

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR EIGHTH SITTING ON THURSDAY, THE 23rd 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 LAL THANHAWLA**, Hon'ble Chief Minister to lay on the Table of the House the following :
 - i) "The Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur & Mizoram (Metering for Grid Connected Renewable Energy) Regulations, 2016".
 - ii) "The Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur & Mizoram (Fees, Fines & Charges) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2016".
 - iii) "The Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur & Mizoram (Metering for Grid Connected Renewable Energy) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2016".
 - iv) "The Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur & Mizoram (Electricity Supply Code) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2015".
 - v) "The Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur & Mizoram (Electricity Supply Code) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2016".
 - vi) "The Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur & Mizoram (Electricity Supply Code) (Fourth Amendment) Regulations, 2016".
 - vii) "The Draft Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur & Mizoram (Forecasting, Scheduling, Deviation Settlement and Related Matters of Solar and Wind Generations Sources) Regulations, 2016".
 - viii) "The Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the States of Manipur & Mizoram (Consumer Grievance Redressal) Regulations, 2016".

3. **PU ZODINTLUANGA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a statement of correction on the reply given on the 21st March, 2017 to Starred Question No. 68, Ballot No.58 asked by Dr. K. Beichhua regarding “UD&PA hnuiaia Field laih chungchang”.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

4. **PU LALRUATKIMA**, to present to the House the following Reports of Public Accounts Committee :
- i) Twenty First Report on the Report of C&AG of India for the year 2011-2012 relating to Power & Electricity Department.
 - ii) Twenty Second Report on the Report of C&AG of India for the year 2011-2012 relating to Public Works Department.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS

5. **PU LALSAWTA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
6. **PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.

NGURTHANZUALA
Secretary

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SPEAKER : Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body, you were called to peace. And be thankful.

Colossians 3:15

Let us call upon Pu Lalruatkima to ask Starred Question No. 84.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Starred Question No. 84. Will the Hon. Minister for Land Revenue & Settlement Department be pleased to state: -

- a) Nos. of LSC, Periodic Patta and Agricultural LSC being issued within the riverine reserve forest of Tut - Langkaih Protected Forest Reserve and Aizawl - Silchar Roadside Forest Reserve?
- b) No. of existing valid pass and the total area covered?
- c) The amount of Land Revenue collected from such areas during 2012-2016?

SPEAKER : The Minister concerned may answer.

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

- a) The exact number could not be determined at the moment.
- b) There are 22 Nos. periodic patta within Tut – Langkaih reserve area with expiry on 2010 and 2012 and none were renewed. The total area covered is 50.13 hectares.
- c) It is difficult to determine the exact amount as they are of different districts.

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question from Pu Ruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, the same question was raised in the 5th Session, 2015 and it was stated in the reply that the Forest Department have lodged a complaint for encroachment of the reserve area and the reports have been sought for. If the report has not been received till today? If not, what is the reason?

SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister may answer.

PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, yes, the report has not been received till date. However, there is the opinion to cultivate the fertile areas of the riverside forest.

SPEAKER : Supplementary Questions.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Will the expired 22 Nos. periodic patta be renewed if applied for?

SPEAKER : Pu K. Sangthuama may also ask.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, the land-holders of Tuirial riverine areas are not allowed to renew their periodic pattas at the moment. Will the same process be continued in the future?

SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister may now answer.

PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER: The Land Reform Committee is being set up to study and give its report so as it is best suited for the people. Besides, to evade liabilities against the government, the department deals with the matter carefully not to violate the laws.

SPEAKER : Starred Question No. 85 may now be asked by Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma.

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Starred Question No. 85. Will the Hon. Minister for PHE Department be pleased to state: -

- a) Whether Tlabung Water Supply Scheme is completed?
- b) What is the present status?
- c) When will it be commissioned?

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

- a) The physical work is completed.
- b) Renovation and Augmentation of Tlabung Water Supply Scheme is started from 30.1.2012 and water pump is put into function on 27.1.2015.
- c) The remaining fund for Renovation and Augmentation of Tlabung Water Supply Scheme is released by the central government on 8.2.2017. It will be commissioned as soon as the liabilities are paid from this fund.

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question from Pu Lalrobiaka.

PU LALROBIAKA : Pu Speaker, water supply scheme is introduced at West Phaileng as well but connection could not be given as yet. Step is taken also for water supply to Reiek but not yet completed. May I know the present status?

SPEAKER : Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. What is the estimate amount of this work? Is there any excess expenditure? If so, how much?

SPEAKER : Pu T. Sangkunga.

PU T. SANGKUNGA : Pu Speaker, there is a potential of water supply dam at Samthang Zopui Hill which may be able to feed all the surrounding villages such as Samthang, Vaphai, Dungtlang, Leithum, Vanzau and Bungzung. May initiative be made in this regard?

SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister may answer.

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, West Phaileng Water Supply Scheme is expected to be completed during this working season. Since Reiek is located on a hilltop, it is very difficult to provide water supply and thus proposed a large water reservoir tank which may be constructed with new innovation. It may be noted that the department is doing its level best to achieve the project.

Regarding the question asked by Er. Lalrinawma, the standard bidding documents are now being examined. As of excess expenditure, I could not mention exactly at the moment and the point raised by Pu T. Sangkunga will be kept in mind.

SPEAKER : Let us now call upon Dr. K. Beichhua to ask Starred Question No. 86.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, Starred Question No. 86. Will the Hon. Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs be pleased to state: -

- a) If ration maida available?
- b) Name of the firm supplying ration maida; the proprietor and his address and the amount supplied during 2012 – 2017.

SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister concerned may answer.

PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is: -

- a) Ration Maida is not supplied at the moment.
- b) Nil

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question from Dr. K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : I would like to ask regarding another type of wheat bran. Is ration atta distributed? If so, name of the authorized flour mills and the names of approved flour mills? Who is the contractor?

PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER: Atta is not supplied as a ration at present. Thus, answer to the following questions is NIL.

SPEAKER : Pu John Siamkunga may now ask Starred

Question No. 87.

PU JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Starred Question No. 87, will the Hon. Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change Department be pleased to state: -

- a) No. of NLUP beneficiaries under this Department?
- b) The total amount of fund allocated to NLUP of this department during 2012-2017?
- c) The area covered by NLUP of this department.

SPEAKER : The Hon. Chief Minister, Pu Lal Thanhawla may give the answer.

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

- a) 3282 Nos.
- b) ₹32,51,84,397.00
- c) 6564 hectares.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu Ruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, Bamboo Day used is observed the day after *Chapchar Kut* which is proposed to be continued every year. However, it is not observed for about two or three years. What is the reason?

SPEAKER : The Hon. Chief Minister may answer.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I could not answer the exact reason and it will be enquired.

SPEAKER : Starred Question No. 88 from Pu K. Sangthuama.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, Starred Question No. 88. Will the Hon. House Leader be pleased to state: -
Is there any proposal for relocation of Serhmun village?

SPEAKER : The Hon. Chief Minister may answer.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, it is proposed for relocation at their own request. Each family will be compensated with ₹10 lakh.

SPEAKER : Pu Robiaka.

PU LALROBIAKA : Pu speaker, it is said that Zopui village has also been proposed for the same. What is the exact status of that proposal?

SPEAKER : Pu K. Sangthuama.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, my Supplementary Questions are:

- a) What is the reason for relocation?
- b) In which places such villages will be relocated?
- c) If Forest Department intended to take over the whole territory of Serhmun village or only the village area?

SPEAKER : The Hon. Chief Minister may answer.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, though survey has been prevailed on Zopui village, the report is not submitted as yet. Thus, the details could not yet be given.

Proposed is made with a view to increase the forest coverage area. The whole territory will be included in the Dampa Tiger Reserve; it is believed that problems it brought to the people will then be stopped.

SPEAKER : Pu Ngurdingliana may ask Starred Question No. 89.

Dr. NGURDINGLIANA : Pu Speaker, Starred Question No. 89. Will the Hon. Minister for Environment, Forests & Climate Change Department be pleased to state: -

- a) Whether there is a proposal to include Rung Dil and Tamdil in Wetland Conservation and Management Rules, 2016 Scheme?
- b) If so, what will be the benefit for the surrounding villages?

SPEAKER : Let us call upon the Hon. Chief Minister to answer.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answers are as follows: -

- a) Rung Dil and Tamdil are proposed to be included in Wetland Conservation and Management Rules, 2016 Scheme.
- b) The benefits for the nearby villages will be mainly of having better forest reserve and wildlife condition. There may be some labour works for them as

well.

SPEAKER : Starred Question No. 90 to be asked by Pu Lalthanliana.

PU LALTHANLIANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Starred Question No. 90. Will the Hon. Minister for Excise & Narcotics Department be pleased to state: -

- a) How many wine-shops are there within Aizawl Municipal Council Area?
- b) If all the holders of such permit have opened the wine shop?
- c) Total Nos. of liquor license being issued?
- d) If the Govt. opined that the number of alcohol related death decreases after introduction of MLPC Act?

SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister concerned may answer.

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

- a) The number of wine shop within Aizawl Municipal Area is -
Retail sale of liquor - 68 Nos.
Retail sale for consumption on the premises - 2 Nos.
Total - 41 Nos.
- b) No.
- c) 71,230 Nos.
- d) Excise Department has no answer for this question.

SPEAKER : Supplementary Questions.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, how many wine shop are there in Mizoram?

SPEAKER : Dr. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, what is the minimum distance of wine shop from the National Highway as fixed by the Supreme Court order? If the order being complied?

SPEAKER : Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, what is the existing vendor and warehouse license fee? Is renewal fee set to be increased? If so, by how much it will be increased?

SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister may now answer.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I cannot answer the exact number of wine shop in Mizoram; it will be intimated later.

As per the Supreme Court order, wine shop is not allowed within a distance of less than 500 metres and the order will be effective from April.

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, if there is a proposal to appeal MLPC Act?

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, a Committee is formed to study the impact of MLPC Act which again formed a study group under it. Preliminary Report from this committee is expected by the end of this year. Further necessary action will be taken based on the report.

SPEAKER : Pi Vanlalawmpuii Chawngthu may now ask Starred Question No. 90.

PI VANLALAWMPUII CHAWNGTHU: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Starred Question No. 9. Will the Hon. Minister for Public Health Engineering Department be pleased to state: -

What step has been taken so far by the department for setting up Khawlailung as MP's Model Village? Thank you.

SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister may answer.

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, we are now working on electrification of the said Model Village as DPR has also been prepared for water supply from the river Varhva.

SPEAKER : Question Hour is now over. We shall move to Laying of Paper. Before that, I would like to announce that Pu J.H. Rothuama, Pu S. Laldingliana and Pu Z.S. Zuala are granted leave of absence for today.

Let us now call upon the Hon. Chief Minister to lay 8 papers in his concern.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, with your permission and of this august House, I hereby lay the following regulations on the table of the House: -

- i) The Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur & Mizoram (Metering for Grid Connected Renewable Energy) Regulations, 2016.

- ii) The Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur & Mizoram (Fees, Fines & Charges) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2016.
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- viii) The Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur & Mizoram (Consumer Grievance Redressal) Regulations, 2016.”

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. Let us call upon Pu Zodintluanga, Hon. Minister to lay on the table of the House corrigendum on Question No 68, Ballot No. 58 asked by Dr. K. Beichhua.

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, on the answer to Starred Question No. 68 (b), the amount of DPR should be ₹2498.14 lakh. Therefore, with your permission and of the House, I hereby lay the “Statement Correction on the reply given on the 21st March, 2017, Starred Question no. 68, Ballot No. 58” on the table of this august House.

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. Let us now call upon Pu Lalruatkima, Chairman of Public Accounts Committee to lay papers regarding their committee.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, with your permission and as authorized by Public Accounts Committee, I present the 21st and 22nd Report of PAC. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. We will proceed to Budget Discussion and Voting on Demands and we will take up the demands of our two Ministers viz. Pu Lalsawta and Pu C. Ngunlianchunga. It is disappointing that the Opposition members walked out due to misunderstandings (...interruption....)

PU LALTHANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Dy. Speaker, you should not feel responsible because the oppositions should always seize their first opportunity for debates and there were no members who stood up even after you asked if there are any.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Much obliged. As a Master Degree holder in Law, I practiced for a long time in courts and I am familiar with this House proceedings. It doesn't mean we have to wait till the last minute if there are no more members who are up for discussions. I looked around and asked if there are any members left but they said, 'we raised' only after I requested the Minister. There is no way to tell the Minister to sit down from this Chair and that is why I made the decision.

Besides, Pu Lalruatkima showed an unruly behavior while questioning MIZOFED rice supply and I told him he would leave the House if he continued to do so (interruption)

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Dy. Speaker, you are within your rights to suspend us as per our Rules. It is legal to suspend those members with unruly behaviors and disrespecting the Speaker Chair and the duration is also yours to decide.

PU T.T. ZOTHANGSANGA: Pu Dy. Speaker, false rumors are spreading on social media and is there a way to provide us the video clips of yesterday's proceedings to show that they are not raising their hands like they claimed to do? Besides, they are releasing their manifesto SEDP today and they are leaving for their party office for this and not because they are displeased.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : As mentioned by our House Leader, it is a good opportunity for the oppositions to criticize the Govt. works and mention their needs. Anyway, it seems that they don't have any and the Assembly will look into the video clip which is a great idea.

I request Pu Lalsawta, Minister to submit his Demands.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Dy. Speaker, with the approval of the Governor and of the House, I hereby lay the following demands. Thank you.

Demand Nos.	Purpose	Amount (₹)
4	Law & Judicial	20,44,59,000.00
8	Taxation	16,12,79,000.00

9	Finance	16,65,82,13,000.00
14	Planning & Prog. Implementation	81,51,25,000.00
	TOTAL	17,83,90,76,000.00

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I request Minister Pu C. Ngunlianchunga to submit the following demands on the table of the House.

Demand Nos.	Purpose	Amount (₹)
18	Printing & Stationery	13,30,48,000.00
30	Disaster Management & Rehabilitation	20,99,47,00.000
34	Animal Husbandry & Veterinary	69,48,20,000.00
	TOTAL	1,03,78,15,000.00

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, with your permission and on the recommendation of the Governor, I lay on the table of the House-

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DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will have discussions and, is 10 minutes enough for each member?

PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER: It is preferable if the members raised their hands during the first hour and you could observe those members who did so that our participation is more peaceful. It would also be better if the members who are up for discussions submit their names so that yesterday's problem doesn't repeat.

DY. SPEAKER : That is a great idea but it is unknown if they have anything to say or not if they didn't raise their hands.

PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, our system is fine and I understand why they left yesterday. However, the House was disrespected when they said they will not sit while the Dy. Speaker is on the Chair.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : That is the House Leader and Speaker's call whether we sit or not. Who will start? Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana.

PU P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA: As seen on yesterday's National News, the Speaker of Maharashtra suspended several MLAs till December due to unruly behaviors and disrespecting the House. The members on your left side suspend themselves and it makes me wonder if their constituency would vote them again. It is sad when members left the House due to one disagreement.

I support the demands of our Finance Minister and it is impressive how his budget is well prepared and made easier to understand. It is clear that our Finance Minister bear the people in his mind while laying the budget of NEDP as seen on our economic survey 2016-2017 and it is impressive that the lives of the laborers, farmers etc will be made much easier by making better arrangements and better facilities. Our House Leader paved a way with NLUP for more than 1 lakh beneficiaries and there are many who profited from this.

Apart from the works by our Finance Minister and Parliamentary Secretary, the hard works contributed by the Department Officers, staffs including IV Grades are also all appreciated. However, the Budget Sessions are usually held on March within a very limited time and it would be much more relaxing if we held them from January and have breaks in between.

Our Finance Minister and the officers worked hard for the public welfare and have an effective Financial Management. They also present the Pie-Chart of our entries in colors which are never done before. The Finance Minister also helped us construct several buildings in our constituency and we are quite eager for them to be opened.

Progresses are made on Printing & Stationary Department- Demand No.18 and it would be appreciated if our Finance Minister funded the Department when their equipments are to be repaired. Demand No.30- Disaster Management plays an important role during natural disasters and it is impressive that measures are also taken for the department.

In regard to Animal Husbandry, the Department constructed a clean animal slaughter house in Aizawl which is much preferred by the people and it is impressive that another corporation is taking measures to construct another slaughter house. It is also appreciating that we are now producing milks of our own, different kinds of fresh meats etc whether it is from NLUP or other departmental scheme.

Lastly Pu Dy. Speaker, they are only targeting you (the chair) for their excuses

but I applaud your leadership. I feel honored to be a part of this House and I support the demands of our Finance Minister and Veterinary Minister. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte.

PU HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. Starting with Demand No. 9, our Finance Minister had maintained a 'Year of Consolidation' for the past two years which showed that the Govt. is capable of maintaining finances; withdrawing GPF is also becoming much easier as well.

Hindi teachers under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme were not paid for 10 months and it is fortunate that the Finance Minister can provide salaries from Mizoram Govt. budget that is worth 4 months to these 1300 teachers.

Our per capita income has increased by 11.27% during 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 and we are fortunate to have our Finance Minister and the officials who are experts in financial management. Looking at our 2017-2018 budget, it is appreciating that all Govt. employees will not face anymore problems on monthly salaries. The state owned tax receipt will also increase from ₹311-318 crores to ₹397.71 crores and measures are also taken to collect taxes and increase them in order to make our state self-reliant.

The TE for Police Department has increased by ₹218 lakhs for the past two years, ₹76 lakhs for motor vehicles and ₹340 lakhs for uniforms which are all appreciated. Apart from this, ₹39.50 crores for resurfacing roads and ₹200 crores for PMGSY are also allotted.

Moving to Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department, our Minister took good care of his Department and it is a good strategy that local pigs are brought for NLUP and not from other states.

In regard to Demand No. 30, Mizoram has heavy rainfall which often results in landslides and that is why our Minister gives high importance to awareness campaigns even at schools, colleges etc. Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you and I support the demands of our Ministers to be passed.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu R.L. Pianmawia.

PU R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Dy. Speaker, it is impressive that our Finance Minister has a good preparation to lay the demands in Mizo language. He is quite capable in managing finances and it is also clear that the Department contributes a lot as well. The situation of the Police Department of Home Department is bad and it is

appreciating that it is given importance in reality. We also came to know how hard the Planning Department is working for the state's development.

In regard to Law Department, it seems that the Department is in short on staffs especially when it comes to VAT.

The DM&R Department allotted to Pu C. Ngunlianchunga plays a very important role and my constituency is in need of Tarpoulin/Silpoulin the most. So, it is appreciating that our needs are provided though less sufficient. The department is ever ready to supply roofing material to the victims and SDRF is also established through this Department which provides essential aid to the victims.

My constituency receives a lot of favors from Veterinary Department as more works being carried out. However, the service of those posted doctors is less enough for a wide constituency like ours. Also, it would be appreciated if there are more VFA.

Regarding Printing & Stationery Department, it is impressive that we are now able to print school textbooks, calendars etc in our own state and also for providing stationery items of good quality. I support the demands of our Ministers and it would be appreciated if the budget fund for Veterinary Department is increased so as to resolve the problems of rural people on supply of animal feeds. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu T. Sangkunga.

PU T. SANGKUNGA : Thank you, Dy. Speaker. It is a privilege to be here to discuss the demands of the two hon. Ministers. We now have implemented Separation of Judiciary to deal with cases we have in our state. Our Judicial Service Officers are working even on Sundays and Christmases and often have trainings in Allahabad, Delhi etc. So, shortage of staff is intensive and should be given more staffs.

Next is Demand No.8, Taxation Department. It is the department which deals with our income sources as it is in which collection of our revenues and taxes depends upon. The Department collected ₹42.07 lakhs in the previous years while it is ₹200.69 crores today. GST is said to be implemented this 1st July and I believe our taxes will increase even more. The Department needs to make a lot of improvement and more importance should therefore be given in filling up the vacant posts.

Accounts & Treasuries is making a lot of improvement since the time of UT especially in dealing with GPF as it even received the award for 'Best State for Subscribers Record Maintenance' which further indicate efforts of the department.

However, some sorts of improvement is needed in the service of staffs which deals with the people's needs.

Veterinary Department is also making a lot of progresses especially on animal insemination and it is impressive that Bull's semen storage tank is being installed. It is the only department in the country in which artificial insemination on pigs is done at field level. It is impressive that Calf Rearing Centers has also been set up at Thingdawl, Selesih, Lunglei and Mampui.

Mizoram, Manipur hilly areas, Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh are the only states who are engaged in mithun farming as the cost of beef is rising. While this is the case, mithun farms in Mizoram are hardly successful due to lack of enough fencing materials. I therefore request the House Leader, Planning and Finance Minister to provide enough barbed wire for fencing.

It is notable that progress is seen in the supply of silpoulin and roofing material thanks to the efforts of the concerned minister.

Next is Demand No. 14, Planning & Programme Implementation. It is impressive that the House Leader knows how to make alternative arrangement in times of no funds available for our plans. It is also appreciated that NEDP has also been introduced.

Printing & Stationery Department receives revenue for supplying stationery materials to other departments without any profits to further checks the practice of corruptions since any item is purchased with Challan system. Under the leadership of the hon. Minister, the department is making a lot of progress in dealing of works.

Pu Dy. Speaker, all the posts of Veterinary Doctor which had been filled up lately have now becomes unoccupied once gain and it would be appreciated if this concerned official examines the case. Lastly, I support the demands of the hon. Ministers. Thank you.

PU H. ZOTHANGLIANA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. As mentioned by our leaders, I find that the Opposition members are have shown improper conduct with lame excuses.

Regarding Demand No. 4, the Department works very hard but is in short of staffs; it would be appreciated if more staffs are recruited.

Pu Dy. Speaker, ₹800 lakhs was sanctioned last year for construction of the judicial building and staff quarters at Lawngtlai and it would be appreciated if the

Finance Minister clarified the status of this sanction. At the same time, I would like to urge any of the hon. Ministers to kindly give important to any question from the ruling members as well as it is done to the opposition members.

The progress made by Taxation Department is well appreciated and I wish it is continued in the future. As shown in the budget statement, the accumulation of our state's own tax revenue and non-tax revenue is barely 8.5% which is quite less. Many have claimed that our state govt. is not affords to contribute even 3% of our budget but I say, we are not. 'Share of Central taxes and duties' is our very own share given by the Central Govt. for being a part of India and as seen on our today's budget, our total revenue receipt is ₹8173.31 crore while share of central taxes and duties is ₹3801.90 crore. Our total revenue receipt is 46.51% if we add the share of central taxes and duties plus state's own revenue and I want the people to feel at ease. While saying this, some political parties insists that they will continue to fight for independence and make the state more self-reliant which is a bit impulsive.

Regarding Finance Department, ₹250 crore is allotted for construction of works under NEDP and it is impressive that ₹50 lakhs is allotted for construction of Agricultural link roads at several constituencies. However, the 3 Autonomous District Councils are excluded from such scheme and it would be appreciated if we also are favors when new proposals are obtained.

We have an effective financial management due to an able Finance Minister; the people are safe and moving towards progress.

In regard to Printing and Stationery Department, it would be of great help for the Govt. if each department acquired stationery materials from this department alone; I also make an appeal to the Stationery department to supply quality products.

Regarding Demand No.30, Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department, it is quite impressive that Pu C. Ngunlianchunga usually arrived on time in any place of the incident and he always there to lend a hand. However, I feel that the Minister is not paying much attention to the problem of our district. (*Dy. SPEAKER: May I remind you that it is almost 1:00 pm*) It is unfortunate that he is now seriously ill and I request everyone to pray for his health. I support the Demands of the 2 hon. Ministers to be passed. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu T.T. Zothansanga raised his hand but it is time for our recess. We will continue with our discussion at 2:00 pm.

2:00 PM

SPEAKER : So far, 5 members shared their discussions in the morning and I now request Pu T.T. Zothansanga to take his time.

PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. It is rather quiet without the presence of the opposition members and I feel that they do not perform their duties as MLAs.

I would like to start with Demand No. 14. I opine the Govt. performs quite well regarding Planning. The previous ministry during 1998-2008 was able to obtain fund provisions of ₹1,72,512 lakhs where as under this Ministry, we are able to obtain fund provisions amounting to ₹3,75,730 lakhs which may further increase to ₹7,13,036 lakhs when all the proposed sanctions are received.

There is a question as to whether the Govt. has in mind to implement the 7th pay Commission. In this regard, it may be noted that my party ministry, in 2009 had implemented the 6th Pay Commission which compelled the Govt. to incur additional expenditure of ₹181.23 crore solely for pay of the Govt. servants. Thus, the annual expenditure of the Govt. due to implementation of the 6th Pay amounting to ₹126 crore. Despite the situation, 337 schools were upgraded under the same ministry and I wonder how the Govt. was able to manage itself in such a critical situation; I truly appreciate the efforts of the then leaders.

Relating to our financial problem, Pu Speaker, it will be much appreciated if the hon. Finance Minister clarified how the Govt. deals with the remaining uncompensated amount of 21 crore rupees on Tuirial hydel project and if demonetization has affected the case of 882 crore rupees in which some politicians are involves. It may as well be pleased if the hon. Minister could clarify as to whether the Govt. has in mind to recruit more employees with improvement of our financial situation. At the same time, I urge the hon. Finance Minister to resolve the problem for the delay of billing system of supply of rice.

In regard to Demand No. 4, we are pleased to hear from the House Leader that the foundation stone for Champhai District Court will be laid shortly. In this connection, may I inform him that the people of Zote village are happy to donate a vast area of land to that effect and without hoping any compensation in turn. It is also impressive that a temporary session case will be conducted prior to actual session and for that, our leaders permitted us IIDC at Champhai. It may as well be noted that a sufficient area of land is available anytime at Zote and Hmunhmeltha for any development project which may be initiated at Champhai District.

It is notable that DM&R Department supplies silpoulins but I believe we should issue more to our MLAs than to District Headquarters as the item is hardly

benefitted in the remote areas. I appreciate that the Department is quite prompt in taking action on some disasters but I must say that the process of compensation is rather slow which may be expedited.

Lastly, Demand No. 34. Pu Speaker, I would like to ask when the slaughter house at Champhai will be opened. And, it will be much appreciated if sufficient amount of barbed wire is made available in my constituency as cattle farming under NLUP are becoming successful and the demand of fencing material is increasing. Otherwise, more of the projects under horticulture and agriculture department will be damaged by unfenced cattle.

Pu Speaker, think it is important to examine milk business in Champhai district as the hard-working producers hardly make a profit since 2015 obviously due to the existence of CHAMUL. It is also unfortunate that we do not have VFA which may also be noted down by the hon. Minister. Anyway, I support the demands of the two Ministers. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalrinliana raised his hand and he will be called shortly. I thank the Oppositions members for joining the discussion following our request as the House is incomplete without their presence. I now call upon Pu Lalrinliana.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I would like to start with Law & Judicial. The people of Mizoram seem happy with the achievement of separation of the Judicial and Executive. However, I was thinking of if payment of Fast Tract court is properly set and is given to the right person.

Our Finance Minister is very careful in financial management and fiscal measures which had been undertaken in the previous year which is quite effective till today. It is also a relief that our budget speech of today specifically focuses on the poor and laborers. While this is the case, funds we have loaned from Asia Development Bank for Health Care Scheme amounting to ₹155,6,7100 remains unspent and may be wise to invest the sum at the Apex Bank with interest of ₹9.05/- than to other banks at the rate of ₹8/-. Our Finance Minister has underlines the banks credentials but Apex Bank is owned by Mizoram and is more secure with good credentials. I also believe that we could profit the interest of more than ₹5 crores if we have invested at Apex Bank of higher interest rates. In this connection, I urge the hon. Chief Minister and Finance Minister regarding objection made by Banks for issue of PMGP loan.

In regard to DM&R Department, it is reassuring that we have a powerful Minister to look after this important department who is always ready to reach the spot

of the incident which may occur. (*SPEAKER: Your time is up*) It is also appreciated that the cost price of silpoulins is reduced from ₹1440/- to ₹730/-.

Pu Speaker, the hon. Minister of AH & Veterinary may not be a holder of Master Degree or Doctorate Degree yet, I do appreciate his inborn quality which is seen in his works. It is notable that the Minister has conducted a cadre review of the officers and staff of his department which result to the department in having 2 Joint Directors whereas an odd grade pay which is 6100/- has also been upgraded to 6600/-. It would also be quite appreciated if Mobile Veterinary Dispensary is placed at every block level so that healthy meats are made available throughout the state. Thus, Pu Speaker, I may conclude my speech by giving my support to passing of the Demands which we have been discussed. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Er. Lalrinawma.

ER. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I would like to start with Finance Department.

It is impressive that the Department published office memorandum on 'expenditure management, economy measures and rationalization of expenditure' on 8th July with instructions in the application of ceiling on diesel and petrol. However, if we examine the demand for grants, only a few departments allotted funds under POL not even in the Finance Department. While this is the case, a lot of funds is allocated under 'Other charges' in most of the departments and the reason which may be clarified later by the concerned Minister. Regarding Secret Service Expenditure, it is seen in the budget of Home Department and Excise & Narcotics but I do not understand that the same is allotted under MPSC.

Pu Speaker, several works are performed by non-works departments and we need to reexamine this practice. I believe this practice against the Govt. of Mizoram (Allocation of Business) Rules, 2014 and we should follow Rules of Law. Many hired consultancy firms are making DPR and execute the works which seems to be illegal in India as mentioned on 'Participation of consultants in tender guidelines-regarding' published in 2004 by the Central Vigilance Commission, Govt. of India.

Next is the Demand of the hon. Minister, Pu C. Ngunlianchunga. Since my constituency covers mostly of rural areas, the demand of Silpouline is quite high and thus is much appreciative that the Minister himself has always provided the material in times of need.

Regarding AH & Veterinary, we no longer have VFA at Lungpho since the promotion of the last one to Supervisor. It will be much appreciated if immediate

arrangement is made in this regard. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Pu K. Sangthuama.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. It is regretted to mention that Printing & Stationery Department is now becoming irresponsible. It is therefore wise for concerned authority to determine improvement of this important department.

Regarding DM&H Department, it is impressive that the hon. concerned Minister makes all efforts to supply the needs on time, yet the quality of silpoulin may be upgraded.

Despite the efforts of AH & Veterinary, self-sufficiency in supply of meats such as beef, pork and chicken remains unachieved and more efforts thus need to be made.

Coming now to the Demands of our Finance Minister, I opine Law & Judicial Department needs to have more public awareness on media such as TV, Radio, newspapers etc. with feasibility of tax evasion. Several economic measures had been taken during the past few years and I request him to continue his efforts.

Pu Speaker, about 50,000 Govt. employees contributes professional tax amounting to ₹2500/- only which is the same as of the tax paid by the poor villagers. So, it is wise for concerned authority to collect more from Govt. employees. Professional tax of 30%, 25% etc. is collected from the Govt. employees in the central which make it easier for the Govt. to implement the 7th Pay Commission. So, we need to examine the case.

With this sufficient budget funds of ₹8,803.1 crore at our disposal, I strongly believe we could make lots of achievement if it is used meaningfully. (**SPEAKER:** *Your time is up*)

Regarding Health Care Scheme, Apex Bank and MUCO Bank both are reliable Banks which provides loans more than any other banks. So, it would be appreciated if both are given importance. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalthanliana.

PU LALTHANLIANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. As mentioned by the previous member, I am also surprise to see funds allocation under the head of POL of some departments while none is seen in some other departments.

I would like to start with the Demands of our Finance Minister. The majority of our laws are enforced from the Police and also Court and it is impressive to see funds allocated for equipping our Police. We are making effort on collecting taxes and the people are also now aware of the necessary of paying taxes. As we have learned, GST will be implemented from July and this will hopefully increase our revenue. 26.31% of our tax is from Petrol, Diesel and Lubricants and it may be noted that oil will contribute the most whereas 18.07% is expected from liquor and the difference is 8.24%. So, we need to take measures by importing oils as much as possible in order to increase our revenue collections. It is also impressive that the 1st Mizoram Finance Commission set asides the fund provisions for local bodies and allotted 15% from ₹15,39,56,000 allotted to the municipal.

Regarding Demand No.30, DM&R Department, the performance of the hon. Minister is well appreciated (**SPEAKER: *Your time is almost up***) It is learned that the probation period of the Architecture Interior Engineer (AIE) is almost over but the works remain incomplete and thus being carried out ceaselessly for rainy season is approaching. So, I request the hon. Chief Minister or the concerned department to watch over the progress of work so that it endures at least one monsoon. I appreciate that the work is in full swing in cooperation with the Local Council and concerned locality. At the same time, I request to provide funds for inclusion of a short road in the same locality.

In regard to AH & Veterinary Department, it is impressive that we have Epidemiological Centre at Khatla to control animal diseases which I think as a great achievement as well. The demand for animal feed is 60 metric ton per day and it is appreciative that we now have feed manufacturing machinery which will now absorb a large sum of money which used to flow outside. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Dr. K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I would like to start with Law & Judicial Department. Though I am not of Laws expert, I find our system satisfactory. Fast Track Court was opened last year at Siaha also and I find no reason to not have District Session Judge since there is no financial implication or shortage of manpower where as the budgetary provision is all clear; all it will take is to publish a notification. So, I request the hon. Minister to look into this matter. We could stand strong judicially but not in the administration for we remain under the control from Lunglei.

Demand No. 8, Taxation Department. The people are beginning to realize the necessity of taxes and the govt. thus need to update itself on the official dealings; the department also needs to be equipped with infrastructure and more manpower. At the

same time, I am concern about the regular expenditure on the office rents as we could have completed construction of office building with 3 years rent. So, it it is wise for the department to construct its office in every district headquarter. Whereas for Siaha, there is a convenient site for the office and will be much appreciated if step is taken in this regard.

Demand No. 9, Finance Department. It is a very important Department that the Govt. cannot function without it. So, not only the Govt. but the people of Mizoram should also take part in it and work together for better financial management. On the other hand, as mentioned by the previous member, I think we should reconsider the case of the consultancy firms.

We declared the last two years as ‘Year of Consolidation’ as we have seen many good results. However, we, the members should set example for the people in taking economic measures. In this connection, it would be appreciated if the Govt. opines C&AG Report is reliable or not.

Demand No. 14, Planning & Programme Implementation Department is of an important department and we should find measure to increase our GSDP and also make plans that will execute true works.

Printing & Stationery Department is an important department to helps increase our revenue. So, it is important that each department acquires stationery items from this supplying department.

I express my appreciation to DM&R Department, Demand No.30, for providing silpoulins in times of our need and we the oppositions will be more contented if we are provided the quality and quantity issued to our Ministers for we all have our own people in our respective constituency to be served.

We are becoming aware of the importance of AH & Veterinary Department and the staffs are working hard. However, I request the department to make more efforts and have better plans. Lastly, I would like to inform the concerned Minister that we the people of Siaha are expecting cows of better quality/breed as a replacement of those we had which have all been transferred to Lawngtlai. We have many reasons to be grateful towards this department as the Opposition members are always included when piglets are supplied. Thank, you Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalruatkima

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I would like to start with Demand No. 4, Law & Judicial Department. It is impressive that we have 3 High

Court Judges of Mizos background and it is hopeful that we may also have a mizo Supreme Court judge in the future. Presently we are constructing High Court building but it is the only construction in which Memorandum of Settlement has failed. We still do not have a separate High Court and I hope that we will soon have it after the construction is completed.

Unfortunately, Lunglei Court was attacked by some miscreants last year and we therefore need to take measures for protection of Govt. building and assets. We also need to educate ourselves regarding the attendance of court witnesses and we need look ourselves on our habitual postponement of court hearing. We should also improve Legal Service Authority and educate the laws to the people.

Pu Speaker, our Advocate General seems to give more interest on other subjects than court cases and that the Assistant Public Prosecutors were resigned earlier. I opine it is important for the Govt. lawyers to prepare themselves more to help the Govt. win any case.

We rely on the service of Taxation Department to a large extents and our financial depends on their performances. The Dy. Commissioner of Taxation was promoted to Jt. Commissioner through functional promotion but his pay remains the same and this needs to be examined.

The Consultative Committee decided that the tax collectors need vehicle which has already been approved; apart from this, pool vehicle is granted by vehicle entitle basis. However, the allotted vehicle is not befitted the official purposes for long drives. Regarding Liquor VAT, it is a multiple point taxation system and is regarded as Input Tax Credit on VAT Act. Many vendors do not pay taxes as they should have and the total amount of this unpaid tax will be quite a lot.

Next is Demand No. 9, Finance Department. Regarding the entitlement of medical re-imburement, ₹700/- is fixed for private wards but the cabin charge in most of our private hospitals exceeds ₹700/-. So, it crosses my mind as to whether we should inspect the private hospitals or revise our entitlement on medical re-imburement. In this connection, it may be noted that the nationalized Banks ignores the credit ratio especially on PMEGP loans which further causes many problems to the concerned people.

Pu Speaker, we should also pay attention to the problem faced by CSS Hindi Teachers otherwise the consequences towards the students could be intensive.

Regarding P&E Deptt., I opine the amount of our revenue collection from power supply could be increased if accurate meter is fixed in every connecting

household or else the Govt. will waste a large sum of money every year.

As repeatedly stated in the House, it is necessary for us to submit our share on time in any centrally sponsored scheme otherwise we may not afford to do so when the unpaid amount is piling up. Besides, I opine we are also quite slow in processing UC and the department should give more efforts in this regard.

Regarding Demand No.14, Planning Department, it is important for the department to furnish in the House a reliable data as it is not possible to determine certain cases like the accurate status of Water Supply & Sanitation as figures being entry for the same in various records are different. Pu Speaker, achievement of NEDP lies on the department and thus necessary to make appropriate action plan when implementing the scheme. It is impressive that we have MIRSAC and we need to give awareness to the people to minimize panic reaction in any kind of natural calamity.

Pu Speaker, it is regretted that only few departments obtains stationery items from the Printing & Stationery Department and the government needs to pay more attentions in this regard.

Regarding Demand No.34, it's been a long time since the implementation of NLUP and is upsetting that we remain without fresh meat for consumption. Yet, we have a sufficient supply of chickens but the rate is still very high. I believe that restricting imported chickens for 2/3 months will be of a great help in marketing our chickens.

In regard to Demand No.30, DM&R Department, we never leave the minister's office empty handed and he is quite active when incidents occur; he tends to fulfill his duties and always provides our needs. I opine we should also seek alternative measure for land slide prone area of Hunthar etc. which are not safe for settlement. Thank you.

SPEAKER : I request Pu Lalsawta, hon. Minister to wind up the discussion and beg for his demands to be passed. (*Dy. Speaker in the Chair*)

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Dy. Speaker, it is 3:00 pm now and I will try to finish it before 4:00 pm. However, the members are quite enthusiastic and I feel most of the discussions need some sorts of reaction.

Firstly, I would like to emphasize on Marketing Business and the Mizos. As known to us all, most of the neighboring states are assimilated by the marketing business of non-tribal where as we are the only NE state which still have the opportunity to fight back the curse. In the process, it is important for us to build a

strong teamwork between the businessmen, the Govt. and the people.

We give importance to Banks as a meeting often being held. We would have disagreements with them relating to vehicle insurance, loans etc. In this regard, we need to know that loans should be recovered on regular basis in order to have a profit by both parties. Banks often face problems for having excessive numbers of Non-performing Assets and they do not want this to happen. Our Chief Minister has often stated that our CD ratio is comparatively low and more efforts should be made. We are also going to urge some companies and empire firms operating in Mizoram on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and we find this important as we want them to have a sense to perform works on water supply or electric supply with CSR. **(PU N.K. CHAKMA:** Point of Clarification please, Mr. Speaker, Sir. Measures are taken on fencing in my constituency but the EPIL, NBCC do nothing till today.) Please let us know if you know any company expecting CSR but fail to perform works and we will take actions.

Regarding Insurance, various Banks had often been summoned to report themselves to the government if there is any other obligation introduced by their Banks apart from receiving insurance money. It is known to us all that 3rd party insurance is only in name but nothing can be claimed actually; yet, it may be taken for granted for it serves for other purposes. Coming back to Corpus Fund of Healthcare scheme, there are certain banks that give out loan to the Govt. with high interest rate and there are others with reasonable rate of interest. It may seem from the answer given in the House that some Banks as being favored among others. In this regard, it may be noted that a meeting is held by the Finance Secretary when Corpus fund is needed and tender is then floated which is applied by various banks as per their respective capacity and one has to fill up all the points in the tender sheets. In such cases, it is inappropriate to favor a particular bank even if it is of local background.

Pu Speaker, professional tax is a repeated issue in this House as the members who seem to concern most like Pu K. Sangthuama has mentioned the same topic for the second time. It is questionable why the amount of professional tax paid by the Govt. servants remain unrevised for they can enjoy various opportunities from the Govt. such as medical reimbursement and leave etc. As we all know, Pi L.N. Tochwawng, our Principal Secretary of Finance Department is retiring tomorrow; and one thing she should do is to clear up income tax of ₹40,000/- per month for her stays in New Delhi which is intensive high. As per Article 276, the ceiling of professional tax to be paid by the Govt. servants for 12 months is ₹2500/-. Hence, some have opined they should give more as so opined by Empowered Committee and GST Council. However, as we study the case, it is found out that the Govt. servants have paid income tax and in addition, a professional tax as stated which I think is the reason that the demand to increase professional tax is unheeded for it is against the

provision of the Constitution of India. Thus, it may be noted that there is no appropriate solution for professional tax from the Govt. servants. Yet, the Govt. Employees Association informed that they are not hesitant to do something for the Govt. but it is not complied with for it may cause us problem if the case is appealed in court. In this regard, the opinion of the Employees Federation may also be taken and a firm conclusion will then be made in consultation with the hon. House Leader.

Regarding Medical reimbursement, there is a group insurance in which contribution of the govt. employees is quite less. There are Govt. employees who enjoy much of MR where as there a some who never had.

We do not say that our finance situation is stable; we only meant that we are making a little progress as we are able to give the salaries on time. It may be noted by the House that we are afraid that we would carry the burden which is beyond our capability. However, we want to have a prosperous state and in order to make this come true, the laborers should work harder and the Govt. should provide more of their needs as a mean of employment generation.

We are also hoping to improve any evil thought about NEDP. The earning is priceless if it comes through hard-works and difficulty and this will further improve our moral crisis and work culture. Our moral stamina is lower than that of our physical and we hope to make NEDP a successful scheme.

A meeting was held as we heard that liquor vendors do not pay taxes, and our decision is that Excise Department should not provide license and permit unless Tax Clearance Certificate is received from Taxation. The vendors need to know that they have to pay taxes and they should not hesitant to do so for it is the consumer's money and not theirs.

It's been barely 10 ten years since we are functioning with hired Empanelled Consultants and it may have some flaws in the process. However, it is quite impressive that the Engineers of established companies are working hard without interrupting the Govt. and without any thought to involve in the Govt. works. We are also aware of the rules but we continued with it since it generates employment highly for our youths. Anyway, we need to discuss the matter with PWD and will determine how it will be benefitted by all.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, it seems that we deliberately violate the Govt. of Mizoram (Allocation of Business) Rules, 2014, but if we have to proceed with it, we need to enhance it. I do not criticize the performance of the Consultants but the process of preparing the DPR for the work to be done by the department itself which seems like setting the questions for his own answer in the examination. So, it

would be more appropriate to follow the rules. Thank you.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: I may not be the right person to give the answer for I am concern with both Finance department and the Legal cases; yet, I think it is inappropriate for one to take up the Pancial Rules which should not be ignored. The process thus may be examined under the leadership of the House Leader.

Regarding session cases and session courts, intensive effort is made to accomplish the plan for it is prioritized by the hon. Chief Minister and the Chief Justice. However, this could not be expedited since it concern technical issues which need to be sort out first. Even a petty legal case cannot be ignored but the problem is that there are some cases which may be dealt with the statutory power of the Session Judges. If possible, it is desirable to have more Judicial Districts but we have to thinks both the demands and our capacity. It is beyond affords and even if we are capable of, some Districts will become idle without case.

These are all ongoing agendas and we will deal with it steadily and as per the condition of the department. Mizoram is often incapable of change and sacrifices and dutifulness are needed in order to have a pleasant state.

I thank the members for their participation in the discussion.

SPEAKER : If you have finished, ask for the Demands to be passed.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor and with your permission, Sir, I beg the House to pass the following demands: -

Demand Nos.	Purpose	Amount (₹)
4	Law & Judicial	20,44,59,000.00
8	Taxation	16,12,79,000.00
9	Finance	16,65,82,13,000.00
14	Planning & Prog. Implementation	81,51,25,000.00
	TOTAL	17,83,90,76,000.00

SPEAKER : The Minister has begged the House to pass his Demands and those in favor may say, 'Yes' (**Members:** Yes) The House has unanimously passed the Demand Nos. 4, 8, 9 and 14.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : I request Pu C. Ngunlianchunga to wind up the discussions and beg the House to pass his Demands.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA, MINISTER: Firstly, i extent my appreciation to all the members for your valuable concern for my health, and God bless you all.

So far, 11 members have mentioned about Veterinary Department including matters relating to barbed wires and VFA. 35 RAH are now vacant and we are in short on staffs at District level. It is appreciating that the members observed our needs and made valuable suggestions. I am also aware of the need of barbed wires and I have even approached the hon. Chief Minister and Finance Minister to fulfill our demands and had made a request to NEDP as well. As the Govt. takes measures to alleviate livelihoods of the poor, I am delighted to mention that Mithun farming is becoming successful in the constituency of Pu T. Sangkunga, Pu T.T. Zothansanga, Dr. K. Beichhua and of the Speaker. We made an attempt to provide barbed wires from RKVY but we could not afford it due to limited finance. With the success of Mithun farming, the demand for barbed wire also is increasing and I do hope that our leaders have in mind to include this trade in the next NLUP scheme.

Numbers of Doctors are retiring within a short period of time and I am regretted to mention that we could hardly make replacements as desired. I thank Pu T. Sangkunga for observing our needs of VFA. At the same time, let me point out that the slaughter house at Champhai is about to be completed and will soon be opened and that we have sent the Jt. Director to inspect CHAMUL at Champhai.

I am happy to receive words of appreciation from Pu Larinliana regarding cadre reviews and improvement of the service of our doctors. However, I would like to say that such things will never be achieved unless the hon. Chief Minister and his Cabinet and I extend my thanks to them as a Minister of AH & Veterinary. We will work on Mobile clinic if funds are available. Pu Sangthuama explains regarding the demands for more meats and how to achieve self-sufficiency. Despite our fond of meats, I wonder why we the mizos remain insufficient in meat productions. In some advance countries, the Govt. does not build farms and provide meat to the people. In fact, most of the meats are of private farms. The doctors would only visit the farms and check the health of the animals. If we give enough effort on farming, we would not have problems on marketing of the products.

Though we have numbers of degree holders in veterinary science, the majority focuses on Govt. jobs. So, the Govt. proposed to provide financial aids to such experts for setting up their own firms. I want the youths to know that rearing animals is one of the most stabilized livelihoods. The steps taken by the govt. in this regard is limited and we therefore have to focus on private farms.

A new laboratory is being constructed at Khatla and ₹321 lakhs is allotted for this. Animal diseases will now be easily detected and we hope to open it by the end of 2017. We have a feed plant at Ramrikawn and ₹551,8000 is allotted for purchase of more advanced feed plant machinery with production of 8 metric ton per hour. Some may question why we have two feed plants; one is for cow feeds processing and the other is for chicken feeds. It is suggestive to all enthusiast businessmen to set up animal feeds processing plant for the demand is quite high. Moreover, it is inappropriate to depend only on production of the government.

In reply to the question of Dr. K. Beichhua regarding cows, the department decided to keep such cattle in a compact area so as to safe funds and the maintenance staff. We have a large farm at Mampui in which a separate farm for calf and pigs are included; we set them free thrice a week in the grazing ground. We also have here hatchery and pigs breeding to reproduce more chicken and piglets. We have the same plant at Lunglei and pigs farm at Thenzawl with a capacity of 200 pigs. Improvement of Thingdawl farm also is now in progress.

Our leaders are with the idea of keeping numbers of cattle in a compact area instead of keeping it in 3 or more places. I do hope Dr. K. Beichhua will understand the situation and we have been determined another project for Siaha District.

Regarding point mentioned by Er. Lalrinawma on VFA, there are numbers of NLUP beneficiaries who opted trade under AH & Veterinary and I am proud to inform the House that my department happened to be the most successful one in the implementation of NLUP. While this is the case, it is unfortunate not to have enough VFA I have even put up the file to the hon. Chief Minister a couple of time but it ends up at the level of DP&AR and Finance Department. Our need for more VFA is intensive in numbers of places and may be fulfilled as soon as recruitment is done.

Regarding modern meat shop as stated by Pu Lalruatkima, a slaughter house is constructed at Bung-bungalow and the processed meats here are sold at 11 Nos. modern meat shops. But we are in short of supply due to the widespread of PRRS and the 3rd party could not continue to run their shops and it is inconvenient for the department to take up the business. So, such shops are closed and deep freezers and trays are being returned. The freezers were borrowed and were not given. The slaughter house at Bung-bungalow is now run by private at the rate of ₹7,000/- per month.

There is a proposal to give VFA training of 2 years course and the desired qualification is class 12 (passed). Session will be started in June.

Slaughter house is currently constructed at Bawngkawn and Mualpui and all

the civil works will be started after connection of water and electricity are made available. It may be noted that most of the slaughter houses in other districts lies unused.

A proposal is made for establishment of goat breeding farm at Thenzawl in which ₹6 cores is allotted and ₹200 lakhs for upgrading Rural Animal Health Care; we also have hatchery farm at Tanhril. However, we do not have a sufficient building for the process and it is appreciating that our Finance Minister will provide us ₹3 crores. The average production is 1000 eggs per day. Some are kept for hatching for further sold.

With the help of funds obtained from Nashville Livestock Mission amounting to ₹2,11,23,000, there is a proposal for purchase of materials and vaccines for our farms at Thingdawl, Lungpuizawl and Mampui. Pu Speaker, I opine it is important to inform the House that we also provide financial aids to numbers of family who are engaged in cattle rearing and plan has also been made with the fund provisions under Land capacity. Regarding NLUP, we have covered 14,245 beneficiaries with the third and fourth phase of NLUP fund.

Apart from this, artificial insemination is applied on 4605 Nos. Mithun under the national program of bovine breeding and setting up of liquid nitrogen plant at Selesih has also been completed. Barbed wire fencing of Mampui farm also is done in which 50 Nos. cows are kept. We supply 7 months old chicks to Lunglei and Lawngtlai at the rate of ₹30/-. These are the major measures taken up under AH & Veterinary Department.

Secondly, Pu Zoram Sangliana is well aware of the condition of Printing & Stationary Department and it is appreciated that he has also taken measure to maintain our machineries. Presently we are printing SCERT text books for class 1 - 8 which comprises 57 subjects. We also printed calendars last year but not this year. My department AH & Veterinary too is buying stationery items from Printing & Stationary Department and there are 10 departments who do purchase from not Printing & Stationary Department.

Regarding point raised by Pu H. Zothangliana, we are trying our best to maintain quality products and order is placed based on the indents received from various departments. We bought a vehicle for stationery items delivery and we often give importance to those indenting departments.

In reply to point mentioned by Pu K. Sangthuama, we are making a lot of progress and we now have couples of equipments to be generated constructively. Measure is taken to transform the department as a role model to others and to increase

the revenue of the Govt. A project is launched at Aizawl with the help of NLECP fund for Strengthening of Government Press and establishment of Printing Institute. This will generate employment for the youths and improve State Printing Industry. Our revenue target is ₹134 lakhs for the year 2016-2017 and we hope to exceed this target as we also had last year.

12 members have mentioned about DM&R Department. It is clear that silpaulin is needed by all and I feel truly honored to be appreciated by my fellow members. As the question of Pu H. Zothangliana, we made an estimate of ₹91.43 lakhs particularly for Sangau but we do not have funds to provide as yet.

During the SDNA meeting last year, we asked for at least ₹10 crores for medication fund but not a single rupee was allotted. We could not instantly use SGRA fund and that is why we could not take up the work at Sangau. Lawngtlai and Sangau have submitted a joint DPR of ₹7.5 crore to the Central Govt. However, only Hunthar Veng of ₹15 crore was approved for the year 2016-2017. So, this is why the other areas are not successful.

Technical Evaluation Committee, NDMA of New Delhi are coming to inspect the areas of Hunthar, Ramhlun and Zemabawk and its members are: -

- i. Dr. S. K. Singh, Professor, PEC University, Chandigarh;
- ii. Shri Sudhir Mathur, Area Advisor Research & Development Centre, CRRI, New Delhi;
- iii. Dr. Kishore Kumar, Chief Scientist, CRRI, New Delhi;
- iv. Shri Ravinder Singh, Consultant, Landslide & Avalanche, MDMA, New Delhi;
- v. MK. Kaitha, Superintendent of Geology, GSI and Shillong, Meghalaya;
- vi. Shri G. Sr. Geologist, GSI, Shillong, Meghalaya;
- vii. Shri K. Sr. Geologist, GSI, Shillong, Meghalaya.

Regarding the system of allotment of Silpaulin as stated by Pu T.T. Zothansanga, it is necessary to allot through concerned DC and it may also be issued to MLAs if there is any. Issue of silpaulins is properly recorded and we often favour the Members in the distribution. As of the point raised by Pu Lalrinliana Sailo, it is SEC which decided purchase of silpaulins and SPAB selected the supplier. The second supply had been objected for it was not the same with the sample submitted previously.

Regarding point raised by Pu Thanliana, there is a plan for construction of approach road to Ramhlun Sport Complex and step has been taken to declare the area as landslide prone. As mentioned, GSI of NDMA has inspected the area.

Reacting to the point of Pu Lalruatkima who claims landslide prone area of Hunthar Veng as being ignored, I would like to state that priority is given as the consultancy firm has even made power point presentation to NDMA of New Delhi on 4th Feb. As requested by our Health Minister, file has been moved for loaning SDRF of ₹2 crores for strengthening the surface of this road before monsoon. Training has also been given to Armed Police, IR Battalion and other voluntary organizations such as YMA. Mock drill was a successfully organized at Serchhip and Siaha and it is quite impressive that 57 departments now have Disaster Management Plan. A study centre for disaster has now been set up at Aizawl, Siaha and Lawngtlai District and the State Emergency Operation Centre is also available now at Directorate of R&R. District Emergency Operation Centre has also been set up at DC office with useful equipments. Besides, DPR of ₹15 crore is being submitted for Hunthar Veng landslide prone area and an amount of ₹43,55330/- is being collected as handling charge of silpaulins and tarpaulins. Thus, we are able to submit to the government a revenue amounting to ₹44,23,500/- thanks to the efforts of the concerned officials. The State Disaster Management Fund could not be utilized at present and that is why our Finance Commissioner assured to provide for the same of ₹5 crore by the coming year.

Mr. Speaker Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor and with your permission, I beg the House to pass the following Demands: -

Demand Nos.	Purpose	Amount (₹)
18	Printing & Stationery	13,30,48,000.00
30	Disaster Management & Rehabilitation	20,99,47,000.00
34	Animal Husbandry & Veterinary	69,48,20,000.00
	TOTAL	1,03,78,15,000.00

SPEAKER : The Minister has moved the House to pass his Demands. Now, those in favor may say, 'Yes' (**Members:** Yes) The House has unanimously passed the Demands.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Each member may collect 4 bundles each of silpaulins from DM&R Department for passing my Demands. Thank you.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I would like to express my appreciation to your leadership and to the Opposition members that due to your common efforts and commitment we are able to resume today's sitting. I thank

you all for that.

However, I am concern of the way Hindi and CSS teachers approached the Govt. for I opine it is inappropriate. They should have aware of their funding sources as they all have signed an agreement prior to their recruitment and they all are well aware of their situation. Despite our financial problem, our Finance Minister, other Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries somehow workout for the salaries even when the Central could not provided. The state govt. spends ₹45.17 crores for payment of their salary for 6 months which had not been received from the central. Our leaders, with deep concern for the wellbeing of such teachers sends the School Education officials and CYMA representatives to approach the Central Govt. but they deliberately gathered around the Chief Minister's bungalow and his office in protest.

The Govt. and the School Education Department are aware of the condition of such teachers and they are still cared. Once again I would also like to remind them that the State Govt. provides their salary when the Central does not.

SPEAKER : The media also pays attention on the returns of our Oppositions members as I was even asked about it in my office. The hon. Chief Minister gave me an advice to this concern and for that reason we are able resume our sitting. So, I thank him for his wise advice.

We may have some differences causing arguments but I appeal to all the opposition members not take this as an advantage to leave the House. We often start our sessions by reading out the Bible verse and we are the only state who maintains this practice. So, we should be at peace with one another.

Our business for today is over and we will continue tomorrow, 24.3.2017 at 10:30 am.

The sitting is adjourned (4:55 pm)