

NINTH MIZORAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY



**SUBJECT COMMITTEE - III
(2025-2026)**

FIFTH REPORT

On

**ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT AGAINST THE
RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE SECOND REPORT
OF THE SUBJECT COMMITTEE - III (2024-2025)**

*(Ref. SECOND REPORT OF SUBJECT COMMITTEE – III OF THE NINTH MIZORAM
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY)*

Relating to

AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS' WELFARE DEPARTMENT

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**COMPOSITION OF SUBJECT COMMITTEE-III
(2025-2026)**

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INTRODUCTION

1. I, the Chairman, Subject Committee-III, having been authorised by the Committee, do present this Fifth Report on Action Taken by the Government on the Recommendations of the Committee contained in the Second Report (9th Mizoram Legislative Assembly) relating to Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Department, Government of Mizoram.
2. The Second Report was presented to the House on the 28th of August, 2025. Implementation Report of the Government to the Recommendations contained in the Second Report was received on the 16th of December, 2025 and the 14th of January, 2026. The Committee examined the implementation reports at its 13th Sitting held on 29th January, 2026.
3. Annexures are kept in the Assembly Secretariat for reference.
4. The Committee examined and adopted this Report on the 24th of February, 2026.

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Subject Committee - III

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REPORT

1. This Report of the Committee deals with Action Taken by the Government on the 9 (nine) recommendations contained in its Second Report relating to the Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Department, which was presented to the House on the 28th of August, 2025.
2. The Committee examined the implementation report submitted by the Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Department, and the decision of the Committee may be categorised as follows:
 - i) Chapter I - Implementations which have been accepted by the Committee.
 - ii) Chapter II - Implementations which the Committee decided not to pursue in view of Government's reply.
 - iii) Chapter III - Implementations which have not been accepted by the Committee and on which it has made further recommendations.

CHAPTER – I

IMPLEMENTATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE COMMITTEE

1.1.1 RECOMMENDATION

(vide para 1.17 of the Second Report of Subject Committee- III)

The Committee recommends that a provision be made under the budget head of the School of Agriculture Sciences, Hnahthial (or ITC), to ensure that the expense of electricity bills and water bills is not borne by the students, but charged by the State. However, due diligence should be observed.

1.1.2 ACTION TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT

(vide letter no.H-11013/4/2024-AGR, 16/12/25)

“The Department will ensure that the expense of electricity Bills and water bills will not be borne by the students in future. To avoid this, the Department will also request the Finance Department, Government of Mizoram to enhance the Budget for SAS, Hnahthial under the existing Head of Account particularly under the object head- Other revenue Expenditure & O.E. which will be included in the B.E. of 2026-2027.”

1.2.1 RECOMMENDATION

(vide para 1.18 of the Second Report of Subject Committee- III)

The Committee recommends that the available human resources with respect to cooks, driver for School Bus, and others in the State Agricultural Sciences, Hnahthial, be addressed.

1.2.2 ACTION TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT

(vide letter no.H-11013/4/2024-AGR, 16/12/25)

“The existing strength of staff in the SAS is considered sufficient to meet the current operational requirements of the School and to ensure its smooth functioning. Nevertheless, the Department is presently undertaking the process for outsourcing 6(six) Drivers, and upon completion of the said process, 2(two) Drivers shall be posted at SAS.”

1.3.1 RECOMMENDATION

(vide para 1.21 of the Second Report of Subject Committee- III)

The Committee, after making an observation that a large amount of government funds has been, and will be, utilised in the School of Agricultural Sciences from state and central schemes, **recommends that an internal audit be conducted for the same.**

1.3.2 ACTION TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT

(vide letter no.H-11013/4/2024-AGR, 16/12/)

“The department will ensure that internal audit may be conducted within this financial year.”

CHAPTER – II
IMPLEMENTATIONS WHICH THE COMMITTEE DECIDED NOT
TO PURSUE IN VIEW OF THE GOVERNMENT’S REPLY

-Nil-

CHAPTER – III

IMPLEMENTATIONS WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE COMMITTEE AND ON WHICH IT MADE FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1.1 RECOMMENDATION

(vide para 1.14 of the Second Report of Subject Committee- III)

The Committee recommends that the faculty of the School of Agricultural Sciences be duly provided with Training Allowances as per the State Government’s revised rate of the National Training Policy, 2012.

3.1.2 ACTION TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT

(vide letter no.H-11013/4/2024-AGR, 16/12/25)

“Proposal for granting of Training Allowances for Vice Principal and Instructors of SAS, Hnahthial was regretted by vide Finance Department I.D. No. 324/FIN(PRU) dated 19.02.2024. Finance Department has observed that creation of new Training Allowance for Vice Principal and Instructors of SAS is not feasible, as new allowances are normally not introduced in between pay revisions. It is noted that SAS conducts a 2-year Diploma Course primarily for pre-service trainees, whereas PTC, ATI, FTS etc. conduct in-service trainings. Hence, the Finance Department highlighted a difference in nature of trainings.

However, it may be stated that 10% of seats in SAS are reserved for in-service Field Staff from the State and Autonomous District Councils and every year a substantial number of applications are received from in-service staff seeking admission under this quota. Thus, SAS also caters significantly to the in-service training needs of the department.

In view of this, proposal for granting Training Allowances to SAS faculties to be considered at par with ATI, PTC and FTS will be submitted for re-consideration.”

3.1.3 FURTHER RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends that the outcome of the proposal submitted by the Department for granting Training Allowances to SAS faculties be considered at par with ATI, PTC and FTS be submitted by the Department.

3.2.1 RECOMMENDATION

(vide para 1.15 of the Second Report of Subject Committee- III)

The Committee recommends that the Special Assistance to States under Capital Expenditure (SASCE) fund sanctioned in the funding year 2022-2023 of ₹2,20,00,000/- be utilized with due diligence and financial propriety with a vision to enhance the capacity and growth of the institution.

3.2.2 ACTION TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT

(vide letter no.H-11013/4/2024-AGR, 16/12/25)

“To improve the existing training facilities at SAS, Hnahthial, the Department has submitted a proposal for upgradation of Training facilities for the SAS during 2022-23 under the Special Assistance to State for Capital Expenditure (SASCE). The state government has approved a project titled "Strengthening of Training Facility at School of Agricultural Sciences, Hnahthial" for Rs. 220.00 lakh.

The project mainly consists of civil construction works such as –

- (1) Construction of Laboratory Building,
- (2) Construction of Implements house for keeping farm tools and implements,
- (3) Fencing, Outdoor flooring and approach road for laboratory building, procurement of Laboratory equipment for Soil testing, seed testing and Plant Protection Laboratory, IT Laboratory, training tools and implements, purchase of School Bus for SAS.

Against various approved components, the following project components have been completed:

- (a) School Bus
- (b) Equipment for Seed testing laboratory
- (c) equipment for Soil Testing Laboratory and
- (d) equipment for Plant protection laboratory
- (e) equipment for IT Laboratory.

Procurement process initiated for the following components:

- a) Training tools and implements (Tools such as farm power and machineries)

With regard to Civil works, there are three civil works namely:

- (1) Construction of Laboratory Building,
- (2) Construction of Implements house for keeping farm tools and implements,
- (3) Fencing, Outdoor flooring and approach road for laboratory building under the project.

As the fund was parked under K-deposit for several months, the work could not be initiated as per plan. The Department have started construction of Laboratory building

and executed the construction departmentally. Once the project fund under K-deposit is released, the remaining civil works will be started soon.

The total approved project amount was Rs. 220.00 lakh. Out of the total project amount, a sum of Rs. 140.00 lakh was released to the Department till date. A sum of Rs. 80.00 lakh is still parked under K-deposit.”

3.2.3 FURTHER RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is displeased to learn that the initiative to enhance the School of Agricultural Sciences' capabilities to provide services by enhancing the skills of in-service students and those at the grassroots level has been delayed due to the parking of its funds under K-deposit.

The Committee, therefore, recommends that the sum of ₹80.00 lakh, which is still parked under K-deposit, be released for the timely completion of works in the School of Agricultural Sciences, Hnahthial, and avoid further hindrance to the institute in delivering its mandated duties.

3.3.1 RECOMMENDATION

(vide para 1.16 of the Second Report of Subject Committee- III)

The Committee recommends the repair of internal roads and playground. The Committee further recommends that fencing be installed around the campus to prevent encroachment.

3.3.2 ACTION TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT

(vide letter no.H-11013/4/2024-AGR, 16/12/25)

“Most of the CSS implemented by the department are crop production oriented and there are no schemes where repair and renovation works can be taken up. The Department will look into the matter and submit proposal under the appropriate scheme for funding for repair and renovation of internal roads, playgrounds of SAS including fencing of the whole SAS complex. Recently, the Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Department has submitted proposal to the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India for claiming special central assistance (SCA) under Agristack Scheme. The Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India has recommended the claim submitted by the State Government and forwarded the same to the Ministry of Finance, Government of India for consideration vide letter No. Z- I1021/19/2024-Digital Agriculture-Part (3) dated 26.11.2025. Under these initiatives, a sum of Rs. 50.00 crore is recommended for the State of Mizoram towards the completion of first milestone under Digital Crop Survey (DCS). Once the incentive is approved by the Finance Ministry, Government of India, the Department will submit DPR for repair of internal roads, playgrounds and fencing of SAS complex and any other infrastructures required for improvement of SAS, Hnahthial.”

3.3.3 FURTHER RECOMMENDATION

The Committee appreciates the Department’s initiative in finding a solution for addressing the repair of internal roads and playground at School of Agricultural Sciences, Hnahthial, and recommends that the result be furnished to the Committee.

3.4.1 RECOMMENDATION

(vide para 1.19 of the Second Report of Subject Committee- III)

The Committee recommends that the State Government explore ways to make the School of Agricultural Sciences a full-fledged institute with a Diploma Certificate duly recognised by the necessary regulators, councils, and institutions, for further utilisation, including lateral entries in colleges, and others.

3.4.2 ACTION TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT

(vide letter no.H-11013/4/2024-AGR, 16/12/25)

“The Department will submit a proposal to Mizoram University for affiliation. A separate proposal will also be submitted to the Higher & Technical Education Department, Government of Mizoram, for permanent affiliation under the Mizoram State Council of Technical Education (MSCTE). With respect to lateral entry, the Department will explore possibilities for collaboration with an Agriculture University that offers a similar programme and module for lateral entry.”

3.4.3 FURTHER RECOMMENDATION

The Committee appreciated the Department’s initiative to submit a proposal to Mizoram University for affiliation and a separate proposal to the Higher & Technical Education Department, Government of Mizoram, for permanent affiliation under the Mizoram State Council of Technical Education (MSCTE).

The Committee recommends that the updated outcome of the same, along with the possibilities explored by the Department for collaboration with an Agriculture University that offers a similar programme and module for lateral entry, be forwarded to the Committee

3.5.1 RECOMMENDATION

(vide para 1.20 of the Second Report of Subject Committee- III)

“The Committee recommends that the State Government chart out plans to establish an Agriculture College in the State. However, the main purpose served by the School of Agricultural Sciences in equipping students for State Agriculture Department and Horticulture Department, Rural Development as well as in the District Councils of Mizoram as Gram Sevak, Agriculture Demonstrator, Horticulture Demonstrator, Village Level Worker, Facilitator, Technical Support Group member, and placements into Centrally Sponsored Schemes, Central Sector Schemes and Externally Aided project such as Agriculture Technology Management Agency (ATMA), Fostering Climate Resilient Upland Farming System (FOCUS), Green-Ag under Global Environment Facility (GEF) and Mission Organic Mizoram (MOM) under Mission Organic value Chain Development (MOVCD) for NE, etc should never be overlooked.

The institution, even after its upgradation, should remain available for equipping students from diverse educational backgrounds with a purpose not only to secure government jobs but also to make the students better citizens with enhanced capacities in the agricultural and allied sectors. ”

3.5.2 ACTION TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT

(vide letter no.H-11013/4/2024-AGR, 16/12/25)

“To become a full-fledged Agriculture College, the institute must fulfil the criteria mandated by ICAR before applying for recognition and affiliation.

The Department will obtain detailed information from colleges that initially served as centres for in-service candidates and were later upgraded to full-fledged Agriculture Colleges recognized by ICAR, both in other North Eastern States and in the rest of India.”

3.5.3 FURTHER RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends that the implementation outcome be forwarded to the Committee.

3.6.1 RECOMMENDATION

(vide para 2.9 of the Second Report of Subject Committee- III)

The Committee observed that the shortages of Junior Grade posts can be caused due to the large number of Deputy Director posts of the Department. The Committee, therefore, **recommends that the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms, Government of Mizoram, be informed to examine and evaluate the functioning, effectiveness, and efficacy of the Deputy Director posts and Junior Grade posts of Agriculture Department, Government of Mizoram.**

The Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms should then make a recommendation to the Committee and the Government on whether the existing number of posts needs to be revised.

3.6.2 ACTION TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT

(vide letter no.H.11013/4(1)/2024-AGR/2, dated Aizawl, the 14th of January)

“As per the recommendation, the Department has requested DP&AR to take necessary action to examine and evaluate the functioning, effectiveness and efficacy of the Deputy Director posts and Junior Grade posts of Mizoram Agriculture Service via letter no. No.H.11013/4(2)/2024-AGR, dt 14.1.2025”

3.6.3 FURTHER RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends that the findings of DP&AR, Govt of Mizoram, regarding the examination and evaluation of the functioning, effectiveness and efficacy of the Deputy Director Posts and Junior Grade posts of Agriculture Department, Government of Mizoram, alongwith action taken by the Department on the recommendations, if any, be forwarded to the Committee.

SUMMARY OF FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

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