

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

**LIST OF BUSINESS**

FOR TENTH SITTING ON MONDAY, THE 27<sup>th</sup> 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 LALSAWTA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House the following :
  - i) Statement on Sixth Monthly Review of the Finance Minister on the Fiscal Position of the Government of Mizoram for the Second Half of 2014-2015 (October, 2014-March, 2015)(As required under Rule 11 of the Mizoram Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Rules, 2007).
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4. **PU LALRUATKIMA**, to lay on the Table of the House the following Statements on Action Taken Reports of Public Accounts Committee:
  - i) Statement of Action Taken on the further recommendation of Public Accounts Committee contained in the 10<sup>th</sup> Action Taken Report, 2016 relating to Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer

- Affairs Department (Ref : Para 2.5, 3.6 and 8.6 of the 10<sup>th</sup> Action Taken Report).
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### **LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

#### ***Bill for introduction, consideration and passing***

- 5. **PU ZODINTLUANGA**, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce "The Mizoram Street Vendor (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) (Repeal) Bill, 2017".

#### ***ALSO***

#### ***to introduce the Bill***

#### ***to move that the Bill be taken into consideration***

#### ***AND***

#### ***to move that the Bill be passed.***

### ***FINANCIAL BUSINESS***

#### ***DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS***

- 6. **PU R. LALZIRLIANA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.

7. **PU P.C. LALTHANLIANA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.

NGURTHANZUALA  
Secretary

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**SPEAKER** : For wisdom is a defense as money is a defense, but the excellence of knowledge is that wisdom gives life to those who have it.  
Ecclesiastes 7:12

We will go to Question No. 12 and I invite the Hon. Member, Pu Vanlalzawma.

**PU VANLALZAWMA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the Hon. Minister for Labour, Employment & Industrial Training Department be pleased to state: –

- a) Number of youth sends outside under MYC for their further career.
- b) In which streams.
- c) Amount of expenditure.

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite the Hon. Chief Minister, Pu Lal Thanhawla to reply.

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

- a) MYC does not send out any youth outside for their further career.
- b) N/A
- c) N/A

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary question from Pu Vanlalzawma.

**PU VANLALZAWMA** : Pu Speaker, I believe I have received wrong information. However, we all know that some youth are sponsored to pursue their further career. If possible, may the Hon. Minister clarify: -

- a) From which fund the said are sponsored.
- b) The total expenditure to that effect.
- c) From which department.

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite the Chief Minister.

**PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the MYC only search for their placement in cooperation with different Agencies. At present, some youth are being trained for hospitality and aviation system to face interview for Air Hostess and we negotiate with the Airlines authority to recruit from Mizoram as much as possible. There are also some privates who are doing negotiation with the Japanese Embassy and have a talk with the University of Kokoro. As work course is limited in Japan, training for Japanese language and working knowledge is being set up in Aizawl by placing language teacher. Yet, there is a rumor of disagreement among them but we later have learned it was not true. While this is the case, the demand still very high

and we are now dealing this with care. In this regard, it may be noted that placement will be made only after attaining good working knowledge and language. Presently there are 3 firms giving up the business due to heavy debt and the government is now determining how to deal with the problems. It is known that the students are well treated during their studies and their placement good enough. In short, no one is sent by MYC, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalruatkima

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Pu Speaker, my questions are as follows: -

- i) How many youth are placed to Service Provider through MYC skilled development initiative scheme under LE & IT Department?
- ii) How many are VTP delegated.
- iii) What is the reason for sending such youth to Japan from NLUP fund?
- iv) By which agency such youth are sent?

**PU VANLALZAWMA** : Pu Speaker, it would be appreciated if the House Leader gives us information regarding the reason that Chairman of the Youth Commission was terminated from his post.

**SPEAKER** : Dr. K. Beichhua may ask his question.

**Dr. K. BEICHHUA** : Pu Speaker, my Supplementary question is – Whether the 32 NIAS students were sent by MYC and if they were flagged off by the Chairman of MYC.

**SPEAKER** : Now, let that be enough for one question; I invite the Hon. Chief Minister to reply.

**PULAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, skill development and capacity building should be emphasized by the Central for this will help the youth in self development. Even if the government has no fund for that, there is a component in NLUP for skill development and capacity component. Thus, the government borrows the fund for this purpose for repayment; there is nothing to be afraid of in this regard.

Pu Speaker, Chairman of the Youth Commission has flagged off many students in this regard whether or not it is his concern; he has done as per the request. As of the question of genuineness of the programme, is not our purview to prove it. I believe it was done so as encouragement.

Regarding NIAS (Nalanda Institute of Advance Studies), there was once a

rumor as fake institution but was not true as the Hon. Members Pu Vanlalzawma and Pu Lalruatkima had verified the status. However, I do not know whether or not it is a good institution.

**PU T.SANGKUNGA** : With your permission, Pu Speaker, I would like to make clarification on this case. When we first became MLA, Pu Lalruatkima, Pu Vanlalzawma and I went to Delhi for training, halt at Kolkata for dinner with Emporium & Consultancy Kolkata Services but not with NIAS officials as claimed. More than ten Air Hostesses were recruited and placed our youth in the best hotels in India. We have no knowledge of NIAS and its name at that time.

When there was a plan to organize bandh, the NIAS intimated if MYC and Building & Other Construction Worker Welfare Board may send some delegates for inspection. But after consulting the Hon. Minister, none were sent by MYC. However, it was agreed that inspection may be conducted despite assurance of Labour Ministry, Govt. of India that VTP are creditable. On inspection, it is learned that they also visited NIAS without our knowledge. What we are saying now is regarding skill development initiative scheme; it is not related to what our leader has said.

We have not yet sent anyone to investigate the case. However, our current discussion is of SDIS under which we are sending 2000 youth through MYC and Labour & Employment and Building & Other Construction Worker Welfare Board. The funds released by the Central also go to Labour & Employment and not MYC. With the initiation of the concerned Minister, we have a meeting in his office chamber with the Director of Labour & Employment & IT in which Labour Officer, Asst. Welfare Commissioner and Superintendent MYC are appointed to deal with the investigation. (.....*Interruption*.....)

**SPEAKER** : Please take your seat; the House Leader is standing and it is protocol not to interrupt his speech. If clarification is needed, let him to do that also. He has already been terminated from the Chairmanship and he has the right to make clarification. Now, let us invite the House Leader.

**PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, if they are not listening, I have nothing to say.

**PU T. SANGKUNGA** : Pu Speaker, I need to say this as it is important. Regarding the said dinner is of a serious matter. It is true that I did not know where the NIAS Institute is situated; it is inappropriate to accuse us of lying

Regarding the termination of the MoU signed with NIAS, I have directed the order as the MYC has no knowledge of the existence of MoU. The concerned

Minister summoned us to his office with our Secretary to discuss the matter and there that we learn about the MoU. On learning this and with the instruction of the Minister, MoU was terminated without following the guideline to give prior notification for a month.

Pu Speaker, I am grateful that I have an opportunity to clarify that it was the officials of the Emporium & Consultancy Services that we had dinner with. They are very useful for us as under their guidance those two Assistant Professors of New York University visited Aizawl to have a meeting with our Chief Minister. We were able send our youth to Gulf countries with their help by providing the expenditure and material needed for conducting training. The Jet Airways also has made recruitment of Air Hostess twice through MYC and will conduct again for the third time in 26.4.2017.

Pu Speaker, it is true that we visited the Emporium with other newly elected Members. The termination order was issued not because we were involved in it, we have learned the financial involvement only later. Regarding the flag off event, the Hon. Member Pu John Siamkunga was the Chief Guest and I was only a participant. However, the name of Pu John Siamkunga had never been mentioned but mine as the front liners. Pu Speaker, the Agency that organizes private skill training informed us to send some trainees and if we have time, we will try to fulfill their invitation and then we may be able to know the placement. To encourage our youth, we have already sent some youth in the Gulf countries also. (*Er. Lalrinawma and Pu Lalruatkima: His clarification is too long, Pu Speaker...*) The MoU was signed on the 4<sup>th</sup> Aug, 2014 and was terminated only in 4<sup>th</sup> Aug, 2015, meaning after one year. The order of termination of MoU was sent to the NIAS for discontinuation of sending candidates. The Secretary, MB & OCWWB then instructed the Secretary of MYC to put the time as 4<sup>th</sup> Aug, 2015 so that it may seem as if it is done by the Minister in that meeting. This indicates they had already clear-off themselves out of this. (*Interruption: If so, who will take responsibility, L & E or else?*)

Pu Speaker, in our meeting with the Hon. Minister on 4.8.2015, instruction was given to the Director, L & E (Secretary MB & OCWWB) to give notice of termination by the MYC. However, we cannot wait for the time as our name was noted without our knowledge and we therefore issued the notice before the time given to us and the Secretary, Welfare Board given us the letter.

**PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, words of appreciation that the Hon. Member Pu T. Sangkunga should receive is – ‘Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely’.

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Pu Speaker, as it was mentioned by the

concerned Minister of L & E, what is the reason that NLUP fund being utilized for sending the students in Japan?

**PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, we can use whatever we want as there is a component.

**SPEAKER** : We will go to another question; Question No.125 and Er. Lalrinawma to ask.

**Er. LALRINAWMA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the Hon. Minister for Horticulture Department be pleased to state: –

- a) Whether the department has Medicinal Plant Nursery. If so, where?
- b) Amount spends for Medicinal Plant Nursery during 2015-2017.

**SPEAKER** : the Hon. Minister, Pu P.C. Lalthanliana to reply.

**PU P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, the answer is: -

- a) Yes, Horticulture Department has Medicinal Plant Nursery in various places such as –

Thingdawl -	Kolasib
Maudarh -	Lunglei
Zawlnuam -	Tuidam
Tuipawl -	Khawzawl
Serchhip -	Serchhip
Thiak -	Aizawl
Tuidam -	Tuidam

- b) Fund has not been received during 2015-2017 for Medicinal Plant Nursery and so expenditure is nil.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Rinawma will ask his Supplementary and then Pu Thanliana.

**Er. LALRINAWMA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. My question is - If our Nursery being abandoned and how many crops are harvested during 2015-2017?

**PU LALTHANLIANA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. My question is whether the Horticulture Department intends to continue with this project and what is the status.

**SPEAKER** : The Hon. Minister to give the answer.

**PU P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, to answer the



question of the Hon. Member Er. Lalrinawma, under NMMP (National Mission and Medical Plant), fund has been received only for 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and the nursery therefore is not continued. However, the same kind of nursery is there under the maintenance of under the Horticulture Deptt. and is now running successfully. The amount of harvest from such nurseries cannot be assessed at present.

Regarding the National Mission & Medical Plants, Health Deptt. is the nodal department.

**SPEAKER** : Now, the question shared by Pu Vanlalawma, Dr. K.Beichhua, Er. Lalrinawma and Pu Lalruatkima. I invite Pu Zawma to ask Question No. 126.

**PU VANLALZAWMA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the Hon. Minister for Labour, Employment & Industrial Training Department be pleased to state: –

- a) Whether fund sanction under the Mizoram Building & Other Construction Workers Welfare Board during 2013-2014 is utilized in the constituency of Serchhip, Champhai 'S', Tawi, S. Tuipui and Tuichang. If so, the amount respectively.
- b) Nos. of beneficiary.
- c) The amount received per head.
- d) Nos. of Welfare member, the amount of fund being used and for what purposes.
- e) Amount of labour cess collected by the Mizoram Building & Other Construction Workers Welfare Board w.e.f. 2011 till date.
- f) The Amount collected so far and the expenditure; the amount spent to laborers; other expenditure, if any, and the reason and the amount being spent.
- g) During 2012-2017 up to the current year, how many of them received aid in cash?

**SPEAKER** : It seems his question include all probable supplementary questions. Let us invite the Hon. Chief Minister to reply.

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

- a) Expenditure is not maintained in a constituency-wise. However, fund released during 2013-2014 was 4,51,01,800/-.
- b) Record is not maintained in constituency-wise.
- c) Record is not maintained in constituency-wise.
- d) Number of Welfare members is and expenditure is not maintained in a constituency-wise.
- e) Till the ending of this quarter as on 31.12.2016, the total amount of labour

cess collection is 46,41,30,403/-.

- f) Amount collected - 46,41,403/-, Expenditure - 23,83,28,443/- and 18,22,27,423/- is spent for Capacity Building and administration. Amount balanced from collection of labour cess till 31.12.2016 is 22,58,01,960/-.
- g) 16672 persons received aids and are all registered.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary question from Dr. K. Beichhua.

**Dr. K. BEICHHUA** : Pu Speaker, my supplementary questions are –

- i) How many schemes are there for family registered under Mizoram Building & Other Construction Welfare Board?
- ii) Is assistance to the children of registered members for further studies stopped for the year 2015-2016, 2016-2017? If so, what is the reason?
- iii) To how many death benefits is given so far?

**Er. LALRINAWMA** : Pu Speaker, whether failing of furnishing answer to the question regarding the list as all beneficiaries is contempt of this House?

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Pu Speaker, why does this department fail to furnish the answer when all other departments could furnish? Is there something hidden? Is it true that assurance being given prior to the election that a lot of distribution will be done in Serchhip District? If information could not be given in constituency-wise, how many times it is distributed to Champhai and Serchhip district with the amount thereof? Allegedly numbers of name were added and that the assigned officials are worried a lot. What is the reason such addition?

**SPEAKER** : Let us finish with the supplementary question. I invite the Hon. Chief Minister.

**PULAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, I do not know this kind of fund existed and if it was distributed in Serchhip constituency. If it was, I should have been informed and there is no reason to hide.

It is stated that official is appointed to investigate the case and I do hope we would be able furnish all the questions in the process of such investigation. Pu Speaker, to be honest, I do not know this kind of fund existed and would not do it either as alleged. Therefore, I have nothing much to say in this regard.

**SPEAKER** : The Hon. Chief Minister has clarified that he had no knowledge regarding of the distribution nor had involved in such case. We will take no further question.

**PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, it is possible that some officials may act behind the Minister without his knowledge and that is the reason we are conducting investigation. If such is the case, there is no way for me to know it.

**PU LALRUATKIMA :** Pu Speaker, Rules and Acts have already been notified in 2019. It is in this august House that the act was made. How can the Hon. Chief Minister not aware of such acts? Is it due to become negligence? OM was released in 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2012 and many questions in this regard were submitted in this Assembly.

**PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, they accuse me of lazy and negligent.

**PU P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA:** Pu Speaker, you have just said that you are taking no more supplementary question for the House Leader clarified that the case in under investigation.

**SPEAKER :** I now invite Pu John Siamkunga to ask Question No. 127.

**PU JOHN SIAMKUNGA:** Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the Hon. Minister for Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department be pleased to state: –

- a) No. of NLUP beneficiaries under AH & Veterinary Deptt.
- b) Total amount distributed to beneficiaries during 2012-2017
- c) Whether production increases on diary, pork, beef, and chicken.

**PU P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, the answer is as follows: -

- a) There are 36,991 Nos. beneficiaries.
- b) ₹30,09,90,000/- is distributed to beneficiaries during 2012-2017.
- c) Yes, our productions on such items increase greatly.

**SPEAKER :** Supplementary question will not be taken due to absence of the concerned Minister. In future, it would be appreciated if the Minister submitted his authorized member to the Chair on time.

**PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA:** Pu Speaker, for information of the House, may I inform that the concerned Minister could not attend this sitting due to illness.

**SPEAKER :** Question No.128 and Dr. K. Beichhua, the hon'ble member to ask.

**Dr. K. BEICHHUA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the Hon. Minister for Personnel & Administrative Reforms Department be pleased to state –

- a) Whether MPSC has a plan to conduct recruitment of Engineer, Medical Doctor, and Veterinary Doctor.
- b) Whether the MPSC has a plan to conduct combined competitive examination (MCS, MPS etc) during 2017-2017. If so, is there any intention to conduct preliminary test in UPSC pattern (Paper II qualifying)?

**SPEAKER** : The Hon. Chief Minister to reply.

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

- a) If the concerned department makes requisition to MPSC to fill up the vacant post, we will conduct the examination.
- b) According to Mizoram Civil Services (combine competitive examination) Regulation, 2011, combine competitive examination is to be conducted every year. However, if there is no vacant post to fill up, examination will not be conduct. There is no intention to conduct the examination in UPSC pattern.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary question from Dr. K. Beichhua.

**Dr. K. BEICHHUA** : Pu Speaker, the Hon. Health Minister recently mentioned that 26 doctors will be recruited under MPSC. Is there any intention to recruit other technical staff as they are in great demand? Is it a fact that some departments hardly make requisition to DP&AR for recruitment of new staff?

**SPEAKER** : If there is no other supplementary question, let us invite the Hon. Chief Minister.

**PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, most of the departments especially engineering department are under-staff. We are trying our best to overcome this situation yet, we are unable to meet the demand due to financial problem.

**SPEAKER** : Now, Question No. 129 and the Hon. Member Pu Lalruatkima to ask.

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the Hon. Minister for AH & Veterinary Department be pleased to state: –

- a) Amount of NLUP fund received during 2011-2016 in year-wise.
- b) Names of trade and beneficiaries.

**SPEAKER** : May the Hon. Minister, Pu P.C. Lalthanliana reply.

**PU P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the answer is as follows:—

a) The total amount of NLUP fund received by AH & Veterinary Deptt. during 2011-2016 is ₹36,094.83 lakhs. The year-wise received is as follows –

1. 2010-2011 - ₹2,832.48 lakhs.
2. 2011-2012 - ₹7,325.35 lakhs.
3. 2012-2013 - ₹6,300.00 lakhs.
4. 2013-2014 - ₹8,540.00 lakhs.
5. 2014-2015 - ₹11,097.83 lakhs.

**Total - ₹36,094.83 lakhs.**

b) Step has been taken in the following trades under this department: –

1. Dairy Farming
2. Piggery Farming
3. Poultry Farming
4. Mithun Farming/Hill Cattle Farming.

Nos. of beneficiaries in various trades: –

Trade	1 <sup>st</sup> Phase	2 <sup>nd</sup> Phase	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Phase	Total
Dairy Farming	957	378	339	1,674
Piggery Farming	5,291	6,928	8,163	20,382
Poultry Farming	1,889	4,285	4,721	10,895
Mithun/Hill Cattle Farming	1,943	1,142	955	4,040
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,080</b>	<b>12,733</b>	<b>14,178</b>	<b>36,991</b>

**SPEAKER** : Now, we will go to our next question, Question No. 130. Let us invite Dr. K. Beichhua.

**Dr. K. BEICHHUA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the Hon. Minister for Sports & Youth Services Department be pleased to state: –

- a) When was construction of New Colony Indoor Stadium of Siaha started?
- b) The amount sanction to that effect.
- c) Who is the contractor?

**SPEAKER** : The Hon. Minister to answer the Question.

**PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the answer is as follows:

- a) Construction work of Siaha New Colony Indoor Stadium was started in 2011.
- b) The amount sanction is ₹174.00 lakh.
- c) The Contractor is Isaac T. Beingachha, Siaha and completed the work in 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2016.

Pu Speaker, when I visit Siaha last month and the final touch of the construction under RD and BRGF was in progress. The land belongs to Mara Thyutlia Py (MTP) and is registered by other name. As such is the case, electrification work could not be taken up by the Electric Department as LSC Pass is not in its name. Now, the work of shooting gallery is in progress with hopes to produce good shooters to represent Mizoram.

**SPEAKER** : Question hour is over. Today, two Hon. Members, Pu C. Ngunlianchunga and Pu J.H. Rothuama are granted leave of absence due to illness.

Now, we will go to Laying of Papers and I call upon the Hon. Minister, Pu Lalsawta to lay on the Table of the House the copy of the papers.

**PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER:** With the recommendation of the Governor and with your permission, Pu Speaker, I lay on the Table of this august House a copy of –

- i) Statement on Sixth Monthly Review of the Finance Minister on the Fiscal Position of the Government of Mizoram for the Second Half of 2014-2015 (October, 2014 – March, 2015) (As required under Rule 11 of the Mizoram Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Rules, 2007).
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I want to make a short explanation on these three papers we lay today. Our Report and Review shows detail of our financial position. Besides what we see in these Reports, there are other factors which needed reviews.

First, as numbers of Company started to work in Mizoram, the Finance Department is in the opinion that it is necessary for the public and the people to urge such companies to start corporate social responsibility.

Secondly, it is agreed that the system of paying taxes be made easy for the public, and if possible to introduce Kiosk for e-payment for the public.

Thirdly, it is quite appreciative that we follow other North Eastern States like Meghalaya and Nagaland in the distribution of food grain under Food Security Act.

Currently the government spend large amount in our distribution system of the same.

Fourthly, after the introduction of Food Security Act, our expenditure in supply and purchase of food grain reduced. We think it is necessary to inform the people that our expenditure reduces to 5,888 lakhs.

On fifth, the Central Government intends to introduce GST from 1<sup>st</sup> July this year and step is taken to implement in the whole country. As this is the case, there is a necessity of expanding Taxation Department.

Lastly, in order to increase professional tax imposed on the government servants, businessmen, engineers, doctors, lawyers and those who works under private sectors, the Review Committee scheduled to send a letter to the Central Government to take an initiative. Pu Speaker, thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Let the copy be distributed. Now, we will invite the Hon. Minister, Pu B.D. Chakma to lay on the Table of the House statement of correction of question No. 156 of 20.3.2017.

**PU B.D.CHAKMA, MINISTER:** With your permission, Pu Speaker, I lay on the Table of the House a statement of correction on reply given on the 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 to the Starred Question No. 156 of ballot No. 32 asked by Hon. MLA Pu Lalruatkima regarding “Expenditure and income of Sericulture Department from NLUP”. Thank you, Sir.

**SPEAKER** : Let the copy be distributed. Now, let us invite Pu Lalruatkima, Chairman, Public Accounts Committee to lay on the Table of the House 6 statements from the Committee.

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : With your permission and authorization of PAC, Pu Speaker, I lay on the Table of the House the following statements –

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Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Let the copy be distributed. Now, we will now go to the Legislative Business and I call upon the Hon. Minister, Pu Zodintluanga to move permission of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Street Vendor (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) (Repeal) Bill, 2017”.

**PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, with your permission and assent of this House, I beg to introduce “The Mizoram Street Vendor (Protection of livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending)(Repeal) Bill, 2017”. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Do we agree? If so, let him introduce and move for discussion.

**PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I introduce “The Mizoram Street Vendor (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending)(Repeal) Bill, 2017”.

Pu Speaker, this bill needs a brief explanation to make. The Govt. of India is prioritizing to safeguard the right and livelihood of Street Vendors. It is important to put them into formal sector from informal sector and it is the main force behind the Indian economy. Therefore, the Central gives most important to safeguard them as the Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation, Govt. of India made National Policy on Urban Street Vendors and Model Bill. This bill is sent to every States for its opinion and instruction is given to adopt the same in 2009. The Secretary, Ministry of Housing & Poverty Alleviation advised the Chief Secretary of Mizoram to adopt the bill in 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2009. However, we do not have a Municipality yet and cannot adopt the bill. In January, 2010, the UD & PA Department made “The Mizoram Street Vendors Protection of Livelihood & Regulation of Street Vending” Bill following the original bill. The bill was passed in the Assembly Session on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>



December, 2011 and the act was notified by the Government.

After the Government notified the act, we are asked to repeal the bill of Mizoram Street Vendors Protection of Livelihood & Regulation of Street Vending Rules, 2011 and 2015. Therefore, Pu Speaker, this bill is laid on the Table of the House today. Following Central Act, 2014, House of Sub-ordinate Legislation of the Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha of the Indian Parliament set their eye on it. Following the Supreme Court Order, it was put as a component in National Urban Livelihood Mission. The system of monitoring and reporting was made along with Central Act and therefore is more superior to State Act and that is why we have to make repeal.

If the Assembly passes the repealed Bill, the Govt. of Mizoram will intimate the Ministry of Housing & Poverty Alleviation, Govt. of India. The Street Vendors Protection of Livelihood & Regulation of Street Vending Act, 2014, Act No. 7 of 2014 and its Rules will be implemented and will be made following the Act. Thus, Pu Speaker, I request all the Hon. Members to pass this bill. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : India, as known to us all is a unitary and federal country and there can be no separate act in the Parliament as well as in the State. Today, we have to repeal accordingly. We will give each member 5 minutes. Who will be first? If there is no one to speaker then I will invite the Minister to beg the House to pass the bill.

**PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, as mentioned earlier, the Central Act over-powered us and we have to make Repeal. I invite this august House to pass “The Mizoram Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood & Regulation of Street Vending) (Repeal) Bill, 2017”.

**SPEAKER** : Now, the Hon. Minister appeals the House to pass the bill. Those who agree may say, ‘agree’ and those who are not, say, ‘not agree’. We all seem to agree. “The Mizoram Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood & Regulation of Street Vending) (Repeal) Bill, 2017” is pass by the House.

**PU ZODINTLUANGAM MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Now, we will go to Financial Business. We will take the Demand of the two Hon. Ministers, Pu R. Lalzirliana and Pu P.C. Lalthanliana. Let us invite Pu R. Lalzirliana to submit his Demand Nos. 7, 16, 31, and 38.

**PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, I move the Demand Nos. 7, 16, 31, and 38 for ₹ 11,56,33,89,000/- only for meeting expenses during 2017-2018 in

respect of the following departments –

<b>Demand No.</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>
7	Excise & Narcotics	31,40,01,000
16	Home (including Prison & Sainik)	5,78,30,09,000
31	Agriculture	1,82,52,71,000
38	Rural Development	3,64,11,08,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>11,56,33,89,000</b>

Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite Pu P.C. Lalthanliana to submit his Demand Nos. 19, 29, and 32 to the House.

**PU P. C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER** : On the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, Pu Speaker, I move the demand Nos. 19, 29 and 32 for Rs.257,78,29,000/- only for meeting expenses during 2017-2018 in respect of the following departments: -

<b>Demand No.</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>
19	Local Administration	57,95,72,000
29	Social Welfare	1,27,27,39,000
32	Horticulture	72,35,18,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2,57,78,29,000</b>

Thank you, Sir.

**SPEAKER** : We will discuss the two at the same time in order to save time. Let us call K. Sangthuama.

**PU K. SANGTHUAMA** : Pu Speaker, first of all, regarding demand No. 7, Excise and Narcotics, as selling alcohol is not prohibit right now there should at least be more people on duty so that there will be order in this case. (Speaker changed) Hon'ble Deputy Speaker we should think more carefully on the case of alcohol as well since the prohibition is lifted therefore we should handle the case with a more serious consideration.

As we have heard, some people can buy alcohol even without acquiring the permit card; we should therefore be more stringent with the inspection. Young adult consumers between 14 - 20 years of age generally are lack of self-control and thus the duty of every parent to advice their children.

Moving on to Demand No. 16, it is obviously inappropriate to open a wine shop in the premise of the Police Headquarters and more thoughts should be given in

this regard.

Regarding Demand No. 31, Agriculture, the demand of rice as seen in the economic survey is estimated to 1,80,000 metric tons where as our production on the contrary is only 6,02,089 metric tons which is about 34.59%; which means we are in short of 65.41%. We still have to improve need to improve our production. Moreover, measure should be taken so as to have accurate rate of our production.

Another production we should consider is oil palm; it is desirable to improve the production as it is proved to be a resourceful income.

From the survey report, our production of rice from jhum cultivation is 39% and 10% from WRC and it indicates a slight improvement. Thus, I request the department concerned to put more efforts in this regard.

On Demand No. 38, Rural Development, it is difficult to know the performance of the department with the budget provision of Rs.3,64,11,08,000/-. So, let us expect that we should be informed later in this regard. I request the officials to be more accurate in maintenance of the expenditure so that we may be able to learn the performance of the department in the development of rural areas. (**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : *Your time is up*) Pu Deputy Speaker, It will be done shortly.

Regarding Demand No 19, Local Administration Department, I wonder if there is there a proposal to review the administration of Village Council. Obviously it is time to enhance its power and the amount of remuneration awarded to the members need to be increased.

On Demand No. 29, I propose to put more budget provisions for the benefit of the disabled. On Demand No. 32, the area covered by projects under is estimately 3,99,350 hectares which has now becomes insufficient. If the area is increased, it will be the concerned farmers to benefit the most in the long run. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana.

**PU P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA:** Pu Deputy Speaker, I am glad to have the time to discuss demands of the Hon. Ministers, Pu R. Lalzirliana and Pu P.C. Lalthanliana. To start from the last one, it is very fortunate to have LAD improving the life of rural areas; and as suggested, earlier it is desirable if more efforts are given.

Coming now to Demand No. 29, Social Welfare Department, it is the department which concerns the welfare of each individual from the stage when we were inside mother's womb to old aged. NGO's like MUP, MHIP, and YMA too are

functioning with the help of the department; each community in the entire State could not function properly without this department. And, it is through them that MHIP recently got an award from the President of India.

Regarding Horticulture Department, it is great to learn that farmers are now beginning to make profits from their crops and plantations as it has even been marketed outside our state and abroad. Some rare crops in our State like Strawberries and grapes have now been produced in our state with the help of the department. So, I suggest allotment of more budget funds to the department to encourage more productions.

Regarding Demand No. 7, I express my gratitude to the Hon. Home Minister for his tremendous efforts and for achieving a good cooperate on with YMA for the welfare of the people. It is worth mentioning that it is the only department which achieved open discussion with UNO; it is clear that the Government too appreciates the achievement. Thus, it is important that any vacant post in the department is filled in order to strengthen the office work.

On Demand No. 16, Home Department, the problem we are facing nowadays is too many vacant posts. I therefore suggest that any vacant post is filled as soon as possible.

On Demand No. 38, Rural Development Department, I would like to stress the role of BDO for they are more important than MLAs for rural people. Yet, it is important for any BDO to inform the concerned MLA of any development step which may be taken under his concerned block.

Regarding the Demand of Agriculture Department, it is appreciated that the department largely contributes in increase of our agricultural production thanks to the efforts of the Hon. Minister and official concerns. In this regard, it may be noted by the people that it is our duty to support the concerned Minister and the department in the efforts to improve the production.

In the previous years, the farmers used to sell their productions outside Mizoram; but as of now, many are beginning to learn how to store their crops for local marketing. In this regard, I suggest the government bought the production and store it for future consumption. Regarding oil palm, it is remarkable that only two districts such as Mamit and Kolasib could produce nearly 70 millions. This is worth mentioning.

Another achievement which is worth-mentioning is provision of tractor and other tools for hire to the farmers. It is also witnessed improvement in infrastructure

and technology in this department that we have never heard or seen before. All these achievements truly deserve mentioning in the House.

While such is the case, there are farmers who are having problem with vehicle for transportation of their cash crops. It will be much appreciated if provision is made for purchase of vehicle especially for remote areas.

To conclude my speech, I earnestly request concerned Minister to consider filling of the vacant posts of Field Officer as soon as possible. I support the Demands of the two Hon. Ministers to be passed in the House. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Let us invite Dr. K. Beichhua.

**Dr. K. BEICHHUA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. Let me start with Demand No. 7, Excise & Narcotics.

In this advanced world, one of the most serious problems we have faced is alcohol and drugs abuse in which our state rank 2<sup>nd</sup> in India and top position in most HIV/AIDS patients. Therefore, it is very crucial to have the concerned departments take more efforts on such problems.

On Demand No. 16, there are numbers of post which remains unfilled for a very long time though we have enough budget provisions to do so. Our police officers are good enough to make a name for the State and if we give enough support.

In the mean time, I express my gratitude for the proposal for reconstruction of Siaha Police Station. While this is the case, the police staff quarters at Siaha are in desperately needs of repairing where as the jail building is so poor to safely hold the inmates. I request that the Hon. Minister to keep in mind of these problems.

On Demand No. 31, more than 60% of the people of Mizoram depend on agriculture and we are all aware of the fact that we still could not meet our own demands for food production. It is therefore essential to have a scheme to meet at least our own needs. To start with, it is important for the department concern to organize awareness campaign so that concerned farmers have in mind our need to achieve self sufficiency.

On Demand No. 38, it is the objective of Rural Development Department to improve our socio-economic status by alleviating the condition of families under BPL. The department is taking measure to improve the situation by means of MNGREGA, SGSY, IWDP, IAY and BADP. One problem in the process is regarding 100 days employment which has now been reduced to 21 days; I request concerned

Minister to clarify the case. I opine the process of work should be expedited and its monitoring needs improvement.

On Demand No. 19, Local Administrative Department, I opine everyone needs recreational activity; and to achieve this, it is necessary to set up recreational spot at every convenient place by laying a clear rules and regulations.

On Demand No. 29, Social Welfare department, it is the duty of the department to support those in need. Thus, I request the department to provide better quality item particularly to disabled and aged. It may also be noted by the concerned department to handle any item being received for health promotion with care.

Regarding Demand No. 32, Horticulture department, , there is a good prospect under this department for improvement of our economy and the economic survey report too indicates achievement of the department so far is good enough. But comparing to the report of the subject committee, it is confusing. It is therefore necessary to put more efforts on the monitoring and evaluation which may be held on regular basis. Thank you, the Hon. Deputy Speaker.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Vanlalawmpuii Chawngthu.

**PI VANLALAWMPUII CHAWNGTHU:** Pu Deputy Speaker, to start with Demand No. 7, there should be proper control of supply of alcohol.

On Demand No. 16, we are now having Sainik School thanks to the efforts of Home Department; I consider this is a remarkable achievement. I would also like to express my gratitude to the Govt. for promoting the status of women. At the same time, I urge recruitment of more female in police services.

Regarding Bru and the demands they have made, it is amazing that our Police forces calms the situation without dealing with their demands. This is clearly due to our expedient officials.

On Demand No. 31, it seems that we are not fully aware of the importance of link road though it is essential for our farmers and workers. As suggested earlier, I also opine it is important for the government to make tractor and other useful tools accessible to the farmers.

On Demand No. 38, Rural Development, the work done by the department is good in general. In particular, the performance in the construction of various school buildings and town halls is worth-mentioning etc.

Moving on to Demand No. 29, Social Welfare Deptt., since Women Commission is under this department, its improvement had often been proposed but in vain. I would like to request the Hon. Minister to keep this in mind. Prior to other things, the office building has now becoming old and a new one is much needed. I also opine fund provision to the disabled is less sufficient. I also urge regular supply of foodstuffs to various Homes such as Old Age Home, Handicapped Training Centre, Residential Institute & Training Centre and Protective Home. I also request the Hon. Minister to consider increase of budget provision to Women Welfare for it is less sufficient to work effectively. I have heard that there is a proposal for setting up Women & Child Department separately. It will be appreciated if the Hon. Minister informed the House what step has been taken so far in this regard.

On Demand No. 32, I express my gratitude to the concerned Minister for his concern to the people especially of my region as the department plays an important role for development of rural people. Thus, Hon. Deputy Speaker, I support the Demands of the two Hon. Ministers. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Only 5 minutes left. Let us hear from Pu Nihar Kanti.

**\PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA:** Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. I appreciate that these two Hon. Minister works very strong with the departments under their concerned respectively. I am grateful to both of them.

Regarding Demand No. 38, Rural Development Deptt., like its name, it concern for development of rural areas and its people. Yet, the problem we are facing in my constituency is lack of RD Block. With your permission, Sir, let me read it out why we need one.

“The people living in the side of the river are economically, mentally and physically backward. In order to keep them parallel with the mainstream, certain radical changes have to be introduced and one of the most important missions in uplifting the economic condition of the people in this area would be creation of additional RD Block, with Tlabung as the headquarter. This may help to minimize difficulty faced by the public towards transportation cost in foods and lodging with considerable time consuming vice versa, optimize the government activities in various govt. scheme and private sectors. Therefore, it would be highly appreciated if new RD Block is created at Tlabung in order to improve the living standard of the entire region”.

The reason that I am reading this is to inform the House that most of the labourers have to spend larger portion of their wages for conveyance from Tlabung to

headquarter and vice versa. Our need of RD Block is thus intensive. It would be much appreciated if the Hon. Minister keeps this in mind.

Regarding Home Department, construction of Police staff quarter is completed recently and I would like to request the concerned Minister to witness the inaugural function as Chief Guest.

Regarding Demand No. 31 Agriculture, it is appreciated that the department is working very hard especially in my constituency. I therefore suggest another custom hiring Centre is set up in this area.

Coming to the Demand of Social Welfare Department, Article 271 underlines various benefits for tribal communities. Accordingly, Model Residential School has been set up in various places within our state. I therefore request concerned authority to consider the same in my constituency to improve our education. At the same time, I request concerned Minister to give more attention to the maintenance of public toilet being set up various places as some remains unattended which may bring health problem for the surroundings.

Last but not the least, Pu Dy. Speaker, I urge concerned Minister to consider a separate Village Council for my area as we often have some sorts of disagreement with the neighboring communities. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : We will now a recess and discussion will be continued at 2 p.m.

**2:00 PM**

**SPEAKER** : So far, 5 members have participated in the afternoon's discussion. Now, let us hear from Er. Lalrinawma.

**Er. LALRINAWMA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I first of all would like to mention regarding Demand No. 31, Agriculture. I think it is necessary for the Agriculture Deptt. to have experts on soil classification in dealing with evaluation of any construction of agricultural link road. Pu Speaker, we have often encounter problem due to refusal of the assigned contractors to continue with the work allotted to them for unexpected condition of soils. In PWD, there is appropriate classification of soils which enable the official to evaluate any contract work prior to starting the work.

On Demand No. 16, it is heard that some police officers are in the habit of exploiting some police personnel for their private works. This is of a serious case and



I urge concerned Minister to look into this matter so that it is stopped once and for all. On Demand No. 38, Rural Development, it is regretted to learn that we have a controversial election for Gram Sabha under IAY allegedly due failure to maintain appropriate list of order. I urge the concerned Minister to consider the case so that such election is done with free and fair in the future.

Regarding Excise & Narcotics, it is utmost necessary for us to maintain strict rules and regulations on supply and consumption of alcohol. We have made a revenue of 53 crore from Excise duty during 2016-2017. As per the record, there are 70,000 permits being issued and so is controversial to think that such permit holders made a contribution of more than 50 crore. I urge concerned Minister to keep more severe in enforcing laws.

Regarding the Department of Local Administration, we all are having a copy of OM received from the Finance Commission regarding report of the Mizoram Finance Commission. There is inconsistency with numbers of population given here; this should be given as per baseline survey but is conflicted with the census 2011; I therefore urge the concerned Minister to re-examine the case carefully so as to avoid any complaint when financial sanction is made.

**SPEAKER** : Your time is over.

**Er. LALRINAWMA** : Pu Speaker, kindly spare me few minutes. I express my gratitude towards Social Welfare Department for conducting Disability Camp at Chhingchhip and for providing disability certificates to enable the concerned person availing more opportunity. I suggest that appointments may be so that they are visited by the doctors in their respective home on regular basis.

I thank the concerned Minister for Horticulture for constructing link roads at Baktawng which is widely benefitted specially by rural people. Regarding ginger marketing, I request that the rate should be informed to the farmers as soon as possible as they are so anxious to dispose off their production. Regarding the meeting on ginger marketing which has been concluded recently, it is obvious that the Karimganj side are quite interest to have a direct trade with Mizoram. So, I suggest we should give more attention in this regard.

**SPEAKER** : Pu R.L Pianmawia

**PU R.L PIANMAWIA** : Thank you Pu Speaker. Let me start with Demand No.7, Excise & Narcotics. I thank the concerned Minister for his plans to improve the department and, at the same time, i suggest more staffs are be recruited for more efficiency in the official dealing in every district.

Demand No.6, Home Department, I express my appreciation to the department for constructing police staff quarters within my constituency. At the same time, I request new vehicles be provided since most of our vehicles are with registration C. Thus, our need for new vehicle is intensive. Under Agriculture, we are grateful that godowns and link roads are constructed and at the same time, I request to expedite the work on link road. If possible, I request that sugarcane crushing machine be provided to sugarcane farmers under NEDP.

In Rural Development, Demand No. 38, funds provision for renovation of Kepran Community Hall and a building for project Staff have been diverted. So, I insist on to the concerned authority to give back the fund so that return so that it is utilized as purposed. I also request that connecting roads such as Zokhawthiang, North Khawdungsei, Sunhluchhip, Chhanchhuahna Khawpui and upper Sakawrdai are black-topped or else it may at least be improved with concrete cement. I also request to complete the remaining work of construction of Community Hall under School Education.

On Demand No.19, LAD, EWS is much benefitted in my constituency and construction of Anganwadi building also is in progress; yet, I request to expedite the work. Pu Speaker, our Village Councils despite their relentless contribution to the welfare of our community are no longer received any fund since the 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission. I opine we should determine alternative to enable them continues their services. As it is reiterated, I once again suggest that we make initiatives for construction of V/C Houses.

Regarding Social welfare Department, Demand No.29, is there any fund provisions for purchase of wheelchairs and hearing aid to the physically challenged people again? I thank the Health Department for posting of Health Workers at Lungsum, Damdiai, North Khawdungsei and Upper Sakawrdai.

On Demand No. 32, Horticulture Department, I request that link roads may also be constructed in my constituency for our need is intensive. Thank you Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

**PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA:** Thank you Pu Speaker. Let me start with Demand No. 3, Agriculture Department.

I request that rice mill and power tiller is provided for Champhai since the rate of our harvest is high in this area. It is appreciated that link roads are constructed in my area as well but I opine fund provision for it maintenance should also be made. I

think it is wise for each concerned MLA to know the details of work progress in our respective constituency.

Demand No. 38, I request that my constituency which is now under BDO Ngopa be transferred to BDO Champhai for it is more convenient for the residents to approach Champhai BDO office in dealing with PMSGY and other official matters.

Demand No. 7, Excise & Narcotics. It is great that there is a good cooperation between the Minister and NGOs. It is learned that the Minister has fund provision of 30 lakhs for further issue to Central YMA for fighting against drugs out of which some are stated as already being issued as some remains. The hon. Minister may later clarify in his wound up speech.

Demand No. 16, Home Department. A vast area of land at Champhai Zote is donated for the site of Jail and we are anxiously waiting for the government to construct a new building not because we are having excessive numbers of prisoners but to alleviate the congested cells. At the same time, most of the Police Department buildings need renovation and priority thus may be given in this regard. Considering the location, strengthening of manpower and equipments also are the immediate needs and priority may be given in this regard as well.

Demand No. 32, Horticulture Department. It is gratifying to know the plan for construction of link roads. Since the majority in my constituency is of farmers, any assistance which may be provided from the department such as supply of equipments on subsidized rate may also be made available to my constituency.

Pu Speaker, on Demand No.19 LAD, as stated by other members as well, fund provision has not been made for Village Councils and I thus suggest that opportunity may be given for construction of Community Halls, Toilets, etc. It is learned that there is a plan to construct DLAO office Champhai; it will be much appreciated if information is given on the progress. Under Social Welfare Department, we are grateful that District level office is constructed; and, if possible, I request that other benefits may also be made available such as supply of sipaulin, hearing aid etc which are done through NEDP.

A few more points on Agriculture, Demand No.31, initiative has been at Laili valley from which we hope to generate a successful agricultural production. I request that more attentions are given in this regard. With that, I will conclude by giving my support to pass these Demands. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Dr. Ngurdingliana.

**Dr. NGURDINGLIANA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I will start with Excise

Department which I believe is in need of more staff for more efficiency in their services; and at the same time, I am happy to know that TA/DA has also been increased for Home Department. I express my gratitude to the Hon. Minister for various opportunities provided for the inmates of prison like distance learning through IGNOU, weaving industries, tailoring, Agarbati making and many others for skill developments. Apart from this, construction of female prison is under construction and I hope all these initiatives are also implemented in all the District jails as well.

On Agriculture Department, we are grateful for the construction of link roads and funds provisions for repairing land slip as it has been utilized for the best purpose. I request the hon. Minister to clarify the Mission Organic Value and Chain Development for North East project.

Under Rural Development, we are fortunate to have the officers under this department who all are efficient in dealing with schemes such as PMAY, Rural Housing Schemes, BADP and IWMP which are implemented in our State.

Demand No. 19, LAD. Considering initiatives under this department, I suggest that allocation of funds provisions should for more progresses. Regarding Social Welfare Department, the department is certainly a blessing to many physically challenged people and infants but the benefit like distribution of hearing aids, wheelchairs etc should be considered. I believe it is not done basically due to the limitation of funds. So, in order to keep up with the social works which have been a blessing to many, I suggest funds for this department should also be increased.

Under Horticulture Department, Demand No. 32, there is a plan to take up plantation of bird-eye chili in my constituency as pilot project No.1. Thus, I request the co-operation of Horticulture Department so that we may achieve in the project. I will conclude by saying that I support passing of the Demands. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu John Siamkunga.

**PU JOHN SIAMKUNGA** : Thank you Pu Speaker. First, on Agriculture which has made a great deal of progress especially after the implementation of NLUP and I suggest we should concentrate on production of vegetables and fruits.

On Demand No. 38, Rural Development, most of the rural people depends on various schemes implemented under RD. So far, there are 1,89,372 Nos. job card holders. While this is the case, it is regretted to learn that allotment of day under 100 days labor scheme decreases every year though it is the only income source for rural people. Apart from this, no fund provision has been provided to Village Councils for maintenance of their concerned villages. It is therefore important for the government

to consider these two cases which concern the welfare of rural people.

Pu Speaker, there are Rest House without caretaker which may be provided immediately. I thank the hon. Minister for Home Deptt. for a check gate at Thingsai which reduces stolen goods such as bike, cylinders etc.

The people of Chhingchhip are deserving praise for donating a vast area of land for Sainik School without expecting any kind of compensation in return. I thank the Home Department for a new Jail at Hnahthial.

**SPEAKER** : I ask permission of the House for leave of absence to attend the arriving dead body of a young student from my constituency who met with an accident in New Delhi. Discussion may be continued under the guidance of the Dy. Speaker. *(Dy. Speaker is in the Chair.)*

**PU JOHN SIAMKUNGA** : Pu Dy. Speaker, let me continue my speech with Demand No. 32, Horticulture. As soon as the implementation of NLUP, our harvest increases on items such as Aloe Vera – 90 quintals, Grapes – 22,550 quintals, Pineapples – 32,870 quintals. Regarding processing juice of passion fruit, I suggest we change the method so as to extend the market beyond the borders.

On Demand No 19, it is regretted that fund provision had not been made to Village Councils since the 14<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission despite its active role as the main agency for local developments. Thus, there should be some alternatives. I also suggest more staff in addition to a single JE being placed at Mamit District for more efficiency in works. Thus, I suggest provision of more staff for more efficiency.

On Demand No. 29, Social Welfare Department, Crèche Centre has been played a very productive role especially in rural areas. So, I request more of such centre be set up in other areas. There has been an immense improvement since the recruitment of literate teachers for Anganwadi and is much appreciative. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu Lalthanliana.

**PU LALTHANLIANA** : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I will first stress on Demand No. 7.

With continuation of MLPC Act, I suggest Excise force should be manned with more staffs and equipments. Under Home Department, as mentioned before, a treaty with HPC 'D' is being achieved and I thank the hon. Minister for his wise initiatives on this issue.

The Governor's Speech has underlines large amount of drugs and gold as

being seized; what is the progress regarding this case? In this connection, I suggest strengthening Home Deptt. in order to maintain law and order effectively.

On Demand No. 31, Agriculture, numbers of families are now engaged in plantation of palm. During my visit to Bukvannei, I have seen most of the oil palm trees being peeled-off but I had no idea whether it is necessary in the process. Regarding the production of rice, I think it is important to increase fund provision.

Demand No. 32, LAD. As we are beginning to utilize funds provision under the 14<sup>th</sup> Financial Commission, I believe it is important to improve our system of disbursement of our fund provisions. Last year, COLFA had visited various places of Mizoram and our finding is that funds for any work was disbursed before the work actually started. On the Demand of Horticulture Department, I suggest that fund provision should be made for promotion of small scale industries such as Aloe Vera soap processing industries.

Social Welfare Department had been a blessing for the physically challenged people with the scheme like providing wheel chairs and hearing aid. So, I suggest such scheme should be continued.

Last, but not the least, I suggest more incentives should be provided to paddy growers. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu K. Lalrinthanga.

**PU K. LALRINTHANGA** : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. With the implementation of MLPC Act, I suggest Excise & Narcotics department is equipped with more staffs. Under Demand No. 16, I thank the hon. Minister for his efficiency and, his diplomacy in the negotiation with HPC is praiseworthy.

In rural areas where cultivation is the main source of livelihood, we need to provide link roads for transportation of their harvests; such link roads should also be renovated for it concern livelihood of rural areas. I have once mentioned in the previous discussion of our needs for rice crushing machine at Kolasib; I thank the hon. Minister for fulfilling our demand this year.

In the previous years, the people in rural areas were largely depends on rural development project under LAD. However, such fund provisions have now been restricted and alternative thus should be made for improvement of public water points and link roads. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu Lalruatkima.

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : With deep sorrow, Pu Speaker, I would like to remind the House that Brig. T. Sailo, the former House Leader is passed away on this day last year.

Pu Deputy Speaker, first on Demand No. 7, Excise & Narcotics. With the implementation of MLPC Act, I suggest the concerned department is equipped with more staff to strengthen the excise service. A Study Group on MLPC Act has been set up and I believe the people are also eagerly waiting for the result.

On Demand No. 16, Home Department. We have heard from the concerned MLA of Serlui that a loud report which is heard yesterday was from IR Camp Saipum and allegedly fired by a police in a drunken state. It is sad to learn such kind of incident. Regarding the ongoing process of agreement with the HPC 'D', we have now arrived at the third phase and hopefully it will be achieved. But considering the terms of agreement, I opine we need to take the step very carefully for it may bring something which is harmful to our state. It is therefore important for the hon. Minister to determine which is best and is not harmful to both parties. At the same time, it is also important for the Home Deptt. to put more efforts on Law and Order with various equipments received from the central. I also suggest police trainees are provided with better rations. The initiatives on 'Aizawl traffic jam free' are very satisfying since it concerns the people of all spheres.

On Demand No. 3, Agriculture, I must say that, we, the legislators are the main problem for our State in achieving economic stability. It is necessary that we take active part in the monitoring, evaluation and awareness in dealing with farming. With the ongoing flagship programme, I suggest we should give more attentions to the agriculture and allied sectors for the success of the programme.

On Demand No. 38, RD Department, various projects such as BADP, NRLM etc are proved to be very beneficial for the people especially of rural areas. A large amount of funds are sanctioned for different schemes but progresses are quite slow. So, I suggest we should give more attentions so the people and our State may benefit the outcome.

On Demand No. 39, LAD, as we have mentioned, we need to adopt the Village Settlement Act immediately as in most villages, those settled at the outskirts tends to be the source of local made liquor. Besides, such kind of settlement increases the rate of illegal immigrants and law & order is difficult to maintain in such cases.

Social Welfare Department plays an important role in our society especially in rural areas like old age pension to Anganwadi centre. So, I request more attentions should be given regarding nutrition and the administration of such centres; we should

also prioritize women and child development by enhancing power to women.

Pu Deputy Speaker Horticulture has played a very important role and is the main source of our fruits production. In 2016, open tender was floated regarding the supplies of dragon fruits, but from what I gather, the supply was done by the officers. So, I suggest we should be more careful in such matters. Thank you.

**PU T. SANGKUNGA :** Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. It is a great achievement for Home Department for being able to construct office of the Police Centre and Police Stations at various places; I thank the hon. Home Minister for this initiatives. At the same time, we need better equipments and more staffs at Dungtlang which is said to be a safe route for smuggling and other illegal trades. I thank the initiatives for establishment Sainik School which concern training on development skills and job opportunity for the students.

Regarding Excise Department, I suggest we should concentrate on the quality of staff to provide more efficiency in their services. As of highly regarded award, Jeevan Raksha Padak, there are various categories in which a person may receive an amount of ₹1lakh, ₹60,000/-, and ₹30,000/-; I suggest we should make the people more aware of this honor and the form is available at Home Department and DC office; I also have it with me in my office.

On Demand No. 32, Horticulture Department, it is important that we determine development of our fruit cultivations; there are various funds which may be received from the Central of Excellence. It is appreciated that schemes such as BADP are introduced under Rural Development. I thank the hon. minister and the officials for the achievement in SPMRM. I thank the hon. Minister of LAD for the plan for construction of step in rural areas such as Chawngtuizo, Zawngtetei, Thekte etc. Link roads had also been constructed to alleviate the problems of transportation of our harvests from agriculture and horticulture.

On Demand No. 29, Social Welfare Department, I thank the department for supply of nutrition which concern development of a child. I express my sincere support in passing his Demands. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER :** Pu Lalrobiaka.

**PU LALROBIKA :** Pu Speaker, to start with Demand No. 7 Excise & Narcotics Department, I think the excise force needs improvement in discipline and quality. On Demand No. 16, Rural Development, it is learned that ₹427.7 lakhs is allotted for maintenance of vehicles and I suggest it is equally distributed in constituency wise and priority may be given to border areas. It is learned that the



officers in Home Deptt. usually gets the newly purchased vehicles and the old ones are allotted to remote areas. I opine such practice should be stopped. At the same time, it will be much appreciated if the hon. Minister tell us when construction of Kanghmun outpost will be started. I am glad that fund provision for upgradation of our Forensic Science and Laboratory is made. It is also a worth mentioning that distance learning through IGNOU is introduced in our prisons as skill development has also been given great importance.

In the Demand of Agriculture department, initiatives taken by the department are truly appreciative. At the same time, I think it is best that we try to improve various projects and schemes under NLUP in order to increase the agricultural production.

Progress made under Rural Development such as watershed development project proves to be satisfactory. And, I suggest distribution of roofing material be continued. (**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : One minute, please. It is already 4 pm; shall we continue with our discussion? We all seem to agree and the hon. Member may continue.) I also request the hon. Minister to resolve the problem we have at Marpara valley regarding the shifting of villages. I would also like to express that it is quite a comfort for everyone to receive the care of Social Welfare Deptt. from a tender age infant to old aged which further has a deep impact in our society.

Pu Speaker, Horticulture Deptt. contributes a great deal in the production of fruits. I appreciate plantation of Strawberry, Kiwi and Dragon fruits which are all newly introduced; I suggest more people are encourage to engage in such farming so that we may achieve a successful income. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu Vanlalzawma.

**PU VANLALZAWMA** : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. To start with Local council, I suggest we should implement Anti-defection Law in the Village Council in which political obligation is deeply involved in the system and that such law may improve its functioning and the administration.

Under Social Welfare Department, I think it is important for the government to determine setting up our public places and buildings so that the physically disabled too are able to witness some event or functions.

Coming to the Demand of Horticulture Deptt., Our Society is of enthusiast fruit planting; yet, awareness may be given as to how to make income out of such plantations.

On the Demand of Excise & Narcotics Deptt., Review & Evaluation Committee is established on the Implementation of MLPC Act and Rules with a guideline and references on how evaluation should be done. I suggest religious aspects should also be added in the points.

It is worth mentioning that widening of the road in Khatla of Aizawl West-III is carried out in collaboration with the Local Council, NGO's and churches; I thank the hon. Minister and the Police Headquarters for their cooperation and also to leaders of Khatla Church for contributing ₹4.7 lakhs for this purpose.

Our traffic police deserve credit for their earnest services and I suggest more staff should be recruited to improve the service. As mentioned by my fellow Members as well, I believe there are 2000 Nos. vacant posts of Constable and I request the hon. Minister to immediately arrange recruitment for filling up such vacant posts to strengthen the police force.

Coming now to the Demands of Home Department, I think we should give more attentions to construction of the national highways along the border fencing. May pressure be given to concerned authority so that the work is expedited? Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : I now call upon the hon. Minister, Pu R. Lalzirliana to wind up the discussion of his Demands and move the House for passed.

**PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER:** Thank you Pu Dy. Speaker. I thank my fellow members for their enthusiast participation in my concerned Departments.

Regarding the incident at Saipum, it is unfortunate that it happened exactly when the House is in Session and I have even suspicion of such act as of conspiracy. There are many things to explain in this regard but I may provide it in written form to save time. (**PU VANLALZAWMA:** Pu Deputy Speaker, it will be more appropriate.) Thank you.

Regarding the implementation MLPC Act, we have a discussion if we should consult our church leaders; but since our churches are with a solid principle regarding this issue, I suggested the study committee members not to do so for it may cross the standing principle of the churches; they agreed with my opinion.

Under Excise & Narcotics Department, regarding posts which are lying vacant, there are 635 vacant posts out of which 511 already been filled up and 124 remains. After the implementation of MLPC Act, case relating to alcohol consumption decreases immensely. I am happy that Mizoram Baptist Church signed

MoU with Champhai Winery stating that they will use their product as a sacramental wine. Number of new check gates and office are placed at several places. So far, we have 89 projects under IWMP out of which 16 Nos. being completed. We have 1446 self-help groups under PMKSYWDC/IWMP. (*Speaker in the Chair.*)

Under the project of micro-enterprise, 2065 Nos. received financial assistance. Under 100 days employment scheme, ₹ 22,462 lakhs is allotted for Central share during 2017-2018 and received ₹8744.61 lakhs for 2016-2017 as the State share had also been cleared. Under this scheme, labor rate will also be increased from ₹188/- to ₹194/- per day. Under IAY, the estimate sanction for this purpose for 2017-2018 is ₹908 lakhs and we have also received the matching share of ₹3136.376 lakhs for 2016-17 lakhs and from this sanction, we have made a plan for construction of 4527 Nos. of houses.

Under SIRD, the budget estimate for 2016-17 was ₹76 lakhs and for this year ₹91.20 lakhs. Out of our target of 146 times training, we are able to conduct 139 times. Under BADP, estimate amount for 2016-17 was ₹4,550 lakhs and so far, 503 projects are implemented; bundle of roofing material is issued to numbers of family under Rural Housing Scheme. I appreciate the service rendered by the officers in the implementation of various projects under Rural Development which mainly are of centrally sponsored schemes.

Moving on to Agriculture Department, from the information we gather so far, our production increased mainly because of NLUP and CSS. At present, 10,843 Nos. families have started oil palm cultivation covering a total area of 25,027 hectares of land. Priority is given to rice cultivation to increase our production by setting up 57 Nos. custom hiring units in several areas. An amount of ₹2,800 lakhs is received from NEDP for Agriculture and ₹28 lakhs for onion plantations; hopefully our harvest will not be less than 1600 qtls.

Under Agriculture, we have fund provision of ₹2600 lakhs for construction of 416 kms link road and tender has already been floated. There are NLUP beneficiaries who have not received yet the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> installments and we hope it will be given to soon. Under RKVY, we received ₹19.56 crore and initiative is made for a sustainable agriculture system which includes soil health management. Step has also been taken to promote organic farming system under PKVY. Under the National Mission for oilseeds, oil palm is cultivated in 1679 hectares of land.

Under the Mission of Organic Chain Development for North East region, initiative is made to promote organic farming and 8 Nos. vegetables are selected for the purpose; out of the total estimate of ₹5,0967 lakhs, we received so far ₹1882.43/- from the Central Government.

Moving on to Home Department, as mentioned earlier, we have been trying our best to achieve peace settlement with HPCD. Numbers of smuggling goods and arms are seized due to the efforts of our Police force.

Regarding Aizawl Traffic Jam Free, we are trying our best find the solution as it has been notified to the public through media so that all vehicle owners should park their vehicles in a garage. We have fund provision of ₹40 lakhs to fight against substance abuse.

Regarding Bru repatriation, we have stopped them from moving in to Mizoram for the time being due to writ petition being submitted to the Supreme Court.

Sainik School will soon be opened as MoU has already been existed between the State Govt. and the Ministry of Defense, Govt. of India on 13.4.2004. Academic session for 2017–2018 will be opened from class VI.

The main reason for the case of goat-proved mess wire is the fact that fabricated supply order given to the govt. which incurred the Govt. a debt of ₹605,370 lakhs; court case was then initiated and as per court decision, an amount of ₹450 lakhs will be paid by the Government.

With the initiative of the National Data Base of Arm License, all arms are registered. The total Nos. of arms within Aizawl till date is 153,555 Nos. out of which 15109 are registered.

CCTV Project for Aizawl is sponsored by the Central Govt. and 33 Nos. to be placed in different areas within Aizawl City. The Police staffs had applied for Group Insurance Scheme with MoU being signed with SBI under the SBI Salary Package Scheme.

The State Govt. established a Forensic Deptt. with advanced equipments for crime investigations. Hopefully this will help a lot in crime investigations.

Fire & Emergency services has been making a great deal of progress as we have established ourselves in various areas and fire office building is constructed in major towns such as Kolasib, Mamit, Serchhip and more staffs are also recruited. With the approval of the Central Govt., more Home Guards will be recruited for various important places. So far, we have inaugurated 2 District jails and the one at Saitual cannot be completed due to delay of funds; it will be continued with funds from the State and tender has already been floated.

From fund provision of NLCPR, construction of a separate jail for women is in progress and there is a plan to set up video conferencing equipment in every jail.

Thus, Pu Speaker, I will conclude my speech by appealing the House to pass the Demands of the following departments under my concern, such as: -

<b>Demand Nos.</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Budget Amount</b>
No. 7	Excise & Narcotics	₹31,40,01,000.00
No. 16	Home	₹5,78,30,09,000.00
No. 31	Agriculture	₹1,82,52,71,000.00
No. 38	Rural Development	₹3,64,11,08,000.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>₹11,56,33,89,000.00</b>

Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : The hon. Minister, Pu R. Lalzirliana has made an appeal to the House to pass his Demands No.7, 16, 31 and 38. Those in favour may say, 'Aye' and those who oppose may say, 'No'. The 'Ayes' have it.

The Demands of the hon. Minister PU R. Lalzirliana is unanimously passed by the House.

I will now call upon Pu P.C. Lalthanliana to wind up the discussion and make an appeal to the House to pass his Demands.

**PU P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. First, I thank my fellow members for their active participation in the discussion of my concerned Departments.

First, I will start with LAD. Any fund provisions which may be received for developmental work are directly transferred to the account of the concerned VC and are withdrawn only with the approval of the department. As per the rules and regulations, funds for developmental work should be transferred to their account fully and without any remaining balance. I am blessed as a Minister of LAD for having the opportunity to inaugurate 9 LAD parks in a term.

From NEDP, ₹20 crores is sanctioned for minor works under LAD where as the estimate amount of grant in aid is ₹1626.94 lakhs. Yet, it may be noted that there is a chance that the amount is reduced since it will be funded by the State Govt. Another thing I want to mention is the high mast posts which has been destroyed by the storm are planned for reconstruction with the initiatives of the hon. Chief Minister.

In order to strengthen Social Welfare Deptt., 91 posts are created by the Central Govt. out of which 57 posts will be filled up at the first phase hopefully to improve ICDS. To upgrade Anganwadi service, the required qualification for the teacher is now raised to Class X (passed); 27 Nos. Anganwadi are recruited for 27 projects to promote Early Childhood Care & Education (ECC).

In order to improve our service towards physically challenged people, the Govt. created the post of Commissioner to look after persons with disability; recruitment rules have also been formulated by the government for recruitment of the said, and hopefully the post will soon be occupied.

As per Article 275(1), there are many advantages that we the tribal enjoys from the consolidated fund. PMRS is implemented and ₹24 lakhs will be given to Soil department for setting up soil testing laboratory at Aizawl, Lunglei and Kolasib. An amount of ₹157 lakhs will also be allocated for Health Department for improvement of infrastructure, ₹170.85 to Horticulture and ₹40 lakhs to AH & Vety will also be allotted. Initiative has also been made for persons with disability so that they will be able to move around using wheelchairs in various office buildings. Regarding issue of hearing aid etc. to physically challenged people, it will be issued directly to NGO's who will have their office at SCERT. Crèche Centre is functioning under the Mizoram State Women Advisory Board and Child Welfare Committee where the salary of the workers is provided by the Central Govt.

MBP, a new maternity benefits covers 8 Districts, and under this scheme, a women after having two children will be given an amount of ₹6,000/- and they will have to report themselves to their nearest Health Sub-Centre or to the concerned Anganwadi worker. A helpline for women has also been established as construction of a building to shelter women who are under the influence of domestic violence is in progress at various Districts.

With the initiative of the hon. Chief Minister, we have laid the foundation of Horticulture College and class had already been started in the Veterinary College of Selesih with 17 Nos. students. The College building will be constructed at Thenzawl and we are now taking steps to expedite the construction and other necessities. So far, we have generated revenue of ₹4,487 lakhs from our harvest of various kinds of fruits. In this connection, it may be noted that processing fruits is not the purview of the Horticulture Department. We have funds provision of ₹27 for construction of link roads in several areas. In the implementation of NLUP and NEDP, we are fortunate that we have achieved a great deal under agriculture and horticulture; and, with the initiative of the central govt., we will concentrate only on two fruits such as dragon fruits and oranges, and on vegetables, tomatoes and off season cabbage. With the application of a proper method of cultivation, we hope to achieve with these fruits and

vegetables; we also have a plan to give training on utilization of greenhouse in various districts so that they will be able to have sooner harvest in the process.

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Pu Speaker, tender was floated in the month of July last year for supply of dragon fruits and the lowest bids at ₹100/- and was selected. But on 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2016, it was purchased at the rate of ₹350/-. May this be clarified?

**PU P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, we have a DPAB rate and after tender is floated, the lowest bidder will be selected and the previous DPAB rate will not be effective.

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Pu Speaker, the lowest bidder is then selected to supply at the rate of ₹350.

**PU P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the selection process is a bit technical and I am regretted to mention that I cannot clarify this today; the hon. member himself may come to my office anytime so we can give him a clear explanation on this issue.

Pu Speaker, there is a plan for setting up packing house in every district and freezer van will be purchased for transportation of the items for marketing outside. Pu Speaker, I now make an appeal to the House to pass the following Demands: –

<b>Demand Nos.</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Budget Amount (₹)</b>
19	Local Administration	57,95,72,000.00
29	Social Welfare	1,27,27,39,000.00
32	Horticulture	72,55,18,000.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,57,78,29,000.00</b>

Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : The hon. Minister, Pu P.C. Lalthanliana has made an appeal to the House to pass the following Demands: –

<b>Demand Nos.</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Budget Amount (₹)</b>
19	Local Administration	57,95,72,000.00
29	Social Welfare	1,27,27,39,000.00
32	Horticulture	72,55,18,000.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>₹,57,78,29,000.00</b>

All in favour to pass these Demands may say, ‘Aye’ and those who don’t may say, ‘Nay’. The Demands of the hon. Minister such as Demands No.19, 29 and 32 are unanimously passed by the House.

**PU P.C LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER:** Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : We have come to the end of today's session and we will continue tomorrow at 10:30 AM.

*Sitting is adjourned (6:00 pm)*