

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR THIRTEENTH SITTING ON MONDAY, THE 15th MARCH, 2021
(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.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

**** DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS**

2. **DR. K. BEICHHUA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
3. **PU R. LALZIRLIANA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.

H. LALRINAWMA
Commissioner & Secretary

** Please see Bulletin Part-II Sl. No. 168 dated 9th March, 2021 for Demands to be moved by Ministers.

SPEAKER : “With the ancient is wisdom; And in length of days understanding.”

- Job 12:12

We shall start with *Question Hour*. Let us first call upon Dr. F. Lalnunmawia to ask *Starred Question* No. 185.

DR. F. LALNUNMAWIA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Starred Question No. 185, Will the hon. Minister for Labour, Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Department be pleased to state:

- a) Due to Covid-19, how many of returned migrant workers are there in Mizoram?
- b) What steps are taken by the government to rehabilitate such people?

SPEAKER : Hon. Minister Pu Lalchhandama Ralte may answer.

PU LALCHHANDAMA RALTE, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answers are as follows:

- a) The total nos. of migrant workers as per reports till today is 2637.
- b) Steps were taken through Mizoram Youth Commission. First phase of training for these people was completed. The training was organized through different departments. Training was given to 720 people so far. Training given are:
 1. Entrepreneurship Development Programme;
 2. Decentralized Training/Skill Training;
 3. Internship-cum-Entrepreneurship Skills Training;
 4. Entrepreneurship and Skill Development Programme for Home based Food processing;
 5. Training of Tour Guides.

Second phase of training is also set to be started and is projected to be given to 800 trainees.

SPEAKER : Dr. F. Lalnunmawia may ask his Supplementary Questions.

DR. F. LALNUNMAWIA: Pu Speaker, there are a number of returned workers who are not yet reported. Could they be given financial assistance through Labour cess?

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question from Pu Lalrintluanga.

PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO: My questions are: -

- i) What are the initiatives taken by LESDE Department for the members of Workers Welfare during the pandemic?
- ii) Does the Government have regulation for agencies sending Mizo workers outside? If so, what is the implementing agency of such rules and regulations?

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

PU LALCHHANDAMA RALTE, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, regarding the returned migrant workers, it is very difficult to know the exact number. Rehabilitation of these people is undertaken through NEC fund, not from labour cess.

Regarding Pu Lalrintluanga's question, ₹3000/- each was deposited to the account of workers welfare members to help them during this pandemic in which around ₹15.82 crore was spent. Besides, ₹640 lakh had been given to FCS&CA Department to help them to distribute free ration to villages. These are the main actions taken by LESDE Department during this crisis.

Regarding foreign agencies who send workers to other places, the Mizoram Private Placement Agencies Regulation Act, 2015 was notified by Mizoram Home Department on 16.11.2015 and also on 21.6.2017. These agencies are registered under Home Department.

SPEAKER : Starred Question No. 186 will be asked by Hon. Member Dr. Vanlaltanpuia.

DR. VANLALTANPUIA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Starred Question No. 186. Will the hon. Minister for Department of Personnel & Administrative Reforms be pleased to state:

- a) Is there a proposal for filling up vacant posts of the government jobs?
- b) If new posts proposed to be created?
- c) If so, the name of such posts?

SPEAKER : Hon. Dy. Chief Minister Pu Tawnluia may answer.

PU TAWNLUIA, DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answers are:

- a) Some posts are filled through Promotion quota and Limited Departmental Examination. However, Direct recruitment are considered as per the financial condition of the government.
- b) There is no proposal for creation of new posts at the moment.
- c) No comment is necessary.

SPEAKER : Dr. Vanlaltanpuia may ask Supplementary Question.

DR. VANLALTANPUIA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My questions are:

- i) Which levels are recruited by MPSC?
- ii) Which levels are recruited by MSSB?
- iii) Which levels are recruited by the department?
- iv) Mizoram Youth Commission needs strengthening. Is it possible to give more staff?

SPEAKER : Pu Lalrinsanga Ralte may ask his Supplementary Questions.

PU LALRINSANGA RALTE: Thank you, Pu Speaker. My Questions are:

- i) How many IAS cadre posts are there in Mizoram?
- ii) How many Mizo IAS are there at present and, how many of them are posted under Govt. of Mizoram?
- iii) How many cadres post of MSC are there at present?
- iv) Is there any vacant post of MCS at present? If so, is there a plan to fill such post?

SPEAKER : Dr. ZR Thiamsanga, hon. Member is next.

DR. ZR THIAMSANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. May the DP&AR Deptt. prioritize filling up of vacant posts under Health Department as the need for staff has drastically increased during this pandemic?

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister concerned may answer.

PU TAWNLUIA, DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer to Pu Lalrinsanga Ralte's questions is –

1. We have 32 nos. IAS cadre post in Mizoram
2. Serving IAS – 22 nos.
3. MCS cadre posts – 234 nos.
4. Serving MCS – 186 nos.
5. Vacant MCS Posts - 80-90 posts.

Regarding recruitment of employees, Group A & B (Gazette) posts are recruited by MPSC. Group B (Non-Gazette) posts will be filled by MSSB. Departmental Promotion Committee is entitled to recruit Group C & D posts.

Regarding giving priority of some vacant posts, it is under process. However, it is the normal practice of the government to fill up any vacant posts as soon as the financial condition of the state improves. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Dr. K. Pachhunga to ask Starred Question No. 187.

DR. K. PACHHUNGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Starred Question No. 187. Will the hon. Minister for Home Department be pleased to state –

“Is it be possible to establish Mizoram Territorial Army Battalion or Mizoram Scout Battalion under the Union Home Ministry?”

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister for Home, Pu Lalchamliana may answer.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, it is the purview of Sports & Youth Services for which they were consulted. The S&YS Department in turn planned to consult the Union Home Ministry.

SPEAKER : Pu C. Ngunlianchunga may now ask his Supplementary Question.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. My Questions are:

- i) Is there any church fined for violating Standard Operating procedure?
- ii) If so, which church is it, and in which village?
- iii) How much is the fine?
- iv) Are there any other organizations fined for this kind of action?
- v) If so, which organization, and when?
- vi) Are all violators fined?
- vii) Are the hon. Chief Minister and MOS (Sports) being fined for violating SoP?
If not, why?

SPEAKER : Pu Vanlalhlana may ask his Supplementary Question.

PU VANLALHLANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. The Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah, during his visit in Mizoram has stated that huge number of Mizo youth will be employed in the central forces. Why does the Government not pursue the matter? Thank you.

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question from Pu C. Lalsawivunga.

PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. My Questions are:

- i) Who are the 'minorities' mentioned in the election manifesto of MNF Party?
- ii) Will the hon. Minister clarify the minorities listed in the Constitution of India?

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu Lalchamliana, hon. Minister to give the answer as far as possible.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, regarding Pu C. Ngunlianchunga's question, Churches which were fined for violating SoP are as follows:

EFCI Church of Sakawrdai,

EFCI Church of Vaitin,

Mizoram UPC of Mualthuam North. (They were fined ₹5000/- each.)

Other organisations fined for the same are –

BJP Lawngtlai District on 29.10.2020;
INC Congress Bhavan on 12.1.2021.

Pu Speaker, the issue of minority is a difficult one. The list of minorities as per Ministry of Welfare Notification and Ministry of Minority Affairs are –

- 1) Muslims
- 2) Christians
- 3) Sikhs
- 4) Buddhists
- 5) Zoroastrians (Parsis)
- 6) Jains.

There is no separate list for Mizoram.

SPEAKER : Moving to the next question, let us call upon Pu Lalrindika Ralte to ask Starred Question No. 188.

PU LALRINDIKA RALTE: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the hon. Minister for Horticulture Department be pleased to state –

- a) In which place the Divisional Horticulture Office (DHO) at Tuidam is shifted?
- b) What is the reason for the shifting?

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu Zoramthanga, hon. Chief Minister.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is as follows:

- a) The Divisional Horticulture Office (DHO), Tuidam is not shifted but was terminated.
- b) The Horticulture Department has been restructured through Notification No. A. 13032/1/2016-HORT/pt. Accordingly, the Divisional Horticulture Office (DHO), Tuidam is now restructured to Block Horticulture Office.

SPEAKER : Supplementary Questions from Pu Lalrindika Ralte and then Dr. Vanlalhlana.

PU LALRINDIKA RALTE: Pu Speaker, why is the Divisional Horticulture Office (DHO) restructured to the smaller Block Horticulture Office? Is it of the central policy?

DR. VANLALTHLANA : Thank you. What is the mortality rate of *dendrocalamus brandisii* planted last year? Besides, the Government is a major shareholder of Venus Bamboo Product Ltd. How will it continue to function? May the hon. Minister provide Audited Financial Report?

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu Zoramthanga, Hon. Chief Minister to answer.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker restructuring of Horticulture Department is felt necessary within the department. It is not a central policy.

Regarding mortality rate of brandisii, it is difficult count each and every plant; yet, it will be monitored continually. Regarding Venus Bamboo Product Limited, we will try to furnish the Audited Financial Report as demanded.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Dr. Vanlalhlana to ask Starred Question No. 189.

DR. VANLALTHLANA : Thank you Pu Speaker. Will the Hon. Minister for District Council & Minority Affairs Department be pleased to state:

- a) Who drafted the DPR for PMJVK?
- b) If there is anyone who benefitted from the sanctioned amount for the last quarter of 2020-2021?
- c) For which District PMJVK is targeted?

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu R. Lalzirliana, Hon. Minister to answer.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is:

- a) DPR for PMJVK is not drafted for a particular department.
- b) Sanction is not received as yet.
- c) PMJVK is meant for the following Minority Concentration Block:
 - i) Lunglei District – West Bunghmun RD Block, Lungsen RD Block.
 - ii) Mamit District – Zawlnuam RD Block, West Phaileng RD Block.
 - iii) Lawngtlai District – Lawngtlai RD Block, Bungtlang South RD Block, Chawngte RD Block.

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question from Dr. Vanlalhlana.

DR. VANLALTHLANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My question is as follows:

- 1) Whether the department is aware of our application for covering Aizawl East-I under PMJVK is being admitted?
- 2) Matching share is supposed to be there for any scheme under PMJVK but is not seen. What is the reason?

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question from Pu KT Rokhaw.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Why is Siaha District excluded from PMJVK if it is meant for minority concentration blocks?

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Dr. K. Pachhunga to ask *Supplementary Question*.

DR. K. PACHHUNGA : Pu Speaker, is it possible to include Bunghmun RD Block under PMJVK?

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister concerned may answer it.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, regarding Pu Mathlana's question, I am afraid I could not provide the answer as Aizawl East-I is not covered by the Scheme.

Secondly, it has to be noted that huge amount of funds could be availed from Central Govt. even if there is no allocation in the budget. Whereas more than ten lakh rupees is availed for my department recently.

SPEAKER : *Question Hour* is almost over. Let us call upon Pu Zothantluanga to ask Starred Question No. 190.

PU ZOTHANTLUANGA: Pu Speaker, Starred Question No. 190. Will the hon. Minister for AH & Veterinary Department be pleased to state:

- a) Total nos. of Veterinary Hospital in Mizoram?
- b) Total nos. of Veterinary Dispensary and Rural Animal Health Centre in Mizoram?

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister may answer the question.

DR. K. BEICHHUA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is:

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| a) | Polyclinic Hospital | - | 1 |
| | District Veterinary Hospital | - | 10 |
| b) | Veterinary Dispensary | - | 67 |
| | Rural Animal Health Centre | - | 69 |

SPEAKER : *Question Hour* is now over. We will now move to *Financial Business*. We shall now consider passing of the Demands submitted by the two hon. Ministers - Dr. K. Beichhua and Pu R. Lalzirliana. First, let us call upon Dr. K. Beichhua to submit the demands -

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| Demand No. 7 | - | Excise & Narcotics |
| Demand No. 29 | - | Social Welfare |
| Demand No. 34 | - | Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department |
| Demand No. 41 | - | Sericulture Department |

DR. K. BEICHHUA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, On the recommendation of Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, Sir, I move the Demand Nos. 7, 29, 34 & 41 for ₹2,94,45,27,000.00 only, for meeting expenses during 2021 – 2022 in respect of the following Departments:

Demand No.	Department	Amount in (₹)
7	Excise & Narcotics	40,34,49,000.00
29	Social Welfare	1,54,63,98,000.00
34	Animal Husbandry & Veterinary	79,43,30,000.00
41	Sericulture	20,03,50,000.00
TOTAL		2,94,45,27,000.00

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu R. Lalzirliana, Hon. Minister to submit the following demands –

- Demand No. 23 - Art & Culture
- Demand No. 27 - District Council & Minority Affairs
- Demand No. 33 - Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation
- Demand No. 39 - Power & Electricity Department

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, On the recommendation of Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, Sir, I move the Demand Nos. 23, 27, 33 & 39 for ₹11,90,12,28,000.00 only, for meeting expenses during 2021 – 2022 in respect of the following Departments:

Demand No.	Department	Amount in (₹)
23	Art & Culture	12,91,93,000.00
27	DC & Minority Affairs	4,51,06,49,000.00
33	Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation	21,41,38,000.00
39	Power & Electricity	7,04,72,48,000.00
TOTAL		11,90,12,28,000.00

SPEAKER : We shall now have discussion on the two Demands. Each member will be allotted ten minutes.

PU L. THANGMAWIA : Thank you, Pu speaker. While discussing the demand of Art & Culture Department, what struck my mind is the long-awaited reunification of Zo tribes. I am deeply touched by the sufferings of our brothers and sisters in Myanmar.

On Demand No. 7, Excise & Narcotics Department, there are several areas in my constituency from where Myanmar border could be crossed. I implore that proper check gates to be made in these passes.

On Demand No. 34, AH & Vety Department, there are numbers of development seen in the Department. It is great to learn that pilot projects for SEDP have been distributed to 1020 families; Veterinary Hospital is under construction in seven districts; 35 nos. Rural Animal Health Centre are upgraded to Veterinary Dispensary; animal check gates were

constructed at ten border points to prevent transmission of trans-boundary animal diseases and initiatives are taken at Thenzawl and Serchhip for self-sufficiency in egg and meat.

On Demand No. 41, Sericulture, 900 families were given assistance under SEDP. Seed emporium is upgraded and further steps are proposed to be taken under this department.

On Demand No. 29, Social Welfare Department, there is a proposal for construction of 11 nos. Eklavya Schools where as one already been constructed at Ngopa. Also, Youth Development Centre is set to be started at Ngopa through the kind favour of the hon. Minister of Social Welfare Deptt; Ephatha Special School is established at Vaivakawn as free admission is given to some people in this school. Now, one teacher is being deployed from the funds contributed. In this regard, I would like to suggest the hon. Social Welfare Minister of arranging the building of some defunct schools for occupation. I do not think that it will need much funds as it has enough to manage itself. It will be much appreciated if the department lends a hand to this concern.

Going to Demand No. 39 – Power & Electricity, I often mentioned about Khawzawl - Kawlkulh line as major portion of the problem could be evaded if powerline for Lamzawl Peng to Pawlrang is constructed. Also, it will be much appreciated if Leiva hydel project at Kawlbem is commissioned and if the House be informed of the progress of Tuiching project of 0.1 mW at Mimbung.

Lastly, Pu Speaker, development work done by Art & Culture is praiseworthy. There are many historical places which may be preserved for heritage in my constituency. I convey my thanks to the department for their efforts and urge them to keep up the good work.

I invite my fellow members to pass the demands which have been discussed today. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now, hon. Member Pu Zothantluanga and then Pu KT Rokhaw.

PU ZOTHANTLUANGA : Pu Speaker, I am glad to have the opportunity to discuss the demands of Dr. K. Beichhua and Pu R. Lalzirliana, the two hon. Ministers. I will start from Demand No. 39 – Power & Electricity Deptt.

It is of an important department as we cannot live without it. It is a must to have limited supply of power and our main problem till today is aged power transformer which remain in used. As stated by the Dy. Chief Minister, transformer of 12.5 mVA is installed at Luangmual and is expected to reduce the problem with water pump when it is completed. I am thankful that SDO Office is located at Luangmual as the demand for power supply is intensive in our constituency.

Our main problem is Tanhril feeder which cover Central Jail, Sakawrtuichhun and PTC. I opine it is necessary to bifurcate the project so as to evade interruption on load shedding of one line. It is also important to replace the LT line with that of ABC line to resolve many problems.

On Demand No. 23 – Art & Culture, NRZCC has organized cultural exchange programme in which many youths were participated and displays our cultural dances. It is important that we continue with it. Having cultural tour as we are aware, is important for promoting our culture to others and is a good exposure for our youth. So, we need to put more efforts in this regard.

On Demand No. 33 - Land Resources, Sol & Water Conservation Department, our land is of hilly area as the fertile soils washed off during rainy season due to our locations. Thus, this department is of much important to preserve our fertile soils. Some says this department as of a ‘dying department’ but I am glad to observe that it has regained its importance, being the nodal department for SEDP. We know that areca nuts plantation is concentrated in the western belt and is a success. Likewise, I believe rubber plantation could become a successful source of revenue for our State.

On Demand No. 7, Excise & Narcotics Deptt., it is small but a very important department. It is my wish that the department is enlarged so that their service is more effective in keeping up with the present government which concentrates on ‘total prohibition’ policy. If there is shortage of staff, the policy will fail.

On the demands of Sericulture, the department is providing assistance to 900 families with their farming and I am glad to note that silk emporium is now revived through their productions.

Regarding Social Welfare department, our fellow member from Lengteng Constituency has pointed out his concern for poor maintenance of our rehabilitation centre at Sethawn and I support his opinion of giving more attentions to that effect. I am glad to notice that the 1st instalment of SEDP and funds under the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment have been released.

Regarding Eklavya Residential School, I am pleased with proposal of the government for opening of 11 nos. new school and the reason being, that this is a purely centrally funded project without State Matching Share.

Anganwadi as we know, is an important place for pre-school children to prepare themselves for school. It has also taken care of giving nutrition to kid children even amidst the pandemic. I am proud to mention that we have even awarded the 1st prize at least in two categories under *Poshan Adhiyaan* with ₹200 crore cash prize solely for the development of Anganwadi. It is free funds for our State.

Lastly, Pu Speaker, we have a hatchery plant which produces 20 thousand eggs per production at ZPDS and I am pleased to state that it has now been upgraded to produce 60 thousand. Because of this achievement and others, I support that we pass the Demands of the 2 Ministers.

SPEAKER : Next, I invite the hon. Member, Pu KT Rokhaw.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Pu Speaker, thank you. Today, the two demands we are discussing are of much important, especially for my Constituency. I would like to go first to Demand No. 34, AH & Vety Department.

1020 families had been given assistance under the SEDP pilot project, ₹5 lakh for Pig farming and ₹1.5 lakh for chicken farming. This is good news but the caveat is that only a handful of families were given in my Constituency. So, I request the hon. Minister to give us more share in the next scheme.

Another point is that staff quarters and the Clinic Centre at Tipa are set for dismantling due to construction of the National Highway 54, I earnestly request the hon. Minister to give us new Staff quarters and Clinic at Tipa.

Secondly, Chakhei Rural Animal Health Centre, being located in our border with Myanmar, is the main entry point for imports of cattle and the villagers therein are successful in animal husbandry, especially cows. That is why I would like to request the Minister to station a Veterinary doctor there and to upgrade the Chakhei Rural Animal Health Centre to a Dispensary. Also, Animal check point may be set up.

On Demand No. 29, Social Welfare Department, I convey our gratitude to the hon. Minister for a proposal of Higher Secondary School building, for completing Zyhno Handloom building and a project for preservation of heritage site at Saikao. Another point I want to raise is the fact that Anganwadi Centre is important, not only in my constituency but everywhere. So, as per the National Education Policy, with its main focus on Early Childhood Care and Education, it is imperatives that Anganwadi Centre remains the focal point and importance.

Demand No. 41- Sericulture. It is learned that there is a project of silk-worm production through the guidance of experts from the Central. So, I request the hon. Minister for inclusion of my constituency as well.

Regarding the Demand No.23 - Art & Culture, I would like to request the hon. Minister for the following -

First, to develop the Mara Typical Village at Zyhno as it is of much important for students to learn about their roots and historical background the maintenance which MADC could not do it alone.

Secondly, to develop *Kuma Museum* at Tipa in which traditional materials and ornaments of our ancestry are kept. I ask urge the hon. Minister to approach the central for Museum Grant Scheme.

On Demand No. 39, Power & Electricity, power supply received by the two autonomous districts of Lawngtlai and Siahla received is not enough to run heavy machineries especially of our hospitals and thus should be improved. It will be much grateful if 132 kV line is functional with immediate effect.

Furthermore, my understanding is that funding proposal for Tuipang Hydel Project has already been submitted to the NEC. So, I would like to know if it is approved.

Lastly, Pu Speaker, the three Autonomous Districts such Lai, Mara & Chakma are supposed to be treated equally by the State Govt. but it is not the case in the present ministry. It is regretted that the Mara Autonomous District is not provided with the additional funds while the other two received it. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu VL Zaithanzama is next; Pu Lalchhuanthanga and Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo will follow.

PU V.L. ZAITHANZAMA: Pu Speaker, thank you.

In my constituency, a fire broke out at Maubawk on Saturday morning in which 15 houses were burned down with all the property holdings inside. The three hon. Ministers, 3 MLAs, the Mayor & Deputy Mayor and two Ward Councillors visited us at the spot to pacify the victim families and the neighbourhoods. On behalf of the locality, I convey my thank to YMA and Churches who had rendered all possible assistance to that effect.

First, on Demand No. 39, Power & Electricity Department, the budget is increased by 29.72% and I think it is good for our endeavour towards power sufficiency. On the other hand, it is sad to learn our proposal for minor project of Tuirini Hydel against which the Finance Department issued a notification to stop any funding for this project despite financial clearance already been obtained. Pu Speaker, if we cannot afford to take up this kind of small one, it is hopeless for us to make some notable achievements on power supply.

Pu Speaker, regarding the provision of a separate transformer for Maubawk locality, it remains uninstalled for lack of place. So, I urge the department to arrange the said so that it is functional with immediate effect.

On Demand No. 29 - Social Welfare Department, the budget is increased by 9.11%. In this connection, I would like to request the hon. Minister to consider bifurcation of Woman & Child Development from Social Welfare Deptt. which is the desire of the central

govt. as well. regarding the provision of old-age pension which had been stopped unnotified, I would like to know the reason and measure to be taken for its renewal.

Regarding Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department, I am thankful to the Minister for initiating SEDP project under which repair of 3 Districts Veterinary Hospitals is included. However, I am concern with decrease of its budget by 2.19% and missing out the provision for our sufficiency in foods & vegetables, meat and milk from the budget.

On Demand No. 41, Sericulture Deptt., I believe it will be more effective if the department is working together with the SeriFed.

Lastly, on Demand No. 7, Excise & Narcotics, budget allocation to the department decreases from 43.7 crore to 38.1 crore despite its important on implementing total prohibition. Pu Speaker, as I have mentioned, Excise force mission to Rangvamual could not be achieved 100% successful. So, I opine it is necessary to find another solution for cleaning up the area.

And, to conclude my speech, I earnestly request the hon. Minister to consider the repair of Reiek road as of utmost important and that immediate step is taken. Thank you.

SPEAKER : I will now call upon the hon. Member Pu Lalchhuanthanga. It may be noted that most of the members who stood before exceeds the allotted time. Thus, the remaining should adjust themselves in using the time.

PU LALCHHUANTHANGA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. To start from Sericulture Deptt. I would like to point out that this department is old and stagnant though there is potential. It is also a soft department in the sense that it deals with soft industries which may be benefited mostly by women and pensioners in the long run.

There are 4 kinds of silks whereas the top-most quality '*Mugha*' is proved to be well-adapted to the soil Mizoram. The Central Silk Board so gives it interest on us and I urge the hon. minister also to closely monitor the department so that it develops as a major contributor to our economy.

On Demand No. 7 - Excise & Narcotics, I believe the department is not functioning properly even in a senior most district such as Siaha and Lawngtlai due to limited staff. It is further learned that Inspector in such districts has taken the charge of the District Commissioner. Not only this, no proper office has yet been established in the 5 newly districts. Thus, I believe the hon. Minster need to give more efforts in developing Excise & Narcotics Deptt. It may as well be noted the need of setting up the Outpost at our boundary with Tripura through which huge numbers of illegal drug enters. As pointed out by Pu L. Thangmawia, the same business is concentrated in the eastern side as well and thus is the immediate need to set up the Outpost at any entry points which we have mentioned.

On Art & Culture department, the terms '*art & culture*' has a diversified meaning which covers our traditional costume and festivals with all the related dances, our foods and even our drinks. If we could provide locally brewed drink to the people in the celebration of our festivals such as on Chapchar Kut, it will make the festival more meaningful and also help the farmers to a great extent.

Pu Speaker, Demand No. 39 - Power & Electricity department is of much important. In the previous ministry, we had 10 nos. MoU being signed under the ministership of the then minister, who happened to be the same minister at present. So, he is supposed to know if such projects were accomplished and as to how to proceed with the existing MoU's.

We have a good potential for solar energy and I would like to know what the hon. Minister have in mind regarding improvement of power supply in our state. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Hon. member Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo is next.

PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO: Pu Speaker, thank you. First, Demand No. 27, District Councils & Minority Affairs.

Multi Sectoral Development Project (MSDP) has now been replaced by PMJVK. Since it is of a new programme with a separate guideline, many had criticized the concerned minister and it implementing for lack of knowledge of the new system. This new programme prioritises firstly - Health Sector, Education and then Skilled Development. In order to implement the programme, we need to obtain approval of the concerned village council first and then be proceed through concerned BDO and DC. Yet, work could not be expedited due to shortage of staff at the official level.

As we have seen, various measures have been taken for the development of sports, I think it is too early to criticize the implementation since we are at the initial stage only. Even when Sports Council was functioning as MSDP, it had never been placed under the jurisdiction of the District Council but of Social Welfare Deptt. As this ministry came into power, intensive effort had been made through PMJVK as numbers of Girls Hostel came into being in various places. It must be noted that the 1st instalment was received as MSDP for health sector and education during the previous ministry but the 2nd instalment is not received till today. That is the difference. So, I would like to mention that PMJVK is the programme through which various development projects could be carried out.

On Demand No. 41, Sericulture department, I request the hon. Minister and the concerned authority to focus on Mamit RD Block in which experts from the central have the prospect for Sericulture.

On Demand No 34, AH & Veterinary, I opine we should cautiously consider and act with our policy. During 2013 and 2016-2018, the spread of PRRS and ASF had devastated

number of pig farmers in our state, but for now, we have not heard of it thanks to the efforts of the hon. Minister and the department. It is also appreciative that farming of a large breed goat is initiated at Lunglei and Thenzawl whereas 6 nos. Veterinary Hospitals and 6 nos. Dispensary are upgraded. And, we have a hatchery being upgraded to produce 60,000 chicks per production at ZDPS.

On the demand of Social Welfare Deptt., I request the hon. Minister to closely monitor the process of selection of suppliers. It is appreciative that Eklavya Residential School is established in 11 nos. places and Tribal Girls Hostels at various places. We also have de-addiction Centre at Sethawn under the project of Social Security. It is an important mission for the government to assist the families affected by misuse of drugs.

Coming now to Demand No. 39, Power & Electricity, I would like to express my appreciation to the government for providing power supply to some areas of my constituency which remains in the dark for many years. We also have street lights through solar and I requested the hon. Minister to give us more. At the same time, I request the hon. Minister that Marpara Power Sub-station be commissioned soon.

Demand No. 23 - Art & Cultures. Pu Speaker, in addition to the traditional attires of various tribes of Mizoram being displayed in this House, I think it is good to include Chakma and Reang.

Lastly, Demand No. 7 - Excise & Narcotics. Despite shortage of staff, performance of the department is note-worthy especially on elimination of drugs business. Whereas our State being recognized internationally as a route of drug trafficking, we need to give more efforts on that mission. Also, Reiek and Tlawng be monitored more closely. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Next is, Pu Lalrinsanga Ralte.

PU LALRINSANGA RALTE: Pu Speaker, thank you, First, on Demand No. 33, Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation. It is not a big department but grown considerably. I would like to highlight that the rate of broom which was once very low has now gone up to ₹47 - ₹50/- per kg. for green and the dried ones at ₹120/- per kg.

Another promising source for revenue is areca nut. So, I suggest it is included under SEDP for it is a good source of revenue for the government.

On Demand No. 39, Power & Electricity, contribution of the department in the recent border dispute is remarkable as border areas had been electrified promptly as per the urgency. Yet, it is important for the department to give more attentions to line maintenance for shortage of linesmen is intensive. Also, most of the lines we have are now old and thus need immediate replacement. As such is the case, I urge the hon. Minister to consider recruitment of more linesmen. At the same time, I would like to request shifting of 11 kV line connecting Saipum and Saiphai to a more convenient place. It may as well be

noted by the hon. Minister of the need to renovate Serlui Hydel Project with befitted Staff quarters to occupy.

On Demand No. 34, AH & Veterinary Deptt., As we have listened, SEDP Pilot Projects, opening of 6 nos. District Veterinary Hospital and upgrading of 35 nos. Rural Animal Health Centre to Dispensary are reiterated issues whereas my constituency also is a beneficiary on which we are very grateful. Also, setting up of 10 nos. boundary gates for control of importing animals is truly appreciated.

On Demand No. 29, Social Welfare department, it may be noted that Eklavya Residential School is purely of centrally funded project which is benefitted by my constituency as well. We are grateful that it will also be placed at Bilkhawthlir. Pu Speaker, it is again appreciative that we have various projects through the Article 275 (1) such as Jordan Centre at Sethawn which provides the opportunity for the inmates to make a fresh start in life.

Lastly, I thank the department for a continuous supply of nutrition to infants through Anganwadi even amidst pandemic. Thank you.

SPEAKER : We will now have a short break and discussion will be resumed at 2:00 PM.

2:00 PM

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, Pu Lawmawma Tochwawng to have his time to speak.

PU LAWMAWMA TOCHHAWNG: Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. We are discussing the demands of the two ministers 2 Minister for which Lunglei District too has much appreciations. I will start with Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation.

It is a less known department but of much important since self-sufficiency in foodstuff depends on the condition of soils. Lunglei District benefits a lot through this department such as of 11 nos. rubber processing unit for 41 families. It is desirable that Rubber Board of India has its regional office here in Lunglei to improve the marketing process. The district also has 1.6 lakhs hectare potential area of rubber plantation (class 1 & 11), 2 lakhs hectare of areca nut plantation, large area of bamboo and teak plantations together which could make large contributions for border trade, in addition to the role its play in safeguarding the borders.

On the demand of Power & Electricity, though the supply is hardly sufficient, it becomes more or less stable and so it much appreciated. Giving importance to the need of the Lunglei district, the department has started the project of 25 mVA transformer with a capacity of 45 mW at Kawmzawl, Pukpui and Khawiva, yet the process could not be

speeded up due to road problem. So, I request the hon. Minister to note down this problem and also to consider construction of staff quarters from the plan fund.

On demand No. 34, AH & Veterinary Department, I appreciative achievement made within the last 2 years such as - Upgradation of 4 nos. Animals Dispensary to Hospital, construction of 5 nos. Animals Hospital, Upgradation of 35 nos. Animal Health Centre to Dispensary status and Upgradation of incubation process at ZPDS, Tanhril. I believe the achievement would have been much more if pandemic was not involved.

On Demand No. 29, Social Welfare Department, it is great to learn that certain numbers of Eklavya Residential School and construction for Tribal Research Institute at Kelsih are soon to be completed. Efficiency of the hon. Minister is undeniable considering centrally funded project for construction of Ropuiliani Museum at Kelsih - Aibawk, 12 nos. project through Special Central Assistance at the cost of 1000 crore and for approval for 105 nos. project through Article 275 (0).

Last, but not the least, Pu Deputy Speaker, the performance of Excise & Narcotics department is admirable despite shortage of manpower. It is great that performance of the department improves the status of our state to a great height. As this department is concern with the wellbeing of infant to old aged, it deserves much credit and thus should be equipped with any infrastructure so required. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Thank you for keeping with your time. I now call the hon. Member Pu C. Lalsawivunga. After he has finished, Pu BD Chakma will follow.

PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA: Pu Dy. Speaker, before I delve into the demands, I just want to say in two or more words that I do not see any points for discussion in this budget as nothing much is seen for development and it make it hard to determine direction of the government.

I want to go first to Demand No. 7 - Excise & Narcotics. The entire budget decreases by ₹54,923/- from the last financial year. We declared total prohibition on liquor yet, nothing is reflected in the budget as if there is no genuine intention for its implementation. Our youths are besotted with drug and alcohol related addiction and the department is responsible for monitoring the flow of such demands.

On Demand No. 29 - Social Welfare department, the budget decreases by a margin of ₹13,202.57/- lakhs from last financial year. Looking at it, I have a doubt that the government is able to provide the welfare of elderly, women & children and the disabled. I opine there is no chance of progress with this budget.

On Demand No. 41 - AH & Veterinary Department, the budget is again decreased by ₹2,213.89/- from last year's budget. We talk about self-sufficiency in meat production but how can we achieve it when there is no reflection in the budget for such purpose?

On Demand No. 41 - Sericulture Department, budget is decreased by ₹620.20/- lakh from last years and the report highlighted only of the revenues but not the capital. The department can become the backbone for our economy through production of silk yet there is no chance for large scale production considering the budget. If this is so, how will our State achieve self-sufficiency?

Next is, Demand No. 39 - Power & Electricity Department. The budget allocation to this department also diminishes by ₹19,422.35/- lakhs from last financial year. This is unbecoming as the essential need of our State is power supply but we still are not self-sufficient in this area. We talk about thermal power and construction of mini-dam to that concern whereas funds that we spent for purchase of power from outside amounting to ₹7,668.66/- lakhs for 2018-2020, up to February. We have a God-given land that is suitable for generating hydel power but we fail to utilise it. It is a deep concern as to when our state would achieve self-sufficiency in foods, animals, agricultural products as well as industry and factory. While this is the case, no reflection for development is seen in this budget and we therefore need to think hard to develop our State. That is all I have to say. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, I call the hon. Member B.D. Chakma and Pu Lalmuanpuia will follow.

PU B.D. CHAKMA : Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. First, I will talk about Demand No. 23, Art & Culture Department.

State such as Assam and Tripura used to allocate a special fund for the celebration of minority festivals but this has never been done in Mizoram. The Chakma have an important festival 'Biju' which is celebrated once a year. So, it will be much appreciated if fund provision is made for the celebration this year.

Then, on Demand No. 27 - District Council & Minority Affairs, the budgets provision for the 3 Autonomous District Councils remains the same except small supplementary funds given to the Lai and Chakma Councils only. So, what is the reason for exclusion of the Mara Autonomous District Council?

Another important point I want the Minister to take note of is financial and administrative mismanagement of the 3 Autonomous District Councils, especially CADC. If this is not corrected, the futures of the CADC will be doomed with no development.

On Demand No. 39, Power & Electricity Deptt., the Eastern side of my district have now received power supply due to the efficiency of the Minister but the western side and border areas still need to work on it as there are many areas which are reached by power supply. Also, we experience power cuts every day for an hour at Kamalanagar, our District Headquarter. What is the reason?

On Demand No. 29 - Social Welfare department, we used to receive substantial fund for development of the districts from Tribal Sub-Plan through Article 275 (1) but it has now been stopped unfortunately since this ministry; maybe it is due to concentration excessively given on Sports. I believe it is good if all the fund provisions through the Article 275 (1) goes to Social Welfare department.

EMRS has been functioning in Kamalanagar for 4 years but without the office building and staff quarters which remains uncompleted. So, I request the hon. Minister to look into this problem.

On AH & Veterinary Deptt., onother thing I want to point out is that Theka area need more efforts on animal vaccination and to improve Rural Animal sub-Centre at Borapansuri.

Lastly, on Excise & Narcotics Deptt., it is learned from the newspapers that large amount of illegal drug as being smuggled through Champhai and I wonder if anything can be done to stop this illegal trade so as to confirm the status of our state as 'Dry Area'. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, I call the hon. Member Pu C. Lalmuanpuia and Dr. Vanlaltanpuia will follow.

PU C. LALMUANPUIA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. I am grateful to God for giving us time to discuss the demand of the two hon. Ministers today. I will go straight to the point for time limit.

To Demand No. 34, AH & Veterinary department, the important flagship programme of the government i.e. SEDP is placed under this department. As other members have mentioned, we are not self-sufficient in meat production due to the fact that PRRF and African swine Flu which were prevalent in our neighbouring States and we also suffer from it. But it is heartening to know that 1020 families were given assistance under the SEDP pilot project which really is a pilot project considering rural population in Mizoram.

Besides, prime specimen such as Yorkshire and Landrace are imported for large scale husbandry farming but could not arrive due to pandemic. May the hon. Minister find the way to speed up its transportation? Also, it is learned that a large breed Goat such as Beetal and Sirohi are now reared at Thenzawl farm which truly is encouraging as it will greatly benefits the people.

Likewise, upgradation of Animal Dispensary to Hospital status and 35 nos. Animal Health Centre to Dispensary are truly appreciated as it reflects the efforts of the Minister and the department concerned. Besides, in an effort to be self-sufficient in meat production, Incubation machine at ZPBS, Tanhril is upgraded despite the Pandemic. This achievement clearly indicates the efforts of the department.

Then on to Demand No. 29 - Social Welfare department, there are many projects taken up under the Tribal Affairs section such as setting up of 11 nos. Eklavya Model Residential School, Tribal Research Centre at Kelsih and construction of Ropuiliani Museum at Kelsih which all makes us grateful. Likewise, renovation of Jordan Centre at Sethawn also reflects the genuine intention of the department to make our social life healthier.

Despite restriction and lockdown due to the Pandemic, the department makes the best use of Anganwadi centres of rural areas as the outlet of nutrition foods which is much appreciated.

Pu Dy. Speaker, on Demand No. 39 - Power & Electricity Deptt., our leaders have already spoken of the developmental projects which are in progress. One thing I want to mention in this connection is that transformer at Electric Veng which has been replaced with a new one. That is all I can say. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Thank you. I now call Dr. Vanlaltanpuia, and after him, Pu Ramthanmawia will follow.

DR. VANLALTANPUIA : Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. First, on Demand No. 7 - Excise & Narcotics department. It seems our society and local communities are now at ease due to declaration of the total prohibition in our state. However, the strength of the department needs to be enhanced with more manpower so as to implement this Act more effectively.

Next is, Demand No. 29 - Social Welfare department. It is the department which concern with the welfare of pregnant women, infants and elderly and it has many achievements to speak of such as setting up of 11 nos. EMRS project, construction of Tribal Research Institute and Ropuiliani Museum at Kelsih. One important fact that I want the Minister to note is that Ropuiliani is not the only one who oppose the British, the Chief of Chhiphir village, Pu Vansanga had also refused to surrender himself to the British. Thus, I hope that in the future there will be a commemoration in his name too.

While applauding achievement of the department, I am concern with adoptions of 355 nos. children from outside Mizoram. Unless we adopt the rules, I think it necessary that we study the adoption system clearly and, I want the hon. Minister to react on this issues.

Regarding the Article 275 (1), I opine the implementation should be more proportionate than practiced by us. So, may the projects be split up into district or constituency-wise?

On Demand No. 34 - AH & Veterinary Deptt., I would like to raise some issues related to my constituency. The AH & Vety Office building at Serkawn is so old to run the office in it as VC House is thus rented. Also, the office is now functioning without peon as

the one they had is retired recently. So, I request the hon. Minister to take note of their problems. Likewise, RAHC building at Pukpui has now become very old and the process of work also quite slow. Also, AH & Vety Dispensary at Hawlawng is now functioning without a doctor and VFA for a long time and I request the hon. Minister to take note of these problems.

On Demand No. 41 - Sericulture department, we often talk about the potential of this department. Considering suitable climatic condition of Mizoram for silk farming particularly for Muga and Eri, I suggest more attention be given to this concern through SEDP and Demonstration or Model Centre be set up here.

Then, going to Demand No. 23, Art & Culture Deptt., I have read the book by Pu B. Thangliana regarding the analysis of 19 heroic figures of the Mizo of different categories in which Chawngbawla is one of them. His grave is within my constituency but is nearly ruined. So, I request the hon. Minister to prioritize its renovation.

On Demand No. 39 - Power & Electricity Deptt., I have to start with a grateful note that the 132 kV alternative line, known as 'Melriat line' has already been commissioned but due to excessive overflow of the current, transformer meant for Lunglei cannot be installed due to road condition. Pu Dy. Speaker, this is of a serious issue. We have 400 crores for which A.A. already been obtained out of which 100 crores spent for construction of culvert etc. It will be much appreciated if the remaining 300 crore is released.

As already mentioned by Pu Lawmawma Tochwawng, Lunglei Greater Water Supply scheme consumes huge amount of funds and this creates much problems for the people. So, I requested the Minister to take note of this matter.

I have often criticized regarding the grid line above Thiltlang for fear of possible accident. And, just as I have predicted, an accident occurred on March 2nd inflicting one person to a serious condition. I therefore urge the hon. Minister the immediate measure for realignment of this grid line. Chhipphir has the same case for which survey has already been done. What we need now is fund provision for immediate action which may also be noted by the concerned minister.

Lastly, with your permission, Pu Dy. Speaker, I would like to express my gratitude to the concerned minister of Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation Department for giving us Rubber Processing Machine for Mualthuam North. At the same time, let me request him of inclusion of renovating Soil headquarters of Haulawng within the current Financial Year.

I conclude my speech here with a support for passing the Demands of the two hon. Ministers. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I now call the hon. Member Pu Ramthanmawia and after him, Dr. F. Lalnunmawia may follow.

PU RAMTHANMAWIA : Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. First of all, I am grateful that we have discussion on the Demands moved by the two hon. Ministers. To start with, Demand No. 39, P&E Deptt.

Though insufficiency of power supply is a well-known issue in our state, I am thankful that construction of Tlawva Small Hydel Project which is in my constituency is completed, and, we are eagerly looking forward for Eva Small Hydel Project of 3 megawatts to be started. As known by all, my constituency is very far from Hmunpuizo feeder whereas failure of power supply is a regular routine. Thus, I express my appreciation to the department for resolving our problem immediately.

In the meantime, we are eagerly waiting for the success of the projects such as diversions of 11 kV line of 1.7 kms at Farkawn, construction of 4 kms of the approach road, 3 Phase 4-wire LT Line of Farkawn, conversion of 7.87 kms LT Line of Farkawn, power supply to WRC of Bulfekzawl, Kawtchhuah Ropui and Vangchhia, power supply to Thangchhuah Mual of Vaphai and WRC of Saikhumphai. It may be noted that development of this area is impeded due to the pandemic that causes financial insufficiency.

Also, we have shortage of Linesmen in Khuangthing, Saikhumphai and Thekte which may as well be noted. We also need Section Cum Building Counter at Khuangleng, Khawbung and Farkaw, we also need Type-II and III Sub-Station staff quarter at Farkawn and Khawbung and construction of the approach road to Khawbung Sub-Station.

On Demand No. 34 - AH & Veterinary Deptt., I thank the Minister and the department for the achievements which have been mentioned. It is great that my constituency too is now receiving Rainbow Rooster being distributed by the department. Apart from this, cowshed and grazing ground for cattle is constructed in various places of my constituency such as Khuangleng, Lianpui, Vangchhia, Farkawn, Sazep and Samthang. Also, we are grateful for animal check-post constructed at Vaphai and repair of Animal Dispensary building at Khuangleng. However, I would like to inform the hon. Minister that VO quarters and Staff quarters are in need of repairing.

On Demand No. 29 - Social Welfare & Tribal Affairs Deptt., many have appreciated the hon. Minister for implementing EMRS project and we have one at Khawbung as well. Besides, we have numbers of projects being submitted under Article 275 (1) for my constituency is of the most backward area in our state. So, I appeal the hon. Minister to prioritize my constituency. At the same time, I am grateful for construction of Travellers Inn at Farkawn.

Regarding the welfare of Women & Child Development section, I thank the department for maintaining the distribution of nutrition to children even amidst the

pandemic and for the repair of 24 Anganwadi Centres in my constituency. Yet, we still have more to repair and construct anew which may be noted by the hon. Minister. We also have various needs at ICDS Project Hqrs. at Khawbung such as the office building which need repairing, Grade-IV staff quarter and godown which may as well be noted by the hon. Minister.

Lastly, Pu Dy. Speaker, I support for passing of the Demands of hon. Ministers R. Lalzirliana and Dr. K. Beichhua. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I now call upon Dr. F. Lalnunmawia and Pu Lalrindika Ralte will follow.

DR. F. LALNUNMAWIA: Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. I would like to go first to Art & Culture Department.

As we discuss about funding *Zo Kutpui* through SEDP and relatively our budget allocation, my thought goes to the needs of my constituency. My constituency is blessed with numbers potential historic site such as *Sibuta Lungphun* (gravestone of Sibuta), the spot where Chhingpuii was hanged at Tachhip, *Zawlpala & Tualvungi Thlan* (the gravestone of Tualvungi & Zawpala) and *Tualvungi Themtui Hnawihna* at Phulpui which all remain unattended. I therefore request the hon. Minister to make initiative of their renovation for historical site.

On Demand No. 39 - Power & Electricity Deptt., I am grateful that more fund provisions are made available compares to last year. We have many powerlines which need repairing within my constituency. We have one main line that run through a residential area at Muallungthu on which I have even mad a request repeatedly for line shifting but in vain. Since this line is an impending danger to the concerned family and the locality, I again urge that it is shifted by the department with immediate effect. Also, I request immediate measure for extension of power supply for increasing households of this community. At the same time, I am grateful for installation of transformer and sub-station for 132 kV line at Melriat as it is much benefitted by ZMC and the locality.

On Demand No. 33 - Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation Deptt., the department as known to us all is concern with preventing soil erosion which is a must for improving our production whereas there are numbers of family in my constituency who are interested in plantation of rubber and areca nut. So, I request the hon. Minister to take note of our needs.

On the Demand of District Council & Minority Affairs Department, I hope fund provisions under the department are used wisely and that we maintain a flourishing District Councils.

Going to Excise & Narcotics Department, I am grateful that the rate of drug and alcohol related death is decreases through the efforts of the department and much as well for upgradation of Jordan Centre at Sethawn. While that is the case, it is desirable that more constables of Excise are recruited to strengthen the service in reducing illegal drugs and enforcing the Total Prohibition.

On Demand No. 29 - Social Welfare Department, it is notable that the revised estimate is double to the original one as there are many projects taken up under Tribal Affairs section. Some of the projects have even reached my constituency as well and we are grateful for it. Yet, it may be noted that economic road is an urgent need of my constituency and I hope that it is realised soon.

On the Demands of AH & Veterinary, I am pleased to note that various developments are seen which concern with improvement on meat and milk productions.

On the Demands of Sericulture Department, we have seen developments in various places even in my constituency where number of cocoon farmers are increasing which concentrated mainly at Chawilung. So, I ask the department to give important of my constituency as well.

Backtracking to Social Welfare, the department is also concern with Women & Child Development section which is widely benefitted many women and children across our state. I do hope that the department is able to maintain fund provisions for the welfare of women & children.

So, Pu Dy. Speaker, I opine it is of utmost important to pass the Demands which have been discussed today and, if possible, more funds may be allocated in the future. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Alright. I will now call the hon. Member Pu Lalrindika Ralte and after him, Dr. K. Pachhunga will follow.

PU LALRINDIKA RALTE: Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you.

First on Demand No. 7, Excise & Narcotics Department. My constituency is on inter-state boundary and we still do not have Excise check gate. May the hon. Minister look into this need and, what is the progress made so far for recruitment of Excise force?

On Demand No. 23, Art & Culture department, it is God and our language which certified our identity as a tribe. Thus, it is important that we preserve our language. Pu Buanga Dictionary, one of the most important materials in preserving our language was published in 1940 and it has now become old and redundant and thus need republication in a more refine way. It is also imperatives that our youth learns our language properly so as to preserve our identity. Even in church services, it is important that

traditional style of beating drums or 'Lengkhawm Zai' should be used more often in the stead of solfa tune for mass-singing.

On Demand No. 39, P&E Department, my constituency too has various needs which may be submitted in the office when the minister himself is available. That is all I can say. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, I call the hon. Member Dr. K. Pachhunga and he will be followed by Er. H. Lalzirliana.

DR. K. PACHHUNGA : Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. I shall go straight to demand No. 34, AH & Veterinary Department.

As many had stated regarding SEDP pilot project, I would also like to mention that my constituency too had received the fund provision and we are grateful for it. It is also gratifying that we do not have a single case of PRRS and African swine Flu due to Animal check-gate being set up through the initiative of the hon. Minister. At the same time, it is great to learn about upgrading of the District Hospitals and Animal Dispensary. Yet, Pu Dy. Speaker, there are numbers of family in my constituency who are interested in farming animals but the Dispensary and RAHC that we had are dilapidated and need repairing. So, I want the hon. Minister to take note of this problem.

On Social Welfare Department, I am grateful to learn the efforts of the department for achieving 11 nos. EMRS, construction of historical significance of Museum and Research Centre and many other projects through Article 275 (1). I hope that the projects are a success especially of my constituency.

On Demand No. 41 - Sericulture Department, I applaud the distribution of assistance to 900 farmers for developing their farms. At the same time, it may be noted by the concerned farmers that a *Sari* made of Muga Silk is one of the most valued dresses among the rich society in India and we are fortunate to have a huge potential for that production.

On Demand No. 7 - Excise & Narcotics Department, it may not be possible to root out the influx of drug completely for Mizoram happened to be of a convenient route of such trade to the infamous *Golden Triangle*. So far, it is a relief that at least control of alcohol is a success as it provide secure environment for women and children and, for our society as a whole.

On Demand No. 37 - Power & Electricity Department, I thank the department and the Minister concerned as 6 villages of my constituency have now been electrified. At the same time, I appreciate prompt action made by the department on checking and replacing whenever the transformer breaks down. Yet, there is shortage of Linesmen where as in some places, local experts in this field are being deployed temporarily. Thus, it is an urgent need to recruit more Linesmen even of MR basis.

Pu Dy. Speaker, it is certainly an achievement of commission of the 132 kV line to supplement the need of the Southern region, yet, there are numbers of projects in progress. While that is the case, I ask that the hon. Minister to prioritize powerline to Bethel Veng of Hrangchalkawn which is within my Constituency.

On Demand No. 21 - Art & Culture Department, like my fellow member Pu Thangmawia has mentioned of the account of 'Samdala' within his constituency, we have 'Mualzavata' in Theiriat of my constituency. Since this department is concern with preserving our historical sites, I think it is important to take measure in this regard. At the same time, I think it is wise for the department to have in mind of the need to portray the MNF underground movement in moving picture for the benefit of the future generations and place it in our museum. I request the hon. Minister to have this in mind. Every country fight for their own independence; so, the item of a museum which attract visitors the most is *freedom fighters*. Likewise, MNF Movement will be one which will draw attention of the visitors from inside and outside.

On Demand No. 33, Land Resources - Soil & Water Conservation Department, procuring funds from the central may not be feasible for promotion of Areca nuts plantation, yet, it is appreciative that fund provision is made through SEDP knowing the business as a good source of revenue.

On Rubber Plantation, the hon. Minister has stated that a huge scheme is expected. So, I request him not to forget the same for my constituency as there are many who are interested in it.

On Demand No. 27 - District Council & Minority Affairs, Lungsen RD Block cover the western part of my constituency through which most of the developmental schemes are submitted. I request the hon. Minister to give important of any proposal which may be made from this area.

I propose that the Demands which has been discussed today is pass by the House. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, I call the hon. Member, Er. H. Lalzirliana and, Dr. ZR Thiamsanga will follow.

ER. H. LALZIRLIANA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. As you have known, I hardly exceed the time limit. I will start with Demand No. 39 - Power & Electricity Department.

As known to us all, my constituency is a need-based constituency as nothing much is there. As of now, I have reasons to express my gratitude such as for the 132 kV line of Bairabi-West Phaileng via Mamit which is under construction with 3 power poles. We have 33 kV line of W. Phaileng-Mamit, the line which is not constant particularly during rainy

season as the line that goes through the forest is frequently destroyed by the strong wind. As of now, such problem is being resolved with provision of 132 kV line. I convey my thanks to the P&E staff of Mamit for their efforts to achieve this. Likewise, improvement is seen in many places as soon as Mamit-West Paileng line, West Phaileng-Rawpuichhip both of 33 kV line and Mamit-Zamuang were completed. I am also thankful to the department for giving better powerline to West Serhmun of not less than 80 households and major portion of their land occupied as Forest Sanctuary. I also request power connection be given to link road of the eastern and western side. Since Mamit is a fast-growing district, the population is increasing. We need Linesmen of MR basis at Lengte and Rajiv Nagar which may also be noted by the hon. Minister. To start with, I will combine my speech on the demands of Art & Culture and District Council Affairs.

I support Dr. BD Chakma for both of us were elected from a constituency which comprises various tribes. The major population of my constituency are Brus and we celebrate their festival *Hojagiri* every year. Even in 2019, the hon. Sports Minister had graced the celebration as Chief Guest and Shri Pradeep Ryang, MLA from Tripura as Guest of Honor. Likewise, the Chakmas celebrate their festival *Biju* every year. So, I request the Department of Art & Culture to provide fund provision for the celebration of the aforesaid festivals.

Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation is one of the nodal departments of SEDP. We are blessed with soil which is found suitable for rubber and areca nut plantation through which many have generate huge amount of income. So, the department may take note of this prospect and make a provision.

On Demand No. 34 - Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Deptt., Lengpui area is divided into various clusters of pig farming. We have a large farm at Lengte containing almost 1000 nos. whereas most of the households have 10 nos. or more near their respective house. So, I request the concerned minister for placing a veterinary clinic with VHF, if doctor is not available. At Lengpui, we have nucleus breeding station being set up and we are grateful for that. I believe we could become self-sufficient in supply of piglets if this project is upgraded for more productions.

Py Dy. Speaker, I am regretted to mention that Social Welfare and Excise in my constituency doesn't even have their office despite intensive demand of the area. It will be much appreciated if the concerned authority gives important to these needs.

Regarding EMRS, my constituency will have none if the allocation is made RD Block base. Though the area of my constituency is spreading over four RD Blocks, none of the headquarters is placed within this constituency. So, I urge the hon. Minister to pursue as being discussed for opening of Rawpuichhip Block.

I give my support to the Demands of Pu R. Lalzirliana and Dr. K. Beichhua and hope that my fellow members would do the same. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, I call the hon. Member Dr. ZR. Thiamsanga and and Dr. Vanlalhlana will follow next.

DR. ZR. THIAM SANGA : Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. With your permission, Sir, I want to mention about the suffering of our fellow Mizos due to insurgency in Myanmar.

It is hard to understand that women and children suffered the most whereas even pregnant women were not spared. We, the Mizo people here are deeply concern for their safety and their wellbeing. I praise the efforts made by the hon. CM in consoling their hardship.

Now, I will go first to Pu R. Lalzirliana's Demand - Power & Electricity Department. This is an important department as we cannot do anything without power supply. Whenever there is a power shutdown, we always blame the department despite shortage of staff and in solving the problems. So, the demand for more linesmen is intensive and should be attended immediately. Whereas we need to understand the nature of works of the linesmen as they sometimes need to cover some distances and thick forests, rain or shine for line repairing works not to mention of their risky live in the line of their duty.

I now have to concentrate on the problem within my constituency. The 132 kV line of Saitual - Khawzawl is the main source of powerline for my constituency whereas it is learned that the existing insulator has now becomes old and need a replacement, if possible, with polymer disc. Besides, powerline of Saitual - Khawzawl occasionally caused hazardous when trees at teak plantations needs cutting down. It would be of much a relief if the repair of 132 kV line is completed.

I am thankful that the process of setting up 132 kV line from East Lungdar is in progress and the machines are now in place. It would be of a great asset for Khawzawl, Champhai and the entire eastern region and so is desirable if the process is expedited. Pu Dy. Speaker, I am thankful to see various other developments in my constituency the like a new transformer installed at Rabung and Vapar and PMJSY road constructed from Khawzawl etc.

On Art & Culture, the plan for setting up Music City through Smart City project is much appreciated and will be undertaken by UD&PA. At the same time, I would like to emphasize the need of preserving our culture in order to survive. So far, we hold world record with *Cheraw* and whereas the project of *acoustic guitars assembles* which was proposed to be hosted by the MZI and the department would have been a success if not meddled by the pandemic. Yet, it is regarded as the ongoing project. Besides, in view of the need of the Mizos reunification, it is much desirable if we host the Mizos convention covering the global Mizo tribes. Regarding acoustic guitars assembles, I think organizing *assemble of the musicians* will be more effective to our culture.

Regarding Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation, it is known to us all that we have potential to those effects but I will not dwell on it as my fellow members have discussed about it already.

On Excise & Narcotics, we have many reasons to be thankful for. So far, we have lost many lives for legalizing liquor as many were admitted in some hospitals for alcohol related health problem. Now, it is great to learn about the decrease of alcohol related patients and death through the efforts of the department. So, in order to maintain the situation, the problem of shortage of staff in the department should be resolved immediately. Champhai, as known to us all is the main route for drugs trafficking whereas large number of illegal drugs is seized by the department forces within the last 5 to 6 years. While that is the case, the accommodation of such staffs like staff quarters which has now becomes old should be repaired or build new ones and the office building also needs upgrading as it is now congested for not less than 52 nos. staffs.

On Vety Department, the development works done through the hon. Minister is great. Not to mention of Vety District Hospital constructed at various places, it is a remarkable achievement that we are able to control the spread of African Swine Flu in our state. Cattle farming is one of the most commonly engaged occupations at Champhai. So, the department has setups 8 nos. breeding farms and named the society "Mithun Shelter Committee Level & Water Supply Facility for Grazing Area". We are thankful for giving us this project.

(Interruption)...

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Wait a minute. As we are nearing 4 PM, we need to take vote of the House. Shall we take a recess at 5 PM or should we proceed? (*Members: Recess at 5 PM*) If so, Pu Thiamsanga may continue with his speech.

DR. ZR. THIAM SANGA : Pu Dy. Speaker, I have almost finished. In view of the need to preserve our cultural heritage, we have set up 'Zokhua' only in Aizawl which may be extended in every district. I would like the hon. Minister to keep this in mind as is of much important.

I will stop here as our time is limited. I give my support to pass the demands of the two hon. Ministers. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I now call the hon. Member Dr. Vanlalhlana and Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma is the next in line.

DR. VANLALHLANA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker.

First on Demand No. 39, Power & Electricity Department, I thank all the staffs who works tirelessly in performing their duty, no matter what the weather condition is.

To get into a serious matter, I have been studying SEDP guidelines these days and finds at chapter 39 regarding 'sufficiency in power supply' as one of the main objectives. However, in the *State Specific Needs* as highlighted in the 15th Finance Commission, there is not a mention of this department when the Finance Commission members came to Mizoram.

During 2019-2020 financial year, the total expenditure on this department was ₹51,000 crore but is now reduced to ₹200,000 crore in the current budget. As per answer given to my unstarred Question on September, 2020, we purchase power supply at the rate of 5.20/- unit and sell it on the IEX (Indian Energy Exchange) at the rate of 4.07/- unit which means that we have lost not less than 5 crore every month which opine as a big issue for a small State like ours. In answer to the question of Pu Andrew H. Thangliana, we purchase power supply from outside at the rate of 4.79/- per unit whereas locally generated is purchased at the rate 18.26/- per unit. If this financial report is correct, I opine the difference is too and we need examine the case thoroughly. Even if the public failed to pay their bill for a month, we get a 'red alert' and the next bill is increasing. As such is our condition, it is sad that we have no genuine intention for sufficiency in power production. No matter our appearance from outside, the truth will prevail as there are many experts who are willing to study the case and expose the reality.

Pu Dy. Speaker, as per our experiences, betel nut business which happened to be of a burning issue at present has shown a sign of collapse as the people who are involves in such business are begging the support of concerned department i.e., Land Resources & Soil, Water Conservation Department. Another topic I would like to raise is rubber plantation which concern water conservation. It is regretted that only ₹2,55,000/- is allotted to the SEDP Board and thus should be increased considering the case.

On Social Welfare Department, it is a department which concern the wellbeing of less fortunate, the elderly, children and women. Thus, the responsibility of the minister concerned is very high. To cut it short, we have old-age pension and old-age home but our need for old-age entertainment center is intensive and thus should be considered. Also, we need to put more efforts on ICDS as well.

To speak in brief on Excise & Narcotics Department, Pu Dy. Speaker, I am willing to assist the hon. minister if my help is needed on urging the government for recruitment of more excise forces as our need is intensive. It is unbecoming that 361 nos. out of the total of 400 nos. staff are of temporary basis. So, the case thus need consideration with immediate effect.

On Demand No. 14 - AH & Veterinary Deptt., it is of an important department considering the high demand of meat among the mizos. As per classification of the agriculture, it is placed under the 'allied sector' whereas the so-called 'allied sector' contributes almost half of our total contribution on GHDP. So, we need to develop this department more.

Lastly, on Sericulture, we kept saying, 'We have potential, we are good, we are good etc.' but we need research of our market to have value addition and it is the issue which I would like to comment at the most on this budget session. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma is next and Pu H. Biakzaau will follow.

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA: Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. Today, we are having discussion on the demands of two Ministers. First, on Demand No. 33 - Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation.

This is of an important department. Scarcity of water takes quite a long period considering our statehood whereas on the other hand, the problem of soil erosion remains unresolved. Within my constituency, we lost houses and lands due to soil erosion as many live near the river. Thus, we need to take measure on preservation of our lands and water or else, many of our lands will be washed away after 50 to 100 years. As I examine the budget, there are huge amount of fund which will not reach the people. In my opinion, plantation of trees the like betel nut is of important as it is necessary in preserving water sources. Also, it is necessary for we are living in a hilly area.

On Demand No. 39, I praise the efforts made by the government and hon. Minister in the fight against the pandemic. It is also notable that we were able to receive a regular power supply during this period. However, power supply we received is quite low and we can hardly use fans despite hot and humid place. Apart from that, the supply is stopped on regular basis between 5 to 8 PM due to power shedding, not to mention of power shut down when its rain. Also, there are numbers of tower which need reconstruction. I earnestly request the hon. Minister to take note of the problems which had been mentioned for immediate action.

On Demand No. 23 - I have repeatedly mentioned about Tlabung, being one of the oldest villages in Mizoram with old building of Post Office and Thana constructed during the British rule. Is there a way to preserve these buildings by constructing a new one respectively? Also, it is important to preserve the Missionary Kai.

On Demand No. 7 - Excise & Narcotics, I am happy for the implementation of total prohibition effectively. I support it as we have lost so many lives due to alcohol. However, we have to strengthen the concerned department in order to maintain the law effectively for it is unbecoming to learn about confiscating liquors despite the total prohibition. Since we are from a remote border area and in the absence of Excise & Narcotic Deptt., we are ignorant of what comes and goes regarding the concerned issues. As far as my knowledge is concern, I believe it is the hon. Minister and department need to give more efforts in order to bring the total prohibition a success. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call the hon. Member Pu H. Biakzaau.

PU H. BIAKZAUA : Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. Today, I am happy to have the opportunity to discuss about the demands of the two hon. Ministers. First, I will go to Demand No. 7 - Excise and Narcotics Department.

Despite shortage of staff, the performance of this department so far, is good. Yet, it would be more satisfying if the Excise force is strengthened. On my request to the hon. Chief Minister and the concerned Minister, Excise & Narcotics Office was opened at Lawngtlai but is not well-equipped as yet. We have a convenient place for setting up the office as well as staff quarters which may be noted by hon. Minister.

On Demand No. 29 - Social Welfare, it is the department which concern the welfare of infant to old aged. So far, it has various achievements within the two years of this ministry such as – construction of Jordan Centre at Sethawn with a capacity of 1000 bedded and numbers of Eklavya Model Residential School. According to the guidelines, EMRS should be set up in every Block Headquarter and I therefore urge the hon. Minister to give us one at Sangau RD Block as well.

It is pleasing to learn that Anganwadi Centres we have so far are properly maintained and fund provision from Poshan Abhyaan during the epidemic. We also received fund from Tribal Affairs for construction of new building. Also, under Article 275, 105 projects which had been proposed during 2020-2021 were approved in principle thanks to the effort of the hon. Minister. Likewise, the project for construction of Bualpui Higher Secondary School and PHC Headquarters had also been approved in principle and I am thankful for that.

Also, since Social Welfare Deptt. is bifurcated, we need vertical extension of the office building at Lawntlai so that it can be shared by two. So, I want the hon. Minister to take note of this issue.

On Demand No. 34 - Animal Husbandry & Veterinary, it is appreciative that Dispensary at several places were upgraded to Hospital and Vety Hospital Building being constructed at 7 districts. Also, constructions of Rural Animal Health Centre are almost completed in some places whereas the one in my constituency at Luangtian is ready for opening. Thus, I urge the hon. Minister to consider the immediate functioning. Apart from that, it is appreciating that 35 nos. RAH were upgraded to the status of Dispensary.

Regarding Mampui Seeds Farm, we are thankful that hatchery is now in function as 1405 nos. chicklet so far is produced during these two years. Also, Animal Check Post is constructed in several places of the border area including one at my constituency and I convey my thanks to the hon. Minister. Yet, larger portion of the problem may be resolved if another one is located at Archhuangkai. Also, I praise the department for being able to provide supply of meats during the pandemic.

Regarding SEDP, I would like to criticize regarding the distribution we made on pilot project is not evenly whereas 20 nos. beneficiary for Lawngtlai District is quite small compare to other districts. So, I urge that my district is prioritize in the next distribution.

Demand No. 27 - District Council & Minority Affairs. As per the Allocation of Business Rules, 2019, some of the schemes which concern minority are placed under DC&MA as so is PMJVK. Yet, there are projects which are not included and I believe the entire proposals could not be obtained at a time. I do hope that we will have more in the future through the effort of the concerned Minister.

On Demand No. 39 - Power & Electricity, it is one of the departments through which self-sufficiency is expected. If so, we need to reexamine MoU which is signed with some major companies to achieve self-sufficiency in power supply. We need to re-tender the work so that only a befitted company maintain the work or else we will never be self-sufficient in power supply.

Also, Siachangkawn - Vawmbuk powerline of my constituency is occasionally failed since realignment of its route through the river banks. So, I urge realignment once again so that it runs straight through Lungtian village without any obstruction. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, let us call the hon. Member Pu C. Ngunlianchunga.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. Before getting to the point, I would like to address on a witty remark of '*Vawkte mawng ping*' which had often been made in this august House as mockery to the works done by the previous ministry. I opine it is inappropriate to use this term just to amuse ourselves in this House. This House is not the place for amusement and any speech which may be made should be based on fact.

(Interruption)

PU T.J. LALNUNTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Dy. Speaker, if he has to keep on raising this issue, he should first clarify the fact himself. He is a senior member and I respect him, but he should also uphold the dignity of this House himself and not spout bogus claims of injury, the issue of which he himself introduced.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Pu Dy. Speaker, I have forwarded a copy of the Press Release to the newspapers on the 2nd of this month as proof that one minister had actually said it; and, I never claim of having voice record of the statement.

PU TJ. LALNUNTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Dy. Speaker, I did not say 'he lied'; it was himself to raise the issue first. He should elucidate the point clearly so as to maintain the standing of this House and our respect to the Members.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Pu Dy. Speaker, I have not shown any sign of disrespect to any Members of this House. Pu Dy. Speaker, did you give him permission to speak while a am standing? If not, being the Law Minister, he should not degrade the status of the House.

PU T.J. LALNUNTLUANGA, MINISTER: I am the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and also the Chief Whip. So, I am simply exercising my capacity so as to uphold the status of this House. Pu Dy. Speaker, he is a senior member to speak nonsense in the House while i am simply asking him to clarify his sentences.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Pu Dy. Speaker, I am not the one to whom he should direct his capacity, he is the Chief Whip of the MNF party as we also have a separate Chief Whip in the Opposition Legislature Party. He should not whip any members of this House except of his party. **(Pu TJ. Lalnuntluanga, Minister:** Pu Dy. Speaker, I do not take over his time; I am simply stating that he should stop trying to provoke the Members with his sentences.)

Pu Deputy Speaker, I did not try to provoke anyone, I am simply submitting the documents to support my claim; and, as a member of this House, I have my rights to..... **(Pu TJ. Lalnuntluanga, Minister:** Pu Dy. Speaker, it is true that he shows disrespect to the Members and to our House Leader and that I spoke out. We all have our rights and am simply stating that we should uphold the dignity to this House.

I will now go to Demand, Pu Dy. Speaker.... **(Pu TJ. Lalnuntluanga, Minister:** Pu Dy. Speaker, it is because he shows disrespect that I stand up.)

Pu Dy. Speaker, I do not disrespect anyone; as a member of this House, I am simply using my rights to speak about issues that I deem necessary and also to clarify or ask for clarification. **(Pu TJ. Lalnuntluanga, Minister:** We all exercise our rights, but this is a time for discussion on Demands and it is unnecessary to involve sarcastic comments about other topics.)

I will now go to Demand; first, on Excise & Narcotics Department. The other day, we attended church service and passed through Rangvamual; and, on our way back, we were stuck at a massive traffic jam and I was thinking whether there is anything that can be done to resolve the problem. I opine the department really need strengthening with more forces to combat the issue.

On Social Welfare Department, I would like to ask the hon. Minister of the status of a concept paper for Pang Tribal Girls Hostel which had been submitted during the Congress Ministry.

On Animal & Husbandry, it may be noted by the members that ZPDS was an initiation of the previous Ministry. As of hatchery project at Mampui, all the requirements

for the project were concluded during the previous Ministry but unfortunately, the machinery breaks down and we had no time to replace during our time. Likewise, the project at Ramrikawn also is initiative of the previous Ministry.

Coming now to District Council & Minority Affairs, it is regretted for the three Autonomous District Councils that our budgets had been cut down that we will not able to process any RE. So, I urge a separate finance commission for these three districts so that our financial demands are processed smoothly.

Lastly, there is a pervading rumor that the Court verdict favors the people against the Government and I was wondering what could be the reaction and the next step of the government in this regard. I would also like to ask the hon. Minister as to how the Government will deal with the mounting compensation claim of more than 1000 crore. Also, if solar project of Vankal soon to be completed? Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : It is fortunate for the House to witness such a heated debate. At least, I do hope the tension has now subsided. Now, let call the hon. Member Pu Andrew H. Thangliana.

PU ANDREW H. THANGLIANA: Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. As we spoke about the standing of the House, I think the verbal exchanges we previously witness as well as occasional jokes were appropriate now and then.

I will get to the demand of Pu R. Lalzirliana, the hon. Minister, Power & Electricity, Demand No. 39.

Use of obsolete transformer is the problem of my constituency as so the others. As monsoon is approaching, this will certainly again our problems and I am reminding the hon. Minister though he is aware of the conditions for long.

On Art & Culture, this is an important department especially for the younger generations for learning the mizo cultures and traditions. Thus, through the efforts of the department, various dances and traditional costume of ours are set in uniformity under the guidance of YMA and cultural clubs. At the same time, I think it is important to emphasize on preserving Music & Fine Arts section as well so that our traditional music is not die out.

On Demand No. 33, Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation, I do not think the public as well as those working in the department does not exactly know the undertakings of this department. We talk about the need to conserve water, soil and the underground reserves, but the main concern of the department is how to we utilize our soils in order to improve our productions of various cash crops while conserving water, soil and underground water.

On the Demand of Social Welfare Department, disaster management is once the concern of Social Welfare and one important request I want to make is equipping the villages near the rivers since we always need their help in any accident in the rivers.

On Excise & Narcotics, the performance of excise forces is a regularly item which occupies TV news, the total prohibition may not be 100% successful, but what has been done so far on alcohol is good, but on drug trafficking, the force really needs strengthening to make more efforts. So, I suggest deploying a sniffer dog in the border areas so as to minimize the flow of drug trafficking through our borders.

Lastly, on the demand of Animal Husbandry, so far, we have made progresses yet, i request the hon. Minister to give more concentrations on cattle rearing not only for their milks, but for their meat as well. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will take a recess for now and discussion will be resumed at 5:35 PM.

5:35 PM

SPEAKER : Now, I call the hon. Member Pu Zodintluanga Ralte.

PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE: Pu Speaker, thank you. As we have mentioned, this budget session is all about salary and wages of the Govt. servants and nothing much is seen for developmental plan. First, I will go to Demand No. 39, Power & Electricity.

The Congress Ministry of the previous government had made a huge step for self-sufficiency in power supply as we revived Tuirial Hydel Project and commissioned Vankal Solar Plant. But as of now, we have heard hardly of self-sufficiency in power supply.

Another important issue is - selling of our surplus power production. According to the reply on my query, it seems that we are selling the said power supply on loss. Is it possible to sell for profiting some if we have to do so necessarily? Regarding the repair of transformer on every Saturday, why is it necessary to do so? Lastly, I request the hon. Minister to expedite power supply connection to Community Hall of Lunglei Venglai which he himself is actively involved.

Now, on the Demand No. 33, Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation, the department undertakes huge project on broom cultivation in my constituency and it is so far, successful. But for this year, Department of Forest gives out *mahal contract* on the productions which compels the producers to sell their productions at a lower price. May the hon. Minister look into the project in which the department invested so much of manpower?

On Demand No. 29 - Social Welfare Department, I would like to concentrate on old-age pension. As we know, we receive funds provisions from by the central and so is

suggestive to increase the amount provided to that respect as so to the beneficiaries through SEDP.

It may not be the concern of this department, but Pu Speaker, I would like to address the issue of District Councils & Minority Affairs. In reply to my question on Tribal & Minority Affairs, I am informed that minority communities fall under the District Council & Ministry Affairs and scheduled tribes under Home Department and Social Welfare & Tribal Affairs Department. Is it really necessary to divide it under three departments? Considering our dealing with the central on interrelated issues, is it not more appropriate to place entirely on one department? Also, I strongly oppose the idea of not increasing the budget provision of the three Autonomous District Councils.

On Demand No. 7, Excise & Narcotics, I want to point out that we hardly had the problem of traffic jam at Rangvamaul during the Congress Ministry, but as of now, it seems many youths flock in the area due to Total Prohibition Act.

On AH & Veterinary Department, it may be noted that there are numbers of project initiated during the previous. Regarding a special breed of pig which is said to have been imported, what is the cost and what is the condition so far?

Lastly, Demand No. 41 - Sericulture Department, I believe we have yet not fully grasped the importance of this department, be it the previous or this Ministry. Pu Speaker, in my constituency at Changpui, we have vast area of mulberry plantation for silk-worms which become a successful as the market as well is good. It is therefore wise for the government to encourage and introduce the same in other areas as well as it is a good source of income for rural people. Thank you.

SPEAKER : I now call the hon. Member Pu Vanlalhlana.

PU VANLALHLANA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I would like to start from power production.

In India, 65% of power supply is of thermal, 22% from Hydro, 10% from Solar and Wind and the rest 3% is generated from Nuclear Power. On the North Eastern front such Nagaland, Meghalaya, Manipur and Tripura, they all generates sufficient power supply for their respective states. Though not fully achieved as yet, Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim also aim to be of a powerhouse. This is the status of our neighboring states.

In reply to my question during this Session, I was informed that we have 7 nos. small and Mini-hydel project of 41mW and 250kW respectively which are in progress under this Ministry. I opine the estimate production is less considering strong manifesto which had been publicized by the party and their objective of self-sufficiency in power supply through SEDP.

Further, we had in the previous ministry numbers of project with MoU being existed with some major agencies for construction of hydel project. I opine it is important that we pursue and renew such projects. In Mizoram, power sector remains under the state's department whereas in many states except Sikkim and Kerala, it is undertaken by the Corporation. So, if this ministry is truly concern for improvement of power production, it should turn the same attention.

Secondly, on AH & Veterinary, it is learned that the government selected 1020 nos. beneficiary of SEDP pilot project. So, what is the criteria of selection and, if is it based on economic survey or by randomly selected on preference? I would also like to request the government for reviving the departmental hub at Selesih as the land is suitable for the project.

On the demand of Excise & Narcotics Department, we have the Total Prohibition Act but not the Rules which should be considered with immediate effect. In relation, we also need to improve the capacity of the department.

Lastly, Social Welfare is the department which concern with the welfare of the disabled and thus should be improved. At the same time, it may be noted by the hon. Minister that there are several buildings of Anganwadi Centre which are built from MLA Funds. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Now, I call the hon. Minister Dr. K. Beichhua to wind up the discussion of his demands and to react to issues raised by the Members as far as possible. He may as well ask the House to pass the Demands.

DR. K. BEICHHUA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. On examining the working of my departments, one could learn that it concerns with the issue from Rangvamaul to Scotch & Whisky, from silk-worm to animals, from infants to old-aged, from teenagers to retired Pastor, from Anganwadi to University and many more.

Today, I am glad that there is no strenuous objection on my parts and I appreciate the praises that we hear from the members. At the same time, I deeply appreciate suggestions made by the members and it should be followed as necessary.

On Demand No. 7 - Excise & Narcotics department, the reason for the decrease in the budget allocation is due to numbers of vacant post which remain unfilled. Hopefully it will be increased on RE when recruitment is done.

In reply to the questions of Pu KT Rokhaw on Sericulture, Samagra will cover Tipa as well. And, of the question of Pu Lalchhuanthanga, we have submitted Muga Development Project to the Central Govt. and hope to receive the response by the next year. The department put the best initiative and processes the projects as much as possible with

aim of receiving the best award under the North East Region Textile Promotion Scheme, 2019.

Regarding the question from the hon. Member Pu Vanlaltanpuia, we are now implementing 'The Juvenile Justice Care and Protectional Children Act, 2015' under which we are directed to enforce 'The Adoption Regulation, 2017'. Mizoram do not have its own adoption act and law as those which have been mentioned are of All India. Any process of adoption is now done online and one must first register himself in order to adopt a child. Pu Speaker, as we are of a secular state, we cannot reject anyone deemed fit by the Govt. of India based on religious ground. It is of a serious matter which concern all the members as well as myself. So far, 355 nos. children are adopted in Mizoram under 'inter-country' and 'in-country' categories. It is sad to learn that some adopted children were grew up as Hindu, Muslim etc. and that is why we approached the Central Govt. for a separate adoption law for the North-East region but unsuccessful as of now.

Reacting to the point of Pu BD Chakma on EMRS of Kamalanagar, the physical achievement is 70% and financial achievement is 88%. Chawngte is a remote area and so is not easily communicated especially during monsoon and the pandemic but we are working on it so that it is completed by 2021-2022.

Regarding grant receives under Article 275, Clause 1 is divided into various sectors. During 2020-2021, and we do not have a project on sports promotion whereas 14.93% being allotted to Education, 35.52% to Health, 34.1% to Agriculture & Allied Sector and 15.54% to Committed Liabilities.

As of the point raised by hon. Member Pu Lalsawivunga, construction of Rehabilitation Home at Mualmam for person cure of mental illness is underway for people who are not able to live with their families and for other issues.

Old-age pension is one of the most frequently asked questions particularly in the rural areas and, to answer the hon. Member Pu VL Zaithanzama on the same issue, Social Audit is carried out by the Mizoram Society during 2019-2020 for Social Audit Accountability and Transparency' agency. In the process, it is learned from some local MUP that there are some who did not reside in their locality and the District Social Welfare Officer thus demanded they appear in the office in person to collect their pension. Yes, there are cases when one cannot register himself or not permitted to do so.

Pu Speaker, it is imperatives that the hon. members understand the situation. Since our list of 2012-2013 and of the Central Govt. did not match and we sometimes receive surplus funds for 80 years above and lesser for 60-79 year, but the problems are being resolved with the permission of the Finance Deptt. At present, a new list for this financial year is almost completed.

Reacting to the point of hon. Member Pu L. Thangmawia regarding EMRS of Ngopa, it is now already for opening right after this Session. As of the Ephatha Special School of Vaivakawn, it is not regarded as the undertaking of my department but of the School Education.

As of the point mentioned by Pu Lalrinsanga Ralte, the procedure for Article 275 (clause 1) is that every district will make a project under the chair of their respective DC and then forward it to the State Govt; the State Govt. after scrutinizing will submit the same to the State Level Evaluation Committee. After that, it will go to the department of Tribal Affairs. Accordingly, every district may submit their proposal to Social Welfare Department.

Whereas regarding construction of Tribal Cultural Centre building at Bilkhawthlir, hopefully it will soon be approved by the SLEC.

Regarding Anganwadi as stated by Pu KT Rokhaw, 600 nos. have been upgraded during 2018-2019 through fund provision from the Central Govt. of during 2017-2018 ₹1,200 lakh. In 2020-2021, 120 nos. centre had also been repaired through fund provision of *Poshan Abhiyaan Award*. Apart from that, 44 nos. centre had also been reconstructed through fund provision of ₹59.24 lakh from the Tribal Affairs Ministry. Accordingly, we also have submitted proposal to the Ministry of Women & Child Welfare Development and immediate approval is expected.

Regarding Women & Child Development section as stated by Pu VL Zaithanzama, the department had already submitted the proposal to the Government and we are expected for the immediate approval.

Finally, the actual position as asked by Pu Zodintluanga Ralte is that during 2017-2018, we had received funds for upgrading and repair of Anganwadi Centres out of which 28 nos. were of Champhai RD Block in which 2 lakh each being provided as per the list of Child Development Project List. It was given out in 2 instalments and the said 7 lakh was utilized as proposed.

On AH & Veterinary Department, as asked by the Opposition Leader, Pu Zodintluanga Ralte, numbers of imported pigs are: - Large white Yorkshire - 23 nos., Landrace - 22 nos. totally 45 nos. We have 40 adult pigs and 9 piglets that can be imported to Mizoram. One piglet cost ₹90,000/- (1000 Pound) with the total amount of ₹36 lakh and is funded by the National Life Stock Mission. The transportation cost from UK to Delhi is ₹28.41 lakh.

Reacting to the point of hon. Member Pu KT Rokhaw, the amount of compensation received for Vety Dispensary at Tipa is ₹29.40 lakh and was submitted to the government. As of the question of Dr. Vanlaltanpuia regarding the vacant post of doctor at

Haulawng Vety Dispensary, we are unable to provide as of now but will try to post one as soon as possible.

Regarding the point mentioned by Pu C. Ngunlianchunga of Poultry House at Lungpuizawl, the project is of NEDP, work order was issued on the 4th July, 2018 and its contractor was Arcon Infrastructure, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh. The work was commenced on later part of 2019.

(Interruption)

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Pu Speaker, I thought he had said as being ready for opening but my question is if it can be opened. I am not saying that it had been ready for opening during our ministry, but he had it wrong, Pu Speaker.

DR. K. BEICHHUA, MINISTER: Alright, Pu Speaker. let us take it as of the need to open our eye more clearly. It is good, after all.

Regarding posting of VFA at Lengte, we upgraded Lengte to Dispensary and the Doctor of Lengpui cover it. The located is selected by Pu C. Ngunlianchunga during his time which is well-suited for the said. Now we started Piggery Farm there and many are involved in it.

Goat Breeding Farm at Thenzawl was started by the previous ministry under NEDP whereas import of goat is was done by this ministry. Now, we have 113 adult goats and 158 kids out of which 68 nos. were sold. Also, some kids died due to cold climate.

May I inform Pu BD Chakma that we have RAE Centre at Borapansury. (**Pu BD Chakma:** Pu Speaker, I do not see RAE Centre there). I think it is mistaken; it is there.

SEDP is our flagship programme and as such, the hon. Chief Minister has favored us with 1800 lakh (I do not know the exact figure) for pilot project. With this provision, we constituted Board for Veterinary, Fishery and Sericulture under my chairmanship with Pu C. Lalmuanpuia, hon. MLA as the Vice Chairman. We are giving our best thought for the achievement as the hon. Chief Minister too has given us his best support. We set up operational guidelines for setting up a State Board. The State board then set up District Selection Board under the chairmanship of the DC. If it concerns Veterinary, then, the DVO will be the Member Secretary, and if it is Sericulture, the DSO and if fisheries, the DFO. The three Member Secretaries will conduct the survey so that selection will be made as per the criteria. Besides, we also insist that they may use the fund and not depending entirely on the SEDP and put it in writing.

As the hon. Members have mentioned, we selected 20 units for piglet multiplication, 200 units for pig fattener and 800 units for poultry farming. After the experts analyzed the system with techno-economic parameter, ₹3,00,000/- is approved for piggery and

₹1,50,000/- for poultry which will be given in 3rd installment and as per advised of the Finance Department. Now, distribution of the 2nd installment is completed and the 3rd will soon be followed. Pu Speaker, the amount of distribution is not equal as some districts receive less than the others. I request all the hon. Members to understand the situation. It is a pilot project and is conducted as per the advice of the Planning. As requested by Pu Biakzaua, we will try to give important to Lawngtlai when the project is actually started.

As mentioned earlier by Pu C. Ngunlianchunga regarding Pang Tribal Girls Hostel, if the proposal got through SLEC, it will be forwarded to the Central for PAC. This is of before my time as a minister and could not tell the exact situation of the proposal. When they come to see me, I instructed them to locate the file so that I could help them to the next move.

Pu Speaker, that is all I could react from the light of our discussion. Now, I will go to Demand No. 7 - Excise & Narcotics.

Shortage of Excise forces is a common concern of the hon. Members here whereas the existing strength is 430 nos. staff ranges from Constable to the Commissioner. Considering enforcement of the total prohibition, we often feel hapless with this shortage of staff. However, we receive valuable cooperation from church communities, political parties and the NGOs. Therefore, we committed to a policy of '*Quality over Quantity*'. Pu Speaker, I praise the Excise forces for keeping up with this policy.

We now have offices in 8 Districts under the command of Asst. Commissioner except for Lawngtlai which is covered by Lunglei Asst. Commissioner. So far, our performance is good since the implementation of Mizoram Liquor Prohibition Act, 2019. With the help of YMA and various NGOs, large amount of liquor and abusive drugs were confiscated during 2019 till date. In 2020, we captured 33 nos. two-wheeler, 8 nos. three-wheeler and 62 nos. LMV, 3 nos. MMV 3 and 5 nos. HHV which are involved in the case of the said illegal businesses. During 2020 till date, the total numbers of abusive drugs captured by the department are as follows: -

1. Heroine - 11.710 kgs;
2. Ganja - 127.449 kgs;
3. Nitrazepam - 163 tabs,
4. Diazepam - 2000 Tabs,
5. Alprazolam - 1825 Tabs,
6. Lorazepam - 32 Tabs,
7. Tramadol - 1419 tabs,
8. Cough Syrup - 1536 bottles,
9. Methamphetamine - 45.549 kgs.

Apart from that, 4419 persons were arrested for involving in such cases out of which 16 nos. were foreigner. We collected a revenue of ₹92,56,326/- from confiscated foreign

liquors and spirit alone. From finance, we collected a revenue of ₹2,27,150/- and ₹9,84,683/- out of 800 nos. receipts totaling ₹104,68,059/-.

On Demand No. 29 – Social Welfare, Eklavya Model Residential School is 100% grant-in-aid and the target is ₹1,09,000/- per student. The syllabus which is up to class 12 is of CBSE. So far, we have opened 11 schools during this ministry with 9 schools soon to be opened. Besides, we have constructed Tribal Research Institute at Kelsih at the cost of ₹282.50 lakh which will become very useful for hosting of some festivals, international events and state functions.

Under the programme of *Centre for Excellence* in Sports, construction for Boxing ring and Volleyball court is in progress at Thosaih, Siaha District at the cost of ₹500 lakh. We also availed *Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Scheme* during 2018-2019 which is 100% of CSS funded. Under this programme, the Govt. of India approved ₹1,236.22 lakh during 2020-2021 for 12 projects.

Measure has also been taken for implementing the *Article 275* for which administrative approval of ₹1,447.71 lakh has already been obtained. This is for various sector like Health, Education, Agriculture, Agri & Allied Sector. We also train some doctors for processing *Unique Disability Identity Card (UDIC)* which will soon be issued to every district. Besides, it is appreciative that the hon. Chief Minister gives us 10 crore from SEDP for Jordan Centre at Sethawn indicating his deep concern for our youths who are having trouble with drugs and alcohol. We are using this fund for setting up Home and Skill Development Centre which is called ‘Jordan Centre’. He gives us ₹920.21 lakh for renovating the establishment, internal road, water reservoir, church and side plantation. The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment also advise us to make a project for recurring and we make 15 crore worth project. We received ₹77 lakh as 1st installment which is utilized for purchase of materials and for payment of wage to 144 workers. We also take measure for Braille Press to be funded by the *National Institute of Empowerment of Person with Visual Disable* which is under the Social Justice & Empowerment. Also, step has also been taken for construction of Maumual Centre of *Rehabilitation Home for Person with Mental Illness*.

I also want to mention that we are the first in the country to have accreditation rules for ‘National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction Programme’. Training has been given to our youths, parents, college students, teachers and NGOs during 2020. *Nasha Mukh Bharat* “Drug Free India Campaign” drive has also been taken under the guidance of DC. Survey on Drug Use Amongst Children between 10 to 17 years of age was conducted and our position is not good. The survey shows that about 88% of our students involve in substance abuse. Thus, I would like to inform the House that it is our objective to stop this prevailing abuse. We already have *Drug Treatment cum Rehabilitation Centre Accreditation Rules* and is amended. We are now in the process of making the *State Helpline for Senior Citizens* and will become effective very shortly. *Accessible India Campaign* also is going on effectively. The Central Government provides financial aid to

NAPSRc for fighting against Covid-19 and is being distributed. We divide old age pension into 5 categories but will not discuss in detail as we already mentioned it.

Regarding bifurcation of Social Welfare Department, I would like to emphasize on Women & Child Development Department.

From the light of our discussion, it is obvious that every member gives important to Anganwadi services. We presently have 2244 nos. Anganwadi Centre through which supplementary nutrition of 16 items are provided to the children. We also provide food supplement to 11-14 years school dropout under the *Scheme for Adolescent Girls*. We also have 175 nos. Press Centre for women who necessarily need to leave their children for work. This programme is implemented through *Pradhan Mantri Matru Vardhana Yojana* which was started from 2017. Serchhip District received the best prize award in 2018 whereas Mizoram is holding the 4th position in India. Our performance is very good in this regard, Pu Speaker.

Another programme is *Poshan Abhiyaan* with the objective of taking care of children with good nutrition. This is of a great scheme and we are taking a strong step in its implementation. In 2019, Mizoram received 1st position in category 2 with cash prize award of 2.5 crore.

State Adoption Resource Agency, Child Helpline, State Advisory Boards Selection Committee and Child Protection are operated in every district under J.J. Act. We have *Observational Home* in 8 districts in which 19 children are taken care, *Special Home* in 2 districts with 16 children, *Specialized Adoption Agency* in 7 districts with 17 children and 33 nos. *Children's Home* with 649 children. An officer is posted at DC office under District Level Centre for Women. Hence, *Mahila Sakti Kendra* (MSK) scheme is successfully implemented.

Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao scheme and *Universal Women Helpline* are implemented in Siaha and Serchhip District whereas equipping *One Stop Centre* with required staffs is being readied. We also have *Mahila Police Volunteer, Swadhar Greh, Ujjwala Scheme, Mizoram Bal Bhavan* and *Mobile Library*. All these projects are implemented under Women & Child Development Scheme.

As we mentioned regarding AH & Veterinary Department which is Demand No.34, our thoughts usually focused on animals. However, since the last 20 years or so, the department has been dealing with the emerging animal diseases.

It is great that 35 nos. Rural Animal Health Centres are upgraded, District AH & Vety hospital and office are established in new districts by creating some new posts to that respect. Also, Animal check gate is set up in 8 places.

So far, we have 10 hospitals, 67 dispensaries and 69 RAH Centres Under Veterinary Healthcare Institution whereas we have a plan to introduce artificial insemination at a larger scale.

Effort is made to increase hatchery productions and broiler poultry farm and 10 nos. mobile veterinary unit ambulances have also been purchased. The 1st installment has already been received for Indigenous Heifer Production farm amounting to ₹100 lakhs.

In convergence with Rural Development Department, Pu Speaker, development work is strongly pursued. National Animal Disease Control Programme is implemented and import of poultry is presently restricted. Also, meat and animal feed supply chain are continued even amidst the pandemic and fund provisions from RIDF, NABARD and National Livestock Mission are successfully utilized.

Regarding Demand No. 41, Sericulture Department is making sincere efforts to improve farming and works are executed on the basis of SEDP projects.

Central Silk Board is expected to make funds provision for muga-silk development in which ₹470.14 lakh is released from the central with one 1 crore being approved by Ministry of Tribal Affairs. Fund provision is expected from NABARD and SEDP for strengthening the Sericulture industry and quality productivity in various items.

Followings are cocoon and raw silk produced by Sericulture up to January, 2021-

From Cocoon:

- 1) From Mulberry - 323.29 metric tons
- 2) From Eri - 5.562 metric tons
- 3) From Muga - 17.2 lakhs
- 4) From Octosar - 1.36 lakhs

From Raw silk:

- 5) From Mulberry - 37.488 metric tons
- 6) From Eri - 4.3776 metric tons
- 7) From Muga - .285 metric tons
- 8) From Octosar - .023 metric tons

Cocoon rate:

- 9) Seed cocoon @ ₹3/-
- 10) Commercial Muga @ ₹1.9/-
- 11) Other varieties have separate rates.

Mizoram has good potential for silk production. I invite the people in general to realize this potential. I, therefore, request this House to pass my demands as follows: -

Demand No.	Department	Amount in (₹)
7	Excise & Narcotics	40,34,49,000.00

29	Social Welfare	1,54,63,98,000.00
34	Animal Husbandry & Veterinary	79,43,30,000.00
41	Sericulture	20,03,50,000.00
	TOTAL	2,94,45,27,000.00

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister has requested the House to pass his demands. All in favor, say, 'agree' (**Members:** Agree) Those who do not agree, say, 'not agree'. This House has unanimously passed the demands.

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DR. K. BEICHHUA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us now call upon Pu R. Lalzirliana, Minister to wind up and ask the permission of this House to pass his demands.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I am glad that the members agree to receive written answer to their questions.

Pu Speaker, on Demand No. 33 of Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation Department, there are 464 sanctioned posts in which 216 posts are filled and 252 posts are vacant. I would also like to mention that the department is making all efforts to maintain the office work despite minimal working staffs. Looking at our budget, there is no fund for development except from NABARD and RKVY.

Amidst all these, I would like to emphasize the importance of conservation of water and forest. Unless awareness is not raised, Mizoram will soon become a dry desert. Despite limited fund, there have been several undertakings this year whereas more fund is expected from SEDP.

Soil Department is taking up major projects in collaboration with Rubber Board of India of the Ministry of Commerce & Industry. We might be of a state with the most projects under Rubber & Allied Crop Development. It may also be noted that Regional Office will soon be established.

As of the salary of employees in Art & Culture Department, it is expected soon. Of the projects which have been submitted, we received funds for construction of District Museum at Lunglei and Lai Cultural Center –cum-Auditorium at Lawngtlai.

Some members stressed the importance of safeguarding the settlements of our ancestors as *historical heritage*, but there is not much we could do at this stage due to shortage of funds. However, this will be our priority when fund is made available. Whereas there are several proposals which had been submitted during 2020-21 and we hope it will soon be materialized.

On Demand No. 27, funds allocation to the District Council & Minority Affairs in the previous years were mostly of salary of staffs. Fortunately, projects submitted from the Autonomous Councils so far, are well-entertained. We received funding from NLCPR and NEC out of which the 1st installment is received just before the start of Covid-19. Besides, additional fund is received for Social Welfare Department which is proposed for minority concentration for promotion of sports, education and health etc.

Fund allocation for the three Autonomous District Councils within this financial year are as follows-

- 1) LADC - ₹17,39,51,000 for GIA salary and ₹13,00,650,000 for GIA non-salary;
- 2) MADC - ₹14,66,31,300 for GIA salary and ₹12,30,62,000 for GIA non-salary;
- 3) CADDC - ₹97,94,25,000 for GIA salary and ₹6,62,98,000 for GIA non-salary.

PMJVK is mentioned almost by every member. During the 11th Five Year Plan, we received ₹48,54,93,000 and ₹8,56,49,000 during the 12th Five Year Plan. NITI Aayog was being setup after the termination of the Five-Year Plan in 2017 under which ₹646 lakh was received during 2017-2018 and ₹472 lakh during 2018-2019. As MNF ministry came into power, numbers of project were submitted to the Central Govt. Accordingly, 15 projects on sports were approved whereas the rest remain for approval as per availability of funds.

During this financial year, there is no specific new venture under Power & Electricity Department whereas our main objective is to improve and repair the projects which had been initiated and provide regular power supply within our present capacity.

Department staffs at all levels are extremely working hard. In particular, the field workers, staffs of Health Department and the Police forces truly deserved 13 months' pay. There are 900 vacant posts out of 2000. As such is the case, no direct SDO post will be created after the current financial year. It is our strong desire that additional fund is allotted to this department at least for maintenance and for continuation of the ongoing works.

Lastly, I would like to request this House to pass my Demands of my concerned Departments, such as: -

Demand No.	Department	Amount in (₹)
23	Art & Culture Department	12,91,93,000
27	District Council & Minority Affairs	4,51,06,49,000
33	Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation	21,41,38,000

39	Power & Electricity	7,04,72,48,00
	TOTAL	11,90,12,28,000

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister, Pu R. Lalzirliana has moved to pass his demands. All in favor may say, 'agree'. (**MEMBERS:** Agree). Those who do not, say, 'Not agree'.

The House has unanimously passed the following demands presented by Pu R. Lalzirliana, the hon. Minister, such as-

Demand No.	Department	Amount in (₹)
23	Art & Culture Department	12,91,93,000
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	TOTAL	11,90,12,28,000

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER : We have completed our business for today. Sitting will be resumed tomorrow at 10:30 AM.

Sitting is adjourned (8:08 PM)