

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

**LIST OF BUSINESS**

**FIFTEENTH SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 27<sup>TH</sup> 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 : Pu Deputy Speaker, in answer to hon'ble  
MINISTER 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 : Pu Deputy Speaker, we are working with MINISTER 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 Lalhimpuia is requested to ask starred question No.215.

Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUIA : 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 LALHIMPUIA : 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 advice 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 MINISTER : 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 MINISTER : On the recommendation of the Governor CHIEF 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 2011-2012 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 Latoh 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 Chhimtuiyai 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 RFGVY. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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. LIANSILOVA : 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. LIANSILOVA : 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 Lalhimpuia'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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 it 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 MINISTER : The information could be verified at any time in the office.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, there are several CHIEF 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: -

<b>Sl.Nos.</b>	<b>Demand Nos.</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Amount</b>
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
<b>Total</b>			<b>660,83,81,000</b>

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  
MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

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 YMAS 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 quite 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 inform 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 guest 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 refrigerators 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 accomodation 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 accomodate 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
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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
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,24,14,30,000</b>

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  
CHIEF MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

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  
MINISTER : There is nothing to much to say. The 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)