

**SEVENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MIZORAM
(TWELFTH SESSION)**

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR SEVENTH SITTING ON TUESDAY, THE 22nd MARCH, 2017
(Time 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.)

QUESTIONS

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

LAYING OF PAPERS

2. **PU R. VANLALVENA** to present to the House the following Reports on Subject Committee-III :
 - i) Ninth Report relating to On Farm Water Management (OFWM)/National Mission Irrigation (NMMI) and Pradhan Mantri Krishi Schinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) under Horticulture Department
 - ii) Tenth Report relating to National Mission on Medicinal Plant (NMMP) under Horticulture Department.
3. **ELECTION TO FINANCIAL COMMITTEE**, to elect a member of Committee on Public Undertakings.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

DISCUSSION AND VOTING ONN DEMANDS

4. **PU ZODINTLUANGA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
5. **PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.

NGURTHANZUALA
Secretary

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SPEAKER : “But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today.”

Deuteronomy 8:1

Let us now take starred Question No. 64 from Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Starred Question No. 64. Will the Hon. Minister for School Education be pleased to state: -

- a) Number of Middle School and High School under lump-sum grant-in-aid? And, number of community funded school?
- b) The amount of financial assistance given to such schools during 2011-2016?
- c) If there is a plan to upgrade such schools?

SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister for School Education may now give the answer.

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Pu speaker, the answer is as follows: -

- a) 35 Middle schools and 27 High schools. There are 14 Middle Schools and 16 High Schools of community funded school.
- b) ₹1,20,000/- per annum during 2011-2016 and the total amount provided to each school is ₹6,00,000/-.
- c) There is no plan as such at the moment.

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question from Pu Ruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, how many of locally funded Higher Secondary Schools are there? Will such schools be prioritized when processing up-gradation of school? Whether there is a plan to upgrade Higher Secondary Schools receiving Lump-sum Grant-in-Aid?

SPEAKER : Another supplementary question from Pu Rinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : To which cases the concerned MLAs should be consulted in dealing with transfer and posting of teachers?

SPEAKER : Pu Pianmawia.

PU R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, does the government plan to upgrade such schools before this coming general election?

SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister to answer it.

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Regarding the question of Pu Ruatkima, we have the same question and thus will be answered both when the time comes.

As of prioritizing up-gradation of the community funded school, it will be decided by the government as per availability of fund.

Regarding Pu Pianmawia's question, this ministry has no such plan for it may cause burden for the next ministry.

SPEAKER : Er. Lalrinawma may now ask Starred Question No. 65.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Starred Question No. 65. Will the Hon. Minister for Power & Electricity Department be pleased to state:

- a) How many villages in Mizoram have been electrified under RGVY Scheme?
- b) If all the works being finished?
- c) How many villages are handed over to the Department by the contractors?
- d) How many BPL families are provided with free electric connection under this scheme?

SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister concerned, Pu Lal Thanhawla may answer.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is as follows:

- a) RGVY Scheme is implemented in 175 villages of Mizoram.
- b) The works are not yet completed.
- c) 153 villages are handed over to the Department by the contractors.
- d) Free electric connection is provided under this scheme to 26,210 Nos. BPL family.

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question from Pu Rinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, my Supplementary Questions are:

- i) Why is the work remains unfinished?
- ii) How much has been spent for this scheme so far? What is the expenditure incurred from the central and state account? Is there is any excess expenditure from the original estimate? If so, how much?
- iii) When is it expected for completion?

SPEAKER : Pu Pianmawia.

PU R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, I would like to ask the reason that the work remains uncompleted till today. Is it due to release of 80% of the estimate amount at the first installment in the previous ministry?

SPEAKER : Dr. K. Beichhua to ask the last question.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, is this RKVY Scheme being implemented at Tongkolong and its neighbouring villages?

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, this scheme has been started in the previous ministry and the contractors had also been selected at that time. The progress of works under this scheme is very slow despite pressure from the government.

I have no knowledge of the expenditure. Since the scheme is meant to cover the whole of Mizoram, I supposed Tongkolong and its surrounding areas will also be covered. There are 22 villages in which the works have not been completed.

SPEAKER : Starred Question No. 66 and Pu John Siamkunga will ask.

PU JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Pu Speaker, Starred Question No. 66. Will the Hon. Minister for Soil & Water Conservation Department be pleased to state:

- a) Nos. of NLUP trades under Soil & Water Conservation Department?
- b) The amount allocated to Soil & Water Conservation Department for implementation of NLUP during the period 2012 – 2017?
- c) May the House is informed the area covered by the scheme and notable works under this department?

SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister concerned Pu Lal Thanhawla may answer it.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is as follows:

- a) Trades under NLUP and Nos. of beneficiary under Soil & Water Conservation Department are as follows:

i) Broom	-	8,364 Nos.
ii) Rubber	-	1,433 Nos.
iii) Coffee	-	1,642 Nos.
TOTAL	-	11,439 Nos.
- b) The sum released under the department during 2012 - 2017 is ₹9068.3036 lakh.
- c) The area covered is 11439 ha. Rubber and Coffee have not yet been harvested.

The amount of broom production is 3,50,417.34 qtls.

SPEAKER : Supplementary Questions from Pu Ruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, Nos. of beneficiary this year is 38 and is lesser by 23 than answer given on 31st March last year. What is the reason for the decrease number of beneficiaries?

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, there are some beneficiaries who are not successful and given up the trade where as there are some who have changed their trades also. Thus, the number may fluctuate a little from time to time.

SPEAKER : We shall now take Starred Question No. 67 from Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker, Starred Question No. 67. Will the Hon. Minister for Agriculture Department be pleased to state:

- a) The amount of production from various trades under NLUP line department of land based and Industries & Allied Sector? How much is benefitted from such production?
- b) If there is a separate cell like marketing cell for procurement of the products under NLUP?

SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister concerned may answer.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is as follows:

- a) The answer may be obtained after the ongoing assessment being held in various districts is done.
- b) There is NLUP Marketing Cell having two steps for promotion of the market, such as:
 - i) Expert Consultancy Firm is being deployed to collaborate with UNDP to submit its report.
 - ii) Market Task Force has been set up under UNDP to formulate plan for improvement of the market in a specific crop.

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question from Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, as far as my knowledge, the said marketing cell has been terminated. My question is, if it is re-established. Secondly, which department is responsible for marketing of the agricultural product since MAMCO is terminated? Which is the implementing department for Agriculture

Marketing and Control Rules?

SPEAKER : Pu R.L. Pianmawia.

PU R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, my question is:

i) Is there any assistance scheme for the poor in other states of India the like of NLUP?

ii) If there is any effort being made to the Central Government to stop implementation of NLUP Scheme?

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the marketing cell is now preparing a concept paper which indicates the task is completed. Further steps are taken as per the concept paper.

Besides, there are initiatives under UNDP which concern marketing under NLUP such as:

i) Four members Marketing Task Force being created under the guidance of UNDP.

ii) The UNDP deployed a Consultancy Firm YES Bank to assess the marketing and submit the reports.

Regarding Pu R.L. Pianmawia's question, some complaints have been made to the central government to stop NLUP Scheme, yet, it still continues.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, how about my question regarding the implementing body of our agricultural products?

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I am not sure about it; it is possible that no proper order is made as yet in this regard.

SPEAKER : We shall now move to Starred Question No. 68 and Pu R.L. Pianmawia will ask the question.

PU R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, Starred Question No. 68. Will the Hon. Minister for Law & Judicial Department be pleased to state:

a) Whether TA/DA of court witness being revised?

b) What is the existing rate?

SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister for Law & Judicial Department, Pu Lalsawta may give the answer.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is:

a) TA/DA of court witness was revised on 7th August, 2014.

b) TA - ₹2.00 per km, DA - ₹200.00 per day.

PU R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, the existing rate as of 2014 is very less considering today's economy. Is there any proposal to revise the rate?

SPEAKER : Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA: Pu Speaker, we had a Session Court at Champhai in the past which no longer is functioning. When Session Cases are brought to Aizawl, many criminals are known to be freed as witnesses fail to appear in courts. As such is the case, will it be possible that Session cases are trialed at Champhai?

SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister may now answer.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, there is a proposal for revision of TA/DA rate. It will be done as per the financial situation of the government.

As of the question from Pu T.T. Zothansanga, the government is aware of the situation and effort has been made to open Session Court at Champhai.

SPEAKER : Pu Lal Thanhawla, Chief Minister.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the Chief Justice of Guwahati High Court too has given priority as the foundation stone will be laid soon.

SPEAKER : Starred Question No. 69 from Dr. K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Starred Question No. 69. Will the Hon. Minister for Law & Judicial Department be pleased to state: -

- a) Whether the Mizoram Victims of Crime Compensation Scheme 2011 being implemented?
- b) If so, how many have been compensated?
- c) Who are entitled to enjoy this scheme?

SPEAKER : Let us call upon the Hon. Minister concerned Pu Lalsawta to answer it.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer to Dr. K. Beichhua's question is as follows:

- a) Yes, it has already been implemented.
- b) Compensation has been given to 82 people.
- c) The entitled persons are described at Para No. 5 of the scheme.

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, how much compensation could be granted in cases of murder under this scheme? To what extent such scheme could be enjoyed?

SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister may now answer.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, this matter is of very important as the people are not aware enough of the scheme. One lakh for acid attack, three lakh for rape case, two lakh for abuse of minors, one lakh in case of human trafficking, fifty thousand for rape offense and two lakh in case of death, two lakh for permanent disability and one lakh for partial disability, two lakh for loss of houses, fifty thousand for loss of foetus, one lakh fifty thousand for loss of fertility, two lakh loss of life or permanent disability in case of cross border firing, one lakh for partial disability of women and three lakhs for sexual abuse of physically disabled or mentally retarded. However, it may be noted that it concern only of BPL family.

SPEAKER : Starred Question No. 70 and will be asked by Pu Lalthanliana.

PU LALTHANLIANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Starred Question No. 70. Will the Hon. Minister for School Education Department be pleased to state: -

- a) If there is any plan for regularization of 45 aided teachers recruited in the 1980's and are not regularized as yet till date?
- b) Whether there is any plan to regularize the contract teachers of Primary Schools and Middle Schools?
- c) If so, when will they be regularized?

SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister concerned may answer.

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is as follows: -

- a) Steps have been taken for regularization of 45 aided teachers.
- b) Steps are being taken for regularization of 51 Primary School teachers and 79 Middle School Teachers of contract basis.
- c) The exact time could not be stated at the moment.

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question from Pu T. Sangkunga.

PU T. SANGKUNGA : Pu Speaker, there are aided teachers who had been regularized where as there are others who remain not regularized. I would like to ask the Hon. Minister if those left out will soon be regularized as well.

SPEAKER : Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, there are several IV Grade posts lying vacant in our schools. Will it be possible to fill up such vacant posts? Even if it is difficult to fulfill all the demands, I insist if at least those of examination centre of HSLC & HSSLC are filled up.

SPEAKER : Dr. Ngurdingliana.

Dr. NGURDINGLIANA : Pu Speaker, we are having in mind of establishing locally funded higher secondary schools in three villages of my constituency. Is it a problem to obtain permission to that effect?

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, Pu T. Sangkunga has approached me in my office a couple of time for the same problem but there are certain problems regarding regularization of such schools. The recruitment rules are revised from time to time however such schools haven't met the requirement. Step has been taken so that the conditions prescribed in the RR at the time of their recruitment are considered. The qualified candidates as per RR will be regularized after obtaining approval of MPSC.

It is true that problem arises due to excessive vacant posts of Grade-IV. However, permission of DP & AR and Finance Department is necessary to fill up such posts. Thus, recruitment could not be done at the moment.

Regarding Pu Ngurdingliana's question, I believe that there is no problem to obtain provisional permission for any school which meets the requirements laid down by the rules.

SPEAKER : Question hour is over. I would like to announce that Pu J.H. Rothuama and Pu S. Laldingliana are granted leave of absence for today. Let us now call upon Pu R. Vanlalvena, Chairman of Subject Committee-III to present the papers on the Table of the House.

PU R. VANLALVENA : Pu Speaker, I hereby lay on the Table of this august House, the Ninth Report relating to On Farm Water Management (OFWM) and Pradhan Mantri Krishi Schinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) under Horticulture Department and the Tenth Report relating to National Mission on Medicinal Plant (NMMP) under Horticulture Department. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. We shall now have Election to Financial Committee. We have only one nomination which is from Pu R.L. Pianmawia nominating Pu Lalrinmawia Ralte. Thus, as per Rule No. 202 (1) of the Rules of procedure, I hereby declare that Pu Lalrinmawia Ralte, Hon. MLA is

elected uncontested.

We shall now go to financial business which is Budget Discussion. We will have discussion on the demands of the Hon. Ministers Pu Zodintluanga and Pu John Rotluangliana. Let us first call upon Pu Zodintluanga to submit his demand for various Departments viz., Sports & Youth Services, PHE Department, UD & PA Department totally ₹5,84,59,56,00.

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: Thank You, Pu speaker. On the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, Sir, I move the Demand Nos. 22, 25, 46 for ₹5,84,59,56,000/- only for meeting expenses during 2017-2018 in respect of the following Departments:

Demand Nos.	Purpose	Amount in (₹)
22	Sports & Youth Services Deptt.	21,56,84,000.00
25	PHE Department	1,97,41,29,000.00
46	UD & PA Department	3,65,61,43,000.00
	TOTAL	5,84,59,56,000.00

Thank you, Sir.

SPEAKER : Let us now call upon Pu John Rotluangliana to submit in this House, the Demands of Nos. 17, 42 and 43 to meet expenses of departments under his concern.

PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER: Thank You, Pu speaker. On the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission sir, I move the demand Nos. 17, 42 and 43 for ₹3,14,41,30,000/- only for meeting expenses during 2017-2018 in respect of the following Departments:

Demand Nos.	Purpose	Amount(₹)
17	Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer affairs	2,55,28,70,000.00
42	Transport Department	43,80,41,000.00
43	Tourism Department	15,32,19,000.00
	TOTAL	3,14,41,30,000.00

Thank you.

SPEAKER : We can now start the discussion. Let us call

upon Pu Vanlalzawma.

PU VANLALZAWMA : Pu Speaker, it seems that we have outsourced some of the tourist lodges. I used to ask from time to time if locally produced juices are served in our tourists' lodge which we generally do not. I opine the products of our state should be served in our Tourists' lodges and Mizoram House as well so as to promote our own products.

Regarding Transport Department, we sometimes receives Supreme Court Rulings as in other states. In this regard, we need to know that some orders which are based on other states may not be applicable in our state. In such cases, I believe that we need to determine to what extent such rules should be applied so that it is best suited for our state.

Regarding Sport & Youth Services Department, the Mizoram Sport Council has done a great job in promoting sports. Meanwhile, it is unfortunate that the department remains without the office building of its own which I think should be prioritized.

The department of PHE is now taking up laying of pipelines in various localities. In this connection, it is important for the concerned department to note that reconstructing such roads which may be damaged in the process of work should be expedited so as not to impose problem for the public. Regarding the demand of original LSC to avail water connection, I opine this should be revised. Even I could not get water connection in my name as LSC in my application is of my father. There is certain problem which arises as well. Thus, the system should be revised.

Regarding UD & PA Department, YMA Mission Vengthlang of my constituency has obtained central funds for setting up Table Tennis Training Centre and the Government too has floated a restricted tender for the work. However, the work could not be started till today and I request the Hon. Minister to kindly take note of this matter. Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Dr. Ngurdingliana.

Dr. NGURDINGLIANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I would like to start from the demands of Pu Zodintluanga.

The PHE has done a great job in providing water supply to a number of villages. The finding from my own research is that the project has been done so far to 54 villages and I appreciate the achievement.

Secondly, being a sportsperson myself, I really appreciate the efforts of the department for promotion of sports as sports infrastructures have been set up in several places. Yet, I have a feeling that the western areas are neglected. However, I have learned that ₹4 crore worth project has been provided for the western areas and I am very pleased for that also. Besides, I would like to kindly request the Hon. Minister to give importance to the ongoing Sport Complex in my constituency as well.

Moving on to the Demands of Pu John Rotluangliana, hon. Minister, we had faced some problems last year due to Mega Block and introduction of Food Security Act, etc. It is a fact that there are some criticisms in that regard. However, we now have a sufficient supply of gas and other commodities as the effort made in this regard is notable.

Regarding Sports, introduction of two wheeler taxi and auto-rickshaw at the outskirts of Aizawl and allotment of tourist bus permit for SUVs are a wise decision. The good works done by the Hon. Ministers are undeniable and I therefore support their demands to be passed in this august House. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu K. Sangthuama.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, I would like to start from Demand No. 22, Sports & Youth Services.

I do appreciate all the good works done by this department. Meanwhile, I opined that more opportunities should be given to the villages. Even if there are good infrastructures here in Aizawl, there are many talents hidden in villages. I hope this could be considered. I would also like to add that priority needs to be given to west Aizawl for promotion of sports. We hope that infrastructures would be established soon in that area.

Regarding PHE Department, we are facing a severe scarcity of water at Sairang especially by those who are not having water connection and at the same time very difficult to get water connection. I would like to kindly request the Hon. Minister to consider this problem. The water pump at Seventh Day Tlang works very slowly obviously due to small sized pipe. It is much desirable if it could be replaced with bigger one.

Regarding, UD & PA Department, huge amount of fund has been allotted to SIPMIU. While this is the case, the works damages many roads and being left unattended for a long time which causes a huge problem for the public where as some reconstructed also are done with a poor quality. I, therefore, insist the hon. Minister to

determine alternate plan in this regard.

Regarding Demand 17, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department, it is learned that a retailer of Phunchawng has cut down each ration card by 2 kgs of rice in each distribution. And, there is another case that consumers being instructed to submit their ration cards; and on getting it back, it was found out that each card has shown K. oil as being issued. I would like to request the Hon. Minister to enquire about the matter.

On Demand No. 44, I opine priority should be given to Transport Department in the allotment of funds considering increasing number of vehicles under its maintenance. It is necessary to strengthen the department in terms of manpower also.

On Demand No. 43, Tourism Department, privatization of some of our tourist lodges is in the process and I wonder what the result would be. What concerns me most in the process is the tender amount of such lodges which are excessively different from one to another. It will be appreciated if the case is reexamined. It is also desirable that those who run the tourist lodges should give more priority to cleanliness which certainly will be a huge step forward for the state as well. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu T.T. Zothansanga

PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. Regarding the demand of PHE Department, there is a huge progress in the system of water supply which is even greater under this Ministry compared to the previous Ministry. It may be noted that the amount spent for water supply during the previous Ministry was ₹9413.81 crore whereas this Ministry spends ₹25,549 crore. Meanwhile, as I have already stated, I request the Hon. Minister to kindly consider prioritization of Mumte River Project of Hnahlan for it concerns the immediate need of the people.

While this is the case, Pu Dy. Speaker, the population of Champhai increases a lot and water supply thus becoming less sufficient. We have made a proposal for Neihdawn-Serlui river project and I hope this could be fulfilled as soon as possible.

On Demand No. 46, UD & PA Department, I am grateful that we have approval for construction of 10286 houses in Mizoram and 2400 Nos. for Champhai. I request the Hon. Minister to clarify if it is possible to establish Municipal Council in place of Municipal Board. I believe Champhai is qualified to have a Municipal Board with the population of 42322 at present. I believe that this will be an important step for democracy at different levels.

Pu Deputy Speaker, there is no time left for Sports Department despite its

importance. So, I conclude my speech by saying I support to pass the Demands No. 22, 24 & 46. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pi Vanlalawmpuii.

PI VANLALAWMPUII CHAWNGTHU: Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Starting from Demand No. 22, Sports & Youth Services, I would like to express my appreciation for Sports Stadium constructed at Champhai, Kolasib and Lunglei, and of Serchhip which is almost completed. At the same time, I request the Hon. Minister to take necessary step for handing over construction of Indoor Stadium at Keitum to Sports Department.

To mention achievements of PHE Department, Water Supply Scheme of Kelkang and Tongkolong both are completed and have already been inaugurated. As of Saitual, Lawngtlai and Khawbung Water Supply Schemes, they are also completed where as construction of Biate Water Supply is in progress. I thank the Hon. Minister for the old pipeline of Aizawl Water Supply Scheme Phase-I which had been replaced with new ones.

Regarding sanitation, it is worth mentioning that various Districts had been declared as open defecation free and the river Tlawng has been preserved thanks to the efforts of the government.

On Demand No. 46, UD & PA Department, the Housing for All Scheme is implemented in 23 notified census towns in which ₹1,50,000/- each will be provided to homeless poor for construction of house. It is also worth mentioning that introduction of PPP mode for solid waste management is really successful.

Regarding Demand No. 17, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer affairs Department, the introduction of Food Security Act is a remarkable step taken for the state; it has been benefited by the people very much. It is true that the Department has done a great job as we have abundant supply of domestic gas nowadays.

On Demand No. 42, construction of railway up to Sairang is among achievements of the government for it is expected to bring about economic development for the state. Apart from this, introduction of two wheeler taxi is quite notable. I thank the Hon. Minister for introducing women for two wheeler taxi driver.

On Demand No. 43, Tourism Department, privatization of Tourist Lodges is a remarkable move of the government to save unnecessary expenditure. I therefore support the Demands which have been discussed today. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us now call upon Pu Zodintluanga to wind up the discussion of Demands of his concerned departments.

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker for giving me the opportunity to wind up the discussion of the Demand Nos. 46, 22 and 25. I am also overwhelmed by the development brought about within 9 years of the Ministry headed by Pu Lal Thanhawla.

Regarding Demand No. 46, UD & PA Department, it is true that there are certain roads being damaged due to the ongoing works under SIPMIU for improvement of pipelines. The project has no doubt creates problem for the public; yet, it must be noted that the work is expected to last for sometimes till its completion. It may create some problems for the public.

Regarding the small sized pipeline as pointed out by the Hon. Member Pu K. Sangthuama, improvement project is in full swing in which around 90% of the work is completed. When it is completed, the speed of water supply which usually takes 36 hours for filling up a tanky will be done in 3 hours. In this connection, may I inform the House that distribution lines are constructed for Luangmual, Mizoram University, Sakawrtuichhun, Phunchawng and Rangvamual.

It is opinion of the government that the Municipal Board or Municipal Council should be established in District Capitals as well and step is being taken to that effect and it has also vetted by the Law & Judicial Department. It is a proposal for Adhoc Municipal Board or Adhoc Municipal Council and is now put forward for the cabinet decision. It will be started under the chairmanship of the DC and each Village Council Presidents as the members.

Regarding water Supply problem of Sairang, we have been facing various problems in this regard due to delay of funds from the central. Yet, the work has now been started and is in full swing as soon as funds are obtained.

Regarding point mentioned by Pu T.T. Zothansanga, our findings from the survey is that the river Pumte to be less sufficient to feed Hnahlan where as the existing source of supply is sufficient. Thus, proposal is submitted to DoNER for the up-gradation.

PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA: Pu Deputy Speaker, it a repeated complaint that water could not be pumped up for lack of diesel. Will it be possible to provide us during the dry season?

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Deputy Speaker, it is true that we

have often faces problems due to shortage of diesel for the government is currently having liabilities of more than 45 crore for maintenance and other related matters.

On Demand No. 22, Sports & Youth Services, four members had mentioned about it. Regarding the point of Pu K. Sangthuama, Cricket Ground of International standard has been constructed within his constituency and FIFA Football Academy also is set to be established at Dinthar, Sairang.

Pu Dy. Speaker, it is true that Sports Department remains without its own office building and is still functioning in a rented building. The problem is that we cannot avail fund particularly for the office building. However, we determine to raise the funds through amalgamated programmes. (*Speaker at the Chair*) We have been allotted a plot of land at Secretariat Complex. In this connection, it is appreciated that construction of the office building of the Directorate of UD & PA is now in progress.

There are various initiatives being taken under UD & PA Department which concern mostly of public interests of the presents and of the future generations as well where as construction of Convention Centre is an important one among such projects. Apart from this, there is a proposal for automated parking centre to be constructed at Zodin.

With these words, I beg this august House to pass the following Demands of the departments under my concern: -

Demand Nos.	Department	Amount in (₹)
22	Sports & Youth Services Deptt.	21,56,84,000.00
25	PHE Department	1,97,41,29,000.00
46	UD & PA Department	3,65,61,43,000.00
	TOTAL	5,84,59,56,000.00

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Anyone who agrees to pass the Demands may say, “Aye” and those who don’t may say, “Nay”. As the House agreed to pass the Demands, I hereby declare that the Demands are passed.

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : We shall now take a break and the sitting will be resumed at 2:00 PM.

2:00 PM

SPEAKER : Let us now call upon Pu John Rotluangliana, Hon. Minister to wind up the discussion of the Demands No. 17, 42, and 43 and to beg the House for passing.

PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I will start from Demand No. 17, Foods, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department.

The discussions on this Demand are mostly of acknowledgement. Regarding allegations made by Pu K. Sangthuama, the government has not received any complaint in that regard.

Supply Centre is recently opened at Silsuri and Rawpuichhip and step is taken for improvement of the system of weighing scale at the Supply centres. We have proposed a digital weighing scale with a capacity of 30 qtls. As mentioned by Pi Vanlalawmpuii, Broad gauge railway has reached Bairabi and is proposed to reach up to Sairang.

Pu Speaker, the monsoon is now arriving which is rather early compare to the previous years. To keep guards against this monsoon, stock has been proposed for 46 supply centres with 1,24,688 qtls. of rice for this purpose. It is also appreciative that automation of fair price shops is in process to enable online access of ration status where as Direct Benefit transfer of kerosene oil has also been proposed.

Pu Speaker, it is true that some mistakes are there regarding data entry of Ration Card and a revision is so proposed. So, anyone having ration card for correction may approach their respective Supply Inspector who will forward it to the DCSO for correction. I would also like to mention that food grain contingency scheme has been formulated to meet the public demand of rice for mass gathering, meetings, etc.

It may also be noted that LPG refill booking business is authorized to Zoram Indane Service and that construction of the approach roads to Supply Godown is being proposed from NABARD funds. Since FCI Godown is not under our control, we have made an approach to the concerned authority for shifting the godown to other places for public convenience but appropriate location to that effect could not be found as yet. Meanwhile, approval has already been obtained for setting up gas bottling plant at Sihhmui, Sairang.

Pu Speaker, Legal Metrology Department is hardly pointed out in our discussion despite its important role in maintaining correct weight and measures and

quality control. Various steps are taken for improvement of the department such as construction of the office building at Serchhip, Mamit and Lawngtlai where as for Saiha, it will soon be started. It may also be noted that ₹25 lakh has been allotted for the department during 2016-2017 under NEDP.

On Demand No. 42, Transport Department, four members who have participated in the discussion have pointed out mostly of acknowledgement. As mentioned earlier, two wheeler taxis is introduced and there are 24 registrations so far. Initially, it was proposed that male driver for male passenger and female driver for female passenger but later decided that anyone may use such taxis irrespective of sex. We have also introduced auto-rickshaw services in the outskirts of Aizawl city which proved to be of much convenient for the public.

Complaints are received from time to time that new taxi permits as being issued. The fact is, such were not of newly issue but a replacement of old registrations. As mentioned by Pu Vanlalzawma, there is a proposal for bifurcation of DTO considering its heavy workload. It is also proposed to set up Automated Vehicle Inspection & Certification Centre at South Hlimen and purchase of 5 Nos. ambulances under National Highway Accident Relief Service Scheme. Three deluxe buses were bought; conversion of petrol pump at Chaltlang into retail outlet also is in process; construction of a new building of Transport Directorate is in full swing and is almost completed; it will soon be handed-over to the department. Pu Speaker, it may be noted that development in connectivity of various district offices is one of the priorities of the department.

In pursuance of the Supreme Court order for setting up Road Safety Council, we have established the Council with Lead Agency which may be formed under this body.

Three Members have spoken about Tourism Department. We will pursue the matter stated by Pu Vanlalzawma that MIFFCO products should be served at our Tourists Lodges; likewise, the Mizo traditional foods should also be served. As of the difference with privatization rate of various Tourist Lodges, it is done on open tender. Besides, it should be noted that various tourist lodges are of different conditions as some are old and some are new. Their rate therefore cannot be the same.

We have faced immense problem due to delinking of PDDC Scheme from the central. Steps are taken so that at least the ongoing works under this scheme are continued. While this is the case, we are granted `94.90 crore under a new scheme Swadesh Dashan North East Circuit through which different development works are carried out at different places.

The state government has allotted us ₹1 crore which is under Home Stay initiative for promotion of tourism in rural areas. Under this scheme, the rural people will be assisted to enable them provides room to tourists at their homes. This is proposed to be started at Vangchhia, Vaphai, Chawngtlai, Dungtlang, Hnahlan and Zokhawthar.

With these words, I beg this august House to pass the following Demands of my concerned departments: -

Demand Nos.	Department	Amount(₹)
17	Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer affairs	2,55,28,70,000.00
42	Transport Department	43,80,41,000.00
43	Tourism Department	15,32,19,000.00
	TOTAL	3,14,41,30,000.00

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Anyone who agrees to pass the Demands may say, “Aye”. Those who oppose may say, “Nay”. As there is no objection, I hereby declare that the Demands are passed.

We have finished our business for today. The House will stand adjourned till the next sitting commenced on 10:30 AM tomorrow.

Sitting is adjourned.