

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR TENTH SITTING ON TUESDAY, THE 29th 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 K. SANGTHUAMA**, to lay on the Table of the House Statement of Action Taken on the further recommendations of Public Accounts Committee contained in the Twelfth Report relating to Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department.

PRESENTATION OF REPORT

3. **PU K. SANGTHUAMA**, to present to the House the following Reports of Public Accounts Committee :
 - i) Fifteenth Report on the Report of C&AG of India for the year 2011-2012 relating to Environment & Forests Department.
 - ii) Sixteenth Report on the Report of C&AG of India for the year 2010-2011 relating to Public Health Engineering Department.
4. **PU LALRINLIANA SAILO**, to present to the House the Fifth Report of Committee on Estimates relating to Bamboo Development Agency under Industries Department, Government of Mizoram.
5. **PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA**, to present to the House the following Reports of Committee on Public Undertakings :
 - i) Second Report on the Report of C&AG of India for the year 2007-2008 relating to Zoram Industrial Development

Corporation Limited (ZIDCO) under Industries Department.

- ii) Third Report on the Report of C&AG of India for the year 2010-2011 relating to Zoram Industrial Development Corporation Limited (ZIDCO) under Industries Department.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS

6. **PU R. LALZIRLIANA**, Minister to submit to the Vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
7. **PU H. ROHLUNA**, Minister to submit to the Vote of the House various Demands under his charge.

NGURTHANZUALA
Secretary

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SPEAKER : For the sake of his great name the Lord will not reject his people, because the Lord was pleased to make you his own.

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We will take up starred question No. 139. Let us call Er. Lalrinawma to ask the question.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon. Finance Minister be pleased to state: -

- a) Numbers of time loan availed during 2014 - 2015 with its interest;
- b) Numbers of time loan availed during the current financial year with its interest.

SPEAKER : Now, let us call hon. Minister, Pu Lalsawta to answer the question.

PU LALSAWTA : Pu Speaker, thank you. The answer is -

- a) Loan availed from RBI during 2014 - 2015 are: -

Normal WMA	-	32 times
Special drawing facility	-	32 times
Overdraft	-	2 times
Total interest	-	₹112.39 lakh
- b) Loan borrowed during the year 2015 - 2016 are:

Normal WMA	-	5 times,
Special drawing facility	-	5 times
Overdraft	-	once
Total interest	-	₹57, 21 lakh

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. My Supplementary question is -

If the hon. Minister is able to tell the amount of loan availed during 2014 - 2015 and 2015 - 2016. And, in the annual financial statement budget estimate 2016 - 2017, there is an estimate of ₹3 lakh and ₹30,000 lakh during last year. I request clarification.

SPEAKER : If there is no more supplementary question, we will call the hon. Finance Minister to answer the question.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the interest for the current financial year is like I have mentioned earlier. This year, we have made fund allocation of ₹3 lakh for borrowing because we are aiming to go without any interest.

Pu Speaker, to answer the second question, it is as follows:

April 2	-	₹7 - ₹47 lakh
April 8	-	₹3,342 lakh
April 11	-	₹3,500 lakh
April 17	-	₹3,850 lakh
April 19	-	₹9,000 lakh
April 21	-	₹1,600 lakh
April 26	-	₹530 lakh
April 28	-	₹1,043 lakh
April 29	-	₹1,162 lakh
April 30	-	₹352 lakh

Ways and means:

May 10	-	₹754 lakh
May 12	-	₹855 lakh
May 13	-	₹34 lakh
May 16	-	₹613 lakh
May 17	-	₹1,880 lakh
May 19	-	₹68 lakh
May 20	-	₹376 lakh
May 21	-	₹5,930 lakh
May 23	-	₹653 lakh
May 24	-	₹4,950 lakh
May 26	-	₹4 lakh
May 30	-	₹107 lakh
May 3	-	₹6,994 lakh
June 28	-	₹494 lakh
Aug. 30	-	₹1,506 lakh

Normal ways and means:

Oct. 25	-	₹6,450 lakh
Oct. 27	-	₹6,500 lakh
Oct. 28	-	₹6,600 lakh

Oct. 29	-	₹1,780 lakh
Nov. 1	-	₹6,242 lakh
Nov. 29	-	₹8,250 lakh
Dec. 12	-	₹380 lakh
Dec. 13	-	₹5,184 lakh
Dec.15	-	₹128 lakh
Dec. 17	-	₹2,314 lakh
Dec. 18	-	₹184 lakh
Dec. 20	-	₹622 lakh
Dec. 25	-	₹1,802 lakh

Special facility:

Apr. 7	-	₹478 lakh
Apr. 8	-	₹3,342 lakh
Apr. 16	-	₹512 lakh
Apr. 25	-	₹2,368 lakh
Apr. 21	-	₹1,865 lakh
May 7	-	₹1,174 lakh
May 8	-	₹1,504 lakh
May 9	-	₹994 lakh
May 10	-	₹642 lakh
May 20	-	₹10 lakh
Jun 28	-	₹4,365 lakh
Jun 30	-	₹335 lakh
Aug 30	-	₹4,988 lakh
Oct. 16	-	₹335 lakh
Oct. 17	-	₹1,114 lakh
Oct. 18	-	₹662 lakh
Oct. 20	-	₹182 lakh
Oct. 22	-	₹2,819 lakh
Oct. 25	-	₹836 lakh
Nov. 1	-	₹2,966 lakh
Nov. 27	-	₹259 lakh
Nov. 28	-	₹1,946 lakh
Nov. 29	-	₹2,704 lakh
Dec. 10	-	₹161 lakh
Dec. 11	-	₹1,077 lakh

Dec. 12	-	₹3,694 lakh
Dec. 25	-	₹4,976 lakh
Jan. 26	-	₹168 lakh
Jan. 28	-	₹328 lakh
Jan. 2	-	₹149 lakh
Jan. 3	-	₹1,029 lakh
Mar. 27, 2015	-	₹4,856 lakh

There is overdraft in May, 2014 amounting to ₹4112, 97, 278.58/- and another overdraft in November, 29 amounting to ₹121, 53, 554.83/-. Total interest - ₹112, 39, 000/-.

SPEAKER : I think it is clear enough.

Er. LALRINAWMA : It is clear, but I would like to request the hon. Minister if the copy could be distributed.

SPEAKER : You may obtain from the office. We will move on to starred Question No. 104. Let us call Pu Lalruatkima to ask the question.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon. Minister of Sericulture be pleased to state -

- a) The total fund received for silk worm farming during the year 2011 - 2016 (year-wise) from RKVY and NLUP.
- b) Total numbers of silk worm farmers under NLUP; If there is anyone who abandoned farming under NLUP; If so, how many beneficiaries?
- c) The total amount harvest during the year 2011 – 2016; the rate at which it is being sold.

SPEAKER : Let us call the concerned Minister, Pu B.D. Chakma to answer the question.

Dr. B.D. CHAKMA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, answer to the question of the hon. member, Pu Lalruatkima is as follows: –

a)

Sl. No.	Year	RKVY (in lakhs)	NLUP (in lakhs)	Remarks
1	2010-2011	-	500.00	
2	2011-2012	20.00	120.00	
3	2012-2013	650.00	856.00	
4	2013-2014	220.00	405.00	
5	2014-2015	1192.00	250.00	K-Deposit
6	2015-2016	224.60	-	
TOTAL		2306.60	2131.00	

Under RKVY, ₹224.6 lakhs was deposited during 2015 in K. Deposit. No fund was deposited from NLUP.

During the year 2011 - 2016 under RKVY ₹2306.60 was deposited and under NLUP, ₹2131 lakhs.

b) Under NLUP, there are 2,195 Nos. silk farmers out of which 12 families abandoned their farming.

c) Cocoon harvest and rates during the year 2011-2016 are as follows:

1. 2011-2012 - 19,254.388 kgs.
2. 2012-2013 - 34,818.42 kgs.
3. 2013-2014 - 33,014.575 kgs.
4. 2014-2015 - 31,625.189 kgs.
5. 2015-2016 - 33,145.28 kgs.

TOTAL - 1,51,858 kgs.

Rate of Cocoon are as follows: -

1. Mulberry Reeling Cocoon Grade 'A' – ₹250 per kg.
2. -do- Grade 'B' – ₹200 per kg.
3. -do- Grade 'C' – ₹150 per kg.
4. Cocoon which are not suitable for silk thread - ₹120 per kg.

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. My questions are:

i) The reason for keeping NLUP funds for so long under K-Deposit?

- ii) Nos. of villages covered for silk farming under NLUP;
- iii) Whether there is a proposal to continue with silk farming under NLUP; if so, what is the programme?
- iv) If there is any proposal to up-grade silk-farmers who are not beneficiaries under NLUP;
- v) Since ZOHANCO had been terminated, what measures have been taken for selling of cocoon?

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

Dr. B.D. CHAKMA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, we are expecting to withdraw the fund deposited under K-Deposit during this year.

As for families who have abandoned NLUP, enquiry is being carried out. Once the enquiry report is ready, it will be submitted to NLUP.

There is no business link between ZOHANCO and Sericulture. Cocoon processing is done in STI, Zemabawk.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, hon. Minister mentioned in the previous session that ZOHANCO purchase the product. What arrangement has been made in this regard?

PU R. VANLALVENA : Pu Speaker, ZOHANCO does not purchase the product; I believe it is misinterpretation of the answer.

PU B.D. CHAKMA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, ZOHANCO does not purchase the product from sericulture, however, they acquire silk according to their requirements. Sericulture directly purchases the product from the farmers and is then processed at ATI, Zemabawk. Therefore, there is no direct marketing link.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, What is the total amount of the product sold by Sericulture Department?

SPEAKER : Let us call the hon. Minister.

Dr. B.D. CHAKMA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I cannot give the exact number; I will try to answer during discussion of Demands.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, as per the Economic Survey Reports, there are 2,206 Nos. NLUP beneficiaries while according to the hon. Minister, it is 2,195 Nos. May the hon. Minister clarify?

Dr. B.D. CHAKMA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the figures I gave is of the latest report.

SPEAKER : Starred question No. 141 and the hon. member, Pu Lalruatkima to ask.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon. Labour, Employment & Industry Department Minister be pleased to state -

- a) Number of trade covered by I.T.I., Aizawl and, Nos. of students in each trade.
- b) If all the students are awarded certificate after completion of the training course. If not, the reason there of.

PU LALRINAWMA RALTE, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, it is done as per the guideline of the Mizoram Building and other construction workers welfare. There are four hundred students at present.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, it is learned that no certificate is awarded except to the students of 2013 - 2014. In fact, the concerned students are unable to apply for any work without certificate. Thus, I request to resolve the problem.

My next question is: What type of vehicle is allotted to the Mechanical Engineer; and, If bus has been purchase for ITI, Aizawl? If not, what is the reason?

Dr. K.BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, what is the reason for the delay in construction of Boys' Hostel of ITI Saiha? Who is the Contractor and, how much fund has been sanctioned so far?

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

PU LALRINMAWIA RALTE, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I am unable to give the answer in regard to diesel engine vehicle but I will give in writing later. As for purchase of bus, we have already paid for it, but we have not received the vehicle. I request the hon. member to understand as we are taking necessary measures.

In regard to the question of hon. member, Dr. Beichhua, I will inform him as soon as the answer is readied.

SPEAKER : How about not issuing the certificate?

PU LALRINAWMA RALTE, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, since a new system is introduced from 2014 with MIS portal, the procedure is done online. But there is a delay due to technical problem which is beyond our jurisdiction.

SPEAKER : We will move on to starred Question No. 142. Let us call the hon. member, Pu Lalrinawma to ask the question.

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

- a) Nos. of pipe purchased during the year 2014 - 2015;
- b) Nos. of coils purchased (according to size);
- c) To how many farmers, it has been given.

SPEAKER : To answer the question, let us call the concerned Minister.

PU P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER: Answer to the question of the hon. member Er. Lalrinawma is -

- a) 2,992 rolls of pipe have been purchased during the year 2014 - 2015.
- b) Only 16 mm of pipe is being purchased.
- c) It has been given to 765 farmers.

SPEAKER : Pu Rinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, I would like to know if such pipe had also been given to farmers who does not have card.

PU P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, we are not strict on producing the cards but we verify if such farmers actually have farms.

Er. LALRINAWMA : That is the point I would like to mention, Pu Speaker. As we approached the official, we were demanded the card. But as the hon. Minister has just mentioned, I hope that next time, we are also given without cards.

SPEAKER : Let us call hon. member, Er. Lalrinawma to ask starred Question No. 143.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, will the hon. Minister Sport & Youth Services Department be pleased to state -
The total amount of fund incurred for cash incentive award.

SPEAKER : Let us call the hon. Minister, Pu Zodintluanga to answer the question.

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is –
Incentive cash award has not been given as yet.

For information of the House, Pu Speaker, NEC had sanctioned ₹67 lakhs on the 8th February, 2016 as a reward of Gold and Silver medalists.

SPEAKER : Let us call Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. My question is: -
How many of the Mizo professional footballers are there in India; and, names of the two footballers who are in training in Liverpool?

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

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MIINSTER: Pu Speaker, it is very difficult to keep track of footballers as they are in various clubs. Thus, I cannot give the exact number. That is all I can answer.

SPEAKER : Pu Ngurdingliana.

Dr. NGURDINGLIANA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I would like to thank the hon. Minister as I am among those who drafted the constitution of AFC.

PU VANLALZAWMA : Pu Speaker, from what hon. member from Champhai 'N' constituency mentioned, does it mean that we can acquire pipe even without cards if one is in the right political party?

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, Sports & Youth Services Department is not concerned with distribution of pipe and I therefore cannot give the answer.

PU VANLALZAWMA : Pu Speaker, is the hon. Horticulture Minister able to answer the question?

PU LALRINMAWIA RALTE, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, we distribute pipes to those farmers who required pipe and without discrimination.

SPEAKER : To ask starred Question No. 144, Let us call Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon. Minister of Labour & Employment & Industrial training Department be pleased to state -

- a) Nos. of mizo youth who landed a job abroad;
- b) To which countries they have landed a job and if the govt. overlook their achievement.
- c) Whether such youth were given training before they proceed abroad.

SPEAKER : Let us call hon. Minister, Pu Lalrinawma Ralte to answer the question.

PU LALRINAWMA RALTE, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is -
Labour, Employment & Industrial Training Department has not sent any Youth outside the country. Thus, the question of training does not arise.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, Mizoram Youth Commission

organized various skill development trainings. Thus, there are youth who have adapted themselves inside and outside the country. Pu Speaker, I opine if the Govt. look into the problems faced by such youth like Visa and passport and, also educate them, they can survive where ever they are.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, may the hon. Minister clarify the relation between the Youth Commission and Labour Employment & Industrial Training Department?

SPEAKER : Which Minister will answer the question?

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, the Minister of Labour, Employment & Industrial Training Department.

PU K. LALRINTHANGA : Pu Speaker, did the Govt. provides guidance to youth who achieved IAS and IFS?

SPEAKER : Let us call hon. Minister, Pu Lalrinawma Ralte.

PU LALRINAWMA RALTE, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, under Ministry & Labour & Employment, we have skill development Initiative skill training course for various modular employable skills with various educational qualifications. Pu Speaker, under this scheme, North-eastern states can have its own candidates. Thus, vocational Training Provides organized training. Under this programme, 3022 youth have completed their training and were certified by the National Council for Vocational training which is accepted all over the world. We are fortunate that there is 100% placement, but within the country and the department, after placement is made take necessary steps so that their welfare is known.

As for the question of hon. member, Pu K. Lalrinthanga, the ste Govt. does not provide guidance to IAS, IFS but the Central Government is taking care of their welfare.

Labour, Employment & Industrial Training Department is the Nodal Department of Youth Commission. Welfare Board Officer, Directorate Labour Officer, Youth Commission and the Under Secretary are working hand in hand. Recently, together they visited NIIS Kolkata to resolve the problem of our Youth in

NIIS, the two are in good cooperation with each other.

SPEAKER : Question hour is over. Now, we will move on to laying of papers. Let us call the hon. member, Pu K. Sangthuama to lay on the table of the House, "Action taken and the further recommendation of Public Accounts Committee".

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I lay the statement of action taken and the further recommendations on the twelfth report of Public Accounts Committee relating to Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Department.

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. I will now call Pu K. Sangthuama to present two reports.

PU K. SANHTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I hereby present

- i) Fifteenth Report on the Report of C&AG of India for the year 2011-2012 relating to Environment & Forests Department; and,
- ii) Sixteenth Report on the Report of C&AG of India for the year 2010-2011 relating to Public Health Engineering Department in this House.

Thank you.

SPEAKER : It's not 3 Reports but 2; let the copy be distributed. I request Pu Lalrinliana Sailo to present his Reports.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO: Thank you, Pu Speaker. This report is of the Bamboo Development Agency under the Industry Department and as we all are aware, there is a distinction between Estimate Committee and Public Accounts Committee. The objective of this Committee is to see if the Govt. infrastructure assets are carried out accordingly as it also gives importance to remedial measures and not finding fault. It studies and visits the spot where ₹35 crore and ₹3 lakhs was spent on as informed by the Industries Department. The members comprise Dr. Ngurdingliana, Pu Vanlalzawma, Pu T. Sangkunga, Pu R. Vanlalvena and Pi Vanlalawmpuii Chawngthu.

Pu Speaker, before giving the reports, I express my appreciation to the work rendered by the Assembly staffs for completing the work efficiently.

We are planning to change the body under BDA for it is important which concern policy matter. The Chief Secretary is usually appointed as the Chairman but the committee decided that the policy matters be formulated by the MLAs. The committee is also disappointed to know that no productions are made even after spending ₹35 crores and that no employment being regenerated.

The Entrepreneur Bamboo Chipping Mills & Unit was established by 9 people with more than lakhs of rupees but is now regarded as sick unit. There is no source for recovery as the supplied equipments are wrecked and the company is out of reach. As a result, many youths encountered problem of getting employment.

Before then, BDA was funded from BAFFACOS, ASIDE Scheme, Commerce Industry Department etc. as some were terminated which further caused a huge problem for the Bamboo Chipping Mill despite high electricity bills. We recommended that the loans be waived-off by the Govt. and the committee further wished the Govt. to give technical support to the sick unit and regenerate them.

Pu Speaker, with your permission and as authorized by the Committee, I present “The Fifth report of Committee on Estimates relating to Bamboo Development Agency under Industries Department” Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. I now request Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma to present his Report.

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA: Pu Speaker, my report is on Zoram Industrial Development Corporation Limited (ZIDCO) C & AG Report, 2007-2008 and 2010-2011 under Industries Department and several corporations are highlighted on the C & AG Report, 2010-2011. However, the committee finds that it is right to have a report only on ZIDCO since the Govt. is making new policies and some Co-operations will be disbanded. This committee member includes Pu J.H. Rothuama, Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana, Pu John Siamkunga, Dr. K. Beichhua and Er. Lalrinawma.

Pu Speaker, with your permission and as authorized by the committee members, I present-

The Second Report on the Report of C & AG of India for the year 2007-2008 relating to Zoram Industrial Development Corporation Limited (ZIDCO) under Industries Department.

The Third Report on the Report of C & AG of India for the year 2010-2011 relating to ZIDCO under Industries Department. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. We will proceed to financial business and we will have discussions on the Demands of the two hon. Ministers, Pu R. Lalzirliana and Pu H. Rohluna. I request Pu R. Lalzirliana to submit his Demand Nos. 7, 16, 31 and 38.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: On the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, Mr. Speaker, Sir, I move the Demand Nos. 7, 16, 31 and 38 for ₹10,81,00,59,000/- only for meeting expenses during 2016-2017 in respect of the following Departments:

Demand Nos.	Department	Budget Amount
Demand No.7	Excise & Narcotics	₹29,55,48,000.00
Demand No.16	Home (including Prison & Sainik)	₹5,80,44,13,000.00
Demand No.31	Agriculture	₹1,13,00,62,000.00
Demand No.38	Rural Development	₹3,58,00,36,000.00
TOTAL		₹10,81,00,59,000.00

Thank you.

SPEAKER : I request Pu H. Rohluna, hon. Minister to submit his Demand Nos. 20, 40 and 44.

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: On the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, Mr. Speaker, Sir, I move the Demand Nos. 20, 40 and 44 for ₹10,33,12,17,000/- only for meeting expenses during 2016-2017 in respect of the following Departments:

Demand Nos.	Department	Budget Amount
Demand No.20	School Education	₹9,65,58,93,000.00
Demand No.40	Industries	₹62,85,87,000.00
Demand No.44	Trade & Commerce	₹4,67,37,000.00
TOTAL		₹10,33,12,17,000.00

Thank you.

SPEAKER : The 2 Ministers have submitted their demands and I request Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte to open the discussion.

PU HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE: Pu Speaker, I would like to start with Demand 16, Home Department. It is impressive that the people are living under a peaceful situation under the guidance of the hon. Chief Minister. (*Dy. Speaker at the Chair*) Construction of Sainik School is completed on time and classes are set to be started next year, 2017 thanks to the efforts of the Govt. I would also like to suggest fencing of Kawnpui Police Station since it is difficult to notice the location.

Regarding Agriculture Department, Demand No. 31, this department is the backbone of our state for we are partly or wholly depends upon agriculture productions. So, I opine it is important to improve agriculture link roads to alleviate the problem of transportation of our vegetables.

In regard to Demand No. 38, Rural Development Department, the function of this department is worth mentioning as it concern development of rural areas. It is impressive that MNREGA is implemented for it concerns the welfare of the underprivileged. At the same time, it is also appreciative that development projects enter villages in the international border as well. However, it seems that funds for construction of halls under the School education are no longer available and it would be appreciated if the funds are allotted again. As a preventive measure from disaster, it is a wise decision that the hon. Minister has store roofing material despite our financial problem.

Moving to Demand No. 20, School Education Department, the Minister and Parliament Secretary including the officials put their best efforts in resolving the problems which certainly is appreciative. It truly is a wise decision that the newly recruited teachers such as 60 Primary School teachers and 136 Middle school teachers are being trained for better quality education. Besides, B. Ed class could also be attended to some who are interested.

While this is the case, HSLC result for the last 4-5 years is deteriorating as in 2010, we had Nil result with 8 high schools including 1 Govt. High School, 29 high schools including 11 Govt. High school in 2011, 18 high schools in 2013, 8 high schools in 2014 and 15 high schools in 2015 including 6 Govt. High Schools. So, our performance indicates that enough effort had not been given on teaching despite

numbers of teacher with high qualification. Thus, it is necessary for the teachers to give full commitment on teachings. I truly support the Demands and I request the House to pass them. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalrobiaka.

PU LALROBIAKA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. I would like to start with Demand No. 7, Excise & Narcotics Department.

Despite a newly department, Excise department is growing at a fast pace as commitments of the concerned officials help a lot for the progress. Likewise, we are also making a lot of progress on taxes with the implementation of MLPC Act as we even exceeded our target last year. The department is targeting ₹43.08 crore for 2016-2017 and we gain have a chance to exceed the target. In this regard, I thank the officials for their relentless efforts for the Govt. While this is the case, I regret not seeing the work programme of this important department.

Moving on to Demand No. 16, the previous Ministry was being criticized with the project of mobile toilet van and supply of expensive socks while the present Ministry equipped our police forces with fine weapons like sniper rifle and clock pistol etc. and I believe that such new weapons will encourage our police to a large extents. Under the guidance of our powerful Minister, the people and church communities are living in a peaceful situation as cooperation of NGOs is strong. The insurgents are now very cautious as they were chased up to the borderline when they caused trouble. Besides, unlike the former Chief Minister of the previous Ministry, our Chief Minister never gives away his discretionary fund for a ransom to the insurgents but instead he provides it to the needy.

To mention another performance of the government, we are starting to have better district jail at several district headquarters as some are under construction as some are due for completion. Likewise, we will soon have a Sainik school but there will be no development unless peace prevails. It is impressive that railway tracks are now entering our state direct flights from Aizawl - Delhi will soon be introduced.

Moving on to Demand No. 31, Agriculture department is making a lot of progress especially on oil palm. However, the rate is not high and it is the same as its transportation charge at some places. So, it would be appreciated if link roads are constructed in my constituency where plantation of oil palm is concentrated.

Regarding Demand No. 38, my constituency consists of 32 villages and 34 sub-villages and every village wants a community hall. While this is the case, fund from School education has stopped and so would be appreciated if the concerned Minister determines means to provide this need. Regarding Home Deptt., I would like to add that whenever fire breaks out at Kanghmun and the surrounding villages, we often face problem as the outpost of kulikawn claims it is not their concerned area. It will be of much grateful if concerned minister resolves the problem.

Five years ago, the roofing of IR Barrack at Phuldungsei was blown away by the storm but no further measure is taken till today. So, it would be much appreciated if importance is given in this regard.

Pu Speaker, achievements made by the School Education are quite impressive as number of new teachers for Primary and Middle schools were recruited and senior grade promotion is implemented.

Human Resource Department is an important department and it is impressive that Sports Academy will be established at several schools with the help of RATAN TATA.

Industry is an important department for development of rural areas. As in my constituency, some machinery had often been supplied to support laborers in their respective occupation. Will the system be continued, Mr. Speaker Sir?

Next is Demand No. 44, Trade & Commerce. The department takes several measures to improve trade relationship with the neighboring foreign countries such as Myanmar and Bangladesh. In doing so, I opine it is important to set up Marpara as one of the trade centres so as to profit more revenues for the Govt. Thank you for the time, Pu Dy. Speaker, and I support the Demands of the 2 Ministers.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pi Vanlalawmpuii Chawngthu.

PI VANLALAWMPUII CHAWNGTHU: Pu Dy. Speaker, I would like to start with Demand No. 7. With a sufficient amount of budget fund allotted to this department, I opine it is important to prioritize recruitment of more Excise Police forces.

Next is Demand No.16. The hon. Chief Minister has laid the foundation stone of the Police Headquarter building and it is appreciative that we will soon have a fine

building for Police headquarter. As mentioned by Pu V.L. Robiaka, this ministry, unlike the previous one focused on improvement of firearms. In this connection, I request our Home Minister to provide our PSOs with more advance arms for better protections.

As we all are aware, life was not peaceful during the previous ministry as there were incidents like insurgent killing in Aizawl and also murder of one woman in the constituency of Pu Lalrobiaka. Fortunately, under the guidance of our able Home Minister, the insurgents are now very cautious and they were chased by our police forces across the border. In this connection, we have a Police Station at North Vanlaiphai in Hrangturzo constituency and I would like to request the concerned Minister to place Police Station either at East Lungdar, Biate or Sailulak. Before this Ministry, many traffic police were found in their uniforms with a smell of liquor but they are now becoming smarter especially those of Aizawl Traffic Police all because of the strict guidance under our powerful Minister.

Next is the Agriculture department. Many protests were witnessed in the previous ministry like demonstration organized by poor laborers. But under this ministry, such laborers showed their appreciations to the Govt as the Govt. prioritize the welfare of the laborers as it observes the 14th January as Labors Day. We witness the progress through NLUP though some people criticized it as many farmers give up their farming for various trades under NLUP.

It is also impressive that machinery for felling unwanted trees are supplied to the farmers on subsidy for it is difficult for everyone to have tractors and power tillers. However, I find the fund allotted for this purpose is less sufficient.

Next is Demand No. 3, Rural Development Department. Hrangturzo people have many things to be grateful for as developments occur at every village through this department.

It is also impressive that development enters our state through BADP fund. Though it is difficult for rural people to have a community hall in their village are difficult to achieve and the department is taking measures to construct them at every village. The department is also working on High Schools, buildings, libraries and we will soon have Mini-Sports Complex at East Lungdar. The Police Station at Vanlaiphai will also be renovated soon.

In regard to Demand No. 20, Education Department is a busy department yet the works that the concern Minister and Parliament Secretary are carried out quite impressive. It is learned that numbers of permanent are recruited lately and are now being trained. Performance of the department is quite impressive that they have even received the National Award and State Award. I opine it is a wise decision that many schools were amalgamated and Primary Schools are transformed into English Medium. While this is the case, the main problem of the department is that many senior teachers refuse their transfer to villages. The problem of teacher:student ratio is a well-known case and should immediately be resolved.

Regarding Demand No. 44, as mentioned by the member before me, the trade centre will soon be developed and is impressive that we now have one at Zokhawthar. We will also be having Land Custom Station at Zochachhuah which will be of great purpose for the future generation.

Pu Dy. Speaker, I support the Demands of our Hon. Ministers. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Dr. Ngurdingliana.

Dr. NGURDINGLIANA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. I would like to start with Demand No. 16, Home Department.

Our state is engulfed by foreign countries such as Bangladesh, Burma and Assam and we need to equip our police with better facilities and allowances. We are living in a peaceful situation because of the efforts of the police but unfortunate to learn that the department is having the worst kind of staff-quarters. So, being our protectors, they deserve to live in comfortable when they are off duty. It would be appreciated if the 1600 vacant posts are filled by the local youths and the recruitment is done fairly.

The Chief Minister has laid the foundation stone for construction of a new police headquarters building during this session and our police deserve unlimited support. We also need to carefully examine the process of conferment of IPS officers.

In regard to Demand No. 20, School education Department manages to proceed smoothly despite limited fund; it is impressive that the Govt. does not hesitate to take a bold step in changing the education policy if deemed necessary. Pu Dy. Speaker, though there are many schools attaching hostel in Mizoram but most of them are unfit for staying. So, I opine it is necessary that the department formulate

appropriate rules and regulations for such hostels so that they are improved for the convenient of concerned students.

To upgrade Govt. Zirtiri College and Govt. Hrangbana College for model colleges, ₹4 crore each was sanctioned. I suggest the same is set up in other district headquarters provided with strict rules and regulations. Here, I conclude my speech in support of the Demands of the two Hon. Ministers.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalthanliana.

PU LALTHANLIANA : Pu Dy. Speaker, to start my speech with the Home Department, I would like to mention that ₹159.90 lakhs is allotted for minor works and ₹40 lakhs for repair and renovation of police building. It is questionable as to how the remaining will be utilized. Here also, ₹549.38 lakhs is also allotted for vehicles but it is not clearly specified whether it is meant for purchase or repair of the vehicles. Besides, regarding ₹573 lakhs allotted for major works, I would like to know what kind of machinery will be bought with ₹642.45 lakhs being set aside.

The Finance Minister emphasizes the need to economize our budget provision since there will be no more supplementary grants. However, there are many sanctioned vacant posts for several districts. I would like to know fund provisions for such vacant posts are utilized.

Pu Dy. Speaker, it may also be noted that serious problem could occur if any department feed wrong information to the House Committee. So, all the concerned departments need to be very careful in this regard. I would also like to suggest rewarding the deserved PSOs.

Moving to Demand No. 31, the capacity of the oil palm machine is quite large and we need to put more efforts on the production.

On Agriculture, I must say that this department is quite important and the National Mission on Agriculture also plays an important role for our development.

Next is the Demand No. 38. We have ₹28,358.4300 lakh on Grant-in-aid general of non-salary but only ₹22,620 lakh is shown in the work programme and the difference is by ₹5896.4300 lakh. Likewise, It is also confusing that the Demand for grant on major works is allotted with ₹4031 lakhs and some work programmes are shown while some are not and I find this quite confusing. Regarding allotment of

₹22,462 lakhs on MGNREGA, It will be appreciated if the concerned minister clarified the detail plan for the utilization.

In regard to School Education Department, allotment under the head of wages decreased by ₹22.25 lakhs compared to last year despite the effort of the department. However, it is impressive that fund provision for the midday meals is improving. It is also appreciated that the Primary School of Ramhlun North will be changed to Model School with a provision of more teachers.

Under minor works of the Industry Department, ₹96.5 lakh is allotted where as under the work programme, only ₹60 is allotted; yet, the purpose for the remaining ₹36.5 lakhs is not shown. I would also like to know the reason for the allotment of only ₹7 lakhs on Medical Treatment under Trade & Commerce Department. Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will now have a recess and discussion will be continued at 2:00 pm.

(Recess at 1:00 pm)

2:00 P.M.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : So far, 5 members have made their speech. I now call upon Pu K. Sangthuama to take his time.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. To start with, Excise & Narcotics Department has made a lot of profit and we need to recruit more staffs. Since we are now selling liquors, it would be appreciated if quality liquors are sold as cheap liquors damage our health. Many have died from consumption liquor and it is quite clear that alcohol is bad for the state and our society as a whole.

Moving on to Demand No.16, the police staff quarters are now becoming very poor and it would be appreciated if the concerned Minister determine setting up anew with improved quality. Likewise, the fencing of the Central Jail may also be improved.

Next is the Demand No.31, Agriculture Department. No impressive improvement is seen with this department till today. The Governor stated that

improvement is seen with the increase of the cultivation area to 39.04% and our products to 22.21% but this seem inaccurate since our rice production is less. While this is the case, I opine appropriate link road is necessary for the areas where plantation of various kinds of vegetables is concentrated. As of plantation of oil palm, I appreciate the progress and I wish the concerned minister continues giving his efforts.

In regard to Rural Department, Demand No. 38, we have seen fund provision of ₹3,58,0036,000/- allotted against the department and it would be appreciated if the disbursement of such funds are properly examined. Likewise, allotment of ₹8,895 lakh under IWM may also be inspected so that it is utilized for the best and exact purpose.

Moving on to Education Department, many of the Primary Schools within Aizawl are upgraded to English Medium; I believe we could achieve more progresses if the same is applied in every district capital. It would also be appreciated if more efforts are given starting from the elementary education. While this is the case, Sairang School has no Science teacher and there are some schools in my constituency functioning without Headmaster. It would be appreciated if priority is given in this regard.

Next is the Demand No. 44, Trade & Commerce Department. It would be appreciated if the Border Trade is given more importance so that we can make profits from our export items. The department also needs to focus on cleanliness of the New Market area. Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Chalrosanga Ralte.

PU CHALROSANGA RALTE: Pu Dy. Speaker, I think it is important for transcribers of the proceedings to be more careful with their works for it concern important matters. (**Dy. SPEAKER:** Any member who is concerning the official works of the Assembly may make an appeal to the hon. Speaker).

I would like to start with Demand No.16. I thank the hon. Minister, Pu R. Lalzirliana on behalf of the Lunglei District for his statement that step will be taken on District Jail, Sazaikawn of Lunglei.

In regard to Demand No. 31 & 38, we have Travelers' Inn at Buarpui which was inaugurated by the hon. Minister; it would be appreciated if Chowkidar and

sweeper are provided to improve the service.

Regarding the Home Department, it is impressive that the City Police were recruited with specific qualification of the applicant of 6 ft tall. I am glad the recruitment was done without any political involvement. At the same time, and it would be appreciated if the vacant posts of IR Battalion are filled up and if Lunglei Police Station is moved within Lunglei town.

Next is the Demand No. 20. Several concerned ministers had taken measures regarding shortage of teacher's quarters in rural areas and it would be much appreciated if the Finance Minister prioritized this problem. The Primary School I & II of Buarpui are being processed for amalgamation and at the same time, it would be appreciated if the majority of the Primary Schools are changed to English Medium. In regard to transferring and posting of teachers, I opine the problem may be alleviated if strict rules and regulations are applied to that effect.

Next is the Industries Department. It is regretted that people who are engage on weaving within Lunglei district are in trouble as a result of closing of ZOHANDCO; yet, those in Thenhawl somehow manage to maintain the same trends. I opine their problem could be alleviated if looms remain at the office of ZOHANDCO so that they are benefitted by the weavers who could not afford to have it on their own. I support the Demands of the hon. Ministers, Pu R. Lalzirliana and Pu H. Rohluna. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu John Siamkunga.

PU JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. I would like to start with Demand No. 31, Agriculture Department.

Pu Dy. Speaker, ₹356 lakhs is allotted for cluster demonstration under National Food Security Mission and I strongly believe this will raise our economy. At the same time, Integrated farming system is implemented under the National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture and works are carried out with rain-fed technology in which ₹677 lakh is also allotted.

It is quite informative to learn that Mizoram has 5 KVK on Research & Education in which such KVK worked responsibly on their own respective areas. Likewise, ITC (Integrated Training Centre) which is a certificate course study and is grateful to learn that the Govt. is taking measures to upgrade it.

We have seen many developments on NLUP under Agriculture as the productions on WRC I & II are increasing at the same time. Progress is also made on oil palm and sugarcane plantation and I strongly hope we continue to make progress.

Demand No. 38, Rural Development. It is pleasing to know that under Indira Awas Yojana, the fund is implemented to its purpose unlike the previous years, so is the funds in BADP. It is commendable on the achievements made by the hon. Minister.

Pu Speaker, it is praiseworthy that the Police force have grown towards maintaining fitness. And it is worth mentioning how the people are able to live with peace and harmony in the state. With the guidance of able Home Minister who is efficient, there is a growth in Forensic Science and Fire & Emergency Service.

Few words in Trade & Commerce, Pu Speaker, agriculture product needs grading and quality control; I request the Department to please take note of this. And, we should try and be self-sufficient in agriculture product.

In Geology & Mineral Resources, there are 23 check gates which serve as the Gateway for Oil & Gas exploration. I would like to request if we could expedite Meidum Oil exploration.

Pu Deputy Speaker, on School Education, we have 82 English Medium schools which implies our progress in English. It is significant that Mizoram State Education Reform Commission Report has been implemented gradually. It is fortunate that the department is functioning systematically in regard to prescription of text books.

So, I give my support to the demands of the hon. Ministers. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu K. Lalrinthanga.

PU K. LALRINTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. First of all, I would like to speak about Demand No.16, Home Department. My constituency is SHDC area and I, therefore am always questioned if I could be provided with vehicle for security for it is a known fact since it is of a demand area. Pu Deputy Speaker, being MLA of the constituency and If I am on tour, it is not my concern but the concerned of Security Department to provide my safety. I just want to highlight in this august House.

On Excise Department, I have to say that the Mizos are inclined towards consumption of liquor for there is hardly any household which is free from liquor consumption we have at least one person in each family. Thus, the hon. Minister had taken the right decision to open wine-shop. Moreover, alcohol related death decreases after opening wine shop.

Demand No. 31 Agriculture Department. If we look at page No. 2, sl. No. 9 of work programme, we find regarding purchase of seeds, farm implementations and Tools etc. I would like to suggest the department to introduce basmati and other good variety of rice as the existing variety we produced remain the same for a very long period. Pu Deputy Speaker, rice production decreases as the people gives less interest in its cultivation. I believe the majority will be motivated if the hon. Supply Minister purchased the product directly from rice-field and also by subsidizing rice grinding machine. The hon. member who spoke before me have mentioned about agriculture link-road. I would also like to repeat that the fund allocation for link-road should be increased and priority should be given.

On Trade & Commerce, there is locally observed 'Thursday Bazar' at Saiphai which often causes traffic jam. So, Pu Deputy Speaker, I suggest setting up the market building to resolve the problem.

Pu Deputy Speaker, it seems that Industry Department look after only NLUP trades and there is no development programme of its own. Therefore, it is important to provide sufficient fund so that it can perform in development works.

In Rural Development, additional fund should be allotted specially for construction of community hall. It is regretted that there are 6 villages without community hall within my constituency.

Due to shortage of teachers in rural area, the children are lagging behind in Education. Most of the teachers appointed in rural areas are reluctant to join their post; such mind-set should be examined by the Govt. immediately. Since the hon. Minister mentioned that only trained teacher will be given appointment, I request if pre-service training post should be organized. I give my support to the Demands of the hon. Minister. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. Today, we

discuss two the Demand of 2 hon. Ministers. The demand of Pu R. Lalzirliana decreased by 11.51% and Pu H. Rohluna by 53 crore which is 5.45%.

First of all, I would like to speak about Agriculture Department, Demand No. 31. According to the economic survey of 2015 - 2016, 17.5% is added to GSDP with 60% of the population depending on it. According to the Ministry of Rural Development, the Govt. of India in Expert Group on prevention of Alienation of Tribal Land and its restoration, the system of shifting cultivation is gradually deteriorating. This report thus clearly indicates the need for the government to determine an alternative measure of better occupation for the people. The Youth Commission should therefore broaden its horizon in this direction.

According to answer given by the hon. Minister, there are 30 thousands beneficiaries who have not received the fund due to them. I request the hon. Minister to release the fund as soon as possible. Pu Speaker, NLUP implementing committee has also been organized at village level. So, I would request that it is functioning according to the guideline and that the chairman is appointed according to guideline.

On Excise Department, we are all aware that Wine shop has been opened in several places. Thus, MLCP Act needs to be revived. We all must be aware of the need to shut down such wine store if we desire to be voted back to power and review MLCP Act.

On Home Department, it is recently heard in the news which jeopardized the image of the Police force. Thus, I request that investigation should be made to up root the cause.

I am grateful that under SAGY we are able to have model village. But on the implementing the project, let us not get stagnant at just selecting a model village, but we should continue with its maintenance.

Demand No. 20, Education Department, I suggest the authority to use the period posted at rural areas as yard stick in dealing with posting and transfer of teachers. At the same time, I request the hon. Minister to clarify regarding text book.

On Trade & Commerce, the department is convergent with Agriculture. Pu Speaker, it is regretted to have land custom functioning only at Tlabung where as there are various points in the neighboring states.

Pu Dy. Speaker, it is important that we study in details, about the product of our farmers. We asked in unstarred Question about the trend of price and production of ginger but surprising that they were unable to answer. Therefore, it is necessary that we study in details the production such as price trend, production trend and production cost. *(Deputy Speaker: Your time is up.)*

Pu Deputy Speaker, just one more point, please. Detail study also is needed for import and export of our products to deliver our farmers and to examine where there is stagnation. Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : It is clear enough. Let us call hon. member, Pu N.K. Chakma.

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA: Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. Today, we are discussing demands of the two senior Ministers. First of all, I would like to speak about Demand No.16, Home Department.

I would like to thank for Tlabung Police Station as we expect the hon. Home Minister himself to inaugurate the station. Since my constituency is of a sensitive area, I request the hon. Minister to provide vehicle and speedboat for maintaining law & order efficiently.

80% of Indo-Bangladesh border fencing has been completed. Pu Deputy Speaker, as per guideline, it has to be set 150 yards away from zero point of Indian territory, but some fencing walls within the Indian territory fencing out some schools and offices where as there are villages which are divided by the wall. Thus, I request the hon. Minister to look into this case.

Demand No. 31, Agriculture Department. According to the Economic Survey 2015-2016, Mizoram is not self-sufficient in agriculture product. In this regard, it may be noted that Tlabung is potential area in agriculture and concentration thus should be given. I am grateful that the hon. Minister has given us custom hiring centre and I would be more grateful if the JCB could also be provided so that Tlabung become a part in setting up self-sufficiency in agriculture productions. Also, there would be no problem in oil-palm production if the department gives assistance to oil-palm plantation within this area.

On Demand No. 38, Rural Development Department, my constituency is shared by two R.D. Blocks such as Bunghmun R.D. Block and Lungsen R.D. Block but we are facing problems in connection with MNREGA, IAY and various developmental projects. Thus, it would be grateful if the hon. Minister could give us a separate R.D. Block.

Lastly, on School Education, we are the most educationally backward constituency as we are facing various practical problems such as shortage of teachers. Pu Deputy Speaker, most of our Schools are of single teacher and two in a few schools. I therefore request the hon. Minister if steps could be taken in this regard. Pu Deputy Speaker, I give my support to the Demands of the 2 hon. Ministers, Pu R. Lalzirliana and Pu H.Rohluna. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Dr. K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. I would like to thank the hon. Ministers for the various development in their Department.

Pu Deputy Speaker, Excise & Narcotics Department need to be up-graded to a larger Department keeping in view with the present context. It is understandable that with its present strength, it impossible to maintain law and order efficiently. At the same time, I opine it is necessary to give incentive to NGO's for their role in assisting the Govt. in maintenance of law and order.

On Demand No.16, Home Department, I opine our Police-force needs some controls in regard to liquor consumption like I have mentioned this in question hour. I request the hon. Minister to give attention in this regard. At the same time, I request allotment of a new vehicle for Saiha Police station as we now have only one old vehicle. I would also like to request the hon. Minister to provide funds for repairing of staff quarters and S.P. Office.

Pu Deputy Speaker, the building of Saiha jail was constructed in 1972, during U.T period. Since there is no fencing, jailers can move in and out anytime but we are fortunate that they are co-operative and does not run-away. So, I request the hon. Minister to look into this matter.

As per my knowledge, Pu Deputy Speaker, there is no place in which election

are cancelled due to Naxalites. I regret to state that we are unable to hold election in 31 V/C seats for so long. As of now, notification has been issued and let us hopes that it is held shortly.

On Demand No. 31, Agriculture, it has been 43 years since U.T. and 32 years since we attained statehood, but we still are not self-sufficient in food grains. Thus, it is time we explore every nook and corner for the cultivation of rice and mechanize the system.

On Demand No. 38, Rural Development, there is huge development with huge fund allocation to this Department. However, there is hardly visible asset. Thus, I request for proper implementation of fund and monitoring the projects. Pu Deputy Speaker, I still have so much to discuss but my time is up. Anyway, thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana.

PU P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA: Pu Deputy Speaker, we are discussing today the demands of the 2 hon. Ministers. There are so many points to discuss; however, I will dwell only on a few.

On Demand No. 38, Rural Development, there are various developmental projects for rural areas under this department. I would like to thank for all the developmental projects and huge amount of fund allocation. It is one of the most benefitted departments for rural areas.

On Demand No. 7, Excise & Narcotics, I would like to thank the department and NGO's for their dedication. Pu Deputy Speaker, due to this, the people are able to live in peace and harmony.

On Demand No.16, Home, Prison & Sainik, there are 1300 vacant posts in Home Deptt., if I am not mistaken and I would like to request the hon. Minister to fill-up such posts as soon as this session is over since there is huge shortage in Police force. It is also high-time that women battalion is constituted like our neighboring states. I request the hon. Minster to take into consideration.

On Demand No. 20, School Education, it is fortunate that we are given the answer to unstarred Question No.70, on our table today. The point that concerns me

the post is the reason of transfer of some teachers. Pu Deputy Speaker, the various reasons are family and health problem and proper thinking and evaluation thus is required in this regard. We need transfer rules for posting of teachers in rural areas for at least 4/5 years. Pu Speaker, I believe it will then be the starting point for a world class education for us.

In my constituency, we are proud of the achievements of Agriculture Deptt. There are so many achievements which are worth mentioning; and if given one hour, I could narrate various developmental projects and its achievements. At the same time, I thank for the developments that happens in Trade & Commerce as well. I give my support to the Demands of the 2 hon. Ministers. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu R. Vanlalvena.

PU R.VANALVENA : Pu Speaker, thank you.

I am grateful for the chance to participate in the discussion of the demand of the hon. Ministers, Pu R. Lalzirliana and Pu H.Rohluna. And, I give my support to such demands at the outset.

On Demand No. 7, Excise & Narcotics, it seems liquor is the main concern of the people and the Govt. as priority is being given in this regard. Therefore, keeping in mind the welfare of the people and the State, the Govt. made a decision to sell liquor. It is not that the Govt. is determine to sell liquor, but knowing it is the need of the hour, and keeping in view the future of the next-generation, the decision was made. Pu Speaker, with the selling of liquor, better quality is made available so as to prolong the life of consumers.

As such, Excise Department needs to be enhanced as the hon. Minister himself knows it best. Pu Speaker, under the leadership of the hon. Chief Minister, we are moving forward in financial management and stability. Thus, slowly and gradually, the authorities will deal with the matter.

On Home Department, the hon. member from Saiha constituency mentioned about the condition of Police building. For the past ten years, Police buildings were in a deteriorating state and I am grateful that the situation is developing gradually. Pu Speaker, compared to previous ministry, we are now able to sleep peacefully, due to the efficiency of the hon. Home Minister.

I am grateful for the steps taken by Agriculture Department. Despite reduction of jhumming cultivation, it is amazing that it is the year with most harvest of rice, as per statistic report; and, I would like to thank for the distribution of tractors.

On Rural Development, I would like to thank for the various developmental projects taken by the Department in rural areas as tremendous benefit is made from this Department.

On School Education Department, if we are to state in details the development that has taken place in this Department, we can go on for an hour. Pu Speaker, I would like to thank the hon. Minister for the various developments that have taken place.

In this connection, I request the hon. Minister to please take note that if it would be possible to open job oriented Science institution in our state.

Mining, despite a small department collected huge amount of revenue within one financial year. Yet, it is the Department which needs up-gradation, Pu Speaker. At the same time, I thank Forensic Department for its performance. So, I give my support to pass the Demands of the hon. Ministers, Pu R. Lalzirliana and Pu H. Rohluna. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I am grateful that we are able to discuss the Demands of the hon. Ministers, Pu R. Lalzirliana and Pu H. Rohluna.

To start with, Demand No. 7, Excise & Narcotic Department. Due to MLPC Act, there are various debatable issues in the society. Therefore, the govt. has to step-up its game in maintenance.

For information, revenue collected by the department since implementation of MLPC Act till January is ₹62,53,13,164 out of which 10% is given as tax. It means that we are spending Rs.500 crore for purchase of liquor from outside.

While this is the case, we hear every day that some drugs being seized by

NGO's. Thus, I would like to emphasize that the authority should not neglect the efforts on eradication of drugs; check gate should be placed at Champhai to counter-attack illegal entry of drugs and other things into our capital city.

Demand No. 16, Home Deptt., Police received ration money of ₹600/- per month whereas they have to pay ₹2,000/- to join Police training school. Thus, I would like to request if their ration money could be increased. I would also like to add if reward could be given to the deserved Policemen.

By the way, Pu Speaker, it is learned that a retired Police Officer is still keeping his personal orderly and driver. It is time for the authority to withdraw such employees since there is shortage of staff. I would also like to request the hon. Minister to please take note that at Vairengte checkgate, entry/exit of two-wheeler has not been recorded despite the importance in tracing of lost vehicle. It will be much appreciative if it is done. Well, and again, Pu Speaker, we have heard recently regarding the problem faced by a Police in uniform; it is of a serious matter and the society should also question itself. I also appreciate the performance of Aizawl Traffic Police; their diligent performances are indeed, worth mentioning. Besides, Pu Speaker, it seems inconvenient to cover a far-flanked area of East Tuipui Police Station from Bawngkawn Police Station. So, it is wise to place a Police station there.

I will not go in detail regarding NLUP, but only one point. There are two aspects of measuring the success of NLUP; the first is, the ruling party, on political view claims it successful whereas we, the opposition, on economic view claims it as a failure.

There are potential areas for WRC system and concentration should therefore be given on such areas. Likewise, more efforts should also be made for construction of agricultural link road.

On Demand No.38, Rural Development, we have number of huge projects under this Department. However, there is shortage of proper awareness as so with the legislators. Thus, we are all responsible in its implementation, progress and success of the projects. Therefore, proper awareness should be given.

In BADP, it seems that we are inclining towards giving some favors instead of making assets. Therefore, whatever fund allocation, it should be implemented accordingly and without hampering the work culture.

On School Education, Pu Speaker, we should question ourselves why has the dropped-out rate at Primary level gone so high. Our literacy percentage is 91.33, as per 2011 census; it seems Tripura will exceed this percentage in the next census. So, we have to put more efforts in this regard.

Pu Speaker, mid-day meal cooks have not received their pay for quite some time and will be appreciated if attention could be given in this regard.

As per conversion policy and growth in information technology of ACRT, the use of Mizo numerical and alphabets is deteriorating. Thus, we should take some measures to safeguard the Mizo numerical and alphabets pronunciation.

Coming now to the last Demand, No. 40, Industry, Pu Speaker, KVI has taken up PMEGP Scheme but banks have often creates problem. I, therefore, I request the hon. Minister to please note of this and look into the matter.

Only one point on Zoology & Minerals Resources, Pu Speaker; it seems we are neglecting this department but we should equip the department so that it is functioning effectively.

Pu Speaker, Demand No. 44. Trade & Commerce, we need to take care of border trade land custom centre; we have conduct business conclaves and sign several MOV. However, there is no proper back-up. We, therefore, need to take steps in this regard.

Pu Speaker, steps taken by MAMCO is commendable. Yet, more efforts should be made in fulfilling Mizoram State Agriculture Produce Marketing Development & Regulation Act, 2008.

Lastly, I request the authorities to give more attention on roadside selling of vegetables as it is not healthy. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu R.L. Pianmawia.

PU R.L. PIANMAWIA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. On Demand No.16, Home, my constituency needs attention in various ways. I am grateful that the Home Minister has given priority to my constituency. Pu Speaker, BDP of Zohmun has been

provided with ₹5,000/- for camp repairing, but it is less enough. I request if additional fund could be allotted.

There is huge fund allocation for purchase of vehicle in our budget. So, I request that one vehicle each be provided at P.S. of Sakawrdai and Darlawn.

Demand No.38, Rural Development. Since we are not covered by BADP scheme, several community halls which are under construction have been on hold. Thus, I would like to ask when it will be continued.

Whereas the fund allocation for construction of BDO Office of Darlawn R.D. Block has been diverted, when will the fund be re-allocated, Pu Speaker? I once again request the authority to prioritize developmental projects since we are not covered by BADP.

On Demand No. 20, School Education Department, shortage of teacher is the main issue in rural areas. As it is only trained teachers to be recruited, I request the authority to open teachers training centre in rural areas.

It is not good to reduce the benefit of those who live in villages. I, therefore, think that it is desirable to increase the remuneration of Special Trainers so as to encourage them to work with better security and dedication. I really appreciated the efforts of Education Department regarding improvement of buildings and other infrastructures; the cooperation between the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary is noteworthy.

Regarding Industry Department, I would like to express the need of weaving house within my constituency for it will help the concerned weavers very much.

Regarding Demand No. 44, Trade & Commerce Department, I would like to reiterate the need to resolve shortage of manpower within the Department. The department is very productive and it truly deserves attention in this regard. Thank you.

PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. First of all, I would like to mention about the new railway broad-gouge to Bairabi.

The railway broad-gouge from Lumding - Badarpur - Silchar was included in our election manifesto also. I am overwhelmed for this new railway line as it will be a

new achievement and an important lifeline of our state. Using this railway, 26,000 quintals of rice could be transported at one go. Thus, it deserves a special mention. Another accomplished manifesto of our party is the direct flight to Delhi which started just a day ago which further signifies that there are positive changes happening in this ministry.

Pu Speaker, we are having a huge potential for agriculture production with the area of 74,644 hectares of cultivable land under WRC. Meanwhile, the area of cultivated land is only 16,866 hectare. Looking at the statistics regarding rice production, we can see that we have the ability to make surplus production if all the possible cultivable land is cultivated; I consider this very important. In this connection, I would also like to mention the immense need of the farmers in the eastern area. Since exploiting cattle for cultivation becomes obsolete, I would like to request the hon. Minister for supply of tractor and power tiller.

Regarding Home Department, I am very glad to hear that the recruitment of City Police is done in a very fair manner and no allegation of nepotism is involved in the process. I hope that the same process is repeated in any recruitment under this ministry.

I would also suggest that Sainik School at Chhingchhip should be developed for this school will create opportunities for our youth to become an army officer in the future. It is closely linked with the army. I also suggest that pre-rally training to be held so that we can enter more in the army; it is difficult to qualify without proper preparation. Therefore, we need to take initiatives to train the aspirants before the rally.

Regarding RD Department, there is a high demand of iron sheet roofing materials within my constituency as it is located near river Tiau. I also request that the concerned MLAs should be informed in every works within our constituency.

Regarding Education Department, I am glad to hear that a new system is introduced for appointment of Headmasters that only those who secure 50% marks in departmental examinations will be appointed as Headmaster. This is very important for education reform. Moreover, I would like to thank the department for appointing special trainers in villages amidst huge shortage of teachers. I suggest that the permanent residents of the villages in which appointment is to be made should be given priority in recruitment exams also.

Lastly, regarding Horticulture Department, we desire to set up a distillery to procure our horticulture products. I am glad the concept paper has been accepted by the hon. Minister to be included in NEC priority list.

Regarding Trade & Commerce Department, there often a ministry under which the government hardly made use of Zokhawthar and Melbuk. We have seen practical works at Zokhawthar, I hope the same will be continued for Melbuk as well. The construction of Aizawl New Market building worth 13 crore is also a notable work under this department. I, therefore, support these Demands. Thank you.

PU T. SANGKUNGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. First of all, on Demand No. 20, I would like to thank the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary of Education Department for providing us a place to start civil service coaching while we are desperately looking for such place. As a result, we are all set to start coaching centre from this coming Friday. It will be inaugurated by the hon. Chief Minister. I invited all of my fellow MLAs to attend this function also.

Improvement in this department is also the result of good cooperation between the Secretary and Director of the Department. If there is no good cooperation between the two, the department work suffers. I do hope there will be huge development in the department.

The problems regarding shortage of teachers in rural areas are true. It is my opinion that employing special training and allowing substitute teacher is the only option. The candidates from urban areas top the exams but do not want to stay in villages; I hope such problem would be resolved this way.

I would also like to speak about Demand No. 40, Industry Department. All developments in any field related itself with industry. For example, if there is development in horticulture department, it will take shape in its processing industry. What I am uncertain of is regarding tea plantation as there is no clear-cut decision on which department it is undertaken. Besides, I opine tea plantation is not a good industry for our state as it requires a low salaried labour and this will in turn invites outsiders for such labour. Therefore, I am strongly against the tea plantation which is now immensely advocated in my constituency.

I would like to appreciate the works done by the Department on Demand No.

31, Agriculture Department. It is often stated that the success of Punjab and Haryana in agriculture is due to their advance mechanism. The department has done a good job for improved mechanized farming and it has provided better equipments to the farmers. If we keep on going in this manner, it is apparent that, as mentioned by Pu T.T. Zothansanga, we will develop in agriculture in a short time.

I would also like to mention the development brought about by NLUP and RKVY. We have seen an immense development in housing facilities with several concrete buildings in villages. The number of two wheelers also rapidly increased. These are the signs of socio-economic development brought about by this ministry through NLUP.

Lastly, Pu Speaker, as we start implementing MLPC Act, what is important is the strengthening of Excise & Narcotics Department. It is difficult for the department to function ideally with a very limited manpower. At the same time, I appreciate their efforts in maintaining law and order during Christmas and New Year season.

Regarding Demand No. 35, Fisheries Department, I would like to suggest filling up of all vacant posts as soon as possible as the department needs strengthening.

On Demand No. 16, Home Department, the efforts of the department in maintaining law and order is praiseworthy. Meanwhile, there are many things to do in this department. Within my constituency also, the only police station we have is very old. We really hope that its reconstruction is considered as soon as possible.

Even though I am not supporting the use of alcohol, I do not agree that those who died of alcohol consumption start drinking since the implementation of MLPC Act; it is generally because of long term usage, at least for four or more years. Therefore, I am supporting these two demands under discussion today. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Vanlalzawma.

PU VANLALZAWMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I would like to mention about extraction of land resources taken up under Geology & Mineral Resources Department.

In order to have better and faster exploration of petroleum in our state, I

suggest that we should pursue at the CMD level also. The ONGC and Oil India Limited are now a corporate body and thus, act independent to some extent. Therefore, they are practically important in this regard. I am also supporting strengthening of the department gradually. It is also necessary to encourage the youth to have knowledge and expertise in this field also.

Regarding Trade & Commerce Department, I would like to mention about the proposed Trade Centre at Zokhawthar and also at Zorinpui and Kawrpuichhuah. This project is under the central government. However, it will be faster if we put more pressure on them. This will be very important for the future trade with Myanmar and Bangladesh.

Regarding School Education Department, improvement of private institutions and schools undertaken by churches is very important for our educational system.

Regarding the Demand of RD, I suggest that the distribution of BADP under RD should be well-attended. It seems that misuse of the fund is evolves at present. I have seen the work par below standard with this fund during my visit to one of the villages in the eastern side. We need to be vigilant about the use of available fund under this project.

Regarding Home Department, it is grateful that the foundation stone of a new police headquarters building is laid recently at Khatla. Meanwhile, there is a very narrow road in that area and a piece of the land belonging to the Police Department may be given for widening of that road. I implore the Minister concerned to be gracious enough to allow this portion for widening for the convenience of the public.

Regarding Excise & Narcotics Department, among other things, I consider giving vendor license of liquor to the Police Department as very inappropriate. Other corporations may be given vendor license in the stead; it is unbecoming for the police to sell liquor. I hope this decision would be change for the sake of our police force. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : We shall now end our discussion. Let us now call upon Pu R. Lalzirliana, Hon. Minister to wind-up the discussion and also beg the House to pass his Demands.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I am glad to hear

that most of the discussions are words of appreciation on the departments under my portfolio. I would also like to thank God for his guidance and also the Hon. Chief Minister for his kind cooperation and advices.

Pu Speaker, many of the members have pointed out the importance of agriculture link road which is the result of NLUP. As the amount of production increases as a result of NLUP, the importance of link road also increases. I would like to say that the department has also prioritized construction of link roads.

Regarding the fencing work of Kawnpui Police Station, I would like to suggest in turn that the MLA from that area, a Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte should do the job through his MLA fund. Regarding construction of community hall, it is difficult to do from the Department as there is only a token amount of ₹40 lakh available for this component. This is not sufficient even for construction of a single hall. I hope this will be given priority in the future also.

I would also like to clarify that Excise & Narcotics Department could not be included in the work programme since it is not a department to have work programme like the other departments. I agree with my fellow hon. MLA regarding the importance of Kanhmun PS. However, it is not possible at the moment as it requires creation of new posts. It is the same in other areas like Dungtlang which is within the constituency of Pu T. Sangkunga.

I do not quite understand with Pi Vanlalwmpuii Chawngthu of her suggestions for providing better arms to the PSOs as we have provided the best we can. However, this could be discussed later on.

The amount of ₹500 for purchase of vehicle appears to be very sufficient. However, it includes the costs of maintenance and POLs of the prevailing vehicles. Therefore, this amount is only a very small amount in view of the requirements.

Pu K. Sangthuama has suggested that higher quality and more expensive liquors should be sold. However, the present standard is enough for the economic condition; it is also in accord with the demand of the customers also.

The department is aware of the poor conditions of fencing and buildings of police stations. In this regard, ₹500 lakh is kept for its improvement in the northern side.

Regarding the construction of Lunglei Police Outpost, we have faced some problems for its construction from the organization known as Chhim Bial Chhantu. As a result, we have the idea of utilizing the available fund for another place. However, if the hon. MLA could control his people, the work will be done as soon as possible.

Regarding security of the hon. Members as mentioned by Pu K. Lalrinthanga, it is correct that the department could not provide escort party to every nook and corner of the state. However, we are all set to provide them if there is a specific need for escorts. His suggestion for establishment of rice mill will also be considered.

I appreciate Er. Lalrinawma for his performance in this House and his typical speech of constructive criticism is also notable. The matter mentioned by Dr. K. Beichhua regarding fencing is correct. There is a project of ₹45 crores for Lunglei and his areas in this regard.

Regarding the increasing death within the police department, I opine this is the result of ongoing trend for a long time.

The postponement of the election is for wants of more peaceful settlement. We can definitely conduct the election but voter turnout is very less. However, it is in view of the people that the election is postponed.

The amount of tax collected as mentioned by Pu Lalruatkima does not match with my source. This is the ongoing process and can increase at any time. It becomes ₹50 crore. The income received by PSUs and Police Department from liquor will be utilized for their own welfare.

Regarding two wheeler entry at Vairengte, the matter will be pursued immediately. An order has already been issued by the SP.

If there is anyone who has encountered the ambush and show meritorious service, they will be rewarded accordingly. However, those who act cowardly deserve to be sacked. Police officers who still retain their orderly even after retirement will be looked into as it is illegal.

Pu T.T. Zothansanga has spoken about the availability of funds in RD

Department. This is mainly because such funds are of centrally sponsored scheme; it is not because the state government sanctioned more funds than Agriculture Department.

I am grateful that a very fair recruitment of police personnel was done recently. There is no claim of unfair practice even in social media. 60 city police, 25 constables under Excise department and 67 Delhi police were recruited in this manner.

Pu Vanlalzawma has spoken about the distribution of BADP and giving of vendor license to the Police Department; I consider that worthy of attention. I would also like to praise him for his performance and contribution in this House.

The Agriculture Department has two Directorates, viz. Research & Extension Department and Agricultural Crops Husbandry. We have cultivated only 22% of the cultivable land. However, the product increases which is a great achievement for the department.

Cultivation of oil palm had been started since previous ministry as 23,358 hectares of land is used for oil palm cultivation by 10,843 families. The total product is 9,215 metric tons.

The government gives immense importance for link road since the central encourages to have more oil palm cultivation as ₹454,80,000 is sanctioned for this purpose. Sub-mission on agriculture mechanization is also initiated for increase of rice production; tractors were bought and kept at the custom hiring centre where the farmers could share among them. 47 such centres were created and 10 more are proposed to be set up. Other farming equipments are all set to be given at subsidized rate. Besides, we are also trying to promote organic farming in the specified areas as ₹1,65,35,800 has already been agreed by the central government for this purpose.

Moreover, WRC-I & II is set to be started under RKVY and NLUP. The current beneficiaries of NLUP will also be continued. Security from natural calamities is also made available from NMSA (National Mission for sustainable Agriculture).

The 35 days employment is given under MGNREGA during this year. Additional fund of ₹2,195,45,000 is again released on the 21st of March. Another

amount of ₹116 crore is also sanctioned after that. The wages will also be increased to ₹188 per day from ₹183 per day from the 1st April.

We have several centrally sponsored schemes under RD Department. 300 villages are covered under IWMP from which we have 1108 self-help groups. There are also some other CSSs like IAY, NRMM, DRDS, SIRD, DSLMC & AIC, ARDP, BADP, etc. These are important sources of funds for this department.

We are looking for better way of distributing BADP. However, we could not arrive at any such decision as we face criticism from the central government.

Distribution of iron sheets roofing to the needy is the on-going project of the department. ₹200 crore has been allotted during this financial year which is used for purchase of iron sheets roofing for distribution.

Mizoram State Rural Livelihood Mission is a new scheme for self help groups in the state. 735 Nos. Self Help Groups are registered under this scheme. SARAS Fair was successfully held for such Self Help Groups as a profit of ₹57,41,828 is expected from this fair. We have made a budget of ₹24,53,97,000 for Serchhip, Kolasib, Champhai, Mamit, Lawngtlai and Saiha district during 2016-2017 financial year.

A new scheme called Mahila Kisan Shak Shakti Karan Pariyojana (MKSP) is also set to be launched for which ₹270 lakh has been released by the RD Ministry. Another start-up village entrepreneurship scheme called Andeen Dayal Upadhaya Gramin Khaushalya Yajona is also set to be started. Through this scheme, assistance will be provided to 500 entrepreneur families. Besides, 1,188 Nos. Self Help Groups will also be formed from which 941 will be provided with revolving fund. Community investment fund will also be provided to 1,109 of such groups.

Excise is a small department with only 526 Nos. personnel. It still has 100 vacant posts. We have offices in each district except in Lawngtlai and are headed by a Superintendent. We are grateful that we inherited the former ZENICS Office building in Aizawl District.

There are three bonded warehouses under MLPC Act, 56 retail wine shops and 66,257 liquor cards. The revenue collected till the 3rd March is ₹53,65,24,499. There is a demand for more wine shops in some bigger towns. However, we cannot do so as

it has to be manned by Excise Department so that there are no illegal moves made in this regard. It is all the purview of the department to fight against illegal drugs also. In this regard, I would like to express my appreciation towards the cooperation rendered by the NGOs in the fight against illegal drugs.

We have faced certain oppositions against MLPC Act. Meanwhile, I opined that personal discretion is the most important in drinking alcohol. One who stands against it may not drink at all. There is no point at an attempt to control the actions of others. Rather, we can have awareness on the ill effects of alcohol consumption. In this connection, it is really unfortunate that some miscreants broke into some wine shops and destroy them. This is an act of coward and against the law. Let us not take power in our own hands illegally. I would like to make an appeal to all the people and NGOs to cooperate the government in transforming our land to a better place.

Regarding Home Department, I am pleased to mention that the convict rate rise to 92.9%; it is the highest in the whole country. This is the result of the efficiency in the department and also the efforts made by the Ministry.

The rate of deposit for availing ILP is also increased to check the misuses. This will check the sponsor not to leave the workers they have sponsored after the work is completed.

I am pleased to state that 60% of the construction work of Sainik School has been completed. The school will be started from Class VI from the session of 2017-2018. 60 students will be admitted out of which 40 students the sons of the soil.

The Aizawl City Surveillance Project I & II have already been completed as Project III is set to be started. The CCTVs set up under this project are very useful for security purposes.

I would also like to mention that there are 633 promotions under Home Department during this year.

Forensic Science is also an important aspect of this department. It became more useful as DNA Profiling technology is available in our state also. 100 Mizo youths are recruited in Indian Army this year, 18 in Air Force and 2 in Indian Navy. These recruitments are done through the initiatives of Mizoram Youth Commission and of the hon. Chief Minister.

Regarding prison, we currently have 7 Nos. Another prison at Mamit and Serchhip is about to be inaugurated as soon as we avail security from the government.

There is a huge problem in rejuvenation of police quarters due to financial limitations. Besides, there are 1960 vacant posts in the Police Department at present among which 1695 are constable posts.

Lastly, we are having the opinion that the traffic jam problem could be solved in Aizawl city though we have known it is a mammoth task. As a part of the initiatives, everyone having vehicle should have garage shortly from now. Huge improvement in public transport system is also proposed in this regard. We hope to make Aizawl city a traffic-jam free within 10 years.

With these words, I beg this House to pass the following demands under my portfolio, such as: -

Demand Nos.	Department	Budget Amount
Demand No. 7	Excise & Narcotics	₹29,55,48,000.00
Demand No. 16	Home	₹5,80,44,13,000.00
Demand No. 31	Agriculture	₹1,13,00,62,000.00
Demand No. 38	Rural Development	₹3,58,00,36,000.00
	TOTAL	₹10,81,00,59,000.00

SPEAKER : The Minister concerned has now begged the House to pass Demand No. 7, 16, 31 and 38, the total amount of which is ₹10,81,00,59,000. Anyone who supports the demands may say, 'Aye' and those who oppose may say, 'Nay'. Since no one opposed, I declared the said Demands are passed.

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister may now move the House to pass his Demands No.20, 40, and 44.

PU H.ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I thank my fellow members for their participation and their constructive ideas. I will start with Trade & Commerce.

From the response of most of the members, it is clear that we give importance to Border Trade, Land Custom Station and Integrated Check Post (ICP) Bangladesh. So, I want to say that we are pursuing this project in the best possible way. Regarding

Indo-Myanmar border trade, meetings will be held at Hnahlan, Zote, Saikhumphai, Vaphai and Sangau.

Regarding the maintenance of our New Market, it is very difficult to follow strict rules and the area is crowded but still many have applied for a seat in the market till today. Fortunately we are funded for garbage disposal on R.E. from Finance, and from NEC Project, constructions of building for selling meat had been initiated. Regarding selling vegetables on the roadside, initiatives are taken at Mission Veng Bazar to move the sellers to the market building which is under construction and the same initiatives will be taken in other areas as well. Plans are also made to establish an Agriculture Marketing Board; today, there are 226 markets in Mizoram. The Revenue target for the ongoing year is ₹151,70,000/- lakhs and till the month of February, the amount of revenue we have received so far is ₹163,29,157/-

The point mentioned by Pu Robiaka regarding provisions for issue of tailoring machines and carpentry tools on a subsidizing rate, this scheme cannot be continued due to financial problem but these can be related with trade under NLUP; we believe it is best for the people to benefit under NLUP. I think we have also decided that looms processed under ZOHANDCO should be shifted to Lunglei after closing down the industry.

Regarding the exploration of natural gas, some traces have been found near Zanlawn and Aizawl AA1 area by ONGC but since the authority is not satisfied with such findings, the same has been applied to the Ministry of Petroleum & natural Gas for special survey and for additional geo-scientific data input on the state of the soil, airborne gravity and radiometry; their license also needs to be extended and therefore difficult to expedite the process.

Oil India Limited has further takes the step on Maubuang and Keifang area and they have high expectation on Keifang excavation. Under Geology & Mining, the amount of revenue we have generated so far is ₹4,60,62,300/-, and from Minor Minerals ₹141,88,933, from PEL Fees ₹3,18,11,190. So, we have exceeded our target by a margin of ₹86,00,00/-.

Under School Education, plans are made for setting up football academy centre in the new session in co-operation with TATA Trust, NEIDA and SSA and plans are made to launch The Collected Learning Initiatives. Regarding posting of teachers, most of the teachers posted in Aizawl are seniors in the service and many

have reached their superannuation pension years; many have also been promoted as newly recruits are posted in the areas where the post of teachers are highly needed.

Pu Speaker, Integrated Evaluation scheme will be implemented in the new academic session at Secondary School, which means there will be an external and internal evaluation. Since selection exam is no more in practice, the number of private candidate decreases immensely. So, we hope that the Integrated Evaluation scheme will bring about a better development and change in our educational system.

As to the point mentioned by Pu Lalthanliana regarding the increase of wages considering the amount placed in R.E., it is simply because we were in short of funds last year; it is increased so that we would be more financially stable.

In the case of decrease of number of student enrollment in Govt. Primary School, we have taken steps to improve our educational system in which the Early Childhood Care & Education has been introduced; we believe this will increase the number and we hope this will bring about a positive change in our Primary Education system. Regarding High School Science Teachers, there is a reservation for High School and Middle School; for Middle school, it has already been implemented and permission for recruitment is sought for High School Teachers in which 30% reservation is available.

Regarding amalgamation of schools, initiative has been taken from elementary level as notification for Norms of amalgamation for closure of elementary schools has already been released. So far, 20 schools have been amalgamated to 9 schools. In regard to the opinion of prioritizing teachers in rural areas on selection of Pre-Service Training, one has to go through written exam for such training, yet, we will look into the matter. We are glad that NCTE recognition has been given to six Nos. DIET and we will then be able to conduct pre-service teachers training very soon. In order to have a quality education, we need to train our teachers well enough and it is inappropriate for our education system to continue with some sorts of considerations.

In regard old text books, there are instances when students join school by mid-year. So, for such students, we proposed to keep old text books at the library so the late comers may use it as such text books had already been distributed at the beginning of the school session. In the case of hiring someone to work on ones behalf, we have discussed the matter in the previous term and concluded such practice should not be permitted; this remains our stand in dealing with such case. Hiring others may

be considered in such a case when a teacher is on training. Regarding the recruitment rules of headmaster, proposal had been made 50% recruitment on LDE and another 50% on seniority.

During this session, Pu Speaker, Hostel Rules (Mizoram School Hostel Infrastructure Facilities & General Care of Students Management Rules, 2016) has been enacted which will be implemented from the new session. We also have a plan to amalgamate MICE (Mizoram Institute of Comprehensive Education) with Tuikual Primary School-II.

Keeping in view the new academic session, seminar will be conducted for teachers, headmasters and local leaders and will be conducted by different officers. Plans are also made to establish Model School in each District Headquarters on English Medium particularly in the Primary School level. We hope this will bring about a change in our educational system as the concerned Department is also trying its best to bring about development in our educational system.

Thus, I move this august House to pass the following Demands under my concerned departments, such as: -

Demands	Department	Budget Amount
Demand No. 20	School Education	₹9,65,58,93,000.00
Demand No. 40	Industries	₹62,85,87,000.00
Demand No. 44	Trade & Commerce	₹4,67,37,000.00
	TOTAL	₹4,67,37,000.00

Thank you.

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister has moved to pass his Demands, such as: -

Demands	Department	Budget Amount
Demand No. 20	School Education	₹9,65,58,93,000.00
Demand No. 40	Industries	₹62,85,87,000.00
Demand No. 44	Trade & Commerce	₹4,67,37,000.00
	TOTAL	₹4,67,37,000.00

Now, all in favor to pass the Demands may say, 'Aye' and those who oppose

may say, 'No.' Since there are no objection, the Demands No. 20, 40 and 44 are unanimously passed by the House.

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

SPEAKER : We have come to the end of today's session; we will resume our disucussion tomorrow at 10:30 am.

Sitting is adjourned (6:28 pm.)