

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

**LIST OF BUSINESS**

FOR NINTH SITTING ON MONDAY, THE 28<sup>th</sup> 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 C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a Statement of Correction on the reply given on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2016 to Starred Question No. 169, Ballot No. 68 asked by Dr. K. Beichhua and Er. Lalrinawma regarding “Ran lak luh chungchang.

**PRESENTATION OF REPORT**

3. **PU R. VANLALVENA** to present to the House the Third Report of Committee on Government Assurances, 2016.

**FINANCIAL BUSINESS**

**DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS**

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

NGURTHANZUALA  
Secretary

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**SPEAKER** : For God will bring every deed into judgement, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.

Ecclesiastes 12:14

Let us now call upon Pu Lalruatkima to ask Starred Question No. 119.

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Starred Question No. 119. Will the hon. Minister for Social Welfare Department be pleased to state: -

- a) Nos. of Anganwadi Centres during 2011-2015 and Nos. of enrollments.
- b) If nutrition given according to enrollments; If so, the amount of quota per child within a month.
- c) If expired nutrition products given in some centres; if so, the reason.

**PU P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, the answers are as follows:

- a) 2011 - 1980 Nos. with an enrollment of 2,15,861.  
2012 - 1980 Nos. with an enrollment of 2,14,153.  
2013 - 2244 Nos. with an enrollment of 73,372.  
2014 - 2244 Nos. with an enrollment of 77,174.  
2015 - 2244 Nos. with an enrollment of 70,081.
- b) Surveys are held by CDPOs for nutrition beneficiaries. Their reports are later compiled by the Directorate. After that, Project-wise allotment was calculated. Feeding instructions were given and centre wise allotment was made. There is a daily ceiling for nutritional norms for beneficiaries. According to the norms, the daily ceiling is ₹6 for normal child, ₹9 for weaker child and ₹7 for pregnant and lactating women.
- c) Utmost care is taken so that expired nutrition product would not be given to children. Even if there are some bags found out to be damaged, it is replaced before distribution. If there are some stocks which expired, they are instructed to dispose without distributing it.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary Question from Pu Lalruatkima.

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Why does the number of enrollment in 2012-2013 decreases drastically by nearly 50,000 in comparison to other years?

Is there any proposal for construction and renovation of Anganwadi Centres? Regarding supply of stale dal and chana, is it possible to reject or bills being withheld from the suppliers?

**PU P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the decreased number of enrolment may be due to the changed format of survey formulated by Ministry of Child Welfare. As this new way of survey was done, many of children between 6 months and 6 years of age are sent to English medium schools. This may be one of the reasons for the decline number of enrolment. Besides, many of the children are sent to schools these days as the school teachers invite them to be admitted in their schools. This may also be the reason behind it.

Regarding renovation of Anganwadi buildings, we have received ₹25 crore from the central government. We requested the CDPOs to make report on their requirements and accordingly, this fund will be distributed.

The amount of remuneration to Worker is ₹3,000 and ₹1,500 to Helper. This has been fixed by the central government for ICDS helper. It has nothing to do with the minimum wages rate of the state.

There are many problems which could arise regarding distribution of nutrition supply. However, we still could manage to carry on smoothly. The supply of dal was given to MIZOFED without floating tender.

We are also trying to provide fresh milk within Aizawl city in collaboration with MULCO. We have also given 5,20,000 for this purpose. The same will be practiced in other districts also. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma may ask another Supplementary Question.

**PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA:** Pu Speaker, we used to deliver our nutrition supply for Sedailui and Thanzamasora from lungsen CDPO. The road is very difficult and very far. Will it be possible for us to avail it from Chawngte?

**SPEAKER** : The Minister may answer it.

**PU LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, allotment is given in project-wise. However, in such exceptional case, we will look into the matter for them to collect their nutrition supply from Chawngte.

**SPEAKER** : We shall now go to Starred Question No. 120. Let us call upon Pu Lalruatkima.

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Starred Question No. 120. Will the Hon. Minister for Home Department be pleased to state: -

- a) What are the demands of Bru refugees in Tripura for repatriation? Does the Government try to meet those demands?
- b) Nos. of refugees in different camps; Nos. of them included in Mizoram Electoral Roll?
- c) If the Ministry of Home Affairs, Tripura Government and Mizoram Government made an agreement for repatriation. After the repatriation is completed, will the names of those who refuse to return be eliminated from Mizoram Electoral Roll?
- d) How many were repatriated in the recent phase? How much fund was sanctioned by Ministry of Home Affairs for this purpose and how much was spent?

**SPEAKER** : Let us call upon Pu R. Lalzirliana to give answers.

**PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the answers are as follows:

- a) The demands of Bru are:
  - 1) Allotment of land for every family.
  - 2) There should be at least 500 Bru populations in a village. They should also be provided proper electrification, water supply, schools, anganwadi, hospital and road.
  - 3) Provision for posting Central Para Military Force (CPMF) so that they could get better security and recruitment of Brus for this.
  - 4) Every family should receive IAY.
  - 5) Financial assistance at the like of Kashmiri Pandits and Tamil Refugees.
  - 6) Verification to be done on the basis of documents made by Tripura Government besides Electoral Roll 1995.
  - 7) Distribution of seeds.

- 8) Primitive tribal Group status under Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
- 9) Formulation of Permanent Development Project for the Brus as promised by RCA Jain, IAS MHA Special Secretary and Naveen Verma, IAS. Joint Secretary (NE), MHA in 2011 and 2009.
- 10) Raising financial assistance from ₹8000 to ₹150000 and free ration for two years.

These are the same demands they have made before also. The government has made provision for free ration for two years. Mizoram Government has also made DPR for Special Development Project for Western Belt and submitted to DONER. Sanction is being awaited.

- b) It is not known the exact number of Bru population. According to the Road Map-4 prepared by the government, there are 9264 adults and 11446 minors, total population of 20710. However, this is not the exact count but an assumption as 2.5 adults and 3.5 minor in every family.

According to the Mizoram Electoral Roll as on 15/1/2015, there are 11019 Bru voters, such as: -

Mamit District	-	8,514 Nos.
Lunglei District	-	756 Nos.
Kolasib District	-	1,749 Nos.
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>11,019 Nos.</b>

- c) There is no agreement made. In the Supreme Court, they have submitted that they are contended with the efforts made by the Central Government, Tripura Government and Mizoram Government and accordingly, the court case was dismissed.

According to the last talk between Central, Tripura and Mizoram Government held on 8.1.2016, the repatriation of Brus should be done as soon as possible. Movement Plan is also proposed to be prepared before 31.5.2016.

Inclusion and Exclusion in Electoral Roll is the authority of Election Commission of India (ECI). The State Government can submit suggestions, or application but the decision lies on the hands of the ECI.

- d) There is none who returned in the recent phase of repatriation. The amount required for Bru repatriation process according to Road Map-4 is ₹68.50 crore. The Ministry of Home Affairs had sanctioned two installments of ₹4.7 crore and ₹5.0 crore. ₹4.7 has been spent from the first installment.

Their Demand No. 1 & 2 are not concerned with Mizoram government. Their Demand No. 1, 2 & 8 are for the welfare of a particular tribe. We regarded this

impossible for the administration and welfare of Mizoram as a whole. On their Demand No. 3 for establishment of CPMF, we have full confidence on the prevailing police force of Mizoram. Besides, recruitment of new personnel requires a huge expenditure. Therefore, we regarded this demand as unnecessary. Their Demand no. 4 & 7 will be considered at the course of repatriation. Their Demand No. 5 has been kept to be considered by the central government. Free ration has already been permitted. We considered One Time Development Project more suitable regarding their Demand No. 9. Regarding their Demand No. 6, it is obvious from the memorandum submitted by MBBPF on 18.1.2012 that there are many people who are not from Mizoram among the Bru population. Therefore, we regarded doing verification on the basis of other documents issued by Tripura impossible.

Regarding Point (c), Mizoram government had said that it will take necessary steps to eliminate those who refuse to return to Mizoram from Mizoram Electoral Roll. Besides, it has also submitted request to stop the efforts to have E-Roll revision among the Brus also.

Regarding Point (d), ₹46 is meant for construction of Security Border Outpost. Another ₹5 lakh had been sanctioned recently and it remains in the hands of Finance Department.

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Pu Speaker, is there a proposal for the formation of Reang Development Area?

**PU K. SANGTHUAMA** : Pu Speaker, could the Hon. Minister clarify the present status about elimination of those who refuse to return to Mizoram from the E-Roll? Is there any reply from the EC side?

**SPEAKER** : The Hon. Minister may answer.

**PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER** : There is no intention to create Reang Development Area from the Government side. The EC has again instructed us to have E-Roll revision. Meanwhile, the government also has opined that there is no harm in doing so because the EC has stated that casting of vote will be done within Mizoram only.

**PU K. SANGTHUAMA** : Pu Speaker, it is correct that there is no harm in

enroll the Mizoram origins in the E-Roll. However, it is doubtful to allow them to make them cast their roll from Tripura. I would like to request the government to pursue the matter more seriously in the central government also.

**PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER:** I would like to add that the government will now make its stance base on the letter we receive from EC even if they tried to push us against our will in the future.

**SPEAKER** : Let us call upon Dr. K. Beichhua to ask Starred Question No. 121.

**Dr. K. BEICHHUA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Starred Question No. 121. Will the hon. Minister for Health & Family Welfare Department be pleased to state: -

Whether the Hospitals in Mizoram are registered as per the provisions of Mizoram Clinical Establishment (Registration and Regulation) Rules, 2014?

**SPEAKER** : The hon. Minister concerned may answer.

**PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the answer is: -

Registration is done as per the Mizoram Clinical Establishment (Registration and Regulation) Rules, 2014.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary Question from Dr. K. Beichhua and then from Er. Lalrinawma.

**Dr. K. BEICHHUA** : Pu Speaker, I ask how many times the State Medical Council meeting is held since 2014 till date. Secondly, if the District Registering Authority is established; if so, who are the members? Thirdly, is there any penalty being appealed against any hospital? We know that there are some hospitals which are not empanelled for RSBY and Health Care Scheme. Does the Government make an effort to make it compulsory?

**Er. LALRINAWMA** : Pu Speaker, does the government have package rate, like those of the insurer company in RSBY, for different diseases in private hospitals?

Secondly, are the bills prepared by private hospitals simple accepted for medical reimbursement?

**PU JOSEPH LALHIMPUIA:** Will it be possible to establish PHC at Zobawk as said by the Hon. Chief Minister?

**SPEAKER** : Let us now call upon the Minister concerned.

**PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, I could not answer the question from Dr. K. Beichhua. However, it could be clarified during the course of demand discussion. We have also implored the private hospitals to undertake RSBY and Health Care Scheme.

Regarding Er. Lalrinawma's question, the government has its rate but the hospitals often do not comply with it. The bills are not simply accepted for medical reimbursement also.

We are trying to establish PHC at Zobawk; contractor has also been selected and they will start the work soon. Thank you.

**Dr. K. BEICHHUA** : Pu Speaker, it is said that the State Medical Council should meet at least once in every three months according to the rules. If this is not complied with, I implore the Hon. Minister to look into the matter.

Besides, I would be very pleased if the Minister could give me in writing the works of District Registering Authority.

**SPEAKER** : The Hon. Minister.

**PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, we will try to do as requested.

**SPEAKER** : Starred Question No. 122 is a common question from Er. Lalrinawma and Pu R. Vanlalvena. Let us call upon Pu R. Vanlalvena to ask.

**PU R. VANLALVENA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Starred Question No. 122. Will the Hon. Minister for Health & Family Welfare Department be pleased to



state: -

- a) Efforts which have been taken to have a drug testing laboratory;
- c) The expected time of its establishment.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lal Thanzara, the hon. Minister concerned may answer.

**PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the answers are: -

- a) Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been submitted way back in 2009 for establishment of Drug Testing Laboratory. However, we could not succeed till today.
- b) Expected date could not be said at the moment.

Pu Speaker, I would like to state that the central government is trying to allot us ₹7.5 crore for machine cost under, 'Strengthening of Drugs System in India'.

**SPEAKER** : If there is no Supplementary Question, Starred Question No. 123 from Pu T. Sangkunga.

**PU T. SANGKUNGA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Starred Question No. 123. Will the Hon. Minister for Health & Family Welfare Department be pleased to state: -

When will doctors be appointed for the following PHCs: -

- 1) Khawbung PHC.
- 2) Bungzung PHC.
- 3) Sesih PHC.

**SPEAKER** : The hon. Minister concerned may answer.

**PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the government is trying to appoint doctors in the said PHCs. However, the date could not be given at the moment for we are having a huge shortage of manpower. Efforts have been made to appoint a Doctor for Khawbung PHC under NHM who will look after Sesih PHC as well. Appointment of six new specialist doctors is under process. We often have insufficient Doctor to be recruited because they often prefer to work in private hospitals in Aizawl rather than working in villages. In this regards, we are trying to enforce the norm that Doctors who passed their degree from state quota should work

for the government at least for two years.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary Question from Pu T. Sangkunga.

**PU T. SANGKUNGA** : Pu Speaker, the problems regarding Doctors are mainly due to transfer and posting. When doctors are transferred there is no consideration about who will fill the vacant post. I would like to implore the Hon. Minister to take this into consideration. I would also like to beg that priority should be given to Khawbung PHC and other PHCs I have mentioned as soon as new Doctors are recruited.

**SPEAKER** : Er. Lalrinawma.

**Er. LALRINAWMA** : Pu Speaker, my questions are:

- a) When will doctor be posted at Ngentiang PHC?
- b) How much is the fixed salary of contract nurses under NHM? How much is given at present?

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

**PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, we are promised at the time of inauguration of Hnahlan hospital that Health Clinic Centre will be established at Diltlang, Murlen, Pamchung, Lungphunlian and Aiduzawl. Will it be possible to materialize during this financial year?

**SPEAKER** : Dr. K. Beichhua

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

- a) If the new appointments to be made under NHM 3F or through MPSC;
- b) If the advertisement floated;
- c) 88 doctors were recruited in 2013. Is there any one in valid panel list? Will it be possible to appoint from that panel list?

**SPEAKER** : The Minister concerned may answer.

**PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, we will look into the matter mentioned by Pu T. Sangkunga and necessary steps will be taken.

Regarding Er. Lalrinawma's question, doctor will be posted at Ngentiang as soon as doctors are available. I could not answer him regarding the salary of nurses; I will try to answer him during Demand discussion.

I am afraid it is not possible to implement Murlen PHC in the remaining two or three days only of this financial year.

Regarding the question asked by Dr. K. Beichhua, all the new recruitments will be done through MPSC. Advertisement is not yet floated. Panel list will be considered if it is still valid.

**SPEAKER** : Pu R.L. Pianmawia may now ask starred Starred Question No. 124.

**PU R.L. PIANMAWIA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Starred Question No. 124. Will the Hon. Minister for Home Department Welfare Department be pleased to state: -

Whether there is a proposal to purchase mobile toilet van under Home Department. If so, what will be the cost?

**SPEAKER** : The Hon. Minister concerned may answer.

**PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the answer is - There is no proposal for purchase of mobile toilet van under Home Department.

**SPEAKER** : If there is no Supplementary Question, Er. Lalrinawma may ask starred Question No.125.

**Er. LALRINAWMA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Starred Question No. 125. Will the hon. Minister for Home Department Welfare Department be pleased to state: -

- a) Nos. of tourist facilities in which upper ceiling made at present;
- b) The names of such tourist facilities and their upper ceiling price respectively;
- c) According to which rules was the upper ceiling limit regarding privatization of facilities made?
- d) Whether the amount of loss to be incurred due to the fixed upper ceiling calculated.

**SPEAKER** : Let us call upon the Minister concerned to answer.

**PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the answers are as follows:

- a) Upper ceiling price was made for 8 tourist facilities.
- b) The amount of upper ceiling price is as follows:
  - 1) Tourist Lodge, Bairabi - ₹3,000/-
  - 2) Tourist Lodge, Saitual - ₹3,000/-
  - 3) Picnic Spot, Sairang - ₹1,000/-
- c) Upper ceiling is not based on any rules. However, it is made with administrative approval and vetted by Law Department.
- d) No loss is incurred by the government due to upper ceiling.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary Question from Er. Lalrinawma.

**Er. LALRINAWMA** : Pu Speaker, we can clearly see that these tourist lodges are rented out at a rate less than which they expected or willing to pay. It is apparent that it is loss for the government if it is rented in this ways. It is also said that upper ceiling is made on 3 Tourist Resorts. However, it can be seen from the expression of interest that the upper ceiling is made for 8 Tourist Resorts. It is my question if it is possible to revise this upper ceiling.

**SPEAKER** : If there is no other Supplementary Question, the Hon. Minister may answer.

**PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, as I had already mentioned during the demand discussion. This upper ceiling his made to prevent someone to misuse the lodge and to make proper maintenance of our tourist lodges. It is correct that upper ceiling is made for eight tourist lodges. However, only three are given to private owners and therefore, I left out the other five tourist lodges. We also need to know that it is only giving the management in contract to private party. The rate will also be revised after some time. There is no loss for the government. It rather saves the expenditure of the government for its management cost. Thank you.

**PU K. SANGTHUAMA** : Pu Speaker, is it possible to disband such office which does not make profit?

**SPEAKER** : Is that a suggestion?

**PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, I am not sure which office he is speaking about.

**PU K. SANGTHUAMA** : We have closed down three Corporations since we do not earn any profit from them. So, is not it better to close down our Tourists' Lodges as well if no profit is made?

**PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, we are taking necessary steps in this regard.

**SPEAKER** : We will move on to starred Question No.126 of Dr. K. Beichhua.

**Dr. K. BEICHHUA** : Will the hon. Minister for UD & PA be pleased to state –

- a) The amount sanctioned for the on-going construction of Meisatlah field of Saiha;
- b) The physical and financial achievement of the project;
- c) Name of the funding agency of the project.

**SPEAKER** : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

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

There is no separate fund sanctioned for this purpose but under lump sum grants which had been saved from Saiha Development Schemes, an amount of ₹100 lakhs is set aside for this purpose. We have also sent a DPR amounting to ₹2,498.14/- to the

- a) Ministry of Urban Development for construction of Stadium.
- b) Work covering from our savings has already been completed.
- c) It is funded by the Ministry of Housing & Poverty Alleviation.

**SPEAKER** : Is there any other question?

**Dr. K. BEICHHUA** : Pu Speaker, I have often inquired about the

artificial turf and I will keep on asking until satisfactory answer is provided. Has the contractor been selected? If the DPR submitted regarding UD & PA is not successful, will the hon. Minister please find an alternative solution?

**SPEAKER** : We now have come to the end of the Question hour.

**Dr. K. BEICHHUA** : Pu Speaker, on this situation, I believe you used to ask the concerned Minister if he could give the answer.

**SPEAKER** : The hon. Minister may answer the question if he is ready to do so but we must remember in the future that question hour is not extended unless a Minister is in the midst of answering the question.

**PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, National tender is floated for this project and contractors were selected; we do not know to whom the work is given on sub-contract; we have high hopes for Saiha project.

**SPEAKER** : The hon. member, Pu K.S. Thanga is not present today due health problem and also Col. Z.S. Zuala due to the demise of his sister. Today is the day that members of the Committee on Govt. Assurance and the Assembly staffs were ambushed at Zokhawthiang where two Policemen were killed in the encounter. We remember those policemen who had sacrificed their valuable life and each of the members and officials who have gone through such tragic experience.

I now call upon Pu C. Ngunlianchunga to lay important paper on the table of the House.

**PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, there are corrections which need to be made on the answers provided on Starred Question No.169, ballot No.68, asked on 22.3.2016 by the hon. members, Dr. K. Beichhua and Er. Lalrinawma relating to import of domestic animals. Pu Speaker, the number of pigs, cows, dogs and chicks imported during the year 2014 - 2015 under NLUP are 28,110 Nos. which cost ₹74.55 crore.

**SPEAKER** : The copy may be distributed to the hon. members. Now, Pu R. Vanlalvena, the hon. member to present to the House, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Report of Committee on Govt. Assurance, 2016.

**PU R. VANLALVENA** : Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I present the 3<sup>rd</sup> Report of Committee on Govt. Assurance, 2016 on the table of the House. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : The copy may be distributed. Today, we will take the Demands of two hon. Ministers. First, Pu R. Romawia, hon. Minister to submit his Demand Nos. 6, 12, 21 and 23.

**PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, Sir, I move the Demand No. 6, 12, 21 and 23 for ₹2,19,37,46,000/- for meeting the expenses during 2016-2017 in respect of the following departments: -

<b>Demand Nos.</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Budget Amount</b>
Demand No. 6	Land Revenue & Settlement	₹28,33,98,000.00
Demand No. 12	Parliamentary Affairs	₹54,15,000.00
Demand No. 21	Higher & technical Education	₹1,81,73,06,000.00
Demand No. 23	Art & Culture	₹8,76,27,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>₹ 2,19,37,46,000.00</b>

Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : I will now call upon Pu Lal Thanzara, hon. Minister to submit his Demands Nos. 24, 26 and 48.

**PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, Sir, I move the Demand No. 24, 26 & 48 for ₹4,42,69,35,000/- only for meeting expenses during 2016-2017 in respect of the following departments –

<b>Demand Nos.</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Budget Amount</b>
Demand No. 24	Health & Family Welfare	₹4,14,28,26,000.00
Demand No. 26	Information & Public Relations	₹14,19,96,000.00
Demand No. 48	Information & Communication Technology	₹14,21,13,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>₹ 4,42,69,35,000.00</b>

Thank you, Sir.

**SPEAKER** : Our two hon. Ministers have submitted their Demands. Now, we will start the discussion by inviting Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte.

**PU HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE:** Pu Deputy Speaker, I will start with Demand No. 6, Land Revenue & Settlement. We have often talks about fake LSCs which are used for taking loans. If these kinds of LSC still exist, we should stop the practice immediately. We should also give attention to those who try to claim illegitimate compensations by acquiring lands just to be compensated and also the practice of surveyors and land owners splitting LSC for more compensation. There are cases that hold back some developmental projects like excessive amount of compensations claim. So, I suggest we should prevent such practices.

On Demand No. 21, Higher & Technical Education Department, 5 Nos. Polytechnic School schools were opened in Mizoram during 2008-2013. Regarding the one at Kolasib District which is located at Thingdawl, we have the building but no staff quarters. I have visited the place last year and verified most of the electric wiring materials being stolen due to lack of caretaker. I would like to ask if the concerned minister insisted the inauguration despite such condition.

On Demand No. 24, we have a woman from Lungmuat village who completed Health Worker Training of the first batch i.e. 2008-2013 during the Congress ministry but remains unemployed till today. With the plan of posting a pair of Health Workers of male and female at Lungmuat village, one male has already been appointed. So, I request the hon. minister to appoint the aforesaid woman to be posted at the vacant place.

As in the case of the Polytechnic School school of Thingdawl, the electric wiring materials of Nurse Training Centre of the same place had also been stolen. I opine it is time for the government to inaugurate the building for it has already been completed long time back. With that, I conclude my speech and support passing the Demands of our two hon. Ministers. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Dr. Ngurdingliana.

**Dr. NGURDINGLIANA** : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. First, I express my appreciation to the Ministry for achieving railhead in Mizoram and also for the initiatives for passenger flight in Mizoram.



Pu Deputy Speaker, regarding Land Revenue & Settlement Department, I appreciate the performance of the department in revising the Rules, Acts and Ordinances and put in to Act during 2009-2016 so as to safeguard our land. In the same manner, it is truly appreciated that revision of the Mizoram Land Survey Operation Rules is completed on the 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2009, the Mizo District Transferring Land Amendment Bill on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2009 and the Mizoram Land Revenue Bill on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2015. Apart from this, it is impressive that the hon. Minister has laid The Mizoram Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation & Resettlement Ordinance, 2005 in this House.

Under Art & Culture Department, it is appreciative that construction of Tagore International Culture Centre at Beraw Tlang is in progress as library is established at various places to help our state achieving 100% literacy rate. In this connection, I suggest setting up library in the remote places as well. At the same time, concentration should be given on preservation of our old cultural heritage and monuments and the project may be extended across the state. Another important thing is our State Museum; I suggest the hon. Minister to determine setting up the State Museum in an open space compound so that it is of environmental friendly for the visitors. I also suggest setting the programme of Chapchar Kut in such a way to invite more tourists to attend this highly regarded festival and, in doing so, better conveyance and accommodation should be provided for such guests.

Under Higher & Technical Education Department, we have 22 Colleges, 2 Teachers Training College, 2 Collegiate Boys & Girls Hostel, 1 Polytechnic, Mizoram Polytechnic Institute at Lungei and MZU and affiliated Pachhunga University College. The progress of such institutions is no doubt impressive; yet, I suggest workshop, symposium, conference etc. should be conducted more often. At the same time, I suggest our lecturers and professors should give more efforts on their works for they all enjoy UGC pay. In order to encourage our colleges, I suggest extra funds be provided for infrastructure development to Grade-A colleges. It is pleasing to know that 6 Nos. Associate Professors are recommended to a full-fledged Professor by MPSC and I hope the vacant posts of Principal are all filled up within this year for a college with its own Principal has more chance to achieve academic progress within 5 years.

Polytechnic Institute is established at Champhai and Kolasib and it is gratifying to know that the same is set for Lawngtlai, Mamit, Saiha and Serchhip as well.

Among various achievements under Health Department, I truly appreciate the vaccination procedure conducted by the concerned Department and the a particular day set to be observed like Cancer Day, Disabled Day etc. to provide awareness to the public concern. With that, I conclude my speech by saying that I give my full support in passing of the Demands which had been discussed. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu N.K. Chakma.

**PU N.K. CHAKMA** : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. First, on Demand No. 6, Land Revenue & Settlement, I request that the Indo-Bangladesh border fencing work may be reviewed since work is not done as per the guidelines. Besides, it is regretted to learn that many paddy fields which happened to be the main source of livings have been destroyed. Since this is of a sensitive issue, I request the concerned department to re-examine the case. At the same time, I would also like to know the result of the cadastral survey which had already been completed long time ago.

Under Health & family Welfare Department, I would like to point out that Tlabung Sub-Divisional Hospital is badly in need of re-construction. Besides, this hospital is functioning with only 1 SMO, 1 Ayush Doctor and 1 medical officer. It is learned that recruitment of 6 Nos. specialists is in process and we hope that one is posted here. Whereas our Health Sub-Centres are functioning with only 1 Health Worker and I therefore request that at least 1 male and 1 female are posted in each Sub-Centre. Again, since only 4 nurses are posted at Tlabung Hospital, insufficiency of nursing service is intensive. At the same time, we need an X-ray Technician and an Ophthalmic Assistant. Pu Deputy Speaker, Tlabung, being Malaria prone area and special care need to be given; we need Sub-Divisional Hospital in Tlabung with better diagnostic equipment, better infrastructure and more manpower. We are also in need of blood bank as many patients are compelled to approach Lunglei Hospital due to our shortage of blood bank. I express my gratitude for construction of Ayush outdoor building at Tlabung. Thank you.

**PU HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE:** Pu Dy. Speaker, I have a correction to make if you permit me to do so?

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Yes, you may.

**PU HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE:** Pu Deputy Speaker, while I was discussing about Land Revenue & Settlement, I was referring to Demand No. 6 and not Demand No.1. So, I kindly request the hon. Minister to take note of this.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Er. Lalrinawma.

**Er. LALRINAWMA** : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Under Health & Family Welfare Department, I believe it is important to have a call centre which may be put to function 24/7 for the beneficiaries of RSBY. It is also necessary to have a toll-free for more efficiency and better information to the people. We may also be more lenient in dealing with the case of alcohol related patient since they cannot enjoy the benefit of RSBY.

Regarding the MR Bills of private hospitals, I believe there are different packages from the insurer companies and it is best that we should set a uniform rate of the medical bills based on the Formation Management Hospital Act. I also suggest that more nurses should be recruited for we have suffered insufficiency of nurse service in our Civil Hospitals.

Under Land revenue & Settlement, I believe we need Land Ceiling Act which may be functioned under the State jurisdiction. There are instances like the Waralbari dispute on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 1967 which may be settled under this Act. Since it is easier for the rich to have LSC, most of the lands inside and outside the city/town areas are of such group of people. Thus, it is only fair that we should be more conscious about the value of land and we should take extra care in dealing with any acquisition of land. The progress of work of the department is often impeded by those who do not take care of their own land. So, I think we need to implement Land Ceiling Act in our State.

Under Art & Culture Department, I opine it is important to value and encourage preserving the lyrics and tune of our old folk songs and traditional songs as our ancestors poured out their hearts and tell many stories through such compositions. So, I suggest the concerned department should take initiatives in this regard.

Coming now to Forest Department, it is my concern that rural people does not seem to understand the concept of Green Mizoram; I think it is wise to teach them in the form of songs which will express the natural beauty of our countrysides. Since we

are deeply rooted to our cultural dances and songs, it will surely have a positive impact on the campaign for preserving our Forest. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pi Vanlalawmpuii Chawngthu.

**PI VANLALAWMPUII CHAWNGTHU:** Thank you Pu Deputy Speaker. The points stated by my fellow member Pu Hmingdailova regarding linkage of our Surveyors with compensation is true and I support his suggestion. Considering the role of Art & Culture in preserving our old heritage, I think it is unfortunate that the amount sanction to the department is less sufficient for such project.

On Demand No. 24, I thank the hon. Minister for posting a doctor in rural areas where none are there; and, for constructing Health Sub-Centre, clinic and for posting a sister in this area. It is also pleasing to learn that an amount of ₹44 crores being sanctioned for the infrastructure of Cancer hospital. In this connection, I believe most of the rural areas are lack of medical staff such as doctor, nurse and Health Workers. While this is the case, I am happy to learn that recruitment of such staffs is in the process and I am positive that the needs of rural people will then be served.

As mentioned by the hon. member Er. Lalrinawma, RSBY is very important especially in rural areas. It is pleasing to know that under the leadership of the hon. Minister, Medical College is set to be established at Falkawn. At the same time, we the legislators becoming more aware of the subject of HIV thanks to the efforts of the experts on this field. It is quite impressive idea that each MLA contributes an amount of ₹1 lakh for the cause which may be utilized for taking care of HIV patients. Thank you.

**PU S. LALDINGLIANA** : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I will start with Demand No. 21 Higher & Technical Education.

I am glad that sanctions are made for upgrading Hrangbana and Zirtiri College into a model college and for setting up the Engineering College in Mizoram. As for posting of College level Principals with a Doctorate Degree holder as per UGC norms, I believe there are many senior professors who are eligible to hold such posts. If I am not mistaken, there are 130 Nos. Professors of doctorate degree holder which indicates they are all eligible for the post of a principal. So, I propose that we should reconsider this by making a 50:50 proportion for such post. If we examine the UGC

norms, it is clear that the incentives and increment are given to encourage such professors so that the students benefit the best teaching.

As mentioned by my fellow members on Demand No. 23, Art & Culture, the amount of funds sanctioned to the department is less sufficient considering the role it plays in preserving our culture. It is true that even our cultural festivals are now valued by the elders and the youngsters alike and so is necessary to provide more funds even for District Capitals for promotion of our culture.

Under Health & Family Department Welfare, I am glad that Mizoram Institute of Medical & Research will soon be established. Deputy Speaker, Sir, though we all seem to agree with 100% centrally funded Medical College but is impossible as the recurring expenditure should be met from the State funds. So, colleges like JIPMER and Chandigarh etc, the Central Govt. later takes over the college and then become fully funded by the Central. So, in case there is financial irregularity for smooth functioning of the hospital, there is alternative to resolve such problem instead of blaming the Ministry. It is also pleasing to know that funds for the infrastructure of Cancer Hospital have been made. Being a patient of cancer, I was once referred to TATA Hospital for treatment like many other cancer patients from Mizoram and came to learn that liability of 1 crore by the State Govt. has stopped the patient from enjoying credit facility. So, I request that our liability be cleared immediately so that any cancer patient may again enjoy the credit facility.

Pu Deputy Speaker, hon. Chief Minister had once visited Lunglei Hospital during the previous term in which he had even expressed his desire to renovate the establishment. Yet, no step is taken in that regard due to our financial crisis. Apart of such unfulfilled need of the hospital, lack of enough manpower and better equipments remain our problem. So, I request that at least two specialists and two MOs be posted here for smooth functioning of the hospital and that the casualty may be put to function 24 hours for the service cover Tlabung, Chawngte, Lawngtlai and Saiha etc.

While this is the case, I am happy to learn that recruitment of 3 Nos. Anaesthetic doctor is being processed. So, I request recruitment of more Health Workers may also be done at the same time so that the functioning of each of the Health Sub-Centre in rural areas are improved. Pu Dy. Speaker, it is regretted to learn that photographers so detailed for rural areas does not cover the remote areas where Healthcare Scheme is mostly needed. So, I request that it covers such areas as well so

that the concerned people may enjoy Healthcare Scheme like others. Thank you. Pu Deputy Speaker.

**PU R. VANLALVENA** : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I will try to highlight on a few important points; first, on the demands of Higher Education Department. Pu Deputy Speaker, T. Romana College which was established in 1994 has a congested space for construction of the College building where as there is a vast space next to it which is of AH & Veterinary Department. I appeal to concerned authority for setting-aside the vacant space for the college for we are expecting fund provision from RUSA for purchase of the required plot.

On Art & Culture Department, we all seem to be aware of the importance of the department in preserving our cultural heritage. Thus, it is essential for us to patent our cultural heritage or geographical Indication and I believe the Minister too has made initiative in this regard. What progress has been made so far in this regard?

On Health & Family Welfare Department, I am glad that there is a plan to establish the Medical College and funds have already been sanctioned for the infrastructure of Cancer Hospital and for the Generic Drug Store. Another important thing is issue of a recognized certificate to our hospitals where as under Rules Clinical Establishment Act, certificate of recognition should be issued to our hospitals. In this regard, it is learned that the hon. Minister has taken initiatives and I request to expedite the process so that poor people may soon enjoy the benefit.

Regarding MR bill, as mentioned by the hon. Opposition leader, the amount spent for this purpose is excessive and I think we should make the people to be more aware of Healthcare Scheme and RSBY where medical reimbursement may be claimed. I believe we are all aware of poor quality drugs being imported in our State and drug testing laboratory is thus our immediate need. Pu Deputy Speaker, I believe we have one at RIPANS and so may be made such laboratory for sharing before we have of our own. I request the hon. Minister to take initiative in this regard. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : We will take a short recess and discussion will be resumed at 2:00 pm.

*(Recess at 1:00 pm)*

**2:00 PM.**

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : We will now continue with our session. I call upon Pu K. Sangthuama.

**PU K. SANGTHUAMA** : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. On Land Revenue & Settlement, there are many instances like issue of double LSC. I think this kind of practice should immediately be stopped for it could bring us serious problems in the future.

Regarding compensation, I think compensation rate in practice is excessively high and I am afraid that it may create problems for us in the future. On Demand No. 21, Higher & Technical Education, may I know if the University Campus of Lunglei has already been inaugurated? Like the point raised by my fellow member, most of our Colleges is located in congested place and I request the ministry to provide more sanctions for improvement of our learning institutions.

Pu Speaker, regarding the incident at NIT, there was once a rumor that the hon. House Leader as being summoned from the PMO for such incident. If it is a fact, I think it is shameful for the hon. House Leader for being quarried for such issue. I hope the hon. Minister would clarify the situation.

On Demand No. 23, Agriculture, I opine enough progress has not been made and I hope the hon. Minister would take more progressive steps in this regard. I also think we should give more attention on promoting Art & Culture since we do not seem to have much progress except for the celebration of Chapchar Kut. So, I suggest more attentions should be given to the department.

On the Demand of Health & Family Welfare Department, I request to prioritize supply of water and electricity to Urban Health Centre of Chawlhmun to enable smooth functioning on emergency cases. I am glad that there is a proposal for construction of Sairang Hospital and I request our hon. Minister to expedite the process. We have only one doctor here who is based at Aizawl and often late for the office. I request the hon. Minister to make arrangement so that the said doctor has more time with patients at the hospital. Pu Speaker, I also request recruitment of more doctors and nurses for more in efficiency; I also suggest Finance Department should prioritize the need of Health Department and more attention should be given to rural

areas especially on Health Sub-Centres and PHC's.

Regarding Drug Control Act, I request the hon. Minister to take extreme measures since we continuously have problems due to numbers of illegal drugs seized by the Narcotics Department. I opine extreme measures should be taken to control misuse of drugs to prevent further damage to our society.

On Demand No. 26 and 48, I think the amount proposed for these two departments are less sufficient and that the proposed amount may be increased. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu R.L. Pianmawia.

**PU R.L. PIANMAWIA** : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I will highlight only a few points on Demand No. 6, Land Revenue & Settlement. I request that land dispute of Bawngkawn Brigade area should be settled as soon as possible. And, on Demand No. 23 Art & Culture Department, the Library building has been constructed in several rural areas thanks to the effort of our leaders; and, I suggest that the ministry should determine to continue with this project.

On Demand No. 26, Information & Public Relations I am glad that initiative is made for 'Darshan' project which is much essential in rural areas. In doing so, I request the hon. Minister to prioritize my constituency also.

On Health & Family Welfare Department, I think the amount allocated for medical treatment is quite less considering the number of doctors employed under this department. We have seen from the Demand that sanction is made for construction of only two Health Sub-Centres despite the need of the same in many rural areas. So, is there a way to re-arrange the allotment?

A concept paper for construction of PHC at Darlawn was submitted during the 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission along with 20 sub-center buildings and 13 staff quarters. These 20 sub-center buildings and 13 staff quarters are all completed except for the PHC building; it would be appreciated if the concerned Minister looked into this matter.

Ratu of my constituency has a Hospital, staff quarter, water storage tanky,



electric wiring which is obtained from contributions of the society and the hospital will be completed if doctors are provided. It would also be appreciative if doctor from the newly recruited is posted at Sakawrdai CHC. Lungsum, Damdai, N. Khawdungsei, Upper Sakawrdai and Zokhawthiang have permissions for sub-centers and will be appreciated if importance is given as soon as the new health workers are recruited. It would also be impressive if another doctor is posted at Sakawrdai. Steps taken by the Minister on Cancer Hospital are quite impressive as we are starting to have several new equipments. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu Chalrosanga Ralte.

**PU CHALROSANGA RALTE:** Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. Starting with Demand No. 6, we are making a great progress on Revenue under the guidance of our Minister. NLRMP was started since 2011 in cooperation with NIC on several software developments. Surveys are now done with GPS at several localities in Aizawl and we hope to carry this work at several districts as well so that there will be no problems in this regard. Hopefully computerization of land records system will also clear many disputes relating to LSC.

While this is the case, we are quite short on land surveyors and we never know when they will do the surveys. So, in order to avoid all such problems, a Survey Management System is currently operated under Aizawl Directorate and a message will be sent to those who called for the surveyors. Pu Dy. Speaker, other states are now using record of Rights and our state needs the same so as to end fake LSC and other related problems.

In regard to Demand No. 23, it is appreciating that Art & Culture Department inaugurated a Hall at Sazaikawn on January which now becomes available for hiring and camping. Mizoram Art Development Society is functioning under I & PR Department due to insufficient of fund and so is necessary to give importance in this regard as it concern the welfare of talented artists. Apart from this, I suggest improvement of step approaching Thasiama Se no neihna Tlang constructed during the previous Ministry so that the site maintains its originality.

In regard to Demand No. 24, Health & Family Welfare Department has a limited Doctors and nurses everywhere and to resolve the problem, the Minister for Health is proposing recruitment for 5 new doctors. It would be appreciated if the

Finance Department also gives its approval. Likewise, it would also be appreciated if Lunglei Civil Hospital is equipped with better infrastructures. Some measures may also be taken on reduction of the medical reimbursement in which we spent more than ₹80 crores. I suggest more patients are referred to NEIGHRIMS Shillong, renown Hospital to reduce the expenditures of both the patients and the Govt. At the same time, I request the hon. Minister to expedite inauguration of Urban Kalvari Health Centre at Lunglei Sazaikawn which has already been completed.

Regarding Demand No. 48, Information & Communication Technology, the hon. Prime Minister gives importance to Digital India but it seems that we are neglecting it as the budget to that respect also is quite less. So, it would be appreciated if it is given more importance. Pu Dy. Speaker, I support the Demands for the departments of our 2 Ministers. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu T. Sangkunga.

**PU T. SANGKUNGA** : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. I would like to start with Demand No. 23, Art & Culture Department. 90% of the heritage of our ancestors can be traced from East Tuipui Constituency alone and so is impressive that sufficient amount of fund is often provided for such preservation. In cooperation with INTAC, several trails of our ancestors had been identified. There is an assumption that a hidden ancient civilization had existed at Dungtlang and the Archeological Survey of India thus planned opening a new circle in Aizawl which will be functioning under the care of Manipur and Tripura. It is learned that 97 new posts are created to that effect and it would be much appreciated if the Minister put his efforts so that as much as the local residents are appointed thereof.

In regard to Demand No. 26, Information & Public Relation Department, fast information usually entails fast development as there can be no development without publicity. So, we need to enhance this department so that it covers all the Govt. programmes.

Regarding Demand No. 24, Health & Family Welfare Department, the lone doctor at Sesih PHC who is serving here for 20 years is attached to Champhai and no doctor is posted here in his stead since then. So, it would be appreciated if the hon. minister looks into this matter.

It is sad that our Medical Reimbursement bill is the highest among the North-East states and we need to be careful in dealing with the case. For example, much of our expenditure may be saved if majority of refer cases are at TATA hospital of Kolkata which is close to the new Mizoram House. I also agree with the idea of referring patients to NEIGHRIMS, Shillong as the expenditure is much lesser and there are 2 Mizo HoD Doctors and several nurses as well. Not only do I support Pu Chalrosanga, it would be impressive to put into effect. endorse

Regarding RSBY, it is hardly implemented in our Private Hospitals and we still do not have rules for recognition of the government. Even so, we need to be prudent even if no rules are made. Medical Re-imburement cannot be billed if the Hospitals are unrecognized and so the Hospital Recognition should be withdrawn from any Hospitals which do not recognize RSBY cards. Besides, the rates differ from hospital to hospital and the Govt. thus released an order that the rates should be the same as Durtlang and Serkawn Hospital as this order still stands today. So, we need to release the order again so that rate of any hospital should not exceed Durtlang and Serkawn Hospital unless the Govt. makes a new rate.

While supporting the demands of our Ministers, I find the funds to be less sufficient.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu John Siamkunga.

**PU JOHN SIAMKUNGA** : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. I would like to start with Demand No.6, Land Revenue & Settlement Department. Mizoram Land Revenue Act and Rules are made and some find the charge on LSC very high. However, it is reasonable since the LSC will always be of the owner.

On the other hand, the case of compensations mentioned by the leaders is unfortunate. Some people immediately applied LSC on any proposed project of the Govt. with a plan to resell such land to the Govt. at an exorbitant cost.

It is impressive that Art & Culture Department preserves our culture and traditional by exposing them on every occasion of Chapchar Kut. However, we have only a few tourists who attended the festival and we need to focus more on tourism industry.

In regard to I & PR Department, Demand No.26, the Govt. calendars of other states are well organized with the previous, present and the next month printed on the same page while ours needs to be flipped page by page. So, I suggest we may copy other states in this regard. It is truly appreciated that I & PR is allotted with ₹15 lakhs for Aizawl Darshan Tour from interior villages for it is truly benefitted by rural people.

As we are well aware of popularity of the social media in today's world, there are many viral false rumors that can create real damages. So, the way we utilize social media is quite unbecoming. On the other hand, extra measures are taken on Rural Information Kiosk at several villages by providing machines and equipments and ₹11 lakhs is allotted for this purpose. So, I would very much like to know how it is particularly utilized. Capacity building is also funded with large amount and we need to emphasize this because we can transform an idle youth to a useful man.

Regarding Demand No. 5, Health & Family Welfare, sometimes it is being criticized and sometimes it received praises. While this is the case, a lot of progresses are seen during this Ministry such as Computerization of Civil Hospital and having an excellent CT scan and Cardiology devices; Cancer Hospital also is well equipped with CT scan device and a simulator will soon be bought.

It is impressive that ₹2,000 lakhs is allocated for setting up Medical College and measures are also taken on Rural Health & Sanitation at several places, Sub-center buildings and quarters are constructed in my constituency and a Hospital at Hnahthial where the 1<sup>st</sup> phase is being completed and fund for 2<sup>nd</sup> phase is awaiting. So, it would be appreciated if this is given importance.

We have excessive number of drug stores in Mizoram and I believe we issued too much drug licenses which should be checked. That is all I have to say in support of the demands of the 2 Ministers. Thank you.

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

**PU P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA:** Pu Dy. Speaker, I would like to start with Land Revenue Department.

The departments and the Govt. itself improved a lot since our statehood. At

the same time, I opine each department needs to settle itself and protect the site of the office respectively. It seems that the Govt. buildings and lands are not valued enough but objected to give it to privates, NGOs and Christian Community etc. This is not responsibility of the Revenue Department only but also every department.

Pu Dy. Speaker, I would like to mention regarding the Recruitment Rules here today. Recruitment of Group-A employee is quite regular but for Group-B, C and D it is comparatively rare. So, I opine it is necessary that every department should review the Recruitment Rules. On the other hand, it is time that we learn the strengths and services of the staff of any department should be maintained accordingly.

Pu Dy. Speaker, the main reason why we are facing problems on Land Revenue Department is because of the people and we therefore need to educate them. Most of the people are not sure of the exact location of their land as there are many who do not have the common sense to protect their own lands. So, the department is quite important and we need to make more use of it.

In regard to Higher & Technical, I opine it is important to set up more schools and hostels in our city and the district headquarters for many from the surrounding places prefer to pursue their education in such places with better environment and teachings.

Though the fund for Art & Culture Department is much lesser compare to last year, the department takes intensive measures by working with Archaeological Survey of India, Govt. of India in preserving our cultural heritages. It is also impressive that there is a plan to open the Circle Office for it will improve functioning of the department and also will provide more job opportunities.

I also think it is important to expand Information Department for it acts as a local herald local on behalf of the Govt.

In regard to Health & family Welfare, Demand No. 24, there is a demand of health workers and staff nurses everywhere and so is necessary to post a substitute staff as some villages are often left with no nurses or medical staff when one is on leave. So, we need to make use of this situation for unemployed graduates for it will help us a lot in achieving 'Health for all'.

Pu Speaker, it is learned that we do not have a specific doctor or expert to make use of our Dialysis equipment for treatment of kidney problems. So, it would be appreciated if the concerned Minister finds a Hematology Doctor among the junior doctors to undergo training as necessary. Likewise, we have only 2 nurses who can give dialysis and so would be appreciated if training is given to more nurses as well.

Pu Speaker, Mizoram College of Nursing claims that they have no library and the students paid for the electric bills and water bills. I hope the concerned Minister will look into this matter so that the problem is resolve immediately.

I hereby conclude my speech by supporting the demands of our 2 Ministers. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalrobiaka.

**PU LALROBIAKA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I would like to start with Demand No. 23, Art & Culture Department.

Though the budget for this department is much lesser compare to the previous years, the achievement being made are quite impressive for it concern preserving our Mizo identity. While this is the case, the department is becoming smaller despite its importance and so should be taken into account of the problem.

Intensive measures have also been taken by the department by providing books in rural areas which immensely help us in making progress on adult education. They also expose our cultures and traditional dresses worldwide and it may also be a good idea to popularize our festivals like Hornbill Festival of the Nagas. It is also appreciated that tombstones of the Mizo Chiefs are erected by the department.

Pu Speaker, a lot of progresses are made on Land Revenue & Settlement as well since the previous Ministry as several rules were formulated. However, there still a lot to improve the system of the department as the people need the staffs to be more sincere in their official works. The Department also deals with compensation and it is unfortunate that the lands along the World Bank Project-II were given away among the surveyors and such act which I opine as the enemy of the state; I suggest those involved in the case should be penalized.

In regard to Higher & Technical Education, Shillong Boys' Hostel is quite important for the students with poor background and so is impressive that fund for the repair is allotted. I also suggest that promotion of senior teachers should be prioritized with huge amount of fund from RUSA.

Regarding Health & Family Welfare Department, it is a problem that the photographers are often hesitant to visit remote areas; we also face complications at the hospital since there are no staffs to take care of the patients.

It is pleasing that 2 PHC are set to be constructed in my constituency and I request the Minister to prioritize malaria prone areas. It would also be appreciated if the PHC at Marpara is equipped with more staff nurses since one was transferred but no staff is placed in his stead till today. Likewise, we also need a doctor to cover Silsuri, Marpara South and Laisawral.

As pointed out already, Information & Communication Technology is the announcer to the Govt. and enough importance thus should be given. The Govt. has a lot of achievements that the people are unaware of and it would be impressive to equip this department with better facilities. RIK was provided at several rural areas but has not been utilized as useful as expected. We also plan issue of birth & death certificate from the concerned villages but it has not been implemented till today; I request the concerned Minister to clarify the situation as I express my support the demands which had been discussed. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : Dr. K. Beichhua.

**Dr. K. BEICHHUA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. To start with, Demand No. 6, Land Revenue & Settlement Department.

“The Mizoram Land Acquisition Rehabilitation and Re-settlement Ordinance” was made on 15<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2015 and I find it complicated. Looking at the Constitution of India, the President will take immediate action only when necessary and I was wondering why we are in a hurry to call it. I would also like an explanation on why the regressive reduction solarium we are about to receive has decreased from 100% to 30% and would like to know why there are no advantages for SC and ST when section 41 and 42 were omitted and a new Act, 2015 is made.

I am glad that we will soon be having a Medical College. The required minimum acres for its campus is 25 acres and 10 acres for building, hostel, lecture hall etc. according to the MCI recommendation 1991 and amended in 2010. So, it is unfortunate that we concentrate on compensations while there are many things to be sorted out first. It would be appreciated if the Minister of the Revenue Department put more efforts in resolving the disputed lands since there are a lot of problems with the people as a consequence.

In regard to Higher & Technical Education, we all know the importance of education and so will be much appreciated if we have more colleges of our own. While there are multiple streams of choice in Aizawl and other colleges, Siaha College has Arts stream only since Science and Commerce streams were withdrawn. It would be much appreciated if these 2 streams are given back to that college.

It is unfortunate that the stipend and book grant for technical students are discontinued since 2012 despite many students who used to make the best use of it. So, it would be much appreciative for the concerned students if it is continued.

In regard to Demand No. 24, Health & family Welfare, I firmly believe that we can be a model state in the country and measure may so be taken in this regard. Despite several measures taken by the Govt., I opine we need to concentrate on the method of preventive and promotive.

I have learned that 88 new doctors are recruited through MPSC in 2013 which could create problems at the time of promotion. I regarded that it would be better to recruit at least 5 Nos. at a time rather than recruiting a huge number at one go. Besides, we have also learned that there are around 220 Nos. vacant posts of nurse. The ratio of nurse and patient at Aizawl Civil Hospital is very wide; I wish that recruitment could be done soon.

Pu Speaker, providing proper diagnostic equipments in the district capitals is also very important as it will reduce the work load at Aizawl at least to 60%. It is also quite troublesome for the people to travel to Aizawl for medical examination; I hope that this could be given priority. Besides, I would like to kindly request the hon. Minister to take necessary steps for the creation of at least three or four ICUs at Lunglei as it serves as a referral hospital for the whole southern area.



I am also concerned about the increased cost of equipments for cabin at Aizawl Hospital as this will be reflected in the MR Bills. I request the hon. Minister would look into this matter.

We are all set to have a Medical Hospital which is 100% under the state government. I suggest that the first session should be started this year. First year is only for three subjects and we will have another 18 months for preparation for the next session. Therefore, I propose that the first session to be started from this year. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. On Demand No. 6, Land Revenue & Settlement, I am glad to see that there is a proposal to decrease the excessively high land revenue collected through Land revenue law from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2016. Meanwhile, we have seen an ordinance which is made not in accordance with Article 213 of the Constitution and Rules of Procedure No. 75 and 76; the ordinance is issued on December. We received only after this session is summoned and it takes so long; this is a breach of our privilege as a legislator. I hope that this would not be repeated in the future.

Pu Speaker, regarding Referral Hospital as mentioned on 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2016, obviously the plots of land have been given to private owner and the fact is confirmed by the documents which are in my possession at the moment also. Therefore, I find it difficult to pass this demand also. (***SPEAKER** : It will be necessary to submit the documents you have mentioned.*) I will do as required, Pu Speaker.

On Demand No. 21, I am sorry for the incident occurred at NIT and I am also regretted that we do not make use of the institution even though it is an important institution. There is a very high percentage of drop-out in Mizoram Women Polytechnic which calls for attention. The number of entry to Central services is decreasing at an alarming rate among Mizos. In this regard, I suggest that Education Loans, overseas scholarship/stipend, etc. should be given more easily to the aspirants.

Regarding Art & Culture Department, I am in support for the development and improvement of public library. Looking at the result of the celebration of Chapchar Kut, I am worried that we would not get the support of the churches. I would also like to mention that renovation of Vanapa Hall is very necessary.

Regarding Demand No. 12, Parliamentary Affairs Department, the Deputy Chief Whip does not have a Discretionary Fund; will it be possible to make a provision for that? It seems that consultative meeting is also a little rare under some Ministers.

On Demand No. 24, it seems that we are about to have a new Drug Control Act which is the immediate need of our state. We also need to control the food products imported from Myanmar as it may be dangerous for health especially among the children. We are slow in transferring funds to Societies and Missions. It is unfortunate that the funds for targeted intervention under MSACS had been withheld for a long time for it creates healthcare problems for the needy. So, we need to pay more attention towards this.

This Department has purchased a vehicle two years back but that vehicle is not commissioned to the Department till today. My question is, where had the fund allotted to that effect has gone. Besides, there is also someone who has been appointed for a driver but cannot drive; we really need to look into the matter.

The roof of Sub-Centre Dawrpui Vengthar is blown off and needs repair; we really wish action is taken immediately. It is unfortunate that medicines are not available in District Hospitals lately; it is a known fact that no hospital could function without medicines being provided. So, immediate steps need to be taken in this regard.

On Demand No. 48, we need more and more awareness about IT Act in our state. There are many hoaxes go viral nowadays; we need to educate the people how to use social media nowadays. I would also like to request that IT training could be organized soon for the MLAs. I am also deeply concerned how the service providers play with their customers. It is necessary that we discussed the problems of the people often with these service providers.

Lastly, regarding Higher & Technical Education Department, I would like to speak about RUSA scheme. This is an important scheme for development of education in our state. I hope several infrastructure developments would be seen through this scheme. Meanwhile, I am concerned that it takes too long to complete the construction work of Aizawl West College. This creates huge problems like traffic jam problems for the people also. I hope this matter could be given priority. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA :** I would like thank the hon. Health Minister for the construction of hospital at Rabung and for posting a doctor as well. A new Health Worker is also posted at Tualpui as the need for Health Workers in villages is very high. In this connection, I suggest that applicants from villages should be given weight age to prevent application for transfer of posting only after two or three months. This will certainly help us a lot.

Regarding distribution of mosquito net also, it is evenly distributed in different constituencies. My constituency is located in malaria prone area and we need more than other areas. It is desirable that we could be given more supply. We also need an Orthopedic Specialist and Pediatric Specialist at Champhai Hospital; it is the immediate needs; I implore the hon. Minister to take note of it. I would also suggest that we should make more refers to NEIGHRIMS Hospital Shillong since it has all the facilities available in other hospitals ant it is very convenient from Mizoram.

There is nothing to worry about Seniority of doctors as mentioned by Dr. K. Beichhua. Besides, I would like to express my feelings that there is no laughingstock or funny departments. We need to mind our languages in this House. We need to speak in a parliamentary language.

Regarding Higher & Technical Education Department, we are grateful that we are given one of the best colleges in Mizoram at Champhai. However, electrification of the building is not yet done. I hope this could be completed soon as there is the immediate need.

I am very concerned about teaching faculties in college. Even if we started with a quality education in the elementary level, it will be of no avail if we do not have good college education. I often found that the graduates and post graduates are less competitive which may be the result of poor college education. I found that there is a huge shortage of manpower at Champhai College in every department. I would like to kindly request the hon. Minister to take necessary steps to solve this problem.

Lastly, regarding Art & Culture Department, I would like to express my opinion that it is necessary to maintain the originality and its natural form in every historical or cultural site. With these words, I support the demands of the two hon. Ministers. Thank you.

**PU VANLALZAWMA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. First of all, I would like to speak about Demand No. 21, Higher & Technical Education Department.

We know that there is very few numbers of colleges having permanent Principal post; I found this deteriorating for the quality of higher education. The norms and requirements for recruitment rules in this regard are very difficult from Mizo society as it is not based on it. Meanwhile, we have many qualities and achievement which are important for administration in our society. I, therefore think that it is necessary to have separate recruitment rules for the state and I hope the department would take note of this also.

Even though some central institutions like Universities, Colleges, etc. are under the central government, we must remember that it is within our state. We must play more roles in its administration also. Other institutions like Veterinary College, Horticulture College, etc. will also be established later. We should remember that it is within our state and it belongs to the state as well.

On Demand No. 12, Parliamentary Affairs Department, about two years ago, I was appointed as a member of Consultative Committee. However, no meeting was called till today. I think it is the responsibility of the Parliamentary Affairs Minister who also constitutes the committee to look into this matter. I would like to mention this when he wind up our discussion.

Regarding Health & Family Welfare Department, it is stated that there is no proposal to downgrade Aizawl Civil Hospital. Meanwhile, a notification was made to decrease the number of bed capacity of Aizawl Civil Hospital from 300 to 200. I would like to request the hon. Minister to clarify this matter.

Regarding Health Care Scheme, we have a registration of only around 40% of the population. Some people came to realize that they are not registered under Health Care Scheme only after they are suffering from some illnesses. Will it possible to consider registration to such people even if the registration window is already closed? It is desirable this could be considered as a special case.

I also opined that it is really necessary to strengthen awareness regarding information technology. For this purpose, we also need to allot more funds also. If we do not have proper education and awareness in this regard, it could be a bane for the state. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : We shall end our discussion here. Let us now call upon Pu R. Romawia, the hon. Minister to wind up our discussion and beg the House to pass the Demand.

**PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. It is pleasing to hear that 18 members have spoken about the demand under my portfolio. Some of the shortcomings they have mentioned are due to financial difficulties of the government.

On Demand No. 12, PAD, even though the consultative committee is created under this department, it is important that each department calls for such meeting in respect of their department. It is unfortunate that the discretionary fund of Government Deputy Chief Whip is not created. It is under process at the moment.

Pu Speaker, MZU campus at Lunglei is also proposed and it is still under process. It is the first time that I have heard about the NIT issue when hon. Members mentioned. Anyway, this institution is under the central government and we have not much connection. However, we will look into the matter and necessary steps will be taken.

We give immense importance towards polytechnic institutes. We are very grateful to have proposal for the establishment in eight districts in the previous ministry. The grant received in this regard is of the infrastructure. It is completed at Thingdawl for Kolasib District and at Tlangsam for Champhai District. It is also nearly completed at Mamit and it is about to started at Chhingchhip for Serchhip District and at Saiha also.

Regarding construction of hostel for college students, we are trying our best to bring about improvements for it is not sufficient for more students. However, these are only based on our available buildings. This could be improved if we could find a plot of land for its construction.

Regarding appointment of principal, advertisement has been floated according to the norms of UGC. There are no candidates from outside the state as worried by our members. There are a few things to be pursued at this moment and it will be completed soon. The present principal posts are called ad-hoc which is not desirable. (PU K. SANGTHUAMA: Pu Speaker, will the requirements that the candidate should understand Mizo language be applicable in this appointment?) Pu Speaker, we have

adopted the UGC norms for this appointment. If that is considered necessary, it will require a new RR and the recruitment will be done as per the UGC norm for this time.

We cannot continue to give book grant and stipend since 2012. However, there is a grant from NEC for this purpose. Scholarships are also received from Ministry of Tribal Affairs and NEC. There are some procedures to be followed which may take two or three weeks. We are trying our best to give it the earliest.

We have also seen improvement in Higher & Technical Department through RUSA Scheme. We worried a little that the new ministry will not continue the scheme but some funds are now released. We hope that shortage of faculty will also be minimized through this scheme. We are still pursuing the expected fund for the Field Staff also.

Regarding Art & culture Department, The Archeological Survey of India is trying to open a Circle Office for Tripura and Mizoram in Aizawl and the department will provide a place for the establishment. The Museum building which is about to be shifted to New Capital Complex could not be completed as around ₹80 lakh more is needed. We expected to have the required fund also.

Regarding the celebration of Chapchar Kut, it is our opinion that the celebration should be based on Mizo culture; we do not think imparting foreign culture or practice is necessary. Tourism Department is having its own funds which could be focused on tourists' attraction. I would like to mention that intensive efforts are made for the patent of different cultural clothes of ours. However, this is not an easy task and it takes some times to be done. I also found the maintaining of proper record regarding folk songs very important as it is necessary to pass on our literature and songs to the generations to come.

It is great to see that libraries are constructed in different villages through Raja Ram Mohan Roy Library Foundation in which the maximum limit is ₹6 lakh. The result is really satisfying in view of the small fund. It is desirable this could be assisted from the part of the government also.

Regarding Land Revenue Department, it is a fact that we are now realizing the importance and value of lands. Different cases are also arising out of disputed land. It is always my personal desire that there may be a proper and rational distribution of

land for all the people. The land is a gift of God for the people in nature and it should not be used as merchandise. Rather, it could be a bane for those who owns and sold many plots of land. It is the same in claiming excessive amount of compensation from lands also. I would like to take this opportunity to mention about that.

The double allotment of the land may be due to some mistakes rather than some intention. Such problems are being resolved by transferring some to another plot of land. Regarding border fencing, I think we are assigned to undertake verification of lands but rather a difficult task since it is the central policy.

There are many improvements in the Department due to more advance equipments and instruments. Land measurements are also done more easily using such instruments nowadays where as double allotments land are also being resolved day by day.

Regarding land evaluation, amendment of the present act will be introduced in this session. If this amendment is passed, Land Value Committee will be formed according to India Stamp Act, 1899 so that proper evaluation of land could be done. We have also faced some problems in court cases. While we considered the value of certain land as ₹60 per square metre, the court may value it as ₹200 per square metre. These kinds of problems will also be solved in this way.

Regarding the allegation that the plot of land for Hospital as being given to private owners, I have no knowledge about it. If this is true, the government should be the most concerned. The area of this land is 119.16, 15.94 hectare which is about 40 acre. However, a re-demarcation was done on 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup> of July, 2014. According to this re-demarcation, the area increased by 254.84 bighas. It seems that the area will decreased if it is given to private owner but it still increased. There is no question of giving to private owner.

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Pu Speaker, the increase in the area is due to huge plot of land availed from 13 owners during the course of re-demarcation. The matter is even reported by the VCP on 8.7.2013 to the Director, Hospital & Medical Education.

**PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, it is illegal for a person who is already compensated reclaims that it is his land. Besides, I consider blaming the

government in different ways but not giving documents is really inappropriate. (**PU LALRUATKIMA:** Pu Speaker, I have already submitted the documents to the Speaker.) I have no knowledge of such documents. Anyways, this matter will be looked into.

**PU VANLALZAWMA** : Pu Speaker, is that an assurance?

**PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER:** Yes, it is. I have already instructed the department officials to look into the matter even before this question is raised.

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Pu Speaker, there is no steps taken despite a sufficient time to do so. The government can even call the file for consideration.

**PU K. SANGTHUAMA** : Pu Speaker, the said land is included in the former land lease but not in the new one.

**PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, this document seems to be an act of coward against the government; I even found it inappropriate when I see it as it seems to be an attempt to create an opportunity against the Minister for the opposition parties.

**Er. LALRINAWMA** : Pu Speaker, does that mean the one who give signature do not agree with the notes?

**PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER:** The notes can even be added after it is signed; that will be enquired.

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : With your permission, Pu Speaker, in the notesheet, Sl. No. 1, the plot of land which belongs to Lalrinchhana...

**SPEAKER** : The Minister has given his word to look into the matter.

**PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, I request this August House to pass the following demand No. 26, Land Revenue & Settlement Department, Demand No. 12, Parliamentary Affairs Department, Demand No. 21, Higher & Technical Education Department and Demand No. 23, Art & Culture Department, totally ₹2,19,37,46,000/-.



**PU VANLALZAWMA** : Pu Speaker, we were apprehensive in passing the demand. However, now that the hon. Minister have given assurance in the House, we will support the demand.

**SPEAKER** : Now that the hon. Minister, Pu R. Romawia has request this August House to pass his demands which are as follows - Demand No. 6,12,21 and 23 i.e. ₹2,19,37,46,000/-. Now, all those who agree say, 'Yes' and those who disagree say, 'No'. The House has unanimously passed the Demands of the hon. Minister, Pu. R. Romawia.

**PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, thank you.

**SPEAKER** : We will now call hon. Minister to wind up his demand and seek the permission of the House to pass it.

**PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, thank you. 18 members spoke about my demand. It is pleasing to note that members shows there gratitude towards the developments occurring in Health & Family Welfare Department except for one member who mocked Health & Family Welfare.

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Pu Speaker, It is not mock, but it is unbecoming that a person who is appointed as driver does not know how to drive.

**PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER:** In regard to Health Worker mentioned by hon. member, Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte, we will look into the matter and review if appointment can be made from here. As for Thingdawl Nurse Training Centre, it cannot function as of now due to shortage of staff.

I have noted down what hon. member Pu Nihar mentioned about Tlabung Sub-Division Hospital, steps will be taken. As for X-ray Technician, we are unable to fulfill the demand since there is shortage of staff. We will arrange for blood storage but, as for blood blank it is under the control of the provision and not state Govt.

Pu Er. Lalrinawma mentioned about Toll-free; it has to be co-ordinate with BSNL as we have approached BSNL. As for treatment of alcohol related patient under RSBY, there is terms and condition. However, if doctors in the state perform surgery, than there is a provision.

**Er. LALRINAWMA** : Pu Speaker, in regard to RSBY how is it exactly stated in the agreement?

**PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER:** We will give instructions to Doctors to write specifically.

As for what hon. member Pu S. Laldingliana mentioned about pending bill at TATA Hospital Mumbai, I have discussion with Finance Parliamentary Secretary; we are expecting to clear the bill in the coming financial year.

Pu Speaker, we are taking steps to equip Hospitals, there has been great improvement. As for Health-care photographer, there is a proposal to employ the locals; we are expecting to cover the remotes area.

As for Generic Drug Store, there is a proposal to have Generic Drug Store in every District. Generic Drugs Policy has been vetted by Law Department and will be sent to Finance Department. Whereas RIPAN have approved our request to utilized Drug Testing Laboratory; one Assistant Professor will be sent to Ghaziabad for training.

Hon. Member, Pu K. Sangthuama mentioned about Sairang Hospital Doctor who goes to his office from Aizawl. Steps will be taken so as he will be stationed at Sairang. Pu R.L. Pianmawia, hon. member mentioned that there is only two provision for the construction of Health-centre in the budget. However, it is not usually highlighted in the budget. 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission has allocated fund for the Construction of Health Sub-Centre. We are yet to finalize where it is to be constructed. As for doctor in Sakawrdai, we will look into the matter. As suggested by the hon. member, we will try and refer patients to NEIGHRIMS as far as possible.

Pu T. Sangkunga, hon. member suggested that recognition rule be revised. Pu Speaker, it is the on-going proposal. Pu John Siamkunga, hon. member mentioned about Hnahthial Hospital Construction. We are waiting for the 2<sup>nd</sup> installment of funds sanction. Pu Speaker, we have bought simulator machine for cancer Hospital, and it is functioning. In regard to Health Workers mention by Pu P.C Zoram Sangliana, hon. member, we are waiting for the approval to fill-up 234 vacant posts. Pu Speaker, as for problem face in dialysis, we will make a proposal to sent Doctors and Nurses to Nephrology Department for training, it is also the on-going project to purchase several dialysis machine.

₹4,80,000/- has been sanctioned to MCON for purchase of book for library by Departmental Purchase Advisory Board. Likewise, Pu Speaker, the State Medical Library has also set up a library at n Aizawl Civil Hospital.

Dr. K. Beichhua, hon. member mentioned about the Medical College compound. I believe it will be taken care of as the time comes. Pu Speaker, we do not neglect Districts; in fact, we have made a proposal to fill-up 25 vacant posts of nurse to solve shortage of nurse; MPSC will conduct the procedure very soon. As for non-availability of basic requirement at Saiha, we will look into the matter. In regard to suggestion for 2/3 more ICUs, it is also the desire of the Department. However, due to financial constrain we are unable to implement at present. Pu Speaker, I will look into the matter concerning Civil Hospital Cabin. As for starting of Medical College 1<sup>st</sup> year class, Medical Council of India will come and inspect, than we will be informed as to when the classes will begin.

State Medical Council has conducted 5 meetings and the members are:

1. Pu R. Lianzama,
2. Dr. James Zohmingthanga,
3. Dr. T. Lalzawmliana,
4. Dr. Lallawma,
5. Dr. K. Lalbiakzuala, Dr. R.Thangkunga,
6. Dr. Eric Zomawia, Dr. Lalbiakkima,
7. Dr. Vanlalruata, Director of Health Services,
8. Director Hospital & Medical Education,
9. Dr. Prof. Jaghdiv Prasad.

Dr. R. Lianzama is the President; Dr. James Zohmingthanga, the Vice President; Dr. T. Lalzawmliana, Secretary-cum-Registrar; Dr. Ritumath Deokota, the representation of MCI. We have The Mizoram Medical Council Act in 2010, and in 2.7.2013, Mizoram State Medical Rules is gazette.

It is true what hon. member, Pu Lalruatkima mentioned about the delay in mission fund transfer. It is due to the unsystematic procedure and problem faced in Finance. However, as we are told by central authorities from the coming financial year, MSACS fund will be sanctioned directly to us. This will solve the problem of NGO's to a certain extent.

Regarding the claim that one person who could not drive as being appointed as driver, I request the hon. member to furnish his name and place of posting so that we may be able to terminate his service immediately.

In regard to what hon. Opposition Group leader mentioned about Civil Hospital, there is a proposal to upgrade Dental ward with six beds, Pediatric ICU with 12 beds and additional 10 beds at cardiology. Angiography will start functioning once generator is ready. Such proposals for upgradation indicate we are not neglecting the Civil Hospital.

Regarding Smart Card, Pu Speaker, the department is not very keen to entertain those who have neglected to obtain beforehand.

Very few members spoke about Demand No. 26, Information & Public Relation. Hon. member Pu T. Sangkunga mentioned that the Department is unable to cover its function due to shortage of officers. But, Pu Speaker, we cover VIP function as far as possible. During the year 2015 - 2016, the number of coverage done by the officers is 1,749 Nos., 1,010 Nos. Video & Sound coverage, 634 Nos. still photos where as Nos. of steel photo printed & distributed 25,000, 32 Nos. press conferences and 3310 Nos. press release being issued, classified and display advertisement issue 1483 Nos. and press briefing 1053.

It is the ongoing proposal to resolve the problem of stagnation of officers' promotion where as shortage of vehicle has also been resolved through NLUP.

To answer the question of Er. Lalrinawma, we do not have accredited journalist at present. However, applications have been submitted which will be scrutinized later. As for the criteria for accredited Journalist, I will hand it over the copy when it is finalized. In regard to what hon. member, Pu Robiaka mentioned, it is the ongoing proposal of the Department.

Demand No. 48, Information & Communication Technology, five members spoke about this demand. This Department was established in the year 2008. There are 40 staffs comprising 14 Nos. regularized, 17 Nos. contract employees and 12 Nos. MR employees. There is a budget deficit of ₹610 lakhs from last year due to diversion of ₹172.29 lakhs to ZENICS and for early retirement rules of employees fund which longer is included. Also, ₹100.97 lakhs from NEC is no longer included.

Pu Robiaka and Pu John Siamkunga mentioned about RIK. Installation of 292 Nos. KIOSK under rural information is expected to make beneficial. As for Social Media, to give Social Media awareness programmed, Central YMA, MJA and Churches have been utilized as its channel.

In regard to capacity building mentioned by hon. member, Pu John Siamkunga, Under E-governance of CSS, ₹1216 lakhs have been allocated for various projects.

So, Pu Speaker, I request this august House to pass the following Demands under my concerned departments, such as: -

<b>Demand Nos.</b>	<b>Departments</b>	<b>Budget Amount</b>
Demand No. 24	Health & Family Welfare	₹4,14,28,26,000.00
Demand No. 26	Information & Public Relations	₹14,19,96,000.00
Demand No. 48	Information & Communication Technology	₹14,21,13,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>₹4,42,69,35,000.00</b>

**SPEAKER** : Now, the hon. Minister, Pu Lal Thanzara seek permission of the House to pass the following Demands such as Demand No. 24, 26 and 48, totally ₹42,69,35,000/-. Those who agree to pass say, 'Yes' and those who disagree may say, 'No'. The House has unanimously passed the Demands.

**PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Alright, we have come to the end of today's business. Meeting will be resumed tomorrow, the 29<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 10:30 am. The sitting is adjourned.

*(Sitting is adjourned: 5:41 pm)*