

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR EIGHTH SITTING ON THURSDAY, THE 24th 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.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

2. **PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA** to present to the House the Fourth Report of Committee on Public Undertakings on Action taken by the Government on the Recommendations contained in the First Report of Committee on Public Undertakings on the Report of C&AG of India for the year 2007-2008 & 2008-2009 Relating to Zoram Industrial Development Corporation (ZIDCO) under Industries Department.
3. **PU T. SANGKUNGA** to present to the House The Second Report of Subject Committee-II relating to Tlawva Small Hydel Project under Power & Electricity Department.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS

4. **PU ZODINTLUANGA**, Minister to submit to the Vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
5. **PU P.C. LALTHANLIANA**, Minister to submit to the Vote of the House various Demands under his charge.

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Secretary

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SPEAKER : Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you never will I forsake you".

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We will now take up starred Question No. 99. To ask the question, let us call Pu. P.C. Zoram Sangliana.

PU P.C ZORAM SANGLIANA: Pu Speaker, will the hon. Minister for Information Public Relations pleased to state -

- a) The facilities provided by the government for accredited journalists.
- b) If so, highlight of the detail facilities.
- c) Whether they avail the facilities allotted to them within the state and outside the state.
- d) Action taken against the problem submitted by MJA to the Govt.

SPEAKER : To answer the question, let us call the Hon. Minister, Pu Lal Thanzara

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer to hon. member, Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana are as follow: -

- a) There are various facilities available for accredited journalist.
- b) From journalist welfare fund grant-in-aid -
 - i) Death gratuity of ₹1,00,000/-; there is a proposal to up-grade the amount to ₹1,50,00 /-.
 - ii) From 2008, ₹10,00,000/- for journalists welfare fund has been allocated in the budget. Medical assistance is also provided.
 - iii) On their visit outside the state, they are entitled to "official on duty" as Govt. employees.
 - iv) Seats are allocated for journalist in Govt. function/national day.
 - v) Entry pass are given to them during election.
 - vi) Press tour is organized for accredited Journalist.
 - vii) Press accredited cards are given to them.
- c) Under the rules and regulation of Mizoram States, they are given the provision to lodge at Mizoram House as official on duty.
- d) Whatever grievances MJA have and if approached the Govt., actions are taken accordingly as per rules and regulations.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu. P.C Zoram Sangliana.

PU P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA: Pu. Speaker, it is pleasant to know the various privileges that the journalist have through the hon. Minister. Pu Speaker, it is unfortunate that there is only ₹170 lakhs fund allocation for broadcasting work programme of the Department i.e. Advertising & Publicity. During the year 2006 and 2007, there was fund allocation of 0.09%, now it is only 0.02%. Therefore, I would like to ask if the Hon. Minister could revise the fund allocation.

SPEAKER : Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. My question is - How many accredited Journalists are there? And what are the criteria for accredited Journalists?

SPEAKER : Let us call Hon. Minister, Pu Lal Thanzara to answer the questions.

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, In regard to the fund allocation for Advertising & Publicity as asked by the Hon. Member, Pu. P.C. Zoram Sangliana, we will try to increase in R.E. and we will instruct the departments who have not made fund allocation for advertising & Publicity, to do so. Pu Speaker, Chief Secretary has given instruction to various departments not to delay the advertisement bill.

As for Hon. member Pu Rinawma's question, I cannot give the exact number and criteria as I have not prepared for it. I will let you know at the earliest convenient.

SPEAKER : We will now move on to starred Question No. 100. Let us call Dr. K. Beichhua to ask the question.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon. Minister for School Education be pleased to state: - Whether the Govt. of Mizoram has laid down appropriate Act/Rules for Education Department?

SPEAKER : Let us call hon. Minister, Pu. H. Rohluna.

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer to Hon. member Dr. K. Beichhua's question is -

Yes, the Govt. of Mizoram has laid down appropriate Rules/Act for Education Department.

SPEAKER : Dr. K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, my Supplementary questions are as follows:

- i) Has Expert Committee submitted any report during this term?
- ii) With the recommendation of MLA, how many transfers had been made?
- iii) What are the steps taken by Govt. for Science and Mathematics?
- iv) How many schools are there without Science and Mathematics teacher?
- v) Does the Govt. control school fees of Deficit/Mission and Private Schools?

SPEAKER : Pu R.L. Pianmawia.

PU R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Whether the Govt. has Rules/Act that stated, only those who are willing should be appointed as Headmaster? If not, is there any proposal to make such Act/Rules?

SPEAKER : Now, we will call the hon. Minister to answer the questions.

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, to answer the questions of the hon. member, Dr. K. Beichhua, there are various actions which have been implemented by the Mizoram Education Reforms Commission where as there are certain programmes which have not been implemented due to constrain of fund.

In regard to transfer of teacher, there is no written recommendation but verbally. Due to shortage of teachers, verbal recommendation is made on transfer and posting.

As for Schools without Mathematics and Science teacher, one Science teacher each is allotted for 50 schools. Therefore, we have to submit permission for recruitment of minimum requirement. If DP & AR and Finance Department approved then our problem will be solved. There is 30% reservation for Mathematics and

Science as per Recruitment Rules. Coming to School fee, the Govt. fixed the ceiling for fee. As of now, all the Schools are complying with this order.

As for the question of the Hon. Member, Pu R.L. Pianmawia, there is a proposal to amend the Recruitment Rules as 50% promotion through seniority and 50% through Limited Departmental Exam. We believe this will improve in dealing with further promotion and erase the factor of decimation.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Dr. K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, the Hon. Minister stated that Computer Training Centre has been set up in 21st January. If so, how many students are there?

SPEAKER : Pu. T. Sangkunga.

PU T. SANGKUNGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. At our present status, we are bound to get into trouble in case of the demise or retirement of Headmaster. When proposal for promotion of Headmaster is applied at MPSC, ACR of the said person is furnished. Pu Speaker, in order to avoid delay issue of promotion order, there ought to be a declination. The Department should collect his ACR of at least 5 years so that if there is declination of the first name, they will be able to move to the next list instead of leaving the post vacant for a long period. It is not appropriate that the post is left vacant when there is a permission to fill up the post by DP & AR, Finance and Cabinet Ministers.

As Act and Rules are amended, I would like to ask if direct recruitment quota is allotted.

SPEAKER : Let us call Hon. Minister to answer the question.

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I will answer the question of Dr. K. Beichhua when the same question in starred question of Dr. K. Beichhua himself is coming out.

In regard to declination of Headmaster post as mentioned by Hon. Member, Pu. T. Sangkunga, even now, there are 76 Middle School teachers who are due for

promotion to Headmaster. However, 3 have retired during the process. It is not in our hands to stop them from declining the post as the rules permits declination.

As for the duration of the process, we have done significantly much faster. Regarding ACR, Vigilance Clearance takes time; we cannot insist MPSC to speed up the process as they have systematic procedure. I would like to request the Hon. Members to know that the department has done to the best of our ability.

In regard to Group-A promotion, the member who asked the question is with true knowledge of its procedure since he himself has reached the post of Secretary through promotion. Like I have said earlier, the department is working to the best of its ability to avoid delay of the process.

PU T. SANGKUNGA : Pu Speaker, we are promoted through Departmental exam; that is the reason that departmental exam provision should be provided.

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, amendment of Mizoram Education Services Rules is in process; thus, provision for Limited Departmental exam is in our mind.

SPEAKER : We will now move on to starred Question No. 101. Let us call Pu Lalrinliana Sailo to ask the question.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO: Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon. minister of Power & Electricity Department be pleased to state -

- a) If all MLA's are supplied the same Kilowatt of electricity;
- b) If there is any member who has not been given priority.

SPEAKER : Let us now call Hon. House Leader, the Minister in-charge to answer the question.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, answer to the question of the hon. member, Pu Lalrinliana Sailo is -

- a) All members are given the same Kilowatt.
- b) There is no member who is not given the priority.

SPEAKER : Any supplementary question? Pu Lalrinliana Sailo.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO: Pu Speaker, we are all aware that being the existing members, we should be prioritized. But lately, during my visit to Myanmar, my line was cut off and the power supply now is unsubstantial. Is there a way to improve the power supply? At the same time, I would like to ask when Sub-station of Khawhai be commissioned.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Supplementary question. I am not aware of any priority being given for I have not received any priority. I need clarification.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, there is rules and regulations in the distribution of power supply to consumers. As per service connection, power supply is taken from the nearest pole. In case of special service connection with extra charge, power supply is taken from further poles. In Aizawl we have 201 such consumers. This is our procedure, Pu Speaker.

Among the North-East states, we receive the best power supply; yet, there are times when there is power failure. If we look at big city like Delhi, every shop has its own generator in case of power failure. They accept what the Govt. affords to supply. Here, we grumble; but they don't grumble but accept what the Govt. is able to provide. As for Khawhai Sub-station, the hon. member will be more informed of its present status than I am.

SPEAKER : We will move on to starred Question No. 102. Let us call hon. member, Pu Vanlalzawma to ask the question.

PU VANLALZAWMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon. Minister of General Administration Department be pleased to state -

- a) If there is any proposal to renovate Mizoram House of Delhi, Kolkata, Guwahati and Silchar;
- b) If so, the amount of fund allocation for Mizoram House at various places.

SPEAKER : Let us call House Leader, the hon. Chief Minister to answer the question.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, answer to the questions of the hon. member are: -

- a) It is the on-going proposal to renovate Mizoram House Kolkata, Delhi, Silchar and Guwahati.
- b) Fund allocations for the repair and renovation of Mizoram House at various places are as follows -
 - i) New Delhi - ₹80.00 lakhs (transferred to PWD)
 - ii) Kolkata - ₹84 lakhs (transferred to PWD)
 - iii) Guwahati - ₹15.00 lakhs.
 - iv) Silchar - ₹15.00 lakhs.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question; Pu Vanlalzawma.

PU VANLALZAWMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. My question is: If there are any criteria, guideline for recruitment of the House employee. Also, if there is any guideline as to how families of VIP will be received.

SPEAKER : Let us call hon. House Leader to answer the question.

PU LALTHANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, officials such as President Commissioner, Joint Resident Commissioner and Deputy Resident Commissioner are appointed as per rules and seniority.

As for clerical staff, we cannot go perfectly by rules and regulation. There are times when we have to go by need base.

For the information of the House, I forgot to mention that for Shillong Mizoram House, allotment is ₹4 lakhs. Pu Speaker, near NEIGRIHMS, Meghalaya Govt. has given us a plot. We have submitted the building project for ₹200 lakhs to NEC.

In Bombay, we have Lodge for Cancer patient near TATA hospital. It is not for official but only for Cancer patient. However, we have land site at Navi, Mumbai. Agreement has been made with local contractors, M/S US Roofs for the construction. Due to financial constrain, we will divide the contract work floor by floor to the contractors.

In Bangalore, knowing the need to have Mizoram House, I approached their Chief Minister, B.S. Yeddyurappa for land site; he gave us land site at prime locality. I visited the site and found another vacant land adjacent to it; with additional amount of 30 lakhs, we have been given the vacant land as well. Pu Speaker, we have land site for Mizoram House in Imphal and Churachandpur as well.

SPEAKER : Pu Vanlalzawma.

PU VANLALZAWMA : Pu Speaker, the hon. Minister has not given answer to my second question. And, I would like to suggest that in posting officers at Mizoram House, It would be preferable if a person who is adequate with public relation be chosen.

SPEAKER : Let us call the hon. Chief Minister.

PU LALTHANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, there is no guideline for accommodation of VIP families. It depends on the official judgment and courtesy.

SPEAKER : We will move on to starred Question No. 103. Let us call hon. member, Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, will the hon. Education Minister be pleased to state: -

- a) Nos. of beneficiaries and Govt. Aided Primary, Middle, High school and Higher Secondary schools.
- b) If there is any proposal to review the present school timing.

SPEAKER : Let us call hon. Education Minister to answer the questions.

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, answer to the question of hon. member are as follow: -

- a) There are 2794 aided Schools.
- b) There is no such proposal. However, if needed, it shall be reviewed as per 'State level study group on school timing report'.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, my question is as per rules of National curriculum framework, 2015 (chapter 4), there is guideline for School time.

Thus, do the present school timing incorporate with the criteria?

- i) Pu Speaker, If the Govt. is aware of the problem face due to long distant location of schools such as, when a student has to walk few kilometers from one locality to another.
- ii) How far has the Education Reforms Commission reports been implemented?
- iii) If appointment being given to those teachers recruit through MPSC.

SPEAKER : Let Pu Rinawma asks his questions; then we will call the hon. Minister to answer it.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. My question is - Due to early timing of schools, children are unable to have proper meal in the morning. Thus, if there is any proposal to review their health status?

SPEAKER : Let us call hon. Minister to answer the questions.

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: First of all, Pu Speaker, school timing is shifted not to resolve traffic jam. Secondly, School Management Committee cannot function as per National Curriculum frame work. Education is in concurrent list and State Govt. thus may function as it suit best for the State.

To take care of those children who do not have school in their localities, State/District level committee has been constituted under the Secretary of School Education. Committee has been organized with State Transport and Town Bus owners. Steps will be taken by the committee.

In regard to implementation of Mizoram Education Reforms commission reports, like I have mentioned earlier, administration reforms where fund allocation is not required, have been fulfilled. We have a booklet of the reforms that have been implemented, I will try and distribute to all the hon. members. I may also be noted that School teachers recruited through MPSC are all posted to their post.

As for the question of hon. member Pu Rinawma, State and District level

study group have been constituted and questionnaires have been given out. We have not taken a detail study as of now due to time constrain; it is only the first session. We cannot expect everything to be in place during the first session. Pu Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER : Question hour is over. We have two papers to present. Now, let us call Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma, to present to the House, "The First Report of Committee on Public Undertakings on the Report of C & AG of India for the year 2007 - 2008 & 2008 - 2009".

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA: Pu Speaker, thank you. With your permission and of the House, I present to the House, the fourth Report of Committee on Public Undertakings on action taken by the Government on the Recommendation contained in the first report of committee on Public Undertakings on the Report of C & AG of India for the year 2007-2008 & 2008-2009 relating to Zoram Industrial development corporation (ZIDCO) under Industries Department.

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. Now we will call Pu T.Sangkunga, the hon. member to present the Report of the Subject Committee-II and the second Report of the Subject Committee - II relating Tlawva small Hydel Project.

PU T. SANGKUNGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. With your permission and of the House, I present to the House, "The Second Report of Subject Committee - II relating to Tlawva small Hydel Project under Power & Electricity Department". Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. For the information of the House, hon. member, Pu S. Laldingliana is granted leave of absence due to family affairs.

We will now move to financial business. We will call hon. Minister, Pu Zodintluanga to submit Demand No. 22, 25 and 46.

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: On the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, Mr. Speaker, Sir, I move the Demand Nos. 22, 25 and 46 for ₹3,83,33,82,000/- only for meeting expenses during 2016-2017 in respect of the following departments:

Demand Nos.	Department	Budget Amount
Demand No. 22	Sports & Youth Services	₹16,94,43,000.00
Demand No. 25	PHE	₹1,86,36,74,000.00
Demand No. 46	UD & PA	₹1,80,02,65,000.00
Total		₹3,83,33,82,000.00

Thank you, Sir.

SPEAKER : We will now call Pu P.C. Lalthanliana to submit his Demand No. 19, 29 and 32.

PU P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER: On the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, Mr. Speaker, Sir, I move the Demand Nos. 19, 29 and 32 for ₹2,16,11,56,00/- only for meeting expenses during 2016 - 2017 in respect of the following departments: -

Demand Nos.	Department	Budget Amount
Demand No. 19	Local Administration	₹13,79,61,000.00
Demand No. 22	Social Welfare	₹1,31,40,47,000.00
Demand No. 32	Horticulture	₹70, 91,48,000.00
Total		₹2,16,11,56,000.00

Thank you, Sir.

SPEAKER : We will start the discussion. For information of the House, the hon. Parliamentary Affairs Minister, Pu R. Romawia is granted leave of absence before discussion.

PU J.H. ROTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I don't usually speak in the House. However, today looking at the performance of the hon. Ministers in my constituency, it is in appropriate to sit silently.

First of all, I would like to thank the hon. Sport Minister for construction of Sports Complex at Champhai Zotlang. I believe it will be the largest Sport Complex in the State.

Pu Speaker, in Jail veng, Champhai, we have another field which is under

developed; we have begun the project with my MLA fund. I request the hon. Minister to please take note of this as well. There is huge development in Sport which is remarkable.

On PHE, many people visited Kelkang last year as known to us all. Pu Speaker, Champhai is the only source of water supply for Kelkang, thus scarcity of water is intensive. However, arrangement has been made by the hon. Minister, Pu Lal Thanzara and PHE department have taken steps in time. Thus, for the information of the House, the people of Kelkang are very pleased and appreciate the steps taken.

At the same time, Pu Speaker, I would like to ask when Tlangsam Polytechnic will be occupied.

The people of Mizoram benefitted greatly from LAD Department as well. In various parts of Mizoram, works such as repairing of culvert, hall repair, and construction of steps have been distributed. It seems that the distribution of these works will be stopped. Thus, I suggest its continuation as it will prove beneficial for the entire state. I would also like to request that the Department may prioritize water supply to Home in Champhai. Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Thank you. Who is next? If there is no one, shall I call the hon. Minister to wind up the discussion? Pu T. Sangkunga.

PU T. SANGKUNGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. First of all, I would like to speak about Sports & Youth Services department. This is the Department where I was promoted to Under Secretary, Deputy Secretary and then Joint Secretary. If I look back in the past ten years, I remembered our wished to have at least one turf covered playground. But, as of now, we have 2 hockey playgrounds and 4 football grounds. In fact, achievements of the hon. Minister and the officials are commendable. I opine the department deserves to be awarded extra fund allocation in addition to the demands for various achievements which have been acquired.

Coming to PHE, I have been posted once in this Department as well. Developments in this Department were quite stagnant. But now, if we travel to rural areas, the wells are no longer crowded as before. I am grateful that we now have sufficient water which is the most required substance for human being. Therefore, this Demand deserved to be supported by all members.

Demand No. 32 Horticulture. I will add myself again as I was here in this Department as well, as Addl. Secretary and Secretary till pension. It is an important Department and its achievement is commendable.

At the same time, I would like to suggest that the Department should take further steps in plantation of Nimbu, which is the source of Vitamin C, Papaya, the source of Vitamin A and banana. I give my support to the Demands of the hon. Ministers. Thank you.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, before I speak about the Demands, few words in regard to House Committee. Pu Deputy Speaker, on behalf of the House Committee, we would like to express that the officials who are on duty during Committee or Spot Visit are negligent of their duties; they are unaware of their duties and inactive. Therefore, in future, the officers should take note of this and they should be more active in their duties and co-operate with the Committee.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : It is true. We should remember that the function of the House Committee is much important as it concern development of the State. But, there is one point I would like to clarify; the reports of Committee and the findings of spot visit are confidential unless and until the reports are laid in the table of the House. Thus, it is not correct that media gets the first hand before the report is presented in the House.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, without doubt, there is huge development in Sport & Youth Services. There is still more rooms for development as we have talent which could be showcase in world level. I would also like to thank for Dinthar Sport Academy of Sairang. Pu Deputy Speaker, I will not discuss much except for giving thanks in regard to Sports.

Moving on to Demand No. 25, PHE, I am grateful that there is development in this Department as well. The water supplies have also been up to the mark. It is pleasing to note that we are receiving water regularly. At the same time, I would like to request hon. Minister to please take note that water supplies to the areas like Sairang Dinthar, Sihmui, Phunchawng, Rangvamual, Sakawrtuichhun, PTC Lungverh, Tanhril, Tuivamit need to be improved. Then, I would also like to request that in order to have accurate water bill, spoiled water meter should be replaced immediately.

Demand No. 46, UD & PA and PHE Department are interlinked to one another. I would like to request the hon. Minister to clarify if the pipelines which have been laid will be connected to the main tanky of PHE. There are so many points to be thankful for. Thus, I would like to thank for all the developments, especially for the water supplies.

Demand No. 19 LAD. In regard to VC enumeration, I am not sure of what the Govt. proposal is, but I would like to request if VC enumeration could be increased. Pu Deputy Speaker, I would also like to ask if there is any proposal for enhancement of VC power; it will be pleased if the hon. Minister could clarify it later. In regard to work component of NREGA, 80% is official and 20% is share of VC. I would like to suggest increasing the share of VC as it is way too less than the official.

Demand No. 29, Social Welfare. I would like to request the hon. Minister to clarify later why the Department has stopped provisions of public used utensils to MLA's and NGO's. The Department has taken huge steps in regards to handicapped persons. I request if the hon. Minister could give the on-going projects and plans of the Department in regard to handicapped.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I have raised a question if there is any working blind person and the answer was 'No'. I feel that the Department should take step in this regard as we see in other states, blind persons work daily to earn their livings as well.

Demand No. 32, Horticulture. It is one of the most important Departments in our State as the Govt. also is aware of its importance. There is a suggestion I would like to make regarding various seeds and saplings like Pineapples, banana are distributed by this Department. However, it is unfortunate that the saplings supplied are inferior, thus, resulting into unsuccessful plantation. Therefore, the hon. Minister should adopt other system of receiving supply of seeds and saplings to maintain high quality supply of seeds and saplings. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pi Vanlalawmpuii Chawngthu.

PI VANLALAWMPUII CHAWNGTHU: Pu Speaker, thank you. Demand No.22, Sport & Youth Services Department. Mizoram has moved forward tremendously in Sport & Youth Services. Today, we will not be able to highlight all the developments in detail. I would like to thank the hon. Minister for the various developments in my

constituency under this Department. It is unbelievable that we are able to host I-League football matches in our State. These are all due to able Minister and the reliable Govt. I thank the hon. Minister for that.

Demand No. 25, PHE Department. First, I would like to thank for Biate water supply scheme. As MLA of the constituency, it is worth listening to the voice of the village people, their joy and appreciation for the water supply scheme. And, I thank for the proposal made for new tanky at Keitum. Pu Deputy Speaker, the various on-going projects are commendable as well.

Please understand me Pu Deputy Speaker; in Demand No. 22, Sports & Youth Services, I forgot to mention that the fund allocation for this Department is too less; I request if there could be additional fund allocation this department.

Demand No. 29, Social Welfare. The department works for the under privilege. I would like to thank for ICDS office building of Lungdar and the various repairing work of Anganwadi building in my constituency. The Department has done a tremendous work in the supply of nutrition non-stop.

Demand No. 32, Horticulture. It is fortunate that tanky has been constructed at various Districts for farmers. Coming to my constituency, Hrangturzo, I would like to ask if step could be taken on plantation of orange and avocado as the climate is quite suitable for these fruits. Moreover, these fruits are rich source of Vitamins as mentioned by hon. member, Pu. T. Sangkunga. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I give my support to passing of these Demands. Thank you.

PU LALROBIAKA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you for allotting me time to speak on the Demands of the two important departments.

First of all, there are lots to be spoken of the Demand No. 22 of the hon. Minister, Pu Zodintluanga which concern Sport & Youth Services Department. It is a privilege that we have a Chief Minister who shows keen interest in Sport and a Sport Minister who is able and active. It is commendable the way progress is leaping in Youth Services. 10 years back, it was a dream to be able to participate in the Olympic, but now, it seems that we will be having participant for Brazil Olympic. It is worth giving thanks to the hon. Minister and Chief Minister. While this is the case, Pu Deputy Speaker, I want to highlight that the budget allocation for Youth Services is

quite less; I am wondering how the department will handle itself with such little fund.

There is one more point I would like to mention. Our Youth are beginning to enter various forces through combined defense NCC. I would suggest that fund allocation should be increased so that the achievement rate will grow higher.

Pu Deputy Speaker, we submit Mini Sport Complex project to NEC for my Constituency last year, but unfortunately it was among the project that are not retained. I, therefore, request the hon. Minister and the officials to assist us with the project.

Demand No. 25 PHE. As Phaileng water supply scheme was about to be commissioned, monsoon rain damaged the dam. We approach DM & R for repairing fund on which 7 lakhs is being sanctioned. With additional fund of 2 lakhs from MLA fund, the repairing work is at the Verge of Completion and we expect the hon. Minister to inaugurate the Commission very soon.

UD & PA, Demand No. 46. Housing for Urban Poor is worth mentioning. Due to capable Minister, we are able to have this project. But we should be careful with the allotment that only those who are truly entitled should be allotted.

Demand No. 19, Local Administration Department. It is unfortunate that there is no longer the provision for housing loan, step construction etc. in the budget. In rural areas, it is one of the most important projects the people are looking forward to. I would, therefore request in future if it is possible to add the provision. LAD is an important Department which concern rural areas. In regard to solar lamp, I request the concerned authority to give direction to VCPs as to where it should be installed. Or else, there is one particular VCP who installed two solar lamps near his house.

Demand No. 29, Social Welfare. There are so many points to be spoken of in Social Welfare Department since the department concern for taking care of a person before and after birth till old age. I would like to thank that in my constituency, we benefitted the supply of nutrition, 18 Nos. Anganwadi Centers being allotted in my Constituency and also for rain water harvesting tank. Pu Deputy Speaker, hearing aids have not be been distributed lately despite the fact that the rural people benefitted tremendously and it is regarded as a significant part of Social welfare Department. I would also like to request the concerned authority if old age pension could be distributed.

Demand No. 32 Horticulture. It is an important Department which introduced various fruits and vegetables. What I would like to suggest is that, if the department could concentrate on a particular area where certain crops could be planted according to its climatic condition and requirements. I opine this will help in the drive for self-sufficiency. Thus, I give my support to the demands of the four hon. Ministers. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Dr. Ngurdingliana.

Dr. NGURDINGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, Sir. Thank you.

On Demand No. 22, Sports & Youth Services Department, we are without doubt, aware of the huge development in Sports & Youth Services Department; the achievement has gone beyond our state as it has reached the national level with our youth, having infrastructure and equipments in various discipline of Sports. We are fortunate to have hon. Chief Minister, Pu Lal Thanhawla and a Minister who give utmost priority in sport; it seems all other parties accept that they are the top leaders in sports. I am glad that programme work scheduled has been set up. Not just infrastructure, but mental and physical growth is one of the most essential parts of growth we are watching with anticipation.

On Demand No. 25, PHE, the Department is efficient and certain of what its mission is. It does not categorize our state by constituency or District; it reached out to the remote areas such as Tuipang to Kawrtha etc. as the Department project covers the whole state. The department project is benefitted by everyone; I have witnessed with my own eyes and truly grateful. I admire the step taken on preservation of water sources. The Department joined hands with NGO and functions are organized. It is desirable if the Department keep up the on-going steps taken.

In Lunglei, training for Laboratory Water Test was organized. I would suggest if such training could be organized in various rural places. In regard to sanitation, it is impressive that project of construction of latrine is taken up in rural areas. I would like to suggest that engineers should guide the builders as the builders are in hurry leaving the work sub-standard.

Demand No. 46, UD & PA, if we look at the budget and the New Economic Development Policy, huge sum have been allocated to this department, great factors

lies in the development of various District through this Department as so is the Vision for Aizawl as Smart city. It is important that they co-ordinate with PHE, P & E and SIPMIU. Pu Deputy Speaker, if you could give me few minutes if additional time.

In Horticulture, I would like to thank for the Construction of University at Thenzawl and Selesih. In LAD, I suggest if additional responsibility is bestowed upon Panchayati Raj and V/C. (**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : *You time is up.*) Pu Deputy Speaker, few words in Social Welfare. The work of social welfare Department is commendable. I, therefore, request authorities to approve whatever projects that the Department has taken up.

Lastly I give my support to the Demands of the hon. Pu. Zodintluanga and Pu P.C. Lalthanliana. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu. K.S. Thanga.

Pu. K.S. THANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, Thank you. There is so much to be discussed in the demands of the two hon. Minister, Pu Zodintluanga and Pu. P.C Lalthanliana. However, tonight every one of us would like to attend church service since it is the eve of Good Friday.

I would first have to speak about the demand of the hon. Sports Minister. In demand for grant 2016 - 2017, we were unable to allot enough funds to this department. However, our Sports Minister fitted perfectly with the present generation of youth. We are at the golden era of sports and our achievements on sports Minister is commendable. I would like to congratulate the hon. Minister on all the achievements. Pu Speaker, in sports alone, there is so much to be mentioned. I believe deep in my heart that God is up lifting this tribe.

On PHE, it is worth mentioning that we are now sufficient in water supply. It is again praise worthy that the hon. Minister is able to management without huge additional fund allocation.

I would like to thank for the steps taken by SIPMIU. Pu Deputy Speaker, Aizawl South-III Constituency, despite within Aizawl district has 23 Villages. Thus, the problem of water is intensive as in other rural areas. So, I request the hon. Minister to look into the situation. However, I would like to thank the hon. Minister

for the project of water pump from Tuirivang to Aibawk which has been taken successfully.

On the Demand of UD & PA, it is a privilege that this Department is under the same Minister. The department concern sanitation of the city and thus necessary to prioritize sanitation so as to attract more tourists and visitors. I would like to suggest that the hon. Minister to give more efforts in this regards.

Under LAD Minister, there are many points to be mentioned, but I will not go in length for only few minutes left.

In the previous ministry, Pu Deputy Speaker, I have taken the charge of Horticulture and the department thus among my priority. It is worth mentioning that we will be having Horticulture University in Thenzawl and Center of Excellent Horticulture at Thiak. Pu Deputy Speaker, as the Central Horticulture Minister Visited Mizoram, he stated that Mizoram should concentrate on processing ginger and turmeric power as there is vast potential for huge production with modern technology. Thus, I request the hon. Minister to please note of this; and, I give my support to the demands of the two hon. Ministers. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu. John Siamkunga and Er. Lalrinawma raised their hands. However, since morning session is over, we will have lunch break. Meeting will be resumed at 2:00 pm.

2:00 P.M

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will continue with our discussion. 7 members have spoken in the morning session and 2 members have raised their hands. Now let us call Pu John Siamkunga first.

PU JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, today we are discussing the Demands of two Ministers which covers 6 departments with fund allocation of merely ₹5994 lakhs. So, it will be difficult for me to accommodate within 10 minutes for 6 departments.

First of all, I would like to speak about Demand No. 22, Sports & Youth

Services Department. The Department, with vision 2016 is making intensive efforts which brought us Astro-turf fields in various parts of Mizoram. Because of the steps taken by the Department, the youth are able to participate and become national level players in hockey, football, martial arts and taekwondo.

What I would like to highlight is, in the recent India vs. Iran World Cup football qualifier match, our very own Jeje Lalpekhlua, the Indian captain is from Hnahthial, my constituency. Besides, Jeje, we have five other national football players from my constituency which indicates most of the youth in my constituency are concentrating in football. Thus, I request this able government to provide a qualified field in my Constituency; I know steps have been taken, but I urge the government to take speedy steps. Pu Speaker, I am also proud to mention that Lalruatfeli of India's World Cup Olympic Hockey team also is from my Constituency, South Lungleng. I will stop at this point in Sports.

On the Demand of PHE Department, there is huge development in this Department under this Ministry; water storage tanky and water pump are installed in various parts of the state. In my constituency, two large tanks have been installed at S. Chawngtui which brings sufficient supply of water to Hnahthial and the surrounding villages. In fact, Pu Deputy Speaker, Hnahthial is more sufficient than Aizawl in water supply. Today, I received SMS from the Executive Engineer of PHE that trial run of water pump at Cherhlun is successfully conducted. I thank the hon. Minister for all the developments in my constituency. I would also like to thank for the work programme under Swachh Bharat under which 10,000 unit/household have latrine with construction of solid/liquid waste management of 40 Units and 20 Nos. community sanitary latrines. I also thank for the steps taken for water pump of Darzo Lungphun.

On Demand No. 46, UD & PA, there is a fund allocation of ₹20 Crores 68 Lakhs with 15 crores basic grant for Urban Local Bodies. It is worth mentioning that we are granted the fund allocation from the 14th Finance Commission to UD & PA; it is expected that we will benefit enormously from the funds allocation. Likewise, we have allocation of ₹400 lakhs under AMC; I believe huge steps will be taken for solid waste and sanitation management from this provision. Pu Deputy Speaker, I would also like to thank for the fund allocation for common cemetery and for the steps taken under NLUP by UD & PA. There are 3320 beneficiaries with work programme of ₹1,285 lakhs.

Few words on LAD, I thank the fund allocation of ₹46 lakhs for the repairs and construction of Gram Panchayat building. LAD has done a marvelous work in installing street lamps in rural area. I would like to make a suggestion that the fund allocation for VC should be reviewed. Yet, there is no fund allocation in the 14th Finance Commission. Pu Deputy Speaker, I also thank for the fund allocation of ₹59 lakhs for capacity building and training.

On the Demand of Social Welfare, it is pleasing to note that ₹10 lakhs has been allocated for Protective Home; the Department has done well in looking after Homes. It is also commendable on the steps taken for Women Empowerment programme. *(Deputy Speaker : Your time is up.)*

Lastly, I would like to request Social Welfare if it is possible to take up the crèche building centre. I give my support to the Demands of the two hon. Ministers. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. Today, we are discussing the Demands of the two hon. Ministers. This year, there is a decrease in the fund allocation to the Demand of the hon. Minister, Pu Zodintluanga by 45 crores, which means 10.5% less in demand for grant. The same goes for the hon. Minister, Pu P.C. Lalthanliana by 14.11%.

First of all, I would like to speak about Demand No. 25. I do not have much to speak about on the demand except to give thanks to the hon. Minister for water supply at Khawbel, Tanky at Vancheng and water pump at Thinglian.

On Demand No. 19, as we are aware, there is no fund allocation for VC in the 14th Finance Commission. However, as per Mizoram State Finance Commission report, we have been approved 15% of state own tax and 5% of excise duty will be awarded to VC. Thus, as per Finance Commission report, the total fund for local bodies would be ₹5,183 lakhs. But as per Finance Commission report for the year 2016 – 2017, ₹2,180 lakhs will be kept in non-plan revenue expenditure which indicate ₹927 lakhs decrease.

Pu Deputy Speaker, Page 124 of the Finance Commission report indicates that

we are not utilizing VC to its purpose. Thus, I suggest that we should take adequate measure to ensure the responsibilities and position of VC is put to function accordingly. According to operational guideline, 2013 of MNREGA, it is clearly stated that 'The responsible is for the following activities, executing works that shall meet the required technical standard measurement.'

As per MNREGA, State Employment Guarantee Council meeting material component for DRDA is 40%, BDO 40% and VEC 20%. Despite shortage of fund for VC, we are further stripping their responsibilities. Thus, revision should be made.

On Demand No. 32, Horticulture, hon. member from South-III spoke about ginger; even I am concern about ginger. We have Bangladesh and Burma as our border; it seems we are not utilizing our opportunity of being in foreign borders. In fact, Bangladesh is one of the five highest buyers of ginger in the International market from India. Thus, we need to have proper market survey. If that is the case, Pu Deputy Speaker, we need to put more efforts in regard to Horticulture.

On Social welfare, it is difficult to attain disable certificate in rural area. So, I would like to request authority to simplify the method of receiving disable certificate so that disable scheme will cover larger number of disables in rural area.

Lastly, I would like to apologize for not mentioning numbers of important demands due to limit of time. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu. T.T. Zothansanga.

PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. First of all, I would like to speak about PHE Department. This morning, I have seen 24 Nos. advertisement of supply truck of clean drinking water. What I would like to point out in this regard is that whether PHE Department conducted screening for such water supply truck and if the Department involved in it. I request the hon. Minister to take note of this.

I thank hon. Minister for water pump of Mamte Lui but of Murlen to Hnahlan water supply is not clean and unsuitable for drinking. I approached SE of PHE and he informed me that it can be purified by filtering with ₹10 lakhs. I request the hon. Minister to please take note of this.

In Champhai, water sources are drying up every year with 5-7%. It seems that there is a need for proper co-ordination between Forest Department and PHE Department. Pu Dy. Speaker, it may also be noted by the concerned hon. minister that we are looking forward for having the office building of UD & PA in Champhai as we already has a land site for this purpose. Also, the department is functioning under MCS officer of Asst. Director's rank. It is our wish that at least the rank of Deputy Director be put as the head of Department.

Pu Deputy Speaker, Champhai, being categorized as Urban, I would like to know when we will receive the facilities of Urban. I request the hon. Minister to please take note of this as well.

Again, at Champhai, we do not have Auditorium and I have even spoken to the hon. Chief Minister of this need. We are submitting the concept papers and I would like to make a request to kindly approve the proposal.

Pu Dy. Speaker, since migration from rural to urban is the agenda of the present world, I opine we need to have confirmed Govt. employees like Town Planner and J.E.

In the previous term, we were allotted with provisions for construction of 450 houses for under privileged. Will that programme be implemented again in this term?

In Sports, Pu Deputy Speaker, we are very grateful that full fledged tracking field has been constructed in Champhai. I would like to request the hon. Minister if he could let us know the tentative date of completion.

On Horticulture, I would like to request the hon. Horticulture Minister at the outset to visit Hnahlan since Grape become an important factor in Horticulture and we are proud as a constituency, to be successful grape producers. So far, around 6000-8000 quintals of grape is harvested. Instead of hearing such success story from my report, it would be more appropriate if he personally hears from the farmers themselves.

Horticulture plays vital role in our state as 70% population earn their livelihood through land based activities. In NLUP as well, 23,886 families chose horticulture related trade knowing that the previous ministry declared self-sufficient

within 3 years through this Department. Link road is quite an important factor for development of horticulture but our farmers often have a problem due to lack of link road. While this is the case, only ₹150 lakhs is allotted for the said despite the increasing need. So, I suggest we excavate link roads as much as possible from NLUP fund for this shortage will always be the drawback of the Horticulture Department. I believe this problem can also be solved through RKVY and PMKSY.

Lastly, I would like to suggest continuing supply of wheelchairs to the differently able people as well as provision for supply of utensils to NGOs particularly of rural areas. I gladly support the Demands of the 2 hon. Ministers which has been discussed today.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana.

PU P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA: Pu Dy. Speaker, to start with, the demands of the hon. minister, Pu Zodintluanga, Sports & Youth Services department. The department is making a lot of progress as we all have seen. Relating to this, I would like to point out that in appreciation of the progressive steps being taken, Kolasib constituency proposed to excavate fields from MLA fund at several rural places.

Under the demand of the same Minister, it is also appreciating that villages are provided with sufficient supply of water and it is impressive that awareness campaign had also been held at several villages and sub-towns.

It is also impressive that UD & PA help us construct 300 houses within my constituency and we even have proposal of housing to those having lands but no house. While this is the case, we have a problem of housing as a result of increasing numbers of rural people entering the district headquarters. Besides, the number of villagers settling in district capitals is increasing which causes some problems and I request the concerned Minister to make proper settlement charges.

Regarding Demand No. 22, steps taken in regard to sports infrastructure is quite impressive and I extend my appreciation to MFA for producing many talented players. It would be appreciated if the Department gives more efforts on Youth Services.

Regarding the Demand Nos. 19, 29 and 32, we are fortunate to have Pu P.C.

Lalthanliana, the hon. minister from our constituency for we are able to receive whatever is needed under his concerned departments. In regard to Local Administration Department, it is notable that the election of village council is being held in some villages without Village Council within our district.

Social Welfare is the department in which most of the family with some sorts of adversity depends upon for it concern their healthcare and it is truly appreciated that the department is able to perform this important role till today. Regarding provision of utensils etc. which had been made available to NGOs in the previous years, it will be much appreciated if the system is continued even by issuing such items on subsidized basis like silpauline is issued to the members from Disaster Management department.

Kolasib District is known for plantation of Anthurium through Horticulture Department and is widely exported to foreign countries. The Department is taking steps also on cultivating watermelons at Saiphai and strawberries at Niawhtlang which are quite a blessing to the farmers. Even so, only ₹150 lakhs is allotted for construction of link roads. So, it would be much appreciated if additional fund is granted since link roads are important for Horticulture and Agriculture Department. I express my support on the demands of Pu Zodintluanga and Pu P.C. Lalthanliana. Thank you.

PU R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Dy. Speaker, before we start the discussion, I suggest the Assembly proceedings are recorded correctly.

The Sports Department has made quite an impressive progress on sports, NCC Battalion, Air wings, Scout & Guide, NSS, etc. While this is the case, my constituency has its own drawback in sports as we need our playground equipped with artificial grass turf as well. On witnessing our needs, measures are being taken at Darlawn and Sakawrdai playground. In doing so, I request the hon. Minister to consider the same for Zohmun and Vaitin as well.

Next is PHE. Steps taken on water pumps for Darlawn and North Khawdungsei are quite impressive and at the same time, it would be appreciated if Composite Tuivawl Water Supply Scheme is undertaken. Regarding bills of Emergency water supply, it is not paid on regular basis and people are facing the problem. So, the department needs to look into this matter.

Regarding step taken by UD & PA at Darlawn, it would be appreciated if the same is taken at Sawleng which is a part of Darlawn town. On LAD, I request the hon. minister to help us construct VC House in my constituency.

We have seen an immense of progress in the department of Social Welfare department and in connection with this, I would like to point out that this department contributes large amount of funds to the departments such as AH & Veterinary, Fisheries, Horticulture and Sports Department. It would be of much impressive if LAD is benefitted also by other departments. It may also be pleased if the department of Social Welfare a gain provides utensils for public use.

Regarding Horticulture, the project which may be carried out under this department hardly covers my constituency. It would be of much appreciated if plantation of turmeric is carried out also in my constituency so that my people will also benefit the department.

The works of the hon. Sports Minister are well appreciated (*Dy. SPEAKER: your time is up*) Thank you, for the time, Pu Dy. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Dr. K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. I would like to start with Demand No.22. I think it is important to appoint the Sports Promotion Officer once again in each district to discover the hidden talent of our youth. It is truly appreciative that Siaha has now equipped with sports infrastructure yet may be provided with more advance equipments.

In regard to PHE, I request concerned minister to expedite the project of Tuitlawk water pump so that our problem with scarcity of water is alleviated immediately. Whereas the proposed source of this project, I am afraid that enough water for pumping is available in dry seasons.

Next is Demand No. 46. The playground at Siaha which has been equipped with artificial grass turf is much impressive. At the same time, I request concerned authority to provide my district with funds for development work like constructing steps and upgrading streets since we are under the District Council under which no development work is done.

In regard to Horticulture, I think it is important to develop plantation of strawberry of Niawhtlang which happened to be the most productive of its kind in Mizoram. Likewise, advanced processing machinery may be provided to Turmeric plantation of Tuisumpui which produces 33 metric tons of turmeric for processing.

In regard to Demand No. 29, it would be appreciated if the system of supplying nutrition supplement and midday meal in my constituency is improved. Also, we may also be given a rehabilitation center as none is there within my constituency.

Regarding Demand No.19, LAD, we have not seen any work of LAD within my constituency and so would be appreciated if something is done there also.

\ For my last point, my fellow member has suggested dropping the surname of one hockey player from his constituency and put his mizo name in the stead. In this regard, I opine we need to be careful with our choice of words. Thank you.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. It is a privilege to have a discussion on the demands of our 2 Ministers and I would like to start with Sports & Youth Services.

We have heard much about infrastructure, promotional and development of sports but I find that we are neglecting NSS and Bharat Scout & Guide. We have a Mizo who climbed Mt. Everest and Nl. Lalrintluangi from NCC too is preparing herself for the same challenge. The Sport Policy was at a draft stage 10 years ago and I was wondering if Mizoram State Games could be held again to discover the talented youths.

While this is the case, the Directorate and MSSC still functioning in a rented building and therefore important for concerned authority to provide the office building of its own. Besides, I opine it is important to provide more vehicles to the department as there are many field officers who remain without vehicle.

Next is Demand No. 25, PHE. This Department goes together with SIPMIU and I find unsuitable that the Engineer-In-Chief also acts as the PD of SIPMIU PD. I also find it important that awareness may be given on the importance of Rain Water Harvesting Scheme for we need to preserve our spring source. At the same time, it is

also important that inspection on purity of water should be made on water which may be sold by some private businessmen.

I also opine that the works of SIPMIU on Solid Waste Management is hardly seen and we do not have enough community toilets. The JNURM project has stopped but we have BSUP, IHSDP, RAY etc. under which housing is provided to the underprivileged. However, we need to lay down appropriate tenants rule so that no problem is created for any concerned locality.

Regarding the declaration of Aizawl as a solar city, I opine it is important to develop our street lighting system with solar. At the same time, it would be appreciated if step is taken to resolve the problem of Vaivakawn junction. It is appreciative that we have learned from the report of the Finance Commission the steps taken by AMC and Mizoram Election Commission and proposal for proper maintenance of expenditure under AMC and VC.

Regarding Demand No. 19, LAD, I opine we need to be more careful on utilization of our funds since the funds we received from the 13th Finance Commission are no longer available on the 14th Finance Commission. It is also important to be more specific in making any decision on setting up any sub-village.

Regarding Demand No. 29, Social Welfare, we have Juvenile Justice, Care & Protection of Children Act, 2000 as well as Adoption Laws and we need to be very careful with its implementation. We have Anganwadi functioning under ICDS and it is our duty to provide nutritions, Sabla, Bal Bhavan etc. to the children. It is sad that the differently able people organized a rally to claim their rights; I think we should be more concerned with their problems so that such kind of rally is not repeated. Likewise, we also need to give more attentions to the problems of Observation Home.

In regard to Demand No. 32, Horticulture is quite important department for it contributes a lot in increasing our GSDP. We have several CSS like MITH, RKVY and we need a pure and good vegetable seeds for more productions as well as better environment and we always need fruits for our health.

Last, but not least, it is unfortunate that a large portion of funds had been deducted from NLUP beneficiaries of Betel nut trade and so may be given the actual amount to such beneficiaries. Thank you.

PU R. VANLALVENA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. I must say at the outset that performance of the Sports Minister is quite impressive as we are making a lot of progress in every district. While mentioning the importance of PHE, it is often necessary to involve regarding Forest department as the two departments works hand in hand. I am much concern about deforestation which happened to be the main reason for the decrease of sources of water and relatively rising of our population. So, it is not the duty of the department only to preserve our forests, but our collective responsibility. As mentioned by my fellow member, we also need to inspect if drinking waters we received are pure.

Regarding waste management, a new proposal has been made in which everyone needs to participate by supporting the department in its implementation. It is true that some localities within Aizawl city are untidier than that of the villages and we need to educate ourselves on cleanliness. Since our health depends largely on safe drinking water, the people need to assist the hon. minister of UD & PA in an effort to achieve his visions.

The works undertaken by Horticulture is impressive as preparation for a new college is in full swing. Hopefully this new college will help us in developing our status and opine we need to proceed with Research based. So, I conclude my speech by supporting the Demands of our Ministers. Thank you.

PU JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Pu Speaker, I have a clarification to make. I mentioned the name 'Maruti' out of anticipation and I wish it is erased if there is a problem. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Vanlalzawma.

PU VANLALZAWMA : Pu Speaker, I asked myself why the budgets of some of our Ministers are decreasing compare to last year for it concern departments which are of much important.

Regarding Demand No. 22, the Central Govt. grants a lot of fund to Sports & Youth Services as it concern improvement of our door stadiums, fields and artificial turfs. While this is the case, it is fortunate that the department hasn't yet the office building of its own. So, I opine it is necessary that we give importance in this regard and if the department is bifurcated into Sports Department Directorate and Sport

Council Office.

Regarding UD & PA, I suggest if SIPMIU is taken careful step in setting up drainage system. Regarding housing project for the homeless, I opine it is necessary to make careful selection of the tenants so that no problem is caused to the concerned locality. In regard to PHE, I suggest high quality pipeline is used to evade accidents.

Pu Speaker, the role of Social Welfare Department is deteriorating as provision for purchase of wheelchairs for the disabled and utensils for public use is hardly seen. So, it will be much appreciated if such system is continued. Thank you.

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

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. 14 members have participated in the discussion on the demand of Sports & Youth Services Department as most of them expressed their appreciations to the department. We have many infrastructures and works being carried out during these 7 years under the leadership of the Chief Minister. The Sports Associations have their own infrastructures such as Rajiv Gandhi Stadium of Mizoram Athletic Association, Hawla Indoor Stadium of Mizoram Basketball Association, Boxing Ring at Ramhlun Stadium of Ramhlun Sport Association, Rajiv Gandhi Stadium of Mizoram Football Association, Boys Academy at Kawnpui and Thenzawl of Mizoram Hockey Association, Mizoram Rifle Association - Shooting Gallery of Kulikawn, Lunglei etc, Mizoram Table Tennis Association - Mizoram Table Tennis Hall at Mission Veng, Aizawl Cricket Stadium of Cricket Association, Snooker & Billiard Hall at Hawla Indoor Stadium of Snooker & Billiard Association, Wushu Arena at Hawla Indoor Stadium of Mizoram Wushu Association and Muaythai training Center at Chaltlang of Muaythai Association.

Apart from this, construction of Swimming Pool and driving pool at Lawibual of Aquatic Association, Taekwondo Hall at Republic Veng of Taekwondo Association, Judo Hall at Zemabawk Veng of Judo Association and Power Lifting Hall at Republic Veng are in full swing.

Even though there is no separate funding for the Department building which is a problem, we now have the location and we will soon have the building.

We currently have 175 units of Scout & Guide with 5,252 members. They visited several places in India and they were taught manners and discipline. Their activities are not seen by all but they have members all over Mizoram and it is a great way to produce skilled succeeding generations.

We have 78 Nos. Open Youth Adventure Club at several Colleges with 7500 registered members and the NSS (National Service Scheme) also have 23700 volunteers. The NSS gives importance to Swachh Bharat Mission and organized voluntary community works more than 42 times. They also donated 803 units of blood this year and also planted 3087 trees at several places.

The Ministry of Defense granted us permission to establish NCC (National Cadet Corp.) battalion for both genders at Lunglei and there are some works that the State Govt. needs to undertake which we are working on it. There is a proposal to establish NCC training Academy at Tuirial Airfield and this will not interrupt any sport programme which may be taken up. Sports incentive cash award will also be given to the international, national and regional medal winners.

We have 2 players who are on training abroad in Liverpool and 14 for 6 years training course in Germany at free of cost.

In regard to Demand No. 46, UD & PA, careful selection of families to occupy the said buildings is made by a committee to that concern. SIPMIU is established for the North Eastern region Capital Cities Investment and an agreement is made for implementation of the programme which is accepted by Ministry of Urban Development, Asian Development Bank and every concerned State. The Finance Department of Mizoram is the nodal Department and it selected State executing agency. Presently UD & PA is the state executing agency and management and staffs of SIPMIU are administered by the Project Director.

To implement it, ADB divided the programme into 3 stances in respect of the North-East states where as there are several states that could not complete the first stance and cannot start the second stance. SIPMIU of Mizoram Govt. completed the 1st stance but the 2nd stance is delayed since there are states that have not completed the 1st stance as yet. However, ADB and the Ministry of Urban Development agreed to continue with releasing the fund for Tripura and Mizoram for which 90% of the work has already been completed by Mizoram. Therefore, a proposal of 24 hrs water

supply scheme for Aizawl is initiated as tender already been released. A technical bid is opened as financial bid is being set to open.

To react to the point raised by Pu K. Sangthuama, there is a proposal for 24 hrs water supply service, the pipelines is set to be drilled and the old pipeline for changing from Dihmunzawl to Tuikhuahtlang under AMRUT scheme as work order has also been released for changing of pipelines within the city under SIPMIU. It generally takes 36 hrs to fill up the water tanky of SIPMIU at Seventh Day Tlang; it will take only 2 and half an hour for the same if the project is completed. So, several roads need to be excavated in order to achieve this project.

Various members have pointed out regarding the Project Director of SIPMIU as Pu Lalruatkima also suggested if it is more appropriate to let the Director takes Dual charge. As per the norm, if E-in-C of PHE is promoted to the Secretary, the next officer in line should automatically take his place and after being appointed the said as E-in-C, the UD & PA may decide the Project Director itself.

Pu Speaker, for we give much importance to community toilet, we are looking for convenient places in every locality.

Though UD & PA is the nodal Department for Aizawl Solar city, AMC is taking up the works and we are now able to use solar lights in many places. The AMC further proposed to keep 10 solar street lights each at 82 localities and the location has been also decided with the Local Councils.

Pu Speaker, UD & PA is taking up several programmes such as Swachh Bharat Mission. With aim to be among the 100 Indian Smart Cities, intensive efforts have been made with provision under AMRUT which we received on several installments. 'Housing for All' is a programme of housing for the poor as sanction has already been received for Aizawl and Lawngtlai. We are also permitted to implement the same at every district capital and will soon be started at Kawrthah, Vanlaiphai, Darlawn and Bairabi etc.

Municipal is functioning under UD & PA as the election had been held twice safely. The teamwork of UD & PA and AMC is exceptional and development work of Aizawl city is quite impressive. Aizawl is among the cleanest city in India; and, in order to make improvement, awareness programme on cleanliness is carried out

through the CRS scheme of India Oil Corporation and NSS. We have even made rules for control of waste materials which remain unimplemented due to lack of places to dump our wastes. So, we notify our problems to the Indian Oil Corporation and hopefully we will soon be supplied with hundreds of bins to be kept at several places within Aizawl so that we will be able to implement the rules.

Intensive progress has been made during these 7 years, under the leadership of the hon. Chief Minister and we are beginning to yield the outcome and I thank the hon. Chief Minister and former Minister, Pu S. Hiato. Progresses which had been made so far under NLCPR are as follows: -

- 1) Completion of 100% of work of Lower Sakawrdai Water Supply Scheme and Greater Lawngtlai Water Supply Scheme.
- 2) Functioning of water pumping scheme of Saitual Water Supply Scheme, Greater Water Hnahthial Supply Scheme, Tuipang & surrounding Village Water Supply Scheme and Bilkhawthlir Water Supply Scheme.
- 3) Completion of the project initiated by the previous ministry such as water pumping scheme of West Phaileng Water Supply, Bairabi Water Supply, South Khawbung Water Supply, Sairang Water Supply and Aibawk Water Supply. There has been so much development in Mizoram within these 5 years.

To give names of the projects which are in progress under NEC are: - Water pumping scheme of Sangau, Phuaibung, Bualpui NG, Lungzarhtum, Lengpui town and Lengpui Airport Water Supply Scheme, Sangau Water Supply Scheme Phase-II, Darlawn Water Supply Scheme and Vairengte Water Supply Scheme. Apart from this, Greater Saiha Water Supply Scheme, Tlabung Water Supply Scheme, Greater Khazawl Water Supply Scheme and Biate water Supply Scheme are taken up from the 10% lump sum grant under UD & PA and are completed by the Govt. within 5 years. Also, clean waters supply scheme had been carried out successfully in 572 villages during 2008 - 2016 under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme.

Intensive effort had also been made with the help of NABARD and Special Plan Assistant; the officers and staffs of PHE are working hard to provide purified drinking water supply to the people; Seminars and awareness campaigns are also held for the same concern.

So, Pu Speaker, I move the House to pass my Demands with a total amount of ₹3,83,33,82,000/- Thank you.

SPEAKER : The Minister has begged the House to pass his Demands amounting to ₹3,83,33,82,000/-. Is there any objection? If not, the House has unanimously passed the Demands.

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : I request Pu P.C. Lalthanliana, Minister to wind up the discussion on the demands of his concerned departments and beg the House to pass.

PU P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. It would be appreciated if any related matters are also discussed at my office and not only in this session.

The Horticulture Department is a reliable source for 70% farmers in Mizoram. Our leaders aim to achieve true development under the leadership of the Chief Minister and we should know that a small department can become a great and reliable department.

It is impressive that we will be having Horticulture College; the location is being examined and the mapping is done by 4 surveyors; they will soon work on the designs and they will return for soil testing. We will not be able to complete the building infrastructure right away though the workers are selected and the funds are already sanctioned. The Vice Chancellor has presented the proposal to the Council and we are planning to start with Selesih.

We have also implored the Vice Chancellor to recruit Mizos as far as possible. We have also given him the names of qualified persons. This is the latest position for Horticulture College in our state.

Regarding seed supply mentioned by Pu K. Sangthuama, the present seed supply is generally from NLUP. It is the desire and attempt of the government to provide the best quality of seeds to the farmers. In this regards, joint verifications will be held with NLUP will be held every month from the month of January. I would also like to mention that there is no bias based on political party for the supply of seeds. Regarding the time, it is regarded by experts that there is no harm even if it is a little late if the seedlings are poly-potted. However, we tried our best to provide it in time.

Besides, we have also undertaken rejuvenation work under NLUP especially

for orange cultivation. As a result, our production also increases. We felt the need to do the same in other trades under NLUP also.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, please allow me to take this opportunity to state that the farmers at Sairang are in a serious need for water storage tank. They have made a huge amount of production also. They are also in need of pumpkin seed. I would like to kindly request the Department to provide them in this regard.

PU P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, we will provide the water tank. We will do as the MLA desired. However, regarding the pumpkin seed, I urge that the farmers should try to produce their own seed in our local variety. They produce an enormous quantity every year. It is unfortunate for them that they did not try to preserve the seed for their own. It is the opinion of the government that, while we are ready to assist them in their needs, the farmers should try to produce their own seed of local varieties. Therefore, we are trying not to distribute seeds of local varieties as far as possible.

Regarding the invitation from Pu T.T. Zothansanga to visit his constituency, I will be glad to visit them as soon as possible. It is also good especially for the Horticulture Department to visit the very spot of the cultivation.

Dr. K. Beichhua has pointed out about strawberry cultivation; I have visited the place also. It is a success and we propose to continue another unit also in that area. We are pleased to hear that 18 families are cultivating strawberry successfully. On the recommendation from the Hon. Chief Minister as well as the Finance Minister, we are trying to develop strawberry cultivation in a large scale. We are also trying to buy the seeds from them rather than importing from foreign countries. Necessary assistance will be given.

It is correct that link road is very important. If there is no proper link road, the production cost becomes very high and thereby suffered by the farmers. Link road will be given importance not only under Horticulture Department but also under NLUP under the guidance of the Hon. Chief Minister and the Hon. Finance Minister.

Regarding the problems on ginger production as mentioned by Er Lalrinawma, it is correct that it is difficult for the government also if there is no security in its

marketing. Marketing is not in the hands of the government nor can control international market.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Clarification, Pu Speaker. What I mean is that ginger is still one of the biggest crops among the farmers. Meanwhile, there are facing certain problems which could be solved from the part of the Government even if we could not control its market. I am requesting that we should make necessary arrangements and assistance for them.

PU P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the government is providing available assistance at present also. The Horticulture Department is having an opinion that we need to concentrate at some particular trade for the time being. We advocated Dragon fruit for some areas. If 20 or more families are interested from an area for a particular crop, we are trying to make it a compact area for that crop.

We are also trying to harvest seasonal crops during the off season also using technologies like protection cultivation, green house, etc. We are undertaking such projects at an experimental basis at different places. Meanwhile, we suggest that we could cultivate Japanese variety during monsoon and if we could supply Silchar also as it could not be grown in Silchar during monsoon.

I will now go to LAD. It is the department responsible for Village Councils. It is responsible to have good governance at village level. The remuneration of the members of Village Councils was revised in the previous ministry. We are also trying to give them more authority also. Acts were passed and rules were also made in this regard.

Our local body was left out from the 14th Finance Commission along with Nagaland and Meghalaya. It was said that we can apply under Article 275(Clause-I). We applied for it accordingly but in vain. We applied for RGPSA which is a central scheme. We were granted ₹248.43 lakhs as first installment. Village Council Houses were constructed at 11 villages and three Village Council Houses. It will be continued when second installment is released. Funds were also transferred to SIRD as there are some programmes that must be undertaken by them. It is said that RGPSA was among the delinked schemes. However, we are trying our best to find another way for the department.

Regarding Social Welfare Department, I would like to point out important developments within the department. We are having observation home as well as shelter home at Lunglei, Champhai and Aizawl. We are trying to establish Observation Home at the other district capitals also and we are still looking for the place at the moment. Advertisement is also floated for new recruitments.

We have also taken steps as possible for disabled persons. We have given low interest loans to them from NHFDC also. However, it is difficult to continue as the recovery rate is very low. Ramps were also made in different offices so as to make them accessible for them. Other equipments for them were given through NGOs by the central Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. However, such NGOs still need our recommendations. We have a separate fund of ₹2.0 crore for GIA. We are also trying to buy such equipments from that fund so that it could be distributed easily for those who needed it. We are also trying to have a reliable number of certifications of disables also. We have stopped the distributed items like cups, PA set, etc. due to financial difficulties.

Social Welfare Department has also undertaken many development works especially under multi sector development programme. We have provided public water supply. Many school buildings were constructed under MSDP Scheme. Water tanks were distributed at Phulpui and Silsuri.

We are also having a new scheme known as VKY which is to be monitored from Prime Minister's Office. We were given ₹4.95 crore from this scheme. We distributed this sum to different departments like Health Department, Sports Department, Veterinary Department, Fisheries Department and Horticulture Department for various purposes. We are also about to open schools at Lawngtlai and Chawngte. It is obvious that Social Welfare Department has done a great work.

Pu Speaker, now I would like to beg this House to pass the following demands:

Demand Nos.	Department	Budget Amount
Demand No. 19	LAD	₹13,79,61,000.00
Demand No. 29	Social Welfare	₹1,31,40,47,000.00
Demand No. 32	Horticulture	₹70,91,48,000.00
	TOTAL	₹2,16,11,56,000.00

SPEAKER : The Minister concerned has now beg this House to pass Demand No. 19, 29, 32 the total amount of which is ₹2,16,11,56,000. Anyone who support the demands may say 'Aye' and those who oppose may say 'Nay'. If there is no one who oppose, I declared the said demands are passed.

PU LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : The House will now stand adjourned for three days. The next sitting will commence on 28th March, 2016, Monday at 10:30 AM. Sitting is adjourned.

Sitting adjourned at 5:01 PM