

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR ELEVENTH SITTING ON TUESDAY, THE 28th 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) Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on State Finances for the year ended 31 March, 2016.
 - ii) Finance Accounts 2015-16 Volume-I
 - iii) Finance Accounts 2015-16 Volume-II
 - iv) Appropriation Accounts 2015-16

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

3. **PU R. VANLALVENA**, to present to the House the following Reports of Subject Committee-III :
- i) Eleventh Report Relating to Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) under Health & Family Welfare Department.
 - ii) Twelfth Report Relating to Horticulture Mission for North East & Himalayan States (HMNEH)/Mission for Integrated development of Horticulture (MIDH) under Horticulture Department.
 - iii) Thirteenth Report Relating to Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana(RKVY) Stream-I and National Vegetable Initiative for Urban Clusters (NVIUC) under Horticulture Department.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS

4. **PU R. ROMAWIA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
5. **PU LAL THANZARA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.

NGURTHANZUALA
Secretary

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SPEAKER : Then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

Philippians 2:2

We will start with Question Hour and Dr. Ngurdingliana may ask his Starred question No. 142.

Dr. NGURDINGLIANA : Will the concerned Minister of Health & Family Welfare Department be pleased to state –

Time for posting of a Lab technician at Khawruhlian PHC and x-ray technician at Phuaibuang;

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

PU LALTHANZARA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is: –

The post will be filled up as soon as we receive an approval and plan has been made for x-ray machine at the said PHC.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question.

Dr. NGURDINGLIANA : I thank the hon. Minister for the initiative; buildings for the said had already been constructed as per instruction of the Indian Medical Board and are now ready for use.

SPEAKER : Pu John Siamkunga.

PU JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Pu Speaker, we already have an x-ray machine at Cherhlun PHC but there is no technician to operate it. May the technician be posted?

SPEAKER : Pu T. Sangkunga.

PU T. SANGKUNGA : Pu Speaker, we also have an x-ray machine at Bungzung and Farkawn PHC but there are no technicians. When will the technicians be posted there?

SPEAKER : Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Today marks the day when the Assembly Assurance Committee were ambushed by HPC 'D'; the committee was on spot visiting the construction of health clinics at Zokhawthiang,

North Khawdungsei etc. Whether construction of such buildings has already been completed?

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister may answer the question.

PU LALTHANZARA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, on behalf of the Department, I express my gratitude to Dr. Ngurdingliana for his initiatives. To answer the question of Pu John Siamkunga and Pu T. Sangkunga at the same time, posting of x-ray technicians is in process the posts in question will be filled up as soon as we receive the approval.

Pu Speaker, I may provide the answer to Pu Lalruatkima's question as soon as I receive such information.

SPEAKER : The hon. Member Pu Lalruatkima may ask his starred question.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Will the concerned Minister of Home Department be please to state –

- a) How many times road map is drafted for repatriation of Brus from Tripura Refugee Camp? How much had been received from the Central for this purpose, and how much had been utilized so far?
- b) The Demands made by Brus to return to Mizoram and if the State Govt. intend to comply with such demands?
- c) The number of families in such refugee camps and how many have been entered in the Mizoram electoral roll?
- d) The reason that the agreement which has been existed under the guidance of the Ministry of Home Affairs on 30.1.2015 has not been implemented?

SPEAKER : The concerned minister may answer the question.

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

- a) So far, there are 4 Nos. road maps for Brus repatriation, i.e. I, II, III & IV.
- b) The amount of funds received for different Road Maps are:

Road Map I	-	₹243.80 lakhs;
Road Map II	-	₹243.00 lakhs;
Road Map III	-	₹9.97 crores+₹7.87 crores=₹17.84 crores;
Road Map IV	-	₹17.2 crores.

Brus have submitted a writ petition to the Supreme Court, No.867 of 2016 and they have demanded the following –

- 1) Each family should be provided 5 acres of land for cultivation.

- 2) They should all be located in one area.
 - 3) They should be provided with electric supply, water supply, school, hospital, appropriate roads, toilets etc.
 - 4) They must be permitted to utilise land for cultivation as required.
 - 5) The amount of compensation should be increased from ₹80,000/- to ₹10,00,000/-.
 - 6) Arrangement should be made for Bru refugee for their transportation.
 - 7) Each family should be provided with a new ration card.
 - 8) All Bru refugees should be enrolled in the electoral roll and revision should be conducted every year.
 - 9) Unless they satisfied with the entire rehabilitation scheme, they should not be repatriated to Mizoram.
 - 10) They should reside at Dampa Sanctuary.
 - 11) All Bru Students should be provided a transfer certificate so that they may be able to continue with their studies.
 - 12) They should be given an Autonomous District Council as per the Indian Constitution Article 244(2) and the Sixth Schedule.
 - 13) If the repatriation scheme failed, they should be provided a home, electricity, education, hospitals etc. at their Tripura camp.
- c) All these Demands may be granted if approved by the government. As per the Brus Identification process reported as on November, 2016, the number of families in various Districts is as follows: –
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| Mamit District | - | 4,199 |
| Lunglei District | - | 384 |
| Kolasib District | - | 824 |
| Total | - | 5,407. |
- Number of Brus entered in the electoral roll in District-wise is –
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| Mamit District | - | 8,384 |
| Lunglei District | - | 746 |
| Kolasib District | - | 1,633 |
| Total | - | 10,763. |
- d) Due to the additional demands of the Brus, their repatriation cannot be processed and due to the fact that they do not want to return to Mizoram in 2015, the Supreme Court again issued an order for their repatriation; thus, the decisions made on 30.1.2015 cannot be implemented.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question.

PULALRUATKIMA : May the initiative be taken as per the conclusions made by NGO Co-ordination committee on 8th April, 2014 and as stated by the hon. Minister? May all their demands be granted if approved by the government such as the Autonomous District Council?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may give the answer.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, if the government, after careful consideration finds it unnecessary to agree with their demands, it will not be granted.

Pu Speaker, their demands for 5 acres of land to each family and to cluster them in one compact area seems impossible; yet, electricity, schools, medicines etc. may be made available in the village they reside. Regarding the utilization of trees and crops, it will be permitted as per the rules and regulations made by the government; as increasing the amount of compensation grant, it is purview of the Central Government. Transportation will be arranged by the concerned D.C. for moving in to Mizoram; and, regarding revision of the electoral roll, it is the purview of the Central Government. Regarding the Repatriation Scheme, the Govt. of Mizoram may use any kind of force so that they return to Mizoram. They should not reside within Dampa sanctuary since it is a preserved area; as of transfer certificate for continuation of their studies, it is the purview of Tripura Govt. The Govt. of Mizoram is not agree with their demand for the Autonomous District Council; and, the demand for providing them with houses, medicines, schools etc. in Tripura, it is again the purview of Tripura Govt.

SPEAKER : I think it is clear enough.

PULAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, One minute please. Brus left Mizoram out of their own free will and we have asked them to return to Mizoram on 1997 by assuring them their safety but they had ignored. Instead, they made a complain to the Central so I personally informed Shri L.K. Advani that they are not Hindu by faith and many have converted to Christianity on their own choice and they even adopted to the Mizos way of life. If all their Demands are granted by the Central Govt., it is only fair that we the Mizos too be given 5 acres of land to each family since there are many who remain without it. Regarding the Autonomous District Council, it will not be given by this Ministry.

SPEAKER : Dr. K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the concerned Minister of Health & Family Welfare Department be pleased to state: –

- a) The reason that the medical college is not established till today;
- b) The amount received from the Central Govt. for setting up the medical college.

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister, Pu Lal Thanzara to

answer the question.

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is as follows: –

- a) The reason that the medical college is not established till today are as follows:
- i) Construction and renovation of some buildings have not yet been completed.
 - ii) Due to the recruited staffs which has not been placed as yet;
 - iii) Installation of necessary equipments has not yet been completed.
 - iv) Due shortage of OPD patient as demanded by the Medical Council of India for the State referral hospital.
- b) Fund provision is received from the Central as order No. given below:-

Sl. No.	No. & Date	Released Amount (₹)
1	No. G.20017/1/2015-ME-II/Pt. Dt. 29.1.2016	20,00,00,000.00
2	No. G.20017/1/2015-ME-II/Pt. Dt. 30.1.2016	10,00,00,000.00
3	No. U.14017/22/2015-ME-II/ Dt. 24.6.2016	1,17,00,000.00
4	No. U.14017/22/2015-ME-II/ Dt. 24.6.2016	6,65,00,000.00
5	No. U.14017/22/2015-ME-II/ Dt. 24.6.2016.	2,18,00,000.00
	TOTAL	40,00,00,000.00

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, whether MCI has inspected the proposed hospital? What is the physical and financial achievement of the buildings? How many departments do we have and what is the existing strength of staff?

SPEAKER : Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker.

- i) Whether the previous Ministry had a plan to hand over the said hospital to the church authority?
- ii) Do we have any qualified lecturer of a medical college among the Mizos?
- iii) Is it a fact that the referral hospital had 17 Nos. patients during the previous ministry and was able to function smoothly?

SPEAKER : Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Whether the Director of MIMER being appointed? If so, who is he/she? How much is spent for this purpose

and will the post be terminated with the existing problem for setting up this hospital?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister.

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, MCI team made a surprise inspection in January, 2017 and is quite satisfied with the building infrastructures. So far, 80% - 90% is completed; and, there are 245 staffs, 89 nurses, 33 doctors and 9 staffs recruited on contract basis.

As questioned by Pu T.T. Zothansanga, we were unable to run the hospital smoothly during the previous ministry and there was a rumour that it will be handed over the church authority. Apart from this, there is a claim that some people as being hired to act as the hospital patients when inspection was made and that the inspection team was disappointed with their findings and funds sanction hence was stopped.

There are numbers of qualified lecturers among the Mizos; and, Dr. Lallukhuma Fimate is being proposed for the Director of MIMER but since the required documents is not fully produced by the proposed person, appointment order has not yet been issued where as the monthly salary of the Director will be ₹1,80,000/-.

PU VANLALZAWMA : Pu Speaker, if it is a proper conduct for MCI to prevail investigation without giving prior information?

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, MCI usually prevailed inspection without giving prior information.

SPEAKER : The hon. House Leader.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, regarding this issue, MCI prefers a surprise visit due to the incident in the previous ministry.

SPEAKER : We will now move on to starred Question No. 145 and Pu Lalthanliana to ask.

PU LALTHANLIANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the concerned Minister for Health & Family Welfare Department be pleased to state: – The present status of Falkawn Referral Hospital.

SPEAKER : Pu Lal Thanzara, hon. Minister concerned.

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is as follows: –

Financial Status:

As per instructed by the Central government, the State matching share for 2015-2016 amounting to ₹5.56 crores has already released and spent in full. Whereas sanction amount of ₹40 crores for the years 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 from the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India has already been received and is now in use.

Infrastructure:

Initiative is made for renovation of the following works:

1. Administrative buildings including the department of Anatomy, Physiology, Bio-chemistry and Library are almost completed.
2. Main Hospital Building which comprises vertical extension of the building is in progress as 90% of the work being completed.
3. OPD Building which includes vertical and basement being utilized for Wards, Laboratory and Radiology department is almost completed.

Equipments (including library and vehicle):

Initiative is made for procurement necessary equipments.

Manpower:

Approval of DP & AR, Govt. of Mizoram has already been obtained for creation of 190 of various posts; yet, additional fund provision is being applied for more posts so as to fulfil the demand of the Medical Council of India.

Pu Speaker, the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has a plan for upgrading 58 Nos. of the existing District hospitals in the country and we are fortunate that Mizoram is one of the states to benefit the plan. The estimate cost is ₹189 crores and as stated, ₹69 crore is spent for construction of college buildings, ₹40 crores will be spent for hostellers and the faculties, ₹50 crores is sanctioned for purchase of necessary equipments and ₹50 crore for upgradation of the hospitals, totally ₹189 crores which is spent as per norms of the Govt. of India.

The Govt. of Mizoram selected Falkawn Referral Hospital for implementation of this scheme and initiative is made for renaming the hospital as MIMER (Mizoram Institute of Medical Education & Research). For fencing of the hospital and for resolving other problems, ₹50 is spent from fund provisions from the central as well as of the state. For the year 2016-2017, we also received ₹28 crores for improvement of hospital under the new economic programme. From this fund provisions, step is being taken for purchase of other materials, for installation of a new electric transformers and construction of approach road within the premise of the hospital complex. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Dr. K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, How many departments are there in the hospital and how many cases the OPD received per day? Is it a fact that beds from the Civil Hospital are brought in to this hospital; and, how many doctors and nurses are there?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister.

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, there are 12 departments. During 2016, the OPD received approximately 110 patients per day.

PU R. VANLALVENA : Pu Speaker, how about the transfer of doctors and nurses?

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister.

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, there are 33 doctors with 9 deployed on contract basis, 2 Nos. nursing superintendents, 9 Nos. ward superintendents and 62 Nos. Staff nurse. Some beds are brought from Aizawl Civil Hospital; so far, we have no other problems.

SPEAKER : Pu John Siamkunga.

PU JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the concerned Minister of Fisheries Department be pleased to State: –

- a) Nos. of NLUP beneficiaries under Fisheries Department;
- b) How much is given to NLUP beneficiaries during the period 2012-2017?
- c) The total area covered by the establishment of fish ponds;
- d) Whether our fish production increases.

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister.

PU B.D. CHAKMA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is as follows: –

- a) 3,409 Nos. beneficiaries.
- b) ₹3435.12 lakhs.
- c) 1,704 hectares.
- d) Yes, it has increased.

SPEAKER : Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. What is the increase

percentage of our fish production?

PU B.D. CHAKMA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, from the records which includes our production from fish ponds, tanks, rivers, canals, reservoir and paddy-cum-fish culture, the total number is 7,630 metric tons; since we have not calculate the percentage, I am unable to provide the answer.

SPEAKER : Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Will the concerned Minister of Social Welfare Department be pleased to State –

- a) The number of the Scheduled Tribe Girls Hostel being set up in Mizoram and how many are in District-wise;
- b) The amount utilized for the construction;
- c) Number of contractors being deployed for the construction.

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister.

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

- a) There are 13 Nos. of ST Girls Hostel in Mizoram such as:

Aizawl District	-	7
Lunglei District	-	2
Mamit District	-	1
Kolasib District	-	1
Siaha District	-	1
Serchhip District	-	1
- b) ₹41,47,19,000/- is utilized for the construction.
- c) North East Consultancy Services is deployed for the construction.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, at what rate the work is given and what is the method for payment of the bill?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister.

PU P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker the rate is determined as per the sanctioned received and payment is made as per bills submitted by the consultancy firm.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, what is the procedure of the work?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister.

PU P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, after the technical committee established checked the work, DPR and MB, further action is taken as necessary.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalthanliana.

PU LALTHANLIANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker, will the concerned Minister for Fisheries Department be please to state –

- a) If there is a plan to distribute fish seeds in the coming year;
- b) What are the criteria?
- c) If the beneficiary districts being selected beforehand;
- d) Types of fish being distributed.

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister.

PU B.D CHAKMA, MINISTER: The answer is as follows –

- a) We will again distribute fish seeds as per available of funds.
- b) It is distributed according to the area of ponds, eg: 8000 Nos. fingerlings per hectare.
- c) It is not selected beforehand.
- d) Indian Major Carp, Common Carp, Grass Carp and Silver Carp are usually distributed.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Will the hon. Minister of Health & Family Welfare Department be pleased to state: The answer to starred Question No. 149.

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister.

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is as follows –

- a) ₹14.64 crores is received as first instalment for upgrading Tertiary Cancer Care Centre, Zemabawk, Aizawl and ₹162.62 as a State share.
- b) A restricted tender was floated on the 19.9.2016.
- c) Construction of Linear Accelerator Block is given to Pu R. Sangkhuma and the estimate cost is ₹371,08,400/-
- d) The physical progress at present is 5% and there is no financial achievement.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, I have a supplementary question, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Question hour has come to an end, we will now move on to Laying of papers. I call upon the hon. Minister, Pu Lalsawta.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, with the recommendation of his Excellency, The Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, I lay on the Table of this august House the following Reports in respect of the Govt. of Mizoram: –

- i) Report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India on State Finances for the year ended 31st March, 2016.
- ii) Finance Accounts 2015-16 Volume I.
- iii) Finance Accounts 2015-16 Volume II.
- iv) Appropriation Accounts 2015-16.

Thank you, Sir.

SPEAKER : The copy may be distributed. Now, Pu R. Vanlalvena may present the Reports on Subject Committee-III.

PU R.VANLALVENA : Pu Speaker, as a Chairman of the Subject Committee-III, I express my gratitude towards my fellow committee members and with your permission, I present the following papers on the Table of the House –

- i) Eleventh Report relating to RSBY under Health & Family Welfare Department.
- ii) Twelfth Report under Horticulture for Integrated development of Horticulture and
- iii) Thirteenth Report, RKVY Stream-1 and National Vegetable Initiative for Urban Clusters.

Thank you.

SPEAKER : The copy may be distributed. Now, Pu R. Romawia and Pu Lal Thanzara, the two hon. Ministers may submit their respective Demands on the Table of the House.

PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, I move the Demand No. 6, 12, 21 and 23 for ₹2,32,16,53,000/- only for meeting expenses during 2017-2018 in respect of the following Departments -

Demand Nos.	Purpose	Budget Amount (₹)
6	Land revenue & Settlement	₹31,85,18,000.00
12	Parliamentary Affairs	₹58,75,000.00
21	Higher & Tech. Education	₹1,90,44,88,000.00

23	Art & Culture	₹9,27,72,000.00
	TOTAL	₹2,23,16,53,000.00

Thank you.

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister Pu Lal Thanzara may now submit his Demands.

PU LAL THAZARA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, I move the Demand Nos. 24, 26 and 48 for ₹4,94,90,42,000/- only for meeting expenses during 2017-2018 in respect of the following Departments –

Demand Nos.	Purpose	Budget Amount (₹)
24	Medical & Public Health	4,62,22,01,000.00
26	Information & Public Relation	14,36,25,000.00
48	Information & Communication Tech.	18,32,16,000.00
	TOTAL	₹4,94,90,42,000.00

Thank you.

SPEAKER : The two hon. Ministers have submitted their Demands; we will now start our discussion. Pu K. Sangthuama.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. It is stated that Lungmual Complex and the nearby areas as of restricted area but I am unable to find in which Gazette it is seen. May the hon. Minister please clarify?

Property tax is paid by the inhabitants of the Government Complex and there are 500 Nos. ration card holders in this area. So, may the hon. Minister clarify the case?

In Demand No. 21, Higher & Technical Education Deptt., I suggest recruitment of more Asst. Professors in order to have a quality education.

In Demand No. 24, Health Department, there is a rumor that the supply of x-ray film is less sufficient which further caused problem to the patients who approach the Civil Hospital. I request this matter be taken care of as soon as possible. I also request a reliable dialysis processing to evade problems of patients with kidney problem.

Regarding Healthcare, may I know the progress regarding a victim of snakebite who cannot claim his medical reimbursement under RSBY due to alcohol contents found in the test results? Regarding medical college, our need for this college is intensive and we should therefore allocate more funds for the establishment and more doctors and others staff be given so that we no longer need to go outside for treatment. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Chalrosanga.

PU CHALROSANGA RALTE: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. Let me start with Demand No. 6, Land revenue & Settlement Deptt. In order to settle the mounting land dispute we have in Mizoram, I suggest Tribunal be established under Revenue Department and more surveyors be recruited for more efficiency in the works.

On Demand No. 21, Higher & Technical Education Deptt., our main problem in Lunglei District is lack of enough institution of Commerce stream. We have one at Lunglei but another may be allotted to JB College to serve the demand.

Under Health Department, there are number of Sub-centres in Lunglei plus Urban Public Health Centre at Saizakawn. I express my appreciation to the hon. Minister for his initiatives. I also thank him for develop various Districts Hospitals.

Regarding Demand No. 48, ICT Department, improvement is seen in various departments thanks to the service of ICT Deptt. It is quite a remarkable achievement for our state for being able to implement Online Banking, Online Electricity Bill payment, Disaster Management Application, e-Governance Enterprise & Framework.

Pu Dy. Speaker, the public across the state are now able to update ourselves through Information Deptt. for it keeps us well informed of Mizoram and our nation. It is appreciated that a separate fund provision is made for the Mizoram Journalists Welfare. With that, I conclude my speech by supporting to pass the Demands of the hon. two hon. Ministers. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. To start from the Demand No. 24, Medical & Public Health Deptt., I would like to stress on healthcare scheme for it concern health issue.

We all are aware of the importance of RSBY for the people especially for rural areas; I am glad to hear from the hon. Minister that our medical debts at the empanelled hospitals had all been cleared thanks to his initiative and the Subject

Committee. While this is the case, I think it is inappropriate to link the healthcare scheme with RSBY for it includes only of a few of critical illness where as there are some private hospitals in which healthcare scheme is not implemented. I therefore find it hard to support the idea of interlinking healthcare scheme with that of RSBY. In the stead, it is wise for the concerned authority to approach some major hospitals so that they may also implement healthcare scheme.

As mentioned during discussion of the Demand of Finance, the rates implemented under Healthcare is now outdated; it is appreciated if the Minister makes a revision including the Corpus Fund so that it can be more beneficial for the poor and rural people. It would also be appreciated if MR bills are revised.

Pu Speaker, the need of more nurses and other staffs at Civil Hospital and Referral Hospital is intensive and the existing staffs are becoming exhausted due to excessive overtime services. So, it will be appreciated if more staffs are recruited with immediate effect.

Regarding Information & Communication Technology, we introduced Computerized Hospital Management Information System since last year. However, it is unfortunate that completion certificates were issued to number of unskilled trainers which entails intensive problem for the department. So, we need to be careful in dealing of this important department. It is also necessary to inspect the system of UID registration as the processing charge is different in every place. Central Schemes like 'Housing for All' etc. demands Adhaar Card but the Supreme Court stated that it is not a mandatory on central schemes. So, we need to inform the fact to the people.

Next is, Art & Culture Department. Our culture and traditions are priceless and our race may extinct if we lose them all. We perform many selfless acts that were long practiced by our forefathers and I request the department to continue their hard works.

Regarding Higher & Education Department, it would be appreciated if there are easier ways for the underprivileged to avail education loans from banks. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu R. Vanlalvena.

PUR. VANLALVENA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. I would like to start with Demand No. 6, Land Revenue & Settlement Department. It would be appreciated if vehicle is provided to the surveyors to expedite their works. We are now beginning to buy some flats as it is done in other states; I am afraid we may encounter problems unless we have secure rules.

There are around 24 colleges under Higher & Technical Education Deptt. and the department provides funds for building, libraries etc to such colleges. I thank the hon. Chief Minister and concerned Minister for providing a spacious land for T. Romana College.

Next is Demand No. 23, Art & Culture Deptt. Patent right is quite important and I heard that the department is making initiative for GI, registration and protection Rights on our own productions like Thangchhuah Puan, Puanchei, Puanzeh, Khumbeu etc. We also need to make an effort on production of others as well.

Information & Communication Technology have lots of work on hands and the most impressive progress is online payment of electric bills as it saves a lot of our times and efforts. Initiative has also been made for online payment of Water bills which will be monitored by Vigilance Department. Apart from this, online processing of property return is quite is a remarkable achievement as it will also prevent corruptions.

In Demand No. 24, the progresses made on Medical & Public Health Department within only 2 years are quite notable which also includes district such as Siaha, Lawngtlai, Mamit, Aizawl Civil Hospital and Referral hospital etc. I appreciate the initiative of concerned Minister on Drugs and foods testing laboratory in Mizoram and at the same time, the contribution of our Drug Inspectors on inspecting bad medicines is worth mentioning. It seems that we are a bit confused with RSBY and Healthcare scheme and we need clarification from the hon. Minister. We should register ourselves under the scheme and give importance to our health while improving our economy at the same time.

Lastly, there are 3 Directors in Health Deptt. which I opine impedes the progress of works. So, I suggest appointing IAS officer as the Principal Director to improve the system of work. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu T. Sangkunga.

PU T. SANGKUNGA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. A lot of improvements are seen under the Health Department and it is impressive that 80 Doctors are regularized earlier and measures are also taken to regularize another 27 doctors. With that, I request the newly recruited are posted also at the PHC of Khawbung, Bungzung and Sesih. Apart from this, 50 nurses are also regularized for Referral Hospital and it would be appreciated if at least MR based nurses are posted in my constituency. I believe the problem of transfer & posting of our nurses and health workers may be alleviated by placing them in their respective constituency.

West Bengal Assembly passed 'West Bengal Clinical Establishments (Registration, Regulation and Transparency) Bill, 2017' on 3.2.2017 which opposes exorbitant medical bills and it would be impressive if we apply the same.

Regarding Higher & Technical Education Department, Demand No. 21, since most of the students prefer to continue their further studies at the state capital, I think it is important to extent our college buildings at Aizawl and more lecturers are recruited to accommodate more students.

Next is Art & Culture Department. It is learned that some traces of our forefathers are found in the eastern parts and necessary step may be taken to preserve those sites for tourists' attraction. I support the demands of the 2 Ministers. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Dr. Ngurdingliana.

Dr. NGURDINGLIANA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. I would like to start with Demand No. 21, Higher & Technical Education Department. As known to us all, 90% of our state budget goes to the salary and 10% only remains for administrative costs where as the department is barely making it with the funds obtained from DONER and RUSA. Regarding Education, the minimum number of lecturers according to the Mizoram University Ordinance is 866 for 22 Nos. Colleges and we fall short by 120. So, it would be appreciated if the department takes measures in this regard. Our colleges are regularly checked by NAAC Team and it would be much appreciated if grading of various colleges is notified as soon as possible.

I heard that the Society of Jesus of Catholic Institution is establishing a College at Lengpui and hopefully this college will bring quality education. It is impressive that Polytechnics Institute at Champhai, Mamit and Kolasib will soon be opened and, at the same time, initiative may be made for opening of the same at Lawngtlai and the in remaining District Hqrs. It is also impressive that construction of Post-Matric Students' Hostel and Mizoram Law College at Aizawl are in progress.

For setting up Govt. Zirtiri Residential Science College and Govt. Hrangbana College as model colleges, ₹4 crore each is allotted under RUSA. It may as well be appreciated if progress of the students and lectures of such colleges are notified on regular basis. Likewise, construction of the Mizoram Engineering College at Pukpui is in progress which also is truly appreciated.

Regarding Medical & Public Health, Demand No. 24, it is impressive that IMR is decreasing and Siaha District thanks to the efforts of the government and the concerned officials. Likewise, Malaria and Cholera related death also is decreasing

each year due to the initiative of the hon. Minister and the department. It is appreciative that measures are taken equally in every district while Aizawl Civil Hospital too is upgraded. However, I request the department to consider upgrading the infrastructure as well.

It is impressive that we have Asst. Professors and students pursuing research scholar among the 20 Nos. DNB post-graduates that we have. We are also the only state in the North-East having Eye-Bank and I suggest priority is given for the maintenance and a may be equipped with a separate ICU so that the patients could not contract communicable diseases. I thank the hon. Minister for his initiative to recruit 26 Doctors for PHC. I support the demands of both the hon. Ministers. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will take a break now and discussion will be resumed at 2:00 pm.

2:00 PM

DEPUTY SPEAKER : So far, six members participated in our discussion; I now request Pu John Siamkunga.

PU JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. I would like to start with Higher & Technical Education, Demand No. 21. The Department is working hard especially in my constituency and helps us upgrading Hnahthial Govt. College by establishing Geography Deptt. and appointment of 2 Asst. Professors. This makes me believe that we can now be affiliated under the Mizoram University. With able Minister, Jesuit Society is able to establish St. Xavier's College at Lengpui which will be soon be inaugurated.

Regarding Art & Culture Department, Demand No. 23, the department contributed a lot in preserving our cultural heritage but the report of the Economic Survey indicates only few works. Yet, the initiative made on Saikuti Thlan is notable and I request the hon. Minister to make the same measure on Lalnu Ropuiliani Rorelna Tlang since it is a renowned and worth-preserving site for tourists' attraction.

Regarding Land Revenue & Settlement Deptt., despite huge revenue collection of the department, the Economic Survey showed only collection of the revenue, registration fee and stamp duty. It is impressive that the hon. Minister improves LSC rules.

Next is Demand No. 24, Medical & Public Health Department. Registration under healthcare scheme is currently opened; it is truly appreciated as the scheme is

highly beneficial for the people particularly of rural areas. It is also worth-mentioning that conduct of our doctors and nurses towards their patients is friendly and compassionate. Yet, I am bothered by the condom advertisements that are posted everywhere which makes me think that it only promotes sexual intercourse if using condoms is not 100% safe. I thank the department for the initiative on construction of PHC building at Thingsai which will soon be commissioned. Construction of Hnahthial Hospital phase-I is completed and Phase-II will soon be started and I am grateful for the initiative. The hon. Minister is taking extreme measures for establishing Health Clinic at every village and many health workers will also be recruited. Regarding AYUSH, it is appreciative that medicines which are good and safe are provided; and, AYUSH hospital of 50 bedded has now been opened at Thenzawl thanks to the effort of the concerned Minister.

Information & Public Relation Deptt., Demand No. 26. It is an important department which acts as a source of information to the people and the Govt. Yet, the calendar being issued this year is not satisfactory; I hope it is done with better quality the next time. (**Dy. SPEAKER:** Your time is up.) I support the Demands of the two hon. Ministers. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Dr. K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Thank you Dy. Speaker. I, at the outset would like to request all the hon. Ministers to take all the demands which may be made by the members are taken into consideration for we all have a high hope in the government for the development of our state.

Let me start with Demand No. 21, Higher & Technical Department. Despite our status of the second highest literacy rate in India, it is unbecoming that we still do not have Engineering College, Medical College and Agriculture College but only Veterinary College. At the same time, I think we need to improve the system of Higher & Technical Education in order to achieve quality education and all round development and we also need to introduce skill development.

While such is the case, the budget allocation of this department is quite less and I hope our leaders should give more efforts with fund provision coming through RUSA and DONER. According to the Mizoram University Ordinance, the minimum requirement of teaching staff is 866 and we are in short by 120. So, the Govt. should give importance to this problem. It is as well important to consider filling up of 127 vacant posts of the Asst. Professor and regularize those 15 on contact basis.

Despite the notification for re-allotment of Science and Commerce stream at

Saiha Govt. College, nothing is done as yet till date and I earnestly request the hon. Minister to expedite its implementation.

Regarding Demand No. 24, Medical & Public Health, Mizoram is a healthy state with less population and we can make it as a model state if our Health service system is improved. We need to make appropriate Doctor services rules to improve their performances and to receive job satisfaction in return. We do not have much specialist today but I hope we will have more of them and even super specialists after 5 to 10 years. In the process, I think it is necessary to assign more specialists in the remote districts and as per our geographical location and the status of the hospital; we need to upgrade our infrastructure as well. We also need to emphasize on short course trainings which will help in reducing our illness by 50% and also to reduce our Medical Re-imburement bills.

Pu Speaker, the Generalists who served more than 20 years are still appointed as MO; it would be appreciated if promotions are given as per seniority. There are many programmes under the District SMOs and we may appoint at least 4 SMOs rank to deal with such programmes so as improve our state as model state. In addition, shortage of nurse is our main problem as most of them are exhausted for working overtime. So, it would be appreciated if recruitment of nurse is expedited.

Next is Demand No. 6, Land Revenue & Settlement Department. It would be appreciated if the hon. Minister explains how stamp duties are carried out and also if the rules are made for Stamp Duties Act. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalrobiaka.

PU LALROBIAKA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. I would like to start with Demand No. 6, Land Revenue & Settlement Deptt. We know the workloads of the department due to excessive case of dispute lands to be settled. However, the economic survey shows little works despite their major contributions. So, the department needs to put more efforts with due care while performing the official works.

Next is Demand No. 21, Higher & Technical Education Department. It is quite impressive that the budget allotment to this department is increasing in compare to the previous years. This increase indicates the need to put more efforts.

Regarding Demand No. 23, Art & Culture Department, the Department may seems small in status, it makes quite an impact on our society as it is important on preserving our culture and traditions such as cultural dresses, dances etc. While this is the case, it is unfortunate that the budget size is small.

Now, Demand No. 24, Health & Medical Services Deptt. I thank the hon. Minister for showing special favor to my constituency with fund provision for construction of 2 Nos. buildings of PHC. Yet, PHC Saitual remains functioning without staff and I request the hon. Minister that immediate step may be taken in this regard. Mamit District is one of the main factors for the high rate of IMR and MMR and thus should be given special attention. The s-ray machine at Phaileng PHC is not working and we need replacement on immediate case. It is impressive that a separate ward for elderly patient is opened at Lunglei on 7th March; I opine it is suggestive to provide the same at more places.

Demand No. 26. Measures taken by Information & Public Relation Deptt., are worth-mentioning especially on prominent press representatives. However, information given in my constituency is slow due to poor services and lack of vehicle by the District Officer. So, I request the department to put more efforts and our needs are made available. I support the demands of the two hon. Ministers. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. I am regretted to mention that NGOs Coordination Committee is urging to close Champhai Hospital from 1st May unless our problem is resolved before the 1st April. It may also be noted that our need for surgeons and pediatrician is intensive.

Regarding Demand No. 21, Higher & Technical Education, (*Er. Lalrinawma takes the Chair*) we need qualified Mizo lecturers in our colleges like Horticulture, Agriculture etc and such lecturers need to be well trained; our state will not be developed unless enough College lecturers are made available. I opine the hon. Finance Minister needs to cooperation in filling up the vacant posts of lecturer. We need to employ more and more doctors and lecturers in order to save our state and we cannot achieve greatness without their services.

Pu Chairman, Champhai college building which is completed with ₹9 crores and is soon to be inaugurated, I would like to inform the hon. Minister our needs of more staffs.

Next is Demand No. 6, Land Revenue & Settlement Deptt. It is unfortunate that there are large numbers of our fellow Mizos who are living in Mizoram without an inch of land which may be claimed as theirs. I request the hon. Minister to take measure in this regard so that such families have land of their own. I support the demands of the hon. Ministers. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN : Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Pu Chairman. I would like to start with Demand No. 6, Land Revenue & Settlement Department. Though the workload is excessive in the department, I request the staffs to show more hospitality to whoever they may deal with especially to the elders. Due to the absence of SAB in Aizawl and other District Hqrs., it seems that we have a problem in dealing with house site allotment till today. There are still some villages where taxes cannot be collected and the department needs to be more functional.

We have The Mizoram Land Revenue Act, 2003 and there are many more rules which need amendment. We established Boundary Commission 2/3 years back and yet there are still no sign of its function. The system of stamp and property registration also needs to simplify for the people concerned.

Regarding Demand No. 21, Higher & Technical Education Department, this is the department having most Gazetted Officers. However, we still do not have proper hostel and staff quarters for the teaching staff and we need to make more fund provisions to provide their needs.

There is office order dated 23 August which concern restriction to any politicians to deliver a speech in colleges; I believe this is obstruction of freedom of expression for the college which on the other hand victimized the MLAs. I hope it is not repeated. Regarding Library, it is necessary to perform digital software under RUSA and we also need to set up library to 10 colleges.

Next is Art & Culture Department. It is impressive that Vanapa Hall will be renovated and I suggest inclusion of air conditioner too. The Mizoram Publication Board also needs to be provided with more budget funds to enable our writers to put more efforts. I also think it is important to popularize the uses of our very own Mizo alphabet and number which is now deteriorating. We also need to upgrade Library in rural areas along with YMA libraries as social media is taking over us with its negative impact. So, we need to make extreme effort on all these so that we will not face complications in the future.

Regarding Demand No. 24, we are having problems as result of shortage of doctors and poor function of CT at Aizawl Civil Hospital. However, it is impressive that we take intensive measures on tobacco and at the same time, we need to determine alternative for the tobacco sellers to maintain their livelihoods.

Out of the original estimate of 100 beds for Champhai Hospital, only 74 beds are there where as shortage on doctors and nurses services are intensive. Apart from it, we also need elevator and pediatrician for Nursing School at Champhai which has been set up with the approval of the Indian Nursing Council.

I think the Parliamentary Studies and Training to our journalists is suggestive to I&PR so that they may be able to improve their knowledge of parliamentary procedures.

Next is Demand No. 48. With the implementation of the central policy of Digital India, I think more efforts should be made on setting up a reliable website for each department. Thank you.

PU P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA: Thank you, Pu Chairman. I would like to start with Higher & Technical Education Department.

Concerning the students who could not afford to proceed for their further study outside, we need to set up a good college at least in each District headquarters. As for Kolasib District, we need to expedite extension of our college and to provide enough lecturers.

Regarding Demand No. 23, I believe the hon. Minister has to give attention to library in which no progress is seen. It is impressive how the department takes its step for improvement of our culture and traditions as our culture is alive again when NGO and YMA organize celebration of our important festivals.

Regarding Demand No. 24, I thank the hon. Minister on behalf of Kidney Patient Association for fulfilling our requests and it is pleasing to see many progresses made so far on Aizawl Civil Hospital. It is also impressive that ATM booth is placed in the premise of the hospital which is quite convenient for the public concerned; it may as well be placed in the Assembly House.

It is quite impressive that we have, so far produces more than 20 post graduate students; and at the same time, it is important for the government to determine how to use their skills for the best. The Govt. provides incentives cash of ₹18,000 - ₹25,000 to the internship students of Civil Hospital and it would be much appreciated if this is continued.

Pu Speaker, I would like to inform the House that with a new dialysis machine being acquired lately, we need more technicians in addition to the existing 9 technicians who are now working on temporary basis. With the 11 technicians specialized on this field, it is important that we regularized the existing ones so that the remaining may be absorbed on Muster Roll. There are more than 200 members at Kidney Patients Association and 50 members had passed away. Our need for special care is intensive and a separate ward thus may be set up at ICU for such patients of kidney and heart transplant. (*Speaker is at the Chair.*)

I cannot ignore how important this department is for me and all other patients and I am grateful for the blessings that my constituency receives through this department which includes setting up of 4 departments, posting of 2 doctors and 5 staffs at MPCDCS, posting of 1 doctor and 4 staffs at MHP, 1 doctor and 2 staffs at MPPCD and 2 doctors at MPHCE. Malaria and other related diseases are also decreasing thanks to the efforts of the department but our percentage on HIV/AIDS is nothing to be proud of.

I thank the hon. Minister for his concern and I support the demands of the hon. Ministers. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu R.L. Pianmawia.

PU R.L. PIANMAWIA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. On behalf of the Committee on Govt. Assurance Committee, I express my gratitude for your words of condolences on the anniversary of the Zokhawthiang incident faced by the Assembly Assurance Committee.

Demand No. 6, Land Revenue & Settlement Department. Surveyors always need being picked up at their places to perform measurement of any land which is a burden particularly for rural people. It would thus be much appreciated if the official vehicle is provided to the surveyors.

Regarding Demand No. 12, Parliamentary Affairs Deptt., we have often attended the All India Whip Conference but the decisions made have never been carried out. It would be appreciated if the Secretariat is giving importance to this matter. I would also like to make request at the same time that MR driver of PAD is regularized.

Next is Demand No. 21. It is appreciated that step has been taken by the hon. Minister for Boys & Girls Hostel at Shillong.

Demand No. 23, Art & Culture Deptt. It is truly appreciative that fund provision is made for setting up YMA Library. Out of the total of 24 villages in my constituency, only 3 have library and it would be appreciated if step is taken as per demand of the area. I am glad that the department provides number of books to our libraries and even issued citation to YMA library of Mauchar after having inspection.

Regarding Demand No. 24, Health Deptt., we feel appreciated for providing us doctors at Darlawn and Sakawrdai and 4 female health workers at Upper Sakawrdai, North Khawdungsei, Lungsum and Damdai to serve under Healthcare

programme. However, we have a health worker at Mauchar who has never been at his post since he was posted but send his substitute continuously. While this is the case, an efficient health worker of Pehlawn is being transferred; I request the hon. Minister to cancel the transfer order. Regarding proposal for construction of Darlawn PHC in 2008, no initiative is made till today. Besides, the Medical Officer of Darlawn has no choice but to use an ambulance as his official duty. I request concerned Minister to allot him a Bolero vehicle and also to make initiative on construction of Darlawn PHC building.

Pu Speaker, Ratu community has built their hospital along with doctor's quarter and tanky etc from their own expenses and necessary materials provided by the department. However, we have a doctor only for a while and I request the hon. Minister to prioritize our needs for a doctor.

Next is Demand No. 26. I request the department to put more efforts in to their works as it is disappointing that they could not cover even VIP programmes. Pu Speaker, I support the Demands of the hon. Ministers. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte.

PU HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE: Thank you, Pu Speaker. It is impressive that most of the departments send the officials to witness Demands discussion of their respective departments. I would like to start with Demand No.6, Land Revenue & Settlement Deptt.

Despite excessive workloads, it is appreciative that the hon. Minister and the department officials are able to maintain the day to day works efficiently. The service of field staffs is quite important when it comes to compensation and would be appreciated if they serve with a sense of nationalism in dealing of works with PWD.

Next is Demand No. 21, Higher & Technical Education Deptt. Primary education is equally important as Higher education since it concern the basic stage of formal education. While this is the case, it is regretted that some Primary Schools are provided with only 3 teachers while Middle School has teacher/student ratio of 7:10.

Pu Speaker, materials for internal wiring of Polytechnic School at Thingdawl and a Nursing School next to it were all stolen; it would be appreciated if the hon. Minister explains how the problem will be resolved. I suggest we may deploy caretakers than having major repair. There is a Higher Secondary School at Kawnpui of Govt. Aided School and I request if it is provincialized as soon as possible.

It is impressive that Art & Culture Deptt. is making quite a progress; yet, it

will be much appreciated if cultural items are again made available on subsidized rates.

Next is Demand No. 24, Medical & Public Health Deptt. I have faced medical operation 5 times and I am able here today due to the efforts of our expert doctors and medical staffs. So, I thank the department for their excellent contributions. However, there is encroachment of Kawnpui PHC area and it will be appreciated if the hon. Minister considered fencing of the area. I also request the hon. minister for posting of more female health workers at Lungmuat since the work is overburden for only a single staff being posted here.

Demand No. 26, Information & Public Relations Deptt. This is of an important department and more vehicles thus should be provided. I support the Demands of the two hon. Ministers. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Z.S. Zuala.

Lt. Col. Z.S. ZUALA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I would like to start with Land Revenue & Settlement Department.

I opine our surveyors need more improvements to obtain accurate measurement on land and it would also be appreciated if LSC is fairly issued. It is regretted that fund provision of ₹85 lakhs for construction of Mission Veng Bazaar approach road remain unused; I request the hon. Minister to examine the case.

Regarding Higher & Technical Education Deptt., I request the concerned authority to immediately resolve encroachment of land of J. Thankima College. At the same time, I would like to request the hon. Minister to recruit more lecturers so as to resolve our shortage.

Coming now to Art & Culture Deptt., efforts made by the officials in preserving our traditions is worth-mentioning. It is appreciative that cultural club set up by the department is always ready to entertain any visitors with various types of our cultural dances. Yet, I suggest our beautiful traditional headdress for lady is often used while performing such dances.

Demand No. 24, Medical & Public Health Deptt. It is pleasing to learn that progress is seen in the establishment of Falkawn referral hospital. At the same time, I suggest posting of regular doctors at the hospital in Kulikawn for it serves as a relief to overcrowded patient at Aizawl Civil Hospital. It may as well be appreciated if more attention is given to healthcare centre at ITI and the delivery room is upgraded. Though there are various which are worth mentioning, I have to end up here due to

limit of time. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Vanlalzawma.

PU VANLALZAWMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Though I am not intended to discuss anything in this anniversary of the incident at Zokhawthiang, I, on behalf of Pu Lalthanliana have to convey my thanks to all the members who are concern of their fates on that day.

I also express my support to the point mentioned by a member from Champhai North constituency for there is nothing much which is worth mentioning in the performance of our leaders.

Regarding Land Revenue & Settlement Deptt., we had once discussed in the previous budget session regarding land of Referral Hospital being divided and that the hon. Minister had assured to examine the case. However, we have not heard any of the report till today and I expect some sorts of clarification to that effect.

Regarding Parliamentary Affairs Deptt., both Subject and Financial Committee lies within the purview of Assembly Secretariat where as Consultative Committee is of Parliamentary Affairs Minister. However, such committees have never been held for the past three years up till now. I was thinking if it is better to terminate such committees which are not functioning as it should be. It would have been exciting to discuss with the Minister matters relating to such committees.

Pu Speaker, Higher & Technical Education Deptt. is of an important department but no progress is seen; I feel that we are neglecting the technical wing. Likewise, I opine the department of Art & Culture does not receive much attention and it would be appreciated if more fund is allotted. I also believe that we fail to make the best use of Information & Communication Technology Deptt. and we all seems to know its importance though. I opine we need to improve its functioning by providing vehicles for moving around in their fields of duty.

Regarding Medical & Health Deptt., it seems having a Medical School is a far-fetch for us so we have to expedite the project. We all need to work together in the process and we could also consult St. John Medical College for this Medical College. Many of our problems could be solved if we always approach our doctors and we need to take care of ourselves.

SPEAKER : It would be great if a Consultative Committee is called and I request the Parliamentary Affairs Minister to keep this in mind.

It is now almost 4:00 pm; I request Pu Romawia to wind up the discussion on his concerned department and also to move the House for passing.

PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, it is impressive that 16 members reacted to my Demands. Luangmual land dispute continues since 1971 and to declare it as a restricted area also is quite a debatable.

During the PC Ministry, many lands were allotted without proper land acquisition rules being brought which further causes major problem till today. The Govt. constructed office buildings at Uikawng area but there was a problem due to the existence of various land pass holders within the area. We still thus facing the consequences and we would search for vacant lands when the Govt. needed. GAD also requested the Revenue Deptt. to settle the land dispute which also is quite difficult to achieve for the department. Mapping is done but there are private buildings next to the Govt. buildings and the owners still hold their LSC which is quite a burden.

NEDP funded ₹2 lakhs to settle the disputed lands and the surveyors, though quite intimidating will perform their best to settle private and Govt. lands. It is a fact that some lands have been restricted while some lands are being allotted but such LSC were issued not as per the assessment of the Revenue officers or surveyors. However, I would like to mention that this does not happen anymore in this Ministry and I believe the Govt. will have to examine any case carefully. GAD does not hold any land lease which happened to be the main reason of the problem. If there is, we may rule out the case and measures could be taken for that. Anyway, these issues need a careful study and we are working on it.

Our fellow Member, Pu Chalrosanga is quite concern of the Record of Rights for this is a part of land settlement. There are various stages for settlement of land dispute but the Record of Rights mainly concerns the case of splitting an apartment or building.

Reacting to the point mentioned by Lt. Col. Z.S. Zuala, section 36, sub-section 3 of our rules states, 'When a plot of land is allotted to a person in order to obtain land settlement certificate for the plot, a house shall be constructed within a period of 10 years'; the department have to abide by this rule since the House had passed it in 2013. However, this rule may needs to be reexamined so that we may be able to present to the House by the next session.

Our surveyors and the department are working on it with due care with advanced technology for measuring area of lands. We are utilizing GPS and we hope this will resolve our land disputes; the process is now in progress. However, we have

shortage of staff and the works cannot be expedited as expected.

Regarding stamp duty, we remains in the same situation and we do not take the stamp duty. Evaluation Committee is considering as introducing stamp duty once again. Registration has various rules to be applied but there are some which need exemption and I do not have in deep understanding of the process.

Regarding the dispute land of Falkawn as stated by Pu Vanlalzawma, the area is found outside of the property of Health & Family Welfare Department when survey was redone. We have therefore closed the case since LSC can be issued outside of other property.

As I have talked about riverine reserve, there are 19 areas of which land settlement cannot be issued without forest clearance. However, the Govt. is taking initiative as the department also is waiting for the conclusion. (*..interruption...*)

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Since when.....? (*....audio failure....*)

PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER: Since the time of the District Council and it is difficult to carry out the work as the record is kept by the Central Govt.

Forests are quite important especially for the future generation; it provides means of livelihood and also plays an important role in global warming.

Regarding Siaha College on Science and Commerce stream, we are having financial problem yet we takes measure step by step. We are planning to achieve quality education with the help of our many experts. However, we could not maintain UGC norms and we are often in deep concern when NAAC is about to have accreditations. While such is the case, the majority of our colleges are doing well as none have failed as yet. We are taking measures to evade drop-outs and we also need to play the role of a torch bearer who produces graduate standards.

It is also impressive that more and more private colleges are being set up. In the meantime, we are aware of the needs of Librarian many colleges; we hope that the Govt. will soon provide us. At the same time, hostel is important for educational purposes and we plan to build more and more of it; yet, a vacant space for such hostel is hardly available. We therefore plan to construct a hostel with 7 or 8 storeys. Anyway, measure will be taken as necessary for a convenient place somewhere in Aizawl.

Despite the performance of Art & Culture Department which is praised most of the members, it is regretted that there is hardly any fund provision being made for

improvement. Hence, we should strengthen the department with more funds allocation.

It may be noted that most of the public library in rural areas are constructed with fund provision from Rajaram Mohan Roy Library Foundation. It may as well be noted that we have a problem on selling our mizo dresses on subsidized rate despite the increasing demands. I am saying this not because budget of the department is seen, but with deep concern of the need to preserve our culture and traditions. In the meantime, I would also like to make an appeal to all NGO,s such as YMA, MHIP and MUP to continue with preserving our culture.

Regularizing the service of PAD driver as mentioned by the hon. Dy. Chief Whip should also be kept in mind. It may as well be pleased if all the Ministers and Commissioner Secretaries are well aware of their respective Consultative Committee set up by PAD with the approval of the Speaker for each department need brainpower of the Members.

Pu Speaker, I now move the House to pass the following Demands of my concerned departments, such as Demand No. 6, 12, 21 and 23 totally ₹2,32,16,53,000. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu R. Romawia, hon. Minister has moved the House to pass the Demands of his concerned departments. Members in favor may say, 'Yes' (**Members:** Yes) The House has unanimously passed the demands.

PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : I request the hon. Minister, Pu Lal Thanzara to wind up the discussion of his Demands and also to beg the House for pass.

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Regarding Medical & Public Health Department, construction of sub-Centre Clinic at Chhanchhuahna Khawpui has now been completed and the same at Thingsat and Khawpuar are in progress. There is a proposal to construct the same at Lungsum, Damdiai, Zokhawthiang, Upper Sakawrdai and Khawdungsei depending on our financial situation.

Regarding the point mentioned by Dr. K. Beichhua, I apologize for the wrong answer being provided as such beds were taken from Central Medical Store and not from Aizawl Civil Hospital. 98% of our members appreciate the performance of Health department and I give the credits to the officials and staffs of Health department for their persistent efforts.

Regarding x-ray film as stated by Pu K. Sangthuama, it is bought from RKS funding and we try to improve the supply system so that the less fortunate will not have problem anymore.

We are taking extreme measures on dialysis and our priority is to have expert doctors of mizo background; one doctor is now undergoing his 6 months training on dialysis at GMC, Guwahati. So far, we have 4 Nos. machines of dialysis and another 6 Nos. being purchased for Aizawl Civil Hospital. I thank Pu Zoram Sangliana for his contributions to kidney patients and for his concern on this matter. RSBY and Healthcare scheme do not cover the patient of snake-bites but there seems to be a misunderstanding at Sairang hospital which will soon be verified.

Regarding the point mentioned by Pu Chalrosanga, our House Leader has given his approval for recruitment of 26 Nos. Medical officers and MPSC will be approached to conduct the said as early as possible.

Pu Speaker, we will examine the tender document under RSBY which is claimed by Pu Lalrinawma as the quality completely different from the agreement. There are some opinions that delinking RSBY and Healthcare as untimely whereas there is a proposal to extend particularly RSBY and some excluded essential items may be reexamined. Besides, instruction is received from the central for amalgamating RSBY and Healthcare as the National Health Protection Scheme.

Measure has also been taken on Private Hospitals to implement the scheme for the benefit of the public. Though it is time to revise the rate of Healthcare scheme, it cannot be increased as desired since the fund we obtained is from ADB loan interest which remains unchanged. It may be increased only if corpus fund of the state fund is increased.

For information of the Members, I would like to state that enrollment registration is now in progress and we may give information to the people of our respective constituency the necessity to enroll themselves under this scheme otherwise the scheme is out of reach to those unregistered.

Regarding the question of Pu Vanlalvena, we received ₹6 crore from the Central for Drug Testing Laboratory and construction will be started as soon as the location is made available. Posting of Medical Officer at Khawbung, Sesih and Bungzung as demanded by Pu T. Sangkunga, it is regretted to inform him of our shortage on doctors yet, proposal may be made when we have more doctors. Initiative has also been made for recruitment of more nurses and the same for health workers will soon be done. Likewise, the Govt. is currently working on clinical establishment.

Improvement of infrastructure developments as stated by Dr. Ngurdingliana, considering building projects taken up under Health Department such as construction of hospital and sub-Centre building in various district headquarters, I believe there is hardly any department that is work harder as Health Department.

Regarding partition of ICU, it is not done so that the nurses on duty may easily watch each and every patient from her place. It is true to a certain extent that keeping number of patients in a room is unsafe and that is why a separate ICU for such patients is under construction at Falkawn Referral Hospital.

Pu John Siamkunga is quite concern with MSACS advertisement and any one has the Right to express his opinion. Such advertisement is placed due to the fact that HIV/AIDS is generally contacted through sexual intercourse and we have to give awareness to the people through those kinds of advertisement.

Construction of Hnathial Hospital phase-II is on halt since we have not yet received fund for the continuation. Doctor Services Rules and seniority list as mentioned by Dr. K. Beichhua, we are currently working on it. Champhai and Siaha both have Gynecologist and Medicine Doctors and we are planning to give short course training to such doctors. The Govt. is also examining the case of CMOs who have completed 20 years of services. As of the demand for SMO's, initiative is being taken in this regard along with recruitment of more nurses particularly for Aizawl Civil Hospital.

Regarding the demand of Pu Lalrobiaka for posting of Hleath worker at Saithah, we will reconsider the case. I am regretted to mention that W. Phaileng PHC cannot be equipped with x-ray and the technician and the x-ray room does not qualified the norms. Yet, the room will soon be extended as there is a proposal to deploy more technicians. Currently, construction of 10 Nos. semi-cabins and ward for elderly are is in progress at Aizawl Civil Hospital.

We have posted Dr. Lalhmingawia, a surgeon at Champhai district hospital who is now in training at Chennai for 6 months. Champhai district hospital has an Eye Surgeon, Gynecologist, Medicine Specialist, Anaesthetic and Pathologist; more doctors are there in this hospital than of hospital at Mamit District.

Regarding CT scan at civil hospital as pointed out by Pu Lalruatkima, 40 batteries out of 80 of this CT scan are damaged and we asked for a technician who will soon be there to fix it.

Regarding the salary of contract employees under NHM, it is not responsibility of the State Govt. but of the central. Cigarettes and other tobacco

products are controlled under COPTA and are not banned. Yet, it may be noted that restriction of such products is not the purview of the department.

Regarding suggestion of Pu Zoram Sangliana for internship at Aizawl Civil hospital, it cannot be continued due to limited fund where as stipends are given only by a Medical College Hospital and measure is taken for filling up the post of dialysis technician.

Lt. Col. Z.S. Zuala mentioned about any doctor at Kulikawn Hospital being transferred immediately; it is because the Govt. arranged the post as per necessity of the state. Plan for upgrading this hospital to Mental Hospital of 100 bedded is being initiated and PHC Model Veng being declared as urban healthcare centre.

Regarding MIMER as pointed out by Pu Vanlalzawma, we could not afford a Medical College but yet, we are taking measures to have it as early as possible. I am happy to inform the House that there seems to be no more land disputes on Referral Hospital compound.

I&PR is a small department but acts as a source of information to the Govt. However, we are limited on manpower and vehicle for conveyance and I ask the members for their understanding.

ICT department is a small department with few employees. However, the department works hard enough and is now currently working on online bill payments.

Regarding Adhaar Cards, this is done through DC and there is no enrollment charge but the form costs ₹10 at some places. It is used for identifying a person's data... (Er. LALRINAWMA: I am taking about the charges that differs from place to place and I heard the decision of the Supreme Court that Aadhar card is not a mandatory for applying central schemes). Aadhar card is managed by GAD while ICT is regarded as the nodal department. My officers are also present today and we will look into it.

Pu Speaker, I believe I still have more points to react and the Members are welcome to ask the questions anytime in my office.

Hence, Pu Speaker, I make an appeal to the House to pass the Demands such as, No. 24 - Medical & Public Health Department, Demand No. 26 - Information & Public Relations Department and Demand No. 48 - Information & Communication Tech. Department totally ₹4,94,90,42,000.

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister, Pu Lal Thanzara has begged

the House to pass his demands; all in favor may say, 'yes' (*Members : Yes*) The House has unanimously passed the Demands.

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Our business for today is done and we will continue tomorrow (Wednesday) 29.3.2017 at 10:30 am. The sitting is adjourned.

Sitting is adjourned