

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR SIXTH SITTING ON TUESDAY, THE 22nd MARCH, 2016
(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 ZODINTLUANGA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House "The Mizoram Municipalities (Ward Committee and Local Council) (Third Amendment) Rules, 2015".

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

3. **PU LALRINLIANA SAILO** to present to the House the Third Report on Action Taken by the Government on the Recommendations contained in the Second Report of Committee on Estimates of the Seventh Legislative Assembly Relating to Public Works Department on Construction of Bridge at Tuipui-'D' (Darzokai).
4. **PU LALROBIAKA** to present to the House the following Reports of Subject Committee-III :
 - i) Third Report of Subject Committee-III relating to Computerised Hospital Management Information System and Tertiary Cancer Care Centre under Health & Family Welfare Department.
 - ii) Fourth Report of Subject Committee-III relating to River Valley Project/Flood Prone Rivers under Soil and Water Conservation Department.

5. **PU R. VANLALVENA** to present to the House the Second Report of Committee on Government Assurances Relating to Action Taken by the Government against the Recommendations of the Committee on Government Assurances contained in its First Report.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS

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

NGURTHANZUALA
Secretary

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SPEAKER : Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life. Put away from you a deceitful mouth, and put perverse lips far from you.

Proverbs 4:23-24

To start with Question Hour, I invite the hon. member Er. Lalrinawma to ask starred Question No. 61.

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

Action taken by the Govt. in regard to the building constructed in the premise of Horticulture land at Sairang without permission.

SPEAKER : The concerned hon. Minister, Pu P.C. Lalthanliana to give the answer.

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

In order to evict 4 persons who constructed their building in the premise of land owned by the Horticulture department without permission, Horticulture department submitted a written complaint to the land, Revenue & Settlement Department; the concerned department then issued a show cause notice to such persons; and, at the same time, eviction order had also been issued to SLT Infracon Pvt. Limited. In dealing with the case being registered, Civil Suit No.21/2016 is now in process.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, the hon. Minister has mentioned in his reply that persons involved in the case as 4 whereas in reply to the same question on March 19, 2014 it was given as 6. What is the reason for the difference in figures given on the same question? May the hon. Minister clarify it?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister.

PU P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, at the time of the first question was asked, 6 families were living in the premise of the land in question. As of now, they are 4 families including 3 widows. It may be noted that such families

understands quite well that they are living in the premise of the Govt. land and that the department is trying to deal with them so that they are leaving in good term.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu K. Sangthuama.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, I asked about this question in March, 2014 and I was informed that 6 families were involved in it. The land was purchased by the government at a high cost and so is not convenient to let any family resided without permission. It is known they are of poor background but they have no right to intrude the Govt. property. So, I request concerned authority to make more efforts so that the place is vacated.

SPEAKER : Starred Question No. 62 and the hon. member Dr. K. Beichhua will ask.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon. Minister for DP & AR be pleased to state: –

Whether the MPSC may conduct the recruitment of Engineer, Medical Doctor, Veterinary Doctor etc. at an interval of two years if not possible every year.

SPEAKER : Let us invite the concerned hon. Chief Minister, Pu Lal Thanhawla to reply.

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

Due to financial constraint, the government is unable to recruit different technical posts such as Medical Doctor (Grade-III of Mizoram Health Services), Engineer (Junior Grade of Mizoram Engineering Service) and Veterinary Doctor (Grade-V of Mizoram Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Service) on regular basis and so by the MPSC. However, the government makes arrangement of such recruitment in a group as necessary.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Dr. K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, as it is known, in Mizoram, we somehow make recruitment which is deemed necessary despite our financial problem; MPSC is able to recruit not less than 10 MCS and MPS officers respectively despite

our financial problem and our state, the most peaceful state in the country. While this is the case, we are not able to recruit Medical Doctor even though our state which is claimed to be of the highest population with cancer. The last recruitment was in 2013 preceded by 2006 with 7 years gap. I, therefore, ask if recruitment of a Medical Doctor may also be made every year like others from now on.

SPEAKER : We will take up another supplementary question and then the hon. Chief Minister to reply.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, obviously we have enough MCS and MPS but not Doctor of Medical as well as Veterinary. Is it possible to recruit such doctors at an interval of at least a year if not every year?

SPEAKER : The hon. Chief Minister to reply.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, in spite of recruiting the Civil Service of MCS and MPS, our condition remain inflexible. Exam is conducted every year for such cadres as stated in Regulation 3(1). Having a separate regulation for conducting the Medical Doctor and Engineer which does not specify for every year, the gap might have been wider. However, any vacant posts are filled-up by the government according to need base. It is quite a headache for the government to fill-up a vacant post as desired.

For information of the House, number of technical post which had been filled up during the year 2010, 2011 to 2016 in various departments are as follows: -

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| 1. PWD | - | 20 Nos. AE/SDO and 4 Nos. AE/SDO (Civil);
5 Nos. AE/SDO of contract and co-terminus
basis in 2015-2016; |
| 2. PHE | - | 5 Nos AE/SDO during 2011-2012; |
| 3. Minor Irrigation | - | 7 Nos. SDO and 2 Nos. others; |
| 4. Health | - | 2 Nos. Specialist; |
| 5. P & E | - | 13 Nos. AE/SDO during 2012-2013;
13 AEs, SDO. On |
| 6. AH & Veterinary | - | 6 Nos. Grade-V of AH & Veterinary Services; |
| 7. H & FW | - | 88 Nos. Medical Officers during 2013-2014;
8 Nos. MO during 2014-2015; 27 Nos. during
2015-2016; 10 Nos. Grade-III during 2016; |

8. Prison - 1 No. Ayush Doctor on contract basis; 2 Nos. Medical Officer;
9. PHE - 2 Nos. Electrical Engineer; 2 Nos. Mechanical Engineer and 4 Nos. Civil Engineer;
10. DM & R - 1 No. AE/SDO (Civil).

Despite our financial problem, we are trying our best to make more recruitment at all levels. Presently, many departments have applied for creation and sanctioning of new posts and also for filling up of the vacancy post. However, we cannot fulfill such demands and is regretted.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, it is appreciative that we recruit numbers of Engineer, but it is recruitment of the Medical Doctor which is an urgent need. As stated already, the last recruitment was in 2013 preceded by 2006 with 7 years gap and obviously the service gap will become a problem in the long run. Thus, I suggest recruitment of Medical Doctor every year.

SPEAKER : It is a suggestion and we are thankful for that. We will go to starred Question No. 63 and invite Pi Vanlalawmpuii Chawngthu to ask her question.

PI VANLALAWMPUII CHAWNGTHU: Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon. Minister for Sports & Youth Services Department be pleased to state: –

When was the project of Mini Sports Complex at East Lungdar started?

SPEAKER : I invite the hon. Minister, Pu Zodintluanga to reply.

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

It is funded by Rural Development Department and step is taken at a fast pace.

SPEAKER : Is there supplementary question? Pu R.L. Pianmawia.

PU R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, what is the progress of construction

of Sakawrdai Mini Sports Complex? May the work be expedited?

SPEAKER : The Minister to reply if possible.

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, Sakawrdai Mini Sports Complex was retained by the Central NLCPR but there are many queries which may be fulfilled before receiving the sanctioning order.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalthanliana.

PU LALTHANLIANA : Pu Speaker, when will the work of drainage system which also cover Ramhlun Sports Complex be started?

SPEAKER : Let us invite hon. Minister to give the answer.

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the design for drainage system of Ramhlun Sports Complex is in the hands of the Disaster Management & Rehabilitation and so is the entire works.

SPEAKER : Starred Question No. 64 and Pu K. Sangthuama to ask.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon. Minister for Sports & Youth Services Department be pleased to state: –

- a) Whether there is any plan for construction of Sport Academy/Sport Complex/Football Ground at Sairang Dinthar.
- b) If so, what is the condition?

SPEAKER : Let us invite the concerned Minister to reply.

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

- a) There is a plan to equip Sairang Dinthar football ground with grass turf.
- b) Inspection team from FIFA official is expected to pursue the work.

SPEAKER : Starred Question No. 65 and Pu Lalruatkima to ask.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon'ble Minister for Labour, Employment & Industrial Training Department be pleased to state: -

- a) Whether minimum wages for labour/muster roll etc. will be set;
- b) Effective date of the current wages and the rate per day;
- c) Rate of the new wages and its effective date.

SPEAKER : Concerned Minister, Pu Lalrinmawia Ralte to reply.

Pu LALRINMAWIA RALTE, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, answer to Starred Question No. 65 is as follows: -

- a) There is a plan to revise Labour/muster roll minimum wages and is submitted to the Political & Cabinet Department for approval.
- b) Effective date of the current wages is 1.10.2013. The rate is as follows:
 - (i) Unskilled - ₹220
 - (ii) Semi-skilled - ₹250
 - (iii) Skilled II - ₹310
 - (iv) Skilled I - ₹380.
- c) The proposed rate for the new minimum wages is as follows: -
 - A. Casual/Muster Roll employees:
 - (i) Unskilled - ₹270
 - (ii) Semi-skilled - ₹230
 - (iii) Skilled II - ₹370
 - (iv) Skilled I - ₹460.
 - B. Roads and building operations and employment under the factory or else which has not been specified: -
 - i) Unskilled - ₹270
 - ii) Semi-skilled - ₹290
 - (iii) Skilled II - ₹370
 - (iv) Skilled I - ₹460.

The effective date as per the Cabinet meeting was 1.4.2016.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu Ruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. May extra time allowances be given? If not, may the government consider doing so? May skill

upgradation and maternity benefit scheme be made applicable?

SPEAKER : Pu Rinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. May the minimum wages be applied to Private Sector/Private Company as to whether a hospital or other facilities and if dealing with such cases is witnessed by the concerned authority?

SPEAKER : Let us invite the hon. Minister to reply.

PU LALRINMAWIA RALTE, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, my department does not concern with skill upgradation but the parent department in which one is employed. This is the first time that we introduce under this particular group and we have no knowledge as to how to deal with it. As the case of employee under the factory, building or road construction, I think it is necessary to pursue as necessary.

Regarding maternity benefit scheme, I cannot answer right now but i we will try to furnish the answer to the hon. member during discussion on demands. As the case of overtime allowances, there is no such fixation for it is the matter which should be dealt between the employee and his employer. Pu Speaker, it must be noted that the casual and muster roll employees are eagerly look forward to this new wages; I hope that it can be implemented by the next year.

SPEAKER : How about the question of Pu Rinawma on private company?

PU LALRINMAWIA RALTE, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, regarding employment under private sector, it is covered by the group which is specified as 'not elsewhere classified'. The rule specified 5 Schedules of employment including the Establishment and Public Motor Transport but could not be applied as yet for such rates cannot fix unless there is an agreement between the owners and State level Committee. Under roads and building operations, employment in factories not elsewhere classifies, the daily wages rate of Skilled II is ₹10/- less due to the understanding between the owners and the sub-committee. It was approved by the State Level Committee under the recommendation of these two. We cannot cover all the private employment at the moment, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Starred Question No. 66 and Er. Lalrinawma to ask question.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the Minister for Labour, Employment & Industrial Training Department be pleased to state: –

- a) Number of enrollment as per the latest;
- b) Whether there is any recruitment without passing through the department.

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister, Pu Lalrinmawia Ralte to reply.

PU LALRINMAWIA RALTE, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is: -

- a) The latest enrollment as on 16.3.2016 in respect of the following districts is as follows: -

Sl.Nos.	District	Male	Female	Total
1	Aizawl (Includes Mamit, Kolasib, Serchhip and Aizawl District)	10,992	8,536	19,528
2	Champhai	3,221	2,141	5,362
3	Lunglei	1,828	2,244	4,072
4	Saiha and Lawngtlai	5,129	2,838	7,967
5	Enrollment upto March 16, 2016.	21,170	15,759	36,929

- b) No, the concerned department does not have any knowledge of this matter.

SPEAKER : Is there any supplementary question? If not, we will go to our next question, starred Question No. 67; the hon. Member, Pu Lalrinliana Sailo to ask the question.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO: Pu Speaker, will the hon. Minister for Sports & Youth Services Department be pleased to state: –

Whether the Sports & Youth Services Deptt. has taken up any work at Khawzawl which concern development of the youth.

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister, Pu Zodintluanga to reply.

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is 'yes'. We put Basketball and Volleyball Court at 2nd IR Bn. during 2011-2012; An amount of ₹14,00,000/- for renovation of Kawnzar field, Khawzawl was sanctioned during 2014-2015; Badminton net for their new Indoor Stadium has reached Aizawl; the hon. member himself may collect the material for handing over to them as soon as he visits his constituency.

SPEAKER : Is there any supplementary question? Pu Ngurdingliana.

Dr. NGURDINGLIANA : Pu Speaker, I appreciate steps taken by the department. At the same time, I would like to know whether there is any step being taken within Mamit district to explore many hidden talents among the youth within this particular district.

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister to give his reply.

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, in the west, development work is initiated in Mamit District with sanctioned funds from NEC amounting to ₹678.4 lakh for sports infrastructure development of Hachhek constituency; the work is in progress with the 1st installment which has already been received.

SPEAKER : Starred Question No. 68; the hon. member, Dr. K. Beichhua may ask this question he shared with Pu Lalrinawma.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon'ble Minister for Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department be pleased to state: –

- a) Number of pig, cow, dog and poultry imported during 2014-2015;
- b) The rate of such cattle;
- c) Whether piglet is bought as proposed.

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister may reply.

PU NGUNLIANCHUNGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is: -

- a) Cattle imported during 2014-2015 through Check gate:

1) Pig (mature)	-	1,167;
Piglet	-	1,194;

- Piglet (NLUP) - 28,110@5,000/- per head.
- 2) Cow (for consumption) - 8,902;
Dairy Cow (NLUP) - 748 @ 65,000/- per head;
- 3) Dog - 1,576;
- 4) Poultry (mature) - 109,259;
- 5) Small fowl - 17,04,550.
- b) Their statistic specified such imported cattle only as mature and young and so is impossible to determine their rate specifically. As such, the price is determined as local rate as follows: -

Sl. Nos	Type of imported cattle	Rate	Amount
1	Pig (mature)	18,000/-	2,10,06,000.00
2	Piglet	3,500/-	41,79,000.00
3	Piglet (NLUP)	5,000/-	14,05,50,000.00
4	Cow (for consumption)	45,000/-	40,05,90,000.00
5	Dairy Cow (NLUP)	65,000/-	4,86,20,000.00
6	Dog	3,000/-	47,28,000.00
7	Poultry	450/-	4,91,66,550.00
8	Small fowl	45/-	7,67,04,750.00
		TOTAL	74,55,44,300.00

- c) Piglet had not been purchased as proposed. We proposed to purchase piglet from Canada but it is learned that they are not free from Porcine Epidemic Diseases and the Indian Govt. could not accept certification of Canada. We therefore abandoned the plan being made.

On 10.2.2015, the Trade Division under the Govt. of India took initiative for us to buy from England or Netherlands. But again, the Govt. of India could not accept health certification of England as our plan failed again. Abandoning any idea of importing such cattle, we are now focus on importing the frozen seminal from England. For this purpose, ₹50 lakh has been deposited in Axis Bank under the A/C No. 915020027546153. As per the advice of our experts and the Govt. of India, we plan to collect high quality semen of a female pig from Punjab.

SPEAKER : Dr. K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, there are certain questions which

have not been answer, such as: - (1) Whether such imported animals passed through the health check at Vairengte; (2) Whether the government have any plan to improve hatchery in order to minimize our import? (3) If we have to import frozen sperm for artificial insemination, to what breed of pig we are going to apply?

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, supplementary question. Is it a fact that the said 50 lakh is being transferred to Axis bank only after exposing the amount being deposited in the account of SS Service Pvt. Ltd. Guwahati? I also ask when the sum is being transferred from Standard Chartered Bank to Axis bank.

Dr. NGURDINGLIANA : Pu Speaker, the hon. Minister has mentioned the development works done by the department; yet, it is difficult to understand the work programme for 2015-2016 seen at page 20 is entered as Nil.

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister, Pu Ngunlianchunga to reply.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, In reply to the question of Dr. K. Beichhua, yes, it is imported via our check-gate.

In order to be self-sufficient in chicken, Indbro Hatchery Farm and Zoram Poultry Development Society put on sale small layers on every Tuesday at Tanhril. However, as we already have mentioned, this does not cover the entire need and so we are have a plan to produce 74,000 in a year. Besides, in the southern region, we have a plan to set up hatchery at Mampui at the cost of 125 lakh. Under RKVY, we also open pig farm in order to increase our product at Thingsulthliah this month. Here we will farm not less than 200 pigs and we hope to produce 7,000 piglets a year.

Regarding Bank account, the said amount deposited in the account SS Service was for importing purpose and since it was cancelled, we had to transfer the amount to Axis Bank.

Regarding 'Nil' entry, it is due to unavailability of fund for use in the New Year, there is nothing to put in it; the ongoing works are done under NABARD and RKVY.

SPEAKER : Starred Question No. 69 and the hon. Member, Pu Lalruatkima to ask.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for Sports & Youth Services Department be pleased to state: –

- a) Whether there is any ongoing Sports Infrastructure Development Project under NEC. If so, which project?
- b) The estimate amount of project in the DPR and the amount sanctioned;
- c) Amount of fund received for different projects at present; and, the physical and financial achievement respectively.

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister, Pu Zodintluanga to reply.

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

- a) Yes, the following are the ongoing works for Sports Infrastructure Development Project under NEC: –
 - i) Mini Sports Complex at Lengpui;
 - ii) Establishment of Sports Centre at Phulpui;
 - iii) Multi Sports Centre at Muallungthu;
 - iv) Indoor Stadium at Electric Veng, Aizawl;
 - v) Sports Infrastructure Development of Hachhek Area;
 - vi) Multipurpose Sports Centre for Northern Region at Darlawn.

- b) Amount of fund planned and sanction are as follows: –

Sl. Nos	Name of Project	Plan (in lakh)	Sanction Amount (in lakh)
1	Mini Sports Complex at Lengpui	486.70	435.83
2	Est. of Sports Centre at Phulpui	431.60	365.56
3	Multi Sports Centre at Muallungthu	497.4	352.23
4	Sports Infrastructure Development of Hachhek Area	678.40	195.94
5	Multipurpose Sports Centre for Northern Region at Darlawn	498.21	143.33
6	Indoor Stadium at Electric Veng, Aizawl	493.63	177.78

c) Fund received for the projects and the physical achievement are as follows: –

Sl. Nos.	Name of Project	Sanction Received (Rupees in lakh)	Physical Progress (in %)	Financial Progress (in %)
1	Mini-Sports Complex at Lengpui	435.83	96	92.73
2	Est. of Sports Centre at Phulpui	365.56	100	92.78
3	Multi-Sports Centre at Muallungthu	352.23	86	93.43
4	Sports Infrastructure Development of Hachhek Area	195.94	25	40
5	Multi-purpose Sports Centre for Northern Region at Darlawn	143.33	40	39.91
6	Indoor Stadium at Electric Veng, Aizawl	177.78	30	36.01

SPEAKER : The answer is quite long that should have been included in unstarred question; you are fortunate that it is in Starred question. Is there any supplementary question?

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, I appreciate the development works done for building infrastructure; we need to work hard to see a good result. My supplementary question is: Progress made so far for Olympic Vision, 2016; and, will we see the result in the upcoming Olympic Brazil at Rio?

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, it is great to see many infrastructure developments. However, it seems that the southern region is forgotten as there is no mention of Lawngtlai and Saiha. What is the reason?

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister may reply to both questions, if possible.

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I will first answer Dr. K. Beichhua as Pu Lalruatkima asked only works done under NEC, I did not mention other works. We are also doing development works in the south as much as we can. Now, the department is taking up leveling of SSB land under NBCC for Saiha Infrastructure without prior consultation of concerned authority. We have no other option as there is no free land available and the existing field is too small for the project. The SSB land pass was thus cancelled for the said project. We, then took the chance and prepared DPR of 20 crore for construction of a stadium; it is not known when the sanction will come. As already pointed out, AMRUT, Smart Cities and Swachh Bharat are entrusted with any new policy and no fund is put for other developmental works; grant-in-aid under Urban Development and Sports & Youth Services were stopped. It is therefore unknown whether the DPR for Indoor Stadium at Saiha will be approved.

In reply to the question of Pu Lalruatkima, we are in no frustration on our Vision, 2016. We made a mistake on weightlifting in which a female participant lost at the trial in the North-East Games held at Imphal for lack of supporter as her personal coach from South India could not accompany her due to family issues. We still have a chance of winning with H. Lalruatfeli of Indian Hockey team who passes through every selection till today and the final selection will held next month.

Out of concern of losing the game again for a slight mistake and carelessness, Pu C. Lalthananga, the Secretary of Sports Council & Olympic Association had even witnessed the game to encourage the participants and to assist them when needed. The Govt. is somehow able to proceed with our vision; we may have failed once with weightlifting, we determine to have at least 1 qualified mizo woman in the Indian hockey team. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Question hour is now over; Pu Chalrosanga Ralte is granted a leave of the House on account of family affairs. We will now proceed to Laying of papers and I request the hon. Minister, Pu Zodintluanga to lay “The Mizoram Municipalities (Ward Committee and Local Council) (Third Amendment) Rules, 2015” on the table of the House.

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I hereby lay on the table “The Mizoram Municipalities (Ward Committee and Local Council) (Third Amendment) Rules, 2015”.

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. I request Pu Lalrinliana Sailo, MLA to present to the House, “The Third report on Action Taken by the Govt. on the Recommendation contained in the Second Report of Committee on Estimates of the 7th Legislative Assembly relating to PWD on construction of Bridge at Tuipui ‘D’ Darzokai”.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO: Thank you, Pu Speaker. As known to us all, lives were lost when Darzokai Bridge collapsed and the Committee thus selected this as an important subject. The members comprise Pu Vanlalzawma, Pu T. Sangkunga, Dr. Ngurdingliana, Pu R. Vanlalvena and Pi Vanlalawmpuii Chawngthu. So, after much study and observation on the spot, a report was given on the 20th Oct, 2015 and the Govt. applied the recommended actions. The estimated time for completion of the work was 25th Nov. and was then rescheduled to 31.04.2016 since the work could not be completed on time.

We recommend that the Govt. should impose a penalty if the work is not completed on time. The Committee is impressed that the PWD supports the recommendation and we believe that we are making a progress. Therefore, I present “The Third report on Action Taken by the Govt. on the Recommendation contained in the Second Report of Committee on Estimates of the 7th Legislative Assembly relating to PWD on construction of Bridge at Tuipui ‘D’ Darzokai”.

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. I request Pu Lalrobiaka, Chairman of Subject Committee-III to present to the House, “The Third Report of Subject Committee III relating to Computerized Hospital Management Information System and Tertiary Cancer care center under Health and Family Welfare” and “Fourth report of Subject Committee III relating to River Valley Project/Flood Prone Rivers under S & WC Department”.

PU V.L. ROBIKA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. As per our rules, the term of the Subject Committee-III will end this month and so there is a proposal to submit our report before the term ended. The members include Pu John Siamkunga, Dr. K. Beichhua, Er. Lalrinawma, Pu J.H. Rothuama and Pu S. Laldingliana. The location was visited and we made many discoveries which will be of great importance for Mizoram but are not made proper use by the people. So, I present these reports to expedite the process. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let the copies be distributed, and I request Pu R. Vanlalvena, Assurance Chairman to present to the House, “The Second report of Committee on Govt. Assurances Relating to Action Taken by the Govt. against the Recommendations of the Committee and Govt. Assurances contained in its First Report”.

PU R. VANLALVENA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. We will be presenting the report by the previous Committee under the leadership of Pu R.L. Pianmawia that is completed but not yet presented. The present Committee members include Pu Chalrosanga Ralte, Nl. Vanlalawmpuii, Pu Lalthanliana and Dr. Ngurdingliana. Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the Committee on Govt. Assurance, I present to the House, “The Second report of Committee on Govt. Assurances Relating to Action Taken by the Govt. against the Recommendations of the Committee and Govt. Assurances contained in its First Report”. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. We will proceed to Financial Business; we will discuss the Demands of the 2 Ministers such as, Pu Lalsawta and Pu C. Ngunlianchunga. I request our Finance Minister, Pu Lalsawta to submit his Demand Nos. 4, 8, 9 and 14.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, Sir, I move the Demand Nos. 4, 8, 9 and 14 for ₹19,79,99,37,000/- only for meeting expenses during 2016-2017 in respect of the following Departments :-

Demand Nos.	Departments	Amount
Demand No.4	Law & Judicial	₹27,92,81,000.00
Demand No.8	Taxation	₹14,81,79,000.00
Demand No.9	Finance	₹12,05,60,07,000.00
Demand No.14	Planning & Programme Implementation	₹7,31,64,90,000.00
	TOTAL	₹19,79,99,37,000.00

Thank you, Sir.

SPEAKER : I request Minister, Pu C. Ngunlianchunga to submit his Demands.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, Sir, I move the Demand Nos. 18, 30 and 34 for ₹1,12,58,38,000/- for meeting expenses during 2016-2017 in respect of the following Departments :-

Demand Nos.	Departments	Amount
Demand No.18	Printing & Stationary	₹14,34,47,000.00
Demand No.30	Disaster Management & Rehabilitation	₹20,28,15,000.00
Demand No.34	Animal Husbandry & Veterinary	₹77,95,76,000.00
TOTAL		₹1,12,58,38,000.00

Thank you, Sir.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The 2 Ministers have submitted their respective Demands, I request PU R.L. Pianmawia to start the discussion.

PU R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, I am a bit confused on Demand No.4, Law & Judicial as the fund allotted on domestic travel expenses is quite high compared to other departments. However, a lot of fund is allotted on major works and works are carried out on court buildings, Judicial staff quarters etc. which is impressive. We are ready to have Gram Nyayalayas but no action is taken in pursuance.

In regard to Demand No.14, Planning & Programme Implementation Department, it is appreciating that the Department has a resource to meet the needs of our state. It is impressive that the Economic Policy is implemented for development and preparation is going on so that the departments are not facing problems with state's matching share. However, it is unlikely that no amount is allotted on District Planning Committee and District innovation Fund as we are making great use of them especially by the rural people.

In regard to issue of Birth & Death Certificate, ₹1,000/- is now charged if it is not collected within a year, and I opine this needs a revision.

I express my gratitude on Demand No.18, Printing & Stationery Department for placing order for advanced equipments though a compatible machine has already been purchased recently. I believe that other departments will come to realize how

safe it is to purchase stationery items from this department; and, it would be much appreciated if any department is ready to follow the system.

Regarding Demand No. 30, a sufficient amount of fund is allotted under the head of Other Charges which I think is quite impressive.

Next is Demand No. 34, AH & Veterinary Department. Rural people are more in need of this department rather than urban cities. We have both Veterinary Doctors and VFA in rural towns that may be consulted privately while we only have VFA. There are several vacant posts of VFA which cannot be filled and it would be appreciated if measures are taken to fill up such posts. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Anyone else?

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Dy. Speaker, in regard to Demand 4, Law & Judicial, I I have to say that insufficiency of judicial service is intensive in Mizoram. We have 99 candidates to fill up 32 vacant posts of the Integrate of Civil Judge Cadre and the interview is scheduled to be held from 11-14 Oct, 2011 at MPSC and it is not happening till today. It would be much appreciated if priority is given for the interview.

Looking into our budget head by head, the Medical Re-imburement Bill of 2016-2017 has slightly dropped compared to the previous year, 2014-2015 and I am amazed how it comes to reality. But I am a bit confused that any fund is not allotted on POL since Law & Judicial will need some on Motor vehicles as in other departments.

In regard to Demand No. 8, Taxation Department, I opine more staffs may be recruited with a remarkable achievement of the department in collecting more taxes. For rents, wages and taxes ₹24.91 lakhs is allotted despite the department having land of its own.

Next is Demand No.9. The hon. Minister is taking intensive measures to resolve our economy crisis and I hope that we would make a progress this year. While this is the case, it is quite difficult for Govt. employees to withdraw their GPF and I request the Minister to look into this matter.

Regarding Demand No. 14, Planning & Programme Implementation Department, the budget allotted on medical treatment has increased compared to the previous budget where as no fund is allotted on POL and vehicles while a lot is funded under the head of Other Charges.

If the Multi Model Transport is achieved, it would be impressive if better infrastructures are provided in the southern region.

In regard to Demand No.18, Printing & Stationery Department, it would be appreciated if other departments acquire stationery items from the assigned department so that the state will gain more incomes.

Next is the Demand No. 30, Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department. The Minister provided silpaulins to the opposition members without any discrimination and I hope that he continues such practice as he set a great example to his fellow ministers.

Next is Demand No.34, AH & Veterinary Department. I support measures taken by the department with the process of poultry hatchery and reduce the imports from other states. Apart from this, the minister has even supplied 5 piglets to each opposition members which I think is quite impressive. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu K. Lalrinthanga.

PU K. LALRINTHANGA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. Looking at the Demand and Appropriation for the year 2016-2017, the expenditure on non-plan is 62.35% and 37.25% on plan and thus the amount to be used for the people is quite less which I opine that proper management is necessary in the future.

Funds allotment to the Printing & Stationery Department also is less sufficient and thus may be reviewed so that other departments may acquire stationery materials from this department. Any department that does not make purchase the said from the Printing & Stationery Department need to be reported; and, it would be impressive if a reliable and an expert on market rate is appointed as a member on Purchase board.

Recruitment under AH & Veterinary Department is quite rare despite many doctors with no job. So, in order to make the department the most benefitted in rural

areas, it is necessary to fill the vacant posts. It is regretted to learn that some VFAs are not at their post and I opine action may be taken. Buhchangphai and Phainuam which produces large quantity of milk are in need of Vety Doctors. It will also be appreciated if milk processing machine is provided for the benefit of the NLUP beneficiaries. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. It is a privilege to have a discussion on Demand Nos. 1, 4, 8, 9, 14 and 18, 30, 34 and it is impressive that the Supplementary Demand for grant of Pu Lalsawta is only 1% while the Supplementary Demand for grant of Pu C. Ngunlianchunga is 10.2%. The Demand for Grant has increased by 35% on Demand Nos. 4, 8, 9 and 14 and the Demand for Grant of Pu C. Ngunlianchunga has increased by 13.84%.

In regard to Law & Judicial, it is time for us to implement the Mizoram Urban Area Rent Control Act, 1974 considering the increasing urban population. As seen on the Governor's speech, the majority of urban population is made up of those living in rented houses which need to be given a serious thought in such a way to provide housing to the poor.

Regrading the Planning & Programme Implementation, we have many new discoveries and we need to focus on Patent Act. As seen on the Governor's speech, concentration is given on vegetables through PPV and FRAU which is much impressive. However, we also need to endorse our traditional garments as well otherwise other cultures might snatch them from us if we do not focus on this. It would also be appreciated if the Planning & Programme Implementation initiated awareness campaign to the people of Trademark Act because, being a small ethnic group, we can be suppressed by others.

I am really concern about the 80:20 sharing pattern which will no longer be applied. There are 66 schemes mentioned on this explanatory budget and the state is in much need of the scheme 56 "Support for Statistical Strengthening". Our statistics are not reliable and the state needs reliable statistics. Statistics are quite important for evaluating our economy and so will be of much appreciative if we are able to attain the Central Scheme 56.

Moving on to Disaster Management & Rehabilitation, it is pleasing to learn that the concerned Minister provided bundles of silpaulin to the members. The material is widely used particularly in rural areas for protection of any damage which may be brought by rains. So, I extend my appreciation to the minister.

Next is AH & Veterinary. One of the problems in my constituency relating to farming cattle is lack of grazing ground. Often a time, some uncontrolled cattle often devastated our plantations on which the major families engage in it. So, it would be appreciated if such cattle are kept apart to save our crops from destroying. Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte.

PU HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. I would like to start with Demand No.30, Disaster Management & Rehabilitation. We often face earthquakes and landslides which destroyed numbers of houses and even cost some life as a consequence. In this regard, I find the amount of ex-gratia given to the victim is insignificant and so should be raised.

Coming now to Demand No.34, AH & Veterinary, is an important department as it concern the welfare of the families who are engage in domesticating animals. Though the Govt. supply domestic animals through NLUP, the people in my constituency, especially of Serkawn - N. Hlimen are in distress due to financial problem of the Govt. for setting up Animal Dispensary and recruitment of VFA. It will be much appreciated if the hon. Minister look into this problem.

In regard Mobilization of taxes, Demand No. 8, Mizoram, being a poor state, we often have some new economic policies being laid down whenever a new ministry assumed the government like Garden Colony of P.C. Ministry, Jhum Control of MNF and NLUP of Congress most of which were not successful as expected. The Govt. has now increased the rate of land taxes from `2/- to ₹30/- as we our contribution at the same time increases from ₹300 lakhs last year to ₹600 lakhs this year. Thus, I support our Finance Minister for his decision on tax increase. It is also impressive that the MLA funds will be increased so that we may provide more helps to our respective constituency; and, I thank our Finance Minister in this regard. Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu K. Sangthuama.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. Regarding the Demand No.4, Law & Judicial, it is impressive that 159.34 lakhs is allotted for setting up Lok Ayukta and I hope that the plan is expedited.

In regard to Demand No. 8, it is difficult to expect a huge amount of tax collection in our state since our population is less. Yet, it is necessary for the hon. Fin. Minister to determine every possible source of tax. Since the major portion of our budget funds goes to the salary of the Govt. employees, I opine it is wise to impose more taxes on Govt. servants. At the same time, it is important for us to determine appropriate financial maintenance.

As mentioned by the previous member, it is quite important to have reliable statistics. For example, the statistic on Agriculture has increased a lot while the rice production is not.

In regard to Demand No. 30, Disaster Management & Rehabilitation, I would like to request the concerned Minister to determine means to raise compensation grants on houses; and, I would like to thank him for providing silpaulins to the members.

Regarding Demand No. 34, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary, despite hatchery machine being installed at Ramrikawn, the cost of eggs remain high and I asked myself what could be the reason. Apart from this, the area is suffused with unpleasant smell and mosquitoes which I opine should be attended by the concerned authority.

Our College at Selesih is under the Central Agriculture University and we have 4 Ph. D who could work in that college along with 4 others who are currently studying. We have only 5 Mizo lecturers out of the total of 60 and it would be appreciated if the Govt. pays attention to absorption of local persons. We are functioning under the Manipur University in which our experts having recognition of NET and Doctorate degrees hardly have any chance. So, I request our leaders to give their attention to this concern. The Govt. also needs to favor sons of the soil as in Nagaland and Meghalaya so that our people may have job opportunity. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Five Minutes left and is there anyone to speak?

PU LALTHANLIANA : Pu Dy. Speaker, I would like to start with Demand 4, Law & Judicial. We abstain ourselves on medical treatment and wages on every demands. The wages on Law & Judicial decreased by ₹23 lakhs and medical treatment by 74.21 lakhs during 2015-2016 where as ₹45.04 lakhs on Revised Estimate during 2016-2017 and ₹29.17 lakhs on Budget Estimate as well. I believe it would be of quite a problem to decrease the M.R.

In regard to Other Charges, the difference on our budget estimate this year with that of last year is ₹89,80,000/- and the difference on our Revised estimate and Budget Estimate is ₹1,08,74,000/-. So, I was wondering how the other charges is kept. In the case of Demand No. 8, Taxation, all heads excluding salaries are decreased and no new measure is seen under work programme.

Regarding DM & R, we face many disasters quite often and so would be appreciated if the state Govt. increases compensation grant. It is learned that sanction has already been issued for construction of drainage of Ramhlun Sports Complex and it would be appreciated if the work is started before rainy season.

In regard to AH & Veterinary, I was wondering what kind of machinery could be bought with fund provision of only ₹2014.43 lakhs. Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will take a break and the meeting will be resumed at 2:00 PM

2:00 PM

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Before we start the discussion, I have to inform the House that Pu K.S. Thanga and Pu K. Lalrinthanga are granted a leave of absence from the House due to family affairs. So far, 7 members have participated in the discussion and we have our Demands to be passed today. We will start our discussion with Pu H. Zothangliana.

PU H. ZOTHANGLIANA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. I would like to start with Demand No. 4, Law & Judicial. It is appreciating that construction of Judicial staff quarters and of District Court buildings at Lawngtlai are initiated with financial sanction of ₹654 lakhs and ₹800.65 lakhs respectively. Much as well, it is impressive

that there is a proposal for increase of tax which will double the amount of last year's tax. However, we should consider the case of Govt. employees under the Central Govt. who are all entitle the medical insurance scheme and are willingly contribute their tax. There is a recommendation for this system from certain members and so is important to proceed likewise for it will simplify the process of reimbursement of medical bills and will also be useful for availing credit facilities.

Next is Demand No. 30, DM & R. It is impressive that various development works are carried out by the department at several places including Ramhlun Sports Complex and we have also heard that our 2 MPs will contribute 15% each from RKVY on setting up model villages. It is also impressive that ₹5 crores is allotted to save Sangau and Lawngtlai field from landslides.

There are many things to be grateful for on Demand No. 34 and is appreciating to learn that pig farming village with a capacity of 200 pigs is recently opened at Thingsulthliah; a Veterinary Polyclinic is opened at Khatla with experts to attend animals which may have a complicate cases.

Apart from this, we have an old Veterinary farm at Mampui which is being renovated under this Ministry. Besides, we have also heard of a plan for setting up poultry hatchery process with ₹125 lakhs under the provision of the Indian Constitution Article 272(1) in which 60 pigs will be accommodated at Mampui under National Livelihood Mission. There are still many things to be grateful for but I will not take much time. So, I support the Demand for Grants of our 2 Ministers and I request all members to support it as well. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. It is pleasing to have the opportunity to discuss the demands of our Ministers, Pu Lalsawta and Pu C. Ngunlianchunga; I would like to start with Demand No. 4, law & Judicial.

It is impressive that we have taken measures for establishing Lok Ayukta and passed the bill. The 14th Finance Commission cannot grant us fund but we received ₹159.34 lakhs for this year's development. However, it seems that the Executive controls a lot of Judiciary. The law Department is an important department which deals with examining the Govt. rules but it seems that our lawyers wrote the Court

judgment. So, we need to be more careful and put more efforts in this regard. The building of Mizoram Law College is under construction and it would be appreciated if the work is expedited since laws play an important role in our lives as so around the world.

Taxation Department is a department which concerns all of us. We are hoping to receive ₹165 crore from sales tax and ₹60 crore from POL with a total of around ₹225 crore. While this is the case, we should also consider strengthening the department which is in short of staffs and so is important that the Finance Department consider recruiting more staffs.

In regard to Demand No. 9, it is known to us all that Public Sector Units were terminated as some LDCs were downgraded to IV grades, Group 'A' were also downgraded to stenographers; I was wondering if the Early Retirement Rules are in practice in dealing with such case. I also opine that the process of withdrawal of GPF should be simplified.

We have several societies which are funded by the Central Govt. as such funds are then deposited to the State Consolidated Accounts which usually takes a long time to release; so we need to look into this process for improvement.

In regard to Demand No.14, Planning & Programme Implementation Department, charge on the delay issue of birth certificate is now ₹1,000 which is a burden to the people. As mentioned by Pu R.L. Pianmawia, people who want to misuse the certificate will misuse it at any cost whether the charge is high or low. I am also concern about reliable statistics as the total number of BPL families as per the statistic of various departments is different from each others. In this regard, we need to know that our developments suffer if such statistics are not reliable.

Within this term, we have set up the Planning Board for the second time by including some leaders of the Church community as it members. Though I am not objecting the decision, I opine our economists should also be included. In the meeting of the 6th Schedule summoned by the Planning Department on 5.1.2016, the Rieng Development Area also is included in the list though it is not. This is distressing even if corrigendum is made and thus should not be repeated.

On Demand No.18, most of the state departments do not acquired stationery

items from the Printing & Stationery Department may be due to the quality which should be examined. We have an excellent press but we do not print even our ration cards. I opine we can downgrade ourselves if we do not let the department print whatever we have to print.

On Demand No. 30, DM & R, we all seem to know that STRF has proper guidelines but there are times when the guidelines are not followed. So, we need to follow in order to save ourselves from disasters. Besides, it would be much appreciated if tarpaulin is made available as so is silpaulin as it is widely used.

Next is the Veterinary Department. In regard to answer for the unstarred Question No.13, it is stated that more than ₹30,000 lakhs has already been received for implementation of NLUP under Veterinary department. While this is the case, progress is seen only on milk production as the cost of meats is increasing. So, the Govt. needs to put more efforts to this concern so that the general people received the profits as well.

Lastly, it is appreciating that the Veterinary department concern on mithun as well and it would be much appreciated if more efforts are made. Thank you.

PU T. SANGKUNGA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. I would like to start with Demand No. 14. As seen on our budget, it is impressive that ₹98.77 crore is funded on NLCPR and ₹122.64 crore on NEC. It would be appreciated if sanctions are released for construction of roads in the eastern part such as Tuichangral and Tuipuiral.

Thanks to the efforts of the department, we are also making a lot of progress on Taxation as our collections are increasing.

In regard to Veterinary Department, despite numbers of animals being distributed under NLUP, we do not have enough VFA and Veterinary Doctors to attend such animals as no vacant posts are filled. So, it will be of much appreciative if the Govt. considered recruiting more of such staffs.

Pu Dy. Speaker, we have a problem in my constituency as some cattle of the neighborhood often enter our farms due to lack of barbed wire fencing; we bought the material last year but is not enough due to increasing population of such cattle since

NLUP. So, I request the concerned department to provide our needs. Regarding Disaster Management, I opine the concerned staffs deserved credits for their services even after office hours.

Though the Planning Commission is coming to an end, we still are able to receive plan funds thanks to the efficiency of the former leaders of the Central Govt. who established the Planning Commission and Finance Commission. The Finance Commission will now stand through NITI Aayog and it is a relief that this excellent constitutional body will be leading us under NITI Aayog independently and without any political interference. Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to start from Demand No. 9, Finance Department. We can see from the statistics that there are 514 vacant posts in Group A, 4342 in Group B, 5097 in Group C and 2605 in Group D under Non-Plan which indicate 12558 vacant posts are there under non-plan at present. Apart from this, there are some under plan and CSS. (*Dr. K. Beichhua at the Speaker's chair.*) Totally there are 14449 vacant posts i.e. 22.6% of the total sanctioned posts. I regarded this as the economic measures taken by the Finance Minister. Meanwhile, there are some departments in which existed huge shortage of manpower. For example, we are having 5 Veterinary Hospitals, 35 dispensaries and 101 Nos. Rural Animal Health Centre where as there are 40 vacant posts of VFA and it creates huge problem. I request concerned Minister to kindly consider the case.

Relating to Veterinary Department, I would like to bring to the notice of the House that there is a huge potential of grazing ground at Zawlnghak. Besides, we have only one manufacturing unit of animal feed in Mizoram and this does not suffice our need. So, I suggest that another feed plant is set up at Champhai. Even now, the raw materials are acquired mostly from the Champhai side and the area therefore demanded a separate feeding plant and if approved may be done through NEC or NLCPR.

Under AH & Veterinary, we are having Artificial Insemination Centre at 20 places which seem to be less enough. I request the hon. Minister to kindly take note of this. Pu Dy. Speaker, we did not find in our budget regarding fund provision for grazing ground and barbed wire which are intensively needed in the eastern side. It

may therefore be appreciated if the case is considered. While oil palm, broom, rubber, etc are concentrated in the west, the eastern area focused mainly on horticulture and veterinary sector. As such, we need barbed wire to fence out the cattle from farm areas. I request the Hon. Minister to give more attentions to this concern.

We have witnessed failure in the former ministry with regard to piggery farm at Kawlkulh; maybe it is not an easy task to bring out achievement under Veterinary Department. For that reason, we could not achieve self-sufficient in meat production till today as most of the requirements is imported from outside.

Regarding Demand No. 4, Law & Judicial Department, Champhai District is often being neglected despite having the most legal cases. It is the same in other departments also for it is always difficult to avail funds for the eastern side.

CHAIRMAN : You have taken 6 minutes which is more than allotted.

PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : If so, let me conclude by saying that I support the demand.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA, CHAIRMAN: Pu Vanlalzawma, the Opposition Group Leader.

PU VANLALZAWMA : Pu Chairman, I would like to speak at the outset, regarding train entering our state for the first time. It reminds me of Brig. T. Sailo who initiative the plan. I regarded this as a new chapter for the state. Hopefully, this will eliminate major supply problems of Mizoram. I wish the route is continued up to Lawngtlai, the southern concern of our state.

Secondly, I would like to speak about Demand No. 4, Law & Judicial Department. I asked if Lok Adalat is weakened despite its important role in the past in resolving the conflict; I have even witnessed some disputes being resolved without bringing it before the court. As such is the case, I wish Lok Adalat could be strengthened in the future.

Regarding the Demand of Printing & Stationery Department, it seems more appropriate to determine privatizing the department rather than strengthening it with big machineries which incurred huge expenditures. Besides, it is a problem for the

Govt. to maintain printing press which now become obsolete with the coming of computer technology.

On Demand No. 30, I would like to express my gratitude for the works done by the Minister concerned; his efficiency is really noteworthy. Meanwhile, we the MLAs need more supply of silpauline materials and may be issued free of cost as it is done before.

Lastly, regarding Animal Husbandry & Veterinary, I used to mention in other sessions also that we Mizos have the natural expertise in animal husbandry for it is deeply attached to our tradition. However, we generally take it as a part time or additional activity. Pu Chairman, I strongly believe that this could be transform into as a successful occupation if more efforts are given with a full time engagement; I regarded this as to be more productive than jhumming cultivation. Thus, it is important to have more and more awareness about this. Besides, considering the present situation, production of animal feeds also needs to be increased. Thank you.

PU P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker for giving me the time.

As stated already, we have witnessed a new phase of development yesterday within my constituency. I would like to inform the House that we welcomed this new train service with prayers. I thank the hon. Minister of Disaster Management & Rehabilitation for providing us silpauline to rehabilitate the families living near the railway platform. I also appreciate his efforts to collect revenue through supply of silpauline also. We have also seen improvements in other departments like Animal Husbandry and I do appreciate.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I am overwhelmed to hear that we are having revenue surplus budget as I have never heard such kind of performance in my experience as a member of this House. I am deeply grateful to the Hon. Finance Minister for his achievement. There may be still something to criticize on the budget; yet, it is still a great budget for the state.

We have also seen the Economic Development Policy. This government is often being criticized as not being practical in its policy. However, we are witnessing the results in many ways. Here, ₹250 crore is again kept for the New Economic

Development Policy. I do believe that this policy will again serve for the development of the state.

I really appreciate the efforts of the Minister, Parliamentary Secretary, officials of Planning Department and the Hon. Chief Minister in preparing this budget. So, I support the demands for the Departments under the hon. Ministers, Pu Lalsawta and Pu C. Ngunlianchunga. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us now call upon Hon. Minister Pu Lalsawta, hon. Minister to wind up our discussion.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Deputy Speaker, 14 members have spoken in the discussion. (*Hon. Speaker's at the Chair*) There are some points which had already been mentioned yesterday.

Regarding GPF, we have made a window for Non-Refundable Withdrawal of GPF quarterly for 69 departments; ₹49 crore has been sanctioned for this quarter of January-March also. I suggest that the hon. MLAs should make recommendations as to whom it should be granted rather than simply arrange it at the official level. I would also like to request my fellow members to understand that the government is not sufficient to provide the desired amount. Therefore, recommendation of MLAs should be prioritized.

It is true that paying so many salaries from the Plan Fund seems inappropriate. Since our Plan Fund is used not only for salary but for other office managements which creates financial problems for the government.

As mentioned by Dr. K. Beichhua, we have made a huge expenditure on medical reimbursement. A new committee was set up under the leadership of the Chief Secretary to deal with such case so that the expenditure to that affect may be reduced.

Regarding funding pattern from the central government, it does not mean that schemes will be denied even if the state matching share is in the ration 80:20; it depends on the need of the state. If it is good for the state, it will be implemented even if the state matching share is higher.

Again regarding medical reimbursement, the central govt. employees are entitled on scale basis as mentioned by Pu H. Zothangliana. The same has been proposed for implementing in Mizoram as well.

With the changes in PSEs, some employees are offered retirement, some are also downgraded because the employees paid through consolidated fund of the state are graded higher; it has been done for their own welfare. Besides, all the terms and conditions are informed to them at the time of recruitment also.

Pu T. Sangkunga has pointed out regarding the evolution of NITI Aayog, Finance Commission and Planning Commission which is quite informative. The change in devolution of funds from central government, though it appears to be a little burdensome for the state, it may be better for us also. Previously, all the funds were given on rigid guidelines under particular schemes. Meanwhile, in this new devolution pattern, the states are given a new responsibility and freedom to use the funds for their state which certainly is a stepping stone for a real federalism.

Pu Speaker, 14449 Nos. vacant posts stated by Pu T.T. Zothansanga is correct. However, it is not our priority to fill up all the vacant posts as we determine developing private enterprises, companies, etc. which is deem important for development of the state. The government aims at creating a 'small government, big governance'; we give priority to the people not the government alone.

As stated by Pu T. Sangkunga, it is unfortunate that we often are too slow in providing utilization certificates and other information to the central Govt. Even if we formulate good programmes, the real credit goes to the government officials. So, I request the officials to be more sincere in dealing with their works.

As mentioned by Pu K. Sangthuama, we the Mizos do not hesitate to pay taxes even in the past. Looking back into our history also, we can see that we had paid high taxes; it is unlikely that the people would oppose collection of taxes.

Regarding Lok Ayukta, a bill is also set to be introduced in this session. It is our desire to have a very strong Lok Ayukta with authority to punish the wrongdoers whoever they are. Thus, it has been kept in the budget also. Pu Lalruatkima has claimed that the lawyer dictated court judgment; we have heard this kind of judgment. I must say that it is the most detestable kind of invasion of justice which may lead us into anarchy.

I am glad that Pu Zoram Sangliana had spoken about surplus budget. However, this surplus we have seen here is a revenue surplus, but not a fiscal surplus. Yet, it is still a great achievement of the government which is quite uncommon.

Pu Speaker, this budget is of estimate as it is named Budget Estimate (BE). There may be some shortcomings also and supplementary demands may be needed. The government has priorities and it will function based on that. We the Mizos have great potentials whereas even an uneducated person could be successful. We are trying to nurture that potential through the government schemes like NLUP as we now formulate the New Economic Development policy. This government has a great vision with proper priorities for development.

Pu Speaker, I would also like to speak about New Economic Development Policy as it is the Govt.'s flagship programme. This policy mainly aims at emancipation of the poor from the grips of poverty as so is called Mizoram Economic Exodus. It also aims at providing higher standard of living apart from setting them free from poverty. We are trying to give priority toward which could be benefitted by the state rather than distributing the funds in every department. ₹250 crore has been kept for this purpose covering the aspects like health care, education, building construction, road constructions, etc. by increasing our production. We aimed at providing job opportunities to those who are willing to work. It is also aimed at making more advance technologies available for the farmers as well by way of trainings, seminars, etc.

Pu Speaker, some sorts of misunderstanding may arise between the government and its officials. However, as they are the real workers and if they are efficient, the people will benefit from it. I, therefore, am happy to announce that the DA of government employees will be increased from 113% to 119% with effect from 1st April. It will also be paid in cash.

So, Pu Speaker, I beg this august House to pass the following demands of the hon. Minister:

Demand Nos.	Department	Budget Amount
Demand No. 4	Law & Judicial Department	₹27,92,61,000.00
Demand No. 8	Taxation Department	₹14,81,79,000.00
Demand No. 9	Finance Department	₹12,05,60,07,000.00
Demand No. 14	Planning & Programme Implementation	₹7,31,64,90,000.00
	TOTAL	₹19,79,99,37,000.00

SPEAKER : The Minister concerned has now begged this House to pass Demand Nos. 4, 8, 9 and 14 the total amounting to ₹19,79,99,37,000. Anyone who is in favor of passing may say, 'Aye' and those who oppose may say, 'Nay'. (The 'ayes' have it). I declared that it is passed.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Let us now give time to Pu C. Ngunlianchunga, hon. Minister to wind up the discussion on the demands under his concerned departments.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you for giving me the time to wind up the discussion of demands under my concerned departments.

Firstly, as mentioned by Pu Lalthanliana, the contents of Demand No. 34, page No. 376, Major Head 403, AH & Vety/DE 2016-2017 seem to be of a typing mistake; ₹2014.43 lakhs which appears as machinery cost may be incorrect. It seems to be the total amount of Non-Plan Fund and Plan Fund for Hospital & Dispensary.

12 members have spoken about AH & Veterinary Department out of which 5 members mentioned shortage of VFAs. What they say is true. It is the department with the highest number of beneficiaries under NLUP with 37074 Nos. Many of the RAH are lying unattended due to retirement and promotion of VFAs at the same time. However, it is very difficult to fill up the vacant posts due to financial problems.

Some members have also spoken about the needs for grazing grounds which happened to be the result of the success of NLUP. The need of fencing out the cattle arises due to increase of cattle in such areas which further indicates NLUP is successful. As of the demand for barbed wire, we already have provided. I have discussed the matter with chairman of NIB saying that we need to provide them through NLUP as there is no fund available from other sources. The government will try its best to resolve the problem which arises from the success of NLUP.

The Hon. MLA Pu K. Sangthuama has mentioned about the sanitation problems caused by Inbro Hatchery Farm at Ramrikawn which is run in collaboration with ZPDS. This could also be stated as the result of the success of NLUP as the said problem might have been brought by huge increase of chicken production. Anyway, we will look into the matter and necessary step will be taken as possible.

Regarding recruitment of staff at Central Agriculture University, Selesih, I would like to mention that we have made a DO letter to the Minister during his visit on 10.2.2015. We requested that the sons of the soil should be given priority in the process of recruitment of staff for this institution.

Regarding the question about the success of NLUP, we have seen many results. We have heard about problems created by increasing number of cattle from our own MLAs nowadays. Besides, we also have sufficient supply of pork in Aizawl city and also in my locality. All these are the positive results of NLUP. Besides, we are also now self-sufficient in milk production; the production is increasing highly that even MULCO could not absorb the entire production. There are many positive results to be seen if we wanted to.

There are some farmers who are not sincere enough in their work where as there are some who tries very hard to be successful. Besides NLUP, Pig Multiplication Centers are also run in different villages to increase production of piglets. Feed is given on subsidy to farmers who have more than five pigs; it is done through RKVY. We have also opined that import from outside also is gradually decreasing. Animal feed plant with a capacity of 1664 metric tons per month is under construction at Tanhril and is expected to be commissioned by 2016-2017. As mentioned by the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary, it will also be established in other places.

We have taken different initiatives to develop piggery. Some farms which are having low production were closed and some farms were upgraded. A new farm was opened which will house 200 pigs at Thingsulthliah under RKVY Scheme. Better quality breed will be imported and is expected to provide our needs. A piggery farm with a capacity of 60 pigs will be established at Mampui and also a hatchery farm as its contractors have already been selected. Moreover, 75 hectares of land is set to develop fodder production at Thenzawl. We are also introducing an easier method to produce animal feed which will provide higher quality animal feed at lower price.

Chaff cutters are provided to several beneficiaries of NLUP whereas milking machines has also been introduced at subsidized rate to the farmers. We imported 35 such machines and are given to four farmers till date. Poly-clinic hospital was inaugurated last month by the Hon. Chief Minister which will provide facilities like Ultrasound, endoscopy, etc. for animals. Besides, Epidemic Logical Centre has also

been set to be established in our state and a project worth ₹321 lakh is under process for this centre. The system of VFA institute at Lunglei is also changed; it is made a two years course for those having HSSLC qualification only. We expect that it will increase their potential also.

So far, 11 members have spoken about DM & R Department and most of them made a positive approach. Meanwhile, I would like to state that there is a central guideline regarding giving ex-gratis. It is beyond our authority to change it as per convenience. We have bought 860 bundles of iron sheet from SDRF fund. Family of totally damaged house by natural disaster will be given ₹1,01,900 plus 4 bundles of iron sheet for the reconstruction of their houses. It is not possible to increase the amount at the moment.

Regarding distribution of silpauline, it seems better to be provided for some amounts rather than giving it free of cost. We have made revenue of ₹20 lakh last year and ₹7 lakh till date this year. This will be an expenditure if it is provided free of cost. When we take a little money for silpauline, it means that the people are contributing for the state which is very important. We need to have sense of ownership in our mind for the state.

Lastly, regarding Printing and Stationery Department, we are now having more advanced machines with the efforts of the Hon. Meber, Pu Zoram Sangliana during his tenure as a Minister of this department in the previous Ministry.

Pu Speaker, Dr. K. Beichhua asked if this department itself purchased stationery item from the department itself. In this regard, I would like to highlight the amount of purchase made by various departments as follows:

1. Printing & Stationery Deptt.	-	₹31,81,928
2. Secretariat Administration Department	-	₹13,61,650
3. Health Department	-	₹4,00,559
4. Law & Judicial Department	-	₹3,64,263
5. Power & Electricity	-	₹3,57,913
6. Home Department	-	₹3,16,200
7. PHE Department	-	₹2,93,788
8. Election Department	-	₹2,30,510
9. Higher & Technical Education Department	-	₹1,82,373
10. Industry Department	-	₹1,69,996

11. Chief Minister Office	-	₹1,64,245
12. AH & Vety Department	-	₹1,35,485
13. School Education Department	-	₹1,32,988
14. PWD	-	₹1,26,996
15. Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs	-	₹1,12,358
16. Land Revenue & Settlement Department	-	₹98,560
17. Economic & Statistic Department	-	₹96,907
18. UD & PA	-	₹96,590
19. Fisheries Department	-	₹94,819
20. Mizoram Scholarship Board	-	₹93,556
21. Taxation Department	-	₹73,705
22. Rural Development Department	-	₹73,257
23. DC, Aizawl	-	₹71,138
24. Sports & Youth Services Department	-	₹68,095
25. Agriculture Department	-	₹66,440
26. Disaster Management & Rehabilitation	-	₹63,312
27. Local Administration Department	-	₹61,759
28. Trade & Commerce	-	₹60,357
29. Finance Department	-	₹52,705
30. Horticulture Department	-	₹46,770
31. Mizoram State Legal Services Authority	-	₹45,002
32. Social Welfare Department	-	₹29,426
33. General Administration Department	-	₹29,353
34. Governor Secretariat	-	₹29,126
35. Soil & Water Conservation Department	-	₹25,694
36. Institute of Finance and State Lottery	-	₹24,865
37. DC, Saiha	-	₹21,195
38. Excise & Narcotics Department	-	₹20,365
39. SCERT	-	₹19,727
40. Co-Operation Department	-	₹19,160
41. Sinlung Hills Development Council	-	₹15,530
42. Transport Department	-	₹15,249
43. Labour & Employment, Industrial Training Department	-	₹14,970
44. Accounts & Treasuries Department	-	₹12,705
45. Environment & Forest Department	-	₹6,734
46. Art & Culture Department	-	₹5,596
47. Irrigation Department	-	₹5,880

48. State Project Director (RMSA)	-	₹5,616
49. DC, Serchhip	-	₹3,100
50. Information & Public Relation Department	-	₹2,354
TOTAL	-	₹90,49,061

There are Departments which do not purchase from our Department such as: -

1. Tourism Department,
2. Sericulture Department,
3. Geology & Mineral Resources Department,
4. Planning & Programme Implementation Department,
5. Mizoram Legislative Assembly,
6. Mizoram Information & Commission Department,
7. Sainik Welfare & Resettlement Board
8. Mizoram Public Service Commission,

I hope these 9 departments will also purchase from us in the future. The revenue collected from Printing & Stationery Depot since January, 2016 is ₹82,71,562 from Aizawl, ₹4,18,420 from Lunglei and ₹35,907 from Saiha.

Several machines were purchased for Printing & Stationery Department and are operated by the efficient staffs. The revenue target for the department last year is ₹120 lakh and collected ₹1,96,43,753; we have made a surplus revenue of ₹69,43,753. We print different text books and newspapers to have more revenues; we have also laid stress on quality control and as a result, we have made much improvement. We also provide door delivery service to our customers. It is our wish that Mizoram Calendar and text books are printed by Printing & Stationery Department to increase revenue of the Govt.

With these, I will end my speech. So, Pu Speaker, I beg this House to pass the following demands under my concerned departments such as:

Demand Nos.	Department	Budget Amount
Demand No. 18	Printing & Stationery	₹14,34,47,000.00
Demand No. 30	Disaster Management & Rehabilitation	₹20,28,15,000.00
Demand No. 34	Animal Husbandry & Veterinary	₹77,95,76,000.00
	TOTAL	₹1,12,58,38,000.00

SPEAKER : The Minister concerned has now beg the House to pass Demand Nos. 18, 30 and 34, the total amounting to ₹1,12,58,38,000. Anyone who supports the demands may say, 'Aye' and those who oppose may say, 'Nay'. Since no member opposed to pass for it, I declared the Demands are passed.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker.

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

(Sitting is adjourned at 4:15 PM)