

**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 MINISTER : 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 question : Mr. Deputy Speaker, the answer to the MINISTER 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. LIANSAILOVA : 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. LIANSAILOVA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I have not yet 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 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 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. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the question from Pu MINISTER 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. LALTHANGLIANA : 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 : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, It was MINISTER submitted 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 immediatly 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 permissive 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 MINISTER 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 : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.
MINISTER

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.