

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR TWELFTH SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 29th 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 PAPER

2. **PU H. ROHLUNA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a Statement of correction on the reply given on the 15th March, 2017 to Unstarred Question No. 2, Ballot No. 5 asked by Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma regarding “35th West Tuipui chhunga RMSA zirtirtute chungchang”.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS

3. **PU H. ROHLUNA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
4. **PU B.D. CHAKMA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.

NGURTHANZUALA
Secretary

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SPEAKER : But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness.

1 Timothy 6:11

I request the hon. Member, Dr. K. Beichhua to ask starred Question No. 162.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Starred Question 162. Will the hon. School Education Minister be pleased to state: -

Total number of CSS Hindi Teachers deployed during 2011 for both High School and Middle School.

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

High School	-	389 Nos.
Middle School	-	819 Nos.
LADC, MADC & CADC	-	97 (36+36+25) Nos.
TOTAL	-	1,305 Nos.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Supplementary questions.

i) Whether Hindi subject is made compulsory at the level of High School and Middle School? If so, how was the examination conducted during 2016-2017 and if it was conducted without surveillance of the teachers?

ii) The period of their contract lasts;

iii) If such contract, after expired will be signed anew and if the subject being made compulsory;

iv) For how many months had the Govt. pays the salary of such teachers?

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister to answer the supplementary questions.

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

i) Hindi is made compulsory and promotional examination 2017 was conducted under observation of the existing Hindi teachers and regular teachers.

ii) Contact period for CSS Hindi teacher is 1 year.

iii) The Govt. will consider extension of such period if necessary.

iv) Pu Speaker, we could not receive sanctions salary even after we approached the Central Govt. The Govt. released ₹16.32 crore for their salary for 4 months including April.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, school sessions will soon be started despite many CSS teachers whose quality unproductive. What measure will be taken to resolve this problem?

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, we are working on it and we have even made an approach to the central and in response, we are being suggested a 3rd party evaluation and Awadh Research Foundation of Lucknow will be sent to us by MHRD; the time of their arrival is not certain yet, we have given all information as requested by them. The regularized teachers also need to improve their productivity in teachings.

SPEAKER : This is beyond the capacity of the state Govt.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the actions they have shown are unfortunate. Like every employee under CSS, they also have signed a bond every year; they are well aware of the condition that their service will be terminated as soon as the Central Govt. has ended Centrally Sponsored Schemes. They continue with it even after sympathy of the state Govt. in providing them advance salary despite financial crisis. They are employed under the Central Govt. and the state Govt. is not responsible for their salary.

SPEAKER : Starred Question No. 163 from Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Will the GAD Minister be pleased to state-

- Whether the land previously occupied by DC Champhai being allotted to some departments and NGO's. If so, what is the area?
- When was the allotment being issued and for what purpose?

SPEAKER : Hon. Chief Minister, Pu Lal Thanhawla to answer the question.

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

- Yes; the area is 9768.42 sq. metre.
- It was allotted during 2008-2014 for the following purposes: -

Sl. No.	Department/NGO	Year of allotment	Purpose
1	Art & Culture Deptt.	2008	Library building
2	FCS & CA Deptt.	2014	Office building
3	MHIP Sub-Headquarters	Land lease is currently executed.	Office building
4	Fire & Emergency Service Deptt.	Land lease is currently executed.	Office building
5	Sainik Welfare &	Land lease is	Office building

	Resettlement	currently executed	
6	GAD	Land lease is currently executed	Auditorium Building
7	MJA, Champhai	Land lease is currently executed	MJA Press Club Building

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question from Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, is it a fact that some portions being allotted to the President of Champhai South Block Congress Committee? If so, for what purpose and what is the area? Is it a fact that Champhai NGO co-ordination committee objected this decision and that approach has been made for its cancellation?

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, it is outside the property of the said DC Complex. F&CS Department too has 2 old buildings within this area and various organizations lodged a complaint on ground of absence of land lease. So, the Govt. decided disposal of such land on auction as one portion is received by Pu C. Laldingliana of Vengsang at ₹26,000/- Vengsang and the other by Pu Lalmakthanga of Zotlang at ₹25,000/-; The total amount is ₹51,000/-.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, why was it being allotted to a member of one particular political party? According to the record of the Revenue Deptt., it does not look like outside of the DC Complex; I even have that pass with me, Pu Speaker.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the land owner permits it so. Besides, it is the property of none; neither FCS & CA department nor DC possesses the land lease since it falls outside the property of both sides.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, since the local community needs this land as well, may the House Leader cancel it and save it for the community purpose? (**SPEAKER:** Our Leader said that it is already being allotted on auction) Pu Speaker, only the building was auctioned and bought, not the land. So, could the land be surrendered for the community?

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Truth be told; the said NGO is of anti-Congress party and objection is thus made here, not by the community.

PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : It is unfortunate that the MNF leaders, for the past 10 years had no idea as how to make the best use of this land but now it will end up in the hands of a private person.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, will it actually fall in the hands of a private person? The land lease was issued to the President, Champhai South Block Congress Committee and so is not regarded as a private property. (**SPEAKER**: The owner allows it and nothing could be done.)

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: The owner may use such land as he pleases for it is his decision.

PU VANLALZAWMA : Pu Speaker, what exactly was put on auction, the land or the old building? (**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalruatkima had explained it all.)

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, a proviso is issued on every land lease according to its purpose and this is for an office. (*.... Interruption*)

SPEAKER : I request Dr. Ngurdingliana to ask starred Question No. 164.

Dr. NGURDINGLIANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the GAD Minister be pleased to state: -

- a) If there is a proposal to fill the post of Principal Consultant, Civil Aviation Department.
- b) The assigned authority of Lengpui Airport Civil administration.

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

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the post of the Principal Consultant, Civil Aviation Deptt. is a temporary post and since the incumbent is an expert in this field, we are in need of his service. This airport is of the Govt. of Mizoram and is the only commercial airport of the Govt. The civil administration of Lengpui Airport is undertaken by GAD (Aviation Wing) and is now headed by the Dy. Controller. Initiative is made for improvement of this airport as necessary like upgrading ILS and installation of DVR communication. The calibration is put into function since two days ago and it has now become a major airport.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question.

Dr. NGURDINGLIANA : Pu Speaker, Lengpui Airport reflects the status of our State and is very important for us.

SPEAKER : Pu K. Lalrinthanga.

PU K. LALRINTHANGA : Pu Speaker, on many occasions that the plane

took-off before time scheduled for departure. Will the case be examined?

SPEAKER : The hon. Chief Minister may answer the question.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, complain may be lodged to Consumer Redressal in such case or may be claimed directly to the concerned authority. In the case when every passenger had a boarding pass, the plane may take-off. As a government, we have also taken care of such incidents.

There is a plan to operate Kolodyne Multi Modal Transit Project as a Gateway for Trade & Commerce with South East Asian Countries with immediate effect. Agreement has also been made with the Govt. of Myanmar for survey of railways route up to Lawngtlai and Kawrpuichhuah. With this plan, we also survey Latawh mountain range for airport which is believed to be able to accommodate airport as large as of Lengpui. DPR has already been submitted and the central too has given its approval in principle.

SPEAKER : We will move on to question No.165 and Pu Lalruatkima will ask.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the hon. Minister of School Education be pleased to state –

- a) Nos. of Hindi teachers of Middle and High School required in our State; Nos. of existing Hindi teachers and if there are any who is not of CSS; if so, how many are there?
- b) The existing Nos. of CSS Hindi teacher; how many of CSS Hindi teachers being deployed? If any, Nos. of High School and Middle School in which CSS Hindi teachers are being deployed.
- c) Whether the State Govt. has prior information of the termination of Hindi School teachers; if so, what plan has been made by the Govt. for continuation of their service?

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister, Pu H. Rohluna may give the answer.

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

- a) Nos. of Hindi teachers required in Middle Schools is 964 and High School is 435. There are 487 Nos. regular employees in M/S and 309 Nos. in High School.
- b) There are 389 Nos. CSS Hindi teachers in Middle Schools and 916 Nos. in High Schools.

- c) The State Govt. is aware of their contract period and approach has been made to the central authority for extension of their service period. We are supported by CYMA, MZP and MSU in the initiative.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. It is learned that there is initiative in the neighboring states for absorption of the service of Hindi teachers. While this the case, what is the reason for the application of their absorption submitted on 6.10.2014 ends up in smoke? Secondly, we were informed a couple of times that the state Govt. should take responsibility of the service of CSS Hindi teachers whose service which will come to an end 30.3.2016. Why did the Govt. ignore the application for absorption of 1305 Nos. CSS Hindi teachers to state plan in phase manner, Pu Speaker?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister to answer the question.

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, CSS Hindi teachers on contractual basis, like other contractual employees, have their term; despite our efforts for their continuation, any centrally sponsored scheme has it limited period.

SPEAKER : Dr. K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, since assurance is made by the Govt. that they will not be left in the middle of the road, may the Govt. make initiative at least for extension of their contract period?

Pu Speaker, regarding the incident last night, I am in deep concern of the false allegation which has been claimed as of my words, but it is not. I suggest on should not speak of the issue unless the truth is proven.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, there are people who threaten others and it is only fair that a leader console his team so they are in a peaceful state.

After the evaluation team of MCI made their first surprise visit, they suggested to the hon. Minister of Education that we should have selected schools where Hindi should is taught fluently. We have number of departments under CSS but we never have a problem which is as intensive as of this case. Anyhow, "we are trying our best to resolve this problem.

SPEKAER : Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA: Pu Speaker, I think it is difficult to absorb the question if we want such teachers to teach our very own children. I believe these teachers were recruited through proper recruitment rules, and if they are unfit to teach, it is this ministry that is responsible.

PU R.LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, violence action is used in their demands and I think those who practice violence means are unfit to serve the school children.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Then why did the Govt. recruit these teachers? Why has the concerned Minister failed to take initiatives as assurance being made?

SPEAKER : We will close the topic to move on to starred Question No. 166 from Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the hon. Minister of Power & Electricity Deptt. be pleased to state –

- a) Whether RGGVY project in Mizoram has already been completed;
- b) How much has been spent so far for this project and how much is received from the central? And, how much is spent by the Govt. of Mizoram for the same project?
- c) If there is any expenditure in addition to the estimate amount? And, if so, how much?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

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

- a) There are 22 projects of RGGVY in different areas which remains incomplete.
- b) ₹2,88,57,66,363 is spent for implementation of the project; we have received ₹2,83,02,98,000/- from the Central Govt. and 10% of the amount as loan.
- c) There is no additional expenditure utilized for the projects.

Pu Speaker, the project is not completed as yet in the following areas:

- 1) Siah District - Bymari, Lawngmasu;
- 2) Lawngtlai District - Khawrehhuahpui, Tuisentlang, Chhotapansuri, Geralulusora, Gulsilbabsora, Tongasuri, Udasuri South, Montola, Ulusuri and Silsuri;
- 3) Lunglei District - Mandirasora, Divasor, Mauzam, Puankhai, Siasen, Thingdo, Silsuri, Thanzamasora and Sedailui.

The amount received under RGGVY Scheme is 90% from grant and 10% from RIC. The amount utilized exceeds the amount received due to interest from bank deposit. The assigned contractor for the northern area is Global Infra Project Ltd. under which all the projects are now completed. As of the South, it is undertaken T&T Project Ltd., Guwahati under which some works remains incomplete.

SPEAKER : Dr. K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, why are some projects remains incomplete? May the work at Bymari and Kakichhuah be expedited?

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the work seems to be more complicated in the South; apart from this, the work could not be expedited due to lack of cooperation of Village Council.

SPEAKER : Pu R.L. Pianmawia.

PU R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, I believe the main reason for the delay in works is that the contractor received 80% of the funds in advance.

SPEAKER : We will now move on to starred Question No.167, Pu John Siamkunga.

PU JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the hon. Minister of Agriculture Department be pleased to state –

- a) Nos. of NLUP trades under Agriculture Deptt.;
- b) The amount of funds provided to NLUP beneficiaries under Agriculture Deptt.;
- c) The total area covered by NLUP trades and if our crops production increases with the implementation of NLUP.

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister.

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

- a) There are four types of trades under Agriculture Deptt. such as–
 - i) WRC-I with 8910 beneficiaries;
 - ii) WRC-II with 7197 beneficiaries;
 - iii) Oil palm plantation with 3282 beneficiaries;
 - iv) Sugarcane plantation with 818 beneficiaries.
- b) The total amount fund provided to each beneficiary of NLUP under Agriculture Deptt. during 2012-2017 is ₹15,154.99 lakhs.
- c) The area covered by NLUP under Agriculture Deptt. is determined as 9958

hectares; the amount of production could be determined only after completion of the Analysis Impact process.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question.

PU JOHN SIAMKUNGA : We have often heard that the percentage of our production is increasing. If so, I think it is wise to reward farmer with the largest harvest to encourage all other farmers.

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I have a correction to make regarding my earlier answer for the amount given to NLUP beneficiaries under Agriculture which should be corrected as ₹151.5499. Farmer with the largest harvest is rewarded every year, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Moving on to starred Question No. 168, I call upon Pu R. Lalruatkima.

PU R.LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the concerned Minister of General Administration Department be pleased to state: –

- a) The land area of Mizoram House, Kolkata Ballygunge and if there is a plan for reconstruction by PPP mode? If so, when will the work be started?
- b) To which Private Developers the work will be given and who is the proprietor? What kind of agreement is made in this regard?
- c) The reason for the decision to reconstruct on PPP and initiative which has been made so far.

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

The land area of Mizoram House, Kolkata Ballygunge is 18,810 sq. ft/ 1747.55 sq. m. Reconstruction is initiated since the building has becomes old; selection of the contractor has not yet been made for there is no firm decision as to construct the building on PPP mode or else.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, as concluded by the 3rd Meeting Coordination Committee on Mizoram Houses under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, it is planned to construct on PPP mode but the decision may be changed at the level of higher authority. If the building is decided for reconstruction, I suggest it is done without PPP mode.

SPEAKER : Question hour is over. We will move on to another Business. I call upon Pu H. Rohluna the hon. Minister to lay on the Table of the House the statement of correction on the reply given on the 15th March, 2017 to Unstarred Question No. 3, Ballot No. 5 asked by Pu Nihar Kanti.

PU H.ROHLUNA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I lay the Statement of correction on the reply given on the 15th March, 2017 to Unstarred Question No. 2, Ballot No. 5 asked by Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma regarding RSMA Teachers within the 35th West Tuipui area, on the Table of the House.

SPEAKER : The copy may be distributed. We will now move on to financial business. I call upon the hon. Minister, Pu H. Rohluna to lay his Demands on the Table of the House.

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, I move the demand No. 20 and 40 for ₹11,20,35,60,000/- only for meeting expenses during 2017-2018 in respect of the following departments, the Govt. of Mizoram: -

Demand Nos.	Purpose	Budget Amount (₹)
No. 20	School Education	9,86,92,97,000.00
No. 40	Commerce & Industries	1,33,42,63,000.00
	TOTAL	11,20,35,60,000.00

Thank you, Sir.

SPEAKER : I will now call upon the hon. Minister, Pu B.D. Chakma to lay his Demands on the Table of the House.

PU B.D. CHAKMA, MINISTER: Hon. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, I move the demand No. 35 and 41 for ₹26,79,96,000/- only for meeting the expenses during 2017-2018 in respect of the following departments, the Govt. of Mizoram.

Demand Nos.	Purpose	Budget Amount
No. 35	Fisheries	8,52,35,000.00
No. 40	Sericulture	18,27,61,000.00
	TOTAL	26,79,96,000.00

Thank you, Sir.

SPEAKER : We will start our discussion. Each member will

be allotted 10 minutes and Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte will start.

PU HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I express my appreciation to the hon. Minister, Parliamentary Secretary, the Officers and NGO's on the progress made under the School Education Deptt. It is a remarkable achievement that Sainik School at Chhingchhip will soon be opened; I also appreciate initiative on our educational system including a review of recruitment rules to improve promotion channel of the concerned officers and staffs. (*The hon. Dy. Speaker in the chair.*) Pu Dy. Speaker, it is appreciative that 30% of any recruitment will be spared for Mathematics and Science teachers. As stated, I also suggest at least 4 teachers to each Primary school. Since introduction of B. Ed qualified for High School teacher, there are cases in certain schools in which two teachers are detailed to undergo B.Ed training where as such schools have to function with only one or two teachers which further affected the concerned students.

In Demand No. 40, Commerce & Industries Deptt., it is appreciated that number of new clusters are being introduced with concentration given to handloom. In this regard, I suggest equal distribution of such cluster across the state so that it is benefitted by more people.

In Demand No. 41, Sericulture Deptt., it is a fact that the department is making quite an improvement with the initiative on muga silk and a suitable climate for the plantation. I request the hon. Minister to give more attentions for more progresses. And, I support the demands of the two hon. Ministers.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, Dr. Ngurdingliana and then Pu T.Sangkunga.

Dr. NGURDINGLIANA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. On Demand No. 20, Education Reform Commission introduced new schemes, new policies to improve our educational system. I request the Department should be allotted more funds to obtain work efficiently in the implementation of such schemes.

Midday meal is becoming successful for it attracts many children especially in rural areas. It is great that the children health is improving with regular supply midday meals as teaching has also become very effective. Apart from the children, it also attracts adults in my constituency which truly is much appreciative. Since then, there are no children roaming around during school hours.

Pu Dy. Speaker, the main purpose of SCERT is setting up curriculum and prepares text books of the lowest to the highest grade which indeed is appreciative. It also conducts teacher's trainings and organizes field trips etc to improve their

teachings. Apart for the teachers, it also conducts student's oriented programmes and rewards the students for proficiency in Mathematics, Science and English. SCERT has also initiated conversion of Mizo Medium to English Medium in our schools.

I express my appreciation to Pu H. Lalengmawia, the Dy. Commissioner of Kolasib for promoting Adult Education awareness in different areas within the district. Regarding posting of RMSA teachers, I request the hon. Minister that posting and transfer of teacher should carefully be examined since there are many who takes substitute on their behalf.

I also request the hon. Minister to initiate Limited Departmental Exam so that any vacant post of headmaster particularly of rural areas is filled immediately. We are also anxiously waiting for the recruitment of Science and Mathematics teachers through MPSC.

I express my gratitude to the concerned department for the plans to develop the infrastructure of Primary Schools, Middle Schools; and, under NABARD, there is a plan for construction of 13 Nos. Primary School, 8 Middle Schools and 8 High Schools and 140 school buildings for repair. I thank the hon. Minister for all the initiatives he had taken. (DEPUTY SPEAKER: Your time is almost over) A few more minutes, please, Pu Dy. Speaker. Thank you.

It is grateful that initiative is made for improvement of the existing rules and regulations regarding school hostel management since this will certainly improve the quality of our education. I request that all the applicable streams for XI and XII be provided in Mamit and Lawngtlai District. Pu Dy. Speaker, I will conclude by stating that I support in passing the Demands of our Ministers. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu T. Sangkunga

PU T. SANGKUNGA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. I will start with School Education.

I appreciate amendment of the recruitment rules as the Limited Departmental Examination will help in filling up the vacant post of headmaster in many Primary, Middle and High School. I thank the SDEOs and DEOs for their efficiency.

Apart from this, amalgamation of certain schools and conversion of our schools from Mizo Medium to English truly are remarkable achievements for it is expected to provide quality education in our State. In my opinion, the reason for our shortage of teachers is retirement of teachers whose post remains unoccupied. I suggest that DP & AR should be more lenient in creation of the post of teachers. I am

also glad that Science and Mathematics teachers will be recruited for our need of Arts teacher is intensive. It may be wise to consider re-employment of some proficient teachers who are retiring on contract basis for this will help the teaching in the stop-gap period. I also suggest financial aids to various Higher Secondary Schools including private in order to achieve quality education for the minimum qualification for any job is now class XII.

Moving on to Sericulture, the marketing value of Muga silk, as we have known is quite expensive; I suggest its promotion considering our climate which is suitable for such farming. At the same time, we should also give more attentions to our farms at Nauthal and Bulthing.

Under Fisheries Department, I would like to mention that funds provided to YMA and NGO's for preservation of our rivers though small, is purposefully utilized. Regarding extension of Model school building, I suggest it is done during holiday season.

In Demand No. 40, Commerce & Industries, the Ministry of Textile, Govt. of India set up processing centre of Apparel and garments at Industrial Growth Centre, Luangmual which I hope will bring development to our State. I also suggest provision of machines like wood cutting machines, sewing machines, electric appliances etc. to encourage a small scale industry.

Moving on to Demand No. 35, Fisheries, it is pleasing to know that fingerlings are distributed. In this regard, it may be noted by the concerned farmers that fingerlings should be fed regularly in order to have a good harvest. I also suggest the amount of aid given to fish farmers is increased. Besides, with proper instruction being received from the department, it is important that we follow the feeding plan accordingly. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu R. Vanlalvena.

PU R. VANLALVENA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. Firstly, Demand No. 41, Sericulture Deptt.

The government, keeping in line of the benefit for the department, concentration is given to silk rearing as intensive step is taken for promotion of woven clothes; but most of the material in use is of acrylic which can cause skin irritation and so is banned in many European countries. So, I suggest the material should be changed to help the market extended outside Mizoram and abroad. I think we should also upgrade the loom in order to take less time and relatively to increase our production.

Under the leadership of the hon. Minister, Fisheries department has achieved much progress in the implementation of new plans and increases the production. Regarding Commerce & Industries Deptt., border trade, markets and land custom stations in border areas have improved a lot. At the same time, we are anxious for the success of the projects such as food testing laboratory which will be set up at Thenzawl for it is expected to improve our heaths.

Moving on to Education Deptt., it is pleasing to learn that a new hostel rules and recruitment rules for subject-wise teachers are formulated. I am positive that this will help us achieving quality education in our State. In my personal opinion, I do not think CCE improves our education quality and implementing RTE Act also instills negligence in the students and I therefore suggest we should discontinue with it. Pu Dy. Speaker, we have SSA model school in Upper Republic in which there are about 330 Nos. students but the building is in need of renovation. So, I request that fund provision is made for the re-construction. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu John Siamkunga.

PU JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. On Demand No. 20, School Education department, the teacher:student ratio as per the Economic Survey of 2015 indicates there is no shortage of teacher in our schools; but this information is inapplicable in some cases particularly for the school in rural areas. With the upcoming recruitment of high school teachers, I hope many of our problems will be solved and that we will be able to start instilling quality education in the students. I suggest we should give attention to the primary level as the foundation is very important for overall improvement.

With the implementation of voluntary retirement scheme, many new teachers are recruited but it is regretted to learn that most of them sends a substitute teacher on their behalf which consequently creates problem in rural areas. So, I suggest appointment of the candidate from the locality or of the nearby places to resolve this problem. It is a wise decision that many schools are amalgamated but some school buildings are old like Govt. Cherhlun High School of my constituency. So, I request the hon. Minister to take note of this problem.

In South Tuipui constituency, many of the students after passing matriculation are bound to stop their further study due to lack of a higher learning institution. So, we established Higher Secondary School in S. Vanlaiphai totally relying on my donation of 1 lakh a month from my salary. So, I request the hon. Minister to consider upgrading this school at least at the status of lump-sum grant school.

Moving on to Commerce & Industries Deptt., with the implementation of Act

East Policy, border trade is progressing since the implementation of Act East Policy and I hope that border trade at Thingsai will also be included. Pu Speaker, Nos. of Unit registered under Industries department is decreasing immensely. I believe that prior to setting up an industry, one must have a capacity building with goal oriented mind to be successful.

I think it is important to prioritize food processing plants with the harvest we have made so far and to maintain quality product for marketing outside. Under Geology & Mining, I suggest check gate should be placed in every district to earn more sources of revenue for the state.

Regarding Muga Silk project, it is obvious that the department concentrates on this production with 500 acres of mulberry plantation since last year. However, one of the most notable farms of the department that I have visited lately is not comes up to expectation. It is much desirable for the department as well as the concerned farmers to put our best efforts on any responsibility laid on us. I sincerely thank the initiative of the department on muga silk rearing and wish the best for sufficient productions. And, I give my support in passing of these Demands. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Our morning session has come to an end; we will resume our discussion at 2:00 pm.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : To continue with our discussion, I call upon Pu K. Lalrinthanga.

PU K. LALRINTHANGA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. To start with Education, I would like to inform the House that shortage of teaching staff is intensive in North Chawnpui Middle School of my constituency since the beginning of this Ministry. It is unbecoming that the School carpenter takes the charge of headmaster and the Hindi teacher is teaching other subjects than Hindi to fill up the routine. So, I request the hon. Minister to give priority to our problems.

I am glad that departmental examination will be conducted for promotion of teacher as this will help us in filling of vacant posts in my area. At the same time, I would like to inform the House that we have difficulty in maintaining the only private Higher Secondary School we have in Vairengte yet we somehow are going on considering the needs of the locality. So, I earnestly request the hon. Minister to upgrade this school to the deficit status. I also suggest that recruitment rules be made for the teacher in such a way that the newly appointed teacher has joined the post without a substitute on his behalf. I think we should also give important to Craft subject since it is concern skill develop of a student from a very tender age.

I believe we are successful on handlooms, tailoring etc. and so is time for us to give attention to tinsmith, mobile repairing, radio repairing, automobile etc. With that, I conclude by supporting the Demands of the two hon. Ministers. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Er.Lalrinawma

Er. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I will first stress on Demand No. 20, School Education.

It is appreciative that allocation of the budget to this department is increased by 213 crores. In my constituency, there are schools in which SSA's text books had not been provided; yet, arrangement has been made by SCERT. I believe there are many other schools facing the same problem. So, I suggest the text book policy should be reviewed once again.

Regarding Transfer & Posting Rules, I suggest we should implement after carefully reviewed in order to avoid the existing problems. Regarding Higher Secondary Schools established by joint action committee of local leaders and NGO's, it is proved beneficial for many students who are unable to leave their home for further studies due to economic problems; yet, we continue to give our best effort to maintain such schools. So, I request that these schools be given more attentions.

While this is the case, there are many schools without IV grade workers so the vacant posts are filled up immediately. I believe it is the intensive need to instill in the children basic morals and our tradition of respecting elders which we called 'Zonun Ze-mawi'.

Moving on to Industries Department, it is pleasing to learn that the department has made initiatives for the success of its projects. In my constituency, there are many who have started a small scale Industry like carpentry and we need supply of good materials and regular electricity to help them success in their respective lines of work.

Regarding supply of fish seeds, I opine the system of distribution should be improved and I think it is wise to select only those who are actuality eligible. As of the rearing of silk worm, we should determine how far we have been in the process. At the same time, we should try to adapt ourselves with this business for it is absolutely divergent from the lifestyle of our society. Lastly, I suggest increase of budget allocation to Fisheries Deptt. since there is no actual success story to be heard due to shortage of funds. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Your time is over. Now, Pu K. Sangthuama.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I believe we have not tried our best to succeed in our engagement on silk worm farming. We all are aware of the prospect of its marketing and encouragement thus should be given more to the farmers by means of words and fund provisions.

Regarding Fisheries, I believe it is time for us to achieve self-sufficiency in the production. Thus, I suggest the hon. Minister to give more attentions to the system of supply of fish seeds.

On Demand No. 20, School Education, it is regretted that shortage of teaching staff is a common problem in our State. So, I request the government to give priority on this issue by reminding ourselves the importance of education in our State. There are numbers of MLA constituency in which no Higher Secondary School is available and so is difficult for concerned students to pursue their further studies after completing matriculation. So, I request the concerned authority to prioritize this problem.

Moving on to Industries Department, it is regretted that no remarkable achievement is seen in industries as so in commerce. So, more efforts may be made by the government for overall success in its projects.

Regarding the problem of our teachers under CSS, I opine it will be effective most if we approach the central as to how to resolve the problems. Under the previous ministry, 491 Nos. Hindi teachers were regularized out of which 277 Nos. recruited under Operation Blackboard remains un-regularized. Thus, in view of the need to improve the Mizos in Hindi language, I opine it is important for the Govt. to give important of the well being of such Hindi Teachers. Thank you.

PU NIHAR KANTI : Pu Speaker, let me start with one of the Demands which we have been discussed today, i.e. School Education.

I opine the desired qualification for teacher as shown in the advertisement is a bit higher for the people in backward area like ours and there is hardly any chance for us to apply for the teaching jobs. Is there any way to relax the terms and conditions so that we may also have the chance like others? It is good to recruit the best candidate for teacher for it concern education but the problem is that most of the appointed teachers in remote villages hardly stay a year or two in their place of posting which consequently affected the students. Besides, we have a problem which affected the students in my constituency especially of primary schools; more than 15 schools are now running with a single teacher and even one school without teacher. Quality education thus becomes a far-fetched for the students in my constituency. While this is the case, we somehow have few Gold Medalists among our students.

So, Pu Dy. Speaker, I insist that any teachers are actively teaching in their place of posting from the upcoming new session otherwise we will never attain progress in our education system. It will be much appreciated if the local candidates are favored in the upcoming recruitment of RMSA teachers for Tuichawng and Diblibagh School. At the same time, I request to place more exam centre in my constituency since only one centre hardly accommodates the increasing number of students. Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : At the outset, Pu Dy. Speaker, I think it is questionable if the existing system of selection of PMEGP is the ideal one. In some cases, fund provision for a beneficiary is divided so as to increase number of beneficiaries. We the members of Oppositions have no reason to have guilty feeling for being excluded but the most important is to use our funds for the best purpose.

Secondly, I think it is important for the Govt. to concentrate more on handlooms & handicrafts for it concerns the most flourishing industrial sector for us in the present situation. Apart from this, it will become an important material in our preparation for the coming Look East policy.

Likewise, it is highly important for us to make use of an advance technology for our self-sufficiency. In the process, it is wise for us to take Bamboo Development Agency as a challenge for we do not have even a single paper mill as yet.

I opine we still have a long way to go to make achievement in fishery by means of NLUP, Fish Farmer Development Agency, RKVY, Welfare of Fish-farmers and National Fisheries Development Board. If such is the case, I expect fishery project to be extended up to my district.

Considering various projects under Sericulture such as Sericulture Development Project, Intensive Bivoltine Sericulture Development and Integrated Muga Silk Development, I believe no state is more suitable than Mizoram for these projects. Thus, having in mind of the prospect, we need to put more efforts on sericulture. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Next, Pu Chalrosanga Ralte.

PU CHALROSANGA RALTE: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. Since our discussion is of Demands, I think I have to make a few demand as well.

Pu Dy. Speaker, on behalf of Lunglei District and of this constituency, we have often informed the concerned Minister and the Secretary our needs for weaving machinery and the accessories as there were many in the area of Buarpui, Serte and

Sertlangpui who are engage in weaving as the main occupation. Most of such families had now migrated to Thenzawl where the said materials are available to use. It is therefore our desire to bring back such people. Thus, it will be much appreciated if the concerned authority considered placing of the aforementioned area as one cluster so as to improve this area and to bring back those migrated families. It is appreciative that step has been taken under the guidance of the Parliamentary secretary on patent design of our traditional woman dresses which is now becoming popular worldwide. *(Pu Lalruatkima is in the Speaker's Chair)* In this regard, I would like to ask the concerned Minister if we will then be able to collect royalty from this source and how much is estimated. It is learned that we have made quite a performance in the recently concluded Trade Fare at New Delhi and that the participants and the officials too were quite happy for having a successful performance. In this connection, I would like to ask if measure may be taken for renovation of our emporium in the capital which remains without appropriate maintenance for long.

Coming now to Fisheries and Sericulture, Demand No. 35 and 41 respectively, intensive efforts made by the concerned minister for improvement of fisheries is truly appreciative. My constituency also has benefitted financial aids to fish farmers thanks to the concerning minister; yet, I suggest increasing the amount for more productions. We all seems to be aware of the popularity of silk in the whole country as the mizo dresses too are being upgraded with Zozia silk in the pattern as even some products are given out on subsidized rate.

Last, but not the least, Education department. In my constituency, Venghlun, PS-I and PS-II had already been amalgamated following joint agreement with leaders of the village for converting the school into English medium. If we truly are concerning quality education, I think immediate measure should be taken. It has been awhile since we have heard that more teachers for Mathematics and Science subject will be recruited and we are anticipated. It is kind of burdensome on my part to spend certain amounts of my monthly salary for hiring private teachers. It will be much appreciated if immediate step is taken in this regard and I am ready to take my part if the process needs more pressures at some official levels. Pu Chairman, I gladly support to pass the demands which have been discussed today. Thank you.

PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : You look befitting in the Speaker's Chair, Pu Chairman. Let me start with Demand No. 20. In the light of CSS teachers who are presently showing their grievance to the government, I came to learn that the Govt. has given enough effort to their concern as the hon. Chief Minister had even wrote twice to the hon. Prime Minister to fulfill the needs of these teachers.

Regarding one of the Demands which has been discussed today, Education, I opine the system of 100% direct recruitment on teachers and 30% particularly on

Science and Mathematics subject is quite appreciative. As the problem stated by the member before me, my constituency too is anxiously waiting for the recruitment of more teachers for science and mathematics subject. But the problem in this connection is the demand qualification of B. Ed where as solely B. Sc is somehow available. It may be important for the concerned authority to consider the condition of such students without teacher.

At the same time, Pu Chairman, I cannot support recruitment of teacher through MPSC as the quality of most of the candidates from the city tends to be higher than those candidates of rural background. But after joining the post, most of the well-to-do appointed teachers find it hard to adapt with the atmosphere of the remote places and they eventually determine to move back to Aizawl or major towns. I, therefore opine that recruitment of teacher below Middle school may be done without MPSC. Regarding the demand for B. Ed for any teacher, I opine it deprive the right of a candidate from rural area for it is more difficult for them to get admission in B. Ed class than those of the city. I therefore have a firm opinion that B. Ed qualification should not be insisted by the authority unless training centre is opened in very district headquarters.

Regarding deployment of substitute teacher, I think it is necessary to set up rules if the system has to be continued. I opine at least 80% of the Govt. servant's pay should be given to his/her substitute. It is so unfair for a substitute teacher of rural based to work at the rate of merely 3,000/4,000 per month. I think it is the education department which increases gap between the have and the have-nots.

At the same time, Pu Chairman, may I remind you of the existence of numbers of vacant post due to increase of retired LDC and Grade-IV. It is wise to give priority to schools with examination centre. I think it is also important to reduce number of teachers which may be detailed to undergo training as it is the students of rural areas who suffers the absence of their teachers most. Likewise, activity of teachers in churches and community should also be reduced.

Pu Chairman, I would also like to point out the reason that the people of my constituency are appreciated to the hon. Minister of Commerce & Industry; it is due to the upcoming implementation of Border Haat. It may as well be thankful if plan for construction of truckable road is included if the department is authorized to prepare DPR itself. I thank the hon. Minister of Fisheries for installing animal feed plant at Champhai. (*Dy. Speaker is in the Chair*) It may be noted by the members that this is a plant with a capacity of 200 qtls per day which required a larger transformer. We are grateful that the hon. Chief Minister thus given his approval for upgrading the transformer which may be done in the next NEDP. I would also like to request the hon. Minister to consider fish seed plants at Champhai as it is too far for the

department to place the delicate fish seeds alive.

Lastly, on Sericulture, Demand No. 41. As emphasized by Dr. Beichhua, we have a good prospect on sericulture production as long as Saris remains the most popular Indian dresses. It is therefore desirable for us to have a Sericulture Minister of a Cabinet rank and IAS officer for its Secretary and Director to effectively pave the way for development of horticulture in our state.

Hence, I strongly support the Demands which we have been discussed today. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu R.L. Pianmawia.

PU R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Dy. Speaker, we are truly grateful to the Govt. for taking various steps within my constituency such as construction of school buildings and for setting up RMSA School in various places. But, as stated by other members as well, we also suffer insufficiency of teaching staff in some schools. To resolve this problem, I suggest reducing attachment of teachers at DEO and SDEO office and find the way to accommodate without such teachers being attached. In my opinion, our problem could be resolved by restricting deployment of the service of some teachers to the place it is not supposed to. The same practice has also been suffered under SSA and BRC which is deeply regretted.

I believe our students may be more improved by deployment of a substitute teacher if the problem of excessive teacher within Aizawl remains unresolved and that unemployed youth in rural areas and the students themselves may benefitted out of it. Regarding Hindi teacher, I had once talked to the visiting President of AICC, Pi Sonia Gandhi that promotion of Hindi in our state is the immediate need for our unification as a nation and to make fund provision for recruitment of Hindi school teacher for Mizoram as soon as her party is in power. As the Congress party assumed the Ministry in the central Govt., step was taken for the same as MNF ministry came into power in our state and they have reaped what we have sown. I have made a demand to the then Education Minister, Pu R. Lalthangliana for two posts of Hindi Teachers for benefitting the request which had been made to Pi Sonia Gandhi; I am glad that my demand had been fulfilled. Pu Dy. Speaker, it may be noted by the members that intensive measures for Hindi teacher had already been taken during the previous Congress Ministry. It is regretted that our Hindi teachers today have not been paid for a couple of month for my party is not in the ruling at Central. It is therefore important to consider the case of the party who are supporting the central ruling ministry who fails to provide the salary of our Hindi Teachers. If we truly concern the welfare of our Hindi Teachers, we should all support the Congress party to rule the central ministry.

Regarding Handloom Training Centre being initiated at Sawleng, I feel it has been abandoned in the middle as it has not been fully equipped with necessary materials. I thank the department of Geology & Mining Deptt. for fund provision for strengthening landslide prone area of Kepran and Pehlawn. I thank the hon. Minister for Fisheries Deptt. for providing fish seeds and financial aids to fish farmers within my constituency. Yet, I suggest setting up fish seeds plants in this area so that each farmer may be able to receive fresh fish seeds and the amount required for their farms. Keeping in mind of the condition of the poor Hindi Teachers in our state, I appeal to all the people of Mizoram to support the Congress party in order to achieve our demands. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, Pi Vanlalawmpuii Chawngthu and will be followed by Pu Laruatkima.

PI VANLALAWMPUII CHAWNGTHU: Pu Dy, Speaker, I first of all would like to thank the hon. Minister and the Parliamentary Secretary of Education Deptt. for progresses made in the education department despite various difficulties; Firstly, promotion of 50 Nos. Middle School teachers and 70 Nos. Primary teachers to Headmaster and was followed by regularization of 70 Nos. teachers. The department is also praiseworthy for achieving amalgamation of various schools despite strong objection from NGOs and concerned communities.

Regarding amalgamation, it may be noted by the people that it is necessary in order to save large sum of funds being wasted. Likewise, conversion of Mizo medium schools to English and supply of midday meal to the students are worth mentioning. Besides, numbers of school and office buildings were renovated and many more yet to be done. The department is again praiseworthy for introducing large size text books for the underprivileged students and large scale training to girl child students under which measure has been taken for introduction of martial arts training not only in 280 schools but to all the Govt. Schools. Besides, awareness has also been given regarding the evil effect of drug abuse which often entails suicidal tendency among the students. As a representative of rural constituency, one of the major problems which concern us is insufficiency teachers while excessive teachers are there in schools within Aizawl and some district headquarters. It is thus important for concerned authority to examine this matter more carefully.

I thank the hon. Minister for giving us more examination centre at Khawlailung. At the same time, I request to resolve the problem we have been facing due to dual charge being assigned to one DEO to look after N. Vanlaiphai and Hnahthial and attachment of our teaching staff to DEO office.

Coming now to Commerce & Industries Deptt., I thank the hon. Minister for

providing handloom training in my constituency. Any of the concerned women will then become income earning source for the family apart from doing household chores. Yet, I opine it is important to give awareness to the concerned families as to make the best use of their stipends and machines which may be provided by the department. In this connection, I request the hon. Minister to reconsider supply of sewing machine on subsidized. Again, it is appreciative that the department is providing Auto-rickshaw to NLUP beneficiaries so as to help them set up a stabilized livelihood. I Thank measures being taken for the achievement of border-trade.

I appreciate that budget fund of certain lakhs is allocated under ADA and for Broom Revolution Scheme being implemented. It is also great to have the ISDP under Sericulture Deptt. and the opportunity being given to number of families through Muga Silk Development Project. So, I support the Demands of the Ministers which have been discussed today. Thank you.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Dy. Speaker, I would like to suggest the House Leader through this august House that the concerned Minister may be assigned with responsibility to deal with this problem which concerns the Hindi Teachers.

Secondly, our Lady Member who is a representative of Hrangturzo constituency seems forgetting to mention regarding transfer of RMSA teacher and the post for E. Lungdar to kolasib which even created a heated atmosphere among the Students Unions. I request the concerned Minister to kindly arrange the replacement with immediate effect. (PI VANLALAWMPUII CHAWNGTHU: The Minister will later clarify the incident.) I haven't heard of what had happened with her during her visit to Gwuahati though we need to take good care of her for she is the only female member in this House.

Pu Dy. Speaker, with the popularity of Science and Commerce subject in today's world, I have often asked the related question in this House but had never been responded. (PI VANLALAWMPUII CHAWNGTHU: Pu Dy. Speaker, I insist to the member to complete his words on our visit to Gwuahati.) They were allegedly dragged by the police somewhere in the park or zoo... I better relate the story later, Pu Dy. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : To explain the incident more clearly, it happened in the agitation organized by the Congress Youths in which our lady member and her accompaniment were arrested by the police for mistaken identity.

PU LALRUATKIMA : To continue with my speech, Pu Dy. Speaker, it is unfortunate that Lawngtlai college is without Science subject while Mamit college without commerce subject in their respectively college. I think it is necessary for the

concerned authority to determine the case as it is unbecoming not to have such subjects despite availability of feeder high schools. Otherwise, it may be treated as partiality at the district level.

The hon. minister has stated that midday meal as being provided on regular basis but the truth is that there are certain schools in which midday meal have not been received since July, 2016 till date. I think it is important for the government to give more attentions in this regard.

It is regretted that SSA teachers have not been paid for at least 6 months. What I would like to mention in this regard is that a sanction of Rs.1441,31,000/- being obtained for payment of such teachers had not been disbursed on time while payment of vehicle hiring charge is drawn without delay. Since most of the vehicles being hired are of the users themselves, it may be wise for the government to give more attentions in this regard.

It may be noted that the department is so anxious to implement the Mizoram Service Rules which has already been recommended by the Education Reform Commission. It is therefore important to give more pressure to the concerned officials. Not only this, it may as well important to reexamine seniority list of DIET lecturers being issued recently as many of junior in the service have superseded their seniors.

Regarding the medium of instruction in school, an order was issued with effect from 2012. It is good that the government gives important to English for it is the universal language but we must also concern that our Mizo language could be deteriorated in time.

Demand No. 40, Commerce & Industries. It may be good to a certain extents that these two important departments are now amalgamated. While this is the case, we have to determine how far we have been with the policy such as privatization of MIFCO and strengthening of ZIDCO; it may be well appreciated if it is clarified by the hon. minister later in his wound up speech. I opine the public undertakings we are having so far plays important roles in preserving our culture and traditions. Likewise, it is important for the government to examine the case of PMEGP beneficiaries as the Bank has objected to finance numbers of selected beneficiaries. I am afraid this project is a mean to bring our people in a desperate situation.

I think it is important for the Fisheries department to put more efforts to achieve self-sufficiency in fish production which happened to be one of the healthiest foods. It is learned that fish food processing plant is being set up at Champhai allegedly by a relative of an able politician. The concerned Minister may later clarify whether a building constructed near his farm is of the Govt. or private.

Lastly, Pu Dy. Speaker, Demand No. 41. I believe there is a prospect that our economy could be upgraded with the help of Sericulture. More efforts thus should be given in this regard and awareness of Integrated Silk Development Project may also be given to the people. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana.

PU P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. To start my speech with Demand No. 41, it is learned that the occupation which had been given up by the plain people of Assam is found to be quite suitable in the area of Kolasib. So, more efforts may be given in regard to Sericulture.

Considering the benefits we are receiving from fish farming, it is necessary to continue with fishery more actively. It is truly appreciated that this Ministry is formulating a new system for more productions and that fish farmers may obtain more benefits.

Regarding Demand No. 40, Commerce & Industries Deptt., I am glad that various steps are taken for maintenance of the Secretariat, Directorate and various corporations. I opine the hon. Minister and the Parliamentary Secretary deserves many credits to this concern. I also respect the concerned Minister for his bold reaction to the claim that gas sources in the area of Meidum as unreliable. I am happy to discuss the budget of the Minister who specifically knows the details of his concerned department.

With the changing of generation, our youth of today are becoming more aware of the value of times as well as our culture and tradition. I do not think their concept on our culture and tradition will be weakened by the environment of their generations. I therefore appreciate the decision of converting our schools in English medium. It is also important to put more efforts on improvement of elementary level of our school education. At the same time, it is important for the leaders to remember our respective role of fatherhood towards our subjects so that they may be able to achieve the best. It is great that we now have educational TV program thanks to the initiative of the department. I believe that it is rural people who will benefit the program most. Apart from this, I thank the educational campaign being organized under the leadership of the concerned Minister.

Coming now my constituency, I am much grateful to the hon. Minister for construction of RMSA school building at Pangbal Kawn. I thank recruitment of school teachers and officers which are now being processed. The department is praiseworthy for being able to arrange students' exposure visit outside. It may be noted by each parents that the department is actually concern the welfare of our

children.

Regarding Adolescence Endowment Mission, I thought it is Social Welfare Deptt. which deals with this matter; I am glad that the Education Deptt. too concerns this matter for it is the teachers who knows the problem of their students best. I thank initiative of the hon. Minister on Students' Voice which concern suicidal subject.

I again thank for allocation of Rs.490 lakh for NEDP for improvement of our educational system for we are expecting upgradation of C.Z. Higher Secondary School at Kolasib which was established by a community of earnest persons in 1999. We have many reasons to be thankful considering various steps taken under by the government. It is great to learn that various members willingly spend their constituency funds for promotion of schools in their respective areas. Regarding rules of deployment of a substitute teacher, I think it is wise to make a decision in consultation with concerned MLAs, District Authority and Village Council concern. So, Pu Dy. Speaker, I gladly express my support to pass the Demands which have been discussed today. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Since our discussion seems to pass 4 pm, we need to take the consent of the House. Should we take a recess first or should we continue with our discussion? Alright, we may proceed with our discussion and I will call upon Pu Vanlalawma to take his time.

PU VANALAZAWMA : Before getting to the point, Pu Dy Speaker, we usually address Dr. B.D. Chakma as 'Pu' which I think is inappropriate. I do not know his preference for documenting but I think it is more appropriate to address him as a doctor.

The hon. Minister claims that all the members were invited to attend Fish Festival held at Vanapa Hall. I somehow attended the festival on my way to Transport office and I did not expect to receive such a welcome words from the hosts that I was too late to buy fish from there. I am saying this to confirm that I have actually attended the said festival, Pu Dy. Speaker.

Fisheries Deptt., like other departments such as Sericulture, Horticulture etc. is land based economy and more efforts thus should be given in this regard and awareness should also be given more. I opine the system of free supply of fish foods is commendable for none is wasted; even less active beneficiaries tends to sell such items to more active farmers at lesser cost. (DY. SPEAKER: One minute, please. We, the Assembly Secretariat have a record of the name of Dr. B.D. Chakma as per his Electoral Certificate which is written as 'B.D. Chakma' and without prefix title in it.) Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker.

From my brief experience as silkworm farming, I strongly believe that there is a prospect like fisheries and horticulture etc. I think it is important for the government to give more efforts to this farming.

Coming now to the Demands of the hon. Minister, Pu H. Rohluna, I am concern about Geology & Mineral Resources Deptt., an important department but the name becoming less popular; even the name of Pu Rohluna is usually addressed as 'hon. Minister of Commerce & Industries' but without showing the department 'Geology & Mineral Resources.' Commerce and Industries department are now combined, may be for a positive reasons but I believe the important of commerce will increase with the upcoming projects such as Border trade where as Industries, on the other hand is of old department with ISPAT, the only major industry we have is now owned by non-tribal. Thus, it is important to upgrade these two important departments so as to keep our state at the level of other developing states.

Mizoram economy is stagnated since the Indian Independence, 1947. We were then isolated by the international boundaries with only one exit which is through Assam. Before that, all our needs could be availed from Burma in the east and from Bangladesh in the west. As a consequence, we now have to carry our own agricultural products such as gingers from the remote corners to Assam and vice versa to acquire our needs. Development is thus a far-fetched for us as our economy is deteriorating in times. Our poor economic status is undoubtedly due to the said reason and we have to accept it. With as view to alleviate our economy, this problem had also been included in the terms of Peace Accord but it is regretted that enough effort has not been made. Thus, it is important for the concerned leaders to approach the central more actively.

Regarding Geology & Mineral Resources, this department, though small in size is making quite a contribution to our revenue. It is worth mentioning that revenue of Rs.500 lakhs is collected solely from bricks and sandstones. While this is the contribution, budget allotted to this department is comparatively less. Thus, it is the utmost need that we upgrade this department. It is learned that the government has shown immediate concern to Bible House its building destroyed by landslide. But in the stead, I opine priority should be given to the problem of Geology & Mineral Resources department.

The department needs empowerment and as mentioned earlier the rate of bricks, sand, crushed stones should also be controlled. In order to improve I think traffic has a lot of impact regarding setting the time of these heavy loaded trucks to move into the city. It will be best to give them more time since we need these materials for construction of our houses.

Under Education Department, I suggest it will be wise to consider the plight of

our CSS teachers; can they not be taken care of from the funds from NEDP? From my experience the main reason for the late release of funds are due to the late submission of UC and I think we should give importance to this kind of issues in the future. Thank you.

SEPAKER : We will end our discussion and the hon. Minister, Pu H. Roluna may now make an appeal to the House to pass his Demands.

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I thank the hon. Members for their participation and the interest they have shown in my Demands and for their constructive ideas and suggestions. I will try to react on the important points mentioned by my hon. Members. Apparel & Garment making Centre was established on 6th June, 2016 and one unit will be taken care of of Vakiria and another unit will be taken care of by Computerized Embroidery and School of Education will take care of one unit and this will be a very important production centre in the future.

As often mentioned by the hon. members regarding the distribution of carpentry tools, sewing machines etc and with the implementation of NLUP those who are interested in this kind of trade are selected as beneficiaries and hence they receive these kinds of machines which will be useful for their trade.

Handloom Research & Promotion Council was established to take initiatives on marketing even to foreign countries and they will also in the designing; we are also taking steps to use natural fiber for weaving instead of acrylic yarn in order to have a better market at the international level. We are also conducting awareness amongst the weavers and many have started using natural fibres.

We have no proper Food Testing Laboratory and we are currently working on it. However, the building and its land at Thenzawl for this purpose are not satisfactory and so the materials are kept at AYUSH building, Zemabawk where the lab will firstly function.

It is often said that banks have too much power on PMEGP and the Department along with the Chief Minister and Finance Minister are taking measures. However, everything cannot go exactly as we wanted and there are new processes that involves internet and there are times when there are no internet connections.

Commerce mainly focused on ASIDE scheme which was 100% funded by the Central. This scheme was delinked in the early 2015 and the works cannot be continued today. However, measures are taken through NEDP and the Handloom Export Promotion Hub at Thenzawl is also continued with ₹755 lakhs through this NEDP. A guideline of TIES (Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme), a replacement

for ASIDE scheme was published on 15th March and we believe we can carry several works if it is implemented.

We are also working on carpentry cluster at Baktawng and we are currently working on DPR under cluster development scheme and Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship is also used for Project implementing agency.

Pu Speaker, our handloom product patent was brought up and we are doing our best to prevent forgery. Science & Technology Department is the nodal department and they are also taking expedite measures so that we can become the true owner of our cultural dresses and their designs.

MIFCO privatization restructuring is also currently carried out.

Regarding the submission of UC mentioned by our Opposition Group Leader, the salaries of CSS Hindi Teachers released by the Central are not approved unless it is audited from Accountant General (AG) and that is why AG is compulsory. However, we are doing our best despite many complications.

PU VANLALZAWMA : Pu Speaker, all your efforts are appreciated but it seems to fail and is there a way to fund this since NEDP is also funded.

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, they may lose hope but we believe we still have a chance and the Ministry also allotted ₹125 crores on 2017-2018 budget for this scheme. As we all know, Education is of a concurrent list and it is difficult to change it. We also regularized hundreds of Operation Blackboard (OB) and Education Volunteer teachers who were employed during the previous Ministry.

We often mentioned that we lack Science and Mathematics teachers for High Schools and MPSC is thus advertising 111 posts despite carrying heavy burdens. The Central Govt. insists B. Ed for Science and Mathematics graduates for RMSA schools but we will look for ways to settle this. B. Ed trainings are also held during the holidays without effecting regular classes and an inspection will be needed if there are any teachers who disrupt the classes and have the training as an excuse. It is also still difficult not to enroll teachers for election duty.

There is no RMSA school at East Lungdar and I want the House to know that all the teachers are repatriated so that RMSA Secondary Schools can function properly. We are quite short on Primary School teachers and we currently have around 700 vacancies at primary Schools. It is quite a problem and I ask the members for their considerations if their constituency is short on teachers. We are also in need of more Govt. High School general teachers and we are asking for an approval at DP

& AR and Finance Department to recruit 144 general teachers.

Model schools are commenced from this academic session and it is quite a success; and, we will continue to take measures at several districts.

Regarding Mid-day meal cooking cost or conversion cost, cook honorarium was released till March and we hope that cooking cost will also be released till March.

A new Recruitment Rules (RR) for Headmaster promotion is made where it is 50% Limited Departmental Exam and 50% Seniority. We are also taking measures to fill the empty posts of Govt. High School Headmaster according to the new RR. Sainik School has 50-60 seats and the Govt. also plan a scholarship for the students.

Thus, Pu Speaker, I beg leave of the House to pass my Demand Nos. 20 and 40 with the total amount of ₹11,20,35,60,000.

SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister has begged the House to pass his demands and all the members in favor say 'Yes' (**Members:** Yes) The House has unanimously passed the demands.

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : I request Pu B.D. Chakma to have a conclusion and beg the House to pass his Demands.

PU B.D. CHAKMA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Fisheries and Sericulture Department are small departments and the allotted fund is quite less. There is not much to react on Sericulture Department and the reactions from the members are well appreciated.

I would like to mention that Sericulture Department is taking measures to improve our textile quality and we are currently constructing 3 centers i.e. at South Sabual, Sericulture Complex and Kolasib under North-East regional Textile Promotion Scheme (NERTPS).

Muga Silk rearing has just started and the project under IMSDP under NERTPS project was launched on 2nd Dec, 2016. We are only on the budding stage and we are taking measures though the productions are a bit low. Under the project of Muga, there is a provision of training in latest technology on muga silk worm. Pu K. Sangthuama mentioned mulberry marketing and the production are in the hands of the department. Pu Speaker, we have opens purchasing counter at every District Sericulture Office as well.

Pu T.T. Zothansanga mentioned about IAS officers as Controlling Officers, but as we had mentioned, there are hardly any Mizo IAS and it is difficult to make it happen in this condition.

In response to Pu Vanlalzawma, our Dy. Speaker had given a clear answer but since this is a political issue, I would like to clarify that I use the title 'Dr' only to the patients and the name 'B.D. Chakma' to the people.

Sericulture Department is a young department that was established in 1985 as a separate entity and STI (Sericulture Training Institute) at Zemabawk was established only in the year 1996. However, Sericulture is a labor intensive trade and it is for the hardworking laborers and it is also an excellent trade for livelihood.

Regarding Silk production, the raw silk production was 54.92 metric ton in 2015-2016 and 76.078 metric ton in 2016-2017 and the increase rate is 27.8%. The rearing cocoon production is also 580 metric ton in 2016-2017. The no. of Mizoram seri-farmers in sector-wise is as follows:-

1. Families under mulberry-5058
 2. Families under muga trade-275
 3. Families under eri-150
 4. Families under oak tassar-135
- TOTAL - 5618 families**

Pu Speaker, Sericulture and Fisheries Department still act as silent achievers and we hardly have a chance to explain in this House. We have 21 recognized seri-farms and the current implemented schemes from the Central Govt. are: -

- a) Integrated Sericulture Development Project under NERTPS with project cost of ₹32,49,20,000 is being implemented with headquarters at Lunglei covering Hnahthial and Lunglei Block, having 600 families at 1 acre each with 1.5 lakh each beneficiaries. Out of the project at cost a sum of ₹21,85,00,000 has been released and the project is in full swing. 72.09% have been completed.
- b) Intensive Bivoltive Sericulture Development Project (IBSDP) under NERTPS with a project cost of ₹30,40,61,000 is being implemented at Champhai District covering Khawzawl and Champhai Block, having 1000 Nos. of women beneficiaries with half acre each at ₹1.5 lakh each beneficiaries. Under Champhai District 600 beneficiaries and under Khawzawl District 400 beneficiaries are included under this project.
- c) Muga Silk Development Project (NSDP) under NERTPS with a project cost of ₹13,52,9000 is being implemented covering 300 existing farmers and 200 new beneficiaries under Kolasib during 2016-2017.
- d) Muga Silk Development Project (NSDP) under Green India Mission has

been submitted with a project cost of ₹15,00,0000 to cover 600 farmers. DPR is under process.

The rates of Sericulture marketing: There is an attractive price for raw silk price as below: -

1. Mulberry Silk (Selling Price) - ₹3,000 per kg
2. Muga raw silk (Selling Price) - ₹13,000 per kg
3. Eri - ₹11,200 per kg
4. Oak tasar - ₹10,000 per kg (Costly and increase market value)

The Department is having a purchasing counter in every DSO's office with minimum support price as below:

1. Grade 'A' Mulberry - ₹250 per kg
2. Grade 'B' mulberry - ₹200 (approved rate) per kg
3. Mulberry Cocoon Grade 'C' - ₹150 per kg (Unreliable is ₹120 per kg)
4. Eri per - ₹400 per kg

Regarding Demand No.35, Fisheries Department, there is not much to react and a mild reaction is enough. We often hands rewards to NGOs for Conservation of Fish species with ₹40,000 as the first prize and I would like to thank them for their participations.

Mizoram is not self-reliant on fish seeds production and so extreme measures are taken by the department and the Central Govt. Fisheries Department is younger than Sericulture Department and it was established in 1993 as a separate directorate. The fish production in 2016-2017 is 7630 metric ton and there are 3409 beneficiaries under NLUP. The per capita consumption in 2016-2017 is 6.69 kg per capita and the production percentage has increased to 9.5% in 2016-2017.

The contribution made by the department is 1% of total GSDP in Mizoram and we also contribute 14% GSDP under Agriculture. We have 5 departmental fish seed farms located at Lengpui, Tamdil, Zobawk, Ngengpui and Thenzawl. The fish seed farm under Zo-fishfed is at Zawlnuam and Saikhawthlir. There are also 3 recognized private fish seed farms such as: -

1. Mizopa Fish Seed Farm - Chemphai, Bilkhawthlir
2. Zoram Fish Seed Farm - Chemphai, Bilkhawthlir
3. The location of the other farm is unknown

The fingerling production target for 2017-2018 is ₹509 lakhs and ₹691 lakh for 2016-2017 and ₹639 lakh for the year 2019-2020. We can exceed fingerlings requirements if we proceed this way. We plan to provide hatchery at Champhai as suggested by Pu T.T Zothansanga.

Regarding cage culture, Serlui 'B' is more popular with fish rather than electric power and it was started in 2012-2013. We have kept 96 kgs and we are planning to keep 50 more this year as well as 50 at Tuirial Hydel Project.

Regarding Fisheries Act, we had this Act in 2002 without implementing it for the past 14 years. It was amended during the previous session and we are working on the rules to implement this Act. Regarding Tam Dil and Palak Dil, definition of reservoir and lake are not same. These two water bodies are considered as lake of small size with wet land management whereby sphere management as started by Biosphere conservationist. The water bodies of these places are very small and that is not appropriate and hence commercial fish culture is not possible in these areas. Moreover, Palak Dil is under the purview of MADC. Unless the proposal is placed by MADC, direct action from Fisheries Directorate may not be possible. However, Tam Dil caged four numbers kept only for experimental purpose for keeping the indigenous species of fishes. For culture, minimum depth of water should be 20 ft.

We have ice plant at Kolasib and Bawngkawn and they are becoming quite old. We will first carry out works at Bawngkawn and then Kolasib with free on gas.

We have 7 fish mill plants under Directorate of Fisheries and there are some questions on Champhai fish mill plant (**PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA**: Pu Speaker, may I have a clarification?) Let me continue. There is a rule for Fish Mill Plant and we cannot place it wherever we like. Empty lands are unavailable and we plan to proceed in PPP mode.

PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, I believe my brother's fish pond at Champhai would be the largest and he has 2 fish ponds as well. I was not aware of it at first and half of the construction was already completed when I came to know about it. As our Minister had mentioned, the locations are often chose when the Govt. is about to construct buildings and I assume that the department is satisfied with my brother's pond and gave it to him. The condition is also same with all the other 6 fish mill plants. (**PU LALRUATKIMA**: Pu Speaker, his name is not mentioned and could it be mentioned?) His name will be provided if necessary.

SPEAKER : Let the Minister made his conclusion.

PU B.D. CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, I will continue (*..interruption...*) we often receive many under CSS but many do not know this since it is never discussed in the House. Fisheries budget had decreased this year and it would be appreciated if we are provided enough on Revised Estimate.

FFDA is a popular name which was delinked this year and Groom Revolution

Scheme is its replacement which is implemented in 2017. Pu Lalruatkima raised a question on National Scheme on Welfare of Fishermen and as mentioned before, there are 15 beneficiaries in 2013-2014, 250 beneficiaries in 2014-2015 and 250 beneficiaries in 2015-2016. The beneficiaries of construction of fishermen house under NSWF should be of BPL families. Fish farming is a livelihood and ₹50,000 is for constructing hut where ₹12,500 is from state share and ₹37,500 from the Central share. The cost of construction of 1 tube well or water point is only ₹45,000 where ₹7,500 is from state share and ₹33,750 is from the central share and there should be at least 10 beneficiaries at one village in order to receive this scheme. The minimum eligibility criteria are 75 families for a Community Hall. We also have schemes from NFDB and we had received ₹63.25 lakhs in 2012-2013, ₹139.961 lakhs in 2013-2014, ₹17 lakhs in 2014-2015 and ₹48.88 lakhs in 2015-2016. (**SPEAKER:** *Conclude it*)

I request our Finance Minister to allot us at least the state matching share so that all these central schemes could be implemented on time.

Pu Speaker, that will be all and I beg leave of the House to pass my demand Nos. 35 and 41 with the total amount of ₹26,79,96,000. Thank you.

SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister has begged the House to pass his demands and all the members in favor say 'Yes' (**Members:** *Yes*) The House has unanimously passed the demands.

PU B.D. CHAKMA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Our business for today is over and we will continue tomorrow (30.3.2017) at 10:30 AM.

The sitting is adjourned.