provision sanctioned for construction of Community Hall at PTC Lungverh?
- b) If so, how much and who is the contractor?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Concerned minister to give the answer.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, answer to starred question No.233 is: -

- a) Yes.
- b) The amount which has already been approved is Rs.10.00 lakh. During 2010-2011 Rs.5 lakh has also been approved yet the said hall is not constructed as PTC is shifted to Thenzawl. As per order of the government, construction of Community Hall is taken up by the Management Committee.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu LALDUHOMA : As my understanding from the answer, sanction which has already been made and the remaining will be utilized for construction of the said hall at Thenzawl only as no sign of work is seen at Lungverh till today. I request concerned authority to construct at the exact location as previously planned as there are number of family remains in the village.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The concerned minister to give the answer.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, I have no knowledge of whether there are families who remain at Lungverh. But as the Principal of PTC requested shifting of the work to Thenzawl since it is allotted for the community PTC, we determine the case not to do so out of concern for the remaining community. So, we considered allotment of additional fund by earmarking Rs.10 lakh and the work may also be given to local people. The fund sanctioned is now in the hands of concerned BDO which may be issued as soon as concerned families there clearly decided their settlement. According to the situation, the work may also be done by the department.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, Pu Hmingdailova Kiangte to ask starred question No.234.

Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE : Starred question No.234 and answer to be given by Minister for PWD: -
How many work order is issued for construction of Polytechnic Thingdawl?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Concerned minister to give the answer.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, answer to starred CHIEF question No.234 is: - 4 Nos. buildings.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you for setting up of polytechnic training institute at Thingdawl. My Supplementary question is: - Is there any other building to be constructed for the said establishment and when will it be started?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon'ble Chief Minister to reply.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, fund for construction of building which may be given by central ministry in addition to those under construction will be constructed as per amount of fund provision.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Again, Pu Hmingdailova Kiangte to ask starred question No.235.

Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE : Pu Deputy Speaker, starred question No.235 and the answer to be given by Minister for PWD: - Is there any means to repair Hortoki-Kawnpui which has not been done since 2006?

Pu LALTHANHAWLA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, depending on CHIEF availability of fund, the road in question may be repaired as necessary.

PU HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE : Pu Deputy Speaker, condition of the road in question was appropriately maintained during the previous ministry of Congress party yet, it has never been repaired since then. But surprisingly, the record of Finance department show that 9 kms of the said road as being repaired during 2006-2007 with an amount of 68 lakh rupees. The truth is that barely 3 kms from Kawnpui Venglai had been repaired during that period. My question is: - May the hon'ble leader of the House who is also concerned minister as well as our Chief Minister determines means for the repair of the road in question?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Z.S. Zuala.

Lt. COL. Z.S. ZUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to state that Hortoki is famous for production of various crops and plantation of teaks is concentrated in the area. Besides, it also lies under the coverage of plan for exploration of oil. I believe only 50% out of 14 kms of the said road needs improvement. So, repair of the road in question is of utmost necessity as it concern economy of Mizoram. It will be much appreciated if priority is given. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Next, Pu Lalduhoma to ask Supplementary question.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, some members may think it is ridiculous to ask this question despite its importance for the concerned locality.

My question is: - Is it possible for the government to allot maintenance of some portion of roads to NGOs such as YMA or MUP on contract basis knowing that the public give more importance of the works of such NGOs than that of the department?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Third supplementary question from Pu R. Lalthangliana, Group Leader of the Opposition parties.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I opine concerned authority should give priority to improvement of roads which are important most such as road periodically weakened by a landslip in the locality of Hunthar. If my memory serves me well, Rs.86 lakh was sanctioned for the repair but the foundation of the drainage as I believe is too weak and the quality of the blacktopping quite poor. May the hon'ble Chief Minister give attention to this problem? Geology experts who have verified the portion are in the opinion that any repair may not be successful unless a reliable check dam is constructed below the road level. Whether the report is submitted to the State's PWD accordingly?

Secondly, Pu Deputy Speaker, the hon'ble Chief Minister too must have been aware of poor condition of Thenzawl-Buarpui road which is a part of his constituency too. How about the fund we have been expected from Asian Development Bank for this purpose?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Minister for PWD to give the answer.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, MINISTER : As known to us all, Pu Deputy Speaker, CHIEF condition of our roads as a whole is not good as most of them are inherited from ministry to ministry. Even if there is fund provision for improvement, it is not possible to take immediate action as poor condition of road is the common problem of every constituency.

Regarding the point raised by Pu R. Lalthangliana, no report has yet been received relating to check dam. Yet, geologists have once explored the soil of Aizawl city during the previous Congress party's ministry and categorized it into 4 zones according to the condition of soil. But the problem is that number of family continues to live in the area declared as danger zone despite responsibility of the government on the event of disaster. Regarding this particular area, I must say that enough concentration has been given by concerned authority yet the repairing work last only for a short period and the reason is unknown particularly for inexpert like me.

During the previous ministry of my party, we had integrated scheme particularly for Aizawl such as Greater Water Supply Phase-II, Storm Sewerage and Solid Waste Disposal. The total amount of provision for the scheme was 76 crore rupees yet, concentration was given in regard to supply of water since the fund was not sufficient to cover all the three schemes at a time. Unfortunately, the remaining schemes could not be achieved due to transition of the ministry. However, my government is now determining to resume the unfinished scheme such as solid waste disposal system which may be taken up by the department of UD & PA.

As known to us all, Pu Deputy Speaker, condition of our roads as a whole is considerably poor. So, the policy of my government is not to ignore any problem and we will find means for the solution. Our main problem is availability of fund and scarcity of labour. It is ashame that we are not able to achieve even construction of Serchhip-Zawlpui road due to scarcity of labor as most of them are absorbed under the programme of NREGS as well as NLUP.

Regarding improvement of Hortoki road as suggested by my fellow member, it is truly an ideal suggestion. Coming to this context, I still cannot understand the reason of the then Adviser to Chief Minister, who was also an eminent church leader of his locality for upsetting the scheme and involvement of concerned MLA by spending large sum of money for supplying refreshment to the workers. But fortunately, government of this ministry now realize from performance of the past ministry, responsibility of the government towards its citizen. So, my government is considering strengthening of the road in question and others according to availability of fund. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, starred question No.236 to be asked by Lt.Col. Zuala

Lt.Col. Z.S. ZUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, starred question No.236 and the answer to be given by concerned minister of Sports & Youth Services department: -

- a) When will the Rajiv Gandhi Stadium be completed?
- b) Who is the contractor?

Thank you.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, answer to starred MINISTER question No.236 is as follows: -

- a) Construction of Phase-I of Rajiv Gandhi Stadium will be completed by the month of August, 2011.
- b) The name of its contractor is Lloyd Insulation (India) Ltd.
6, Middleton Street, Kolkata – 700071

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu Z.S. Zuala.

Lt.Col. Z.S. ZUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, when will it be fully completed? Where is the entrance of the stadium, from the side of MAP camp or from Salem Veng approach road?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Next, Pu R.L. Pianmawia to ask supplementary question.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to know whether friendly Football Match of the members may be organized when it is inaugurated as we will need to practice for the match.

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

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, concerned minister stated that only 25 crore rupees is spent for fencing of the stadium. In this connection, whether DPR has already been prepared for full completion? If the sanction is expected soon and what is the amount?

Relating to this, I would like to state that drainage system and border filling work of Republic field has not been done appropriately. What is the amount spent for that purpose? What step has been taken so far for the progress of this field?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Concerned minister to give the answer.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I have already MINISTER pointed out the detail process for construction of the stadium and effort made by the hon'ble Chief Minister as well as Home Minister for achievement of this project. Regarding entrance of the stadium, there will be two, both from Salem Veng, one for the public and vehicles the other for VIP and officials.

Regarding Republic field, concerned locality donated the site for field to Sports Council out of concern for welfare of the people of their locality. The field is then strengthened by retaining wall and appropriate drainage system but it does not seem to last long may be because of excessive water and muddy soils below the surface. So, experts from PWD verified the condition and we are now determining to improve the construction. As of the question of the amount of fund spent for the construction, I could not give the answer at present since it is not of the main question. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu T.T. Zothansanga to ask starred question No.237.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Starred question No.237 and answer to be given by Minister for Sports & Youth Services: - How many infrastructure for sports has been achieved so far since 2009?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Concerned minister to reply.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, answer to starred MINISTER question No.237 are as follows: -

- 1) Artificial grass at A.R. ground.
- 2) Chawnpui Sports Centre at Chawnpui Veng.
- 3) Rajiv Gandhi Stadium at Mualpui, Aizawl.
- 4) Indoor Stadium at Pitarte Tlang, Republic Veng.
- 5) Indoor Stadium at Champhai.
- 6) Aizawl Cricket Stadium at Sihhmui.
- 7) Mini-Sports Complex at Lengpui.
- 8) Regional Sports Training Centre at Saidan, Kolasib.
- 9) Astro-Turf at Thenzawl Academy.
- 10) SAI Hostel at Mission Vengthlang.
- 11) Boys Hockey Academy at Kawnpui.
- 12) Shooting Gallery at Kulikawn nd Saikuti Hall, Lunglei.
- 13) Various sports infrastructures such as Basket Ball Court and Boxing Hall at all the District headquarters.

In addition to the above mentioned points Pu Deputy Speaker, financial sanction for artificial grass at Boys Hockey Academy at Kawnpui and Sports Infrastructure at

Hnahthial has already been obtained and two major size playgrounds are under construction at Serkawn and Theiriat.

Pu Deputy Speaker, it is not convenient to mention each and every project we have achieved due to limit of time on which I request concerned member to understand.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Next, Supplementary question from Pu T.T. Zothansanga and Pu Lalduhoma. First, Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : My supplementary question, Pu Deputy Speaker are as follows: -

- 1) How many locality/village have already handed over their fields to the government?
- 2) How many Hockey field are there in Mizoram?
- 3) Is there a plan to resume construction of Hockey field at Hmunhmeltha?

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, concerned minister himself witnesses our application for construction of Basketball and Volleyball court at Chawlhmun and Tanhril but no positive result has yet been received till today. When will our request be fulfilled? Secondly, in the area next to Cricket ground of Sihhmui, a convenient plot of land is being donated for Football field. When will this Football ground as of Dinthar Sairang be completed?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Concerned minister to answer the questions.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA : To start with, the only Hockey fields we have at present are of Kawnpui and Thenzawl. Yet, we are expecting another one at Sihhmui, thanks to the efforts of the hon'ble minister Pu P.C. Lalthanliana. As of resumption of field at Hmunhmeltha, we have not yet any project for that.

Regarding the question of Pu Lalduhoma, estimate for construction of Basketball and Volleyball court are prepared by concerned officials but nothing can be done as yet since we are affected by Vote on Account being implement for the time being. As of land donated for Football ground, nothing is done as yet since the land was donated just recently. Regarding Dinthar Sairang, the field is readied for playing yet improvement of the approach road is yet to be done. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Starred question No.238 to be asked by Pu C. Ramhluna.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Starred question No.238 and answer to be given by concerned minister for PWD: -

- a) What is the total amount of estimate for Multi-Modal Transport project for road construction Lawngtlai to Zochachhuah road?
- b) Who are the contractors and the distance of their road construction respectively?
- c) Is there a plan to alter the original alignment which has already been approved? If so, what is the reason?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Concerned minister for PWD to reply.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, the total estimate for construction of road from Lawngtlai-Zochachhuah under multi-modal project amounting to Rs.575.69 crore. The following are the contractors assigned to the work are: - M/S RDS Project Limited, Bhikajhi Cama Place, N. Delhi - 66.83 kms. and the other is M/S Atlanta ARSS(JV), 141 SBI Colony Passchim Vihar, N. Delhi - 33 kms. The question of alteration of the approved alignment, actually there is no approved alignment yet, there is an intention to alter the original one as it is found to be incomplete.

Pu Deputy Speaker, it is to be noted by the concerned member that the distance of this road is 93.83 kms and is divided into 3 packages. The second package is allotted to M/S RDS Project Limited and the other one to M/S Atlanta ARSS(JV). The amount sanction for this road is Rs.575.69 crore. Even though my fellow member Pu H. Zothangliana proudly stated earlier about the people of his region as not being bother to claim compensation out of this project, it seems that we are beginning to face the problem as Rs.27.89 crore is allotted for compensation. The road is planned for completion within 4 years. PWD made a separate survey despite the same previously done by M/S Atlanta which is proved lengthier by 7 kms. Besides, it is expected that the grade to be higher than that of the previous route as expenditure on compensation will also be reduced as Rs.27.38 crore is estimated.

Pu K. LAINTLINGA : For information of the House, Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to mention that I received my unstarred question without the answer on which it may be important for concerned department to be more careful in the future as it is inappropriate to return the question to the member without the answer.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA MINISTER : Usually, this kind of mistake is not of the CHIEF Assembly Secretariat but of concerned departments as there is no time to include the answer unless the answer is received from the department in due time. So, it is important to each department to work overtime during the Assembly, if necessary.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : As pointed out by leader of the House, it is indeed necessary for any department to

furnish any Assembly question to the Assembly very promptly.

Members absents today are: - Pu Lalthansanga, due to the demise of his younger brother and Pu K.S. Thanga, due to important schedule in his constituency.

Now, Laying of Papers. First, from Pu H. Liansailova, Minister to lay on the table of the House, correction of answer to starred question No.248 of Pu K. Liantlinga, Ballot No.191 of July, 2011.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I lay on the table of MINISTER the House, correction of answer to starred question No.248 of Pu K. Liantlinga, Ballot no.191 of July, 2011. Thank you.

Pu B. LALTHLEGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I have never experienced during my years as a member of this House, error which is as frequent as in this session. The Legislative Assembly Secretariat may be taken for granted due to summon being called unexpectedly. It is obvious that rest of the departments fail to give priority to the Assembly question for which improvement is needed.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Next, The hon'ble Chief Minister may now lay on the table of the House, correction of answer to starred question No.8 of Pu Nirupam Chakma, Ballot No.10 of 15th July, 2011.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I lay on the Table of CHIEF MINISTER the House correction on ballot No.10 of answer to Starred Question No.8 on purchase of power asked by Pu Nirupam Chakma on the 15th July, 2011.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lal Thanhawla, the hon'ble Chief Minister to lay on the Table of the House correction of ballot No. 14 of answer to Unstarred Question No.5 asked by Dr. R. Lalthangliana, relating to PWD Road Division.

Pu LAL THANHAWALA : With your kind permission and of the CHIEF MINISTER House Pu Deputy Speaker, I lay on the Table of the House, correction of ballot No.14 of answer to Unstarred Question No.5 relating to PWD road Division asked by Dr. R. Lalthangliana.

Pu Deputy Speaker, there are many things that should be improved in the working of Legislative Assembly Secretariat such as transcription of speeches of the members in the House. I want to suggest that efficient staff having a good knowledge of punctuation in Mizo

and English may be deployed to do transcription as record of the speeches in the House is meant to be put in its original form. Besides, incorrect language in Mizo or English as well as typing mistake and incorrect numbering is frequently found. So, it is necessary for concerned officers to give instruction. Using of paper pins and tagging of file should also be well-informed to the staff of clerical line. Giving wrong answers both in Starred and Unstarred Questions is often found which is obviously due to negligence of clerical staff. So, cross checking of question & answers should be necessitated. It is degrading for the House to experience such kind of mistakes in every session.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, Pu Zodintluanga, Minister to lay on the Table of the House, “The Annual Report of the Information Commission, 2009-2010.”

Pu ZODINTLUANGA Speaker, I lay on the Table of the House, “The Annual Report of the Mizoram Information Commission, 2009-2010.”

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The copy is laid on the Table of the House. Now, let us call upon Pu J.H. Rothuama, Minister to beg leave of the House, to introduce, “The Mizoram Liquor Total Prohibition (Amendment) Bill, 2011.”

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA permission, Pu Deputy Speaker, with your kind MINISTER I beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Liquor Total Prohibition (Amendment) Bill, 2011.”

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Minister may now introduce and move the Bill for consideration of the House.

Pu J. H. ROTHUAMA permission, Pu Deputy Speaker, with your kind MINISTER I introduce to the House, “The Mizoram Liquor Total Prohibition (Amendment) Bill, 2011 for consideration of the House.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : He may now move the Bill for consideration.

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, the Mizoram Liquor Total Prohibition Act was amended in 2007 for inclusion of processing of grape and guava for wine. The purpose of this Amendment Bill concerns processing of wine from apple, ginger, passion fruit, peach and pear. Pu Deputy Speaker, as the processing unit of grape remain idle for

almost a decade, it is wise to be used for the said processing plants. The spirit of the bill concerns the progress and well-being of hard-working farmers.

In the amendment of 2007, grape and guava were provided under section (11) G and G (a). So, the aforementioned will be provided under Section 13. If the bill is passed, there will be no loss for the government as it is expected to serve as a good source of revenue. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, we will have discussion and 5 minutes will be allotted to each member. Pu Chawngtinthanga will start.

Pu CHAWNGTINTHANGA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker, I opine the term 'clause' should be used instead of 'section' in any amendment Bill and the words "further to amend" is more appropriate than "to further to amend". Again, I believe omission of one of the "to" is more appropriate in English and past participle form of "Published" may be substituted by a simple form of "Publish" as shown under clause (11) of sub-clause (111). In short, this amendment bill is proposed out of concern to improve economy of the state. I, therefore, support the bill for passing. Thank you.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Amendment of MLTP Act is existed as a consequence of grapes plantation concentrated in my constituency. As a result of this amendment Bill, there are numbers of problem to deal with.

Pu Deputy Speaker, in viewing the existence of MLTP Act, I opine it is not appropriate to prohibit drinking of grape wine. It is well if concerned farmers benefitted legislation of the House. So, I do support passing of this Amendment Bill. Thank you.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Instead of using the word 'if' in short title and commencement of section 1 and 2, I believe it is more appropriate to use 'as' so that it is read as "as the Principal Act."

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, when the Mizoram Total Prohibition Bill, 1996 was passed, I called it as a discriminatory bill as some cases are exempted while some are prohibited despite its name as Total Prohibition Bill. It is not at all, totally prohibited. So, this amendment bill is essential. On the contrary, it is important for concerned authority to set up processing unit of good quality and to encourage the producers to maintain quality so that the market is extended even outside. So, I do support this Amendment Bill.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, this Amendment Bill is very good, yet, I have a question. So, I request the hon'ble minister to clarify whether the processing

unit can also be set up in the southern and western part of the state other than Champhai area as the plan comprises plantation of five items of crops. If the area is extended in difference parts, obviously farmers will give full concentration to get regular income. Thank you.

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I support this Amendment Bill as it concern improvement of the status of farmers. Regarding the text, clause (g) of sub-section 1 of section 2 in the Principal Act is followed by (a) and (b) in the former Amendment Bill, 2007. It is supposed to be followed by (c) (d) (e) etc. What I want to point out is that the Principal Act of Amendment of 2007 is difficult to understand. Section 2 of the Principal Act, 1995 is portion of the definition. Section 2(1) (g) defines 'Government'. Section 2(1) (g) (a) defines 'grapes'. But the last definition numbering is (g). Is this a typing mistake? It is not appropriate to define grape after the definition of government. Yet, arrangement of clauses of sub-section seems to be appropriate. So, I do support the Bill.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I do support absolution of MLTP Act but not the idea of discrimination. Laws allowed reasonable classification. The fundamental right provides equality among equals. So, the provision of MLTP Act, 1995 does not discriminate fundamental rights. Thank you.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Obviously this Amendment Bill is essential. But the arrangement of sub-section (a) (b) (c) and (d) etc. of sub-section 1 of section 2 is not appropriate. It is also important to determine season of the adopted fruits which are differs from one another and so necessitate continuous use of the processing unit.

I was informed regarding problems faced by grapes growers of Hnahlan as some even borrowed money from self-help group. So, it is important for the government to give more attention to improve harvest of grapes. Thank you.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I would also like to point out regarding winery at Champhai and Hnahlan. Some owners of winery of the said areas avails large amount of loan but the recovery could not be made. Hence, the government should determine the welfare of such owners as it creates employment opportunities.

Regarding total prohibition, the majority seems to be satisfied with the idea yet, it require consensus of all political parties. So, it may not be misused as an advantage for one particular political party. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I now call upon Pu J.H. Rothuama, hon'ble minister to wind up the discussion and move the House to pass it.

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Eight members participated in the discussion and they all seem to have the same opinion. Typing mistake as pointed out by Pu Chawngtinthanga may be corrected immediately.

Following winery plant being set up in the area of Champhai and Hnahlan, other enthusiast individuals by forming groups also set up the same plant which creates confliction among the growers in the area. Pu T.T. Zothansanga pointed out that capacity of the existing processing units is only 20,000 qtls out of the total production of 90,000 qtls. It is true but not because of lack of power supply or weakness of machineries. The main reason is due to shortage of convenient places and material for storage or container of harvested fruits for which only aluminum tin sheet is supported. Hence, the government is giving the best support as the case is determined as necessary.

Regarding rules which may be required for the products as pointed out by Pu Nirupam Chakma, there is no reason to sale the product in the area which may be proclaimed as 'dry area'. If one insisted to obtain the product, it is easier for him to get it from the neighboring Bangladesh where no prohibition is existed. Regarding the question of doctor's prescription, issuing authority may obtain countersignature of the Medical Superintendent of concerned district and the required certificate will then be issued. As suggested by Pu R. Lalthangliana, the adopted area may be extended as only Champhai and Hnahlan is not the destination. Regarding the idea of processing Nimbu fruits for wine, i don't think it is possible yet, the case will be examined.

Regarding alphabetical arrangement of this Bill such as (a) (b) and (c) etc., as pointed out by Pu Lalrinawma, I also have the same opinion. But we may consider it as the department of Law arranged it as best suited. The new items such as apple, ginger, passion fruit, peach and pear may be inserted next to guava under clause (r) of section 2(1) of the principal Act.

Pu Deputy Speaker, it is truly appreciated as our discussion on this Bill completed smoothly as the members too participated with genuine interest for the progress of our state. As known to us all, this project is supposed to be taken up by means of NLUP. So, Pu Deputy Speaker, I beg the House to pass "The MLTP (Amendment) Bill, 2011." Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon'ble Minister, after winding up the discussion, moved the House to pass the Bill. Now, the Bill will be voted.

(The Bill is voted and passed).

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will now take up another Bill. I call upon Pu H. Liansailova, minister to beg

leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (Amendment) Bill, 2011.”

Pu H. LIANSAILOVA : With your kind permission, Pu Deputy MINISTER
Speaker, I beg leave of the House to
introduce “The Mizoram Fiscal Responsibility and
Budget Management (Amendment) Bill, 2011.”

DEPUTY SPEAKER : If the House allowed, let him introduce
and move the Bill for consideration.

Pu H. LIANSAILOVA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. The
MINISTER reason for ‘The Mizoram Fiscal
Responsibility and Budget Management
(Amendment) Bill, 2011’ is brought into the House is that Finance commission has proposal and
recommendations for our fiscal management. We were informed that there will be financial
consolidation and financial benefit for the state if the recommendations were implemented. Pu
Deputy Speaker, there is one figure of patent error for correction which is not because of
carelessness or typing mistake, but due to alteration of the rate of annual reduction i.e. 8.5%
during 2010-2011 which is to be corrected as 7.5%.

Pu B. LALTHLEGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the name of this Bill
is different from others as it is inserted as
4th Amendment Bill. Is not it better to insert all the
Bills as 4th Amendment Bill to maintain uniformity?

Pu H. LIANSAILOVA : The Bill was amended four times as MINISTER
Annual Reduction should be done from
GSDP. During 2010-2011, it is 7.5 as patent error is
corrected as the Finance Commission shown us Fiscal Correction Path (FCP). The reduction
percentage of fiscal deficit correction path in the beginning is not achieved. So, the act is
amended from time to time. The proposal of this amendment is done following their request.
According to the request, we may stand at 3% of GSDP during 2010-2014 as prompt action is
taken. So, the percentage of our fiscal deficit slightly decreases which is quite good for
consolidation and debt relief fund of fiscal management. If we follow the instruction of Finance
Commission, we may be awarded the state Financial Benefit. Thus, it is necessary to make
adjustment. This Bill is, therefore, brought into the House for consideration and passing. I
request this august House to admit and consider for passing. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, the Bill is introduced and moved
for consideration. We will have
discussion. 5 minutes will be allotted to
each member. Pu Lalduhoma will start.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, this Amendment Bill is not of an initiation of the state Government but the 13th Finance Commission instructed the state government to do so for reduction of our fiscal deficit. So, this should not be opposed but may be passed it as per instruction. The Finance Commission instructed the state government to make 6.4% of fiscal deficit from GSDP whereas the same during the current year is 2.4% of GSDP as shown in the Budget. If the target is achieved, our state will benefit some crores as debt relieve award. I would like to request the hon'ble minister to inform the House the amount which may be received as a reward.

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

2:00 PM

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, let us call upon Dr. R. Lalthangliana.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, unlike other bills, this amendment bill is named the Fourth Amendment Bill. We may take this for granted if it is done as desired by the ministry of finance. We all seem to know the purpose of the Bill, yet it is necessary to clarify correction which should be made and financial benefit which may come out of achievement of our target as instructed by the central government.

Pu Deputy Speaker, if there is any other bill laid on the table of the House for discussion; I opine it is more appropriate to decide by vote without discussion. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : If so, let us call upon Pu H. Liansailova, minister to wind up discussion and beg the House to pass the Bill.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA
MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. What I said as a patent error is 8.5% which is the estimated target for our fiscal deficit. The Finance Department carefully examined and chalked out 7.5% of financial benefit which the state may avail from the 13th Finance Commission.

If the state government achieved the target of 7.5%, we may avail two kinds of loan redemption amounting to ₹75 crores. It is therefore, necessary to reduce our fiscal deficit to 7% from GSDP. So, if the House passed the Bill, we may be able to achieve the recommendations of the 13th Finance Commission as we are expecting 26.5 crores rupees this year.

Regarding the question of Pu Thlenga, I enquired the reason to the Secretary for inserting 4th Amendment. But Law & Judicial Department deleted when vetting the Amendment Bill.

Pu LALRINAWMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to raise points of clarification. I opine enough importance is not given in the eye of the law as number and year is not given for MLTP (Amendment) Act which was passed in the previous year.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA : Pu Deputy Speaker, a request has already been made to the House to consider errors which have been made as concerned Secretary too is regretted for the same. So, I beg the House to pass, "The Mizoram Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (Amendment) Bill, 2011." Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon'ble Minister has moved the Bill House to pass "The Mizoram Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (Amendment) Bill, 2011. Now, it shall be voted.

(The Bill is voted and passed).

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

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, we will take up another Bill. I call upon Pu Lalsawta, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce, "The Mizoram Salaries, Allowances and Pension of the Member of Legislative Assembly (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2011."

Pu LALSAWTA : Pu Deputy Speaker, with the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and your kind permission, I beg leave of the House to introduce "The Mizoram Salaries, Allowances and Pension of the Member of Legislative Assembly (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2011."
MINISTER

DEPUTY SPEAKER : If allowed, let us call the minister to introduce "The Mizoram Salaries, Allowances and Pension of Member of Legislative Assembly (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2011."

Pu LALSAWTA : Pu Deputy Speaker, with your kind permission and of the House, I introduce
MINISTER

to the House “The Mizoram Salaries, and Allowances and Pension of Member of the Legislative Assembly (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2011”

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Minister introduced the Bill to the House. As per Rule 87 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Legislative Assembly, Pu C. Ramhluna begged the House to make amendment. Pu C. Ramhluna is allowed to move the amendment as per Rule 88 and 89 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Legislative Assembly. Let us call him to move the amendment.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Thank you Pu Deputy Speaker. It is very pleasing to discuss this Bill to facilitate the existing as well as ex-members. The Ex-MLA’s will support the bill. The reason why the Amendment is brought to the House as Section 18(a) provides medical treatment of pensioner and his spouse who shall be entitled to re-imburement of medical expenses if hospitalized in govt. recognized hospital in and outside the state. However, travelling expenses will not be provided in connection with such medical treatment. If the pensioners are allowed medical treatment outside the state, they also expected the government to meet their travelling allowance. Therefore, the amendment proposal is to be deleted i.e. last sentence of section 18(a). I therefore, propose this amendment to meet travelling expenses of the ex-MLA and his spouse outside the state. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu C. Ramhluna moved his amendment proposal. Now, let us call upon the hon’ble Minister to move the Amendment Bill.

Pu LALSAWTA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, the purpose of “The Mizoram Salaries, Allowances and Pension of Member of the Legislative Assembly (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2011,” is increment of salaries and allowances of MLA and ex-MLA. The matter is appeared in the Election manifesto of ruling party in December 11, 2008. The salaries and facilities of MLA shall be carried out according to recommendations made by expert committee.

In 1999, Salaries & Allowances of MLA was revised after 12 years hence, the GPC carefully considered the matter as a result of decision made by the Election Manifesto Implementing Committee. It is therefore, brought the matter to GPC. The GPC set up Experts Committee. The Giant three Ex-MLAs of the House are selected for member of the Experts Committee. The members are – Upa Dr. Rokamlova, Upa C. Sangzuala and Prof. Thangchungnunga. A number of sitting was held by them and submitted recommendations to GPC.

Revision of salaries and facilities of member is seemed to be a must because 12 years has gone since the last revision. The value of commodities rise up double or more and the value of money decreased during that period. So, it is regarded as essential to

increase salaries and facilities of member of the House. The GPC set up sub-committee headed by Deputy Speaker and representative from various political parties for further examination of the matter. The recommendation made by sub-committee was re-examined by GPC and it is now considered by the House.

Detail statement of allowances will take times. Salary of the member is determine as ₹40,000; Family Allowance - ₹5,000; Entertainment allowance - ₹5,000; Contingency Allowance - ₹5,000. Totally - ₹60,000. On the other hand, the Chief Minister will have personal assistance whose salary and rent allowance is determined as ₹10,000 and ₹5,000 respectively. Totally - ₹75,000.

The travelling allowance of member is increased from ₹1,00,000/- to ₹2,00,000/- in every financial year. But for furnishing of residence of MLA, it is determined as ₹1,00,000/- in the first year and ₹50,000/- per each completed year.

The time of commencement of this bill is fixed with effect from 1st August, 2010. In short, the bill determined salaries and allowances of MLA and pension as pension of a member as ₹1, 00,000/-. It is also provided that it is proposed to be made family pension for Ex-MLA which is fixed at ₹10,000/-. That is the general provision of the Bill. Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Before discussion, I would like to raise proposal of amendment made by Pu C. Ramhluna which may be referred to subject Committee-I without discussion. 5 minutes will be allotted to each member. Pu N.P.Chakma will start.

Pu N.P. CHAKMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I do support the bill, “The Mizoram Salaries, Allowances and Pension of member of Legislative Assembly (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2011” moved by the Minister, Political Affairs. Only this august House can do amendment of salaries and allowances of MLA as it was done in parliament. The matter is considered by GPC. The Bill is examined very carefully. The Expert Committee is requested to make recommendation. The recommendations are submitted to GPC. Then, GPC sets up Sub-Committee without satisfying with their decision. The Sub-Committee carefully examined the recommendations and forwarded recommendations to GPC. After that, the GPC reconsidered the matter and then the Bill is brought to the House by the concerned minister. I do support the Bill.

Pu Deputy Speaker, the salaries and facilities to be received by the members and ministries etc. are now, known to us all. Parliament and all states government too increased salaries and facilities of members. It is cleared from its objects and reasons. It is time to increase the salaries and facilities of members as 10 to 11 years have gone from the latest revision. It is time to revise the salaries and facilities although there is no provision for it. There is no harm in supporting the Bill. I think that the people too will agree with passing the Bill.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. We are discussing “The Mizoram salaries, Allowances and Pension of Member of the Legislative Assembly (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2011”. The Bill is brought to the House after careful examination by GPC, Sub-Committee and Experts Committee. I thought the House has passed ₹4367.34 lakhs for the budget of the whole people of the state. Comparing with the budget to be passed now, necessary expenditure to be involved for members of the House is only 0.1% of the whole budget. The proposal of expenditure for salaries and facilities of members is sufficient considering escalation of prices of commodities and decreasing value of money. I, therefore, support the Bill for passing. Thank you.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, salaries and facilities of MLAs and ministers will now be increased. I believe all the members will be happy to vote for increase of our own salary and facilities. In India, the value of currency decreased during the last eleven years where as salaries of members of Parliament and members of other states legislative were also increased. It is to be noted that criticism of the people on this matter is not evasive and so may be taken for granted. Many people told me of the need to revise salary of the members as it usually done in every ten years where as ours remain without revision for 11 or more years. There is no harm in passing the Bill. GPC, Sub-Committee and Experts Committee satisfied with the bill. If so, it is reasonable. In this regard, all parties have representative to the Sub-Committee. Thus, no political question should be raised later. During the last 13 years, price of commodities rises with double or twice and so with wages of workers. The Bill is to be made with effect from 1st August, 2010. If so, there may be arrears but no member is expected to claim their arrears without availability of fund. So, Pu Deputy Speaker, I support the Bill for passing.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, as pointed out by Pu Nirupam Chakma, there is no other Board of Committee to release salaries and facilities of members. So, it requires consideration of the House to pass it. Representative of all political parties made decision to refer the case for recommendations of the Experts Committee. So, it is good to pass it unanimously. Thank you.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. It is an honor for me to participate in the discussion for a new change. I opine it is necessary to pass in order to implement the responsibilities of the legislators. Thus, it is the duty of the legislators to accept the decision of our representatives which is brought by the Law minister. Thank you.

Pu LALRINAWMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, since this Bill is coming from an educated member and parliamentarian, no mistake is found. So, I want to support it. In addition, I want to say that some people felt the need of revision since last year as it is not revised for more than ten years where as Parliament and other states has already revised their salaries. This ministry also provided revision of salaries of members in the election

manifesto as per the recommendations of the Expert Committees but the recommendations are not accepted in its original form. So, it is reasonable if it is accepted.

Being a legislator, it is so required to support the Bill. Some people may criticize increase of salaries of members but it is to be noted that facilities like electric, water, telephone are not availed by members and their entitlement of TA/DA is not availed entirely. So, it is reasonable to increase salaries etc. This bill is brought to the House, as a result of the decisions of Experts Committee, GPC and Sub-Committee and the people may take this for granted. So, I support the Bill. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Minister may now move the House to pass the Bill but without the amendment portion.

Pu LALSAWTA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to add MINISTER one more point before passing of the Bill. The decision of GPC and various political parties is usually published in the daily newspapers. It is to be noted that pay of the Chief Secretary, Secretaries and Directors should not be compared with salaries and facilities of members of Legislatives. Responsibilities of the members remain the same whether their salaries are more or less than the salaries of government servants. It is to be noted that the status of the member depends on the amount of salary and entitlement of facilities which should not be confused with condition of the officers. So, Pu Deputy Speaker, I beg this august House to pass "The Mizoram Salaries, Allowances and Pension of Member of Legislative Assembly (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2011." Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, the Bill will be voted.

Pu LALSAWTA : Thank you Pu Deputy Speaker.
MINISTER

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Bill we are going to take up now resembles the Bill we have discussed previously. Some might have opined these two bills may be clubbed but the rules do not allow it so as all Bills should be passed one by one. But it may not be necessary to discuss this Bill. Now, let us call upon Pu Lalsawta, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce, "The Mizoram, Salaries and Allowances of the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2011."

Pu LALSAWTA : Pu Deputy Speaker, with kind MINISTER permission I beg leave of the House to introduce, "The Mizoram, Salaries and Allowances of Speaker and Deputy Speaker (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2011".

DEPUTY SPEAKER : If agreed, let him move for discussion.

Pu LALSAWTA : Pu Deputy Speaker, your kind permission and of the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram, I beg leave of the House to discuss and pass the Bill. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : As the hon'ble minister begged to pass the Bill, The Bill will be voted.

(The Bill is voted and passed).

Pu LALSAWTA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.
MINISTER

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, we will take another bill. Let us call upon Pu Lalsawta, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce to the House "The Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of the Ministers (Fifth amendment Bill, 2011.)"

Pu LALSAWTA : Pu Deputy Speaker, with your kind permission and of the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram, I beg leave of the House to introduce to the House "The Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of the Ministers (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2011."

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon'ble Minister has introduced the Bill for consideration of the House. If he is allowed, let him introduce and beg the House to pass it.

Pu LALSAWTA : With your kind permission, Pu Deputy Speaker, I introduce to the House, "The Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of the Ministers (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2011." I also beg the House to pass it.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to add that the allowances of MLA, Parliamentary Secretaries, Deputy Speaker and Ministers have a few differences. The Salaries on the other hand, are all same. The sumptuary Allowance, Family Allowance and entertainment Allowance were fixed at ₹10,000/-.

Pu Deputy Speaker, many people thought that the salaries of the minister is ₹60,000 - ₹70,000/. The fact is that, the present salary of the minister is ₹23,500/-. If this Bill is passed, Salaries and Allowances of the minister shall be ₹63,000/-. If the House insists to discuss the Bill, we may do so. If not so, I beg the House to pass the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, anything done in consensus is good. Whether the salary of MLA, government servants or electric bill etc., I opine it should be revised from time to time as Sixth Pay Commission recommendation is implemented in India. So, salaries and pension of Member of Parliament too were being revised and implemented in Parliament and all other states. Now, it is time to revise the Salaries and Allowances of MLA. The amount as per recommendations of the experts Committee is very high, but the GPC and its Sub-Committee deducted the recommendations.

We know that 60% of our budget goes to salaries of government servants out of which 10% to the salaries and facilities of members. In short, I opine it is good to pass it for it is also the desire of various political parties and this should be our stand in and outside the House. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, let us call the hon'ble Minister to move the House for passing of the Bill.

Pu LALSAWTA : Hon'ble Speaker, I beg this august MINISTER House to pass "The Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of the Ministers (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2011." Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, the Bill will be voted by the House.

(The Bill is voted and passed).

Pu LALSAWTA : Thank you, the hon'ble Deputy Speaker.
MINISTER

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, we will take another Bill. Pu Lalsawta, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce "The Mizoram salaries and Allowances of the Government Chief Whip and the Deputy Government Chief Whip (Third Amendment) Bill, 2011."

Pu LALSAWTA : Pu Deputy Speaker, with your kind MINISTER permission and of the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram, I beg leave of the House to introduce "The Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of the Government Chief Whip and Deputy Government Chief Whip (Third Amendment Bill, 2011)."

DEPUTY SPEAKER : If the House allowed, let him introduce the Bill and move the House to pass it.

Pu LALSAWTA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. This MINISTER Bill, "The Mizoram Salaries and

Allowances of the Government Chief Whip and the Deputy Government Chief Whip (Third Amendment) Bill, 2011” is necessary to be passed separately. The Government Chief Whip is generally Parliamentary Secretary, while the Dy. Government Chief Whip is not the Parliamentary Secretary. His Salaries and Allowances are different from MLA Salaries and Allowances. If the Bill is passed, his Salaries and Allowances shall be ₹58,000/- per month.

Many people concept the salaries of MLA as excessively high because of the attachment of Grade 1V to assist him which is generally included as his salary. It is also pointed out by the members from time to time. My reason in pointing out, Pu Deputy Speaker, is to evade misconception for the members as well as the general people. The salaries of Vice-Chairman, Lunglei High Power Committee, Parliamentary Secretaries, the Ministers of State are the same as it has been passed before.

So, Pu Deputy Speaker, I beg this august House to pass “The Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of Government Chief Whip and Deputy Government Chief Whip (Third Amendment) Bill, 2011.” Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon’ble Minister begged the House to pass the Bill. It shall be voted now.

(The Bill is voted and passed).

Pu LALSAWTA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.
MINISTER

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, let us call upon the hon’ble Leader if he has anything to say.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I want to CHIEF
MINISTER react to the grievance of Pu P.P.Thawla, a member from Tuipang constituency relating to the incident in Tuipang Sub-Town. It is learned that number of Bus passengers were killed by electrocution. Press Conference has also existed and no financial assistance from the government is received by families of the victims except from concerned Deputy Commissioner.

There was another incident at Seling where two brothers were killed by collapsing of stone quarry. The family of the victims received financial aid from the government. The reason is that there is provision under SRDF Rules, to provide financial aid to the victim of natural calamity. So, the government followed the rules. On the other hand, there is no provision to do the same to the victim of incident as in the sub-town of Tuipang even though the case seems to be more serious than that of Seling. I want to inform Pu P.P. Thawla as well as families of the victims that there is no discrimination in such cases. An unfavorable precedence may exist unless the rule is not followed. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Business of the Sixth Mizoram Legislative Assembly, 8th Session is finished. The Sitting is started with effect from 7th to 28th July, 2011. Here is a highlight of the summary of business transacted during the 8th Session.

**SUMMARY OF BUSINESS TRANSACTED DURING
THE 8TH SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH MIZORAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
(w.e.f 7.7.2011-28.7.32011)**

Summary of Business transacted during the Eighth Session of the Sixth Mizoram Legislative Assembly w.e.f. 7.7.2011 - 28.7.2011 are as follows: -

1. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

Starred Questions: -

a) No. of starred Questions	-	339
b) No. of question admitted	-	329
c) No. of question rejected	-	10
d) No. of Listed in the Business	-	248
e) No. of Answer given	-	81
f) No. of answer not given	-	167

Unstarred Questions: -

a) Number of Un-starred Questions	-	22
b) Number of question admitted	-	20
c) Number of question Rejected	-	2
d) Number of Starred Questions converted to Unstarred Question	-	27

There are some questions being clubbed.

2. OBITUARY:

Obituary reference is observed on the first day of this session such as: -

Pu H. Hrangdawla, Ex-MLA, Pu H. Lalsangzuala, Ex-MLA, Pu H. Vanlalauva, Ex-MLA and Shree Dorjee Khandu, Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh. Obituary of Pu H. Valalauva is observed on the earliest day of this session because he died during this session.

3. PANEL OF CHAIRMAN:

- 1) Pu B. Lalthlengliana
- 2) Pu Nirupam Chakma
- 3) Pu Lalduhoma
- 4) Pu K. Liantlinga

4. LAYING OF PAPERS:

The following papers were laid on the Table of the House during this Session: -

- 1) The Mizoram finance Commission (Salaries and Allowances) Rules, 2010.
- 2) The Mizoram Money Lenders and Accredited Loan Providers (Regulation) Rules, 2010.
- 3) The Mizoram Public Servants Personal Liability Rules, 2011.
- 4) The Mizoram Urban Sanitation and Solid Waste management Policy, 2011.
- 5) The Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth Annual Report of MAMCO.
- 6) The Mizoram Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Rules, 2011.
- 7) The Report of the Examiner of Local Fund Accounts on the Accounts of Local Bodies for the year ended 31st Mach, 2011.
- 8) Statement of Sixth Monthly Review of the Finance Minister on the Fiscal Position of the Government of Mizoram for the Second Half of 2009-2010 (October 2009-March 2010).
- 9) The Mizoram Information Commission Annual Report, 2009-2010.
- 10) Correction to Unstarred Question No. 7, 10, 13, 14 and Starred Questions No. 60 and 191.

5. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS:

These following reports are presented to the House during this Session: -

- 1) 7th & 8th Report of Business Advisory Committee.
- 2) 14th Report of Public accounts committee.
- 3) 1st report on Public Undertaking Committee.

6. BILL:

17 Bills are received during this session, such as: -

- 1) The Mizoram Protection of Interests of Depositors (in Financial Establishment) (Amendment) Bill, 2011.
- 2) The Mizoram (Pension of Members of the Defunct Mizo District and the Defunct Pawi-Lakher Regional Council) (Amendment) Bill, 2011.
- 3) The Mizoram vehicle Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 2011.
- 4) The Mizoram Municipality Authorities (Prohibition of defection) (First Amendment) Bill, 2011.
- 5) The Mizoram Money Lenders and Accredited Loan Providers (Regulation) (First Amendment) Bill, 2011.
- 6) The Mizoram Land Acquisition (Mizoram amendment) Bill, 2011.
- 7) The Mizoram Public Records Bill, 2011.
- 8) The Mizoram ceiling on government Guarantees Bill, 2011.
- 9) The Mizoram (Establishment of Independent Local Body) Ombudsman Bill, 2011.
- 10) The Mizoram Appropriation No. 3 Bill, 2011.
- 11) The Mizoram Liquor Total Prohibition (Amendment) Bill, 2011.
- 12) The Mizoram Fiscal responsibility and Budget Management (Amendment) Bill, 2011.

- 13) The Mizoram Salaries, Allowances and Pension of Members of the Legislative (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2011.
- 14) The Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2011.
- 15) The Mizoram Salaries and allowances of the Minister (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2011.
- 16) The Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of the government Chief whip and the Deputy government Chief Whip (Third Amendment) Bill, 2011.
- 17) The Mizoram Street vendors (Protection of the Livelihood and Regulation of Street Voiding) Bill, 2011.

Out of these 17 Bills, “The Mizoram Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and regulation of street Voiding) Bill, 2011” is withdrawn by the concerned Minister and the rest are passed by the House. Assent of the Governor is received to those passed on the other today.

7. STATEMENT BY A MINISTER

In the case of killing of Bilburam s/o Sarakai, Thinglian Village by UDLA, Pu R. Lalziriana, minister for Home made a statement.

8. OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

Pu Lalsawta, hon’le Minister moved Official Resolution that “The House resolved that it is very grateful that Mizoram attain its 25 years of peace and harmony. The House appealed to everyone to have a pledge to safeguard peace and harmony within and outside Mizoram.” The House voted and passed after discussion.

9. SPECIAL MOTION

In the case of requisition of cannon stood in front of the barrack of the 1st Assam Rifles which has been taken away, Pu Lalduhoma moved a Special Motion. The Special Motion was adopted by the House after discussion on 15.7.2011.

10. PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Pu Lalrinawma made Personal explanation on 27.7.2011 as he has left the House.

11. ELECTION TO FINANCIAL COMMITTEES

The following Members of Financial Committees elected by the House is moved by Pu Lalsawta, Minister and were approved: -

Sl. No	Committee	Member
1	Public Account Committee (PAC)	1) Pu B. Lalthlengliana 2) Pu Lalduhoma 3) Lt. Col. Z.S. Zuala 4) Pu C. Ramhluna 5) Pu K. Lalrinthanga

		6) Pu R. Lalrinawma 7) Pu Lalrobiaka
2	Estimate Committee (EC)	1) Brig. T. Sailo 2) Pu P.P. Thawla 3) Pu K. Lianzuala 4) Pu R.L. Pianmawia 5) Pu Lalthansanga 6) Pu T.T. Zothansanga 7) Pu John Siamkunga
3	Committee On Public Undertakings (COPU)	1) Dr. R. Lalthangliana 2) Pu Nirupam Chakma 3) Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte 4) Pu R. Selthuama 5) Pu K. Liantlinga 6) Pu Joseph Lalhimpua

14. PRIVATE MEMBERS RESOLUTION

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| a) | Number of the Resolution | - | 59 |
| b) | Number of admitted | - | 54 |
| c) | Number of Rejected | - | 5 |
| d) | Number of adopted | - | 3 |
| e) | Resolution not passed | - | 1 |

The Resolutions are: -

- 1) Pu R. Selthuama's Resolution: - "Let this able government take prompt action for the progress of inland water transport so that it is benefitted by the state."
- 2) Pu K. Lianzuala's Resolution: - "The House appreciated and resolved that the Mizoram Police saved two workers of ABCI kidnapped recently by an Insurgency Group of Assam."
- 3) Pu R. Lalrinawma's Resolution: - "The House appreciated and resolved that the steps taken by Pu Lal Thanhawla, Chief Minister for self-sufficiency in electric power in the state."

15. PRESENTATION OF BUDGET AND VOTING ON DEMAND FOR GRANTS.

Various demands made by the Minister are unanimously passed by the House after discussion.

We, now come to the closing day of this session. Hopefully, devotion of members will bring fort a favorable result. I express my thanks to all departments who served for smooth discussion of the Assembly session. Last but not least, I thank for the good co-operation between the department of Parliamentary Affairs and Secretariat and Mizoram

Legislative Assembly. I extend to you all, my best wishes for the coming future.

The House is adjourned *sine die* (3:49 PM)