

(Time 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.)

QUESTIONS

1. **Questions** entered in separate list to be asked and oral answers given.

LAYING OF PAPER

2. **PU ZORAMTHANGA**, hon. Chief Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy of Statement of correction on the reply given on 24.2.2021 to Starred Question No. 56 Ballot No. 1 asked by Pu Vanlalhlana regarding construction of approach road to Zophai.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS

3. **PU LALRUATKIMA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
4. **DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA**, 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 : *'As free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bond servants of God.'*

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We will now start with the *Question Hour*. Hon. Member Pu KT Rokhaw to ask *Starred Question* No.136.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Will the concerned Minister of PWD be pleased to state-

- a) If tender is floated for pavement of Niawhtlang - Chakhei of PMGSY road, phase-II?
- b) If so, who is the contractor?
- c) Has the work been started? If not, what is the reason?
- d) The estimate amount of work?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister to answer the question.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker the answer to the question of hon. Member Pu KT Rokhaw is -

- a) Tender has been floated for Niawhtlang to Chakhei PMGSY road, stage-II pavement.
- b) The contractor is Pu Biakliana, Sikulpuikawn.
- c) The contractor has placed machineries and other equipment required for the process of work.
- d) The estimate amount is ₹1,615.34 lakh.

SPEAKER : *Supplementary Question* to be asked by Pu KT Rokhaw.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Pu Speaker, I suggested the contractor should fill up all the potholes prior to monsoon. Is it possible to construct road barrier/crash barrier on Chheihlu - Chakhang and Laki - Vahai road?

SPEAKER : *Supplementary Question* to be asked by Pu H. Biakzaua.

PU H. BIAKZAUA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the concerned Minister be pleased to state-

- a) Is initiative being taken for excavation of Mamte - Lungtian PMGSY road, phase-III?
- b) If there is a plan for construction of Pangkhua - Saisihchhuah road?
- c) If there is a plan for construction of bridges on Saisihchhuah - Myanmar road of international trade route?

SPEAKER : *Supplementary Question* from the hon. Member Pu C. Ngunlianchungga.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the concerned Minister be pleased to state -

Is our government aware of the condition of Pangkhua - Saisihchhuah road? And, will the State PWD take up road construction which is already done by BRTF?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister to answer the question.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, regarding Pu Rokhaw's question, we have submitted a proposal to Delhi, and if it is approved, we will be able to construct crash barrier on Laki - Vahai and Chheihlu - Chakhang road.

To answer the questions of Pu Biakzaua, there is no intention as of now to excavate Mamte - Lungtian road through PMGSY. Regarding Sangau - Pangkhua - Saisihchhuah road, we had submitted the DPR to NEC for construction of bridges but was rejected. Whereas sanction provision of ₹ 66.08 crore is made for road construction only. (**Pu C. Ngunlianchunga:** Pu Speaker, if the alignment is clear, I believe sanction provision can easily be made since it concerns defence road.)

PWD is assigned for construction of three roads but one is given to BRTF by NEC. The project for construction of bridges which had been submitted to NEC was not approved since the estimate is too high. (**Pu C. Ngunlianchunga:** Pu Speaker, I believe the Govt. of India had made a provision of ₹2.5 million to Myanmar Govt. for the said purpose and the Second Vice President had even earmarked the route.) I believe Myanmar External Ministry will pursue the matter. However, we have not received any official notification from Myanmar Govt. obviously due to their political crisis. However, fund provision is made for construction of road only since the estimate amount for bridge construction is excessively high. (**Pu KT Rokhaw:** Pu Speaker, construction of Tongkolong - Lawngmasu road assigned to GSR Venture, Hyderabad is being abandoned before completion. So, what is the opinion of the government to this concern?)

Pu Speaker, I could not give the answer unless I enquire the concerned department first. The answer should have been provided if the concerned question is picked while balloting.

SPEAKER : Hon. Member Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo to ask *Starred Question* No.137.

PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO: Thank you, Pu Speaker, will the concerned Minister of Commerce & Industries be pleased to state-

May the government acquire quality stones from West Phaileng area? If so, when will the work be started?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister to answer the question.

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer to the hon. member questions are -

The concerned department has submitted proposal for construction of link road of Buangmual of W. Phaileng to Industrial Development Board with the estimate amount of ₹1,25,71,000/-. We do not know when the work can be started as we have been waiting for the outcome.

SPEAKER : *Supplementary Question* from Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo.

PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO: Pu Speaker, it is appreciative that the government is taking initiative for link road as stated. It may as well be noted that most of the officers of Geology & Mining Deptt. will be retired by 2025 and so is important to recruit more staffs to maintain the existing strength.

SPEAKER : *Supplementary Question:* Dr. Vanlalhlana.

DR. VANLALTHLANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the concerned Minister of Commerce & Industries Department be pleased to state-

- i) If there is a plan to vacate Ramhlun North Market building and for how long Zo Anthurium Grower Society will occupy the rented floor?
- ii) In pursuance of notification issued by the General of Foreign Trade on the 25th July, 2018, what step has been taken so far by the government to stop illegal trades on betel in the border areas?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister to answer the question.

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I have no knowledge of illegal trading on betel nut in the border areas since it is under the jurisdiction of the Central Govt. to a great extent.

Vertical extension for Aizawl North College is in process through RUSA as consideration has also been made for shifting of Govt. Aizawl College and Govt. Hrangbana College. To minimize the problem of shortage of staff as mentioned by the hon. Member, we have a plan for recruitment of 2 nos. geologist.

With the initiative of hon. MLA Pu Rintluanga, State Geological Programming Board held a meeting in September followed by the Geological Survey of India surveying rock deposits at the proposed areas. It is expected to bring some benefits to private owner of stone quarry in such areas. Whereas Pukzing is believed to have the best stone deposit in Mizoram. So, it is wise for the government to make the best use of this potential area. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us now call upon Dr. K. Pachhunga to ask *Starred Question* No. 138.

DR. K. PACHHUNGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Starred Question No. 138. Will the hon. Minister for PWD be pleased to state the following in the process of construction of KMMTTP (Mizoram - Akyap Seaport, Myanmar) under Act East Policy -

- a) Commencement of construction this road?
- b) Estimate time for completion of the project?

c) Problems faced by the assigned construction company?

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister to answer it.

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

- a) The project was started in 20.2.2010.
- b) Estimate time of completion is 30.6.2021.
- c) The main problems faced by the assigned construction company are compensation in the process and recurrence of landslide.

SPEAKER : *Supplementary Question:* Dr. K. Pachhunga.

DR. K. PACHHUNGA : If there is a plan to continue with the project of Luangmual - Vaisam PMGSY road in which construction barely of 1 km is completed so far. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu L. Thangmawia to ask *Supplementary Question*.

PU L. THANGMAWIA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My question is - Will the project of Hliappui - Rabung Road be started during this financial year?

SPEAKER : Next is, hon. Member Pu Vanlalhlana.

PU VANLALHLANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. As per the answer being given to my question, there are several projects which had not been completed within the stipulated time and further incurs huge expenditure in the revised estimates. What is the main reason for such delay?

SPEAKER : The hon. Chief Minister to answer it.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Starting from the last question, Pu Speaker, this has been a huge problem since long time back. Firstly, it is due to monsoon season which is longer than expected and the work could not be expedited within this period. Secondly, generally the rates offered by the applicants were considerably low which left us with no choice but to select one. The assigned contractors then faced the first problem for lack of knowledge of the topography of the allotted areas. However, we determine the solution for their problems.

Pu Speaker, the aforementioned Hliappui-Aiduzawl-Rabung Road is of an important connectivity. However, it is difficult to take up the project through the state fund. Yet, step will be taken for available fund source as of MoRTH or others.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu Zodintluanga Ralte to ask *Starred Question* No. 139.

PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE: Thank you, Pu Speaker. *Starred Question* No. 139. Will the hon. Minister for Rural Development Department be pleased to state:

- a) Sanction amount for construction of New Sachan playground through BADP?
- b) Name of the contractor?
- c) How much has been released so far?

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister concerned to answer it.

PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. My answer is as follows:

- a) The sanction amount is ₹8 lakh.
- b) It is taken up as departmental work under BDO, Bungmun.
- c) The entire amount of ₹8 lakh had already been sanctioned.

SPEAKER : *Supplementary Question* from Pu Zodintluanga Ralte.

PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE: Pu Speaker, is it possible to implement 100% of the material component of NREGA programme for rural areas?

SPEAKER : I call upon Pu ZR Thiamsanga to ask the *Supplementary Question*.

DR. ZR THIAMSANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. May the RD Department continue with the distribution of silpauline and roofing materials?

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu Lalrinsanga Ralte to ask *Supplementary Question*.

PU LALRINSANGA RALTE: Thank you, Pu Speaker. My Question is as follows:

- i) Is there a plan for setting up DRDA office in the three newly districts such as - Hnathial, Saitual and Khawzawl? If so, when will the said be functional?
- ii) What is DDOGKY? How many people are covered under this scheme and, how many are provided with employment through the scheme?

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister may reply.

PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, regarding material component under NREGA, selection of beneficiary is done through the supervision of State Employment Guarantee Council and as per the guidelines. It should not be executed without the decision which may be made by the council.

Regarding Dr. ZR Thiamsanga's question, we are doing our utmost for doling out silpauline and metal roof sheets since the materials are widely benefitted by rural people. DRDA office will be put to function in the three newly districts by April this year.

DDOGKY is a scheme under MZSRLM with training of rural youths as the main objective. So far, training has been given to 747 youths with suitable job being provided. Thank you.

SPEAKER : *Question Hour* is now over. The hon. Chief Minister Pu Zoramthanga has asked for a corrigendum of his answer to Starred Question No. 56, Ballot No. 1 asked by Pu Vanlalhlana. I now request him to proceed.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I hereby lay the corrigendum on the answer given for Starred Question No. 56, Ballot No. 1 asked by Pu Vanlalhlana on the table of the House. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. We shall now move to *Financial Business*. I call upon Pu Lalruatkima, hon. Minister to submit his demands, viz. -

- Demand No. 6 - Land Revenue & Settlement;
 - Demand No. 26 - Information & Public Relations;
 - Demand No. 38 - Rural Development Department.
- on the table of the House.

PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. On the recommendation of the Governor and with your kind permission, Sir, I hereby submit the following demands on the table of the House -

Demand No.	Department	Amount (in ₹)
6	Land Revenue & Settlement	30,17,07,000.00
26	Information & Public Relations	12,13,08,000.00
38	Rural Development	4,38,45,32,000.00
TOTAL		4,80,75,47,000.00

SPEAKER : Let us now call upon Dr. R. Lalthangliana, the hon. Minister to move the demands of the departments under his portfolio, viz.

- Demand No. 21 - Higher & Technical Education;
- Demand No. 24 - Health & Family Welfare;
- Demand No. 40 - Commerce & Industries Department;

on the table of the House.

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. With the recommendation of the Governor and your kind permission sir, I hereby submit the following demands on the table of the House -

Demand No.	Department	Amount (in ₹)
21	Higher and Technical Education	1,59,03,97,000.00
24	Health & Family Welfare	6,23,73,62,000.00
40	Commerce & Industries	78,05,18,000.00
TOTAL		9,60,82,77,000.00

SPEAKER : We shall continue with *Discussion on Demands*. Each member will be allotted 10 minutes. Let us first call upon the hon. Member Pu L. Thangmawia.

PU L. TAHNGAMAWIA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Today, I am glad to have discussion on the demands of two hon. Ministers. I would like to start from Demand No. 6, Land Revenue & Settlement Department.

It is of an important department which concern with maintenance of all our land records. Despite the function, there is a huge shortage of surveyors and so is desirable that more staffs may be trained for the purpose.

In addition, it is necessary that we have proper land records. I had spoken about this in the previous session also and I am overwhelmed to learn that there is a project for this purpose.

Regarding Demand No. 26, Information & Public Relations, the department has done a great job during this Covid crisis such as publication of Covid Bulletin to provide reliable information to the public. I really appreciated the efforts.

Moving to Demand No. 38, Rural Department, my constituency is within the BADP Scheme cover area and we are much benefitted. It is appreciative that NE Khawdungsei and Khawkawn are newly included as the cover area and additional funds is granted for construction of roads between Kawlbem and Selam. In additon, ₹109 lakh is allotted for construction of Ngopa Community Hall. I would like to thank the hon. Minister concerned and the department officials for being able to provide 100-days wage employment to the rural people and their performance during hailstorm disaster at Hliappui is quite remarkable.

Regarding Demand No. 21, Higher & Technical Education, I am very happy to learn that we are about to have Mizoram University Southern Campus. This is a great news for the youth of the southern area.

On Demand No. 24, Health & Family Welfare Department, I thank the hon. Minister and the Department for appointing a new Lab Technician at Mimbung PHC. Meanwhile, Pu Speaker, it is unfortunate that we do not have even a single Dental Doctor within my whole constituency. I beg the hon. Minister to take note of this so that a Dental Doctor may be posted at Ngopa CHC. It seems Health & Wellness Centre will be placed within my constituency for which I would like to express my thank in advance. Also, our need for X-ray machine is intensive as it is available only at Ngopa CHC.

We are very thankful for the establishment of ginger processing unit which is seen under Demand No. 40, Commerce & Industries Department. In addition, I opine we need to give more concerns for setting up processing units of our agricultural products in different areas. The main drawback in agriculture is not about production, but its marketing and processing.

Pu Speaker, I implore all my fellow members to pass this demands unanimously for the sake of our state. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon hon. Member Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma.

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I will start from Demand No. 38, Rural Development Department.

Pu Speaker, I had spoken a number of times regarding the problems faced by the people for Tlabung not being RD Block Headquarters. So, I would like to reiterate that Tlabung, the oldest village in Mizoram is being neglected for quite a long time. I therefore would like to know if there is any plan of providing Tlabung as RD Block.

Regarding Demand No. 24, Health & Family Welfare Department, it is again Tlabung in which the first hospital in Mizoram was there. Lt. Col. TH Lewin, Superintendent of Chitagong Hill Tracks established a hospital at Tlabung in 1871. So, from historical point of view also, I urge the hon. Minister to improvise Tlabung with hospital.

On Demand No. 40 - Trade & Commerce Department, Pu Speaker, you had personally visited the Indo-Bangladesh Border recently. However, what we are expecting is not only visitors but actual implementation of border trade at the proposed place. We also have proposal for Border Haat to be set up at 9 places and I would like to ask when these will also be implemented. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us now call hon. Member Pu Ramthanmawia.

PU RAMTHANMAWIA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I have to start from Demand No. 28, Rural Development Department.

The budget allocation for this department is increased by more than ₹70 crore for which we are very grateful being a rural constituency. The NREGS and BADP are the two main lifeline programmes for rural people. Earlier, 17 villages of my constituency were covered by BADP which is now extended for another 23 villages. That being the case, Bungzung and Zotui remain excluded and thus should be considered. Solar Water pump project at Vaphai is a remarkable project for us. However, it is sad that central fund allotted to RD this year is decreased.

Moving to Demand No. 24, Health & Family Welfare Department, I would like to express my gratitude for the performance of the department during this pandemic which may be regarded as the best in the entire country.

As I have once stated in this august House, Sesih PHC is functioning without a single doctor being provided for the past 33 years. Thanks to the valuable concern of the hon. CM as well as the hon. Health Minister, we have expert doctor posted there and we are deeply grateful for that. Accordingly, we have another PHC being set up at Farkawn. In Bungzung, we have x-ray machine which is not functional as there is no technician. I beg the hon. Minister to consider posting of technician there.

Lastly, regarding Commerce & Industries Department, my constituency is located on the international boundary whereas Vaphai, Saikhumphai has been proposed for Border Haat and we are eagerly waiting for its implementation. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us now call upon Pu C. Lalmuanpuia, the hon. Member.

PU C. LALMUANPUIA : I will start from Demand No. 6, Land Revenue & Settlement Department.

It is imperative to have proper land records and I am happy that necessary step is taken for that purpose. At the same time, it is truly appreciative that recruitment of more surveyors is in process as Finance Department too has approved for the same. It is notable that the department made a contribution of ₹1,722 lakh from registration fees and stamp duties last year.

I thank the Information & Public Relation Department, Demand No. 6 for providing a reliable source of information during Covid 19 pandemic.

On Demand No. 38 - Rural Development Department, it is underlines in the Governor's Speech regarding 2,11,555 nos. job cards issue by the department through NREGA. This became more important during the difficult time we are facing today. The pandemic causes many hardships particularly in rural areas and the performance of the department in alleviating such problem thus is worth-remembering. I do hope another 100-days wage employment may be implemented this year as so in the previous past year. At

the same time, I thank the department for providing silpauline from time to time which is very convenient for various rehabilitation measures.

Moving to Demand No. 24, Health & Family Welfare Department, it seems the department is the backbone of our state during the difficult time that we are facing today. I would like to pay credit to all the concerned staffs for their performances against Covid 19. It is worth-mentioning that 12,427 nos. family so far have registration under Mizoram Healthcare Scheme and I wonder how this ministry is able to provide healthcare facilities to the masses.

With these words, Pu Dy. Speaker, I am supporting the demands which had been discussed today. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu Lalrinsanga Ralte, the hon. Member.

PU LALRINSANGA RALTE: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. Firstly, regarding Demand No. 30 - Rural Development Department, it is remarkable that 100 days wages employment programme of MGNREGA was implemented in full during last year under. Besides, we had even received additional funds under BADP for which we, the rural people are really happy. Also, confirmation of the service of 85 nos. APO too is quite notable.

Pu Dy. Speaker, I am happy to state that disposable plate manufacturing plant at Bilkhawthlir is quite a success. However, the plant did not meet the demands to a huge extent. Therefore, I implore setting up the same kind of processing plant in the neighboring areas such as Vairengte, Saipum and Saiphai.

I thank the hon. Minister for including Thingthlelh and N. Hlimen under Bilkhawthir RD Block for it will provide great convenience to the people.

Moving to Demand No. 24, Health & Family Welfare Department, we are also grateful to the department for a remarkable performance during the pandemic. I also thank for setting up a new building of Bilkhawthlir PHC and Health & Wellness Centre established in various places.

Lastly, Pu Dy. Speaker, I opine it is important to post a medicine specialist at Vairengte CHC which is known as one of the most crowded health centers. Apart from this, our shortage of staff quarters is creating a huge problem. So, the case may be considered as soon as possible. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call upon the hon. Member, Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo.

PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. It is great that step is taken for improvement of our land records system. During the previous MNF ministry,

there were many house sites being allotted without appropriate record but remains unresolved during the next ministry of congress party. It is great that we pursue the same in this ministry.

Regarding Demand No. 4, Trade & Commerce Department, it is very important to develop Mahmuam - Silsuri road which happened to be a strategic route of border trade. The distance is only 18 kms and it will be useful for our state if we develop Silsuri.

On Demand No. 21, I am glad that Aizawl West College is set to be shifted as the existing location is quite congested. With Health Directorate Office the nearby, it often creates traffic jam. If it is a success, it will surely be of a remarkable development for Aizawl traffic system.

Regarding Rural Development Department, I would like to thank the hon. Minister for development of rural areas. It is due to the efforts of the department that many villages were re-included under BADP. I would also like to request my fellow members to pay vigil towards various works under BADP in our respective constituency.

Regarding Demand No. 24, Health & Family Welfare Department, we have seen exceptional performance in our fight against Covid 19. The effort made for smooth implementation of healthcare scheme also is worth-mentioning. My constituency, in particular is much benefitted through the implementation.

I thank the hon. Minister for posting of a new doctor at PHC Marpara. While this is the case, we often have a problem for sharing a single HPC by villages such as Bawngthah, Darlung, S. Sabual and Bawlte. So, another PHC may be set up at a convenient place. At the same time, I request the hon. Minister to consider upgrading West Phaileng PHC to a CHC. With these being said, I support passing of the demands that we are discussing today. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I now call upon the hon. Member Pu Lalchhuanthanga.

PU LALCHHUANTHANGA: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. Starting from Demand No. 38 with the creation of new districts, I opine the existing boundary of RD Blocks need to be changed. In doing so, I suggest the demarcation is done carefully and in the best convenience of the concerned people.

On Demand No. 24, Health Department, performance of the department in the present scenario is commendable. In this connection, I opine it is necessary to develop the ZMC with more staff quarters, better infrastructures and equipment for the staff as well as concerned students. At the same time, I suggest improvement of Kulikawn Hospital as there is enough space for further extension.

Regarding Demand No. 21, Higher & Technical Education, I have not found any of a budget provision for the state matching share on various types of scholarship and I think it is quite unfortunate. At the same time, I think it is necessary for the concerned authority to be more efficient in preparing the budget. Regarding infrastructure of higher secondary institutions, I believe we need to take measures on improvement of the buildings, infrastructures and equipment for the institutions. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will now have a short break and continue with our discussion at 2:00 PM.

(Recess)

2:00 PM

DEPUTY SPEAKER : To continue with the discussion, I call upon Pu BD Chakma, the hon. Member.

PU B.D. CHAKMA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. Starting from Demand No. 38, Rural Development Department, it seems we have many problems in the implementation of PMAY and NREGS. PMAY is classified into Gramin and urban in which selection of beneficiaries is done randomly despite the claim as being done on the basis of Socio-Economic Census, 2011. It is regretted to learn that some Govt servants had also been selected under the scheme. Unless the system is corrected, the scheme 'Housing for All' will become a failure. Regarding NREGS also, there are numbers of the so called "ghost job card" which means are fake job cards which evolves multiple job cards in a family. I had once mentioned the same in a DISA meeting at Lawngtlai that unless the system is corrected, then, we are far from a success.

There are 88 villages within my constituency with only one RD Block covering the whole constituency. Therefore, I sincerely implore the hon. Minister to consider the case and give us a new RD Block to be placed at Longpuighat.

Regarding Higher & Technical Deptt. the class rooms of Kamalanagar College is quite congested especially in common classes such as English subject and thus may be extended. I would also like to ask provision for fuel for the college bus.

Moving to Health & Family Welfare Deptt., wages of employees under Borapansuri PHC is borne by CADC though it is under the maintenance of the State Govt. So, I request the hon. Minister to explain the system in detail. Construction of Longpuighat PHC which had been completed years ago remain unfunctional and I would like to know the reason for the delay. Also, Parva is an international tri-junction in which it is important to setup PHC; I beg the hon. Minister to take note of this. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I now call upon Dr. Vanlaltanpuia, the hon. Member.

DR. VANLALTANPUIA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. To start from Demand No. 6, Land Revenue & Settlement Department, I would like to point out some problems which also is a challenge for the department. First, regarding land lease to the Armed forces. It becomes a problem for the lease period which is quite long of 99 years. Thus, it is wise for the concerned authority to reduce the lease period. Apart from this, it is necessary to improve the system so that it prevents the rich from acquiring excessive lands. At the same time, it will enable the concerned authority to deal with distribution of lands with more efficiency. Relating to the topic, Pukpui village council has donated their land for Mizoram University Southern Campus and I suggest proper settlement of the area so that encroachment is not happened. At the same time, cadastral survey of old army camp at Pukpui also is necessary.

Regarding Demand No. 38, Rural Development, the department has done many great works for our state. We have RD Rest House at Chhiphir which needs recondition. Besides, tourist lodge at Pangzawl is demolished in the construction of National Highway-54 and reconstruction of the building thus is necessary.

Regarding No. 26, I & PR Deptt., I thank the department for providing reliable sources of information during the Covid crisis.

Higher & Technical is another department affected by Covid 19. Thus, *in-principal* approval for establishment of Mizoram University Southern Campus is being acquired. Whereas there are numbers of teaching faculties being recruited under RUSA thanks to the efforts of the concerned minister. It is also notable that most of the colleges had acquired NAAC accreditation through the initiative of the department. Land lease for NIT and NIIT is expected to become a success in the near future. In addition, establishment of National Institute of Fashion Technology seems accommodative for some institutions. This is truly appreciated as it will improve the outlooks of our youths as it provides better professional opportunities.

Moving to Demand No. 24, Health & Family Welfare Deptt., we are thankful for the construction of Pangzawl PHC building. Regarding Haulawng PHC, installation of X-ray machine is the immediate need and we regret transfer of a dental doctor from this PHC. Since it is located on the main highway of accident prone, we occasionally have emergency cases which need immediate attention. So, it is an urgent need to improve Haulawng PHC. It is also our sincere appeal to the concerned minister that Pukpui Sub-Centre be upgraded to urban PHC. Also, RTPCR for Lunglei remains our priority.

Lastly, on Demand No. 40, Commerce & Industries Deptt., I request the hon. Minister to pursue the DPR for Handloom Park project committed by the Union Minister, Smriti Irani. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Next is, the hon. Member Pu Zothantluanga.

PU ZOTHANTLUANGA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. I would like to start from Demand No. 6, Revenue & Settlement Deptt.

There are numbers of unsettled lands occupied by many people for several years. I opine proper settlement is necessary to such lands and that the government may collect the revenue from such areas as well. Likewise, there is an extensive area of unsettled land at PTC Lungverh which also need immediate attention. Whereas allotment of house sites near Zoology & Mining Office needs to be settled as soon as possible.

Regarding Demand No. 38, Rural Development Deptt., I thank the Community Hall being constructed at Sairang and I believe it could be completed with the additional sanction of ₹10 lakh. So, I implore that arrangement could be made for this purpose.

Regarding Demand No. 36, Information & Public Relations, it is necessary to provide the department with better facilities and equipment for more efficiency. In addition, I would like to suggest printing of Mizoram Calendar with more copies in the coming years.

Moving to Demand No. 21, Higher & Technical Deptt., being a member of Subject Committee-II, I had visited several colleges in Mizoram during last year and I am happy to witness that colleges are developed and equipped much better under RUSA. I suggest shifting of our colleges to the outskirts of the city.

Regarding Health & Family Welfare Deptt., I would like to thank the department for its valuable dedications during the pandemic. It is due to that the number of active cases is declining.

Pu Dy. Speaker, on Demand No. 40, Commerce & Industries Deptt., their performance on vegetables supply chain during the pandemic was much appreciated. It is desirable if the system is continued for the time being. Pu Dy. Speaker, I suggest allotting of land to entrepreneurs for setting up their businesses and develop our state's economy subsequently. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us now call upon Pu Lawmawma Tochwawng, the hon. Member.

PU LAWMAWMA TOCHHAWNG: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. To start from Demand No. 24, Higher & Technical Education Deptt., I thank the hon. Chief Minister and the hon. Minister concerned for allotting Commerce stream at JB College, Lunglei and Lunglei Govt. College. Apart from this, there are notable developments for JB College through RUSA fund thanks to the effort of our leaders. At the same time, I request arrangement of the provision for recruitment of Cook for Boys Hostel and two Girls Hostels. Also, larger capacity of storage tanky is the immediate need of such hostels.

Pu Dy. Speaker, on Demand No. 40 - Commerce & Industries Deptt., it may be noted that we are eagerly waiting for the implementation of Indo-Bangla border trade and introduction of training in Lunglei.

There are measures taken for Lunglei Civil Hospital during this Covid pandemic such as installation of TrueNat Laboratory at Lunglei Hospital, recruitment of new lab technicians, opening Trauma Centre with ICU in it and setting up new staff quarters. Meanwhile, we are in need of medicine specialist, a gynecologist and more of Group D staff. We also wish that Zobawk PHC is functional as soon as possible.

Pu Speaker, on Demand No. 38, Rural Development Deptt., it is remarkable that fund provision is received for *100-days wages employment* for this year whereas financial assistance provided to rural people under SECC 2011 is an important step taken by the department. Accordingly, distribution of silpauline and roof sheet are much benefitted.

Moving to Demand No. 26, Information & Public Relation Deptt., the department has done a great job in providing reliable information to the people during the pandemic. Meanwhile, I request a new vehicle for Lunglei PRO to improve work efficiency.

Lastly, on the demand of Land Revenue & Settlement Deptt., I opine the department deserves credit for the performance despite shortage of staff. At the same time, I suggest file movement system in the department should be simplified so as to speed up the work.

Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker and I am supporting the Demands for passing.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call upon Dr. K. Pachhunga and Pu C. Lalsawivunga will follow.

DR. K. PACHHUNGA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker, Starting from Demand No. 38, Rural Development, the department is really the lifeline of the rural people especially during this pandemic.

Pu Dy. Speaker, it is learned that plantation of aromatic herb 'Anchiri' is initiated under certain blocks as its marketing is considered to be challenging. It is comparatively satisfying that iron-sheet roofing material is distributed in the constituency of Pu Ngunlianchunga constituency and silpauline in my constituency.

On Demand No. 24 - Health & Family Welfare, it is appreciated that construction of Hrangchalkawn PHC building is almost completed and the same for Tawipui South which has been proposed. Both are expected to be of great use for their location at the National Highway. Pu Dy. Speaker, we have only one doctor and problems often arises when she is on leave. However, it is appreciated that the hon. Minister has given us a Supervisor. Hopefully we will be having a reliable Health & Wellness Centre within my constituency which comprises 31 nos. village to benefit such Centre. And, fencing of the Salem Nursing School is the immediate need before it causes further damage of the neighboring areas.

In combatting covid, it is remarkable that unified efforts had been given by all churches, NGOs as so by the hon. Chief Minister, Health Minister and all the Members. Knowing our lack of medical facilities, our leaders do their best by equipping our labs with necessary machineries and medicines on time. In order to prevent further spreading of the pandemic, necessary arrangement was made by installing TrueNat PCR in every District which truly is appreciative. Knowing the vital needs of oxygen, the supply had been made available across our state through the effort of the hon. Chief Minister and his fellow ministers in the ministry as oxygen plant had been set up so that we produce for supply in various hospitals in large quantity.

On Demand No. 21 - Higher & Technical Education, it is thankful that our colleges are now with busy routine due to the efforts given by their lecturers. It is great to know that Colleges in Lunglei are progressing through RUSA. Plan for establishment of Southern Campus through the University Grant Commission is appreciative as it is expected to attract the neighboring and foreign students in addition to local students. While this is the case, I request the concerned minister to examine the Service Rules of the Associate Professor and Professor so that they may become Director through promotion in future.

On Demand No. 40 – Commerce & Industries, it is great to know that our leaders give their best effort for the success of International Border Trade as the hon. minister concerned too had recently visited Kawrpuichhuah of Tlabung to witness the progress of work. Hopefully this will become an important trade route in the future. The Assam had blocked the national highway whenever inter-state issue arises which further causes blockade of incoming goods. However, with the proposed waterway route, we will then be able to import any goods from all sources. So, I give my support to the demands of the two hon. Ministers. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, I call upon the hon. Member Pu C. Lalsawivunga and after that Pu Lalrindika Ralte will follow.

PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA: Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. Today, we are having a discussion on our two hon. Ministers. Before going to the demands, I convey my thanks to our leaders especially to the hon. Health Minister. I think he had shown a father figure in our fights for survival against Covid.

On Demand No. 38 – Rural Development, we have numbers of central schemes to draw out for the department but we have to meet the with State matching share. So, I am concern as to why fund is not allocated in our budget for state matching share this year. Whereas there are so many criticisms against the implementation of BADP and we need to be more careful in the dealing. Also, material component of *100-days wage employment* in which selection of the beneficiaries is allegedly base of party favor. As per the guidelines, it has to be done through DC or CEC. However, it is regretted as the ruling

party takes the whole share. Thus, we need to look into ourselves and implement the system as per the guidelines.

On Demand No. 6 – Land Revenue & Settlement Deptt., budget allocation to the salary head for 2021-2022 is 993.07 which is less than that of last year whereas salary for temporary post of 96 nos. and provisional employees of 85 nos. is not included. Besides, the need for recruitment for the vacant posts of 45 nos. surveyor is not heeded despite shortage of manpower in the department. At the same time, I would like to ask the reason for the delay of functioning of Survey Training Institute set up at Hualngohmun in 2006 whereas surveying work seems to be the main source of revenue for the government. So, we need to give more thoughts in this regard.

On Demand No. 24 – Health & Family Welfare, it is one of the most important departments yet, the budget allocation for 2021-2022 is less than 2020-2021 whereas provision for improvement of PHC and healthcare system are barely seen. Whereas barely 2 lakh is allocated for prevention of AIDS which may be clarified by the concerned Minister. It may as well be noted that quality machine for treatment of critical ailment is the urgent needs.

Also, I opine our Medical College need to equip more. ZMC and NEIGRIHMS were established in the same year with equal fund sanction. Today, NEIGRIHMS is providing lowest cost of treatment for the patients while we can barely put ours in function. So, we need to put more efforts so that it is benefitted by all section of our society. Having this in mind, our Governor has made an appeal to the hon. Prime Minister and Union Home Minister for setting up AIIMS in Mizoram which may be pursued by the state government immediately.

At the same time, I request the hon. minister concern to kindly inform the House as to how the government deals with all credits we have so far due to covid and, if it is a fact that the government has a debt of 141, 22,137 for conveyance, food and drink since the outbreak of covid in Mizoram. Also, it may as well be informed if there is unpaid balance.

Lastly, a few words on Demand No. 40. Border trade is running in full swing at Zokhawthar and Saisihchhuah and, in the meantime, there is a plan for setting up Border Haat at various places as well. Pu Dy. Speaker, construction of Border Haat building at Saikhumphai, Vaphai is now being abandoned and I would like to know if there is a plan for its completion. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now I call the hon. Member Pu Lalrindika Ralte and Dr. F. Lalnunmawia, hon. Member will follow.

PU LALRINDIKA RALTE: Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. At the outset, it is desirable if the existing bell of the hon. Speaker could be replaced with the electronic bell. I opine we have to update ourselves with the advancement of technology.

As mentioned before, I used to mention in my constituency that any work execution is witnessed through CCTV and the progress of any project could now be captured by phone camera and be conveyed as necessary. The same goes for work execution of MLA fund. If the people are not satisfied with the performance of the government, they may vote for another party which they believed to be better for our state development. If we make the right choice, then we will be able to stand up on our own.

On Demand No. 24 – Health & Family Welfare, I would like to mention regarding the welfare of rural people and the medical assistance they received from the government. It is difficult for the major people in rural areas to reach Aizawl for a medical checkup. In order to alleviate the problem, it is important for the government to provide at least CT scan in rural areas, if not possible MRI or X-Ray machine. Besides, we need to provide free clinic within their reach and I think we, the members are willing to spend our MLA fund for such purpose.

On Demand No. 6 – Land Revenue, the workload of the department is quite heavy for only few staffs to maintain efficiently and thus should be strengthened. The main problem with the department is existence of bogus LSC which should be resolved immediately. Also, measure should be taken for speeding up file movement in the department.

Demand No. 38 – Rural Development, we all know that huge amount of fund provisions flowing in through BADP on which we need to examine our method of execution. If BADP is implemented accordingly, we have the opportunity to achieve many assets for our state and the people in it. The concerned minister as well as the department should also determine as to distribute any project as per the demand of a particular area. Above all, it is important that we carefully use any fund provision for the best benefit of the people and the proposed areas. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, let us call the hon. member Pu F. Lalnunlawia and Er. H. Lalzirliana will follow.

DR. F. LALNUNMAWIA : Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. I will start from the demands under the hon. minister Pu Lalruatkima.

On Demand No. 6, I am happy that the government takes measure for improvement of our land reform system in which some developments are seen. Also, measure is taken for prevention of bogus LSC. At the same time, I urge the department to prevail appropriate measurement of land. It is appreciative that there is a proposal for setting up Training centre at Hualngohmun so as to alleviate excessive workload of surveyors.

On Demand No. 26, I appreciate I&PR Deptt. for providing a reliable information of the pandemic during Covid and thanks to valuable cooperation of Health Deptt. for the same. It indicates dedication of the hon. Minister concern and his department. I am glad that

the hon. Minister had shown his favored to me by appointing me as one of the board members of the Mizoram Journalist Welfare Society to work hand in hand with the government. I truly appreciate the performance of this board during the pandemic.

On Rural Development Department, I am thankful to see increase of the budget allocation for this year particularly of RE which increases despite scraping-off 167 crores from the central. With this reason that we are able to execute *100-days wage employment* programme in full. No, doubt, NREGS is the programme in which numbers of family depends for their survival especially during the pandemic. Under Aibawk RD Block, various developments are seen through the implementation of SPMRM and we are thankful to the hon. Minister and the department concern for their notable performances.

On Demand No. 21 - Higher & Technical Education Deptt., it is a deep concern that number of educated unemployment in our state is increasing. On our tour to Thailand with the Chairman of MYC, one thing we both learns is that in coordination with UNESCO, the Govt. of Thailand arranged vocational training course for the benefit of the youths who are in search of jobs. Likewise, the Central MHRD and UGC aims promotion of community colleges through National Skills Qualification Framework (NSQF) by providing training to educated youths in such a way to help them find suitable jobs. The MZU has started this programme by introducing vocational course.

Moving on to Demand No. 40 - Commerce & Industries Deptt. which happened to be under the charge of the same minister, I would like to mention regarding educated unemployment. It is important for the government to pave the way for educated unemployed youths availing students' loan for setting up their own businesses. With the initiative of the hon. Minister, it is appreciative that handloom industry is introduced in my constituency through which any of the interested youth may earn their livelihood. At the same time, I request the hon. Minister for improvement of this industry by equipping this handloom industry with more materials.

Lastly, Demand No. 24 - Health & Family Welfare. I am thankful to the hon. Minister as well as our CM for arranging healthcare facility much for the benefit of poor people in rural areas who could not afford to obtain medical facilities. I am also thankful for construction of Sialsuk PHC building yet, we also need Doctor's quarter and a good Supervisor to assist the existing one who could not serve on regular basis due to ill-health. It may as well be noted that there are numbers of village within my constituency which remain without health-worker. I am thankful for the progresses seen in our hospitals and many people are able to get vaccination through the service of such hospitals. So, I support the demands of the hon. Minister. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Coming up is, Er. H. Lalzirliana and Pu VL Zaithanzama will follow.

ER. H. LALZIRLIANA : Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. I am happy for the opportunity to participate in discussion of the demands of two hon. Ministers. There are many reasons to be thankful for their works in developing our state. Being an aspiration district, we have so many demands to fulfill and I request the hon. Minister to take note each of the point I have to mention.

On Demand No. 6 – Land Revenue & Settlement, the area of Mizoram as per the record is 21,000 sq. kms. which further implies the total area covered by periodic patta and LSC as three times the area of Mizoram. The department has so many problems to be resolved and the hon. Minister concern thus takes initiative on land reforms and regularize bogus LSC step by step. While this is the case, I would like to request the hon. Minister to allot a Revenue Officer in my district.

Due to pervading rumour of leakage of gas pipeline from Tripura, the process of LSC and survey of land could not be carried out which further causes a mounting backlog of work. So, I urge the hon. Minister to find alternative so that the problem is resolved with immediate effect. Also, roof leakage of the existing Revenue building may be attended immediately as it already causes damage to the office properties such as machineries and other equipment.

On I&PR, the department needs strengthening with more staffs so as to improve work efficiency.

On Rural Development, Mamit District comprises 4 nos. RD Block yet, none of such Block offices situated within my constituency. Thus, it is difficult to deal with any of the official matter efficiently. Zawlnuam RD Block covers 46 nos. Village Council out of which remote places such as Khanthuum, Phaizau, Chilui and Tlangkhan etc. could not even tell the name of their BDO. So, it is necessary to realign the block boundary so that it is benefitted by the major population of rural areas.

Pu Dy. Speaker, a fire broke out at Khawnai recently destroying 7 households completely which further fetched many helps from the surrounding villages of not less than 700. Apart from the problem caused by the fire, we have no place to accommodate such a huge guest or call a meeting. So, we need a community hall in this village.

Coming now to the demand of Health & Family Welfare Deptt., my constituency is indebted to the department for a new District Hospital whereas it is further learned that the hospital will be equipped with Anesthesiologist. As mentioned by our fellow member from Hachhek constituency, a district hospital should at least be equipped with basic necessities and manpower if not put in a condition as yet to fully function. I also request the hon. Minister to consider Tuipuibari PHC starts functioning as construction of the building is completed. It is the urgent need as the surrounding 13 villages depends only on this health clinic. Also, we do not have health clinic at Andermanik which comprises more than a thousand households. In Rajiv Nagar, we have only one health-worker at the health clinic

which covers more than 3000 people. So, it will be much appreciative if the hon. minister considers opening more health clinic or Sub-Centre in these areas as the application with necessary information had already been submitted. Also, Mamit comprises a population of more than 30,000 people and so is qualified for Sub-Centre as per the norms of NRHM. Presently, we have one Sub-Centre and a district hospital only and another Sub-Centre is thus needed. I request the hon. Minister to react to the matters which had been mentioned.

On Higher & Technical Education, we are very much thankful to the hon. Minister concern for a permission to introduce geography subject at Mamit College. Also, he may kindly consider regularization of a qualified lecturer who had been paid from MLA fund. We do not have a college worth-mentioning in the western belt except in Zawlnuam which is not big. So, we need another college which includes Commerce and Science subject in addition to Arts. I give my support to the demands of the hon. Ministers. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Thank you. Now, let us call the hon. member Pu VL Zaithanzama and Dr. Vanlalhlana, the hon. Member will follow.

PU V.L. ZAITHANZAMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. Our Demands for today are very important as it received much acclamations. First, I will go to Demand No. 24 – Health & Family Welfare.

The department plays major role in our fight against the pandemic as it even received much acclamations. Every time the name of this department is a mention, it is healthcare which occupy my thought first. Healthcare is no doubt an important mean for alleviating the economic condition of poor section of our society. It is regretted that numbers of family fail to register themselves under this programme due to ignorant and also for lack of awareness of the benefit. Despite the important, it is not highlighted in the budget speech. So, I would like to ask the hon. Minister if this scheme will come to an end as no particular insurance company is incorporated. Likewise, no fund is allocated for development of PHC and so is questionable as to how we would proceed with it. Also, no provision is made for the salary of Health Development Board through SEDP. Regarding food supply rate of hospital mess, it is only 120/- as per notification of the Health Department. I opine the rate is too low considering the supply routine of morning, noon and night. So, I suggest increase of the rate.

Next is, Demand No. 6 – Land Revenue & Settlement. I must say that it is the department which Mizoram required the most as most of us strive to live in our own house. Despite the important of this department, budget allocation decreases at 24.46 lakh as so is the salary at 993 lakhs. It is wise if it is adjusted on Supplementary Demands. With the introduction of Digital India and Land Record Modernization Programme, survey and land record are implemented and so is important that the State Govt. will follow accordingly. The farmers will also need to obtain bank loan so as to develop their land holdings. We have more than a thousand of court cases relating to LSC and therefore is important for the government to open Legal Cell. At present, the department have six rules in addition to the

central rules adopted by the Council of Ministers. I suggest preparing the Mizo version of such rules for better understanding of the general people.

On Demand No. 40 – Commerce & Industries, we have seen in the Supplementary Demand of engagement fee of ₹81, 25,000/- for 2020-2021 allocated to P-SAMIAN LLP under Village & Small Industries. It may as well be considered what is in store for us and if it is profitable. While this is the case, we have not seen any fund being allotted for Industrial promotion. Regarding border trade, it is of utmost important for us to set up a trade route with Myanmar and Bangladesh. It is appreciated that acquisition of land is done for *Border Haat* at the cost of 50 lakh to each route. What is now important is to determine what we have to export or import and we have to be careful in selecting the items which will be benefitted by our state. We have to promote our own products instead of imported goods. As for me, I am not interested in importing foreign goods. Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now it is 4:00 pm and we will take a recess at 5:00 pm. Now, let us call the next member, Dr. Vanlalhlana.

DR. VANLALHLANA : Pu Dy. Speaker, before moving into demand-wise, I will first go to the Demand for Grants.

Budget allocation to salary of the Govt. employees decreases drastically whereas pay increment in some departments goes up to 34% and 20% etc. If this is the trend, it will soon reach 90%. In reality, our capital expenditure is very low and I am afraid it is covered only in the Supplementary Demand for Grants stating that it comes from the central.

Next is, Demand No. 24 – Health & Family Welfare Deptt. I want to praise the hon. Minister and Dr. Thiamsanga for their efforts on our fight against covid.

In the previous years, not less than ₹2 lakh is allocated under AIDS Control Programme but is now decreases. Thus, it is wise for the government if the same is maintained at least from SEDP fund provision. As for AYUSH, budget allocation increases from ₹21 lakh to ₹742 lakh and I am hoping see AYUSH functioning in a separate directorate and, I am happy for this development.

We have numbers of valuable equipment at ICU of Civil Hospital and is a deep concern that some are not functional due to failure of wiring system. I am not blaming anyone for the defect but we should be familiar with the accountability of work supervision as such equipment are so valuable to lay unused. On National Health Mission, I request the hon. Minister to explain proposal of the government on staff requirement as to be filled by recruitment or by absorption. Ramhlun North has shared Sub-centre located at Ramhlun Venglai which is inconvenience for the workers to maintain the records separately. So, it is desirable if a separate sub-centre is given for Ramhlun North. Regarding healthcare scheme,

I opine it will be much appreciative for the people concern if the rate of medical reimbursement is increased from ₹4 lakh to 5 through SEDP.

Next is, Demand No. 21 – Higher & Technical Education. Last year, we had fund provision of ₹50 lakh at the expense of study tour and, it is appreciated that ₹50 lakh is again allocated for this year. If the situation permits, it will be an opportunity for the selected students to participate in such tour. Also, I am happy to learn that fund provision for recruitment of teachers under RUSA has increased from ₹544 lakh to ₹704. Apart from this, allocation of ₹50 lakh under non-salary gives us hopes for having well-established colleges. In this connection, Aizawl North College needs a new building which may be arranged from the aforesaid fund provision. Also, the hon. Minister may later explain for what purpose the vacated building of Zirtiri Science College will be utilized.

As mentioned yesterday, I do not think it is right to accept only of CCC for job recruitment and the same which is certified outside may also be considered. As we encourage our students to pursue Central Service and Civil service, we also need to set up specialized library for easy access of material for further studies. And, the same may also be made available to the students who are pursuing entrepreneurship for future career.

On Demand No. 20 – Commerce & Industries, I opine this department to be of much important for rehabilitating the declining livelihood of our people due to pandemic. At the same time, I opine we need to concentrate more on Handloom & Handicraft. Within my constituency, I have provided from my MLA fund an amount of ₹50,000 for setting up small-scale handloom industry covering 50 families which has now been started with marketing link being obtained. The hon. Minister had stated that betel nut business is not of his concern. As per notification of DGFT, it is of the Ministry of Commerce as so is the border trade. If so, I opine it is his department's concern to notify the central ministry.

On Demand No. 38 – Rural Development, I am keen on the working of National Rural Livelihood Mission as the programme concern developing rural people and for that purpose ₹98 crore being allocated. Instead of just handing-out the available fund provision to the beneficiaries, I opine it is wise for the government to arrange marketing link for their productions so as to ensure self-sufficiency.

On the demand of Land Revenue & Settlement, it is hopeful that progress is made with the system of tax collection as there are many people having excessive numbers of land-holding which may contributes huge amount of revenue to the government. I opine this will ensure progress of land reforms system and relatively heavy taxes which may be incurred by such land-owners. At the same time, I opine we need to make land-ceiling as well. Regarding LSC, we have a problem in my constituency at Ramhlun Sports Complex and victim families of Laipuitlang landslide could not even obtained their LSC till today. I request the hon. Minister to resolve such cases.

On Demand No 26 – I&PR, I appreciate the hon. Minister for updating covid related information and also for the proposed ₹20 lakh for Grant-in-aid to Journalist Welfare Society. Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, let us call the hon. Member Pu H. Biakzaau.

PU H. BIAKZAUA : Pu Dy. Speaker, I am thankful for the opportunity to participate in the discussion of the demands of our two most active Ministers. I will go straight to our Demand as the time is limited.

Demand No. 6 – Land Revenue & Settlement. There are many double LSC being issued as many have faces problem in purchasing land and I am happy to learn that the hon. Minister is taking measure on land survey and record to evade more problems in future.

On Demand No. 26 – I&PR, I praise the performance of the department in updating covid news and for publication of Mizoram calendar as well as diary for official use.

On Demand No. 38 – Rural Development, I opine the simplified work components of *100-days wage employment* implemented through MNREGS helps rural people in resolving their problems. At the same time, I would like the hon. Minister to reexamine the distribution of BADP fund as I think there is discrepancy in the dealing as smaller blocks obviously receiving more funds as larger blocks received lesser. I have no idea if it is done as per the guideline and the process may thus be inspected.

PMAY is much beneficial for the people yet, *Awaz Plus* could not reach my constituency as even the selected beneficiaries have not received the fund as yet. So, it is important that more attentions should be given in the process. And, it will also be much appreciative if provision of roofing materials is continued. At the same time, I am thankful for silpaulin and tarpaulin being provided to the members.

On Demand No. 21 – Higher & Technical Education, we were in short of lecturer and grade-IV staff at Govt. Lawngtlai College and I am much thankful to the hon. Minister for making arrangement to employ on casual basis. It is also necessary to expedite the plan for MZU Southern Campus at Lunglei for it will resolve the problems of many students who could not pursue their further studies at Aizawl or else.

On Demand No. 24 – Health Family Welfare Department, I am thankful for construction of PHC building at Sangau and Bualpui ‘NG’ and for posting of Health & Wellness officers at various places of my constituency. Whereas our need of more dialysis machine at Lawngtlai District Hospital is intensive as only one could no longer serve the whole demand. Also, we have problem with shortage of X-ray technician, nurses, Group-D staff and driver which may be attended immediately.

In our fights against Covid-19, it is great that each individual plays their part as so by the hon. Minister and Vice Chairman. In the meantime, it is a relief to have healthcare programme but the need of more staff Nurse at Lungpher PHC is intensive thus would be great if more is placed. In Bualpui PHC, the doctor could hardly perform his duty due to the absence of Lab. technician. We have three PHCs in this area and I request upgrading at least one of them to CHC. I would also like the House Leader to attend the problem of major townships in border areas. Accordingly, large villages in my constituency such as Lungtian, Vawmbuk, Pangkhua and Lungzatum remains without Health & Wellness Officer and thus may be allotted. Also, it may be noted that there are many villages without Health Clinic within my constituency.

On Demand No. 40 – Commerce & Industries, LADC had issued a land pass for border trade at Zochachhuah, located at the remote border of Mizoram and handed over to the concerned minister. It will serve as an important gateway of trade between Kolkata and Akyab. Yet, expedite measure could not be taken due to compensation. In this regard, I opine it is a must to compensate the rightful owner of land within the proposed area. At the same time, I suggest Zorinpui and Saisihchhuah be placed under the pilot project.

Regarding the demand of Taxation Deptt., revenue collected as State Own Tax and State Own Non-Tax are quite and the only means to increase is implementing border trade. So, I request the hon. Minister to prioritize this project for development of our state as a whole. Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Who will be next? Let us call the hon. member Dr. ZR Thiamsanga.

DR. ZR. THIAM SANGA : Pu Dy. Speaker, I am happy to have the opportunity to discuss on the demand of the two hon. Ministers. First, on the demand of Land Revenue & Settlement.

I am thankful that the hon. Minister is taking measure for improvement of land record system through digitization. Many had encountered difficulty for the absence of appropriate land lease system. Obviously, our revenue collection will increase if we improve the system. In this connection, the Revenue Department has owned a vast area at Champhai which needs fencing and a chowkidar to watch it. Also, the department is in short of Surveyor to deal with measuring any proposed land and I want the hon. Minister to take note of the problem.

Coming now to the Demand of Information & Public Relations Deptt., I praise the department for their dedication in publishing a reliable information of covid related and for arranging a talk show during the pandemic. As of the problem of my constituency, I&PR Deptt. of Champhai is still functioning without office building of its own and so is desirable that the hon. Minister considers the case.

On the Demand of RD Deptt., some members criticize the execution of *100-days wage employment* that partiality as being evolved but I opine it is doubtful since every family holding job card enjoys the scheme. My constituency too has 12 villages covered by BADP and benefitted the scheme for construction of school buildings, sub-centre, water, link road and etc. Likewise, we are making the best use of material component of RUPAN. But we have two villages which remain without Community Hall such as Murlen and Aiduzawl. It is truly appreciative that the hon. Minister is considering the same project for Aiduzawl and hopefully for Murlen as well.

Likewise, we are grateful for installation of TruNat machine at Champhai Hospital, along with other districts. It is notable that the hon. Chief Minister and Health Minister were not on halt amidst pandemic. Progress is seen on healthcare programme through the initiative of the hon. Chief Minister for availing loans from Asian Development Bank. Whereas the amount of our debt also is decreasing with a change in the Ministry as the hon. Chief Minister allocated 50 crore for corpus fund so that we maintains the situation.

Pu Dy. Speaker, Zokhawthar of my constituency is an international border as the people there often goes to Myanmar for medical check-up. As this is the usual norms, it is great to learn about the plan for setting up Primary Health Centre at Zokhawthar. Also, I once again request for establishing a new RD Block at Hnahlan. The proposed zone may not achieve the criteria but is necessary for being located in the international border. Apart from this, the area is of SRDC which contains number of backward livelihoods and this will further bring integrity among the mizo settles on both sides.

Lastly, I think the hon. Member Pu C. Lalsawivunga is misinformed regarding ZMC and NEIGHRIMS. NEIGHRIMS was set up in 1987 during the tenure of late Dr. C. Silvera as an MP at the cost of ₹35 crore whereas ZMC was established during the tenure of Shri Deve Gowda as Prime Minister as ₹40 crore was sanctioned for strengthening hospital and ZMC was then constructed with that fund provision. In 2018, the Central Govt. had sanctioned ₹50 crore for upgradation of 58 nos. district hospitals to medical college. As the Civil Hospital is not qualified for the project, Referral Hospital was selected. I would like to add that unless the MNF ministry constructed the Referral Hospital, we would not have ZMC today. So, Pu Dy. Speaker, I give my support to pass the demands of the two hon. Ministers. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, let us call the hon. Member Pu KT Rokhaw.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Pu Dy. Speaker, I, first of all would like to get into Demand No. 26 – Information & Public Relations. It is great that we received up-to-date information on covid due to the hon. Minister. His performance truly indicates his competence. I also praise his promptness in answering any phone call despite his busy routine during the pandemic.

On Demand No. 38 – Rural Development, it is desirable that we make the best use of BADP fund in every area. The river Beino which encircled parts of my constituency is very rich in sand and so is important that we construct approach roads to various points as it is so done in Chapi. At the same time, I would like to request the hon. Minister to consider setting up a Community Hall at Phura, one of the largest villages within my constituency and a dilapidated Community Hall of Amobyu may also be repaired. Also, the same is needed for Chakhei, the largest village in the eastern side of my constituency. Pu Dy. Speaker, I opine it is wise for the government to verify poorer areas so that concentration is given more with BADP programme.

On Demand No. 24, I praise the hon. Health Minister and Dr. Thiamsanga for giving their best effort to prevent the spread of covid. At the same time, I urge the hon. minister for posting of Ortho-specialist and Pathologist at Siaha hospital for our need is very high. Also, I request for posting of a substitute to the Medical Officer who is now on leave. We also need Health-worker in 8 villages where none is posted.

Pu Dy. Speaker, I also urge upgrading Tipa PHC to CHC which happened to be one of the oldest Dispensary established during the British rules. Apart from this, it needs special attention for being the headquarters of my constituency, Palak. As the government is taking measure on upgrading Health Sub-Centre and opening Health & Wellness Centre, I request inclusion of Lopu, Zyhno and Amobyu in the project for their locations at border area.

On Trade & Commerce, it will be appreciative if the hon. Minister inform the House of the progress on Border Haat project of Chakhang - Ngephe.

On the Demand of Higher & Technical Education Deptt., I appreciate the proposal for setting up MZU Southern Campus and measure taken by the hon. Minister thereof. At the same time, I urge the hon. Minister to prioritize placing back Science Department at Siaha College. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call the hon. Member Pu C. Ngunlianchunga.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Pu Dy. Speaker, getting straight to the Demand No. 6 – Land Revenue & Settlement, I must say that shortage of staff is a big problem which further caused the department in delaying the process of LSC. So, it is important for the government to consider the problem of shortage of staff in the department.

On Demand No. 24 – Health & Family Welfare, I would like to ask regarding the RTPCR machine donated by our CLP Leader Pu Zodintluanga if it should remain unused. If the machine lays unused for shortage of technical staff, why not installed at ZMC? On my visit to Mumbai on medical checkup, I had further learned from the Airport officials that Covid test through RTPCR only is accepted and that they had no knowledge of TruNat.

On the demand of RD Department, my constituency is under the coverage of two RD Blocks such as Lawngtlai Block and Bungtlang Block, yet, work execution through BADP is horrible as construction of Dihmunzau Hall is not up to the mark. It is proposed for Type-X and I have the drawing here and I will give for House property. I do not even think that instruction is given by the concerned minister. So, I urge him to clarify the case.

At Nghalimlui, there is a construction of retaining wall through the concerned BDO at the cost of ₹10 lakh. However, the construction did not last for a month and reinforce is said to be done, yet, no step is taken till this morning. If the work execution is not improving, I will continue to voice it out in the House. Also, it is regretted that construction of Jognasury playground has now turn into a fish pond and I had even urged the concerned BDO to withhold the final bill if it is not completed as per the estimate. At the same time, I ask the hon. Minister to give more attention to development works in the remote areas of my constituency.

As of PMAY Gramin, the beneficiaries are supposed to be selected on census base waiting list. However, it is a shame that the selection is based on political background of the concerned person as some people had even received threatening words from party workers to enroll themselves in their party. I would like to know if it is done as per instruction of the hon. Minister. If not, let the BDO be instructed not to show prejudice in his dealings. In my constituency, BADP is termed as 'Money Making Scheme' for it is generated for personal benefit. It is not my concern of which projects are coming through the additional scheme and to whom the work will be allotted, but I am concern that the work is done as per the estimate, otherwise, I will not stop urging for achievement of the project. Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will now have a recess and our discussion will be resumed at 5:45 PM.

(Recess)

5:45 PM

(The hon. Speaker takes the Chair)

SPEAKER : Who will be the next? Let us call the hon. Member Pu Zodintluanga Ralte.

PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE: Pu Speaker, thank you. In our discussion, we, the members have pointed out what we deem important for our respective constituencies whereas there are some members who used to criticize such points even before the concerned minister made a clarification to such respects. Such practices should not be repeated in the future since it violates the decorum of the House.

On Demand No. 24, we all know this pandemic is spreading worldwide as so in Mizoram. If it is the mighty Congress ministry that encountered this pandemic, I wonder if our situation would be more improved than being under the present ministry. Despite huge amount of provision being received from the central for setting up Falkawn Referral Hospital, the previous MNF ministry had left the project unfinished and even proposed to hand it over to the Catholic church. Even in their second term, such unfinished constructions were used as shed for domestic animals. As the Congress ministry came into being, the project was resumed through the effort of the then hon. minister for Health Deptt. by equipping the establishment with various machineries and it later turns out as a Medical College. Thus, it may be noted that today, through the achievement of the previous Congress ministry, we are able to use this establishment as a major instrument for fighting this pandemic which further placed our state at the top of the list in fighting against Covid. However, it is sad that we still have to borrow RT-PCR from Veterinary College and Manipur. In this connection, I request the hon. Minister to inform the House of the latest status of our laboratory as to when it will be completed. If it completed, I urge placing back the equipment to TB Research Centre Lab. as soon as possible. It is sad that the death rate of TB patients exceeds Covid during 2020. So, I strongly urge that the government returns the said equipment to TB Research Centre Lab. so that TB patients received proper treatment.

As we praise performance of the government in the fight against Covid, I would like to point out that some hiring charge of some vehicles within Kolasib District which had been used for carrying the incoming passengers from outside remains unpaid. As we have heard from the hon. Minister of LESDE, we received 20 crore sanction for Covid through NEC and the Central Govt. If so, I urge the hon. Minister to consider payment of the said vehicles hiring charges through this provision.

Regarding the screening point at Vairengte, M-Pass requiring 200/- for the process is in demand which subsequently caused problem to many travelers, especially the general people. I, therefore urge an easy access to travelers with immediate effect. Also, I would like to request the government to release the salary of workers under the National Health Mission for this year.

On Demand No. 40, the previous Congress ministry was with a plan for reconstruction of New Market with specified floor for vegetable vendors. However, as the building is reconstructed under this ministry, there is no specified place allotted for vegetable vendors. So, I urge the hon. Minister to take initiative in regard to vegetable vendors.

On Demand No. 6, the government has many projects which required private property through compensation. Many were compensated twice for the need of road widening in the process. So, it is wise for the government to issue any LSC by indicating that any land holding is of the government property.

On the demands of Rural Development Deptt., it is known for us all that the actual contractor of any works under RD is not the concerned BDO. However, the question regarding contractor of a particular work is often answered as 'BDO'. Let us be honest in our dealing as the name 'BDO' had never been given as contractor of any project in the previous ministries. Let us furnish name of the actual contractor so as to maintain a transparent government. Also, the hon. Minister stated this morning that he is not authorized to change rate of material component for it is of the SEC. Since Minister is the Chairman of the State Implementing Committee, I believe he can make a change in the next meeting. Pu Speaker, regarding execution of 70% of the work by the District Employment Committee, may this 70% of work be handed over to the Village Implementing Agency since it is them who actually concern for development of their village? I request the hon. House Leader to consider this matter so as to maintain our dignity and deserves reputation. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Next is, the hon. Member Pu Vanlalhlana.

PU VANLALHLANA : Pu Speaker, I will go first to the Demands of Dr. R. Lalthangliana, the hon. Minister for he is senior to his fellow minister.

We had encountered various problems during last year due to pandemic. Under the Chairmanship of the hon. Minister and Dr. Thiamsanga, hon. MLA as Vice Chairman that the official Task Force was formed. It is a must and then becomes an effective body functioning for the safety of the people of Mizoram. The hon. Minister had even deserved much praises through the operation. The covid has left us with many marks and changes. First, 17015 nos. students and workers outside Mizoram fled their respective stations and returned home for their safety as many families who had been apart for many years met with each other unexpectedly. I thought we all hardly had enough prayers for our government as well as for our homeland. Yet, we all are in distress and pray to God with all our might and we are now safe because of such prayers. We now have started attending church as many schools are reopened. I am afraid we had left an undesirable mark in dealing with such a situation. As mentioned by my fellow Members regarding hiring charge of vehicles in Kolasib, let us try to clear our debts with the hope that this pandemic will soon go away.

Regarding RT-PCR machine, I think it is wise for us to put the machine in function for the place it is donated than shifting it to some other places. Also, I expect the hon. Minister to inform the House of the progress made so far for purchase of RT-PCR machine from America.

On Demand No. 24, I supposed the National Health Mission is of the Central programme as staff employed therein are not on officially appointed. They are divided into Part-A and Part-B whereas Part-A consists of clerical staff and Part-B consist of Lab. Technician or technical line. While staffs under Part-A draws their salary on regular basis, Part-B staffs are paid usually after 2 or 3 months. Thus, it is a burden for them as some have

already been served for 10 to 20 years as the only concern for them is regularization of their services as their retirement is drawing near. So, I request the hon. Minister to take this matter seriously and consider the case.

We often spoke about PMJVKY from which scheme various sports equipment is obtained. Since Health Deptt. is of the concern department, I would like to ask the hon. Minister if the scheme is benefitted for improvement of healthcare scheme as well.

In connection to healthcare, I also want to mention that the people are now aware of the scheme as they start to enjoy the facilities provided by the scheme. It is learned that the total amount of reimbursement in respect of 4293 patients through Reliance Health Insurance has not been paid as yet. Also, there are 6101 patients who had not received their claim during this ongoing period. So, I would like to ask the hon. Minister of the progress made so far to that respect.

On Demand No. 21 – Higher & Technical Education, our people have gains so much of RUSA scheme as we had received a huge sum for improvement of colleges. While this is the case, RUSA is expecting 2% of GSDP to be allotted to Higher Education. I would like to know whether we could save the expected amount for the said purpose. We have ‘The National Accreditation’ with the objective of upgrading every college to ‘Accredited College’ within 2020. What is the condition of colleges in Mizoram to that concern? It is NAAC which conducted the test for grading to any colleges.

Pu Speaker, we have Zirtiri College at Durtlang which remains unoccupied. I believe the hon. Minister has misconceived my point as the problem which delay us to proceed is not the approach road, but leveling work of the main gate due to shifting of plan. If it is done, then, the building is ready for occupation. Likewise, we also have Hindi Training College and Women Polytechnic at Durtlang whereas the approach roads need immediate repair. So, I request the hon. Minister to take note of this problem.

As of setting up the University Southern Campus, we have heard in our morning discussion that land to that effect had not been settled. If that is the case, I believe it is important that we start the class first as many of today’s colleges had been started with a small class room in a congested establishment. So let us start the establishment even with small class rooms and with one or two department. Likewise, it is wise that we start the Engineering College and NIT.

On Demand No. 40, I think many of us have a concept that our state is rich in oil and natural gas but we have to proof the fact. Various agencies such as ONGC and Oil India Ltd. are being deployed to explore the mineral whereas in some places no trace of oil is found even after drilling up more 5 kms. We have to proof if we have actually found oil traces at Meidum as claimed. The ruling party had even declared their plan of reviving Bairabi Thermal Plant by connecting a pipeline from Medium. I think we have to

consider if we actually have sources of oil at Meidum. I urge the hon. Minister to clarify the fact to this concern.

Regarding the Demand of Rural Development Deptt., I convey my thanks to the hon. Minister for giving us silpaulin in every session. Likewise, iron-sheet roofing has also been provided in rural areas. We have numbers of central sponsor schemes through Rural Development Deptt. which is much appreciated. As per the economic survey, we have about 830 nos. village which indicates nearly half the population belongs to rural people. Those rural people are truly grateful for the provisions they have received through various programmes such as 100-days wage employment, PMAY, SPMRM, PADP, PMKS and SGSY and Rural Housing. We presently have 26 Nos. RD Block which is comparatively low considering our 40 nos. Assembly Constituency and 12 Districts. So, I request the hon. Minister to consider setting up of more RD Blocks.

On the Demands of Revenue Deptt., the absence of land ceiling system in the department remain our problem as it causes much problem to the people. As mentioned in the morning about Govt. Complex, we are also facing the same problem in Bawngkawn Brigade as we have numbers of building without appropriate LSC and I would like to know the opinion of the government in this regard. I opine the government have to consider if it is more appropriate to issue LSC to such settlements and collect the revenue.

On the Demands of I&PR Deptt., I convey my thanks to the hon. Minister for his valuable idea of providing information on Covid to the public. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Now, I call the hon. Minister to wind-up the discussion and make clarification as necessary. He may also move the House to pass his demands.

PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. I am glad that we have a fruitful discussion regarding the three demands of my concerned departments. They are of important departments which concern with the basic needs of the general people. It is a fact that development cannot be achieved without the functions of Land Revenue & Settlement Department. It is necessary for every government to have a concrete Land settlement law for which our government too is taking measures on this particular issue.

Before getting into the minute details, I thank all staffs of the department for their efforts and dedications to their works. I also thank the people of Mizoram for their faithful remittance of various taxes collected by the department amidst the Covid-19 pandemic.

In concern of the suggestions and appeals made by my colleagues, let me point out first that the case as mentioned by Pu Lalrinsanga Ralte, it shall be examined. Since the case involves sensitive areas, expedite measure cannot be taken as yet on Land Patta and be registered under the Govt. of Mizoram. As of the suggestion of Dr. Vanlaltanpuia, we will examine the case as to whether the term period of a particular land lease could be reduced earlier than 90 years.

Regarding the existence of dual land-patta, be it Luangmual or Bawngkawn Brigade, measure is taken to resolve such cases. As of land acquisition, we have stopped issue of land pass along the road from World Bank Road up to Lunglei until further instruction is received. Regarding land ceiling, we have determined that double-tax should be charged from multiple land-holdings and as per Land Reforms Act/Law(s). It has also been notified that no LSC will be issued unless the owner erected a visible structure or constructed a house first.

Pertinent to issues of under-staff in various departments, we are trying our best to address it by modifying the recruitment rules so that persons with technical background (especially of surveying) may apply. Measure has also been taken for translating all the important Act/Law(s) into Mizo language so that people may have more understanding of such Act/Laws.

Coming to Stamp Registration, it is of much important as it has to be handled with care and sensitivity. Unless the Registration Act, 1908, we cannot win any court case of any disputes. Since it is the source from which Government taxes are collected, it is our responsibility to let the people know that it is not purely of taxation purposes, but for our vital documents to be recorded and registered to the Government.

Also, Pu Speaker, I would like to mention that we are now taking measure on computerization of the official works of the department not only in Aizawl District, but all other districts so that we may have a smooth flow of information. But we have encountered some problems relating to 'digitized map' which needs to be integrated with 'LSC map'. To do so, we need Census Location Code which is based on municipal area-wise and we face the problem at this point. (eg: A particular ward will comprise 8 localities etc.)

On Demand No. 26 - Information & Public Relation Deptt., it is a small but important department. We are grateful that the public put their trust in us and we will continue to do so through the department's website, Twitter and Facebook. Apart from Covid-19, any important information relating to government initiatives and programmes will also be covered. However, we are still unable to set ourselves up in the new 3 districts for shortage of staff.

We have a good working relationship with our journalists across the state and to encourage their performances, we have recently increased the rate for Classified Advertisement and Display Advertisement. We also have a Journalist Welfare Scheme under which one can reimburse his medical bill as we are also in the process of implementing pension scheme for their concern.

In order to encourage and promote young talents, the department organizes workshop, training and exhibition and the programme as online class and platforms were arranged during the pandemic. We also have sent representatives to exhibitions and film

festivals held outside Mizoram. We are also constructing a multi-utility Centre called 'Lianchhiari Run' which will be completed next year.

On the Demands of Rural Development Department, I am impressed that progress is seen in the department. The main reason as I believed is increase of our budget and provisions that we received from the central. Our government always gives us SMS of various CSS and I thank the Finance Department in doing so. Despite the pandemic, we were able to implement 100-days employment scheme during last year and we hope to do the same for this year as well. Pu Speaker, we had applied for *120-day employment* scheme but could not be done as there is no software to support the system as yet. The Empowered Board Committee has accepted our next year budget including our proposal for *200 lakh-persons days* scheme, we will also be able to implement another 100-days scheme which shall be used for construction of public toilets, step, pavement, water tanks and fencing of vegetable garden etc.

Pu Speaker, regarding the component of the scheme, 60% is of wage and 40% of materials but the State Employment Guarantee Council (SEGC) held on the 27th June, 2017, has decided 40% for DEC, 30% for BEC and 30% for VC.

So far, there are 2 lakh nos. job-card holders under MGNREGS scheme as the fund are is utilized for construction of small bridges, canal and permanent garden. Construction of Community Hall is not covered by the scheme yet arrangement may be made for any essential needs of the community. It is partly due to this programme that rural people were able to endure the pandemic without shortage of the supply of essential commodities.

As for provision of roofing materials, it is notable that the members are able to receive their share through the efforts of the House Leader. We have submitted proposal for purchase of silpauline in which approval of the finance department has already been obtained. Hopefully, the Central Govt. too will grant us provision to that respect. We all know that it is unbecoming for any MLA to visit the victim of calamity empty handed and silpauline is so arranged for use on such visits.

'Housing for all' is implemented as per the Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC), 2011 and the beneficiaries had to register themselves through AwaasSoft. Thus, it is difficult to change the name of beneficiaries since it is auto-generated. Pu BD Chakma had claimed some beneficiaries as of govt. employees or officers' wives but I am not aware of the selection since it of the previous ministry (**Pu BD Chakma:** Pu Speaker, this had happened before and even today whereas 16 families in a small village have fake job-card of PMAY Gramin and I strongly believe that more are there in other parts Mizoram as well. So, we need to control these falsifications as it spreads like cancer.)

Pu Speaker, a proposal is made for construction of houses to 13,530 nos. family on permanent wait list and 23,016 nos. family through AWAAS plus. There is a need to change the existing beneficiaries who are registered themselves through AWASSOFT but

we could not be done since the system is auto-generated. So, ₹130,000/- each is provided under the scheme. In the case of Lawngtlai District, the target is 6,376 not. household out of which 1358 nos. to be completed not later than 31st July and the next will then follow. It may be noted that a new registration is possible only after AWAAS Plus is completed.

In 2016-2017, SPMRM was implemented at 4 clusters such as Thingsulthliah, Aibawk, Khawzawl and East Lungdar as several developmental works were carried out. Sialsir parliament is a school for which measure had also been taken through fund provision of Urban amounting to ₹40 lakhs. We currently have 8 nos. DRDA in which 91 staffs are being deployed on regular basis. There is a proposal for placing Project Director Office in the 3 new districts with effect from 1st April.

Pu Speaker, Mizoram State Rural Livelihood Mission (MZSRLM) was started in April, 2013 under which measure is currently being taken in 11 districts. We have 7662 nos. Self-help Groups in which 62,575 nos. family participated. We have 478 nos. Village Organizations (VO) and we also availed bank loan of ₹3,400 lakhs. Some families are engaged on domesticating animals whereas some on processing of disposable plates and pans. Distributions of the National Award for Best Performing Self-help Group and VOs for the year 2018-2019 was held in Delhi on 8th March, 2020 through virtual mode in which Gilead Self-Help Group of Kawrthah South, (Zawlnuam RD Block) took the Best Performing Self-help Group Award which carry ₹1 lakh cash award. The Best Performing VO was awarded to VO, Tuipang RD Block carrying ₹2 lakhs cash award. Lengkhua Self-help Group is engaged with processing turmeric and chili as MoU is existed for further exports.

Several projects are expeditiously carried out under ‘Start-up Village Entrepreneur Program’ with financial provision through MZSRM. 748 nos. youth had undergone training through DDUGKY out of which 447 youths so far have got a job. Last year, we had received BADP fund provision from Ministry of Home Affairs with additional fund sanction. The BADP’s District Level Committee is established under the chairmanship of the DC and concerned MLA as one of its members.

The guideline clearly stated that implementation of any works from MLA fund may be done through NGOs or private individual. However, it is our usual practice that the work is carried out by a particular party worker since it is the concept of certain members that he may favor his own party workers in the execution of MLA fund to strengthen his party. We have a 3rd party monitoring so as to evade low quality works. Since we all want to have a good achievement in our respective constituency, we are open for any suggestions anytime and anywhere.

We have projected Sport Complex at East Lungdar, Khawbung, Aibawk and Saitual under RD whereas East Lungdar is completed and the others in progress. We have no longer expected any fund provision from PMKSY but we somehow continue to receive it. However, we were not able to execute the work due to termination of the project for the

time being. Social Audit Unit (SAU) is functioning to inspect the works under various programmes such as PMKSY, PMAY Gramin, SPMRM and NSAP.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Pu Speaker, we have more than 6000 nos. beneficiary of PMAY Gramin within Lawngtlai District out of which 1300 nos. are listed and the remaining should be executed as per SECC, 2011 report. In that case, is it mandatory for one to enlist himself as MNF party member so as to benefit the project like some party workers had threatened some applicants?

PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I believe the hon. Member is misinformed as 1358 nos. are those selected but not of the works completed. Whereas our target is 6376 nos. as some works are now in progress.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Pu Speaker, maybe what I heard it wrong. Anyway, as we have mentioned, the waiting list cannot be changed and which is the main issue. My point is - Is it mandatory for one to enlist himself as MNF party in order to benefit the scheme?

PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER: As stated, it is regretted that there is nothing we as of changing names in the list since AWAAS Soft is of auto-generated. (**Pu C. Ngunlianchunga:** So, does it mean that it is not necessary for one to enlist himself as MNF party?) The term is excessively used in a political game over there.

SPEAKER : Since the hon. Minister stated that one cannot be unlisted or add another due to the system, which means, it is not necessary for one to be enlisted his name in one particular political party. (**Pu C. Ngunlianchunga:** He tries it so hard to cover up the performance of his party members.)

PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, several members mentioned about RD Block as it is quite important for development of our areas respectively. We have several proposals (**Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma:** Pu Speaker, will the Minister provide RD Block at Tlabung?) Pu Speaker, it is our wish to do so but there are some objections since the previous ministry and which is the problem. (**Pu BD. Chakma:** Pu Speaker, there may be some objections for Pu Nihar's constituency but there is zero objection for my constituency. The need is intensive for Lawngpuighat.) Pu Speaker, in response to West Tuipui representative, the world is all about 'gives and takes' and there are conditions which needs to be fulfilled as well. Everything is ready and I did not say that we will not provide. (**Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma:** Pu Speaker, what are the conditions that we need to fulfill? We will do everything if it concerns the welfare of my constituency.) As of the appeal made by Tuichawng representative for the same, we have been examining as for the posts of Addl. BDO and APO. The area comprises more than 80 villages and they are facing various problems to that effect. Anyway, necessary measure will be taken as per the condition.

Regarding urban development, it is important that we favor border areas first. As of RD Block, proposal had been made for all the demands of RD Block; we will all have it if it is granted. In response to Pu Vanlaltanpuia regarding Tourist Lodge, it is not of my concern, but we will approach the concerned official as necessary. The need for a community hall is rising and we approached the central govt. for construction of 450 halls. Pu KT Rokhaw has pointed out regarding the need of community hall and a bridge at Phura. In this regarded, I supposed he had now understood the need for him to take the initiative by submitting the proposal to concerned DC for further consideration of the state level authority.

Pu Speaker, that is all I can react, and if there is any question concerning my department, I am available in my office to discuss. I request the House to pass my Demand such as - Nos. 6, 26 and 38 totaling ₹4,80,75,47,000. Thank you.

SPEAKER : The Minister has begged the House to pass his Demands such as - Nos. 6, 26 and 38 totaling ₹4,80,75,47,000. Those who are in favor may say, 'Aye' and those who don't may say, 'Nay'. (*The 'Ayes' have it*) The House has unanimously passed the Demands of Pu Lalruatkima, the hon. Minister.

PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : I now request the hon. Minister Dr. R. Lalthangliana to wind up the discussion of his demands and beg the House to pass it.

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. 24 members have participated in the discussion of the demand of Health & Family Welfare Department, 15 members on Commerce & Industries Deptt. and 14 members on Higher & Technical Education Deptt. I would like to react from Health & Family Welfare Department.

This department is having multiple branches comprising 8 directorates, such as –

1. Directorate of Health & Services,
2. DH&ME,
3. Food & Drugs Administration,
4. ZMC,
5. National Health Mission (NHM),
6. Ayush Directorate,
7. MSACS etc.

I thank all the members for sharing their opinions and suggestions. I am grateful towards the collective works of all the MLAs, NGOs, all the departments etc. in fighting the pandemic. Our Chief Minister also took extreme measures in fighting this pandemic and God has blessed us with fruitful results. I was quite nervous when the pandemic started because it was only a year since we formed the Ministry, and, we were not even ready. We took extreme measures under the leadership of our Chief Minister as of arranging the first

screening test at the airport and the first to impose total lockdown in India. I doubt there are other states in country in which the people cooperated the government so strong for the cost of the pandemic. The death rate on Covid during 2019 decreased to 161 in 2020. Considering life expectancy in India which is rather low, it is impressive that Mizoram ranked 2nd highest position in the North-East. Covid-19 plays a major role in complicating recruitment of more staffs which further affected most of the constituencies across the state so as numbers of village in my constituency without health workers to serve at the Sub-Centers. As a result of promotion of 160 senior-health workers to Health Supervisors who were being transferred to some convenient main centres, many posts are lying vacant.

The need of Health Clinic at Dampa constituency is intensive as we are currently taking measures with the help of our Chief Minister. TB has taken many lives in India as so it costs 48 lives in Mizoram during 2020 and 56 in 2019. However, our rate of MDRTB patient rises to 72% and the total no. of patient tested for TB has decreased compared to last year. We also have scored 91% for testing of TB and HIV which indicate a progress. At the same time, we need to make more efforts on AIDS. Pu Speaker, increase of enrollment under healthcare scheme relieves the burden of MLAs to a great extent. The registration fee is ₹100 only and the members also need to make more efforts on driving the registration.

Regarding RTPCR at Lunglei, it is appreciating that Pu Zodintluanga has donated the machine. However, the machine requires at least 12-19 employees, a new building and expenditure so as to put into function. It was installed on 13th July, 2020 and is now functioning without any problem. The TB lab which is used for Covid purposes will no longer be used for we will soon have VRDPL Lab. The installation is done at ZMC and it will be commissioned on the 15th or on the 26th at the latest and the TB Lab will then function as usual. We will soon have a Cancer Super-Special Hospital at Zemabawk at the cost of ₹500 crore which is obtained on loan through JICA with 1-2% interest rate whereas the duration is 30 years with another 10 years of grace period. The ₹400 crore will be paid by JICA and the remaining ₹100 crore will be paid by the state. The Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) made the DPR for us which needs to pass through DoNER Ministry, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Ministry of External Affairs and NITI AAYOG etc. We had talked about the 'AIIMS like hospital' and I would like to remind the members that we are still working on it.

With the decrease of Covid, we made a proposal for opening church service (noon) and night service (twice a week) but by following the necessary SoP.

Regarding Commerce, I opine we should not depend on imported goods. I feel that the members also want to expedite the works on Border Trade and Border Haat. In case of Kawrpuichhuah, the memorandum of settlement existed between the Underground and the Govt. of India stated that 'Border trade on locally produced agriculture commodities should be included in the scheme to be formulated by the Central Govt. subject to international arrangement with the neighboring countries. Thus, Zokhawthar was commissioned during 1998-2008 during the previous MNF Ministry under the leadership of our present Chief

Minister. Kawrpuichhuah double lane road has also been excavated yet, we have no time for metalling and black topping works. However, the road is now much better today.

We drove 4 kms. towards Myanmar and witnesses their wide roads constructed for the project. The assigned contractor is of Indian and so is appreciated if the processes are expedited despite the existing political crisis of Myanmar. It is necessary to complete border haat as soon as possible since it is through which export or import will be transacted. (**Pu KT Rokhaw:** Pu Speaker, Chakhang had also been selected for Border Haat in 2011 and so would be appreciated if the hon. Minister informs us measure taken so far to that respect) We will continue to do so. (**Speaker:** He had already mentioned it while you were away.) It is important that we have a Consultative Committee for discussion of the progress of works and other related matters.

As pointed out by Pu Zodintluanga, it is true that ₹36 crore of SEDP fund being allotted for New Market construction. However, it is necessary first to demolish the old building so as to start the project. As such is the case, retail shops and vegetable vendors are accommodated to the opposite of Commerce & Industries Office building and other convenient places for the time being. The construction of New Market building is proposed to be done with modern style equipped with lift as the estimate cost also is huge. Apart from this, there is a proposal for construction of a twin building at the cost of ₹3400 lakhs provision of Smart City.

Pu Speaker, Geology & Mining & Mineral Resources Deptt. is functioning in parallel with the Commerce & Industries Department whereas the main sources of revenue for the department are stone quarry, stone dust and issue of petroleum exploration license etc. which contributes a revenue of ₹5,23,96,686 during 2019-2020 and ₹4,43,57,099 up to this February. So, this department is important as it is resourceful. The Department also works on foundation studies as extreme measure is taken on sinking area of Hunthar Veng. We have limited staff of Geologists and more are thus needed to strengthen the process of works.

In response to Pu L. Thangmawia, equipment is usually the first requirement nowadays so as to initiate any project. Thus, measure is taken to meet the requirements. It is learned from certain members that initiative is made within their constituency on handloom. So, it will be appreciated if they approach me in my office for any suggestion or questions relating to the projects.

Higher & Technical Education is of an important department. Intensive measure is taken for the Southern MZU Campus of Lunglei District which could not be achieved within the last 2 decades. As of now, we obtained approval of Ministry of Human Resources Development in 2019. With the initiative of Dr. Vanlaltanpuia, land dispute in Pukpui is almost completed. The Engineering College at Kawmzawl constructed during the previous Ministry has no students, staffs and faculties for lack of appropriate approach road. Also, there is no supply of water nor power for the establishment which need at least ₹12

lakhs for all the said requirements. As of now, we have a provision for such needs, thanks to the valuable concern of our CM yet, no initiative could be made due to this pandemic but we hope to do so within this financial year. Hopefully NIT at Lengpui will also be in function as soon as possible. As of setting up a community college suggested by Prof. Mawitea, I opine it is an excellent idea.

It is quite an important to improve ZMC which as I believe is having only one professor for Mizo subject. Considering the vacant posts, we need to have Neuro-Surgeon of mizo-background, Cardiology doctor and Aircraft Engineer. So, I opine we need to diversify our education policy to achieve specialty in any fields. It is impressive that we will soon have ICU of 20 bedded at the Civil Hospital.

Considering the pervading pandemic and healthcare programme, it is much a relief that Trinity Hospital near Zampuimanga Thlan is equipped with advanced machines and expert staffs for we could help each other as necessary. As far as my knowledge is concern, we now have 20 colleges only under the government and so is impressive that more colleges are established by our churches as well.

We have about 300 nos. sub-center in Mizoram and it is appreciative that they all will be upgraded under the control of Health & Wellness Officer of B. Sc (nursing) background by the end of 2023. It may be noted that B. Sc (Nursing) is the required qualification for Health & wellness Officer and any of such appointed has to undergo 6 months training. In order to maintain the efficiency, we have Ayush to assist their service whereas 20 nos. Health & Wellness Officer being recruited. A new radiotherapy device is installed at Zemabawk Cancer hospital at the cost of ₹1400 lakhs. I am aware of what Pu Rinsanga had mentioned regarding Vairengte. MoU of ₹28,000 lakhs is signed for upgrading sub-centers and PHC. As of PHC mentioned by Pu BD Chakma, it cannot be expedited due to Covid.

Pu Speaker, I request the House to pass the demands under my concerned departments such as -

Demand No.	Department	Amount (in ₹)
21	Higher and Technical Education	1,59,03,97,000.00
24	Health & Family Welfare	6,23,73,62,000.00
40	Commerce & Industries	78,05,18,000.00
	TOTAL	9,60,82,77,000.00

SPEAKER : The Minister has begged the House to pass his Demands. Now, members in favor may say, 'Yes' and those who object may say, 'No'. (*The 'Ayes' have it*) The House has unanimously passed the demands of the hon. Minister Dr. R. Lalthangliana.

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Our business for today is over and we will continue tomorrow i.e. 11.3.2021 (Thursday) at 10:30 AM.

Sitting is adjourned (8:27 PM)